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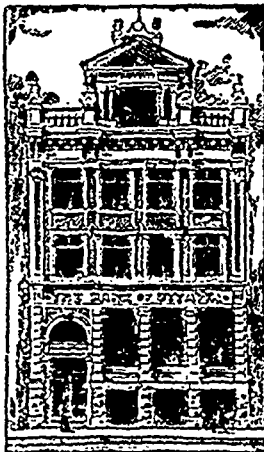
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Loans and bills discounted.	5,903,084.20	11,270,924.09	Reserve undivided profits..	572,973.81	2,193,136.57
Other assets	44,956.41	74,669.61	Notes in circulation	1,325,270.68	1,670,368.50
Bank premises	94,975.77	18,640.59	Other liabilities..	194,238.36	198,632.96
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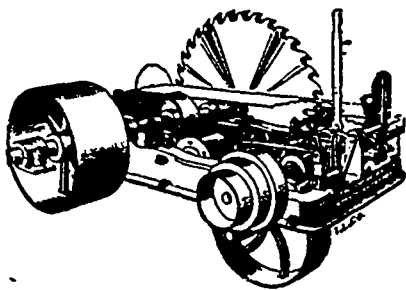
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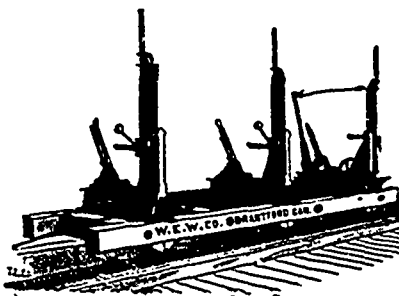
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WINNIPEG, MAR. 17, 1900.

FACILITIES CREATE TRAFFIC.

The good roads question has again been brought to the front by the action of the Ontario government in proposing to spend \$100,000 annually for ten years in improving the country roads of that province. This shows that the subject of good roads is beginning to attract the attention of those who are best qualified to deal with it in a comprehensive manner, that is legislators who control the public affairs of the provinces as a whole. The difficulty in regard to the improvement of country roads has been that the work is in the hands of small local governing bodies which have no power to act beyond the boundaries of their own municipalities and whose best work in this line is too apt to be made of no real value because a less enterprising neighboring municipality neglects to put its roads in equally good order. The necessity for having good roads is not disputed by anyone nowadays, in fact, never has been, but the lack of concerted action on the part of all the bodies charged with the business of making them has deprived this general opinion as to their value of its proper effect. The Ontario government evidently appreciates the difficulty of the situation and has determined to take up the work in that province.

It is pleasing to know that the matter of good roads has been receiving a good deal of attention in Manitoba of late. Country papers, farmers' institutes and municipal councils have all lent their attention to the matter, with the result that serious thought is being given to improvements in many parts of the province in season. It is recognized that good

roads for one thing would have a steadying effect upon trade as the stagnation which now follows every heavy rainstorm in the spring, summer and fall would be to a large extent avoided. An uninterrupted flow of traffic from farm to town and from town to farm is one of the advantages that would accrue. In a country where everything depends so much upon farm trade as it does in Manitoba, whatever tends to make that trade unsteady or spasmodic is injurious to the province as a whole. A great deal of money has been spent in the past and much more will be spent in the near future in perfecting the railway system of the province, but unless the first link in the chain of traffic communication, that is, the country road, is equally perfected the highest degree of development possible will not be attained. The importance of this link is made evident by the frequency with which we are obliged to record in these columns the fact that trade in the country has been seriously interfered with by bad roads.

Good roads have sometimes had the effect in other countries of helping to control railway freight rates. It is said that it is not an uncommon occurrence in Great Britain and Europe where roads have been made a subject of study for many years to find teamsters successfully competing with the railways in hauling freight sometimes as much as a distance of 300 miles, and this has been even more successfully done by means of traction engines hauling several heavily laden wagons at once. Of course, such things are only possible where the roads have been brought by years of careful treatment to a high degree of perfection, but it shows what possibilities lie in a well maintained road. We have recently had an example of this sort of thing in Canada too, to come nearer home, in the case of the merchants of Hamilton and Toronto, Ontario, who last year inaugurated a wagon freight service between those two cities by, which they were able to save 7 to 8c per 100 lbs on the railway freight rate for the same haul.

These are a few facts to show what can be done by a little intelligent and systematic attention to this matter. The antiquated statute labor system which has been responsible for much of the failure of the past, should be abolished and a well directed, comprehensive campaign of road improvement under the direction of the provincial government substituted therefor.

Municipal ownership of waterworks in Winnipeg is proving a success. Rates have been lowered 25 per cent since the city took over the works, but notwithstanding this, a good profit has been realized from the operation of the works.

Cereal Crop in 1899.

The United States department of agriculture's final report of the harvests for the year 1899 shows the wheat acreage was 44,592,516 acres. The production of spring and winter wheat combined was 547,303,846 bushels, the average yield per acre being 13.3 and the average farm price per bushel on December 1 being 58.4 cents. The following table shows the wheat production, acreage and value:

Years	Production, Bushels.	Values.
1899	547,303,846	\$819,545,239
1898	675,118,705	392,770,320
1897	530,149,168	428,547,121
1896	427,084,346	410,002,539
1895	467,402,947	237,938,098
1894	460,267,416	256,902,023
1893	396,131,725	215,471,881
1892	515,940,000	322,111,881
1891	611,780,000	513,472,711
1890	599,262,000	334,773,678

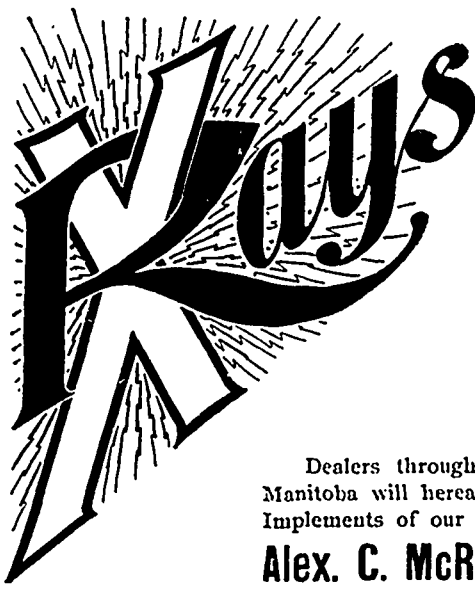
Pennsylvania was the only eastern state that showed an acreage of over 1,505,362 acres, with a product of 20,472,923 bushels and a value of \$13,512,129. Minnesota leads the list of wheat-growing states with a production of 65,223,551 bushels. North Dakota comes next, with 51,758,630 bushels; Ohio third, with 39,998,006 bushels; South Dakota fourth, with 37,798,336 bushels. In California nearly 34,000,000 bushels of wheat were harvested; in Kansas over 33,000,000 bushels; in Indiana over 25,000,000 bushels; in Washington and Oregon nearly 22,000,000 bushels, and in Nebraska nearly 21,000,000 bushels. The corn harvest was 2,078,143,933 bushels and the average yield per acre was 25.8 bushels. The following table shows the corn production, acreage and value:

Years.	Production, Bushels.	Values.
1899	2,078,143,900	\$629,210,110
1898	1,924,181,660	552,923,423
1897	1,902,967,933	601,072,952
1896	2,281,875,165	491,006,967
1895	1,171,138,560	544,985,331
1894	1,212,770,052	554,719,162
1893	1,619,496,151	391,025,627
1892	1,628,461,000	642,146,630
1891	2,060,154,000	836,439,228
1890	1,489,970,000	754,433,451

Illinois led in corn production, with a yield of 247,150,332 bushels, closely followed by Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska. The acreage in oats was 26,341,350 and the production 796,177,713 bushels, the average yield per acre being 30.2 bushels. The barley crop is estimated at 3,351,563 bushels; the rye crop at 23,961,741 bushels; the buckwheat crop at 11,094,473 bushels; the potato crop at 228,783,232 bushels, and the hay crop at 56,653,756 tons. The potato crop was the largest the country has produced since 1896, when it was 252,000,000 bushels, although in 1895 there was 297,237,370 bushels. The hay crop shows a falling off over 9,000,000 tons; the production of rye fell off over 1,500,000 bushels, while barley increased over 18,000,000 bushels.—Bradstreet's.

Business throughout Ontario and Quebec was set back badly by the heavy snowfalls of two weeks ago.

The sales of farm lands by the Canada Northwest Land Company during 1899 amounted to 84,065 acres for \$159,534, as against 71,640 acres for \$383,051 in 1898. The lands of the company may be paid for in the company's preferred shares, which are now quoted at about 54. The average price of the land sold by the company during 1899 was in shares \$5.42 or in cash something less than \$3 per acre.



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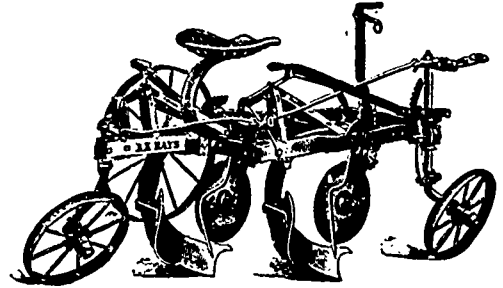
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Notes of a Trip Westward from Winnipeg, by a
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We left off last week at Elkhorn, coming westward, from which place we cross the boundary from Manitoba into Assiniboia territory. Fleming is the first station in Assiniboia and is a good grain market. It has three general stores owned by Dimmick Bros., T. & M. Elliott and L. Guibraith, a harness and shoe store of G. J. Jupp, R. Chappell's hardware, two butchers, W. J. Feaver and E. McConnell, and two implement warehouses. The hotel here has recently been refurnished and improved in other ways, making it a first-class commercial house. A couple of business changes have recently taken place. Dimmick Bros. have dissolved partnership, W. J. Dimmick continuing, and has moved the stock to a new stand, the old premises being occupied by E. B. Gilbert with a stock of general merchandise.

Moosomin has a population of between 1,000 and 1,200. It is a bright and attractive looking town, a large number of its business buildings as well as a number of dwellings being of brick, some of them being large and handsome structures. It is well supplied with all kinds of business establishments, there being four general stores, two hardware, two bakeries, two drug stores, two jewellers, two butcher shops, three lumber yards, two furniture stores, planing mill, foundry and machine shop, three implement warehouses, etc. R. D. McNaughton's general store is of such magnitude that it might almost be counted as several businesses. The business changes of the past year have been small. H. E. Holden has bought stock and business of D. A. Hall, jeweller. T. Umphrey has re-opened in harness, and G. P. Smith, the baker, has had a brick block erected for him and is now occupying it.

The country lying to the north of the track is well settled and produces large crops of grain, but to the south, in what is known as the Moose Mountain district, there is still a great deal of land lying idle and the settlers who are located in that district devote their attention principally to the raising of stock. There are five elevators at Moosomin which handled about 300,000 bushels of grain last year and the stock shipments amounted to about 5,000 head.

Wapella has experienced a growth this last year resembling somewhat the nature of a boom, as there have been some thirty five buildings erected, two or three of which deserve special notice. A. Roberts has built a brick-veneer block, which is occupied by C. F. Magrath, one of the leading general merchants. The Mundell hotel, a large and handsome brick building, has recently been completed. It is fixed up with all modern improvements, making it one of the best on the line. A large skating and curling rink, 75x175, also figures among last year's new buildings. J. Franks has purchased A. Knowles' general store business. His store building, of which we show a cut, is one of the best in town. It is of

stone faced with brick and is a handsome and substantial looking structure. Its size enables him to display his stock to good advantage. The Strome & Whyte Co., of Brandon, have established a branch here. G. E. Nugent has sold his furniture business to Geo. Wrightson, his lumber business calling for more attention than he was able to give it. R. A. Pease & Co., started a private bank last year, which is proving a valuable addition to the business community. S. C. Wales has opened a butcher shop. There is one hardware store here, owned by Thompson & Sutherland. Tudge Bros. have the pioneer butcher shop and livery stable. There are three elevators and a mill, the latter owned by J. Sanders, of Whitewood, R. P. Park being the local manager. The water supply at this station is both good and abundant, which, unfortunately, is not the case in all parts of this country. J. A. Cornett has purchased the harness department of Thompson & Sutherland.

At Whitewood there are four general stores, the Hudson's Bay Co., J. J. Knowler & Co., J. A. Hawkes and B. Elmoges, also a good hardware, furniture store, butcher shop, two drug and two harness stores, one men's furnishings, a fruit and confectionery store,

making steady progress and its prospects for the future are good as the farmers in the surrounding district are now getting into good shape. A large number of Hungarians, Swedes, Finlanders, etc., are settled to the north and are reported as doing very well, the majority of them having a considerable number of cattle and hogs as well as raising large crops of grain.

Broadview, which is a divisional point of the Canadian Pacific railway, has two large general stores owned by Thorburn & Sons, and A. R. Colquhoun & Son, and a butcher shop kept by T. Miskiman. Immediately to the north is a large Indian reserve. A number of these Indians farm on quite an extensive scale, but on the whole the merchants here receive very little business from them. To the south there is a very good tract of land. Immigration has been slow in coming to this section heretofore, but a large increase in the number of settlers is looked for this year. It is known that at least fifty families will locate here this spring.

The district immediately surrounding Gravel is open prairie, but a few miles to the north and south, bluffs of trees, principally poplar, are frequently met with, which besides affording good fuel, serve as a protection from the winds and storms of winter. The Qu'Appelle valley, which is noted for the beauty of its scenery, lies about eighteen miles north of this station. Here we find the pretty little village of Hyde, which is becoming a favorite holiday resort. North of this valley there is a large settlement of Germans. Many of these people were in poor circumstances when they came to this



Store of J. Franks, General Merchant, Wapella Assa.

two lumber yards, implement warehouses, etc. Morrison & Co. have a private bank, and J. Sanders a flour mill. Last March a fire swept nearly a whole block out of existence. The buildings burned have been replaced and one or two additional stores built. R Street, butcher and lumber merchant, built new premises. Adjoining this is A. B. Gillis' brick block, containing Bird & Co.'s drug store and law office. Next to this is the brick block erected by John Street, which is occupied by J. G. Cumling, fruits and confectionery, and E. C. Warner, clothier, and on the next lot D. M. Boyd, the barber, has built new quarters for himself. In addition to this the size of the town has been increased by the erection of several dwellings. This point has been

country, and the fact that the most of them are now in a prosperous condition speaks well both for the country and the people. This district is given over principally to mixed farming, although to the west and south grain raising still receives the most attention. For its size, Grenfell can hold its own with any town in this country as regards buildings. It has three large business blocks, an hotel, masonic temple, school house and several dwellings, all of stone, and all very handsome and substantial structures. We show cuts of Chisholm & Copeland's and J. W. Jones & Co.'s general stores, and of the Masonic temple, the other stone business block being the property of C. R. Trybn & Co., the local bankers. Chisholm & Copeland's build-

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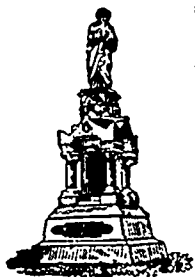
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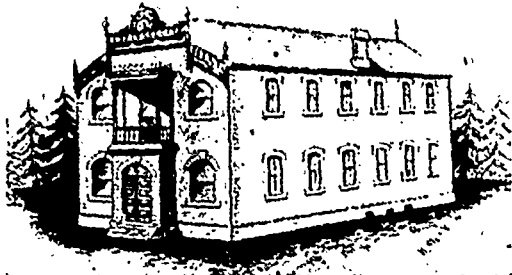
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ing, which is on the corner opposite the railway station, is 66 by 90 feet including the warehouse, at the rear. They occupy the entire building and find it none too large

private bank. The farmers in this locality have heretofore engaged principally in mixed farming, but they are now gradually disposing of their cattle and going in more for grain raising,

and is now looked upon as a good business point with a very promising future. It is the shipping point for an excellent wheat district from which it is estimated 300,000 bushels of grain will be shipped from crop of '99. It has three general and two hardware stores, a lumber yard, harness and butcher shops, etc., the majority of which have been started within the last year or year and a half. A large number of buildings were erected last season, the principal one being the stone block of J. Hastings.

