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## Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There were 1,305,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on Dec. 1. Receipts for the week were 425,000 bushels, and shipments were 431,000 bushels compared with receipts of 712,000 and shipments of 748,000 bushels for the corresponding week last year. A year ago stocks in store at Fort William were 1,700,000 bushels. Stocks in store at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and Interior points were estimated approximately at 3,875,000 bushels, compared with 7,300,000 bushels a year ago, and 6,650,000 bushels two years ago.

## A Christmas Number.

From the standpoint of illustrations, the Canadian Magazine surpasses itself in its Christmas number. This is an age of pictures, and the quality of those presented in this issue are sufficient to engender enthusiasm in the most sluggish of patriots. The reproductions of characteristic bits of "Canada Scenic Splendours" are done in colors most effectively. The list of contents is just as commendable. There are special poems by Ethelwyn Wetherald, Eva Brodlique, William Walfrid Campbell, Franklin Gadsby and Elizabeth Roberts Macdonald, all well-known singers. There are short stories by Virna Sheard, Arthur Stringer, and Jane Fayrer Taylor, all bright and characteristic. J. Macdonald Oxley writes a most interesting article on The Bank of Montreal, giving considerable attention to the circumstances of its foundation and its early history. Alfred Edmonds writes of "The Young Idea in Japan," while John A. Ewan takes us to the other end of the world to see "Mrs. Kruger at Home." The coloured cover represents "Johnny Canuck's Christmas." As a souvenir to send abroad nothing could surpass the special issue of Canada's national publication.

## Winnipeg Lumber Prices.

Following are wholesale prices, delivered at Winnipeg, for pine lumber:

**TIMBER AND DIMENSION—**Timber, 4x10 and 12, 6x10 and 12, and 8x8 to 12x12, 12, 14 and 16 feet long, \$20; timber, 6x6 to 6x8, 4x4 to 4x8, and 3x6 to 4x12, 12, 14 and 16 feet long, \$18; dimension, 2x4 to 2x12, 12, 14 and 16 feet long, \$17.50; dimensions, 2x4, 10 feet long, \$18; dimensions, 2x8 to 2x12, 10 feet long, \$17.50; dimensions, 2x6, 10 feet long, \$16.50; dimensions, 2x4 to 2x12, 6 and 8 feet long, \$15; cull plank, all widths, \$12; cull plank re-sawn \$12, \$1 per M advance on each inch over 12 in. in depth and width, \$1 per M advance on each 2 feet over 16 feet.

**BOARDS—**First common boards, red pine, 10 to 18 feet, \$21; second common, 10 to 18 feet, \$18; third common, 10 to 18 feet, \$17.50; culls, 10 to 18 feet, \$10; ½ inch sheathing, S.I.S., 10 to 18 feet, \$11; second common stock, 12 in., 10 to 18 feet, \$13.50; second common stock, 8 to 10 in., 10 to 18 feet, \$13.50; No. 1 wide box boards, 10 to 18 feet, \$23; No. 2 wide box boards, 10 to 18 feet, \$20.50, \$2 per M less for 6 and 8 feet. Re-sawn boards, \$1 per M extra.

**SHIPLAP—**Shiplap, 8 and 10 in., \$19; shiplap, 6 in., \$18; shiplap, culls, 8 and 10 in., \$16.50; culls, 6 in., \$13.50, \$2 per M less for 8 feet and under.

**FLOORING, SIDING AND CEILING—**Flooring and siding, 8 and 10 in., \$20.00; flooring and siding, 8 and 10 in., culls, \$16.50; flooring, siding and ceiling, 4, 5 and 6 in., first white pine, \$30; do., second white pine, \$22; do., third white pine, \$25; do., 3 and 6 in., first and second red pine, \$27.50; do., 4 in., first and second red pine, \$26; do., 3 and 6 in., third red pine, \$22.50; do., 4 in., third red pine, \$21.50; do., 3 and 6 in., fourth red and white pine, \$19.50; do., 4 in., fourth red and white pine, \$17.50; do., 4, 6 and 8 in., culls, \$15.50, \$2 per M less for 8 feet and under, \$1 per M advance for dressing two sides, 1¼ and 1½ in. flooring, \$1 per M advance over 1 in. Bevel siding, No. 1, 2x6 in., \$21.50, bevel siding, No. 2, 2x6 in., \$18.50.

**FINISHING—**1¼, 1½ and 2 in., first, second and third clear white pine, \$45.50; do., select white pine, \$35.50; do., shop \$30.50, \$2 per M advance on 2½ in., and thicker, 1¼, 1½ and 2 in., clear red pine, \$31.50; do., selected red pine, \$27; 1 in., first and second clear white pine, \$48; do., third clear white pine, \$37; do., B. select white pine, \$30.50; do., C. select white pine, \$25.50; No. 1 stock white pine, 12 in., \$42.00; do., 8 and 10 in., \$40; do., 2 stock white pine, 12 in., \$37; do., 8 and 10 in., \$35; No. 3 white and red pine, 12 in., \$30; do., 8 and 10 in., \$28; 1 in., clear red pine, \$31.50; do., select, \$24.50. Selected widths, \$2 per M extra.

**MOULDING—**Parting strips, per 100 lineal feet, 40c; window stops, do., 50c; door stops, do., 75c quarter round and Cove, do., 60c; 4 in. casing, do., \$1.60; 6 in. casing, do., \$2; 6 in. casing, do., \$2.40; 8 in. base, do., \$3.25; 10 in. base, do., \$4. All other mouldings, 50 per cent discount off universal moulding list. Lath per M, \$3.50, pine shingles, 6 in. clear butts, per M, \$1.75.

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## The Fur Market.

The McMillan Fur and Wool Co. say of furs

The new collection of furs has commenced to be received. We give conservative information as nearly correct as we can. The best way to keep posted is to make frequent shipments. Furs are sensitive articles, and wars, panics, and political disturbances in Europe always depress prices. The African war and the Chinese troubles may have been the cause of the heavy depreciation in prices of most articles in Europe; but some articles had to come down because they were run up unwarrantably high last season. It is necessary to have cold weather to sell manufactured furs. In this country the weather generally has been mild. Furs are fashionable. With seasonable weather this country will absorb more and a better class of furs than ever before. A large proportion of shipping furs have to be exported to Europe, and with conditions over there as they are, furs will have to be bought very conservatively. There is not an oversupply, except of a few articles, red fox, mink, muskrat and wolf. It is said that in one western city alone, four dealers carried more than 700,000 muskrat over from last year. In the October sale the North-western spring collection sold for 8 1/2 cents gross in London, or 7 1/4 cents net. This would bring the fall collection about 6 cents average, including letts, of which there are a large per cent. In Minnesota the process is perfected for dyeing muskrat very dark, and they are used very largely in this state for coat collars, garments and linings. They look handsome. It is said that large stocks of mink have been carried over in Europe and in cold storage in this country, which will be offered in the January sale, together with the large catch which the favorable trapping weather and the high prices quoted, will produce. This means lower prices for mink in January. Very few marten grade dark, and from a good many sections none do. Bear and badger caught during the summer and early fall are of little if any value. Late caught during the summer and early mink grow prime rapidly with cold weather. The Northwest having very cold winters and being vast in extent, consumes more furs than any other portion of the United States. Nearly two-thirds of the fur coats sold in the country are manufactured in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

## Manitoba Wheat Movement.

Inspection returns for the first three months of the crop year—September, October and November—show that 788,000 cars of wheat have been inspected. This is equivalent to about 4,970,000 bushels. For the same period last year there were 1,768 cars, or 13,057,000 bushels. These figures show the wheat movement practically from the beginning of the new crop to the close of navigation. It is thus seen that there is a falling off this year, compared with the same period of last year, of about 8,000,000. These figures include all wheat that has reached or passed the coast of Winnipeg, and also what

has been shipped out via Emerson and Duluth, but not wheat held in store at country points west of Winnipeg. The following shows the grading of all the wheat handled for the past three months, compared with the same period of last year:

	1900.	1899.
	Cars.	Cars.
One hard	652	12,047
Two hard	787	1,901
One northern	3	445
Two northern	10	41
Three hard	1,012	521
Three northern	82	4
One white Fyfe	7	13
Two white Fyfe	1	4
One spring	1	12
One frosted	3	82
Two frosted	1	41
Three frosted	1	15
Feed	1	1
Rejected	10	10
Rejected (one)	63	373
Rejected (two)	17	123
Condemned	21	3
No grade	2,419	142
Total cars	5,989	15,708
Bushels	4,970,870	13,057,460

## Salvation Army Building.

The Salvation Army moved into their new quarters in Winnipeg last week. The building is on the corner of Rupert avenue and King street, which is only one block back from Main street, and is as good a site for the purpose as could be found. It is built of brick, on a good stone foundation, and is a handsome and solid looking structure. On the ground floor is a room with seating accommodation for 300 which is used for week night meetings. On this floor also are located the officers quarters,



New Salvation Army Headquarters, Winnipeg.

containing four bed rooms, dining room, bath room, etc., also a female training garrison hall. On the second floor are the offices and the large hall which seats 750 people. The ceiling of this hall is metallic of very handsome design. The building is 71x68 feet and cost \$18,000. It is quite a credit to the energy of this aggressive institution, to have succeeded in securing the construction of this fine building in Winnipeg. The Salvation Army has become a recognized force in Winnipeg, particularly in connection with charitable work.

## INSURANCE MATTERS.

The following figures are taken from the sworn statements of life insurance companies published in the Blue Book issued in 1900 by the Dominion Government:

1 Canada	\$19,636,600.25	\$80,351.04	4.23
2 Confed'n	6,756,839.13	297,263.37	4.39
3 Dominion	351,173.37	18,185.27	5.17
4 Federal	267,117.37	12,801.38	4.71
5 Excelsior	854,297.57	45,865.24	5.34
6 Grt-West	564,433.70	26,687.46	6.50
7 Imperial	740,580.38	23,388.17	3.02
8 London	784,472.00	41,616.57	5.25
9 Manuf'rs	1,549,420.40	73,755.59	4.76
10 Mutual	4,128,304.27	207,735.17	5.01
11 N. Amer'n	3,157,080.12	147,031.71	4.65
12 Royal Vic.	108,580.14	7,594.84	7.75
13 Sun	8,203,442.21	389,074.11	4.74
14 Tem. & G.	550,647.64	31,129.67	4.78

Total of 13 companies \$47,489,870.04 \$2,139,505.09 4.50  
The table above shows the favorable position of the Great West Life in the matter of interest earnings, by reason of the higher interest rates secured in the west, where the bulk of the company's investments are made.

## CANADA LIFE CAPITAL.

Quite a stir was created in insurance circles when on October 29 the Canada Life gave notice that the unpaid capital stock of the company had been called up. The calls are payable as follows: One call of seven and one

half per cent. on 31st December, 1900, and eight calls of ten per cent. each on the last day of the months of March, June, September and December respectively, in each of the next two succeeding years, with the option to pay up in full at 31st December, 1900, or at any later time during the said period. The company is preparing to extend the scope of its business in the United States. It now operates in eight states only, but believes the field offers excellent opportunity for expansion and will enter several additional states. Also, it is hinted that before the year closes the company will be doing business in Great Britain. So far as we have seen, no reason has been given by the executive for calling up unpaid capital, which amounts to \$375,000. Various are the opinions expressed, some of them by no means favorable. But the future can only decide as to the verities of what now are mere rumors, or conjectures.—Bud-zot.

## THE MANUFACTURERS' LIFE.

To the Editor of The Commercial  
Sir,—I am in receipt of a circular which I enclose purporting to be a statement of the affairs of the Manufacturers' Life. This statement is alarming to all policy holders, and as one of them I am writing this for the purpose of asking you, through your columns, to say, whether the figures quoted as taken from the Government Blue Book are correct, and if so, what position do we, the policy holders in this company, stand in, as regards profits promised to us?  
(1.) Is it possible that the company

dividends paid to policy-holders was \$17,371.00."

Replying to Policy-Holder we would say that in the first place the circular to which he refers is an anonymous communication, and as such cannot be expected to carry much weight. Evidently the party who prepared it had not the courage to append his name thereto. In the second place, it has evidently been prepared by some one who is hostile to the Manufacturers' Life, and it is therefore sure that it makes the case as black as possible for that company. We find on examining the figures, that the amount of \$3,723,215, represented as the "gain in business for five years," is actually the gain in four years only. The actual gain in business for five years would be about \$1,000,000 in excess of the amount stated, thus a serious error or misstatement is made by the party who prepared these figures, right at the outset. The inference is drawn by the "circular," that the gain in business has been at a cost of \$202 per \$1,000 of insurance. The cost on this basis would be nearer \$150 per \$1,000 of insurance. But this is of course an unfair comparison. The sum of \$762,289, represents the entire cost of carrying on the business of the company, and is not chargeable alone to net gain of business. There is the cost of carrying over old business, and also of lapses, etc., which do not appear in the figures. The last annual statement of the Manufacturers' Life showed a decrease in expenses of over \$10,000, and the records do not show excessive costs of recent years, in carrying on the business of the company. As to surplus, it is true the surplus of the company shows a reduction as compared with 1896, but the last annual statement showed a considerable gain in surplus. These figures and the amounts paid stockholders and policy-holders, as shown by the circular, appear to be correctly stated. The item of "Unaccounted for liabilities of \$40,000" we know nothing at all about. All we can go by is the sworn statement as appearing in the blue book, which professes to give the actual position of the company. The management of the company would of course be liable to heavy penalty for any such concealment of liability as is intimated in the "circular," and we have no evidence to show that any such liability exists. This statement answers the inquiries of Policy-Holder, without taking up each one in detail.

## INSURANCE NOTES.

Mr. Johnston, inspector for the Manufacturers' Life, was in Winnipeg this week, on his way back to Toronto from a trip as far as Victoria, B. C.

The Victoria-Montreal steamer has threatened suit against western parties who have been slow in paying up stock subscribed in that institution.

A. J. Norquay, who has made his home in Strathcona during the past year, as local agent of the Ontario Mutual Life Insurance Co., has located in Winnipeg, where he has been appointed to the city agency of the company.

## Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

- Wheat—No. 1 hard closed at 66c in store Fort William.
- Flour—Local prices per sack Patent, \$1.90, best bakers', \$1.70.
- Oatmeal—\$1.70 per 50 lb. sack to the retail trade.
- Milshutts—Bran, \$10.50 per ton; shorts, \$12.50 delivered to city dealers.
- Oats—On lots on track, new oats, 25 @ 25c, according to quality.
- Barley—2 1/2 @ 25c per bushel for feed grades of wheat, 25 @ 25c per bushel, according to grade and freight rate to farmers at country points.
- Corn—In carlots, 40 @ 41c per bushel of 50 lb.
- Flax—\$1.20 per bushel.
- Butter—Dairy, 18 @ 20c per lb for best grades.
- Cheese—Regular sizes, 11 1/2 @ 12c.
- Eggs—18c for Manitoba fresh.
- Hides—No. 1 green hides, 7 1/2c per lb.
- Wool—7 @ 8c for unwashed fleece.
- Seneca Root—3 1/2c per lb.
- Hay—Baled, \$5.50 @ \$6.50 per ton on cars.
- Potatoes—Choice new potatoes, 40c per bushel.
- Poultry—Turkeys, 11 @ 12 1/2c per lb.; fowl, 9c per lb.; spring chickens, 10c; ducks, 9c per lb.
- Dressed Meats—Beef, 6 @ 6c; mutton, 5 @ 6c; lamb, 6 @ 10c; hogs, 6 1/2 @ 7c.
- The Stock Cattle 2 1/2 @ 3 1/2c as to grade—sheep 4c; hogs, 1 1/4 @ 1 1/2c off cars, according to quality.

has not a substantial surplus as the circular indicates?

(2.) Is it true that the company has only gained some \$3,700,000 of business in five years?

(3.) Is the statement true as to the business gained having cost over \$200.00 per each \$1,000 of business gained?

(4.) Is it possible that there has been liabilities to the extent of \$40,000, which has not been accounted for in the companies annual report, as the circular would indicate?

(5.) Is it true that the stock holders have in the face of the fact that the surplus has been disappearing, drawn during five years nearly \$46,000 of dividends?

(6.) Where do the profits come from to pay to policy holders? If there is no surplus can the company pay profits.

## POLICY HOLDER.

## THE CIRCULAR.

Following is the "circular" referred to by our correspondent, a copy of which had previously reached this office:

"Extract from government reports showing record of the Manufacturers' Life, for five years, 1895-1899, inclusive—all items taken from Government Blue Book, except those marked \*).

In 1895, business on the books was, \$10,645,021; in 1899, business on the books was, \$14,368,236; a gain in five years of only \$3,723,215; at a cost of (Management) of \$752,289.11; \* or at the rate of about \$202.00 per \$1,000 insurance gained. In 1896, the surplus amounted to \$85,002.56; in 1899, the surplus claimed, \$33,756.01; \* unaccounted for liabilities about, \$40,000; \* thus instead of a surplus there is a deficit of about, \$6,244.00. As profits to policy-holders comes out of surplus—What position are the policy-holders in? The stock-holders look out for themselves. The dividends paid to stock-holders was \$45,835.00; the di-

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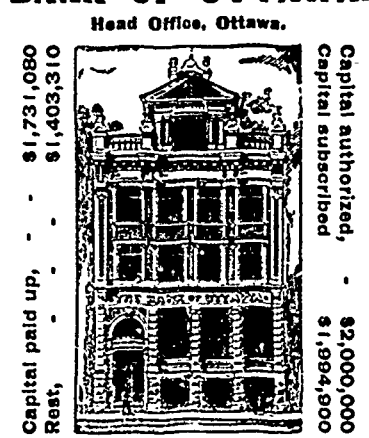
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<b>COMPARATIVE STATEMENT, 1890---1900.</b>			
<b>ASSETS.</b>		<b>LIABILITIES.</b>	
Quick Assets .....	Jan. 1st, 1890 \$ 2,432,135.38	Jan. 1st, 1900 \$ 3,274,162.14	Jan. 1st, 1890 \$ 1,114,300.00
Loans and bills discounted.	5,903,094.20	11,270,924.09	572,973.81
Other assets .....	44,956.41	74,689.81	1,325,270.68
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**ALONG THE NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY IN MANITOBA.**

A Manitoban conversing about this province to an outsider speaks of it usually as a great wheat and stock country, the fishing, lumbering and mining industries being referred to as of secondary consideration, but aside from a commercial standpoint people are inclined to think of it as rather an unattractive country to live in, being one vast treeless prairie. While a large portion of it is lacking in beauty of landscape, still there are some pretty localities and among others is the portion tributary of the Northern Pacific Morris-Brandon branch, between Miami and Wawanesa and west along the Souris branch. A few miles west of Miami the railway enters the Pembina mountains and from there to within a few miles of Baldur the scenery is quite pretty. The country is well wooded and hilly with numerous small lakes in the intervening valleys. From Baldur the country is rolling prairie until within a few miles of Wawanesa when the valley of the Souris river is reached. This spot is without doubt one of the prettiest in Manitoba, and Wawanesa has quite the prettiest site of any town in the province. Ninette, which is in Lang's valley, west of Belmont on the Souris branch, has also a very fine situation and the view of this valley, taking in the town and two or three lakes, would be considered very fine in almost any country. When this section becomes better settled, the farm buildings and grain fields will give it even a more attractive appearance.

From Winnipeg the track runs south for 40 miles along the Red River valley to Morris, from which point it branches first west, then northwest to Brandon—145 miles in all. After leaving Morris the first town reached is Roland, Lowe Farm and Myrtle, two small villages, coming between. This is a good farming section and as the country around Roland, in particular, is well settled, that town has become an important business centre. It is well supplied with stores, the stocks of goods in which are a sufficient evidence of the large amount of business transacted.

Rosebank is an important grain market and ships out large quantities of wheat. There is a general store, a hardware, lumber yard, etc.

Miami is another important wheat market, having four standard grain elevators. Doing business here there are two general and two hardware stores, a furniture warehouse, lumber yard, butcher shop, drug store, three implement warehouses, bakery and confectionery, jeweller, private bank, etc.

Altamont Somerset, Swan Lake, Marquette and Greenway are surrounded by brush land and for that reason are still small places, as settlers do not seem inclined to take up brush land when prairie homesteads are so plentiful. This section is, however, settling up and in the clearing of the land large quantities of cordwood are cut and sold along the line east and west. At Altamont there are two general stores, a lumber yard, hardware store, etc. Somerset has two general stores, owned by J. A. Decosse and Girouard Bros. At Swan Lake D. W. Flack and Jas. Pritchard have stores and P. A. McBean one at Greenway.

Baldur is the next point reached. This town has made good advancement during the last few years. Last fall we had to report the erection of the Fowler block, a large brick building, and this year P. F. Curtis, general merchant, is erecting a brick store, 33x51 feet, on the opposite corner to the Fowler block. This new block is of two storeys, the ground floor being used by the owner as a store while the upper flat is to be a public hall, with seating capacity of from 250 to 300. Band & McDonnell have a flour mill here, J. Smith & Co., P. F. Curtis, W. J. S. Waugh and Wm. T. Bremner general stores, J. Playfair & Son, a furniture shop and lumber yard, a private banking business conducted by F. Schultz, a butcher shop, harness shop, hardware, bakery and confectionery and a local newspaper. During the last year Mrs. S. C. Bell, general merchant, sold out to Wm. T. Bremner, C. Schaffer opened a meat shop, and W. J. Cousins put in a small stock of boots and shoes. There is a large settlement of Icelanders near this town, who are

reported as doing very well and are, as a rule, now in comfortable circumstances.