Indian Head is known as one of the best wheat shipping points in Assiniboia. It has a population of about 1,000, and is a well built town with wide streets lined with handsome and commodious residences and business blocks. The leading merchants here in the general store line are E. J. Brooks, Crawford, & Co., W. M. Starr and R. H. Benson & Co., the latter a new business started last summer; in hardware, A. Walker, MacKay & Brock, and A. C. Gerry and in men's furnishing and clothing G. Davidson. In addition to these there are two confectionery stores, watchmaker, drug store, furniture, etc., A. M. Fraser has a planing mill, and A. W. Sherwood

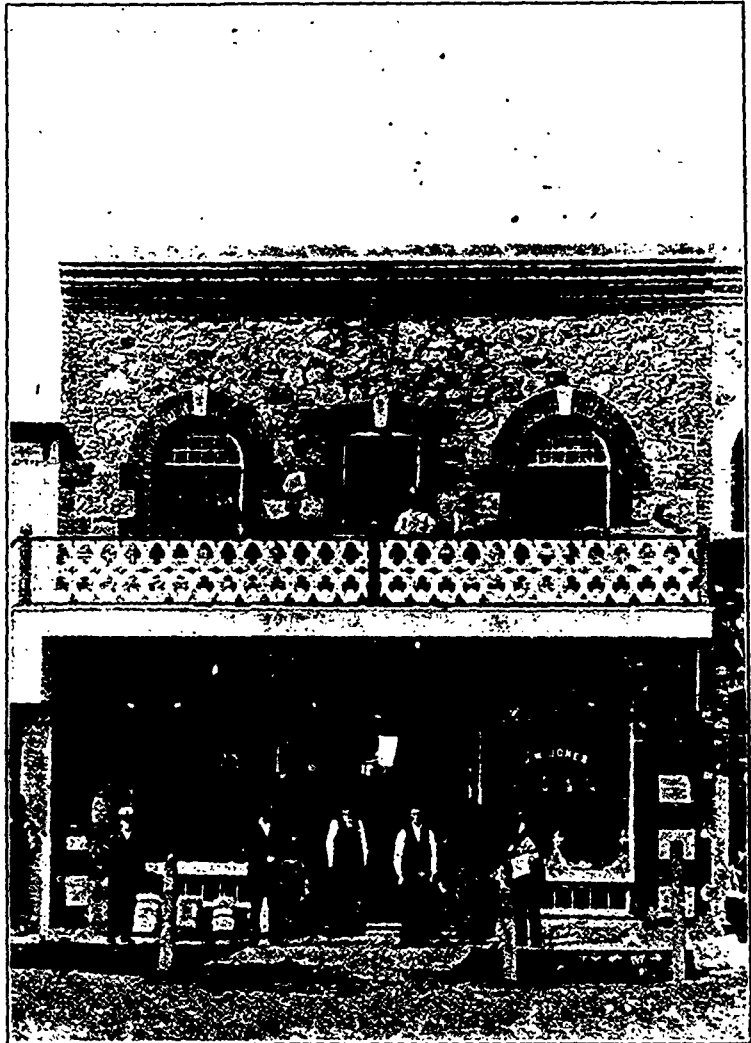


Masonic Temple, Grenfell, Assa.

for the stock of goods they are carrying. J. W. Jones & Co.'s stand is on the main business street. Their business is the oldest in that line at this point and great care is taken to keep a full stock of new goods always on hand. The Grenfell Flour Mill Co. have a 60 bbl. mill and 30,000 bushel elevator and in addition to this have a harness and implement business. For the better accommodation of this branch they erected a large warehouse last year. Walker & Faulkner and C. J. Rosboro are the lumber dealers and N. Hobson deals in cattle and has a butcher shop. E. A. Walker has the hardware store at this point. In addition to these there are the usual number of other businesses, including two drug stores, furniture store, etc. The new businesses started during the last year are the general store of Fleming Bros. and the wholesale liquor store of Chas. M. Reade. A brickyard was also started here last summer.

At Wolsley a considerable amount of building was done last year, totaling in all to about \$40,000. The only new business stand is the block erected by G. H. Hariburt, which has added materially to the appearance of the town, as it is a large two story brick building, containing two stores on the ground floor and a public hall overhead. Mr. Hariburt is a farm implement dealer and occupies half of this building as a show room for his goods, and in the other half J. A. Ballour carries on a hardware business. Two other of the buildings constructed last summer also call for attention, namely, the public school building, which is of brick and contains four class rooms, and the Roman Catholic church, which is also of brick. It is a noticeable fact that a large number, both of store buildings and dwellings here, are of brick, which always adds greatly to the appearance of a town, besides lessening the danger from fire. There is a brick yard here which employs about twenty men during the summer months. Among the business changes Miss S. Elliott has bought the bakery and confectionery business of Mrs. Grant and Magee & Thompson sold their butcher shop to Norris & Lawrence, as their other businesses fully occupy their time. There are at this point a good representation of the different lines of business, embracing four general and two hardware stores, two harness shops, furniture store, flour and feed, lumber yard, two butcher shops, drug store, etc., also a flour mill and a

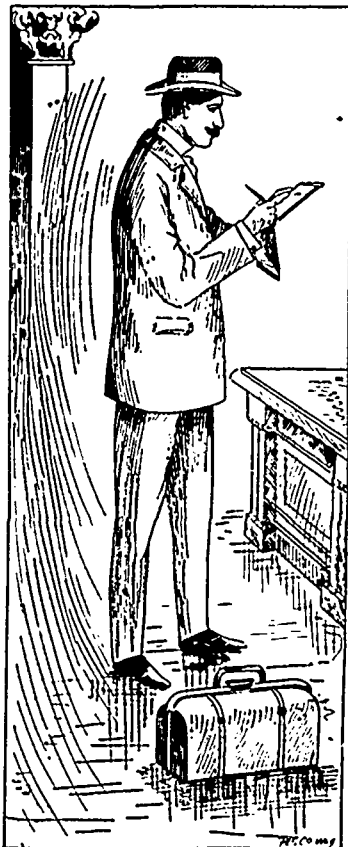
With this aim in view they are buying more land and getting more ready for cultivation, this being particularly noticeable during the past season. It has yet to be proven whether they are



J. W. Jones & Co.'s Store, Grenfell, Assa.

wise in adopting this class of farming. Siskaluta mill recently has been little more than a station, but during the last two years it has gained a great deal both in size and importance,

and J. Conn, lumber yards. T. E. Donnelly and J. S. Smith are the local butchers. A considerable number of residences were erected last year, and S. Coppithorn, built a brick block in



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which he will shortly open out in business with a stock of general merchandise. This point has been without a flour mill for some years, the old one owned by Major Bell having been destroyed by fire. Last summer Wilson, George & Wilson, seeing the opening there was here erected a new mill having a capacity of about 100 barrels per day. The plant was installed by the Stratford Mill Building Co., and comprises six sets of rolls and a universal holter, and no expense was spared to make the mill an up to date one. The machinery is disposed of in the different flats with due regard to space and convenience. Wilson, George & Wilson are also grain dealers and exporters.

The town of Qu'Appelle Station has tributary to it an immense tract of farm land to the north, including Fort

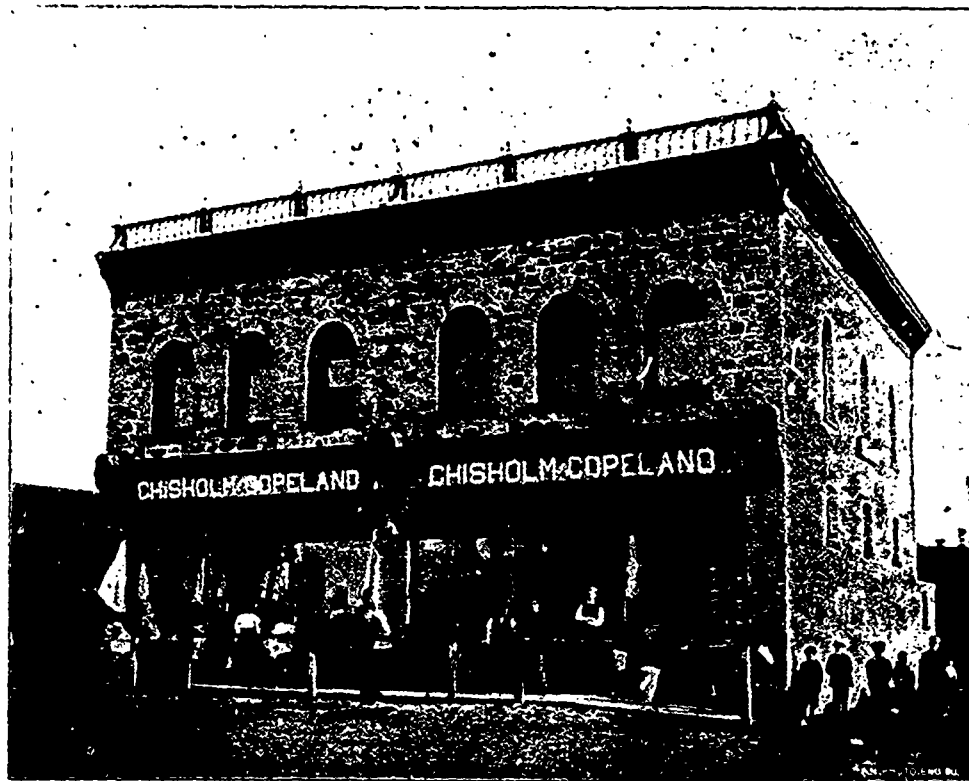
his mill in running order, which will be in the near future, is sure to turn out a high grade of flour. The municipality of South Qu'Appelle gave a bonus of \$5,000 and tax exemption for 20 years, to assist in remodeling the mill. This town also boasts a felt factory, which makes felt boots and shoes, harness felt, blankets, etc. This factory was started in September, 1898, and gives employment to from 25 to 30 hands.

McLean and Balgonie have not as yet attained to much size, but each do a considerable amount of business.

The district of Regina appears now to be emerging from the cloud under which it has lain, quite contentedly we fear, for a number of years. The general opinion of outsiders has been that this was a poor farming district, principally owing to the difficulty of ob-

dently expected that the C. P. R. Co. will extend their Pipestone branch to tap this district.

Regina is the capital of the North-west Territories and the headquarters of the N. W. Mounted Police. It has a population of 2,200 and although it cannot boast any beauty of situation, as it is planted on the level prairie without a tree native to the soil to brighten the view, still it has a number of very fine buildings which give it rather an attractive appearance. Mention might be made of the two school buildings, the court house, the Bank of Montreal building and the Windsor Hotel and of several other large and handsome structures, which prove that the residents of Regina at least have had faith in their locality. Few western centres can boast of better or larger stores. There are four



Chisholm & Copeland's Store, Grenfell, Assa.

Qu'Appelle and the Touchwood Hill district, from which it yearly receives large numbers of cattle and great quantities of wheat. Last year nearly 1,500 head of cattle were shipped from here. In the more immediate neighborhood of Qu'Appelle, the farmers who have been engaged in mixed farming in the past, are now giving their attention almost entirely to the cultivation of wheat and are disposing of their cattle and buying more land. This point is well supplied with stores, having three general stores, which are owned by C. F. Bailey & Co., J. P. Beauchamp and S. H. Caswell, also hardware and furniture stores, butcher shop, lumber yard, drug stores, fruit and confectionery stands, etc. The flour mill at this point has been idle for a number of years, but D. Moore has now taken hold of it and is overhauling and rearranging the whole building. He is discarding a greater portion of the old machinery and is putting in an up to date plant of 125 barrels per day capacity. Mr. Moore is a practical miller and when he gets

taining good water, and also that the district to the south of the town, especially was subject to drought. Last year the Regina Board of Trade took up the water question and sent two of its members to Winnipeg, who succeeded in interesting three of the large companies holding lands here, securing their co-operation in the sinking of test wells throughout this district. About twelve tests were made and out of that number nine proved very satisfactory, good water being obtained at a depth ranging from 80 to 120 feet. It is the intention to continue this work next summer. As a result of these tests forty-three quarter sections were taken up last fall in a settlement that has received almost no addition to its numbers for many years. A great portion of this vast tract stretching from Regina south to the Soo line is still open for homesteading and a rush of settlers is expected next spring. Another factor that will doubtless aid in the rapid settlement of this region is to be found in the fact that it is confl-

large departmental stores known as The Regina Trading Co., The Glasgow House, McCarthy's and Jno. Dobbin's, the latter having until recently been owned by Thining & Gilroy. Judging from the size of these stores and the stocks carried the yearly turn over of business must be very great. Among the new business enterprises of the last year is the felt factory started last fall by Boez & Co. As yet they have only been able to make sufficient goods to supply the local demand but they expect to be in a position to do a wholesale business next fall and will be starting a traveller out soon with samples. They will make felt boots and shoes, harness felt, horse blankets, etc. So sure are they of the quality of their goods that they are giving a guarantee with every pair of boots sold. J. & E. Ehnman have started a general store and the McCormick Harvesting Machine Co. is understood, are opening a distributing branch here, making it the headquarters for the N. W. Territories. W. J. Cummings is the local manager.