Belmont is a divisional point and the commencement of the Souris branch it has three general stores, drug store, harness shop, bakery, private bank, one grocery, a hardware store owned by F. F. Sparks, confectionery and grocery, G. F. Naider, butcher shop, James Bulger, lumber yard, W. Fargey several implement warehouses, etc. C. Drummond Hay, implement dealer, is erecting a solid stone building, which he will use as a show room and office. McIntyre & Casten have purchased the general store business of Standing & Co.

The Souris branch extends from Belmont to Hartney, a distance of 51 miles, the few miles left unfinished between Elgin and Hartney having been completed this year. A freight train with two passenger coaches attached, makes tri-weekly trips between Brandon and Hartney, connecting at Belmont with the Winnipeg-Brandon express.

The first town on this line is Ninette, situated in the valley at the head

owned by Hettle & Graves, in which a large stock of goods is carried.

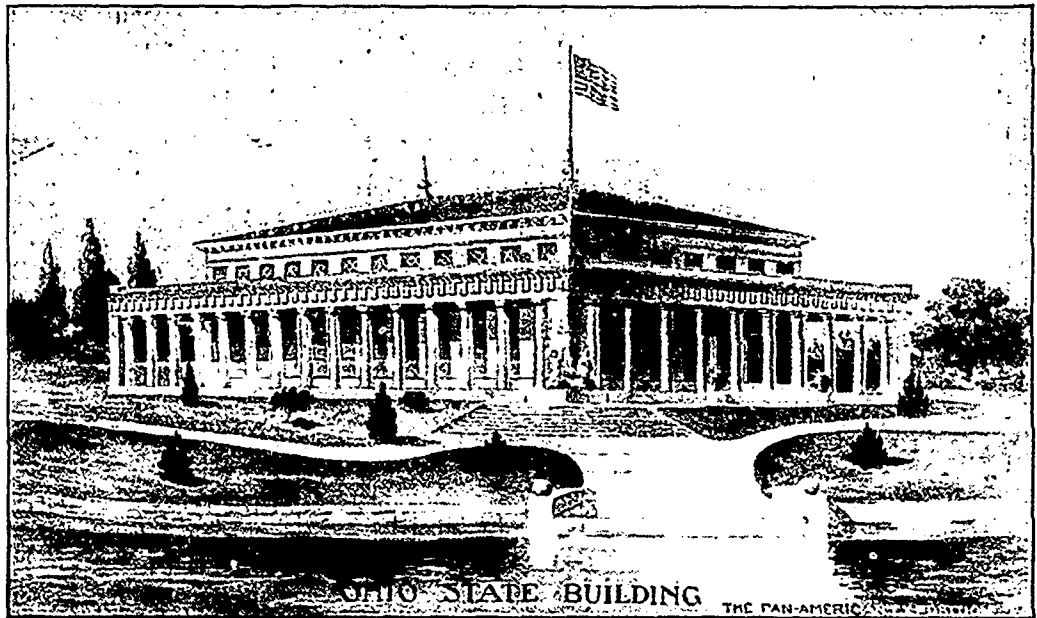
Elgin, until recently, was the last town on this line which, possibly, is one reason for its having grown to much larger proportions than the other towns started about the same time. There is at present a population of about 300 here and the prospects for continued growth are good. The business places are two general and two hardware stores, one bakery and confectionery store, one grocery, men's furnishings and shoe store, jewelry store, drug store, butcher shop, harness shop, several implement warehouses and lumber yards and also a newspaper "Public Opinion," started this year by W. F. Young & Son. The Presbyterian congregation recently completed a neat and attractive looking brick church. T. P. Jackson, general merchant, has added a second storey to his store building and enlarged the ground space to twice its former size. Fitzpatrick Bros., implement agents, are erecting a new warehouse and it is reported that a curling and skating rink will be built this fall.

The towns on this line, although not yet two years old, already do a surprisingly large amount of business. The neighboring country is among the best settled portions of Manitoba, so that the merchants who located at the several towns did not have to wait for the country to develop, as is usually the case where new towns

school was started this fall in a new building erected for that purpose. This neighborhood is well settled, and from the station platform an extensive view is had of a pretty landscape, dotted with farm houses, surrounded by stacks of grain and hay.

The next point reached is Brandon, the terminus of this line.

The crops throughout this section of the country were, in common with the greater portion of the cultivated area of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, very disappointing this year, and, as a result, business is very quiet. The fall plowing, threshing, etc., having been delayed by wet weather, prevented the farmers marketing what grain they did secure, but now that the fall work is stopped, business has improved considerably, but at the best the merchants are looking for only a small proportion of their out-standing accounts this year. It is a difficult problem to arrive at anything near a close estimate of what the wheat yield will be, as the thresher returns from fields even in close proximity to one another vary greatly. These returns give from one bushel to the acre up to thirty-five in a few special cases, but the average yield will not exceed six or eight bushels, and in some sections it will come far short of that. The wet weather during harvest also did a great deal of damage, lowering the grade of the wheat several points and causing a loss of



of Pellean lake, amidst beautiful surroundings, and the hope is expressed by many that it will, in the near future, become a favorite summer resort. Nor is this hope without good foundation, as the surroundings are, in many respects, such as would make it a good camping or picnicking ground. A small village has sprung up near the station, in which are three stores.

Dunrea, the next town, is somewhat larger, having three general stores, owned by W. H. Lawlor, W. D. MacKay and J. H. Fawcett, a hardware and lumber yard, J. M. McNaughton & Co., lumber yard of A. Dunlop & Sons, drug store and a fruit store, Dr. Edminson erected a new stand for his drug store this year.

At Margaret there are two general stores owned by Dalgleish & Co., and G. Morris. A large amount of grain is marketed at this point, necessitating the erection of two elevators.

At Minto the next point on the line, two townsites were surveyed and a town started on the north and one on the south side of the track, leaving a wide space between, which rather spoils the appearance of the place. The stores here comprise three general stores owned by W. S. Grout, R. W. Franks & Co., and A. McTavish, a hardware owned by Jas. Johnson, furniture and fruit store, fruit and confectionery two drug stores, two butcher shops, two lumber yards, harness shop, three implement warehouses, etc. R. W. Frank & Co. built a new store this year in which they commenced business with a stock of general merchandise.

At Fakfax there is only one store,

are started. This section is given up almost entirely to wheat growing, and at every station there are two or more elevators of standard capacity.

Returning to Belmont and continuing along the main line the next town reached is Hilton, which has one general store, owned by A. S. Baker, and a hardware and grocery owned by Chas. Brown. Notwithstanding the fact that there are not many stores here this is an important shipping point, and there are large quantities of grain being shipped through the three elevators.

Wawanesa, as has already been said, possesses one of the most attractive sites in Manitoba, overlooking a beautiful valley scene. This is an important business centre, containing many stores, in which are displayed stocks of goods that are excellent in but few places. One of the most important enterprises here is the flour mill, run by Russell & Snider. Since our last visit a year ago, two business changes have occurred. S. Coppleman and W. F. Hartwell, general merchants, have formed a partnership under the firm name of Coppleman & Hartwell, and Robertson & Vall have bought the butcher business formerly carried on by J. A. Kennedy. Alex. Blain has built an addition to his brick block and the Massey-Harris Co.'s warehouse, which was burned this year, has been replaced.

Routhwaite has two general stores, owned by J. Martin and E. L. Shearer, a harness shop, lumber yard, and implement warehouse. There are two pretty churches here, a Presbyterian and an Episcopalian, and a

about 25 per cent. in cleaning, but notwithstanding all this the merchants are, as a rule, looking on the bright side of the situation, realizing that occasionally a year such as this must be looked for in an agricultural country.

**Ohio Building, Pan-American Exposition.**

Ohio will have a very appropriate and beautiful building at the Pan-American Exposition next summer. The design is plain Grecian Doric, the beauty of which will be mainly in its classic proportions, and commanding position. Strength and simplicity are thus embodied in this concrete emblem, which will stand throughout the Exposition a monument to the importance of the Buckeye state. A colonnade will completely surround the inner house, which is designed exclusively for social purposes.

The size of the building will be 84 by 122 feet. A ten foot terrace walk will extend around the outside, being widened at the northwest corner to a circular form, thus providing an ample approach from the dock landing. The first floor will contain an assembly room, 30 by 63 feet, with a ceiling 24 feet high. This floor will also have a commissionaires reception room, ladies' reception room and private offices with a parcel room and post office. The second floor will contain a sitting room 23 feet square, with extra rooms for attendants and four guest chambers for the accommodation of state visitors.

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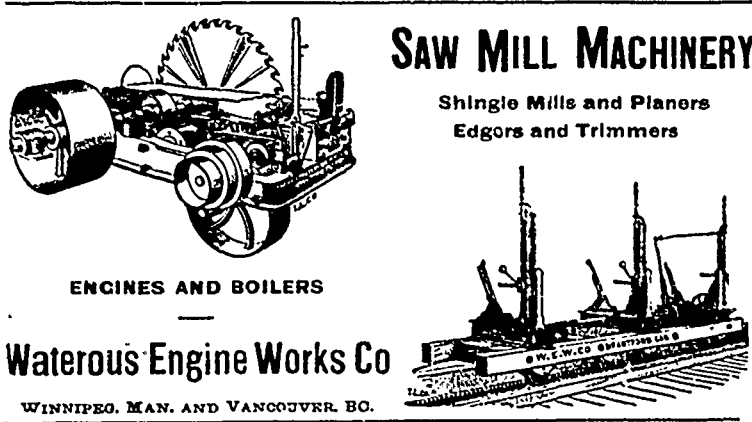
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### President's Address, Canadian Bankers' Association.

The following is the address delivered by E. S. Clouston, general manager of the Bank of Montreal, as president of the Canadian Bankers' Association, before the annual meeting of that body:

It is not my purpose, in addressing some observations to you, on events of the past year, which concern us as bankers, to travel far afield or to embrace a wide range of topics, but rather to glance briefly at two or three subjects to which I desire more especially to direct your attention.

Four years ago, your then president, in reviewing the commercial situation in Canada, stated that the year had been one of much anxiety to bankers as well as to business men generally, and that the most conspicuous feature of the commercial and industrial world at that time was undoubtedly the unprecedentedly low level of general prices, with what are supposed to be its concomitant results: small profits, increasing failures, lethargic enterprise and retarded trade. How different the picture which greets the eye as one surveys the commercial field to-day! Capital is now profitably employed, labor is well nigh at a premium, industrial activity over-spreads the land, business failures have diminished, prices of commodities have attained a higher level, the productive capacity of the country has increased, and the earnings of the banks have been quite satisfactory. Nor has Canada alone enjoyed the blessing of a prosperous era. Europe and the United States have also experienced a marked recovery from the depression in trade which lay upon them four or five years ago, and we have seen something perhaps, as near akin to world-wide prosperity as we can hope to witness. There have been, of course, the ups and downs—strikes of labor dislocating temporarily one industry and another, the wars in South Africa and in China throwing their shadow on the money markets and affecting prices of securities; but as a whole, far more than three years, trade in Canada, as in Great Britain and the United States has been distinctly good.

#### EVIDENCE OF EXPANSION.

Let me cite a few examples of our progression. A little more than eight years ago, namely, on May 19th, 1892, the first annual meeting of the Canadian Bankers' Association was held. At that time the paid-up capital of banks in Canada was \$61,541,650; it is now \$67,784,770. While in the same period the "rest account," composed mainly of surplus earnings, has risen from \$24,025,500 to \$33,762,300, or by upwards of 40 per cent. Take the note circulation, the most accurate gauge we have of the activity of the daily business of the country. In April, of 1892, it amounted to \$31,496,300; it is now \$50,387,000, a gain of about 60 per cent., due in part, doubtless, to higher prices of commodities, but mainly attributable to the expansion of trade. Deposits by the public in the banks have gone up in the period from \$155,178,000 to \$284,973,500, an increase of no less than 80 per cent., and a conclusive evidence of the thrift and profitable employment of our population. Turning to the other side of the account, we find that the banks have to-day employed in current loans upon commercial paper, \$272,020,000, or \$80,025,000 more than eight years ago, showing that they have been contributory to and participants in the commercial and industrial development which has taken place. It may be added that the per centage of cash reserves of the banks to their liabilities is slightly higher now than then.

#### GROWTH OF FOREIGN COMMERCE.

Our foreign commerce has grown immensely in point of value under the stimulus of revived trade in Great Britain and Canada. In four years, that is to say, from 1896 to 1900, the value of imports has risen from \$118,011,500 to \$189,723,400, and of exports from \$121,013,600 to \$191,897,400, representing an increment in the aggregate value of the foreign trade of Canada of \$142,600,500, certainly a very remarkable expansion. Another barometer we may consult is the business failures list, and here, again, the hand points to fair weather. In 1896, the liabilities of traders, who failed in the Dominion, were upwards of \$16,-

200,000; last year they were \$11,077,000; and in the first nine months of this year \$7,411,000, or \$1,144,000 less than in the corresponding period of 1899. I might multiply these instances of improved and enlarged trade from many sources—from the railway returns, the post office returns, clearing house statistics, the insurance statistics, and other landmarks of commerce, but the figures are familiar to you. One other only will I cite, the increase in the value of farm property in the province of Ontario, which was returned four years ago as being \$910,291,000, and is now placed at \$947,513,300.

Turning to the domestic industries of Canada one is struck by its sudden advent into the list of gold-producing countries, our output of this metal having increased in value from \$2,780,000, in 1896, to \$21,050,000, in 1899, while in the year now drawing to a close, it is expected to reach close upon \$30,000,000.

The president referred to the legislation passed at the last session in amendment to the banking act, which, were, he said, of a less important and radical character than those introduced on previous occasions. The amendment conferring on the Bankers' Association a control and responsibility and control over the note circulation of the banks was spoken of in terms of approbation. The experience of the past year in connection with the failure of the Banque Ville Marie was quoted as a practical illustration of the utility of former legislation.

He also reviewed the provisions of the act of incorporation granted, under which the association is made permanent, and is constituted an agent of the government in the administration of the bank act. Attention was also called to the by-law adopted at the morning session, providing for a monthly return of the circulation of all banks doing business in Canada, to the association, and giving the association power to inspect their circulation agencies; also providing for the appointment of a curator to supervise the affairs of any bank which may suspend payment. The suggestion that a government inspector of banks be instituted, parliament had, the president pointed out, wisely not entertained; such inspection had always proved abortive of its purpose.

#### CANADA'S SOLID POSITION.

Evidence of the solid, substantial growth of Canada in all that tends to make a country prosperous are to be found in abundance either by observation of our present condition or by contrasting it with the past, whether it be a near or a remote one. Complaint, it is true, is sometimes voiced that our population increases at a small pace, and comparison in this respect is drawn with the United States, to the disparagement of the Dominion. I would remind you that there are two sides to this question. Mere numbers in themselves do not necessarily constitute a great and prosperous country. If they did, then China would stand in the van of the nations, instead of in the rear. A small community may be free, prosperous and happy, to wit, Switzerland, even though we moderns term it slow, unprogressive, unambitious, old-fogeyish. Our six millions of Canadians have probably as high an average of comfort as any people in the world; we have fewer paupers than European countries, and in point of personal liberty, of freedom of government, of stable institutions, in opportunities for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, we need envy no one. An augmentation of population is desirable in so far as the national strength is thereby increased, but it is a moot problem, in no other respects a large population is necessarily an added blessing, and certain it is that growth of numbers without homogeneity, assimilation, and unity of national sentiment, is a distinct weakness to a state. Our national security is derived not from strength within so much as strength without; from our position, as a member, and no humble one, of the great empire of Britain. That security, it is no vain boast, I believe, to make, has been rendered yet greater by the events of the past year, and especially by the splendid and moving spectacle of Britain's sons from the four corners of the empire, fighting shoulder to shoulder in South Africa, in the cause of freedom and a united empire. Looking at the attitude of England's first and chiefest colony towards her a century and more ago,

and that of her colonies to-day, how aptly the words of Shakespeare fit the situation.

"This England never did, nor never shall,  
Lie at the proud foot of a conqueror,  
But when it first did help to wound it-  
self."  
Now these her princes are come home  
again,  
Come the three corners of the world in  
arms,  
And we shall shock them, naught  
shall make us rue,  
If England to itself do rest but true."  
[Note—Mr. Clouston's remarks regarding the proposed Canadian mint, were given in The Commercial last week.]

#### Retail Trade in Winnipeg.

A visit to some of the leading retail stores of Winnipeg shows that during the last month a very satisfactory business was transacted, larger, in fact, than for the same month last year. There appeared to be no disposition to purchase the cheaper lines of goods, as would be the case if money were scarce, the increased sales, however, are due more to the seasonable winter weather this year than to what is usually termed "good times."

Geo. Ryan, boot and shoe dealer, reports that his business last month was the best in years, with a larger per centage of cash sales. There was no sign of hard times; people bought freely of the better class of goods.

Hoover & Co., clothing and men's furnishings, say that the business for November was in excess of that for the same month in any previous year. They have been in business here four years and this November was 25 per cent. better than any other. This is accounted for by the cold weather coming at the proper time. The class of goods purchased were, if anything, better than previous seasons.

E. B. Nash & Co., dry goods. Sales for this November were about 30 per cent. ahead of last year. We noted no tendency to beat down prices or to take cheaper grades of goods, but, on the other hand, the purchases on the whole amounted to much larger sums than last year. Saturday, the 1st of December, was the best day during the fall, and we expect to do a better December business if the weather should be favorable.

The Kilgour, Rimer Co., boots and shoes, report business a little better than for November of last year and a better tendency is noticeable for the whole season this year. We received about the amount of business we expected.

The Imperial Dry Goods Co. also report an increase last month over previous years, notwithstanding the fact that the month was broken into by moving the stock into the new premises. They report a good class of business, but this was expected as they are now carrying a better and larger assortment of goods to choose from.

A. G. Morgan, boot and shoe merchant, found business a great deal better than last year, the amounts of the individual sales being larger with a strong demand for the higher grades of footwear. Very little was heard of hard times; people bought freely on an almost entirely cash basis.

Geo. Craig & Co. report sales in excess of those for November, 1899, and the class of goods purchased considerably better. It is possible that business may fall off after the Christmas trade.

The Richard Co., clothiers, reports an increase of fifteen to twenty per cent. over the business for November of last year, due principally to the fact that their business is becoming better known. White & Manahan, clothing and men's furnishings, also report an increase in business over the same month last year. The cash sales were much greater and monthly accounts were met satisfactorily.

The Winnipeg Free Press prints a rumor to the effect that the Canadian Northern Railway Company will take over the Portage branch of the Northern Pacific, in Manitoba, and make western extensions to this branch. It is just as likely as not, however, that the Free Press has not got hold of the right end of the story.

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**Brandon Board of Trade.**

A large delegation from the Brandon board of trade waited upon Hon. Clifford Sifton to discuss with him the action of railroads in connection with the switch put in at Methven, Man. between the Canadian Pacific Railway and Northern Pacific Railway. The railroad company were averse to putting in this connection, and by charging full local rates on both sides of the transfer make any advantage the connection would be to the public of no account. The minister promised to look into the matter, and see what could be done.

**Anti-Trading Stamps.**

The largest and most representative gathering of city merchants yet held for the purpose of discussing the abolition of trading stamps was that of Wednesday in Rialto hall. Mr. George Craig occupied the chair and Mr. Hunter, of the Hudson's Bay company, acted as secretary. The greatest harmony characterized the proceedings throughout, those present waxing enthusiastic in their expressed determination to do away with trading stamps, which have ceased to be an incentive to purchase, or in their opinion to be of any value in inducing cash payment.

It was moved and carried that the names be published of all dealers in the following lines who have agreed to give up trading stamps from Dec 31: Dry goods, furs, millinery, hardware, ready-made clothing and gents furnishing. A canvass of other dealers is in progress and with only one or two exceptions all who have been approached have put their names on the list as ready to discard the stamps. A list of names will be published on Saturday morning. The meeting adjourned until Tuesday night next when a meeting will be held in Rialto hall at 8 o'clock to receive the names of other merchants wishing to cooperate.

**Hides.**

McMillan Fur and Wool Company, Minneapolis, have the following to say of hides in their last circular:

Receipts are increasing. From this time on they will be very heavy if the present cold weather continues. The demand for green, salted hides calf and kip, has far exceeded the supply. Dry butcher hides over 12 pounds are also in good demand. Note the heavy advance we quote in our prices. Leather has advanced but not yet in proportion to hides. We are not prophets, but it is a question whether it is not a good time to keep hides sold up close while they are commanding such high prices, especially as the receipts will be heavy.

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A point not to be overlooked is the following: We are absolutely the only firm represented in the West, which deals direct. We have no Middleman's profit. We take your order and ship direct, no commission (10 per cent to 12½ per cent) being allowed simply because our vehicles come into your country.

Then again, our wheels are All "A" Standard. A "B" wheel cannot be found in our factory. An "A" wheel is made out of the cream of the hickory. A "B" wheel is made out of hickory not fit for an "A" wheel. Always buy the best and good results are bound to follow.

Before placing spring orders it will pay you to wait until our traveller calls on you.

When in the city, do not fail to call at our warehouses, No. 144 Princess St. We will at all times be pleased to meet you. Our Motto for 30 years. ONE GRADE ONLY AND THAT THE BEST."

McLaughlin Carriage Co. Branch: 144 Princess St., Winnipeg

Toronto Grocery Market.

Toronto, Dec. 8.

SUGARS—Granulated, delivered Toronto, \$4.00; yellow, from \$1.20 to \$1.50. SYRUPS—Imperial gallons, medium, 32c; special bright, 30c. MOLASSES—West India, barrels, 32c; New Orleans, 25c for medium, 40c for light. COFFEES—Rio, green, 10c; Mocha, 23c; Java, 25c. TEAS—Japan, low grade, 10c; Young Hysons, second, 10c; firsts, 25c; India, 15c; Congous, low grade, 10c; medium, 22c; first, 40c; Ceylon 17c; Formosa oolong 25c. CANNED GOODS—Tomatoes, 8c; peas, 7c; corn, 7c; pumpkins, 8c; raspberries, 2c; peaches, 2c; apples, 2c; do. 3c; plums, 2c; milk, 1c; butter, 1c; tallow, 1c. RICE—Rice bags, 3c; Java, 6c; Patna, 5c; Japan, 4c. SPICES—Ginger, Jamaica, 2c; Ceylon, 2c; cloves, Zanzibar, 2c; Amboy, 2c; Penang, 3c; allspice, 1c; nutmegs, 6c; cream tartar, pure, 2c; compound, 1c; pepper, black, pure, Singapore, 1c; Penang, 1c; compound, 10c; pepper, pure white, 2c. DRIED FRUITS—Haisins, Valencia, selected, 8c; off stalk, 6c; California 3-crown loose Muscatels, 9c; Filix currants, 12c; Provencels, 12c; Patras, 15c; Vostizans, 10c; California dried fruits—Apricots, 11c; peaches, 8c; prunes, 7c; raisins, 8c; currants, 8c; Sultans, 10c; Halloway dates, 5c. NUTS—Shelled Valencia Almonds, 3c; shelled Jordan Almonds, 4c; Bordeaux walnuts, 11c; shelled walnuts, 12c; Grenoble, 12c; Shelly Almonds, 12c. PEELS—Orange, 12c; lemon, 10c; citron, 17c. PROVISIONS. PORK—Canada mess, short cut, 10c; heavy, 11c; shoulders, 11c. SMOKED AND DRY SALTED MEATS—Long clear, tons and cases, 9c; breakfast bacon, 12c; hams, 12c; rolls, 10c; shoulders, 10c; backs, 12c. Green meats out of pickle are quoted at less than smoked. LARD—Trecres, 10c; tubs, 10c, and half, 10c.

Toronto Hardware and Paint Prices.

Toronto, Dec. 8.

ANTIMONY—11c per lb for Cookson's. BARBED WIRE—Car lots, f.o.b. Cleveland, \$2.07; Toronto, \$3 per 100lb. BAR IRON—Base for common, \$1.75 per 100lb. BLACK SHEETS—23 gauge, \$3.40. BOLTS AND NUTS—Norway bolts, full square, 70 per cent; common carriage bolts, full square, 70 per cent; machine bolts, all sizes, 65 per cent; coach screws, 75 per cent; eight size bolts, 75 per cent; blank bolts, 45 per cent; bolt ends, 65 per cent; nuts, square, 4c; nuts, hexagon, 4c; tire bolts, 6c; per cent, stove bolts, 6c; 7/8 per cent, plough bolts, 60 per cent. BUILDING PAPER—Plain building, 30c per roll; tarred lining, 40c; tarred roofing, \$1.60 per 100lb. CANADA PLATES—All dull, \$3.15 per 100lb; half-polished, \$3.25, and all bright \$3.50 per 100lb. CEMENT—Canadian Portland, \$2.80; English do., \$3.00; Belgian, \$2.75; Canadian hydraulic cements, \$1.25; calcined plaster, \$1.90; asbestos cement, \$2.60 per barrel. CHAIN—3/4 in., \$7.50; 5-16 in., \$4.75; 1/2 in., \$4.25; 3/8 in., \$3.75; 1/4 in., \$3.50; 3/16 in., \$3.25; 1/8 in., \$3.00; 1/16 in., \$2.75. COPPER—Ingots copper, 19c; 20c per lb; sheet copper, 22c. CUT NAILS—\$3.35 per keg f.o.b. Toronto, Hamilton and London. FENCE WIRE—Woven, 7c per rod. FINE STEEL WIRE—Discount 15 per cent. GALVANIZED IRON—Queen's Head brand, \$4.85 per 100lb, and \$1.50 for American. GALVANIZED WIRE—9 gauge, \$3.10; 12 gauge, \$3.15; 13 gauge, \$3.35; No. 10, \$5.15. GLASS—Star, first break, in 50 foot boxes, \$2.10, and in 100 foot boxes, \$4.00; double diamond, under 25 united inches, in 100 foot boxes, \$6.00; Toronto, Hamilton and London, Terms 4 months or 3 per cent 30 days. GREEN WIRE CLOTH—\$2.00 per 100 square feet. HARVEST TOOLS—50, 10 and 6 per cent. HORSE NAILS—Standard oval head, 50 per cent; Acacia, 50 and 10 per cent. HORSESHOES—No. 2 iron shoes, light, medium and heavy, \$3.50 f.o.b.; snowshoes, \$2.85. IRON PIPE—Black pipe, 1/2 and 3/4 inch, \$3.10; 1/2 inch, \$3.15; 3/4 inch, \$3.30; 1 inch, \$3.70; 1 1/4 inch, \$4.40; 1 1/2 inch, \$4.75; 2 inch, \$5.20. Galvanized pipe, 1/2 inch, \$4.65; 3/4 inch, \$5.35; 1 inch, \$5.75; 1 1/4 inch, \$6.75; 1 1/2 inch, \$7.25; 2 inch, \$8.50. LEAD PIPE—Ordinary pipe, 7c; discount 15 per cent. OLD MATERIAL—Agricultural scrap,

50c per cwt; machinery cast 50c per cwt; stove scrap 40c; No. 1 rough scrap 6c; 100lb; new light scrap copper, 12c per lb; bottoms, 10c, heavy copper, 13c; light scrap brass, 7c; heavy yellow scrap brass, 10c; heavy red scrap brass, 10c; scrap lead, 2c; zinc, 2c; scrap rubber, 0c; good country mixed rags, 6c; clean dry bones, 40c per 100lb. PIG LEAD—100lb, 10c; No. 2, on track here, duty paid, \$18; No. 3, \$17.50. PIG TIN—3c per lb. POULTRY NETTING—Discount of 40 and 5 per cent. RIVES AND BURRS—Iron, 60 and 10 per cent; iron burrs, 65 per cent; copper rives, 35 and 5 per cent. SCREWS—Flat head bright, 80 per cent off the list; round head bright, 75 per cent; flat head brass, 75 per cent; round head brass, 67 1/2 per cent; flat head bronze, 67 1/2 per cent; round head bronze, 62 1/2 per cent. SHEET ZINC—0c for cask lots; 7c for part casks. SMOOTH STEEL WIRE—The base is \$2.50 per 100lb f.o.b. factory. SPADIES AND SHOVELS—40 and 5 per cent. SPLICER—6c per lb. SOLDER—Half and half, 20c; refined, 10c; whipping, 10c. STEEL—100lb, 1c; hoop steel, \$3.25; sleigh shoe steel, \$1.00, tire steel, \$1.00; toe calk steel \$3.20, and Fifth's special cast steel, 12c per lb. STOVES AND FURNACES—Discounts—Stoves and ranges, 45 and 5 per cent; furnaces, 40 and 5 per cent; registers 60 per cent. THERM PLATES—L. C., \$3.75. TINNED SHEETS—23 gauge, 0c. WHITE NAILS—Base price at \$2.75 f.o.b. Toronto and west.

CASTOR OIL—East India, in cases 10c per lb, and 10c for single tins. GUM SHELLAC—In cases, 22c; in less than cases, 25c. LANSSED OIL—Raw, 1 to 4 barrels, 5c; boiled, 6c. LIQUID PAINTS—Pure, \$1.20; \$1.30 per gallon; No. 1 quality, \$1 per gallon. PARIS WHITE—0c. PARIS GREEN—Petroleum brls. 1c; arsenic kegs, 18c; drums, 50 to 100lb, 13c; drums, 25lb, 10c; tins, 1lb, 20c; packages, 1lb, 10c. PLASTER PARIS—New Brunswick, \$1.50 per barrel. PUMICE STONE—Powdered, \$2.50 per 100lb for barrels and 4c per lb in small quantities; lump, 10c per lb in small lots, and 8c per lb in barrels. PUTTY—Bladders, in barrels, \$2.10; bladders, in 100lb kegs, \$2.25; bulk in barrels, \$1.95; in less quantities, \$2.10. RED LEAD—Genuine, in casks of 60 lb \$5.50; ditto, in kegs of 100lb, \$5.75; No. 1 in casks of 60lb, \$5.25; do., kegs of 100lb, \$5.25. REFINED OIL—American water white, 10c; Sarnia water white, 10c; Sarnia prime, 14c. SEAL OIL—5c per gallon, and yellow seal at 4c. TURPENTINE—In single barrels, 6c, 2 to 4 barrel lots, 6c. WHIPPING—0c per 100lb; gliders' whipping, 7c. WHITE LEAD—Ex-Toronto, pure white lead, \$6.62; No. 1, \$6.25; No. 2, \$5.75; No. 3, \$5.50; No. 4, \$4.75; dry white lead in casks, \$6.00.

Will Drop Trading Stamps.

The retail merchants of the city who have organized for the abolition of trading stamps request publication of the following agreement: "We, the undersigned retail merchants of the city of Winnipeg, hereby pledge ourselves that on and after the 31st day of December, 1900, we will not offer trading stamps as an inducement for business or premiums, gifts or coupons for drawings or lotteries for the purpose of inducing the public to deal with us other than articles bona fide to be sold or to be offered for sale. Dry Goods, Clothing, Carpets, Furnishings, Millinery and Furs—D. F. Allman, I. Ackerman, L. Adelman. A. F. Banfield, Robt. Burns, M. Bruce, D. Boyaner, Bankrupt Stock, Buying Co. Carsley & Co., Chevrier & Son, Geo. Craig & Co., Frederick Couse, Cohen & Son, Geo. Clements & Co. T. D. Deegan, Douglas & Co., Jos. Dresser. G. Frankfurter, Finch Bros., D. W. Fleury, J. Finkelman, T. Finkelstein, E. Furner. W. M. Gibson & Co., J. Gensler, C. A. Gareau. Hudson's Bay Co., Hoover & Co., Geo. J. Hyndman & Co., J. A. Hick, Fred Hick, H. J. J. & Co., Hoover & Town. Imperial Dry Goods Co.

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Manitoba.

Dr. Young, an old resident of Vir- den, is dead.

John Sidore has opened a saddlery business at Killarney.

D. P. Barley, blacksmith, Hamilton, has sold out to Charles Sheardown.

Application will be made for incorporation of the village of Plum Coulee.

Robert Smith, of Dauphin, harness maker, has opened a branch at Grand View.

J. Gardhouse is opening a lumber yard at Itanawell. He will handle United States lumber.

J. A. Schoeman, hardware merchant, of Virden, died suddenly on Saturday last of heart failure.

The partnership of Huzner & Kyle, grocers, Winnipeg, was dissolved on Nov. 1. J. C. Kyle retiring.

Black's store at Headingley was burglarized recently and about \$60 worth in goods and cash were taken.

E. Bowers, saddler, Hartney, has sold out to D. W. Ferguson, in the same business at the same place.

Coley & Evans, general merchants, Swan Lake, has assigned. L. McMeans, Winnipeg, has been named assignee.

Venmer & Moore, implement dealers, Cypress River, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by Mr. Moore.

Adams Bros., harness, boots and shoes, have sold their branch store at Alexander to Wm. Rabe, who continues the business.

Hunt & McKenzie, horse and cattle dealers, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by Hunt & Melstone.

M. W. Rueloe, head of the Rubiac Fruit Co., Winnipeg, is receiving the congratulations of his many friends on his marriage this week to Miss Emma J. Shaw.

C. J. McClocklin, of Carberry, is opening in clothing at the new town of Grand View, west of Dauphin. Thos. McClocklin will have charge of the business.

Letters of incorporation have been issued to The Winnipeg Creamery and Produce Company. The shareholders are E. E. Barre, of Montreal; S. M. Barre, of Winnipeg; Chas. Mignault, of St. Pierre; L. H. Chabot, and J. H. Bourquin, of Winnipeg. Capital stock \$50,000.

Notice is given that W. J. Clayton Ed. George Sills, Eliza Campbell, Emma Ed. and H. E. Robison, all of Carman, intend to apply for incorporation as The Carman Furniture Company Limited. The company will carry on a general furniture business at Carman.

Letters of incorporation have been issued to The Seantlebury Wall Paper Company, Limited, Winnipeg. The shareholders are Thos. McNaught of Toronto, and E. B. Nash, J. H. Thompson, J. W. Winters and Chas. Hamilton, all of Winnipeg. The company's business will be that of paper dealers, paper hangers, decorators, etc. Capital stock \$20,000.

Notice is given that application will be made for the incorporation of the T. W. Taylor Company, Limited. The applicants are T. W. Taylor, Wm. Dodd, A. F. Taylor, M. D. J. V. Robert, all of Winnipeg, and Geo. Taylor of London, Ont. The company asks power to take over and continue the business of T. W. Taylor, bookbinder, Winnipeg. The capital stock is \$100,000.

Notice is given that application for incorporation will be made for the Northern Fish Company. The applicants are J. W. Simpson, Thos. F. Pollock, Charles Shedd, William Purdie, John Scamman, all of Selkirk, and W. J. Guest, of Winnipeg. The business of the company will be the catching of fish in Lake Winnipeg, and dealing in fish. The headquarters of the company will be at Selkirk. Capital stock, \$15,000.

Alberta.

A night and day shift is now being put on in the Galt coal mines at Lethbridge. The output record was broken yesterday, says the Lethbridge News, when 1,000 tons 600 pounds of an coal were mined.

Application for letters patent is being made for the "Calgary Exchange Company" with a capital of \$10,000. The company is being formed for the purpose of carrying on a general exchange, agency and transfer business, also a mercantile and ranching busi-

ness. The applicants are R. B. Bennett, R. P. Craig, and J. A. Loughheed, all of Calgary.

Winnipeg Hardware and Metal Prices.

- ANVILS—Per lb, 10¢/12½¢; anvil and vice combined, each, \$74/\$75.  
 AUGERS—Post hole, Vaughan's, each, 35¢.  
 AXLES—Bench, 30 and 40 per cent; choping axes, per dozen, \$74/\$75; double bit, per dozen, \$12/\$18.  
 BARS—Crow, \$0.50 per 100lb.  
 BELLOWS—20 2½, \$4.50; 20, \$4.95; 23, \$5.40; 30, \$5.85; 32, \$6.30; 34, \$7.25; 30, \$8.10; 38, \$9; 40, \$10.35.  
 BELTING—Agricultural, 65 per cent; No. 1, 60 per cent; extra, 50 per cent off net list.  
 BITS—AUGER—American, 50 per cent; Junolite's Excelsior, 45 per cent.  
 BOLTS—Carriage, 42½ per cent, raw chain, 45 per cent; plow, 40 per cent; sleigh shoe, 60 per cent; stove, 65 per cent; fire, 65 per cent.  
 BUILDING PAPER—Anchor, Cyclone and Jubilee, plain, 65¢; Cyclone and Jubilee, tarred, 80¢; Anchor, plain, 60¢ per roll; Anchor, tarred, 70¢; Shield, tarred, 60¢.  
 BUTTS—Cast, loose pin, com. 60 per cent; Peterboro, 33 1-3 per cent; wrought steel, narrow, 60 per cent; loose pin, 60 per cent; bronze, 45¢ up.  
 CAIRBRIDGES—Thin fire, American discount 30 per cent; Dupont, 50 and 5 per cent; central fire, plain, American discount 5 per cent; Dominion discount, 30 per cent; military and sporting, American, 5 per cent advance on list. Dupont 15 per cent.  
 CEMENT—Portland, barrel, \$4.20/\$4.50.  
 CHAIN—Coh, proved, 3-16 in, per 100 lb, \$11; do, ½ in, \$8; do, 5-16 in, \$6.25; ¾ in, \$6; 7-16 in, \$5.75; ½ in and up, \$5.50; Jack iron, single, per dozen yards, \$57¢; double, per dozen yards, \$54/\$51; low, 5-16, \$3.50; ¾, \$3. Trace, per dozen pairs, \$1.75/\$2.50.  
 CHURNS—B. I. Steel frame, 55 per cent; wood frame, 20 cents less net.  
 COPPELT—Flamed sheets, 23¢; planished, 33¢; boiler and T. K. pits, plain flamed, per lb, 26¢; spun, 26¢.  
 FILES—Com. 10 and 10 per cent; Nicholson's and Black Diamond, 60 per cent.  
 GLUE—Sheets, 15¢ lb, broken, 12½¢; glue, white, for kalsominating, 18¢/25¢.  
 GREASE, AXLE—Fraser's, per case, \$2.75; Diamond, light, \$1.75 case; dark, \$1.75; Misc, \$1.  
 GRINDSTONES—\$1.50 100lb.  
 HAIR—Painters', 20¢ bale.  
 HERRING BONES—\$5 per cent.  
 HORSESHOES—Iron shoes, keg, 0 and 1, \$4.90; 2 and larger, \$4.65; less than full kegs, 25¢ extra. Steel shoes, 0 and 1, \$5.20; 2 and larger, \$4.95.  
 IRONS—Heavy T and strap, per 100 lb, \$9.25/\$7.50; light do, 60 per cent; screw hook and hinge 5 to 10 in, 5¢ per lb, 12 in and up, 11¢ 4¢.  
 IRON—Bar iron, 100lb, base price, \$2.75; Band iron, 100lb, \$3.05 base. Swedish iron 100lb, \$3 base. Sheet, black, 10¢/20 gauge, \$3.50; 22¢ gauge, \$3.75; 28 gauge, \$4; Galvanized American, 16 gauge, \$4.25; 18¢ gauge, \$4.50; 24 gauge, \$4.75; 28 gauge, \$5; 28 gauge, \$5.25 per 100lb; Queen's head, 25¢ advance on American prices; Canada plates, Garth and Blaina, \$4; imitation Russian sheets, 76¢; genuine Russian sheets, 76¢; 12¢/10¢.  
 LEAD—Plc, per lb, 6¢; sheets, 6½¢.  
 NAILS—Cut, 3rd up, \$1.15; 2nd, \$1.20; 1st, \$1.25; S1, \$1.30; 6d, \$1.35; 4d, \$1.40; 3d, \$1.45. Wire nails—½ in, up, \$3.60; ¾ in, \$3.75; 1 in, \$3.70; 1¼ in, \$3.75; 2 in, \$3.80; 3 in, \$4.00; 3½ in, \$4.25; 4 in, \$4.50; 5 in, \$4.75; 6 in, \$5.10; 7 in, \$5.40; 8 in, \$5.70; 10 in, \$6.30; 12 in, \$7.00; 14 in, \$7.75; 16 in, \$8.50; 18 in, \$9.25; 20 in, \$10.00; 24 in, \$11.50; 2 in, \$2.50; lead, 6½¢ lb.  
 PIPE—Stove—6 in, \$0.25; 7 in, \$10; per 100 ft; 8 in, \$1.25.  
 PIPE—Line, \$4 per barrel.  
 PLASTER—Per barrel, \$3.25.  
 RIVETS AND BOLTS—Carriage, section 11½ per cent; M rivets, black and tinned 11½ per cent; copper rivets and bolts, 25¢; copper rivets, 20¢; cartrons 1¢ per lb extra net.  
 ROPE—Cotton, 1½ in, each and larger, 12¢ lb; deep sea, 10¢ lb; lath yarn, 11¢; Manila, per lb, 15¢ base; sisal, 9½¢ base.  
 SCREWS—F. H. Hricht discount, 75, 10 per cent; H. H. discount, 70; F. H. brass, discount, 70; R. H. brass, discount, 60 and 5 per cent. Bench, wood, per doz., \$1.75/\$4.50; bench, iron, per doz., \$3.25/\$7.25; coach screws, 5½¢ per cent.  
 SHEETS—Loaded—Eley's black, 12 gauge, per 100, soft, \$1.65, chilled, \$1.50; 10 gauge, soft, \$2.15, chilled, \$2.00; Eley's smokeless, 12 gauge, soft, \$2.10, chilled, \$2.25; 10 gauge, soft, \$2.60, chilled, \$2.75.  
 SHOT—Soft, \$6.65 per 100 lb; chilled, 17.15; buckshot, \$7.65; ball, 28, \$7.65.  
 SOLDER—Half and half, per lb, 22¢.  
 SOLDERING IRONS—Per lb, 22¢.  
 SHADES AND SHOVELS—40 per cent.  
 SPIKES—Pressed, \$4.50; 5-16, \$4.65; ¾, \$4.80; 7-16 up, \$4.10; 10, \$3.00 base; \$3.00 base; spring, \$4.25; Stiegh machinery, \$4.25 base; sharp, com, \$4.75 base; share, crucible, \$5.50; toe call, \$4.25 base; tire steel, \$3.75 base; cast tool steel, lb, 9¢/12½¢.  
 STEEL BOILER PLATE—3-16 inch, \$4.25; ¼, 4 and thicker, \$4.00.  
 STAPLES—Galvanized, \$4.25 per 100lb.  
 TAR—Coal tar, per barrel, \$0.50.