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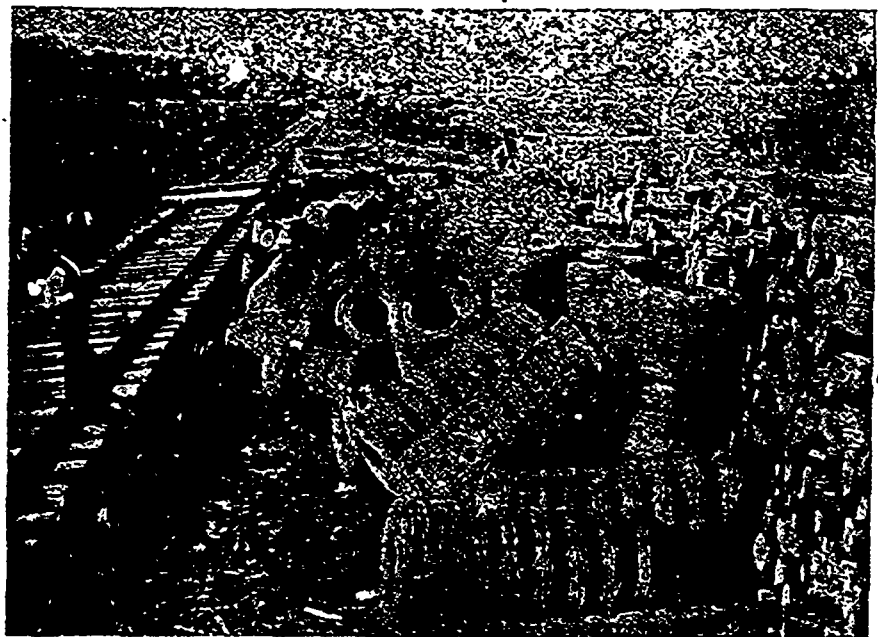
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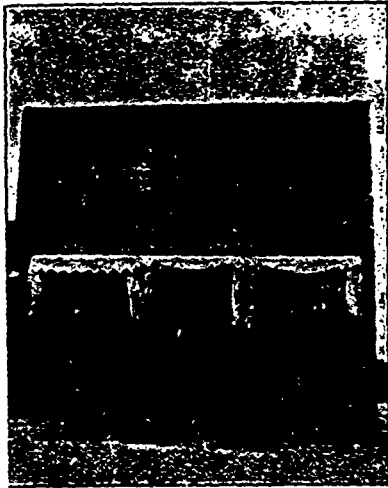
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Forty miles west of Regina is Moose Jaw, which is a railway divisional point. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company have large shops here and in 1897 they completed at a cost of about \$45,000 a large and handsome depot, the largest of any we have yet touched west of Winnipeg. It is constructed of red brick on a stone foundation, and is divided by an archway, the western portion containing the offices of the superintendent, dispatcher, ticket office, etc., the remainder being used as an hotel. The fact of this being a divisional point means a great deal to the merchants as the railway company's monthly pay roll amounts to \$16,000. A great amount of business is also received from the large area of farming and ranching country for which it is the market town. There are elevators at



Medicine Hat Trading Co.'s Store -
Medicine Hat, Assa.

Beharm, Caron, Belle Plaine, and Pense, which are in the Moose Jaw district. It is estimated that there were 1,000,000 bushels of grain grown in this district last year. These figures were arrived at by taking the amount of binder twine used to bind this crop and allowing that each pound would bind 10 bushels of wheat and a little more than that of oats. Tributary to this point also are the ranching districts of Willow Branch, Yellow Grass, the Qu'Appelle valley, Chaplin, etc. Moose Jaw was enlarged last year by the erection of over thirty buildings, including a \$20,000 hotel and a brick block, the latter being occupied by J. M. Simington, the baker. The hotel bearing the patriotic name of "The Maple Leaf," is of three stories and basement, constructed of brick on stone foundation, it is fitted up in first class style, its equipment including acetylene gas, steam heating, hot and cold baths, etc. The proprietor, E. C. Matthews, comes from Regina where he formerly ran the Windsor hotel. Some new businesses were also opened since our last visit of a year ago. S. B. Sanders started a flour and feed store, McKenzie Bros. have started a grocery, four and feed store business, and also bought the butcher shop of J. H. Smith, and the business of J. A. Healy & Co., was bought by B. Carey. Arrangements

are now about completed for the erection of a flour mill which has been badly needed here. D. McLean, representing a strong company, contemplates erecting a 200-bbl. mill and a 50,000 bushel elevator. It is the intention to equip this with the very latest and best machinery which will turn out a high grade flour.

About twenty miles west of this station we leave behind the grain belt and enter upon a stretch of ranching country extending to Calgary, a distance of over 100 miles. In this distance there are as yet, only three towns, the first of which is Swift Current with two or three stores and a few residences.

Maple Creek, 200 miles west of Moose Jaw is a town of considerable importance, as it is the centre of a large ranching district from which it receives a large amount of business. Dixon Bros., I. A. Palmer, T. Colle, and J. Claustre carry extensive stocks of groceries, dry goods, etc. W. H. Lawrence has a lumber yard and reports last season as having been a good one in his line, a considerable amount of building having been done. There are also a number of other businesses here including King & Co.'s butcher shop and J. O. Beesley, confectioner, etc. There is a good opening here for a first class hotel.

Another move, this time of sixty miles, brings us to Medicine Hat, which is a town of about 1,500 inhabitants. Its situation besides being rather pretty, is a very fortunate one as it is in the valley of the Saskatchewan River and right in the line of the chinook winds, so that its climate during the winter is not nearly so severe as in most of our prairie towns. It is a divisional point on the C. P. R. and the base of supplies for a large ranching district, thus making it a very lively business point. It did not attain to its present size with a rush, but has had a gradual growth each year adding to its size. Natural gas has been found at several points in this region and there are three wells here, but as yet very little use has been made of this valuable discovery. Coal deposits are also known to exist, but it has not yet been ascertained to what extent. A few figures copied from the Medicine Hat Times will give an idea of the amount of stock handled at this station. Last season the total amount of exports were: Cattle 5,758, horses 508, sheep 5,054 and 116,300 pounds of wool, and imports: Cattle 6,221, horses 391, sheep 112. Last summer, besides a number of residences being erected there were several business blocks built, among them that of the Medicine Hat Trading Co., which is a two story brick building, 32x75 feet. This company started business three years ago carrying a general stock and their business has increased to such an extent that they found it advisable to erect this stand. They occupy the entire building and employ from 12 to 15 hands. Mrs. Muir also built a brick block, which is occupied by Black's drug store, millinery, store, etc. The Bank of Montreal quarters are in a large brick block built last season by Hargrave & Sissons. A new court house and police barracks were also erected last season.

From Medicine Hat we will take a jump westward to Calgary, which latter place will be described in another letter.

The Ontario government has a surplus of revenue over expenditure according to the recent budget speech and as this is likely to be the case

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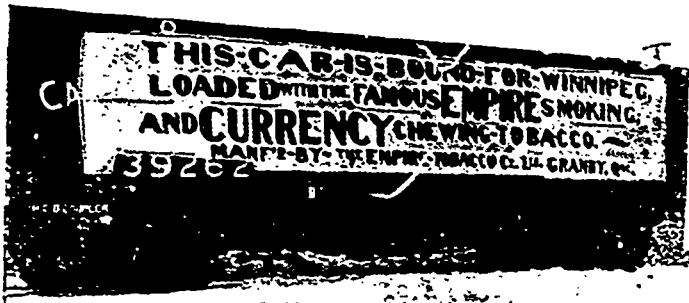
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Nicholson's New Warehouse.

Another of the handsome new warehouses erected in Winnipeg last year, most of which have recently been described in The Commercial, is that of E. Nicholson, wholesale commission merchant. This building adjoins that of Merrick, Anderson & Co., on Bannatyne street east, close to the Red river. The rear end of the building touches the transfer railway track which runs between the Canadian Pacific and Northern Pacific railway companies lines, with space enough for a large shipping platform where two cars can easily be handled at a time. In addition to this platform accommodation there is space for shooting goods by means of skids direct from cars into the basement. The building itself is 66x72 feet having three storeys and basement. An ex-

cellent photo-engraving showing the outside view of building is given here-with. Inside the arrangement is much the same as in other similar warehouses recently described as regards the disposition of space. Heavy goods and reserve stocks are kept in the basement. The office and sample rooms are on the ground floor together with the shipping department. The finishing in the offices is in British Columbia fir and the ceilings ornamental metal. The upper floors are reserved for lighter stocks. The various flats are connected by convenient stairways and also by powerful electric freight elevator. A complete call and telephone system connecting all parts of the building with each other is an important feature and there is also, of course, the usual connection with the general telephone system of the city. The goods kept in stock in this building comprise all kinds of bags suitable for western milling trade, rolled oats, canned goods, and in fact, most of the different kinds of goods handled by the wholesale grocery houses.

Some of the companies represented by Mr. Nicholson are as follows: The Canada Tinto company, of Montreal, manufacturers of bags and Hessians;

the Edwardsburg Starch company, of Cardinal, Ontario, manufacturers of starch, syrup and glucose; the Truro Condensed Milk and Canning company, Truro, N. S., makers of Relucor brand condensed milks and coffee and evaporated cream, the Smeooc Canning Company, Smeooc, Ont., canned goods and jellies the Anglo B. C. Packing company, Vancouver, canned salmon; the Cuoany Packing company, South Omaha, smoked and salt meats; F. W. Fearman & Co., Hamilton, hards and meats; Dow & Currie, Pilot Mound, rolled oats Hard & Rand, New York, Rio coffee, N. W. Taussig & Co., New York, molasses; Rosenberg Bros. & Co., San Francisco, California dried fruits; California Fruit Cannors' association, San Francisco, canned fruits; the Thacker Fruit company, Chicago oranges, lemons and cranberries; the Gwaltney Bunkle Peanut company, Smithfield, Virginia, peanuts; Ar-

Winnipeg Industrial.

A recent meeting of the exhibition board, the prize list committee reported and recommended:

1. That it having been found impossible to have a creditable exhibit of field roots or garden vegetables at an early summer fair, it was decided to take these classes out of the present prize list and hold a fall exhibition for field roots and garden vegetables, under the auspices of the association.

2. That some special accommodation on the grounds be provided for the convenience of the members of the press.

Arrangements were made for increased prizes in live stock and the fine arts, and a gold, a silver and a bronze medal will be given for the most novel displays made in the main hall. A fourth prize will be added for the breeders of Manitoba, the Northwest and British Columbia.

A report from the attractions committee shows they have not been idle and this feature will be on a scale beyond anything ever seen before, as \$15,000 will be devoted to the purpose of securing the very best class of entertainment in this line.

The speeding events will, it is claimed, include the greatest programme ever presented at any racing meet in Canada.

Arrangements are being made whereby it is hoped the committee in charge will be able to secure one of the greatest spectacular war productions ever devised; the scene being laid in South Africa and will represent something like the relief of Ladysmith or other startling features of the war.

Manager Henbach will also visit British Columbia and endeavor to have a large exhibit from that province.

The railways will give free transportation for exhibits from Manitoba and the Territories and very low rates from British Columbia and the east.

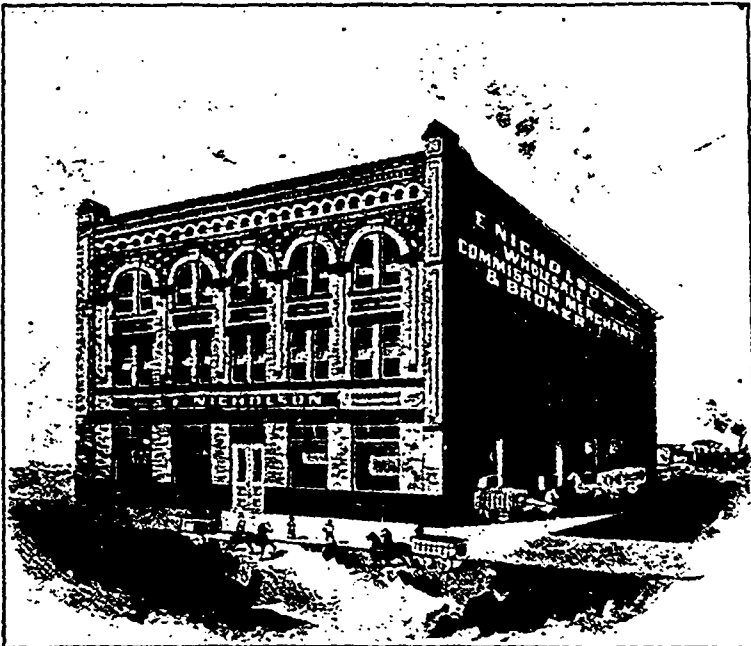
Good Roads.

A delegation of municipal officials from the surrounding districts met in Winnipeg this week to discuss the question of good roads. While here the officials interviewed Provincial Premier Macdonald, who promised to look into the matter. Mayor Wilson, of Winnipeg, who accompanied the delegation, urged the appointment by the government of a competent person to act as overseer and give instructions to municipal authorities, in the matter of road building.

Monthly Trade Returns.

The customs statistics for February, 1900 as compared with the same period in 1899 are given below:

	1899.	1900.
Goods exported ...	\$ 76,085	\$137,679
Entered for consumption—		
Dutiable ...	277,612	258,246
Free ...	87,338	123,849
Total ..	\$364,950	\$387,095
Duty collected	\$79,552.40	\$73,868.90
The inland revenue collections at Winnipeg for the month of February were as follows:		
Spirits ..	\$20,119.95	
Malt ..	1,090.46	
Tobacco ..	11,642.89	
Raw leaf tobacco ..	894.60	
Cigars ..	1,670.70	
Licenses ..	5.00	
Seizures ..	12.00	
		\$35,435.60
Feb., 1899		34,503.93
Increase		\$931.67

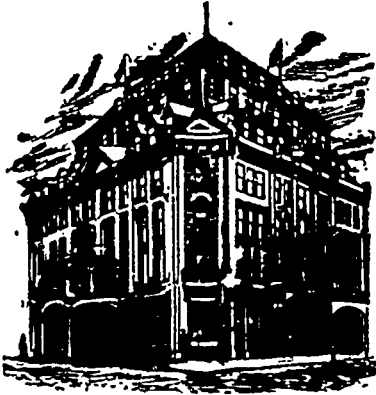


E. Nicholson's New Warehouse, Bannatyne Avenue East, Winnipeg.

guimban & Ramee, New York, Mediterranean fruits, nuts, etc.; the Dominion Tobacco company, of Montreal and a number of other domestic and foreign concerns. Mr. Nicholson also imports large quantities of rice, tapioca, sago, spices, etc., direct from Singapore, China and Japan. From this list it will be seen that a pretty full line of grocery staples is carried. When it is considered that many of these lines are carried in stock here regularly it will be seen that the new building was much needed for its increased storage facilities.

As regards the past history of this business a few words may be interesting. Mr. Nicholson's connection with it commenced in 1882 when he first came to Winnipeg. The house was then known as Henderson & Ball. Some time later Mr. Ball retired, and the style became W. F. Henderson & Co. In June, 1896, Mr. Henderson died, and Mr. Nicholson then succeeded to the business and has retained it ever since. All sales are confined strictly to the jobbing trade, and the flour mills, throughout the country. The factories and houses represented are as will be seen from the above list, some of the best in the United States and Canada.