- TIN—Lamb and flag, 56 and 28lb lugots, per lb, 35¢.  
 TIN PLATES—Charcoal plates, 1 C, 10 14, 12x12, and 14x20, \$5.50; 1 N, same size box, \$6.50; 1 C, charcoal, 20x28, 112 sheets, box, \$10.50; 1 N box, 29x29, 112 sheets \$12.50.  
 TERNE PLATES—1 C, 20x28, \$10.00.  
 TINWARE—Plain, 75 and 2½ per cent; runmed, 70 and 10 per cent.  
 TRAPS—Game, H. & N., No. 0, \$1.02; No. 1, \$2.25; No. 1¼, \$3.33; No. 2, \$4.75; No. 3, \$6.50; No. 4, \$7.42; bear, No. 5, \$7.50.  
 TUBES—Roller, 2 inch, 10½¢ per foot; 2½ inch, 21½¢; 3 inch, 23¢ per foot.  
 VISES—H. S. Wright's, 14¢; Sampson, 40 50 lb, \$6.50/\$7 each, parallel, \$24/\$7 each.  
 WADS—Gray felt, 75¢ per lb; thin card wads in boxes of 500 each, 12 and smaller gauges, 20¢ per 51; thin card wads in boxes of 500 each, 10 gauge, 25¢ per lb. Chemically prepared black edge gran cloth wads, in boxes of 250 each, 11 and smaller gauges, 65¢ per 1,000; 9 and 10 gauges, 75¢ per 1,000; 7 and 8 gauges, \$1 per 1,000.  
 WIRE—Brass and copper wire, 20 per cent advance on the list; clothes line wire, 15 gauge, per 1,000 feet, \$3.50. Galvanized bars, regular, \$3.75; galvanized plain twist, \$3.75.  
 ZINC—Sheets in casks, \$7.50 per 100lb; broken lots, \$8.00.

Winnipeg Prices, Paints, Oils, Glass, Etc.

- ALABASTINE—Cases of 20 packages, \$6.50; Murale, do, \$6.50.  
 BENZINE—Case, \$3.50.  
 DIRTY COLORS—White lead, lb, 7½¢ red lead, 7¢; yellow ochre in barrel lots 2½¢ less than barrel lots. 5¢; golden ochre, barrels, 3½¢ less than barrels, 4¢; Venetian red, barrels, 3¢ less than barrels, 3½¢; American vermilion, 15¢; English vermilion, \$1 per lb; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots 2½¢ less than barrels, 3¢; English purple oxides, in casks, 3½¢ less quantities, 4¢ lb.  
 GASOLINE—Stove, per case, \$3; naphtha, \$2.00.  
 GLASS—Single glass, first break, 16 to 25 united inches, \$2.50, 26 to 40, \$2.75 per 50 feet boxes; 40 to 60, \$3; 61 to 60, \$6.50, 61 to 70, \$7 per 100 feet boxes.  
 LIME—Oil—Raw, gal., 87¢; boiled, gal., 50¢ in barrels, less than barrels, 5¢; extra, with additional charges for cans and cases.  
 OILS—Black oils, 25 to 30¢ gal; clear machine oil, 30¢; cylinder oil, 50¢/75¢, as to quality; castor oil, 11½¢ per lb; tanners' or harness oil, 65¢; neatfoot oil, \$1; steam refined oil, 5¢; pure winter-bleached sperm oil, \$2 gal.  
 PREPARED PAINTS—Pure liquid colors, gal., \$1.50/\$1.90, as to shade and quality.  
 PUTTY—In bladders, barrel lots, 2½¢ lb; in 100lb kegs, 2½¢, do, less than barrels, 3¢ lb.  
 REFINED PETROLEUM—Silver Star, 18¢; Oleophene, 21¢; Sunlight, 22¢; Locene, 21½¢ per gallon; Diamond, 23½¢; T. & P., 21¢; Solar, 22¢; Brilliant, 21½¢ per gal. in barrels, T. & P., cases, \$2.75; Solar, case, \$2.55.  
 TURPENTINE—Pure spirits in barrels, 7½¢ less than barrels, 70¢ per gal. An additional charge for packages of small quantities.  
 VARNISHES—No. 1 furniture, per gal., \$1; extra furniture, \$1.75; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$1.00/\$1.75; hard oil finish, \$1.50/\$2; brown Japan, \$1; house painters' gold size Japan, \$1.70; coach painters' do., \$2/\$2.25; No. 1 linen shellac, \$2.25; pure orange shellac, \$2.25.  
 WHITE LEAD—Pure, \$7.25 per 100lb; No. 1 \$7 00.  
 WHITING—\$1.25 per 100lb gross weight.

Statistical Wheat Report.

- WHEAT IN CANADA.  
 Stocks of wheat in Canada at principal points of accumulation are reported as follows:  
 Montreal \$5,000  
 Toronto 60,000  
 Coteau, Que., 108,000  
 Depot Harbor, Ont., 162,000  
 Kingston 50,000  
 Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin 1,752,000  
 Winnipeg 293,900  
 Manitoba elevators 2,000,000



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WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in America and Europe and about for Europe Nov. 1 in each year, for a series of years, were as follows—Bradstreet's report:

1900	169,621,000
1899	159,829,000
1898	88,251,000
1897	111,650,000
1896	162,329,000
1895	178,449,000

CROP MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States spring wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, Aug. 1, 1897, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This Crop.	Last Crop
Minneapolis	54,656,720	37,120,270
St. Louis	5,432,720	4,329,000
Omaha	10,215,234	20,676,735
Chicago	22,991,250	27,282,528
Total	74,085,694	89,788,625

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States winter wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement July 1, 1897, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This Crop.	Last crop.
Toledo	6,822,235	9,814,025
St. Louis	14,041,615	6,627,450
Detroit	1,328,221	2,758,224
Kansas City	24,081,017	2,542,720
Total	46,582,446	25,742,900

## THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Saturday, Dec. 8.

Another week of mild weather has been experienced, and this has doubtless curtailed the demand for wynn winter goods, though jobbers generally report a very satisfactory selling trade in such lines for the season to date. The colder weather and snow earlier in the season started business off nicely in winter goods, and a good sorting trade has been experienced notwithstanding the milder weather since the early cold snap. The feature of the week is the close of lake navigation. Two or three boats have cleared with wheat since our last issue, from Fort William, but as insurance ran out on December 5, it is not expected that there will be any further lake business this year. A statement on another page shows the movement of Manitoba and territory wheat of this crop to the close of navigation, compared with the same period of last year. The statement shows that slightly under 5,000,000 bushels of wheat have been shipped from country points from the crop of 1900, compared with about 13,000,000 bushels for the same period of last year. As the crop was considerably later in moving this year than last, the yield may not be as much less than last year as would be inferred from these figures. Receipts of produce continue liberal, showing a large increase over previous years. Bank clearings at Winnipeg this week were about \$10,000 less than for the corresponding week of last year, but were somewhat in excess of the like week of 1898.

### WINNIPEG MARKETS

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

#### BOOTS AND SHOES

Business has been a little quieter this week, owing possibly to milder weather, but a fair sorting business has been done. Jobbers on the whole are very well satisfied with the trade for November. Some dealers report stocks of felts, socks, etc., already closely sold up.

#### DRY GOODS.

Dealers report a fair sorting trade, though they think business would be better if we had colder weather, the temperature having been too high for the past two weeks to favor the heavy goods trade.

#### DRUGS.

There is quite a strong upward tendency in the drug market. Flax seed, linseed oil, linseed meal, menthol, creosote, cod liver oil, castor oil, glycerine, are all lines which have shown advances recently and are held very strong in first hands. There have also been advances in many sundry lines, including tin boxes, paper pill boxes, whisks, etc. Cattle fish bone is very high, showing altogether an advance of 50 per cent. Sulphuric ether is another line which is very high, owing to several late advances. Cocaine is again higher. Iodine and cocaine have been advanced in the local market. German quinine is 5c lower.

#### FISH.

The variety of fresh fish in the market is still rather limited. A car of fresh Lake Superior herrings came in this week. Liberal supplies of fresh sea fish are looked for within two weeks. Prices are as follows: Whitefish, 5½ to 6c per pound; pickerel, 4c; pike, 3c; trout, 10c; salmon, 12½c; halibut, 12½c. Lake Superior herring, 20c per dozen; salt cod, 6c; Labrador herring, per barrel, \$3.00; salt mackerel, \$2.25 per kit. shad, ½ cts. \$7.50. Dicky chicks, 16c box; boneless cod, 7½ lb; boneless fish, 7½ lb; sassa haddies, 9 to 10c per pound; oysters, select, \$2.25 per gallon; standards, \$2.00.

#### FUEL.

The mild weather which has continued again throughout the week, has greatly curtailed business. We stated

last week that it would reduce the consumption of coal fully one-half. Dealers say that the mild weather has reduced consumption of coal to one-third to one-half of what it would be in cold weather. Coal prices are unchanged. Wood fuel is offering freely and is easier in price, some sorts being slightly lower. See price on another page. The report that 50,000 tons of coal have been received at Fort William this season, exclusive of coal brought in by the Canadian Pacific Railway, is said to be altogether excessive. The provincial government is calling for tenders for cordwood supplies for public buildings in Winnipeg, aggregating 900 cords, to be delivered at the buildings.

#### GREEN FRUITS.

Apples are firm and unchanged. Florida oranges are now offering. California winter pears are up 50c per box. New Messina lemons are expected in shortly. They will sell about the same price as California stock. New figs and dates are now in good supply. New figs are now offering in 10, 15 and 20 pound boxes at 15 to 18c. Also in 1, 2, 3 and 4 lb mats or boxes, at 15 to 22c. We quote Apples, Spies, \$1; Baldwins, Ben Davis and Pippins, \$1.50 to \$1.75; green and red russias, \$1.25; California navel oranges, 175 to 250 count, per box, \$5; 150 count, \$4.50; 125 count, \$4.00. Florida oranges, \$5.50 box. California lemons, per box, \$4.75 to \$5.25, as to size. Bananas, per bunch, \$1.25; cranberries, per barrel, \$12. California pears, per case, \$3.50 to \$4.00. Malaga grapes, per keg, \$8.50; onions, per lb, 3c, or in 5-sack lots 2½c. Sweet potatoes, \$6; mince meat in 25 lb tins, 10c per pound; cartoon juices, per package of 1 lb, 10c; new dates, 6 to 6½c; new Eline figs, 12 to 15c; older in kegs and barrels, "5c gal" money. 1½ bushels, \$2.50 a dozen.

#### GROCERIES.

Business in this branch has been good, but collections are reported to be slower this week. In prices the most important change is an advance of 10c per 100 lbs. on sugars, following the advance early this week at the factories. Eddy's matches are in the market again, for the first time since the destruction of the old factory by fire, and prices have been cut heavily. New nuts are beginning to come to hand. New almonds are costing high, and will be 2c to 3c higher than quotations on old stock. Walnuts are about the same as old prices. Apricots are costing higher. The local price has been advanced ½c in sympathy with increased cost to lay down here.

#### HARDWARE.

The important feature to announce this week is a drop of 15c all around on cut and wire nails. This is the only change in the local market.

#### LUMBER.

Business is quiet in the lumber trade. Work in the bush is progressing favorably, and a full cut of logs will be made. In the sash and door branch there is still some demand for storm sash and other lines, but the most of the trade is over for this season.

#### PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

This branch has been quiet as usual, at this time of year. Glass holds firm. Linseed oil holds at the advance last noted. Prices generally are steady and without change.

#### SCRAP.

We quote buyers' prices as follows. No. 1 cast iron, free from wrought and malleable, \$12 to \$13 per ton. No. 2, \$1.50 to \$5 per ton; wrought iron scrap, \$6 ton; heavy copper, 12c per pound; red brass, 10c per pound; yellow brass, heavy, 8c per pound; light brass, 5c to 6c per pound; lead pipe or tea lead, 2 to 2½c per pound; rags, country mixed, 50c per 100 pounds; rubbers, free from rivets, buckles and articles, 6c per pound; zinc scrap 1c per pound; bones, clean, dry and bleached, \$5 to \$6 per ton.

#### GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—The wheat markets during the past week have been rather nervous, showing a moderate amount of strength during the first half of the week, and losing part of it the latter half, but closing yesterday with a gain in value of ½ to 1c per bushel on the week. World's shipments last week showed a considerable falling off compared with some previous weeks, and the American visible supply showed a small decrease. There were also

some bullish reports from Argentine of too much rain for harvest, and yesterday a report of war between Holland and Portugal caused a rally. A bearish feature this week is the large primary receipts in the States, these being much larger than last year at the same date. There is a good demand at Minneapolis for cash 1 northern, and that grade is selling there at about 2c under the May option. The growing crop of winter wheat in the States is progressing favorably, as also are the winter wheat crops in Europe. Harvest has begun in the Argentine. Good reports continue to come from India, except in the presidency of Bombay, where sufficient rain has not fallen. Generally speaking, the present outlook for the winter wheat crop of the northern hemisphere for next year is most favorable. The American visible supply decreased last week 82,000 bushels compared to a decrease the previous week of 100,000 bushels, and a decrease for the same week a year ago of 158,000. The world's shipments were 5,850,000 bushels, compared to 5,035,000 bushels the previous week. The world's visible supply according to Bradstreet's decreased 1,473,000 bushels, compared to a decrease the previous week of 312,000 bushels, and an increase for the corresponding week a year ago of 1,300,000 bushels.

In the local markets trade has been quiet. Though the river is open at Fort William navigation is practically closed, the last large boat having cleared on the 5th inst. There has been a difficulty in getting sufficient lake space towards the end of the season which has operated against the value of wheat in this market. The demand has been quite moderate and prices easy, firming slightly as the outside market advanced, but falling off again at the first sign of weakness. Scarcely anything has been done during the week in 1 or 2 hard, trade has been more in the lower grades from 3 hard down. The price of 3 hard has ranged between 65 and 66c, the lower price being struck on Thursday when there was a drop of a cent in American markets. Yesterday the price was 65½ to 65¾c, with January delivery, buyers at 66c, and May 70c. Tough wheat is not much wanted, in fact at times no buyers can be found for it. Navigation being closed, wheat arriving now at lake ports will either have to remain in store all winter, or be shipped east all rail. The Ontario milling trade does not seem to care for our 3 hard or lower grades, besides that market is easily filled up at anytime. Whether such wheat can be exported at present prices will depend on freight rates and the course of the outside market. Buyers at present are inclined to go slow, until they have further information to go by. Prices at close of business yesterday are as follows: 1 hard 77c, 2 hard 72½c, 3 hard 65¾c, 3 northern 62c, tough 2 hard 67c, tough 3 hard 61½c, and tough 3 northern 59c, all in store Fort William.

FLOUR—There is no further change this week. Flour markets generally have been rather easy lately. We quote: Lake of the Woods, Five Roses, \$2.10; Red Patent, \$1.95; Medina, \$1.60; XXXX, \$1.35 per sack of 98 pounds. Ogilvie Milling Co., Hungarian, \$2.10; Glenora Patent, \$1.95; Manitoba, \$1.60; and Imperial XXXX, \$1.20 per sack of 98 pounds.

MILKFED—Prices are unchanged. Bran is quoted at \$12 per ton bagged, and shorts \$14 per ton in broken lots to the local change.

GROUND FEED—Small lots are quoted here at \$25 per ton for pure oat chow, \$21 for mixed barley and oats, and \$20 for corn. These prices are for pure ground feed of good quality. Mixed mill and inferior feeds have been offered much lower, but are not wanted.

WHEAT—Prices to farmers—Deliveries by farmers in country markets have fallen off, no doubt owing to the decline in prices on the close of navigation. The feeling is easier, particularly for the lower grades, which involve greater risk in carrying over winter in store. Prices are lower. Prices quoted to farmers vary widely at different points, and range from 52c to 55c for No. 3 hard, No. 2 hard quoted about 60c. In Winnipeg farmers are paid 57c for No. 3 hard.

OATS—Prices are about the same, and the quality is no better, averag-

ing very poor. Up to 37c has been bid for Northern Alberta oats, delivered here, for a No. 1 white sample. Prices on track here range from 30c for light samples up to 33 to 35c for the best. At Manitoba country points 25 to 28c is paid to farmers, as to quality.

OATMEAL—The market is firm since the advance in rates went into effect from the south, though \$1.60 has been quoted still for cars on track here c. l. f.

BARLEY—Offerings very light and quoted at 31 to 36c for feed grades. Maltling quoted at 38 to 40c as to grade.

CORN—Prices are firm. Carlots on track are worth 43c to 44½c per bushel.

FLAX—Dealers are offering \$1.40 to \$1.45 per bushel for flax at country points.

HAY—Up to \$8 was paid for choice baled, but most of the hay offering is very poor quality for which the usual quotation is about \$7 to \$7.50 per ton as to quality, loose hay, \$7 to \$8 per ton.

HOG PRODUCTS—A brisk demand is reported for hog products, for which lines prices are reported steady.

POULTRY—Receipts have continued larger than in the previous years, particularly for turkeys. The home supply of turkeys has always been limited, up to this year. While a large increase in receipts has taken place, the quality of western turkeys is much inferior to Ontario stock, owing to the fact that the farmers do not fatten the birds as they should. If more attention were given to feeding, there would seem to be no good reason why our farmers should not supply the home and all western markets fully with good turkeys. A good many old fowl are offered. Ducks and geese are usually fat enough. Ontario turkeys have also arrived in this market this week, and are very fine quality and elegantly handled. Prices are easier, particularly for chickens, which have been in liberal supply. For lots of chickens of ordinary mixed quality, 7c net is now quoted, and 8c will be paid for choice lots. Ducks and geese will bring 9c net, and turkeys 11c net for mixed lots of average quality.

GAME—Frozen wild ducks are selling at 25c to 30c per pair for fall ducks. Dealers are paying \$c each for rabbits, and 25 to 30c each for Jack rabbits.

DRESSED MEATS—Large stocks of mutton are now held and eastern mutton will be in the market here some time this month, as orders have been placed east for several car lots. Prices are steady. We quote: Beef, country dressed, 4 to 4½c, city dressed, 5c to 6c; stags and rough beef, 4 to 4½c; veal, 5 to 7c; mutton, 5½c; lamb, 9 to 10c; hogs, 6 to 6½c.

BUTTER—Creamery.—A few lots of creamery are offering. Market nominal at about 20c to factories.

BUTTER Dairy.—Receipts continue fairly large, especially of rolls and bricks. Receipts of the latter are in excess of the demand and stocks have been accumulating. As the market for rolls is limited, it would be better if makers and packers of butter would put more up in tubs. From 20 to 30 lb tubs are a convenient size to handle at this season of the year and if at least a portion of the rolls were put up in this way and marketed fresh, it would find more ready sale. We quote: Really fine fresh tubs and boxes, 15 to 16c; fresh rolls and bricks, 15c; 1-st stock, 13c; net prices.

CHEESE—The market is easier. Cheese is jobbing here at 9½ to 10½c.

EGGS—Receipts are light and the price is firm at 18c per dozen net for fresh case eggs here.

VEGETABLES We quote: Potatoes, farmers' loads, 40c bushel; parsley, 20c; carrots and beets, 35c per bushel; turnips, 20c per bushel; parsnips, 2c lb; onions, 2½ to 3c lb; cabbage, 30 to 40c per dozen; celery, 20c per dozen.

HIDES—There has been a little flurry in hides and some long prices have been paid, equal to over 7c flat dollars, here. The market, however, is easier again. Some of our telegrams from other points show declines on hides this week. We quote 6½c for frozen hides, flat rate, 5 lbs. tare. Kips same price as hides. Calf, real veal, 7 to 8c. Deakin skins, 25 to 35c each. Sheepskins, 45c for fresh killed.

WOOL—Market is nominal. Deal-



ers quote 8 to 8 1/2c per pound for unwashed fleeces and 12 1/2c per pound for washed.

**TALLOW**—Quoted at 1c for best grades.

**SENECA ROOT**. — Prices firm. For good, clean, dry root 35c would be paid delivered here, and the market may be quoted as ranging from 33 to 35.

**LIVE STOCK.**

A good many cattle have been killed here and the market is well supplied with good beef. Cattle are quoted steady at 2 1/4 to 3 1/2c off cars here as to quality.

**SHEEP**—The market is nominal, as none are offering. Liberal stocks of mutton are held here.

**HOGS**—Packers are paying 5c per pound for best weights, off cars here, and there is a good demand for all offerings.

**MILCH COWS**—There is the usual good demand for milking cows. From \$30 to \$45 is being offered for these.

**HORSES**—The market is very quiet. Horses are decidedly slow sale at present.

**Preparing Poultry for Market.**

The following rules are recommended for preparing poultry for the Winnipeg market.

Abstain from feeding poultry 24 hours before killing. All poultry, but more especially turkeys, should be killed by bleeding in the neck, and pluck clean while the body is warm. Draw the entrails. Do not scald the birds. The last process is readily detected by buyers and greatly depreciates the value of poultry. Let them cool off, then draw the feet up under the breast and put the head under one of the wings, tie them up plump and keep them in good shape. Before packing, poultry should be thoroughly dry and cold. If packed with the animal heat in, it will be almost sure to spoil. Sort your poultry carefully, and have the No. 1 stock of uniform quality. Pack the No. 2 stock in separate packages. Pack neatly in nice clean cases holding from 100 to 200 lbs. each. Line the cases with clean white paper. Never use straw in packing, and never wrap the birds in paper, pack as closely as possible, and fill the packages full, to prevent shifting about while in transit. Avoid putting more than one kind in a package, as mixtures of geese and ducks, or chickens and turkeys are more difficult to sell. Mark each case with correct weights, grades, lards and nett, also the number of birds contained, so that proper delivery may be cared for.

Poultry packed in the east for export is usually not drawn, and the feathers are left on wings and tail, but for this market, clean plucked, drawn birds are wanted.

**Minneapolis Markets.**

Compared with a week ago grain and flour are unchanged. Flax seed is 1c higher. Eggs, 1 1/2c higher. Butter, 1c to 2c lower. Hides 1/2c lower. Hay, \$1 per ton higher.

Flour prices in barrels: First patents, \$3.75 to \$3.95; second patents, \$3.55 to \$3.75.

Milled-Shorts in bulk, \$11.25 per cwt. bran in bulk, \$11.50 per ton. corn 1c, \$14 to \$15 per ton.