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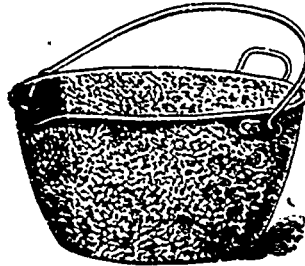
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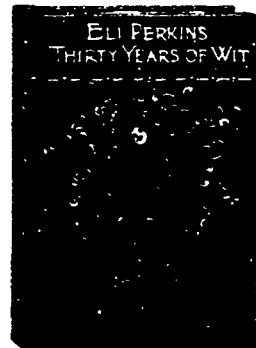
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Statistical Wheat Report.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

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

Montreal	55,000
Toronto	61,000
Kingston	50,000
Coteau, Quo.	111,000
Depot Harbor, Ont.	400,000
Winnipeg	310,000
Manitoba elevators	4,675,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keowatin	3,725,000

Total March 3... 9,390,000
Total a year ago... 9,070,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains as reported by Bradstreet's March 3, were 85,670,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 51,085,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on March 1 were 7,814,000 bushels, compared with 5,923,000 bushels a year ago.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended March 10, was 53,698,000 bushels, being a decrease of 386,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 23,477,000 bushels, two years ago 23,012,000 bushels, three years ago 42,708,000 bushels, and four years ago 62,596,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 6,401,000 bushels, compared with 10,613,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 21,060,000 bushels, compared with 31,003,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

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

	Bushels.	
1900	159,654,000	
1899	124,389,000	
1898	118,515,000	
1897	133,721,000	
1896	172,134,000	
1895	193,746,000	

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, 1899, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Minneapolis	59,693,190	64,433,503
Milwaukee	8,000,692	10,271,526
Duluth	38,679,873	61,473,077
Chicago	19,113,722	28,134,683

Total... 125,487,477 164,317,792

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, 1899 to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Toledo	10,322,342	11,553,187
St. Louis	7,751,889	12,736,381
Detroit	3,243,515	4,271,065
Kansas City	11,985,740	23,001,593

Total... 33,313,468 51,562,226

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To the Editor of The Commercial.

Sir,—In your grain and milling notes in last week's issue you make reference to two parties who have made propositions to build a mill at Moose Jaw. We also had an interview with the reeve and others at the latter end of January last at Moose Jaw to a similar project and were informed that the council had no power to vote a bonus. We gathered, however, that some of the prospecting millers had made a house to house canvass and that considerable support had been promised. However, it behooves millers to be careful in making arrangements of this sort, as our firm were promised some twelve months ago, at a largely representative meeting of the ratepayers of Indian Head—where many who were present placed their names against the amounts they were willing to subscribe—that if we would build and have in operation a mill by 1st November last they would give us a loan of \$1,000. The meeting was largely attended and gave a unanimous assent to this promise. Well, sir, we built an up-to-date mill and have had it running since Sept. 1st last, but on our applying to the committee for payment we were told no one had paid. We have made repeated applications for the promised amount, but up to this not a cent has been collected to our knowledge. We acted in good faith, but were not treated in like manner, hence we would warn millers to have some guarantee when making arrangements of this sort. Thanking you in anticipation, we are
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MONTREAL SUGAR MARKET.

The weak feeling which characterized the market for refined sugar last week has again been the feature this week, says the Montreal Gazette of the 16th, and prices in New York for all grades have scored another decline of 10c per 100 lbs., making a net drop within the past ten days of 15c, granulated now being quoted at \$5.10 per 100 lbs. In sympathy with the above, refiners here reduced prices 5c per 100 lbs. on all grades, which has already been noted. This makes a net decline of 10c since last week. The demand in this market continues slow, consequently business is quiet, and as long as the present unsettled feeling continues little improvement is anticipated, as buyers are only taking sufficient to fill actual wants. Granulated is selling at \$4.40 and yellows at \$3.60 to \$4.30 per 100 lbs., as to quality, at the factory.

GROCERY TRADE NOTES.

Rice quotations continue firm here in sympathy with the foreign markets. The first of the new crop Brazil nuts are expected to arrive in New York in about two weeks.

Recent mail advices from Barbadoes quote molasses there at 15c per gallon and \$4 for punchon.

Since the Imperial government added another 2d per pound to the import duty on tea as a war tax the total duty is 6d per pound.

Canned goods prices rule firm at Montreal, as follows: Beans, 85c; peas, \$5 to 90c; tomatoes, \$7 1-2c to 90c; corn, \$1.05, to \$1.10; one gallon apples, \$2.10 to \$2.15. These are prices to the retail trade.

The new cold storage plant in connection with the McCreedy ovo factory at Winnipeg is now complete and several hundred tons of ice have been placed in it preparatory to the summer's business. Active operations at the factory will commence as soon as eggs become plentiful. Mr. J. E. Robertson, the local manager, states that the factory may be operated night and day throughout the coming season.

Another order was received on Monday by the Winnipeg branch of the McCreedy Manufacturing Syndicate, manufacturers of ovo, for a quantity of this excellent egg product for use of the British troops in South Africa. The quantity required was three tons and the entire order has already been shipped. This makes several tons of ovo which the war office has taken from the Winnipeg factory this winter.

Gow, Wilson & Stanton, of London, in their summary of the tea trade for 1899, show the great increase that has been taking place in the consumption of Ceylon and India teas in the United States and Canada. Following are the figures: 1895, 7,800,000 lbs. 1896, 9,600,000; 1897, 11,360,000; 1898, 13,600,000; 1899, 16,777,000. The consumption has more than doubled in five years, which is astonishing, seeing that the consumption of other teas has fallen off, and the average consumption of tea per capita in the United States has decreased from 1.35-lb to .98-lb. The estimated imports for the United States and Canada for 1899 were 105,000,000 lbs, toward which Ceylon and India contributed 16 per cent.

The heavy snowstorm of March 1 in Ontario cost the city of Toronto several thousand dollars in bills for street cleaning.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

DRESS LINENS.

The demand for dress linens is already quite active, and the prospects indicate that they will be as readily bought for hot weather wear as last season, in fact, compared with the sales of last year, the present indications are that they will be a much stronger feature in the market than they have been the past two years. The stocks of these goods are smaller now than they were a year ago, and the market for them is higher, making it impossible to secure repeats at prices that will allow of the goods being sold at present favorable prices.

The market for linen is very strong, and jobbers say manufacturers' prices are away above a parity of the quotations now being given by wholesale firms for goods for prompt delivery, although it is a well-known fact that the goods cannot be bought to sell at the prices now asked.—Globe.

DRY GOODS TRADE NOTES.

Prices continue to move upward at New York upon nearly all varieties of linens without materially discouraging demand. The market continues to tighten in all directions.

The prediction has been made by a representative of one of the largest linen manufacturing firms in Belfast that there would be an advance in the medium and low grades of linen goods amounting to 50 per cent. in the next 60 days.

Hardware Trade Notes.

Linseed oil gained another cent at Toronto last week.

Pig tin advanced 1 to 2c per pound at Toronto last week and solder was also firmer in sympathy therewith.

Hamilton, Ontario, is to have a new iron and steel plant, one of the largest on the continent. The capacity will be 2,400 tons per day.

Barb wire and galvanized wire are firmer at eastern factories and advances in the near future are not unlikely according to eastern advices.

Implement Trade Notes.

J. H. Dersken is putting up a new warehouse at Plum Coulee, where he intends to handle Frost & Wood's farm machinery.

It is understood that the trade in Manitoba is holding firmly to the rule that there shall be no guarantees of twine prices.

Reports from Chicago this week indicate that some dealers there in their desire to secure twine orders are extending their guarantee period to June 1 for all new business.

The implement warehouses have been very busy shoving out goods lately. Notwithstanding the talk of slow payments on last year's trade, there appears to be a large movement of goods for the spring trade.

Canadian implement manufacturers are making preparations for a big exhibit at the Paris exposition. H. J. Bard Taylor, of the Winnipeg branch of the Cockshutt Plow Co., has gone to Paris to represent this company.

The heavy demand for hemp for rope making purposes is telling against binder twine in the competition for raw material among American manufacturers. The rope makers are able to outbid their competitors in most cases.

The McCormick Harvesting Machine Company, of Chicago, have a new binder twine factory almost ready for operation. The building is 90x300 feet in dimension, five storeys and basement. It is equipped with 1,000 spindles and other machinery and will need 3,000 horse power to operate it.

Binder twine is quoted as follows at Minneapolis by wholesale dealers: Pure manilla, 650 feet, 15 3-4 to 16c; manilla, 600, feet, 14 1-4 to 14 1-2c; standard, 500 feet, 11 1-4 to 11 1-2c; seal, 500 feet, 11 1-4 to 11 1-2c. These prices are for carloads. Less than carload orders are worth 1-4c per pound more.

The visible supply of manilla hemp in the United States on Feb. 1 was 107,946 bales, as against 226,800 bales in 1899 and a still larger quantity in 1898. The strong feature in the hemp market is the fact that there is very little stock on the way and it is too late now for shipments to be made so as to reach American ports in time for this season's twine trade.

Manitoba possesses a substantial advantage in the matter of binder twine supplies, in the fact that it is situated so far north and has always the chance to catch any surplus of twine which may be left over from harvests further south. This year the advantage of this will be more apparent than ever, as there is some likelihood that twine prices will be lower next season and accordingly no factory or dealer will want to carry a surplus over next winter, but will prefer to sell it at a reduction at the tail end of this season rather than run the chance of a heavier decline in 1901.

The very trying situation which faced the local implement and vehicle trade, on account of freight changes, have been temporarily removed. The new classification on vehicles, which increased the car weight to 16,000 pounds, was withdrawn a few weeks ago, as announced in The Commercial. The vehicle dealers were able to show that the enforcement of the new classification without previous notice, was a great hardship to them, and the railway companies accordingly returned to the old classification, to cover the spring trade. The vehicle dealers hope that the withdrawal of this classification will be permanent. In the case of implements, the railway companies have now also agreed to restore the 12,000 pound car, which was formerly allowed to the Manitoba trade, but was withdrawn a short time ago. The railways have only agreed to do this temporarily, to cover the spring trade, but the implement men hope that no further change will be made in the classification for this season at least.

Lumber Trade Notes.

On March 1 a new price list for North Carolina pine went into effect, advancing a number of items on the list from 50 cents to \$1.50 a thousand, and.

Business continues good, sales being in advance of last year at this season. The Kat Portage Lumber Co. report their sales of sash, doors, etc., as very much larger than last year at this time.

Walter & Humberstone are arranging for a big season's run in their sawmill at Strathcona, Alberta. It is their intention to cut 3,000,000 feet of lumber. As soon as navigation

opens they will begin sawing night and day.

Shaw, Bros., Dauphin, are securing a big cut of logs for their mill this winter.

Building paper and pulp has advanced owing to a number of the large mills making big contracts for foreign countries. Pulp is getting scarce. Anchor, Cyclone and Jubilee plain are now 66c per roll. Jubilee and Cyclone 75c and Anchor tarred 65c per roll.

Business is reported to be good with the lumber mills on the Pacific coast of the United States. Both domestic and foreign orders are numerous and the local trade is consuming all the output not suitable for shipment.

L. E. Sprague has presented a claim to the Winnipeg city council for \$696,033, being a charge of \$2 on 348,015 feet of lumber delivered in excess of contract for 1,500,000 feet. The charge was based on the advance in the price of lumber since the contract was entered into, the current price at that time being \$19 as against \$21 per thousand feet at present.

American Lumberman: "The white pine manufacturing season will open earlier than usual this year. Many of the mills have run steadily through the winter, and a number of those that did not operate are making arrangements for a supply of logs by rail in order to get an early start. Prices are held on a higher basis, numerous sales have been made of stock to be cut next summer, and it is predicted by some that there will be a further advance in value by June 1. The probable basis of prices given is \$13 for mill culls, \$14 for No. 3, \$16 for No. 2 and \$18 for No. 1. A sharp advance is looked for on all grades of factory lumber, this stock being scarce and in good demand. Piece stuff is held at \$12 to \$18.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard wheat quoted at 67c March delivery.

Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$1.85, best bakers', \$1.65.

Oatmeal—\$1.95 per 80 pound sack of Manitoba meal.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$11 per ton; shorts, \$13 delivered to city dealers.

Oats—Carlots on track, 30 to 32c for feed.

Flaxseed—Per bushel, retail, 70 to 80c.

Barley—28 to 32c per bushel.

Corn—In carlots, 41 to 43c per bushel of 56 lbs.

Butter—Dairy, jobbers offer 14 to 16c; creamery, 22 to 23c to buyers.

Cheese—10 to 10 1-2c per pound.

Eggs—Buyers offer 18 to 19c for Manitoba fresh; limes, 14c.

Hides—No. 1 green hides, 7c; frozen stock, 6 1-2c per lb.

Wool—8 to 8 1-2c for unwashed fleece. Seneca—21c per lb.

Hay—Baled, \$6.50 to \$7.50 per ton on cars. Loose, worth \$6 to \$7.50 ton.

Potatoes—10c per bushel on the street.

Dressed Poultry—Turkeys, 10 to 12c per lb.; chickens, 10 to 12c; ducks, 10c; geese, 8 to 9c. Live chickens 50 to 70c per pair.

Game—Rabbits, 8 1-2c each; pigeons, 20c per pair.

Dressed Meats—Fresh killed beef, 6 to 7c mutton 7 to 8c; lamb, 8 to 9c; hogs, 5 1-2 to 5 3-4c; veal, 6 to 7c.

Live Stock—Cattle, 3 1-2 to 4c for butchers' stock; stockers, \$10 to \$15 for yearlings; sheep, 4 1-2 to 5c; hogs, 4 1-2 to 4 3-4c off cars for selected weights.

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FINANCIAL

BANK OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

The sixty-fourth annual general meeting of the Bank of British North America was held in London on March 6. A dividend at the rate of 6 per cent was declared and £25,000 was added to the reserve. It was announced that the court of directors had subscribed £250 to the Canadian contingent for service in South Africa and \$5,000 to the Canadian Patriotic fund. Also the following appropriations for the benefit of the staff: Officers', widows', and orphans' fund, £416 7s 16d, Officers' life insurance fund, £1355 6s 7d. Following is the balance sheet of the bank, to Dec. 30, 1899:

LIABILITIES.		£	s	d.
To capital	1,000,000	0	0	0
20,000 shares of £50 each fully paid.				
To reserve fund	325,000	0	0	
To deposits and current accounts	2,908,814	19	4	
To notes in circulation...	420,729	14	2	
To bills payable and other liabilities	2,110,827	4	10	
To rebate account	15,048	1	7	
To profit and loss account—				
Balance brought forward from 30th June, 1899	35,288	9	1	
Dividend paid 6th Oct., 1899	25,000	0	0	
	10,288	9	1	
Net profit for the half-year ending this date after deducting all current charges, and providing for bad and doubtful debts	54,465	10	3	
	64,753	19	4	
Deduct: Transferred to reserve fund	25,000	0	0	
Transferred to officers' widows' and orphans' fund	416	7	10	
Transferred to officers' life insurance fund.....	1,355	6	7	
Subscription to the Canadian Contingent for service in South Africa	51	7	5	
Subscription to the Canadian patriotic fund	1,000	0	0	
	27,852	1	10	
Balance available for dividend	36,900	17	6	
	£6,827,320	17	5	
ASSETS.				
By cash and specie at bankers and in hand ...	797,538	7	3	
By cash at call and short notice	1,022,752	4	8	
	1,820,290	11	11	
By investments—				
Consols £175,000 at 90	157,500	0	0	
Other securities	91,937	14	7	
	249,437	14	7	
By bills receivable, loans on security, and other accounts	4,638,113	18	5	
By bank premises, etc., in London and at the branches	119,478	12	6	
	£6,827,320	17	5	

We have examined the above balance sheet, with the books in London, and the certified returns from the branches,

and find it to present a true statement of the bank's affairs.