Flax—23 to 24c as to quality. Hides—25 to 30c as to quality. Corn—Quoted at 31c per bushel for No. 3.

Flax seed—Cash flax, \$1.00 1/2. May, \$1.01.

Eggs—21 to 21 1/2c for strictly fresh, including cases.

Butter—Creamery, 21 to 23c for choice to extras; seconds, 20 to 21c; dairy, 18 to 20c for choice to fancy, seconds, 17 to 18c.

Cheese—8 to 12c per pound. Dressed Poultry—Roosters, 4c; hens, 5c to 6c; spring chickens, 5c to 6c; turkeys, 6 to 8c; geese, 6 to 7c; ducks, 6 1/2 to 7c.

Dressed meats—Veal, 4 to 6c, mutton 5 to 6c, lamb, 8c.

Vegetables—Potatoes, 35 to 40c; onions, red, 35 to 70c, white, 75 to 90c per bushel.

Hides—Green salted, heavy cows, \$ for No. 1, 7c for No. 2; steers, 6c to 60 lbs., No. 1, 8c; No. 2, 7c; sheepskins, 25 to 60c each; veal, 1c, 5 1/2 to 10c for No. 2 and No. 1.

Seneca root, 30 to 35c, according to quality; tallow, 3 1/4 to 4 1/2c. Wool—Unwashed, fine, 13 1/2 to 14 1/2c. Hum fine, 14 1/2 to 15c, medium, 15 to 16c, coarse, 14 1/2c to 15 1/2c.

Hay—Timothy, \$10.25 to \$14.25 per

ton, as to quality, prairie, \$3.00 to \$12.50.

Beans—Fancy hand picked, \$2.25; medium, hand picked, \$2, medium, \$1.25 to \$1.50.

Apples—Ben Davis, \$2.75 to \$3.00; Greenings, \$2.75, Baldwins, \$3 to \$3.25, Jonathan, \$4.50 to \$5.00 per barrel.

**BRITISH COLUMBIA.**

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**Business at Vancouver.**

A feature of the week was the passage of the ferry railway scheme in Victoria by which that city binds itself to give a bonus of \$15,000 a year for 20 years. In exchange for ferry and railway connection with the mainland of British Columbia, Victoria believes that many other railway schemes will evolve themselves out of this project, as the Great Northern are said to be at the back of it. A railway to the head of Vancouver Island and another from Victoria and Vancouver, to the Kootenays are spoken of. In the meantime the Great Northern Railway, to establish a proper ferry depot at the mouth of the Fraser at Ladners, will be obliged to open up 25 miles of ranch land in Westminster district, by rail from Westminster, their present terminus, and this railway will connect with the Vancouver and Lulu Island railway, under process of construction by the Canadian Pacific Railway, from Vancouver to Steveston, at a point just opposite Ladners, on the Fraser river.

Among the big trade deals this week, is the projected establishment of cement works at Sydney, which, it is thought, is but the forerunner of other concerns made possible by the projected Victoria railway ferry proposition.

The board of trade and the citizens committee are devising ways and means to encourage capitalists to place steamers on the numerous northern runs out of Vancouver to enable Vancouver to spread her trade into natural channels.

**British Columbia Markets.**

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**PRICES AT VANCOUVER.**

(By wire to The Commercial.)

Vancouver Dec 8

Oats are \$1 per ton lower and the market is easy at the decline. Flour is down 20c per barrel. Potatoes have advanced sharply. Fraser Valley potatoes being out of the market. Oranges have dropped 50c per box. Butter is 1c higher. Fresh local eggs are bringing fancy prices.

**GRAIN**—Oats, \$25 per ton; wheat, \$28. **FLOUR**—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$5.60; strong bakers, \$4.40; Oregon, \$4.30 per barrel. Embury, B. C. patents, \$5.00.

**FEED**—National white chops, \$24 per ton; bran, \$20; shorts, \$22; oil cake meal \$35 ton; 4 lb. Vancouver, including duty paid on imported stuff.

**HAY**—Per ton, \$12.

**MEAL**—Rolled oats, 100 sack, \$2.90; 100 sack, \$2.70; four sack, \$2.50. Corn, 7 1/2 sack, \$2.50. Oatmeal in 100 sack, per 100 lb., \$3.25; in 50 lb. sacks, \$3.00 per 100 lb.

**HIDES AND WOOL**—Sound heavy steers, 7 1/2c per lb., medium, 6c, light cows, 5 1/2c; sheep pelts, November killed, 50c each; deer skins, green, 8c lb.; deer skins, dry, 20c lb., wool, 67/10c lb.

**LIVE STOCK**—Steers, \$4.50 per 100 lb., butchers' cows, \$5 per 100 lb.; sheep, \$1.00 per 100 lb.; lambs, \$4.00 to \$4.50 each; hogs, \$6.00 per 100 lb.

**POULTRY**—Chickens, \$3 1/2 doz.; ducks, \$4 1/2 doz.; geese, \$10 doz.; turkeys, 15 1/2c lb. live weight.

**DRESSED MEATS**—Beef, 7 1/2c; mutton, 11c; pork, 8c; veal, 8 1/2c.

**GAMM**—Mallard ducks, 50c per pair; grouse, \$1.25 per pair; venison, 50c; snipe and quail, 15c.

**OYSTERS**—Cans, 6c dozen, shell, 25c dozen.

**CURED MEATS**—Hams, 14c; break fast bacon, 16c; backs, 14 1/2c; long clear, 12 1/2c; rolls, 12 1/2c; smoked sides, 13 1/2c.

**LARD**—Tins, 13c per lb., pails, 12 1/2c; tubs, 12 1/2c.

**BUTTER**—Local creamery fresh 3 lb. Manitoba creamery, 23 1/2c; goat cream, 25c; fresh dairy, 21c. **Eggs**—Fresh local, 50c; eastern eggs, 21 1/2c per 100.

**CHEESE**—Eastern, 12 1/2c.

**VEGETABLES**—Adcohort potatoes, \$22 per ton; silver skin onions, 2 1/2c per lb.; California onions, 2 1/2c per lb.; lettuce, \$2 crate.

**FISH**—Flounders, 3c; smelts, 5c; sea bass, 4c; whiting, 5c; soles, 6c; halibut, 6c; salmon, 7c; cod, 6c per lb.; crabs, 60c

per dozen, smoked salmon, 10c, smoked halibut, 10c.

**GREEN FRUITS**—California navel oranges, \$3.00; (3.50 local apples, 50c; Oregon apples, \$1.00; (1.50 box; California grapes, \$1.00; (1.75 box, lemons, \$3.00; (3.50 box.

**DRIED FRUITS**—Apricots, 11c, peaches, 10c; pitted plums, 11c, prunes, French, 5 1/2c; London layer raisins, \$2.25 per box; Muscatel raisins, 2 crown, 5 1/2c; 3 crown, 9c; 4 crown, 9 1/2c; dates, 9c; black figs, 6c, white figs, 9 1/2c, layer figs, 10 1/2c, \$1.25; silver prunes, 9 1/2c; quartered pears, 10 1/2c; half pears, 11 1/2c; nectarines, 11c; sultanas 11 1/2c, blackberries, 15c; raspberries, 25c; seeded raisins, 11c.

**NUTS**—Almonds, 17c; filberts, 12 1/2c; peanuts, 8 1/2c; Brazil, 16c; walnuts, 14c per lb., peanuts, 8c per lb.; coconuts, 90c; (1 doz.

**SUGARS**—Powdered, 1c; long and bar, 7c; Paris lump, 6 1/2c; granulated, 5 1/2c; extra C, 4 1/2c; fancy yellows, 4 1/2c; yellow, 4 1/2c; per lb.

**SYRUPS**—50 gal. barrels, 2 1/2c lb.; 10 gal. kegs, 2 1/2c; 5 gal. tins, \$1.75 each, 1 gal. tins, \$1.50 case of 10, 1/2 gal. tins, \$5.25 case of 20.

**TEAS**—Congo, fair, 11 1/2c; good, 18c; choice, 20c; Ceylon and India, fair, 10c; **RICE**—Chinese rice, \$74 ton; Japan, 10c, \$80; (94 ton; (Japan, 5c; \$20, 5c.

**CANNED GOODS**—Corn, \$1.05; (1.50; peas, \$1.05; (1.10; tomatoes, \$1.25; beans, \$1.10.

**HARDWARE**—Bar iron—Base, \$2.75; Horse shoe nails, discount, 40 per cent; horse shoes, kegs, \$5.25. Wire nails—Base price, \$1.00, cut \$3.35. Rope, Manila, 15c; Billed oil, \$1.00. White iron, 3c. Putty, \$3.50. Barbed wire, \$4.75 per 100 lb. Glass, first break, \$4.75.

**PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY**

Special to The Commercial

Nelson, Dec. 8.

Business is satisfactory in the Kootenay. The Boundary district continues to improve, and a larger number of men are now working at the mines there than ever before. Butter is 1/2 to 1c higher. Other prices unchanged.

Butter—Choice dairy, 21c, creamery, 24 1/2 to 25 1/2c.

Cheese—New cheese, 13c. Eggs—25 to 28c.

Oats—Per ton, \$28. Milled—Bran, \$20, shorts, \$22 per ton.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$5.20. Hay—Per ton, \$23. Potatoes—Per ton, \$18.

**British Columbia Notes.**

Percy Dankerley of Trail has assigned.

D. L. Bellefleur, of Moyle, has assigned.

Onions & Pimley, bicycles, Victoria, have dissolved partnership.

J. E. McEwen and John Simpson have purchased the grocery business at Nelson formerly owned by S. B. Enman.

Nelson Miner: The customs returns at Nelson for the month of November were as follows: Dutiable import value, \$63,738; free import value, \$8,907, total, \$74,706. Duty collected, \$15,927.10, other revenue, \$40.00.

The following companies have been incorporated British Columbia Record, Ltd., capital \$20,000. Nelson Power Co., Ltd., capital \$75,000. Royston Gold Mines, capital \$1,000,000. Silver Belt Mining Company, Ltd., capital \$100,000.

La Societe D'Etudes de la Colombie Britannique, Ltd., a mining and exploration company of London, with a provincial office at Nelson, has been licensed to carry on business in British Columbia.

At the next session of the legislature Macdonald and Heisterman will apply for an act to incorporate the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Co., Ltd., and Messrs. Robertson & Robertson for the incorporation of a company to build a railway from Vancouver to Grand Forks.

During the month just closed, the business done at the Victoria customs house showed that the imports, free, amounted to \$91,714, and dutiable to \$250,258, making a total of \$341,972. The foreign exports amounted to \$152,912, of which \$120,353 represented foreign goods and \$32,559 domestic. The amount collected at Victoria during the month is as follows: Duty, \$63,743.18, Chinese, \$2,082, and other revenues, \$68,10, total, \$67,903.28. There was collected at the outpost of Bennett, \$4,553.37, making a grand total of \$70,446.65.

**Alberta Poultry.**

Quite a lot of turkeys and other kinds of poultry have been marketed at Edmonton and other points in

northern Alberta this year, showing that that district is going ahead as a mixed farming section. The turkeys, however, have the same fault as is noticeable about Manitoba grown turkeys, namely they are not fat enough. Our farmers should be able to supply the home and British Columbia trade in poultry, but more care is required, particularly in raising turkeys, in food and weight. The increase in weight would amply repay farmers for feeding up turkeys better than they have been doing for the market.

**Reckless Credit in British Columbia.**

Vancouver, Dec. 4.—Several commercial travellers for eastern houses and managers of local wholesale establishments were interviewed yesterday regarding the state of trade in Vancouver. The consensus of opinion was that business, although somewhat better than last year, was not in a satisfactory state. Money is very tight, and as there are 500 eastern commercial travellers working the province, many of them on commission, with instructions to use their own judgment as to whom they sell, too many goods are being placed in the cities of the coast and the Kootenay towns. As a result a large number of small retail merchants are kept busy meeting their obligations and are not figuring on making profits. There are, as estimated by the men interviewed, from \$0,000 to 100,000 white men, women and children in British Columbia, and about 50,000 Indians and Asiatics, and the stores who provide this population with necessities and luxuries are visited periodically by 125 travellers from Vancouver alone. This is exclusive of travellers from Victoria and the eastern travellers already mentioned. Owing to this excessive competition it is asserted that too much credit is being given, many cases having occurred where supposedly very conservative eastern concerns have sold goods on personal unsecured notes, for sums from \$500 to \$5,000 to men who were absolutely irresponsible. The manager of one of the largest wholesale establishments in Vancouver gave two illustrations of reckless credit given to irresponsible concerns by eastern men travelling on commission. In one little town on the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, not far from Vancouver, the proprietor of a small saloon boasted to him that he had been shipped \$500 worth of cigars from the east on credit, and produced the invoice to prove it. He was asked what he would do with so many cigars in such a small settlement. The proprietor of the saloon said:—"What I can't sell, me and my friends will smoke." And what about the people that sold you the cigars was asked. "Well," was the reply, "they can smoke for their money." In another instance a big consignment of champagne was shipped to a small Kootenay town from the east, and the tavern keeper, who received it on credit, threw open his house to all comers, with the result that everybody who wanted to get on a glorious free champagne jamboree, was accommodated for three days until the consignment was exhausted. This informant stated that it would be quite safe to publish the fact that eastern Canadian houses, who had been adopting a too liberal policy in British Columbia, would do British Columbia a good turn if they were a little more careful in whom they trusted.

**British Cattle Markets.**

London, Dec. 3.—A much stronger falling has developed in the market this week for cattle, and prices show an advance of fully 1c. Choice States cattle sold at 13 1/2c; Canadians at 12 1/2c, and ranchers at 10 1/2c to 11 1/2c.

Liverpool, Dec. 3.—The trade in this market for cattle was firmer, but prices show no change, choice Canadians selling at 11c. The market for sheep was weaker and prices 1/2c lower at 11 1/2c.

**Storekeeper Wanted.**

In live new town. Extra inducements to hunters with small stock and some experience. Good store building ready. Apply to G. M. Yeomans, Dryden, Rainy River District.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE. Special to The Commercial :

Toronto, Dec. 8. Dry Goods—Mild weather is delaying the movement of white goods very much. Values are firm. All orders for spring cottons have been placed and the mills refuse to book orders for next fall. Payments on the 4th were as good as expected. Hardware—Fair movement in general seasonable lines. Values are generally steady. Groceries—Have been fairly active. Sugars are firm at an advance of 10c per cwt. on Wednesday. Granulated here now \$1.93 to \$5.03, yellow, \$4.23 to \$1.93. Dried fruits for holiday trade are active. Valencia raisins and currants are offering freely, and a weaker feeling is noticed on these lines. Canned goods are dull. Corn 75 to 80c. Tomatoes \$0 to \$5c. Peas 75 to 80c. Coffee weak.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Dec. 8. Grain deliveries are light Ontario wheat is easier. Flour steady to easier. Dressed hogs are easier, though good prices are being paid. Eggs are 1c lower for fresh gathered stock. Poultry firm. Flour—Manitoba Patent, \$4.35 Manitoba bakers, \$4.05 for carlots at Toronto. Ontario patent, \$2.80 to \$2.00. Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, 64c for red and white west. Ontario spring, 66c; No. 1 hard, 92c, and No. 2 88c, grinding in transit, Toronto and west, 90 to 90½c for No. 1 hard. Oats—No. 1 white, 26 to 26½c east, 2 white, 25 to 26c, on cars north and west. Barley—7c for No. 3 extra at country points west. Millfeed—Shorts, \$13 to \$14 per ton for cars west, bran, \$12.00 to \$12.50. Oatmeal—\$9.10 in bags per barrel, and \$3.20 in wood for carlots, Toronto. Hay—Carlots on track, \$9.50 to \$9.75 per ton. Eggs—11 to 12c for fresh gathered, and 20 to 22c for new laid per dozen, as to quality. Hmed, 15c. Butter—Choice fresh dairy in tubs and pails, 18 to 19c, as to quality. medium, 13 to 14c. Large rolls, fresh, 17 to 18c. pound rolls, 18 to 19c. creamery packages, 20 to 21c. prints, 22 to 23c. Cheese—1½c for job lots. Hides—8½c for No. 1 cows, No. 1 heavy steers, 9½c, country hides ½c under these prices. Calfskins, 8c for No. 1, and 7c for No. 2. Sheepskins, 90c each, tallow, 5 to 7½c. Wool—Washed fleece, 16 to 18c, unwashed, 9 to 10c. Beans—\$1.25 to \$1.45 per bushel for handpicked, job lots. Dried Apples—¾ to 1c for round lots; evaporated, 5½c. Honey—10 to 10½c per pound. Poultry—Chickens, 2½c to 40c per pair turkeys, 7½ to 8½c per pound ducks, 40 to 60c per pair; geese, 5c to 1c per pound. Potatoes—¾ to 3¾c per bushel for carlots. Dressed Hogs—Car lots offering at \$6.75 to \$7.00 per 100 pounds.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET. Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Dec. 8. Receipts at the semi-weekly market yesterday were 320 cattle, 1,000 sheep and lambs, and 1,000 hogs. Export cattle—Trade dull, few cattle to be had. Prices steady at \$4.15 to \$4.60 per 100 lbs. Butchers' cattle—Trade good offerings fair quality. The fine cattle were bought readily and good prices were paid. Sales were made to-day at \$3.25 to \$4.50 and \$4.75. These were for medium to good lots, and choice cattle sold up to \$4 and \$4.15. Export bulls—Prices for heavy bulls advanced to \$7.50 to \$4.40 per cwt. Light \$3 to \$3.50. Feeders—There is a steady demand for high grade feeders and the price has advanced. Saw-keep are now quoted at \$3.50 to \$4. Stockers—Inquiry limited. Quoted at \$1.50 to \$3.00. Sheep and lambs.—Market weak. Export ewes sold down ½c per cwt at \$3 to \$3.25, butchers' sheep were 25c each lower, selling at \$2.50 to \$3. Lambs 12½c lower at \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt, and were quoted at \$2.50 to \$3.50 each. A small bunch of fancy ewes sold at \$4 per cwt.

Hogs—Prices were 25 to 50c per cwt. higher. The demand for hogs has been very keen during the past couple of weeks and deliveries have not been large enough to supply the trade. Selections of 1.00 to 2.00 lbs. natural weight brought \$6 per cwt. and lights and fats \$5.75.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, Dec. 8. Receipts at the semi-weekly markets yesterday were 72 cars, including 670 sheep and lambs, and 2,500 hogs. The demand for cattle was slow and a number were left over, which will likely be sent to Montreal. Export cattle were firm, however, a few steers selling at \$4.50. Choice butchers sold fairly well, bringing Tuesday's prices. Sheep and lambs unchanged. Hogs steady at Tuesday's prices. The prospect is that the top price on hogs has been reached.

MONTREAL GRAIN & PRODUCE Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 8. Oats are offering more freely and prices are ½ to 1c lower this week. Wheat and barley nominal. Flour quiet and steady. Rolled oats firmer. A shade higher prices have been asked. Feed active and firm. Hay good demand. Cheese quiet and steady. Butter firm. Eggs firm. Hides have dropped 1c. Potatoes are firmer. Poultry active. Game scarce. Dressed hogs firm, with receipts light. Wheat—No. 1 spring wheat, 73 to 73½c. Barley—46c. Oats—30½c. Oats—31 to 31½c. Flour—In fair demand. Manitoba patent, \$4.35 to \$4.40, Manitoba strong bakers, \$4.05 to \$4.10, straight rollers, \$3.75 to \$3.40. Rolled Oatmeal—\$3.25 to \$3.35 per barrel, and \$1.57½ to \$1.62½ for bags. Feed—Market firm, good demand. Manitoba bran, bags, \$15; shorts, \$17. Baled Hay—Choice, \$9.50 to \$10, No. 2, \$8.50 to \$9.00. Cheese—Western, September, 11½c; 11½c. October, 10½ to 10¾c, eastern, 9½ to 10½c for September and October. Butter—Finest creamers, 20½ to 21c, seconds, 20 to 20½c, western dairy, 17 to 18c. Eggs—Prices firm. Now laid, 24c, cold storage, stock, 14 to 16; Montreal 'hmed, 15 to 16c; western hmed, 14 to 15c. Maple Syrup—6½ to 7c in wood, tins, 50 to 60c. Honey—White clover, comb, 13 to 14½c; buckwheat comb, 10 to 12½c; extracted, 7 to 8c. Hides—No. 1, 8½c; No. 2, 7½c; No. 3, 6½c; calfskins, 8 and 6c; lamb-skins, 90c for good fresh skins. Potatoes—Carlots, 40c; broken lots, 45 to 50c. Poultry—Turkeys, 8 to 9c; chickens, 7 to 7½c; ducks, 8 to 9c; geese, 5½ to 6½c. Game—Partridge, firsts, 70c a pair; seconds, 45 to 50; deer, carcasses, 4½ to 5c per pound. Dressed Hogs—Car lots, \$7.25 to \$7.50.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES. Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 8. Receipts of live stock at the East End abattoir market yesterday were 700 cattle and 1,000 sheep and lambs. Mild weather has affected business adversely. A carload of good Manitoba cattle sold at 4 to 4½c per lb. good cattle brought 3½ to 4c, and common stock 2 to 3c per lb. Shippers paid 3c per lb for good large sheep, and butchers 2½ to 3c per lb. for the others. Good lambs sold at 4 to 4½c per lb, and others at 3½ to 3¾c per lb. Fat hogs were scarce and sold at 5½ to 5¾c per lb for good straight lots, weighed off cars.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS

Montreal, Dec. 7. At the East End abattoir yesterday receipts were 500 cattle, 400 sheep, 300 lambs and 250 hogs. Business in cattle was fair and prices were steady. Choice sold at 4½ to 4¾c, good 3½ to 4c, fair at 3 to 3½c, low grades 2c upward. Sheep sold at 2½ to 3c, lambs 3¼ to 3½c. Hogs firm at 5½ to 6½c off cars.

MONTREAL GROCERY TRADE Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 8. Sugars were advanced 10c this week. Dried fruits are active. Valencia raisins are ½c lower. Currants

are 1c to 2c lower. Prices are as follows:— Sugar, granulated, \$1.85 per 100 lbs; yellows, \$4.05 to \$4.05; molasses, 40 to 41c. Valencia raisins, fine off stalk, 7½ to 8c, selected, 8½ to 9½c. Layers, 8½ to 9½c, currants, 10½ to 10½c. Canned goods, tomatoes, 2½ to 3½c, peas, 75 to 80c, corn, 30 to 40c, salmon, \$8 to \$8.75 per case; Japan tea, 16 to 20c. Provisions—Quotations are: Pork, \$17.50 to \$18.50, lard, pure, 10½ to 11½c, hams, 12 to 14c, bacon, 13 to 14c.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET. Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 8. The hardware market is quiet. The only change in prices reported this week is an advance of 10c on cement. Pig iron, summerize, No. 1, \$24 to \$25.00; Nova Scotia, \$18.00 to \$20.00; bar iron, \$1.50 to \$1.60; tin plates, cokes, \$3.85 to \$4.00; charcoal, \$1.25 to \$4.50; Canada plates, \$2.50 to \$2.90;terne plates, \$7.50; Ingot tin, 29 to 30c; copper, 18 to 19c. lead, \$4.15 to \$4.25; manila cordage, 12 to 13c; seal, 9 to 10c; linseed oil, raw, 81 to 82c. boiled, \$4 to 5c; seal oil, 52½ to 55c; turpentine, 62 to 63c. cement, German, \$2.50 to \$2.70. English, \$2.40 to \$2.50. Belgian, \$1.90 to \$2.10. Canadian, \$2.20 to \$2.35. white lead, standard, \$6.50. coal tar, \$1 to \$1.50.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET. Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Dec. 7. Cheese quoted at 51s 6d to 52s 6d, which is unchanged from a week ago.

LONDON SUGAR MARKET Special to The Commercial.

London, Dec. 7. Beet sugar steady and unchanged.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET. Special to The Commercial :

Liverpool, Dec. 7. Cattle steady at 11½ to 12c, dressed weight. sheep, 11 to 12c. These prices are ½c lower than a week ago for sheep. Cattle steady.

HOG PRODUCTS Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Dec. 8. Hog products are steady and unchanged. Dressed hogs, easier tendency. Dressed hogs, \$6.75 to \$7.00 for car lots. Lard is again ½c higher.

SILVER.

London, Dec. 4.—Bar silver steady at 20 11-16d per ounce. New York, Dec. 1.—Bar silver, 61½c silver certificates, 61 to 62c. Mexican dollars, 50½c.

WESTERN BUSINESS ITEMS.

The Whitewater mine, Sandon, B. C., shipped 328 tons of ore for the week ending November 29th. The Blinning Brothers Company will open in the dry goods business at Calgary, the first of February, in the store to be vacated by Glanville & Robinson. C. S. Pingle, of Regina, has bought the bankrupt stock of D. A. Black, druggist, Medicine Hat, and is getting established there in business on his own account. It is said the Star mine, Sandon, B. C., will pay a dividend of \$25,000 this month. The last shipment of the American Boy ore netted \$1,104 per car. A shipment of ore from the Speculator, at Slocan, gave 1 100 ozs. of silver. Sandon Review.

THE COMMERCIAL MEN

W. A. Inglis arrived in the city on Saturday from the west. O. H. Hatcher, of the Deering Harvester Co., has returned from a trip through the west to Winnipeg. J. W. Leathorn, with the Kilgour, Rimer Co., Winnipeg, has left for eastern markets on a purchasing trip. Private mail advices from California report that the situation on apricots is steadily growing firmer, due to the improved demand in the west, and the fact that choice and fancy grades are closely controlled on the coast.

Mining in British Columbia. From the annual report of the Vancouver Board of Trade.

In reviewing the progress that has been made in the mining industry of the province during the past year, in order to fully realize the advance that has been made, it is necessary to look at the question from several standpoints. The first, and probably the most important to the investing public, is the increase that has been made in the actual output of the mines. This is shown in the preceding tables to be nearly one and a half million dollars, and is conclusive evidence of our actual growth, being in a certain sense a measure of the same. These figures speak for themselves, and they speak the truth as far as they go, but on certain points they are silent. What they leave unsaid requires to be said for them, and possibly they need some interpretation and explanation. They say nothing of the preparations for shipment, of the development work done, nor of the shutting down of many of those mines—for no cause inherent to themselves—which in previous years have been our largest producers. The total mineral output of the province for the year 1899, (including coal), amounts to \$12,393,131, as against \$10,906,861 for the previous year, an increase of \$1,486,270, equivalent to an increase of 13 2-3 per cent. over last year. This is in itself a very creditable showing, but is much more so when it is taken into consideration that it is made in spite of the fact that the temporary shutting down of certain of the mines caused a deficit of \$910,844 in silver and lead values alone. There is every reason to believe that but for this shutting down we would have had from these same mines an increase of \$700,000 in place of the present deficit, which would have brought our year's increase to \$2,863,150, or about 27 per cent. over last year. GOLD. The gold production for the year 1899—including both placer and lode gold—amounts to the large sum of \$1,202,473, thoroughly substantiating the claim of British Columbia to the title of the Golden Province. Never before in the history of the province has the gold production reached the four million mark. The nearest approach thereto was in 1863, when the production was \$3,913,500, and this year consequently leads any previous year by \$288,910. The yield of placer gold was \$1,344,900, an amount not equalled within the last twelve years. This increase is due to the Atlin district, which this year first enters the lists as a serious producer, and, despite the disadvantage of a late first season and innumerable disputes as to the ownership of claims, has yielded about \$500,000 in gold. Placer mining in other parts of the province has, on the whole, not been very successful this past year, largely owing to an excessively wet season, which kept the rivers so constantly in flood that but few of them could be worked by the usual placer methods. Gold obtained by hydraulicing has been included under placer gold, and forms the chief part of the product of the Cariboo district. Dredging for gold has not yet become a factor in the yield. Many companies are at work building and experimenting with different classes of dredges and machinery, but the problem of saving the fine flake gold, which unquestionably exists in the bed of the Fraser and other rivers, is a complicated one and requires time to solve. The output of gold obtained from lode mining was \$2,857,573, an increase over last year of some \$656,356. This increase is due chiefly to the greatly increased tonnage of the Rossland camp and the operations of the Ymir mines in the Nelson mining division. Lillooet Mining division this year has also contributed some \$27,000 worth of gold, the product of stamp mills, whereas in the Osoyoos district there has been a decrease of about 30 per cent. from the previous year's production, which is accounted for by the fact that most of the producing mines confined themselves largely to development work, in anticipation of the railway facilities expected in the near future, and the consequent cheapening of freights and supplies. The production of gold from lode

mining has been obtained approximately as follows: From direct smelting ... \$2,166,000 From combined amalgamation and concentrating ... 900,000 From cyanide process ... 61,000

Total ... \$2,857,000

COPPER.

The amount of fine copper produced in the province during 1899 was 7,722,591 lbs., an increase of about 6 per cent. over last year. While this increase in the actual output is comparatively slight, the exceedingly good market prices ruling throughout the year caused the value of such production to amount to an increase of about 75 per cent. over that of 1898.

As yet the copper-producing districts are practically limited to three—Rossland, Nelson, and the coast.

Rossland produced about 75 per cent of our total copper output this past year, with a tonnage of 172,665 tons, an increase of some 55 per cent over 1898. The increase in the amount of fine copper produced was about 9 per cent, but the increase in the value of such production was about 65 per cent.

The copper production of the Nelson Camp fell off this year some 600,000 lbs in fine copper; however, the increase in the market price obtained brought the value of the 1899 product up to about the same as that of 1898.

Relatively, the copper production of the Coast District has not as yet reached any very important figure. The output this year was some 651,972 lbs fine copper, produced from some 5,200 tons of ore, the product of mines on Texada Island, on Mt. Sicker on the east coast, and near Alberni on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

SILVER-LEAD.

While it is a pleasure to note the material increase in other quarters, it is with regret that I have to report so poor a showing from our silver-lead producers, chiefly of the Slocan. If taken as they stand, the statistical figures in themselves are not encouraging as to the growth of the industry, so I feel obliged to offer an explanation of our poor showing in this quarter.

The fact is that many of our largest producers in the Slocan have been shut down, either partially or entirely, for the greater part of the producing year, owing to a labor question between the owners of the mines and their workmen.

The list of producing mines in the Slocan has altered very little since last year, a few new names only appearing on the list. But the total yearly tonnage of the district has dropped from 30,691 tons in 1898 to 21,507 tons in 1899, according to the returns of ore treated or shipped. The tonnage of ore actually mined in 1899 would be somewhat less, as some of the mines having concentrators utilized the period of enforced idleness underground in running through their mill dumps of second grade ore which had accumulated, which has helped to swell the tonnage of ore shipped and accounts for the greater proportionate decrease in the silver and lead contents of the ore, there having been no appreciable decrease in the assay value of the ores mined. This decrease in production is in no way attributable to any failure or depreciation in the mines themselves, but solely to the fact that they have been worked only a portion of the year.

The total silver production for the year amounts to 2,939,413 ounces valued at \$1,663,708, a decrease from the production in 1898 of 1,357,619 ounces fine silver, and of \$712,133.

The total lead production for 1899 amounts to 21,862,436 pounds, valued at \$878,870, as against 31,693,559 pounds, valued at \$1,077,581, for 1898, a decrease of 9,831,123 pounds of lead and of \$198,711 in value.

IRON ORE.

Some 2,000 tons of iron ore was mined in the province last year—near Kamloops and on Texada Island—which was used for fluxing purposes by the smelters.

Though several extensive deposits of good ore (magnetite) are known to exist, it does not appear that the time has yet come when they can be treated for the manufacture of iron.

PLATINUM.

The returns of platinum produced are very incomplete. It is known that some has been secured at Quesnel, at North Bend, and other places, of which no record has been obtained.

The only return of product we have is from the Similkameen mining division, and that is only 55 ounces. It appears that many of the placer miners do not know its value and throw it away as so much "black sand." I might state that the value of the crude platinum sand, as washed out, will vary from \$12 to \$15 per ounce Troy. It must be further remembered by placer miners that this sand is often highly magnetic, and consequently, that the magnet will not effect a separation between this and the iron sand.

COAL.

Outside of the old established coalfields, viz. Vancouver Island collieries and those of the Crow's Nest Pass, there have been no important developments.

In the neighborhood of the valleys of the Babine and Bulkley rivers, in the Skeena Mining division, there has been some exploring of the coal deposits there found. Owing to the remoteness of these coal fields from any transportation routes to the outside world, the owners can only, at present, hope to dispose of their product to such of the local fuel consumers as have not their requirements supplied by wood.

There are some well authenticated reports of the discovery of coal in the Atlin district, but as yet no reliable detailed information is to hand as to the extent of the beds or the quality of the coal.

Of the coal deposits of the Nicola Valley, Peace River, Skeena River and Queen Charlotte Islands, nothing new has been learned this year.

I reported on initial development and plant of Crow's Nest Pass collieries last year, since when they have become a factor in our provincial development, having this year produced about 103,000 tons of coal and made nearly 30,000 tons of coke, supplying the inland coal market and sending a considerable tonnage of coke to the United States.

The coal mines of the province have again this year, as they did last, broken all previous records, with an output of 1,306,324 tons of coal and 34,251 tons of coke, an increase in coal production over last year's of 170,450 tons with a small decrease of some 750 tons in the production of coke, occasioned by slackness of work at the smelters.

The Vancouver Island Collieries alone broke all the past records, without the assistance of the Crow's Nest colliery, with a total output of 1,203,200 tons of coal, but the greater part of the coke trade, i. e., some 29,000 tons, has gone to the Crow's Nest, which is so much nearer to the points of consumption as to command the business.

Coal this year again holds the first place in our table of production—if we regard gold placer and lode mining as separate branches of the industry—with a total valuation of \$1,090,727, a large percentage of which represents coal and coke exported.

As a by-product, the Wellington Colliery Company, of Unlon, V. I., produces from its coal mines a very fair quality of fire-clay, for which a market is found, as it is the only deposit of fire-clay worked on the coast, and the increasing demand for fire-brick seems to insure a regular and growing market.

British Stocks.

London, Dec. 7.—4 p.m.—Consols for money 97 5/16; do. for the account 97 1/2; Atchison 3 3/4; C. P. R. 89 1/2; St. Paul 130 1/2; Illinois Central 128; Louisville 8 3/4; U. P. pf. 86; N. Y. C. 140 1/2; Erie 16 1/2; Pennsylvania 7 3/4; Reading 10 1/2; Erie 1st pf. 46 1/2; N. P. pf. 8 1/2; G. T. R. 6 1/2; Anaconda 9 1/2; Rand Mines 40 1/2; Bar silver steady at 29 13/16 per ounce. Money 2 1/2 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 2 1/2 per cent. do. for three months bills 2 13/16 per cent.

Dominion Government Savings bank transactions at Winnipeg for the month ending Nov. 30, are as follows: The deposits for the month were \$23,608.00; the withdrawals were \$19,346.70; the deposits exceed the withdrawals by \$4,261.30.

A wise man knows more than he tells, a fool tells more than he knows. Be very careful how you let remarks fall—they may hurt a friend. A good suit for damages is the one worn by the small boy every day. Sobriety and patience are two things that a man never has to repent of. A woman is a great deal better than her neighbor and, what is more, she knows it.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Chicago, Dec. 3.—Wheat, Dec. opened at 70 1/2, highest 70 3/4, lowest 70 1/4, closed 70 1/2. Jan. opened 70 1/2, highest 71, lowest 70 1/4, closed 70 3/4. Corn, Dec. opened 35 1/2, highest 36 1/4, lowest 35 1/4, closed at 35 3/4. May opened 36 1/4, highest 36 3/4, lowest 36, closed 36 1/2. Oats, Dec. opened 21 1/2, highest 21 3/4, lowest 21 1/4, closed 21 1/2. Pork, Jan. opened \$11 87, highest \$11 55, lowest \$11 82, closed \$11 87. Lard, Dec. opened \$9 57, closed \$9 75. Ribbs, Jan. opened \$8 15, closed \$8 17. Flax, Dec. opened \$1 60, closed \$1 62 1/2.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Wheat, Dec. opened at 70 1/2, highest 71 1/4, lowest 70 1/4, closed 71 1/4. Jan. opened 70 1/2, highest 71 1/2, lowest 70 1/4, closed 71 1/4. Corn, Dec. opened 35 1/2, highest 36 1/4, lowest 35, closed 36 1/4. Jan. opened 35 1/2, highest 36 1/4, lowest 35 1/4, closed 35 3/4. Oats, Dec. opened 21 1/2, highest 21 3/4, lowest 21 1/4, closed 21 1/2. Pork, Jan. opened \$11 87, highest \$12 02, lowest \$11 82, closed \$11 87. Lard, Dec. opened \$9 57, highest \$9 97, lowest \$9 10, closed \$9 97. Ribbs, Jan. opened \$8 15, highest \$8 50, lowest \$8 10, closed \$8 50. Flax, Dec. opened \$1 64, closed \$1 66 1/2.

Chicago, Dec. 5.—Wheat, Dec. opened at 71 1/4, highest 71 1/2, lowest 71 1/4, closed 71 1/4. Jan. opened 71 1/4, highest 72 1/2, lowest 71 1/4, closed 71 3/4. Corn, Dec. opened 37 1/2, highest 38, lowest 36 3/4, closed 37 1/2. Jan. opened 37 1/2, highest 38 1/2, lowest 37 1/4, closed 38. Oats, Dec. opened 21 1/2, lowest 21, closed 21 1/2. Pork, Jan. opened \$12 02, highest \$12 10, lowest \$12 22, closed \$12 22. Lard, Dec. opened \$9 57, highest \$9 90, lowest \$9 27, highest \$9 27, closed \$9 27. Flax, Dec. opened \$1 66 1/2, closed \$1 67.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—Wheat, Dec. opened at 71 1/4, highest 71 1/2, lowest 70 3/4, closed 70 3/4. Jan. opened 71 1/2, highest 71 1/2, lowest 70 3/4, closed 70 3/4. Corn, Dec. opened at 37 1/2, highest 38, lowest 37 1/4, closed 37 1/2. Jan. opened 37 1/2, highest 38 1/2, lowest 36 3/4, closed 37 1/2. Oats, Dec. opened 21 1/2, closed 21 1/2. Pork, Jan. opened \$12 22, highest \$12 33, lowest \$12 20, closed \$12 25. Lard, Dec. opened \$9 17, highest \$9 17, lowest \$9 12, closed \$9 12. Ribbs, Jan. opened \$8 30, highest \$8 35, lowest \$8 30, closed \$8 35. Flax, Dec. closed \$1 68.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Wheat, Dec. opened at 70 3/4, highest 71 1/2, lowest 70 1/4, closed 70 3/4. Jan. opened 70 3/4, highest 71 1/2, lowest 70 1/4, closed 70 3/4. Corn, Dec. opened at 37 1/2, highest 38, lowest 37 1/4, closed 37 1/2. Jan. opened 37 1/2, highest 38 1/2, lowest 36 3/4, closed 37 1/2. Oats, Dec. opened 21 1/2, highest 21 1/2, lowest 21 1/4, closed 21 1/2. Pork, Jan. opened \$12 22, highest \$12 25, lowest \$12 17, closed \$12 25. Ribbs, Jan. opened \$8 35, highest \$8 35, lowest \$8 30, closed \$8 35. Flax, Dec. closed \$1 65 a.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—December wheat opened at 70 3/4 and ranged downward to 70c. Closing prices were: Wheat—Dec., 70 1/4c, May, 73 1/4c. Corn—Dec., 36 3/4c. Oats—Dec., 21 1/2c. Pork—Dec., \$11 25. Lard—Dec., \$9 10. Ribbs—Dec., \$8 40.

A week ago December option closed at 70c. A year ago December wheat closed at 66 1/2c; two years ago at 64 1/4c, three years ago at \$1 04 1/2; four years ago at 79c; five years ago at 56 1/4c; and six years ago at 54 1/2c.

New York.

New York, Dec. 3.—Wheat, Dec. opened 76 1/4c, highest 77, lowest 76 1/2, closed at 76 1/2 a.

New York, Dec. 4.—Wheat, Dec. opened 76 1/2 b, highest 77 1/2 c, lowest 76 1/2 c, closed 77 1/2 c b.

New York, Dec. 5.—Wheat, Dec. opened 78 1/2, closed 78 1/2. May opened 80 1/2, highest 80 1/2, lowest 80 1/2, closed 80 1/2 c.

New York, Dec. 6.—Wheat, Dec. opened 77 1/2, closed 77 1/2. May opened 79 1/2, highest 79 1/2, lowest 79 1/2, closed 79 1/2 c.

New York, Dec. 7.—Wheat, Dec. opened 77 1/2 b, highest 77 1/2, lowest 77 1/2 b, closed 77 1/2 c. May opened 79 1/2, highest at 79 1/2, lowest 79 1/2, closed 79 1/2 a.

New York, Dec. 8.—December wheat closed at 76 1/2c, May closed at 78 1/2c.

Minneapolis Wheat.

Minneapolis, Dec. 3.—Wheat, Dec. opened 71 1/2 b, highest 71 1/2, lowest 71 1/4, closed 71 1/2 c b.

Minneapolis, Dec. 4.—Wheat, Dec. opened 71 1/2 b, highest 72 1/2, lowest 71 1/2 c b, closed 72 1/2 c.

Minneapolis, Dec. 5.—Wheat, Dec. opened 73, closed 73 1/2. May opened 74 1/2, highest 75 1/2, lowest 75 1/2, closed 75 1/2 c 3/4.

Minneapolis, Dec. 6.—Wheat, Dec. opened 72 1/2, highest 73 1/2, lowest 72, closed at 72 1/2 1/2. May opened 75 1/2, highest 75 1/2, lowest 74 1/2, closed 74 1/2 c.

Minneapolis, Dec. 7.—Wheat, Dec. opened 72 1/2 b, highest 72 1/2, lowest 71 1/2, closed 72 c.

Minneapolis, Dec. 8.—Wheat closed at 71 3/4c for Dec., and 73 1/2c for May option. Cash No. 1 hard closed at 71 3/4c for cash No. 1, northern at 72 3/4 cents.

Duluth Wheat.

Duluth, Dec. 3.—Wheat, Dec. opened at 70 1/2, highest 71 1/4 b, lowest 70 1/4, closed at 71 1/2 c b.

Duluth, Dec. 4.—Wheat, Dec. opened at 71 1/2 b, highest 71 1/2, lowest 71 1/2, closed at 71 1/2 c. No. 1 hard 73 1/2 b. No. 1 northern 71 1/2 c b.

Duluth, Dec. 5.—Wheat, Dec. opened at 71 1/2, closed 72 1/2 c b. No. 1 hard 74 1/2 c b. No. 1 northern 72 1/2 c b.

Duluth, Dec. 6.—Wheat, Dec. opened at 71 1/2, highest 71 1/2, lowest 71 1/2, closed at 71 1/2 c. No. 1 hard 73 1/2 c b. No. 1 northern 71 1/2 c b.

Duluth, Dec. 7.—Wheat, Dec. opened at 71 1/2 b, closed 71 1/2 c. May opened 75 1/2 b, highest 75 1/2, lowest 75 b, closed 75 1/2 c. No. 1 hard 73 1/2 c b. No. 1 northern 71 1/2 c b.