EDWIN WATERHOUSE,
GEORGE SNEATH,

Auditors.

Of the firm of Price, Waterhouse & Co., chartered accountants.

London, 22nd February, 1900.

WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS.

Returns for the Winnipeg Clearing House for the week ending March 15, shows as follows:

Week ending Mar. 15, 1900 ... \$1,585,074
Corresponding week, 1899 1,480,780
Corresponding week, 1898 1,341,126

The monthly totals are as follows:

	1899.	1898.
January	\$7,683,052	\$6,347,168
February	6,209,471	5,517,340
March	6,756,094	5,968,000
April	6,016,431	6,240,000
May	7,472,856	8,683,364
June	8,211,716	7,396,799
July	8,169,595	6,316,238
August	7,995,291	6,180,385
September	8,281,159	6,414,551
October	12,689,000	9,347,892
November	14,435,219	11,553,669
December	12,366,905	10,708,731
Totals	\$107,786,814	\$90,674,325

1900.
January \$9,906,607
February 6,702,646

FINANCIAL NOTES.

The Bank of England rate is now 4 per cent.

Crow's Nest Coal Company stock advanced from 130 to 140 recently, after the results of the annual meeting were made public.

Plans for extensive improvements to the Winnipeg branch building of the Bank of Montreal have been forwarded to Montreal for approval.

The Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition Association propose borrowing \$15,000 for ground improvements. The city has been asked to guarantee the bonds, which will be done.

The commission which has been enquiring into the financial resources of the Ontario government find that the province had a surplus of nearly \$2,000,000 on October 31 last.

Thos. Lamessariar, of Hamilton, Ont., was in the city this week on his way to Vancouver, where he will take a position with the British Columbia Permanent Loan and Savings Co.

The new building which the Merchants bank will erect in Winnipeg, will, it is said, cost not less than \$100,000. The building will be located on the site of the present bank building.

The splendid success of the British war loan has attracted great interest in the money markets of the world. It is estimated that the subscriptions at home and from abroad will exceed \$1,000,000,000. The interest to be paid is 2-3-4 per cent, that is at present the rate on consols. The bank of England announced that the new war bonds would be offered at 98-1-2, but the great demand for them advanced that price by 2 per cent., bringing it over par.

The Winnipeg city council is considering legislation to disfranchise electors, who do not exercise their franchise, by dropping their names from the list for the following year.

The coldest inhabited country appears to be the province of Verchokansk, in Siberia. A Russian savant passed one entire year in the inhospitable region, and kept a daily record of the temperature, from which it appears that the daily mean of the entire year is 2.74 degrees below zero.

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Business for Sale.

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EVERYTHING IN RUBBER.

Manitoba.

W. Bull is opening a grocery store at Elgin.

Capt. Robinson is starting a machine shop at Selkirk.

Jickling Bros., harness dealers, of Morden, have dissolved partnership.

Mrs. R. Myers has bought the millinery business of Miss Leeson, at Souris.

Gerald Sankey & Co. are opening in the farm implement business at Waskada.

M. Smith, butcher, Winnipegosis, died suddenly at that place on Tuesday.

S. L. Bolden has bought out the butcher business of Jackson & Bull at Elgin.

Duncan McNab has sold out the Crescent livery business at Souris to Wm. Struthers.

The Manitoba legislature will meet for the dispatch of business on Thursday, March 29.

R. R. Spedding has commenced the publication of The Western Canadian, a weekly newspaper at Manitou.

Chayman & Clemens have opened in business at Douglas, as successors to B. A. Rose, baker and confectioner.

A meeting of Portage la Prairie business men is contemplated for the purpose of organizing a board of trade.

E. Penner, general merchant, Gretna, who has been in Montreal undergoing an operation, has had the misfortune to lose the use of his voice.

James Tedder has sold his hotel at Minnedosa to McLelland & Rae, and has purchased a site in Rapid City, and will erect a hotel there.

It is reported that B. Ladouceur has sold the lumber yard, at Otterburne to D. Prefontaine. Ladouceur continues the hotel business as usual.

A new block of flats will be erected on Donald street, Winnipeg, this summer. The building will be of solid brick and stone three stories high.

Thorne Bros. will erect a business block at Sidney this summer. The ground floor will be used as stores and the upper flat as a public hall.

Geo. H. Rodgers & Co., dry goods and men's furnishings, Winnipeg, are selling out by private sale and contemplating discontinuing business here.

Hill & McCaully, furniture dealers, Manitou, have dissolved partnership, Hill having bought McCaully's interest in the business. His son will enter the business with him.

The Canadian Trading and Fuel company, with headquarters at Winnipeg, is seeking incorporation from the Manitoba government. The capital stock is to be \$20,000.

Strome & Whyte, general merchants, Brandon, have dissolved partnership. J. R. Strome will continue the Brandon business and Whyte takes over the branch at Wapeena.

Amie Beuard, who has occupied the Grand Central hotel, Winnipeg, for the past three years as lessee, has purchased the hotel building and land from A. Sylvain for the sum of \$18,000 cash.

The Carroll correspondent of the Souris Plaindealer says: John K. Ross has sold out his general store to H. C. Graham, collector of customs at Brandon. Ross is leaving for Winnipeg where he intends going into the hardware business.

The firm of McKenzie & Russell, carriage builders and general blacksmiths, Brandon, has become P. McKenzie & Co. Russell is carrying on a hardware business in Greenwood, B. C.

The business of Thos. Lyons, boots and shoes, Winnipeg, has been taken over by the Lyons Shoe Co., Limited, for which concern incorporation was secured some time ago. Thos. Lyons remains as manager.

The stock in trade and book accounts of T. C. McKee, merchant tailor, Winnipeg, who failed recently, is being sold by auction today. The estate is valued at about \$1,500 and will be sold at a rate on the dollar.

Oliver & Byron, general merchants, Selkirk, who assigned recently, have offered a compromise at 65 cents on the dollar. A meeting of the creditors held the other day, was adjourned for one week to consider the offer, with other matters.

D. A. Mackenzie has been conducting a general collections business at Winnipeg for some time, has formed a partnership with F. C. Washington under the style Commercial Co-operative Collections Company to carry on the business.

The stock of F. D. Stewart, general merchant, Carman and Elm Creek, was sold in Winnipeg this week by auction. The Carman stock was sold to Frank Harris, at 62 cents on the dollar, and the Elm Creek stock went to Alex. Macdonald, Winnipeg, at 64 cents, who also bought the book debts of the estate at 29 cents. Frank Harris, who bought the Carman stock, was formerly in business at Carman.

The fish camps were broken up last week says the Dauphin Press, and those engaged in transporting the fish with teams have returned to their homes. The season's catch is reported satisfactory to all engaged in the industry, and there is little doubt but the grounds at the north end of Lake Winnipegosis will continue from year to year to furnish fish in large quantities for export if a proper supervision is exercised by the government. If illegal fishing is not restricted the fine resources of the lake will be rapidly exhausted.

Assinibola.

McCormick, late of Winnipeg, has opened a harness shop at Weyburn.

Levi Beck has opened in the implement business at Yorkton, handling Frost & Wood's machines.

The Northwest legislature has been called to meet at Regina on Thursday, March 29, for the dispatch of business.

John J. Smith has commenced operations for the erection of a flour mill at Yorkton, which is expected to be ready for operation by next fall.

Crawford & Co.'s general store, at Indian Head, was badly damaged by fire on Saturday morning, March 10. The loss is estimated at about \$2,000.

A report from Yorkton says that a Jew storekeeper named B. J. Rothenburgh, has disappeared from there owing a considerable sum of money to wholesale houses for goods.

Alberta.

Wm. McCormick has started a store at Didsbury.

H. L. Litka, general merchant, Strathecona, has assigned.

Northwest Ontario.

Alex. Shragge, clothing, etc., has purchased the Philbin block, Rat Portage, and will convert it into a store for his business.

The C. F. R. has agreed to give a local rate of one cent per mile to persons seeking land in Northwestern Ontario for settlement.

The Flaherty block, Port Arthur, was destroyed by fire on March 14, with the exception of the corner occupied by the Molson's Bank. The occupants of the block were: Leaney, Arthur & Co., general merchants; Mary A. Traynor, milliner; A. Ross, jeweller, and Nottie Montgomery, milliner. The loss on building and stocks was \$25,000. The manager of the Molson's bank had his furniture damaged by water. Loss was partly insured.

Brandon Solid.

A press correspondent at Brandon writes under date of March 15: Continued business activity, increasing property values and the fact that every business place and dwelling house in the city is occupied, is marking a turning point in the affairs of the city of Brandon. It has been practically conceded after a careful investigation and consideration and a lengthy conference with the bondholders that, with the improvement in the city's condition during the last couple of years, in fact since the agitation for a settlement began, no compromise with its creditors will be necessary, and the present council, by the introduction of such economies as remain possible, will be able to handle the city's indebtedness in a satisfactory manner. This is the result of the council's private meeting on Tuesday, and the open meeting last night when the matter was discussed.

Tenders.

The Winnipeg city council will advertise for tenders for the construction of a sewer on Burrows avenue.

Tenders are wanted by J. H. G. Russell, for the erection of a brick residence, River avenue, Fort Rouge, Winnipeg, to be in by March 20.

Tenders will be received by architect Brown until Wednesday, March 28th, for the erection and completion of a science building for the University, of Manitoba.

Tenders will be received, addressed to the commissioner of public works, up to the 15th of April, for the operation of a new steam ferry on Saskatchewan river, at Rattleford.

Tenders addressed to the chairman of the fire, water and light committee, Winnipeg, for the supply of from 500 to 1,000 cords of firewood will be received up to Monday, March 19.

Tenders addressed to the chairman committee on works, Winnipeg, for the supply of lumber, hardware, cement, and other supplies required, will be received up to Wednesday, April 11.

Casey, of West Elgin, has introduced a bill at Ottawa for the establishment of a system of telegraphs as a branch of the public service.

The Farmers' Advocate, of London, Ont., has recently presented its subscribers and friends with a large engraving showing a group of famous Canadian Shorthorn cattle. The work of engraving this picture has been beautifully done and the animals selected for subjects are each famous in their class.

Tobacco Growing in British Columbia.

Mr. Chas. Mair, of the immigration department, whose name in connection with several poetical works, notably "Texumseh," is well known throughout Canada, has returned to the city from a vacation at his former home in the Okanagan valley, British Columbia. After a considerable absence from his old home Mr. Mair could judge of the progress that was being made in the industries of the valley. The town of Kelowna has become quite a considerable shipping point for the agricultural and fruit products to the mine centres and the coast. Large quantities of fruit such as apples, pears and fine vegetables, which are equal in quality to fruit grown in any other part of Canada, are now being cultivated on the fruit farms which abound there. A notable industry, says Mr. Mair, is the tobacco industry, which has sprung up and is assuming large proportions. The ranches in this district have begun to cultivate the plant and are fast finding out the special virtues of the soil and climate which are calculated to procure a fine tobacco which can be used for cigar manufacture. In fact the leaf has been pronounced, says Mr. Mair, by those competent to know, the finest quality of any grown in Canada. While there Mr. Mair visited several of those interested in the culture of the plant and learned from them the methods used in preparing the leaf for the manufacturer, an account of which he gave to a Free Press reporter and which may be interesting, as the beginning of what may turn out to be a great Western Canadian industry. The tobacco seed—which is first procured in Havana—is sown about the end of March in beds with a frame, covered with grey cotton to start the growth, and the plants are ready for transferring about the end of May. The ground into which the plant is put is first irrigated, then plowed and harrowed. From that time forward little irrigation is necessary. In 60 days the plants are ripe for harvest—say about the end of July—when they are cut down below all weeds and strung up on laths about six plants to each, and then hung in a shed about eight or ten inches apart. The ventilation of the shed requires careful attention. In about 75 days after harvest the plants should be cured in order to take down and in wet weather, to prevent pole-rot a stove is used. The leaf is now ready for grading, after which it is packed and pressed firmly into cases holding from 300 to 350 pounds, then removed to the sweat house. The completion of the process of fermentation is carried on by natural means until October of the following year, and the contents of the cases are turned out in a block, the leaf sampled and if the sweating process is complete the leaf is fit for binders or wrappers, but not for fillers or the inside of the cigar unless artificial means of sweating is used, which can not be applied until the leaf is a year old, at which time it has assumed its natural rich color. The tobacco grown here possesses a high burning power attributed to the high percentage of potash and low percentage of chlorides in the soil. The fine flavor is due also to the elements of the soil, coupled with the climatic elements which are a leading factor in producing a fine plant, hail storms being unknown at that portion of British Columbia. The cool, damp nights of July and August followed by sultry days are also bene-

ficial to the growth of the plant. The leaf has been grown for six years in the valley and is considered better now than in the first year. As a result of the success attained by the ranches in growing tobacco a cigar factory has been established at Kelowna, known as the Kelowna Shipping Union.

The tobacco growing industry was first begun in the valley by Messrs. Hallinan and Collins. The former has a thorough knowledge of tobacco culture in all its branches, his family having been employed for many years in the industry in Wisconsin. Much credit is due to these gentlemen for their enterprise and tenacity in prosecuting the culture to this point of success. Messrs. Sterling and Smith, two wealthy gentlemen from Scotland, have also been prominent in contributing to the improvement of this and other important interests in the valley.

So far as growing is concerned the crop of 1899 is superior to any previous year—the result of experience in selecting seed adapted to the soil. A portion of last year's crop was grown direct from Havana seed and the leaf retains a large percentage of the fine quality of the Havana.

The duty on foreign imported leaf by manufacturers of foreign cigars is 10c per pound; factories known as combination factories using both foreign and domestic products pay 16c additional or 26c per pound. There are three distinct licenses granted to manufacturers: 1st, factories which use nothing but home grown leaf pay excise on the product of \$3 per 1,000 and a license fee of \$50, 2nd, combination license, allowing 10 to 90 per cent of foreign or domestic leaf, which costs the same as the first on the product and a fee of \$65; 3rd, straight foreign factory licenses, which covers imported tobacco only. The importance of encouraging the growth of Canadian tobacco may be seen by a glance at the imports. The total importations of foreign leaf in 1899 was 7,105,786 pounds, against 6,618,333 pounds the previous year. The Canadian production is shown to have been very small in comparison to this, though it swelled considerably from 1897 to 1899. This manifests that if a quality of tobacco can be grown in Canada which will satisfy the tastes of tobacco smokers here, every encouragement should be given to its growth.

Grain and Milling Notes.

Geo. V. Hastings, manager of the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., Winnipeg, was able to be at the office a part of the time this week, though still suffering from the effects of the accident which recently befel him.

The Farmers' flour mill at Portage la Prairie, recently purchased by G. A. Brown & Co., of Toronto, is now in running order. Several improvements were made in the machinery. The capacity of the mill is now 200 barrels per day.