Duluth, Dec. 8.—December option closed at 70 1/2 c, and May at 73 c for No. 1 northern wheat, Cash No. 1 hard closed to-day at 72 1/2 c, and cash No. 1 northern at 70 1/2 c.

A week ago December wheat closed at 70 1/4 c. A year ago December wheat closed at 64 1/4 c, two years ago at 62 1/4 c, three years ago at 89 1/2 c, four years ago at 78 1/2 c, five years ago at 53 1/2 c.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Flax seed closed to-day at \$1 63 for December.

DULUTH FLAX MARKET.

Duluth, Dec. 8.—The market for flax seed closed at \$1 63 for cash and \$1 65 for December.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, Dec. 8.—Wheat unchanged to 1/2 higher, at 5s 11 1/2 for No. 2 red, per cwt.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT

The local market was very weak, on the break at other centres. No. 3 hard was offered at 65c, but at the close it would be hard to have found buyers at over 64 1/2c, which price appeared to represent the market at the close.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—The wheat market was irregular, opening higher, then selling off sharply, finally rallying at the close with prices 3/4c higher than last night. Local traders who bought early turned sellers on the small outside trade and took the short side. The foreign markets were generally firm, in face of our decline of yesterday; Liverpool closing 1/2 higher. Paris 1/2 to 3/4 higher; Antwerp 3/4 lower. The most bearish factor was the large primary receipts, 200,000 bushels over last year's. Clearances were small, 118,000 bushels for the day and for the week are 3,432,000 bushels. Argentine shipments were small, 200,000 bushels. World's shipment will be in the neighborhood of 6,000,000 bushels. Cash sales were 104,000 bushels; the seaboard reports 184,000 bushels.

Corn was very dull and featureless with prices generally a shade higher than yesterday. While there was a demand for December from commission houses it was not urgent. Local professionals bought May. The weather was unfavorable. Country offerings were larger, but the corn is not coming to Chicago, it being shipped east. To-day's receipts were small, 211 cars, with 225 estimated for tomorrow. Cash sales were about 100,000 bushels. Clearances were 689,000 bushels and for the week are heavy, 5,371,000 bushels.

Oats were dull and featureless. The close was barely 1/4c over yesterday. The shipping demand was small at a fractional advance. To-day's carlots were 151 with 178 estimated for Saturday.

An easier hog market, talk of larger movement of hogs next week and a small cash demand both for meats and lard brought about a moderate decline in provisions; closing prices were at a fair reaction from the low point. Speculative trade was of a good volume and largely between packers. Receipts of hogs to-day 27,000; estimated for to-morrow 23,000 hogs.

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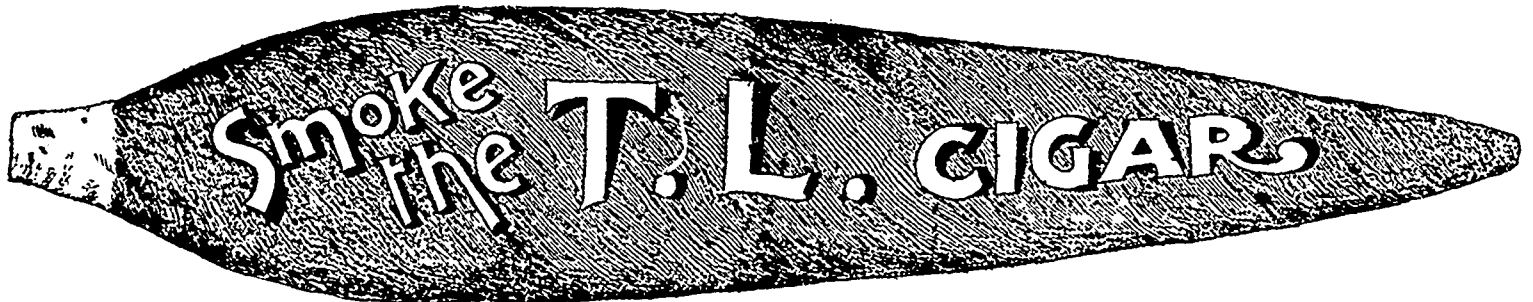
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The steamer New England, of the New England Fishing Company arrived this week at Vancouver, B.C. from the halibut banks, with 105,000 pounds of halibut being the largest halibut catch on record. The catch was made in 30 hours. The weather was very rough and a quantity of fishing gear was lost.

R. H. Ahn's report on the Golden Star mining property has been made public. On the whole it is encouraging and predicts a dividend for the future if money is spent in thorough development. He suggests the sum of about \$25,000 for expenditure in machinery, including an addition of ten stamps to the present mill, also an addition of \$25,000 for working capital.



**Mining on the North Saskatchewan River.**

Mr. George Macfarlane, manager of the Saskatchewan River Gold and Platinum Dredging Property, was in the city this week on his way to England, and was seen by a Free Press representative as to what progress in gold dredging was being made on the Saskatchewan and what the prospects were. Mr. Macfarlane, who is an Australian by birth and has been engaged in mining all his life, gave the following information in reply to the query of the Free Press:

"The company which I represent is an English company controlled by the Universal Corporation and the Discoverers' Finance Corporation, both of London, England. The company has a capital of £250,000, a good deal of which is held by Canadians, chiefly in Montreal. The company last year put a dredge at work and spent about \$75,000 on development work, but owing to the machinery not being of the best class the returns were not anything near what we looked for. The returns per ton of the stuff treated were satisfactory enough, but we could not lift the stuff. I, therefore, went to New Zealand for the purpose of studying the work there. In New Zealand they have been experimenting since 1865, but practically it is only during the last four years that they have made a success of it and at the present time there is a big boom going on. The capital necessary for the work in New Zealand is found by the working people mostly. They are not asking for outside capital. Many of the places they are now working with success is ground that has been gone over three times, the last time by Chinese, who are noted for cleaning up everything possible. The dredges now in use in New Zealand cost on an average \$25,000, each bucket dredge lifting 2,000 or 3,000 yards a day and an average cost of two cents per yard per day pays expenses. In Saskatchewan district we will have to allow a little extra on account of the black sand and the other matter in the gravel, but the average is richer than in New Zealand. The result of our experiments, which are not small, shows the recovery of over 25 cents per yard. I think when the present dredges, which are building, are in good working order we can safely treat at a cost of eight cents or less a yard, so that two-thirds of the amount recovered should be profit. The new dredges will treat 3,000 yards per day. The company so far has been working somewhat in the dark, owing to the fact that the companies building dredges in the past have been trying to do so without anything to guide them, but with the advantage of the New Zealand experience I am certain that we will put the thing on an absolutely paying basis. There is an immense quantity of gravel. The corporation I represent controls 12 1/2 miles of the river. There are quite a number of other companies with from five to 70 miles, most of whom are waiting for the result of our new venture, except the Alberta, which is erecting an up-to-date dredge on the New Zealand principle."

"From your experience in New Zealand and here, what do you think of the probable results here?"

"I think the results should be superior. I think the average of the dredging on the Saskatchewan will be more profitable than the dredging in New Zealand. In fact I am certain of it. Of course, we have a good deal of opposition, both in and out of parliament. The claim that we are a monopoly is made, but this work can only be carried on profitably on a large scale. A mining market is also the very best market for the agriculturist and Edmonton people will find in the mining communities on the Saskatchewan the best of markets. Before the construction of the Crow's Nest Pass railway and the opening up of the Kootenay business was languishing around Edmonton, but now every farmer will admit that all classes of produce have gone up in price."

Mr. Macfarlane, who is on his way to London, Eng., will return here again in a couple of months. He is very much interested in the Lake of the Woods quartz propositions, but lack of time prevents him investigating them at present. On his return he hopes to spend some time in the Lake of the Woods district, getting data, maps, and so forth, so that when he again returns to England he can speak intelligently of this portion of the Canadian mining country.

**Wabigoon Mines.**

Mr. J. R. Lumby, of the Wabigoon Star, was in the city this week. He states that a rich find has recently been made in the Glass Reef gold mine in the Wabigoon district. "I was informed," said Mr. Lumby, "that in stopping overhead in the gold reef a quantity of gold ore was displaced and in a few shots gold to the amount of \$50,000 obtained."

A new company will commence operations by the beginning of the year in this district under the name of the Gold Standard Mining company. The property is in the Lower Manitow. The capital invested is from Minnesota.

The Rainy Lake Mining and Power company will have a 10-stamp mill running all winter and the Big Master Mining company have a quantity of machinery ready to put in as soon as the ice becomes firm enough to transport it across to the property.

**Beware the Bonus Hunter.**

Montreal, Dec. 3.—James Gardiner, of Montreal, and W. M. Purdy, formerly of Toronto, have been arrested in connection with a confidence game worked on various victims. The two men represented themselves to be respectively secretary and president of the Canada Food Supply company and secured the promise of a bonus from the town of L'Assomption on condition that they started a canned goods factory, the bonus to be paid as soon as the machinery was installed and paid for.

The machinery came to town and a sworn statement was produced from Purdy, the supposed president, that it was paid for. Thereupon the bonus was handed over. Then the Montreal firm appeared to be paid for the machinery and it turned out there was no such company. The other people had been induced to invest money in the supposed business, and Purdy himself claims to have been the victim of Gardiner, and to have lost money heavily through him.

**Construction Work on C.P.R.**

Construction work on the C. P. R. closes this week. It was expected that last Saturday would see the end of it, but owing to the more favorable weather the gangs have not yet been called in from the various branches. During the season a total of 86 miles of new rail was laid on new extensions and a large amount of grading was done, to be laid with steel next spring.

The largest amount of work was done on the Pipestone extension, now completed to Arvola. Here 31 miles of rail has been laid. Work on this line during the past month has been in ballasting and fully completing the line to the terminus.

On the McGregor-Varco line track has been laid for 2 1/2 miles and 10 miles of grading beyond Westwood, the present terminus, has been done. Besides Westwood, a new station 17 miles out from McGregor has been established. The name of the station is Elraus. The tracklaying gang are still at work on this line, completing the "Y" and other terminal matters, which done will finish the work for the season.

The Lac du Bonnet line has now been run into Wapatin Lake, where the Lac du Bonnet brick works and sawmill are located. The line is "squeeled" for 22 miles from Molson. No stations have been opened with the exception of the terminus, which by next year will be a busy manufacturing place for the brick industry. The timber along the line is being taken out and will open up a good agricultural district. The district lying to the east of the line along the river has already been cultivated and developed some good ground which indicates that the Lac du Bonnet line will be useful to farming as well as to the development of the rick fields at the lake. The district beyond, along the Winnipeg river, is very picturesque and will probably attract many tourists and summer campers.

On the new spur to the mines beyond Dymont, seven miles of rail has been laid, making in all 86 miles.

The construction department is now engaged in making preparations for material for the West Sulkirk extension to the lake. Already 12 miles along survey has been graded.

The estate of the late R. G. Dun is valued at \$2,500,000. The business will be continued by trustees, in the interest of the family of deceased.

**Exploring Concessions in North-Western Ontario.**

Rat Portage Miner: The Anglo-Canadian Gold Estates Co., Limited, of which Alan Sullivan is the manager, has, for over a year been exploring in different sections of the Lake of the Woods and Selma River districts, and have succeeded in securing several promising properties. This week, however, they have been granted a license of occupation by the Ontario government covering certain blocks of territory in the district of Rainy River, for the purpose of enabling the company to explore the same for minerals, and after such discovery to acquire by purchase or lease any locations within the blocks at the ordinary price and under the usual terms and conditions of the mines act. The Anglo-Canadian company is composed solely of English capitalists who have for some time past been operating in the Rainy River country, exploring for and locating mineral properties. A large number of men are in the company's employment, and the pay roll amounts to several thousand dollars a month.

The blocks of land are five in number and are situated as follows: (1) All that portion of timber berth No. 61 north of the Selma River and west of a line drawn due north astronomically from the 38th mile post of Nivens' first base line, containing six square miles. (2) Timber berth No. 1 east of Crow Lake east of Lake of the Woods, containing 23 square miles. (3) Those portions of timber berths D. 3 D. 4 and D. 5 south of Lower Manitow Lake, which lies south of a line running north 68 degrees east astronomically, and south 68 degrees west, astronomically, through a point on Nivens' 6th meridian line 40 chains south of the 34th mile post therein, containing 29 square miles. (4) The Dick and Banning timber limit, south of Caim Lake, on the Selma River, containing 30 square miles. (5) A block of land lying west of the Dick and Banning limit, containing 29 square miles.

These several blocks of land are at most wholly unexplored, and for the most part lie outside of the regions upon which prospecting has been carried on. Whatever locations have been surveyed within the limits of the blocks are of course reserved from the license, which also provides for the protection of any existing right by virtue of discovery or otherwise. The term of the license is for three years, from January 1, 1900, and one fourth of the area drops from the operation thereof at the end of one year from the said date, one-half of the area at the end of two years, and the remainder at the expiration of the third year. The company is bound to expend in actual exploration, development and mining upon the lands, and in shipping or opening up, and in sinking shafts, or any other actual mining operations during the first year, dating from the 1st January, 1900, not less than \$75,000 during the second year, commencing 1st January, 1901, not less than \$40,000, and during the third year, commencing 1st January, 1902, not less than \$45,000, making a total of \$120,000, to be expended in prospecting for minerals during the three years.

**Sheep Feeding in the Western States.**

National Stockman: Stockmen who have travelled in the West this fall report that a great many sheep will be fed. It was thought that the high prices demanded for feeding stock earlier in the season would restrict operations; but the feeders and growers have come together on a lower level of value. A big business has been and is being done between the ranchmen and the feeders. In the Northwest the feeders and the mills which supply the screenings, have adjusted their differences and the usual number will be handled. In Colorado, indications are for extensive lamb feeding in spite of higher priced corn and hay. The largest increase in the business is in the western corn states. Here sheep will be fed instead of cattle by a great many. The Standard Cattle Company of Nebraska will feed 30,000 sheep instead of its usual quota of cattle. All this means that we may expect liberal numbers of fat sheep and lambs for the winter markets. The prices of last spring are not likely to be realized. Feeders cannot safely base their ventures on expectation of any such returns as they got last winter.

A deputation from Oak Lake, Man., consisting of Messrs. Letch and Hellwell, waited upon the government of Manitoba this week to request aid for a proposed railway to be built from Hartney northward via Oak Lake. The line is designed to serve the district west of Brandon. They were promised consideration.

The good work of abolishing the statute labor system, is making progress in Ontario. At the coming municipal elections in that province, a vote will be taken in a number of constituencies on the question of abolishing statute labor. This is the first step in the direction of securing good roads. So long as this antiquated system prevails, we cannot hope for satisfactory progress in securing good roads.

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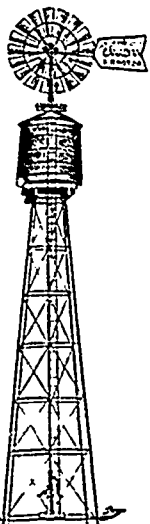


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### Grocery Trade Notes.

Sugars were advanced 10c on Wednesday at the refineries.

Green coffees are firmer, according to advices to hand this week. Tees & Persse, Winnipeg, need a car of new dates this week.

Advices this week from California report oranges scarce, owing to big holiday trade demand. Prices are firmer.

According to some reports in the coffee trade it is expected that the commissarios' estimate of 1901-1902 Rio crop, usually made in the first week in December, will be about 4,000,000 bags.

Eddy's new matches arrived in the Winnipeg market this week, or at least the two standard brands Telephone and Telegraph are on the market. They are quoted at \$3.85 for Telephone and \$3.10 for Telegraph. The cheaper Tiger brand are not here yet, but are expected next week, along with the Lagie brand for match.

According to 'The London Grocer' November 17, the business doing currents in the English market showing great improvement. It says the Grocer, "is evidenced by duty-paid clearances which during past few days have been more satisfactory. The market, however, is most unsettled state, and prices irregular, though a further general decline must be expected of about 10c. Provincials having sold at 40c, fine Almedias from 46s to 50s and tizza up to 60s. Present prices again so reasonable that a large assumption should ensue when the reduced values are brought prominently before the public. The stock in G. is about 9,000 tons, much of which is too low in quality for the European markets, so that in spite of the portury depression the statistical situation is undoubtedly strong and scarcity must be felt later on."

### Dry Goods Trade Notes.

According to the color card which has recently been issued by the syndicate, red will be among the leading colors next spring.

Quotations of single and ply yarns have been advanced 2c, as this was ruling early last week and adhered to by the majority of dealers and spinners.

Late advices from India on the crop put the probable yield this year at 6,000,000 bales of 400 pounds each. The average jute crop is about 5,000,000 bales, so that this year should likely yield of some 100,000 bales above the average. Early estimates were decidedly more generous than this, some of them pointing to a yield of from 6,400,000 to 6,750,000 bales.

Linen buyers express the opinion that present extreme flax prices will not be maintained. They seem to overlook the facts that yarn prices have not advanced a third as much as flax while the advance in goods is not average more than 10 to 15 per cent. Flax is 100 per cent more than 18 months ago, and it is made a heavy shrinkage in values can be without diminishing the necessity of a good advance in yarns and goods. There is a feeling that very high prices for linen goods are assured for at least ten months or the next crop is assured.

A New York report says a break of 30 points in cotton last week had no appreciable influence on the cotton goods market. The state of the situation in bleached cotton to which previous reference has been made in these reports, was shown day by advances of 1/2c in such tickets as Fruit of the Loom, L. Dale, Hills, Blackstone, Hape, F. ville and For-Get-Me-Not. In such tickets indications point to higher prices also. Even at the advance prices agents are not anxious to go far ahead. Some goods are now offered at concessions, and the advance on all lines is quite a moderate effect of an improved demand on the rise in raw cotton. Four- and light brown sheetings are generally 1/2 to 3/4c higher.

Complete returns, officially given the catch of Northwest coast skins for this year as 35,427 skins, so far last year was 34,457. Owing to the success of the past few years, operations are being made in sealing operations, which interest next year.

## THE IMPLEMENT TRADE.

## THE TWINE MARKET.

The price of fiber is again pointed downward, in fact has taken a step or two in that direction, and simultaneously a few twine manufacturers show a disposition to again quote prices on twine. There is a notable absence of eagerness on the part of the manufacturers as well as an unusually small number of sellers in the market; and at least one leading concern has nothing to offer but sisal twine. The prices at which some manufacturers are willing to sell are really lower than the present spot hemp market warrants, indicating an abiding faith in lower fiber prices at an early date, sustained by a comfortable margin now existing between spot rates and the prices for later shipment, especially true of manilla.

The hope of many in the trade, that the relative difference between sisal and manilla varieties would be consistent with the difference in intrinsic value, is not realized in the schedule that the manufacturers use for their guide in quoting prices. By this schedule sisal and standard offer greater value, length and price considered, assuming, of course, that the twine runs 500 feet to the pound. The spot prices of fiber holds the same disproportionate relation, but the shipment prices at this time give manilla the position of better value. It is possible, therefore, that by the time the manufacturers are ready to open the campaign in earnest the price of manilla twine will be only 20 per cent., and pure manilla 30 per cent., higher than sisal, as they should be according to length.

The prices referred to, which in the absence of business are nominal, are as follows: Sisal and standard, 7½ cent. less. The schedule in view of fiber pure manilla, 10½ cents; car loads ½ cent. less. The schedule in view of fiber conditions, has no stability and may be higher or lower before this report is in print.—Chicago Farm Implement News.

## IMPLEMENT TRADE NOTES.

Venner & Moore, implements, Cypress River, Man., have dissolved partnership.

S. G. Davis is erecting a warehouse at Pierson, Man., where he intends going into the agricultural implement business. He has secured the agency for the McCormick Company.

The Dunlop Pneumatic Tire Co., of London, England, has sued the Dunlop Tire Co., of Toronto, for breach of contract. The latter company purchased from the former, the right to manufacture the Dunlop tires in America, but the tires were not to be sent out of America. It is now claimed tires have been sent to Australia, in violation of this stipulation.

Notice is given in the Manitoba Gazette, that the Canadian Moline Plow Company has taken out a license to do business in the province and has appointed J. J. Bugee, of Winnipeg, agent and manager for the province. This refers to the business formerly carried on in Winnipeg under the name of the Minnesota Moline Plow Company, of which Mr. Bugee has been manager since last spring.

Since the death of David Bradley the office of president of the David Bradley Manufacturing Company, Bradley, Ill., has remained vacant as a token of regard for the founder of the business. At a meeting of the stockholders of the company held recently new officers were elected as follows: President, J. Harley Bradley; vice-president, C. B. Bradley; secretary, Geo. C. Morgan, Jr.; assistant secretary, B. H. Bradley. The business of the company is reported to be in a highly satisfactory condition.

The hemp situation as described by Lent & Rukensbrod, of New York, is as follows: "The manilla market has shown a decline during the past week, and business has been done in United Kingdom hemp at much reduced prices. The arrivals in London have been quite heavy, and the pressure to sell on the part of some holders has caused a weakening in all positions, principally on spot and to arrive. The rapid decline has proved very detrimental to business, as manufacturers are unwilling to operate until they are satisfied that the market has touched the bottom. Instant positions have shown a corresponding weakness, and cables from London report sellers of fair current for January-March steamer shipment

at ½ cent decline from last week. This position, however, does not seem to interest manufacturers here, as it is looked upon as more or less speculative. The spot market here, in sympathy with London, may be termed slightly easier.

## Lumber Trade Notes.

David Ross, of the Whittemouth saw mills, was in Winnipeg this week.

The Rat Portage Lumber Co. have completed their office building at their new branch yard in Winnipeg. The manager, J. M. Chisholm, is now on the spot and ready for business. Stables have also been built, and a switch connecting with the C. P. R. will be completed in a few days. Lumber sheds will be erected at once, which it is said will be the largest in the province. The equipment of these yards throughout will be first class in every respect. The yard is located at the corner of Gladstone and Higgins streets, where the company have secured a fine property, on the bank of the Red river.

## Dairy Trade Notes.

The Commercial recently copied an item from a Montreal trade paper regarding the packing of butter for shipment. This advised that a cloth, washed out in brine should be used to wrap rods. This is all right if care is used to have new, clean cloth for the purpose. Dealers here, however, prefer that a heavy parchment paper should be used. Much of the paper sold for wrapping butter is not suitable for the purpose, as it adheres to the butter. This is true of much of the thin paper. Where a heavy paper that will not stick is used, it is preferred to cloth.

## Boots, Shoes and Leather.

Notice has been received by the secretary of the Trades and Labor Council that John McPherson & Co., of Hamilton, Ont., have adopted union principles in every detail in their shoe factory, and will in future only turn out shoes bearing the union stamp. This is said to be the first and only union shoe factory in Canada.

Montreal Trade Bulletin says. Travelers are sending in a few spring orders already, along with some sorting orders, but at old prices, which some of our large manufacturers say they cannot alter, owing to the impossibility of getting all in the trade to agree to an advance. Besides, the card rates for the spring goods have been issued, and they will have to be abided by for the season. Remittances are only fair.

## Live Stock Trade Notes.

Thomas Harkness, of Moose Mountain, Assa., shipped two carloads of sheep recently from Whitehead station, one to Winnipeg and the other to Brandon. Mr. Harkness has this summer shipped 1,000 head of sheep and lambs from Whitehead.

The number of beef cattle sent out of the Lethbridge, Alberta, district this year totals 5,082, besides which 500 were driven north, making a total of 5,582. At the low figure of \$40 per head this represents an influx of close on a quarter of a million dollars into our district. The total number of horses shipped is 160.—Lethbridge News.

## Portage la Prairie Board.

A meeting of the board of trade was held this week when railway matters in general were discussed. Freight rates, the removal of the C. P. R. shops, and the lowering of passenger rates on the Canadian Northern road were the leading subjects, and after the various points had been threshed out a committee consisting of A. H. Dickens and E. Brown, were appointed to go to Winnipeg and interview the railway officials. The chief object of their mission will be to find out whether there is any possibility of the railway company establishing repair shops here in the future. They will also interview Mr. Hanna re the lowering of the passenger rates from four to three cents per mile on the Dauphin road. The board also considered the advisability of having a road built through from Portage to St. Cloud district, a section about 25 miles south, the object being to divert trade to Portage. The rural council will probably be asked to assist in this.

## MINING MATTERS.

## MINING NEWS FROM VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, Dec. 3.—The largest ore deal ever put through in British Columbia has been consummated by the St. Eugene Consolidated Mining Company, of Moyle, B. C., by which Messrs. Goggenheim & Sons, the smelter people of Antofagasta, Chili, have arranged to purchase \$1,000,000 or reduced wet silver-lead ore per year from the Moyle mines.

The deal is of great importance not only on account of its size, but, owing to the fact that the desires of the Chili smelters to secure the wet silver-lead ores of Kootenay, as an ideal flux for their own ores, may cause a very great general demand for these ores.

In the past three months \$150,000 worth of this ore has been shipped via the C. P. R. to Vancouver, and by steamer to San Francisco, where it is transferred into other steamers for Chili.

At the present time a gang of men are engaged on the C. P. R. wharf sacking 1,200 tons of the Moyle ore for shipment, but there is some delay caused by the famine in sacks now prevalent here.

In its reduced state, the Moyle ore will run about \$60 a ton. In the first week in December another shipment of \$150,000 worth of ore will take place. In fact, the demand is only limited by the supply and the possibility of getting the ore forward.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA MINING.

The Chappleau Company have bought the Clyde fraction for £2,000.—New Denver Ledger.

A dividend of 1 per cent a month, payable January 1, was declared at the annual meeting of the Centre Star. The directors were re-elected, with the addition of C. R. Hosmer, of Montreal. The financial statement up to September 30 last showed a debit of \$182,240, but since that date development and shipments have been so great as to provide funds for the dividend.

Rossland Miner: Within the past few days four of the mining companies of this section have declared dividends. These are the St. Eugene, the Canadian Gold Fields Syndicate, the Centre Star and the Slocan Star. The effect of the payment of these dividends should be to greatly stimulate the stock market and brokers regard these declarations as most favorable indications for the betterment of their business that have occurred for a long time.

Midway Advance: A. A. Munroe, of the firm of Munroe & Munroe, Montreal is now in the district. Mr. Munroe in company with a number of other capitalists have acquired all the properties of the Montreal Boundary Creek Company. The new company will be known as the Montreal and Boston Company, Limited, with a capitalization of \$3,000,000, divided into 55 shares. The force at the Sunset will be increased immediately. With a large plant on the ground they hope to make a big showing in a short time.

Midway Advance: Last week the Snowshoe entered the list of the steady shippers from Phoenix camp. On Tuesday the railway gang completed the Canadian Pacific Railway sidetrack to the ore dumps, and it was at once utilized by the management for sending out ore. Six cars, or an average of two cars daily, were sent out last week, and it is expected that shipments from now on will be continuous. The Snowshoe ore is being sent to the Granby smelter, at Grand Forks, for treatment.

A general meeting of the Rossland Bonanza shareholders was held recently. S. W. Hall, managing director, submitted a report describing the condition of the property on his last visit on November 11th. In this report he stated that the tunnel was being driven a foot a day, that the vein was just six feet between walls and that he had ordered the men to break it in two sections, one of which was being piled up for shipment in the spring and the balance placed in a dump to be concentrated at some time in the future, the shipping ore averaging over \$40 and the concentrating ore over \$15 per ton. He also stated that he fully expected by next spring to have the mine in shape for the stopping and shipping of ore. Mr. Hall al-

so reported that he had secured the controlling interest (two thirds) of the adjoining claims on the dip side of the Bonanza vein, and his action was approved by the directors.

Rossland Miner: An agreement has been signed giving an option on the Cromwell mine to the Warner Miller syndicate of New York and others for the sum of \$150,000. The property is in close proximity to the Trilune mine and the ledge runs clear across the entire length of the claim and passes into the Cromwell fraction and the Cromwell No. 2. What little work has been done on the Cromwell has exposed a strong ore body 28 inches in width and from all appearances it is the mother lode of that district. The mine is owned by E. Morgan and James Grant, of Trout Lake City, and Edward Balfour, A. W. Smith and S. J. Graham, of Rossland.

A Nelson report says: An important deal has been closed here, when Charles Parker mining engineer and promoter took a bond on the Cousin Jack group, located on Boulder creek in the Upper Similkameen country. The property is well known and is regarded as one of the most promising propositions in the great copper belt. The group comprises the Cousin Jack, International, Constitution, Nancy Hanks, Gold Hill, Overland, Penobscot, Monte Verdi and Chilliwack Belle claims. The price received by the owners was \$180,000, part of the consideration being shares in a company to be floated on the English market with a capitalization of £100,000.

## NORTHWEST ONTARIO MINING.

Mr. Higbee, who is developing a property at Eagle Lake for a St. Paul syndicate, says they are getting splendid quartz at the bottom of the shaft.

Shareholders in the Foley mine met recently at Toronto and ratified the winding-up of the company. The reports were satisfactory, showing that there was practically no indebtedness.

Wabigoon Star: A company has just been incorporated under the title of the Gold Standard Mining Company to mine on mining location G340, adjoining the Salrey Camp mine, now in operation. The officers of the new camp are: President, Judge Calvin L. Brown, vice-president, H. L. Smith, secretary, R. J. Hall, treasurer, Anton Watzke, all of Morris, Minn.

Rat Portage Miner: D. Simpson, manager of the Big Master mine, near Gold Rock, says work is progressing satisfactorily on the property. They have a camp of ten men engaged in getting out logs for their sawmill, which will be running in time to saw the lumber required for their stamp mill and other buildings. A large amount of machinery for the property is at Wabigoon awaiting shipment as soon as the ice is safe enough.

## MISCELLANEOUS MINING.

A report comes from Denver of the formation of a smelting company which proposes to establish three great smelters of 1,000 tons' daily capacity, one at Denver, a second at Salt Lake and a third in Mexico.

The amount of gold mined on the North Saskatchewan river at Edmonton, Alberta, and sold at the banks this year amounts to \$4,000. This is a smaller yield than usual, due, probably to the decreased number of men who were grizzly mining on the river this season.

## Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

The car shortage on eastern lines grows rather than diminishes as the season of lake navigation is about over. Rates are well maintained on the basis of 17½¢ per 100 lbs for flour and 30¢ for provisions from Chicago to New York. Rates are 3d per bushel on grain from New York, and 2½d from Boston to Liverpool. The through rate on wheat from Chicago to Liverpool is 13.25¢ per bushel lake and rail via New York, and 12½¢ via Boston. Flour is 26¼¢@29.00¢ per 100 lbs, and provisions 45.47¢@48½¢. Lake rates are higher at 3¢ for wheat, 2½¢ for corn and 2½¢ for clipped oats, Chicago to Buffalo.—Chicago Trade Bulletin.

Navigation closed at Montreal on December 3 with the departure of the steamship Paikil, which sailed for Avonmouth with a cargo of steel and deals.

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**Peanut Cultivation.**

St. Louis Globe Democrat  
is peanut time in the South, through Eastern Virginia and Carolina the traveller can see the car windows row after row what appears to be round nuts. They are the stacks or sheaves of nut vines hung around stalks lying to be placed upon wagons carried away for stripping. The larger fields will contain these stacks, yielding from seventy-five bushels of nuts to an acre. Most of the nuts grow in Virginia and North Carolina and goobers. The goober is the nut peanut what the quango the genuine clam. The shell contains but two kernels. The peanut, which answers to the Island clam, is smaller than goober. The kernel is about the size of a large pea and its flavor is not so good as the other variety. It is principally in North Carolina, Tennessee. Occasionally a few into a bag of goobers, but seldom, as they are shelled and from 10 to 15 cents a peck more than the others. They go into candy and to the oil factories of Europe.  
The peanut farmer begins planting as soon as the frost is out of the ground in the spring. The nuts form the seed, and about bushels are required for an acre a few weeks the plant gets above earth, and begins to leaf out. The peanuts look very much like a field of clover, and during the many of the northern soldier took clover fields for peanut patches while hunting for something to eat. The plants grow in rows, very much like potato and are cultivated in the same way. Weeds will soon choke them and the pickaninies on the farm kept busy during the summer weeding out the patches with fingers. Nowadays the harvest is done by what is called a protractor, especially for the purpose. It is drawn by one mule and cuts plants off close to the roots. As soon as enough has accumulated to plow to form a stack it is thrown and massed around a short pole in the ground. The stack is covered with the leaves outside, and the are wound around it as tight as possible, to protect the nuts from weather. The plan is so similar to that of binding corn. About three weeks' exposure. The nuts and dries the roots that the pods are ready to be picked. The picking is the most expensive operation of all, and takes more time. Whether in the barn or on the all of the work has to be done by hand. The nuts are thrown into baskets and the vines made into stacks or stored away in the barn. They make a hay which is really nourishing for the average mule. The vine is a little too thick for a horse's throat, but it is all right for the average southern mule. The vines will grow fat on peanut hay, nothing else. In all fields some vines will be blackened and they be a poor quality. These are pulled up and later the vines are turned into the field. They eat anything that is left except the roots. The nuts are not very fattening, but give the porker a very sweet flavor. The famous hams cured in some of Virginia owe most of their flavor to the fact that the pigs have partly upon nuts before being put into smoked meat, and have not fed the sour milk and garbage of the farmer's kitchen.  
Of late years a quantity of the peanuts have gone to manufacture of cheap coffee, to be roasted mixed in with the coffee beans then ground, to be sold in packages as choice Mocha and Maracaibo. While most of the Americas are grown in Eastern Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee, peanuts fields are beginning to be cultivated in parts of Louisiana and Nebraska. After raising several the average peanut field needs heavily fertilized with lime or as the plant exhausts the soil.  
During a fair year the American peanut crop will average nearly 100,000 bushels, estimated at two pounds to the bushel. This is a small proportion of the crop, however, which averages 1,500,000,000 pounds. It is estimated that we eat about \$10,000,000 of peanuts yearly, or 4,000,000 bushels of the nuts, either in candy or original kernels. The shells of the form also good food for pigs, and

stated, peanut vines are a class fodder for mules. A few peanuts are eaten out of...

No More For Him.

...young man in the loud suit alighted from his buggy and the dingy little country store...

Tree Culture on the Plains.

The following paper was read by Sam Pearce, of Calgary, Alberta, at the meeting held at Ottawa to organize the Canadian Forestry Association...

way represent our treeless areas should take a prominent part in extending thanks for the efforts already made and anticipate confidently the results hoped to accrue from the organization this day attempted...

On this occasion it is probably better to treat generally on the subject though I would be only too glad to reply to any questions that may be desired, which I may be able to answer...

There are, however, a few points which it might be desirable to emphasize in regard to the forestation of the treeless plains. It cannot be economically and therefore practically done when any portion of the water required for the plant or tree has to be pumped by hand, horse or steam power.

Outside of the parcels hereinafter mentioned it will prove impossible to make trees grow without the artificial application of water. In many years thorough and deep cultivation would be sufficient to produce a fair growth...

There may be many situations where water could be economically applied by water or wind power. Nature has been bountiful in its supply of the latter at every point, and at very many in regard to the former. At the same time it is a mistake to suppose that the area embraced within the treeless plain is or need necessarily be devoid of timber...

gation cranks of the Territories to permit an occasion of this nature to pass without directing attention to the value of irrigation to the objects to be promoted by this meeting.

Though bush fires have done incalculable damage to Canada, prairie fires have and continue to do also an appalling amount of injury. Public attention has not been particularly directed to this point, because the immediate private loss has not been large and few have looked into the matter and formed an estimate of what the condition of the country would be in a few years if such fires were a thing of the past.

The extensive and disastrous high water in Central Alberta in June, 1897, and in Northern Alberta in August, 1899, is wholly attributable to the destruction of the timber of the foot-hills and eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains.

Until wind belts are created let all energies be concentrated on the growth of the native woods, and when that is accomplished then attempt the growth of such as are desired. The shorter distance trees are transported for planting out, and so done at the proper or most advantageous age, the greater will be the success attending the efforts.

Before quitting this subject it may be well to direct attention to an obstacle experienced in the southwest portion of the Territories, viz., the chinook winds.

The native tree has fitted itself so as to successfully meet and overcome the conditions created by the phenomenon hot winds. Wind belts will protect from the effects of such winds trees which without such would most certainly be destroyed.

It is apparent that the more rapidly trees can be grown sufficiently large to be ready for market, the more profitable the venture, of course bearing in mind the value of the place of growth. Soil, climate, rainfall and drainage must of course be taken also into consideration in determining the locations in which such experiments are attempted.

Can anything profitably be done to render our large marshes and swamps valuable for timber production? The growth at present thereon is of little or no value. Would not drainage render many of them of highly productive for timber growth and could not many of them by so doing be rendered profitable for that purpose?

A friend of mine who has devoted a good deal of study to the production and preservation of forests has asserted that it would be a first-class economic step to prohibit throughout the whole of Canada the destruction of the beaver. This could be readily and cheaply investigated and it is probable his conclusions will be found most sound and as effort

should without loss of time be made to establish or disapprove the same.

Rossland Mining News.

Rossland, B. C., Dec. 3.—The shipments on Saturday night passed the 200,000 ton mark for the year, and as there still remains four weeks and two days, during that period there should be shipped at least 30,000 tons making the total for the year of about 230,000 tons.

Appended is a statement of the shipments of the past week and for the year to date: Le Roi, for the week, 4,000, for the year, 150,798; Centre Star, for the week, 2,145, for the year, 33,918; War Eagle, for the week, 99, for the year, 10,762; Iron Mask, for the week, 135, for the year, 2,398; Le Roi No. 2, for the week, 101, for the year, 2,371; I. X. L., for the week, 22, for the year, 552; Giant, for the week, 45, for the year, 573; Evening Star for the year, 137; Mont. Christo for the year, 375; Iron Col. for the year, 39.

Creameries in the Territories.

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—Prof. Robertson has returned from an extended trip through Manitoba, Northwest Territories and British Columbia. The creameries in the Northwest managed by the Dominion have yielded a successful season. The output of butter from the 20 creameries during the summer was 636,915 pounds, being 28 per cent greater than in 1899.

Hundreds of families have moved into the districts where these creameries are located and from the beginning have found means of getting ready money for their products. Swedes, Icelanders and other colonists from northern Europe are getting on remarkably well at mixed farming. Three of the creameries in Alberta are being run all winter and are turning out about a ton and a half of butter per week.

The minister of agriculture has authorized an enlargement of the work in British Columbia and the Northwest Territories to put the egg and poultry business on as good a basis as butter. A large proportion of the bacon and hams consumed in the Kootenay comes in from the United States. To assist the farmers to capture and keep the market for Canadian products, expert instructors, who have been successful practical men with cattle, swine and poultry, will hold meetings throughout British Columbia and the Territories during the winter.

A large number of workmen are employed and work is being rushed on the government docks at Selkirk, Man.

The Canadian Pacific Railway work shops in Winnipeg are now running on short time. The men are working four days a week, with 8 hours per day.

Canadian Pacific Railway land sales for the month of November were 22,408 acres for \$49,627. For the corresponding month a year ago the sales were 12,623 acres for \$140,491. The sales for the first eleven months of the year total 404,537 acres for \$1,254,184, against 364,077 acres for \$1,161,080 the same period of 1899.



WINNIPEG PRICES CURRENT

GROCERIES

Prices to retail dealers for ordinary lots, with usual discounts for cash or large lots.

Table listing various grocery items such as Apples, Beans, Corn, Flour, and Canned Goods with their respective prices.

Dried Fruits

Table listing dried fruit items like Raisins, Apples, Peaches, and Nuts with prices per pound.

Tobacco

Table listing various tobacco products including T. & B., Empire, and Dominion brands.

DRUGS

Table listing pharmaceuticals and chemicals such as Alum, Alcohol, and various oils.

LEATHER

Table listing leather goods and materials like Harness, Sole, and various types of leather.

CURED MEATS, ETC.

Table listing cured meats and other food products like Lard, Ham, and Smoked Meats.

FINANCIAL

Table containing financial data including Winnipeg Bank Clearings and monthly totals.

It is reported that the Union bank will erect a building at Carberry next year for the branch at that place.

Comparative Prices of Staples.

Table comparing prices of staples like Flour, Wheat, and various oils between different locations.

Grain and Milling Notes.

The spread between 3 hard and tough 3 hard has widened to 4 cents, the demand being slacker for tough samples since the close of navigation.

Tenders for supplying school desks to the Winnipeg public school board will be received up to 5 o'clock p. m. on Thursday, Dec. 20.

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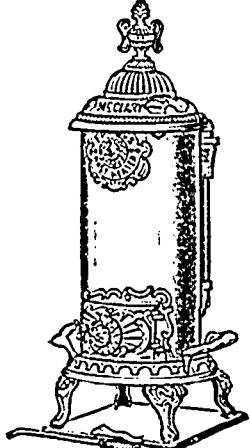
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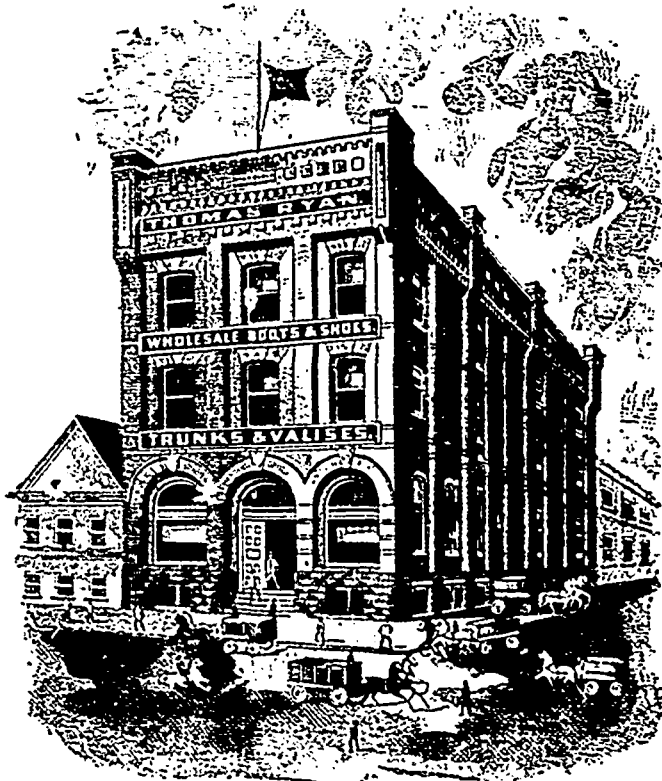
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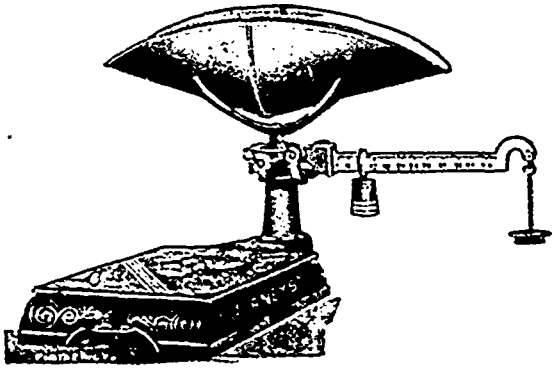
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