Live Stock News.

Receipts of dressed hogs at Montreal from the commencement of the season have been 39,820 head against 50,987 head for the corresponding period last year, a decrease of 11,167 head.

Eastern live stock markets were slow found last week, and receipts fell off to a large extent. Prices advanced in some cases to very high

figures, as much as \$8 per cwt. being paid at Montreal for hogs dressed weight. This extreme was, however, only temporary.

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Canned Goods		Per case
Apples, 35, 2 doz.	2 15	2 25
Apples, preserved, 35, 2 doz.	3 00	3 25
Apples, gallons (per doz.)	3 20	3 5
Black or Lawton berries, 25,		
2 doz.	3 25	3 50
Beans, 25, 2 doz.	2 35	2 10
Corn, 25, 2 doz.	2 40	2 40
Cherries, red, pitted 25, 2 doz.	3 90	4 00
Peas, Marrowfat, 25, 2 doz.	1 85	1 00
Peas, sifted, 25, 2 doz.	1 25	1 25
Pears, Bartlett, 25, 2 doz.	3 25	3 50
Pears, California, 2 1/2, 2 doz.	4 50	4 75
Pears, Bartlett, 35, 2 doz.	5 50	5 50
Pineapple, 25, 2 doz.	4 50	4 75
Pineapple, imported, 25, 2 doz.	5 50	6 00
Peaches, 25, 2 doz.	3 90	4 25
Peaches, California, 2 1/2, 2 doz.	4 50	5 00
Peaches, Canadian, 35, 2 doz.	6 25	6 50
Plums, 25, 2 doz.	2 75	3 00
Plums, California, 2 1/2, 2 doz.	4 50	4 50
Pumpkins, 35, 2 doz.	2 00	2 25
Raspberries, 25, 2 doz.	3 00	3 25
Strawberries, 25, 2 doz.	3 00	3 25
Tomatoes, 35, 2 doz.	3 35	3 40
Salmon, talls, 15, 4 doz.	5 25	6 00
Salmon, Cohoes talls, 15, 4 doz.	5 00	5 00
Per tin.		
Sardines, domestic 1/8s.	0 1 1/2	0 25
Sardines, imported, 1/8s.	0 1 1/2	0 25
Sardines, imported, 1/4s.	0 1 1/2	0 25
Sardines, imp. 1/8s, boneless.	0 20	0 33
Sardines, Dom., mustard 1/8s.	10	12
Per doz.		
Imported Fresh Herring, 15, 1 doz.	1 40	1 50
Imp. Kipperd Herrings, 15, 1 doz.	1 75	1 85
Imp. Herrings, Tom. Sauce 15, 1 doz.	1 80	1 90
Imp. " Anch. Sauce 15, 1 doz.	1 80	1 90
Imp. " Shrimp Sauce 15, 1 doz.	2 00	2 00
Canned Meats		
Corn Beef, 15, 2 doz.	3 20	3 25
Corn Beef, 25, 1 doz.	2 85	3 00
Lunch Beef, 25, 1 doz.	2 90	3 00
Lunch Tongue, 15, 2 doz.	6 00	6 25
Lunch Tongue, U.S., 25, 1 doz.	6 75	6 75
Lunch Tongue, Can., 25, 1 doz.	6 00	6 00
Brawn, 25, 1 doz.	2 60	3 00
Pigs Feet, 15, 2 doz.	2 90	2 90
Roast Beef, 25, 1 doz.	2 85	3 00
Per doz.		
Chicken, Duck or Turkey, 15, 2 doz.	2 60	2 60
Potted Ham, 1/8s.	65	70
Devilled Ham, 1/8s.	65	70
Potted Tongue, 1/8s.	65	70
Potted Ham, 1/4s.	1 30	1 40
Devilled Ham, 1/4s.	1 30	1 40
Potted Tongue, 1/4s.	1 30	1 40
Coffee		
Green Rio	1 1 1/2	1 1 1/2
Inferior grades	1 1 1/2	1 1 1/2
Cereals		
Split Peas, sack 95	2 50	2 50
Pot Barley, sack 95	2 30	2 40
Heart Barley, sack 95	3 75	4 00
Roll'd Oatmeal, sack 95	1 25	1 25
Standard Oatmeal, sack 95	2 25	2 25
Granulated Oatmeal, sack 95	2 25	2 25
Beans (per bushel)	2 10	2 15
Cornmeal, sack 95	1 20	1 20
Cornmeal, 1/2 sack 49 (per 1/2 sack)	0 65	0 65
Rice		
Rice, B	4 1/2	4 3/4
Patna	5 1/2	5 1/2
Rice, Japan	5 1/2	5 1/2
Bago	4 1/2	5
Tapioca	5 1/2	5 1/2
Cigarettes		
Old Judge	\$7 50	\$7 50
Athlete	5 50	5 50
Sweet Caporal	5 50	5 50
Sweet Sixteen	5 50	5 50
Derby	6 30	6 30
T. & B.	5 20	5 20
Cured Fish		
Boneless Hake, per lb	05	05 1/2
Codfish, whole cases, 100 lbs.	6 50	6 50
Codfish, Pure per lb	7 1/2	7 1/2
Herrings, in half-barrels	4 00	4 00
Digby chicks	16	16
Dried Fruits		
Currants, new, Prov'l Bbls	05 1/2	05 1/2
Currants, Prov'l Cases	5 1/2	5 1/2
Currants, Prov'l 1/2 Barrels	05 1/2	05 1/2
Currants, P. Flat, bbls	05 1/2	05 1/2
Currants, P. Flat, cases	05 1/2	05 1/2
Currants, cleaned, cases	07 1/2	07 1/2
Dates, Cases	07 1/2	08
Figs, Heme, about 10 lb box	20	22
Figs, Glove Box, per doz	20	20
Figs, Cooking, S-X	06 1/2	07
Figs, boxes	07 1/2	08
Figs, Tappets	05	05 1/2
Figs, Portuguese, boxes	06 1/2	07
Sultana Raisins	10 1/2	11

Dried Fruits		Per pound
Raisins, Val., fine, off stalk	10	1 15
Raisins, Selected, off stalk	10	1 15
Raisins, Val. Layers, per box	25	2 30
Clusters, 3 Crown	2 45	2 45
Loose Muscatels, 2 crown	9	9 1/2
Loose Muscatels, 3 crown	9	9 1/2
Loose Muscatels, 4 crown	9	9 1/2
London Layers, 20 lb Boxes	1 00	2 00
Apples, Dried	07 1/2	08
Evap Apples, finest quality	08 1/2	09
California Evaporated Fruits		
Peaches, peeled	17	15
Peaches, unpeeled	11	12
Pears	12 1/2	13
Apricots	17 1/2	18
Pitted Plums	11	11 1/2
Nectarines	13	13 1/2
Prunes, 100 to 120	5 1/2	5 1/2
Prunes, 60 to 100	5 1/2	5 1/2
Prunes, 80 to 90	6	6 1/2
Prunes, 70 to 80	6 1/2	6 1/2
Prunes, 60 to 70	7	7 1/2
Prunes, 40 to 50	8	8 1/2
Mutches		
Telegraph	\$4 15	Per case
Telephone	4 00	Per case
Tiger	3 90	Per case
Parlor Matches, Eagle	1 75	Per case
Nuts		
Brazils	11	12 1/2
Taragona Almonds	15	15 1/2
Peanuts, roasted	11	11 1/2
Peanuts, green	9	10
Greenoble Walnuts	14 1/2	15
French Walnuts	13	14
Sicily Filberts	13	14
Shelled Almonds	30	35
Syrup		
Extra Bright, per lb	36	36 1/2
Medium, per lb	2 1/2	2 3/4
Maple, case 1 doz. 1/2 gal. tins	6 75	7 00
Molasses, per gal. (New Or.)	34c	35c
" Porto Rico	40	40
" Barbadoes	48	50
Sugar		
Extra Standard Gran.	5 20	5 20
German Granulated	5 10	5 10
Extra Ground	5 70	5 70
Powdered	6 1/2	6 1/2
Lumps	6	6 1/2
Bright Yellow Sugar	4 40	4 50
American	4 40	4 40
Maple Sugar	13 1/2	15
Salt		
Rock Salt	1 1/2	1 1/2
Common, fine	2 00	2 00
Common, coarse	2 00	2 00
Dairy, 100 3	3 25	3 50
Dairy, 60-5	3 15	3 30
Spices		
Assorted Herbs, 1/2 lb tins	75	90
Per pound		
Allspice, whole	15	20
Allspice, pure ground	15	20
Allspice, compound	15	18
Cassia, whole	18	20
Cassia, pure ground	20	25
Cassia, compound	13	18
Cloves, whole	17	20
Cloves, pure ground	25	30
Cloves, compound	18	20
Pepper, black, whole	16	17
Pepper, black, pure ground	18	20
Pepper, black, compound	10	13
Pepper, white, whole	23	25
Pepper, white, pure ground	28	30
Pepper, white, compound	18	20
Pepper, Cayenne	25	30
Ginger, whole, Jamaica	25	30
Ginger, whole, Cochina	20	25
Ginger, pure ground	23	25
Ginger, compound	15	20
Nutmegs, (per pound)	55	55
Mace (per pound)	75	80
Teas		
China Blacks—		
Choice	35	40
Medium	25	35
Common	13	20
Indian and Ceylon—		
Choice	32	40
Medium	25	32
Common	16	22
Young Hysons—		
Choice	35	45
Medium	25	35
Common	22	30
Japan—		
Finest May Picking	35	40
Choice	30	35
Fine	25	30
Good Medium	20	25
Common	15	20

Tobacco		Per pound
T. & B., 35, 45, and 95 Cads.	00	70
Lily, 55, cads.	00	61
Crescent, 55, cads.	00	58
T. & B. Black Chewing, Sorbets	00	6 1/2
T. & B. Mahogany Chewing,		
55 or 16	00	6 1/2
T. & B. 1 1/2 pkg, cut	00	55
T. & B. 1-5 pkg, cut	00	55
T. & B. in pouches, 1-4	00	55
T. & B. in 1-5 tins	00	56
T. & B. in 1/2 tins	00	56
T. & B. in 15 tins	00	53
Orinoco, 1-12 pkg.	00	51
Orinoco, 1-5 tins	00	50
Orinoco, 1/2 tins	00	50
Tuckett's Cherub Cigarette		
1 12	00	55
Brier, 55, cads	00	61
Derby, 35 and 45, cads.	00	65
Derby, 55, cads	00	65
P. & W. Chewing, Cads.	00	65
P. & W. Chewing, Butts	00	65
Tonka, 1/2 tins	00	50
Tonka, 1-12 pkg.	00	53
Canadian Leaf, 50 lb bales,		
very bright	21	21
Lower grades	12 1/2	15
Dominion Tobacco Co.'s List.		
BRIGHT CHEWING PLUG.		
Pommetry, 3 1/2 s.	72	72
Smilax, 3/4 lb. Bars	62	62
Holly, 3 s.	53	53
Holly, 5 s.	53	53
BLACK CHEWING PLUG.		
Black Bass, Navy, 1/2 lb. Bars	40	40
Black Bass, Navy, 4 s.	42	42
Black Bass, Navy, 8 s.	43	43
Black Bass, Navy, 12 s.	43	43
BRIGHT SMOKING PLUG.		
Virgin Gold, 4 s.	71	71
Marigold, 3 s.	55	55
Monarch, 3 1/2 s.	59	59
Clover, Double Thick, 3 s.	54	54
Empire Tobacco Co.'s List		
SMOKING.		
Empire, 35 @ 4 1/2	37	37
Golden Plug, 35	37	37
Royal Oak, 55	53	53
Something Good, 75	54	54
CHEWING.		
Currency, Bars, 10 1/2 s.	40	40
Currency, 64	40	40
Free Trade, 55	45	45
Snowflake, Bars, 125	45	45
Wooden Ware		
Pails, 2 hoop clear	1 95	2 00
Pails, wire hoop	2 20	2 25
Pails, Star fibre	2 20	2 25
Tubs, No. 0 common	3 50	3 50
Tubs, No. 1 common	11 50	12 00
Tubs, No. 2 common	10 00	10 50
Tubs, No. 3 common	8 00	8 50
Tubs, No. 2 common	6 75	7 25
Per nest.		
Tubs, nests (3)	1 97	2 00
Tubs, wire hoop (3)	2 25	2 40
Per doz.		
Tubs, fibre, No. 0	16 50	16 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 1	14 50	14 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 2	12 50	12 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 3	10 50	10 50
Per nest.		
Tubs, fibre, (3)	3 20	3 20
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (2)	57	57
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (3)	97	97
Washboards, Globe, per doz	2 00	2 00
Perfection, per doz.	2 20	2 25
CURED MEATS, ETC.		
Lard, pure leaf, steam rend.	\$ 1 50	\$ 1 50
Lard, pure, in 3, 5 and 10 lb.		
tins, per case of 60 lbs	6 00	6 00
Lard, pure, Tierces, per lb	5 1/2	5 1/2
Lard, 50 lb tubs	8 1/2	8 1/2
Lard, Compound, 20 lb pails	\$ 35 1 40	\$ 35 1 40
Lard, Compound, 3 and 5 lb.		
tins, case 60 lbs.	4 50	4 50
Smoked Meats		
Hams	12 1/2	12 1/2
Breakfast bacon, bellies	11	12
Breakfast bacon, backs	10	10
Spiced rolls	9 1/2	9 1/2
Shoulders	5 1/2	5 1/2
Pic nic Hams	9	9
Dry Salt Meats		
Long clear bacon	8 1/2	8 1/2
Shoulders	8	8
Short Clear	9 1/2	9 1/2
Backs	9	9
Barrel Pork		
Heavy mess	16 00	17 00
Short cut	16 50	17 50
Meat Sundries		
Fresh pork sausage, lb	\$	\$
Bologna sausage, lb	\$	\$
Pickled pigs feet, kits.	\$t 40	\$t 40
Sausage casings, lb	30	30

DRUGS		Per pound
Following are prices for parcel lots with usual reductions for unbroken packages.		
Alum, lb	3 1/2	4 1/2
Alcohol, gal.	5 25	5 50
Bleaching Powder, lb	05	07
Bluestone, lb.	09	10
Borax	09	10
Bromide Potash	75	80
Camphor	70	75
Camphor, ounces	75	80
Carbolic Acid	60	70
Castor Oil	13	20
Chlorate Potash	18	20
Citric Acid	60	65
Cocaine, oz	03	04
Copperas	07	07
Cocaine, oz	60	60
Cream Tartar, lb	25	30
Cloves	20	25
Epsom Salts	20	25
Extract Logwood, bulk	12	14
Extract Logwood, boxes	17	24
Formalin, per lb	40	45
German Quinine	20	25
Glycerine, lb	22	25
Ginger, Jamaica	30	35
Ginger, African	15	20
Howard's Quinine, oz.	60	65
Iodine	45	50
Insect Powder	75	80
Morphia, sul.	20	25
Opium	40	50
Oil, olive, Pure	10	12
Oil, U.S. Salad	10	12
Oil, lemon, super	16	18
Oil, peppermint	18	20
Oil, cod liver, gal.	1 25	1 50
Oxalic Acid	14	15
Potass Iodide	7 1/2	8 00
Paris Green, lb.	3 75	4 00
Saltpetre	08	10
Sal Rochelle	08	10
Shellac	28	32
Sulphur Flowers	3 1/2	4 1/2
Sulphur Roll, keg	2 3 1/2	2 3 1/2
Soda Bicarb, keg of 112 lbs	2 75	3 75
Sal Soda	20	30
Tartaric Acid, lb.	40	45
Strychnine, pure crystals, oz.	85	1 00
LEATHER		
Per pound		
Harness, oak	45	45
Harness, union oak No. 1	36	36
Harness, union oak No. 1 R	35	35
Harness, hemlock No. 1, anchor brand	36	36
Harness, hemlock No. 1 R, anchor brand	35	35
Harness, hemlock country tannage, No. 1 R	34	34
Russet collar leather, per foot	20	20
American Oak Sole	40	40
Sole, union oak	40	40
Listowell, sole	25	30
Penetang, sole	25	30
Acton Sole	25	30
B. F. French calf	1 25	1 30
B. F. French kip	95	1 15
Canada calf	65	80
Canada Calf, Niagara	80	90
Niagara Brand Kip	65	75
Wax upper	42	46
Grain upper per foot	20	20
Karzaroo, per foot	30</	

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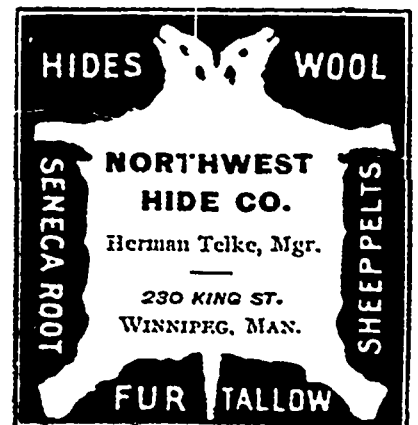
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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Saturday, March 17.

Among the jobbing houses of the city there is very little change in the situation. Prices have remained steady in all lines with some minor exceptions. The grain movement has been very light and values of grains and produce are for the most part unchanged. The general level of values in these lines is considerably higher than the average of other years at this time. Some activity is noticeable among the cattlemen, but so far as the actual amount of business done by them has been small. Stockers are being bought up quite freely wherever they are obtainable. The aggregate volume of trade is much smaller than it would be if money were ordinarily plentiful. This is to a large extent the controlling factor in the business situation. Preparations for an active building season are going on steadily. The high rents prevailing in both city and country and the general lack of conveniences in existing buildings, both residential and business, makes it necessary that there should be large increases in this line, and capital is tempted by the good security which this class of investments usually offer. Labor is reported to be scarce and it is likely that farmers will have some trouble securing help when spring work commences. The weather continues wintry. Bank clearings increased again this week, and exceeded last year by \$104,297.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Saturday, March 17.

(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.

While there is a belief in some quarters that rubber footwear will be advanced, there is really nothing known as to what prices will be made for the coming season. The manufacturers will meet on Saturday, March 31, and prices will be announced immediately thereafter for the season commencing April 1.

DRUGS.

The demand for seasonable lines of drugs and patent medicines holds good. Carbolic acid prices are a little easier, and the prospects of an early ending of the South African war make it doubtful if present high prices can hold very long. As soon as hostilities cease the prohibition of exports from England will cease and stocks in America become more plentiful again. Iodine and its preparations are firmer. Quinine is also firmer at last week's quotations. Mercury and its preparations are higher in producing markets, but unchanged here. This firmness is owing to the high price of the metal. Olive oil has advanced in other markets and is expected to do so here soon.

DRY GOODS.

Business is steady and without spe-

cial feature as far as the local situation is concerned. Values continue to harden at producing centres both in America and Europe and there is no let-up in the activity at mills anywhere.

FISH.

There is a good demand for all kinds of fish and the market is steady. Prices are: White fish, frozen, per pound, 6 to 6 1/2c; pickerel, 3 1/2c; pike, 3c; trout, 10c; salmon, 12 1/2c, salmon, round cuts, 10c; halibut, 11c; salt whitefish, in half barrels, \$6.50; haddies, 7c; salt cod, 7c; mackerel, fresh, 15c; fresh herring, 20c; Labrador herring, in half barrels, \$1.00; oysters, standards, in bulk, \$2.00; select, \$2.25.

GREEN FRUITS.

The demand for green fruits is light. California oranges are up 25c, owing to their having to be brought through in ice. Another advance of the same amount is looked for in the near future. The novel orange season is now pretty well over. Cranberries have gone up to \$8 per barrel. Apples are firm and the market is nearly cleared of inferior stock. Blood oranges are now in and sell at \$2.25 in half boxes. Tangerines are offering at \$3.50 in half boxes. California celery is obtainable in small quantities at 90c per dozen bunches. We quote: California navel oranges, \$1.25 per case for regular sizes; California seedlings, \$3.50; California lemons, per box, \$1.15; Messina lemons, \$1.75; bananas, \$5.00 to \$3.50; California grape fruit, \$5.00 per case; apples, winter, \$3.50 to \$5.50 per barrel; Cape Cod cranberries per barrel, \$8.00; coconuts, per dozen, 80c, Green's le walnuts, 15c; Tarragon almonds, 15c; almonds, 12c; peanuts, green, 9c, roasted 12c; pecan nuts 15c per pound; maple sugar, per pound 11c, apple cider, 55c per gallon in barrels and 30 barrels; fruit cider put up in 20 and 30 gallon kegs, per gallon, 40c; California layer figs in 10 pound boxes, \$1.10; new Smyrna in glove boxes, \$2.00 per dozen; 10-lb. boxes, \$1.50 per box; dates, 7c per lb in 1-lb. cartons, 10c, honey in 1-lb. glass jars, per dozen jars, \$2.50; American red onions, 3c per lb.; jam, in 7 lb. pails, per dozen, \$6.50, in jars, 4 1/2 per dozen; in barrels, per dozen, \$2.25; California celery, per dozen bunches, 90c.

GROCERIES.

The market for groceries is without change of any kind. The decline in sugars at refineries of last week has not been followed here yet and we quote sugars the same as a week ago. The situation is weaker though, and if the lower prices at refineries hold the market here will follow the decline. Rolled oats are firmer, but not notably higher. For Winnipeg prices see "prices current" page.

HARDWARE AND PAINTS.

Demand is good, and the movement of seasonable lines fairly active. Prices remain unchanged on all lines.

RAW FURS.

Furs are coming forward in considerable quantities from all parts of the fur bearing regions. Some fine lots have been received this week from the west coast of Vancouver Island. Trade in Northwestern Ontario and along the north shore of Lake Superior are also shipping regularly to this market. We quote: Badgers, prime, 25c to 30c; Beavers, black, yearlings, \$5 to \$8; black, small, \$5 to \$12; black, medium, \$10 to \$15; black, large, \$15 to \$25; brown, yearlings, \$4 to \$6; brown, small, \$5 to \$10; brown, medium, \$10 to \$15; brown, large, \$15 to \$20; beaver, small, \$1.50

to \$3 medium, \$3 to \$5; large, \$5 to \$7, fishers, dark, \$6 to \$9; pale, \$3 to \$6, fox, silver dark, large, \$50 to \$200; cross, \$5 to \$15; red, \$1 to \$3; lynx, large, \$1.50 to \$1; middling, \$1 to \$3, small, 50c to \$1.50, marten, large, dark, \$4 to \$12; large, pale or brown, \$3.50 to \$8; large, light pale, \$2.50 to \$5; mink, large, dark, \$1.50 to \$3; small, dark, \$1 to \$1.50; musquash, winter, 2c to 10c; otter, large, dark, \$6 to \$12; large, pale, \$5 to \$8, skunk, large, 50c to \$1; wolf, timber, large, \$2 to \$3; prairie, 40c to \$1; wolverine, large, dark, \$3 to \$5; large, pale, \$1.25 to \$2.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—Within the last three days the wheat market has begun to show signs of coming out of the rut it has been in for some weeks previously, and while foreign demand may not have increased much yet, a better inquiry is observable, and a more active market is seen in the speculative centers in the States. Quotations at the close of yesterday's markets show an improvement of 3/4c per bushel on the week. The movement of wheat in the States is on a moderate scale although fully as large as at same date a year ago, but exports of wheat and flour are considerably less. About now is the critical season for the winter wheat in the States and any well authenticated crop damage reports would easily advance prices. The American visible supply decreased last week 326,000 bushels compared with an increase previous week of 639,000 bushels, and an increase of 322,000 bushels same week a year ago, the total now standing at 53,693,000 bushels, compared to 29,793,000 bushels last year. The American government report for March issued on the 10th inst. gives the quantity of wheat in farmer's hands in the States on March 1st as 158,000,000 bushels compared to 198,000,000 bushels same date in 1899, but the quantity of wheat in the visible supply and interior elevators is some 40,000,000 bushels greater than last year, so that available stocks are just about the same as a year ago, and the report had little influence on the market. The world's shipments last week were very heavy, being 9,119,000 bushels against 8,623,000 bushels previous week and 7,600,000 bushels same week a year ago. The quantity on passage to Europe has increased about 3,000,000 bushels. The world's visible supply according to Bradstreet's showed a decrease on the week of 135,000 bushels compared to an increase previous week of 2,977,000 bushels and an increase a year ago of 317,000 bushels. The Argentine shipments are again heavy, being 2,536,000 bushels for the week. The winter wheat crop in the States is fairly well reported of. The Price Current in its report yesterday says, "Weather somewhat trying on wheat crop, but general position maintained." European crops show no particular change in condition or prospect although the weather in England, France and Germany has not been favorable recently, principally on account of too much rain alternating with sleet and snow. Other European countries report more favorable conditions.

The local market shows very little change, but there is more interest shown in Manitoba wheat at the close of the week than previously and the price is up 1c per bushel from a week ago, 1 hard selling yesterday at 67c

spot Fort William. The volume of trade is quite light as holders are tenacious and buyers are not aggressive by any means. Export values are somewhat below the line of current prices here, and business cannot be active until they come together. Two hard and 1 northern are 21.2c under 1 hard and 3 hard 5c under 1 hard; 1 frosted 5c, 2 frosted 53c, all in store Fort William.

FLOUR—Prices now quoted as follows: Ogilvie's Hungarian patent, \$1.75; Glenora, \$1.65; Manitoba Strong Bakers, \$1.40; XXXN, \$1; Lakt of the Woods patent, \$1.85; Strong Bakers, \$1.65; Medora, \$1.40; XXX, \$1.20 per sack of 58 pounds delivered in Winnipeg.

MILLED—The Lake of the Woods Company has put its price for bran up \$1 per ton. Otherwise there is no change. We quote: Ogilvie's bran, \$13.50, shorts, \$13.50 per ton; Lake of the Woods bran, \$13.50; shorts, \$14.50.

GROUND FEED—Oat chop is worth \$22 per ton; barley chop, \$17, and mixed feed of barley and oats \$20 per ton. Corn chop, \$19, oilcake, \$27.

CATS—Prices are a little firmer this week and as high as 35c has been paid for No. 2 white oats. Receipts are slightly improved according to some dealers. Quotations are: No. 2 white, 32 to 33c per bushel in carlots on track; No. 2 mixed, 31 to 32c.

BARLEY—The movement is very light and we hear of only one car being sold in the city. Dealers say they cannot get any orders for cars filled at country points. The supposition is that farmers are feeding the grain. Carlots of barley are worth 32 to 35c off cars here. At country points 30c track is the ruling figure.

CORN—There is a fair demand for corn for feed purposes. United States markets are up again this week and prices here have followed their lead. Carlots of No. 3 corn on track are worth 42 to 43c.

WHEAT—Deliveries by farmers have been light and prices quoted to them are about 2c higher. At 15c freight rate points 54c is now the ruling quotation at 16c points 53c and west of that 52c.

FLAXSEED—No business has been done at all and the market is down to a purely nominal basis. About \$1.25 per bushel represents the value.

CATMEAL—Manitoba meal is being offered at \$1.65 per 80 lb. sack to the retail trade by millers.

HAY—The market is very dull. Fresh haled hay is worth \$5 to \$5.50 per ton; loose hay on the street, \$3 to \$4.

BUTTER—Creamery—The market is nominal at about 24c per pound.

BUTTER—Dairy—Not sufficient butter is coming in now to supply the demand and the market has been well cleaned out of all grades of butter. Finest dairy in tubs will bring as high as 20c, and is regularly quoted at 18 to 19c, prints fetch 20c per pound, rolls 18 to 19c, and second grade butter from 14 to 17c, according to quality. Freight and commission off these prices.

EGGS—Stocks are very low and the market is accordingly firm. Small sizes are worth 1-2c more than a week ago in some cases. We quote, Small 14 to 14 1-2c per pound and large 15 1-2c.

EGGS—Receipts have increased somewhat and prices are lower. The top price for case eggs now, subject to candling, is 21c per dozen, less ex-

pressage. Lined are worth 16c per dozen, and fresh local eggs 25c.

VEGETABLES—Several car load lots of potatoes have been brought in from country points, mostly in south western Manitoba, and there is an easier feeling in regard to prices. Milder weather will induce more carlot business and prices will probably then come down considerably. So far the basis on which these shipments have been made is 41 to 42c per bushel delivered here, receivers furnishing bags. Prices to the retail trade for vegetables are: Potatoes 50 to 55c per bushel, turnips, 25c to 30c; carrots 55 to 60c; beets, 40 to 50c; parsnips, 1 1/2c per pound; dry onions, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per bushel; cabbage, 2c per pound; celery, 75c per dozen bunches, lettuce and parsley, 10c per dozen bunches.

DRESSED MEATS—The market is steady at last week's prices. For particular choice: beef 12c more than our quotation is being paid for best city trade but regular prices are: Beef, city dressed, 6 to 7c per lb; country dressed, 5 to 6c; mutton, 8 to 9c lamb, 8 to 9c; veal, 8 to 9c; hogs, 6c to 6 1/4c for best weights.

POULTRY—Supplies are very light. Prices are: Turkeys, 11c per lb; ducks, 10c; geese 9c; chickens, 11c.

GAME—Very little in the market. Rabbits are worth 7c each. Pigeons 20c per pair.

HIDES—The market is unsettled and depressed. Outside markets show a tendency to decline and this makes local traders cautious. The best quotation for frozen hides here is now 6 1/2c. We quote: Frozen hides 6 1/2c per pound, five pounds tare; No. 1 inspected hides, 7c; No. 2, 6c; No. 3, 5c; Branded hides grade No. 2, and bulls, No. 3; kip, 7c; calf, 8 to 8 1/2c; Oakin skins, 25 to 35c each; sheep skins, 40 to 50c each; horsehides, 50 to 75c each.

WOOL—We quote prices here 8 to 9c for unwashed fleece.

SENECA ROOT—37c per lb

TALLOW—Dealers are paying 31-2c for No. 1 tallow at country points. No. 2 is worth about 21-2c.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—There has been no export shipments of Manitoba stall fed cattle this week, but it is expected that this trade will commence soon. Good prices are being realized for the cattle for local consumption, and with ocean freights and the old country markets as unsatisfactory as they are at present, there is not much encouragement to ship cattle east for export. Prices for fat cattle are firm at 31-2c to 4c for choice, and 23-4 to 31-2c for second grades. For extra fine lots even higher than 4c has been paid. Yearling stockers are worth from \$12 to \$16 per cwt. and two-year-olds \$22 to \$23.

SHEEP—There is still an ample supply of frozen mutton in the market and accordingly there is little disposition among butchers to slaughter fresh stock yet. Choice sheep are worth 5c off cars here and lambs the same.

HOGS—Receipts have been quite liberal and prices are firmer in sympathy with other markets. The quality of offerings has been exceptionally good lately and packers much prefer Manitoba hogs to those they have been getting from Ontario. We quote: Choice hogs, selected weight, 47-5c, second grades 4 to 41-2c.

MILCH COWS—Very few offering. Quotations range from \$30 to \$15 each.

HORSES—Horses are coming forward regularly now in carlots from Ontario for the spring trade. Several cars have gone through the city this week to country points and others have been unloaded here and the animals disposed of at good prices. Good work horses weighing about 1,300 pounds are worth here from \$150 to \$175 each; roadsters from \$150 to \$200 each, and extra heavy teams from \$850 upwards. Western horses of light weight run from \$100 to \$140 each, when halter broken.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There was 3,372,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on March 10, compared with 2,524,000 bushels a year ago, 800,000 bushels two years ago, 2,834,000 bushels three years ago, 3,693,000 bushels four years ago, 910,000 bushels five years ago and 2,115,000 bushels six years ago. Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior country points were estimated approximately at 8,700,000 bushels compared with about 8,750,000 bushels a year ago, 3,700,000 bushels two years ago, and 7,000,000 bushels three years ago.

Winnipeg Grain Inspection.

For the week ending March 10 there were 426 cars of grain inspected, grading as follows.

Wheat—1 hard, 269, 2 hard, 56, 1 northern, 13, 2 northern, 2, 3 hard, 21, 1 frosted, 2, 2 frosted, 1, 1 reject, 5, 2 rejected, 11, no grade, 14; 1 white rye, 4; 3 frosted, 3; condemned 1 car. Oats—2 white, 15, 2 mixed, 9, feed, 3 cars. Barley—No. 3, 1; feed, 1 car.

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Business in British Columbia.

Vancouver, March 12.
The British Columbia markets were very quiet this week and there are no changes in the local market. Local butter is scarce and not altogether reliable, retail merchants saying that unless it is sold very promptly it becomes tainted. California butter is the most reliable article on the market at present. It is of fine quality and is sold before it has a chance of becoming rancid. Australian butter is out of the market again; there were but 10,000 pounds came over by the last boat, and that was sold out at once. California fresh case eggs are in the market for the first time. They are selling freely at 20 cents. The lumber business is fairly active. It is said the mining industry is recovering the set back caused by the labor difficulties from the eight hour law, and that a good summer is expected in Kootenay. The northern travel is heavy, every boat bound for Skagway being loaded down with freight and passengers. The Yankees are doing all they can to prevent British boats trading at Nome, and it looks as if the British Columbia trade would be entirely shut out. There is said to be one consolation for this, namely, that "Nome is no good," and if the United States shut out Canadian traffic, fewer Canadians will be disappointed. There are very active arrangements being perfected on the fishermen's side as well as the canners' side, and it is said the Puget sound canners have combined as well, so that if the interests of their fishermen and canners do not clash, the year will probably be a good one.

British Columbia Markets.

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

PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

By wire to The Commercial.

Vancouver, March 17.
Business is dull. California is 1c dearer. Eastern case eggs have dropped 5 to 7c per dozen. Oregon eggs are offering at 21c. Hams and bacons are 21c lower. Prices to day are:

BUTTER—Local creamery, 31c. California is selling at 29 to 30c.

EGGS—Fresh local, 30c; eastern case eggs, 30 to 35c, as to quality. Oregon eggs, 21c per dozen.

CHEESE—16c.

GREEN FRUIT—Oranges, navel, \$2.75

to \$3.00; seedlings, \$2.00; California lemons, \$3.20 to \$4; bananas, \$2.65.
MEAL—Rolled oats, 90 lb. sack, \$2.50; two 45 lb. sacks, \$2.60; four 22 1/2 lb. sacks, \$2.80; ten 7 lb. sacks, \$2.50; oatmeal, in 10 lb. sacks, per 100 lbs, \$3.25. In 50 lb. sacks, \$3 per 100 lbs.
FLOUR—Delivered B.C. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.60; strong bakers, \$4.30; Oregon, \$4.50 per barrel.
GRAIN—Oats, \$24 to \$25 per ton; wheat, \$25.

CURED MEATS—Hams, 14 to 14 1/2c; breakfast bacon, 12 to 13 1/2c; backs, 12 1/2c; long clear, 10c; short rolls 12 to 12 1/2c; smoked sides, 11c.

LARD—Tins, 10c per lb.; in pails and tubs, 9 1/2c.

FISH—Flounders, 3c; smelts, 5c; sea bass, 4c; whiting, 5c; soles, 6c; smoked 10c; fresh halibut, 6c; salmon, 9c. Bloater, 7c; cod, 6c per lb.; crabs, 60c per dozen.

GAME—Mallards, 70c; pintail, 40c; teal, 25c; wildgeon, 40c per pair.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 14c; geese, 12c.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, Fraser river stock, 16 to 18c per ton; Ashcroft potatoes, \$20 per ton; cabbage, 2 1/2c per lb.; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12 per ton; red onions, 11-2c per lb., silverskins 2 1/2c.

FEED—National mills chop, \$25 per cask meal, \$35 ton; f.o.b. Vancouver, including duty paid on imported stuff.

HAY—Per ton, \$16.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef, 8 1/2 to 9c; mutton, 11c; pork, 8 1/2 to 9c; veal, 10 1/2 to 11c per lb.

LIVE STOCK—Steers, \$3.75 to \$4 per 100 lbs.; cows, \$3.25; sheep, \$5.60 per 100 lbs.; hogs, 5c per lb.

DRIED FRUITS—Apricots, 17c; peaches 10 to 12c; pitted plums, 12c; prunes, French 5 to 7 1/2c lb.; London layer raisins, \$2 to \$2.25 box; Italian prunes 6 to 8 1/2c lb.; Muscatel raisins, 2 crown 8c, 3 crown 8 1/2c, 4 crown 9c; dates 9c; black figs, 6c; white figs, 9 1/2c; layer figs, 10 lb. box \$1.45; silver prunes, 9 1/2c; quartered pears, 11 1/2c; half pears, 12 1/2c; nectarines, 14c; Valencia raisins, 7 1/2c; sultanas, 11 to 14c; blackberries, 16c; raspberries, 25c; seed-cd raisins, 9 1/2c.

NUTS—Almonds, 16c; filberts, 12 1/2c; peanuts, 9c; Brazil, 12 1/2c; walnuts, 12c lb.

SUGARS—Powdered, icing and bar, 6 3/4c; Paris lump 6 1/4c; granulated 5 1/4c; extra C. 4 5/8c; fancy yellows 4 1/2c; yellow 4 3/8c lb.

SYRUPS—30 gallon barrels, 2 1/4c lb.; 10 gallon kegs 2 3/4c; 5 gallon tins \$1.75 each; 1 gallon tins \$4.50 case of 10; 1 1/2 gallon tins \$5.25 case of 20.

TEAS—Congoo, Fair, 11 1/2c; good, 18c; choice, 29c; Ceylon and India: fair 20c.

HARDWARE—Bar iron—Base, \$3.50. Horse shoe nails, discount, 40 per cent; horse shoes, keg, \$5. Wire nails—Base price, \$4.50; cut, \$3.75. Rope, Manila, 16c. Bolled oil, 75c. White lead, \$7.50. Putty, \$3.50. Barbed wire, \$4.75 per

PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

(By wire to the Commercial.)

Nelson, March 17.

Creamery butter is 1c dearer, fresh

eggs 1c lower, and potatoes \$2 per ton dearer. Prices are:

BUTTER—Ontario creamery, 32c; choice dairy, 23c per pound. Cheese—Large, 15 1/2c; small sizes, 16c per lb.

EGGS—Fresh Washington eggs, 20c. Oats—Per ton, \$27.

MILKFEED—Bran, \$20; shorts, \$22 per ton.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$1.50.

HAY—Per ton, \$28.

Potatoes—Per ton, \$23.

British Columbia Notes.

Aiala is the name of a new British Columbia town in the Shookamen district. Its main industry is mining.

The Hudson's Bay company inaugurated the opening of its new store building at Nelson last week by inviting the public to visit and inspect the premises.

The cold storage plant of P. Burns & Co. at Nelson is about ready for operation. The plant is thoroughly modern and is cooled by the ammonia process. It will be used principally for storing meats.

The C. F. R. will build a depot, freight shed, round house, and coal pockets at Nelson this year, together with about three miles of side-track with a view to making that town an important divisional center.

Permission has been given for Canadian vessels to carry United States freight to Cape Nome, Alaska, from Vancouver, and Victoria. This applies to freight from the United States, shipped to those points in bond. Of course, in the case of Canadian goods, there was no prohibition of such traffic.

The Rosland board of trade held its annual meeting on the evening of March 7. President J. S. C. Fraser in the chair. In the course of his annual address referring to the present difficulty in regard to some of the mines the president said: "Referring now for a moment to local affairs, I think it is well to point out that although three of our largest mines, the Le Roi, War Eagle and Centre Star are temporarily closed down, there are still thirty-five properties in the camp furnishing employment to a large number of miners. In conclusion I would like to express my profound conviction that when the present cloud on our prosperity passes away, as it soon will, our mines will employ more men than ever, the output of ore will be vastly greater and the community will be on a better and more solid foundation than heretofore."

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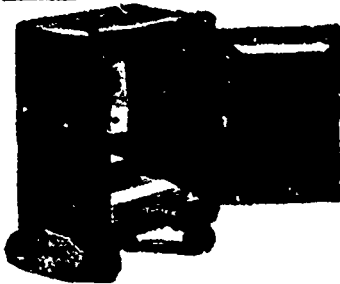
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E. A. Mott, manager at Winnipeg for the Cockshutt Plow Co., has received word of the great success of their plows in the Royal Government field trials, held in connection with the Royal Society of Norway. The Cockshutt plows secured the first five places in both classes, in sowing and wheeled walking plows, in competition with several European and American plows. The points considered were: construction, solidity, technical workmanship, draft, and quality of work done. The company has received large orders from Norway, as a result of this trial, and a large order from Hamburg, Germany, has also been received.

Implement Manufacturers Busy.

Mr. W. Hutchinson, manager of the Fairchild Co., returned to Winnipeg this week from a business trip east. Mr. Hutchinson found the implement and vehicle manufacturers in the east all very busy. They had a big trade last year and are experiencing a further heavy demand this year from the home trade in the East, as well as in the West, having expanded greatly. Canadian manufacturers are also reaching out for foreign trade, and in such lines as plows and harvesting machinery they are working up quite a respectable export trade. The feeling regarding prices, Mr. Hutchinson says, is that there is not likely to be any further change this season in prices. He heard reports, while in the east, that there was an easier tendency in iron and steel, and manufacturers were hoping that the present high prices were not likely to be maintained to such an extent at least as to make it necessary to advance implements any further.

Mr. Hutchinson found the snow very deep in Ontario, and in Montreal the snow was piled up along the side of the streets to such an extent that the signs on the buildings on the opposite side of the street were hidden.

THE COMMERCIAL MEN.**UNITED TRAVELLERS.**

Winnipeg Council, No. 154, United Commercial Travellers of America, held a regular meeting on Saturday night, Past Counselor O. M. Hatcher presiding. Twenty-nine new applications were received from applicants, and the following presented themselves for initiation and received the full work: Fred. C. Talley, with J. W. Peck & Co.; C. F. H. Grundy, with Grady Music Co.; John Arbutnot, with Stewart & Arbutnot Machinery Co.; T. W. Goodhue, with The Northern Elevator Co., Ltd.; E. M. Carroll, with G. F. & J. Galt; D. C. Nixon, with Loyal Soap Co.; W. G. Macleod, with J. I. Case Threshing Machine Co.; all of Winnipeg. The contest recently inaugurated for increase of membership is bearing good fruit, about forty-five new applications having been written within the past fortnight. As many more are expected before the close of the contest, two weeks hence. A letter was read from Bro. B. F. Holbrook, grand counselor of the order, stating that he would be with the council on Saturday night, 24th inst., for the purpose of assisting in the installation of the new officers for the coming year. Owing to the large number of applications being received it was decided to hold a special meeting on Saturday night next for the purpose of initiation of candidates.

MOVEMENTS OF TRAVELLERS.

Thos. Johnston, of G. F. & J. Galt's, Winnipeg, left on Monday on a western tour.

D. K. Cook is preparing his samples for his semi-annual trip throughout Manitoba for Ronald Fraser & Co.

Important Legal Decisions.

Cloutier vs. Georgeson—In April, 1898, Ferdinand Cloutier, who was in business on Main street, assigned to the defendant, Georgeson, in trust for his creditors. When Cloutier's stock was sold, the assignee also sold certain shop fixtures and other things which Cloutier claimed were exempt, and did not pass under the deed of assignment. He brought this action to recover damages for the alleged wrongful sale. Defendant denied any hostility, and alleged that if any exempted articles were sold Cloutier stood by and allowed them to be sold. The case was tried before Mr. Justice Richards, who held that the plaintiff had waived his right to claim the goods as exemptions, and entered a verdict for defendant with costs. Plaintiff appealed to the full court.

The judgment of the court was delivered by Chief Justice Kilham that the appeal should be dismissed with costs. Mr. Howell, Q. C., and Mr. Mathers for plaintiff, Mr. Tupper, Q. C., and Mr. Philpott for defendant.

MINING MATTERS.**BRITISH COLUMBIA.**

The Idaho, a sister mine to the Centre Star in Rossland camp, is to be operated this year by its present owners, a Montana company.

The Sandon ore shipments for the week ending March 2 were as follows: Payto, 226 tons; Last Chance, 40 tons; Sunshine, 20 tons; total 286 tons.

The B. C. Copper Company, owners of the Mother Lode mine in Deadwood camp, Greenwood, have placed a large contract for machinery with a Montreal firm.

The Beckland group of claims in Rossland camp have been bonded to a Spokane company, and may, if found to be satisfactory, be worked by them this year.

Shipments of ore from Rossland camp during the week ending March 10, totalled 124.5 tons. Of this amount 94.5 tons were from the Iron Mask mine to Trail and 30 tons from the Evening Star to Northport.

A despatch from Rossland of March 13, says: "The Le Sol, War Eagle, and Centre Star mines, which for some time have been completely shut down for machinery, repairs and construction, are now ready to resume operations. They have decided to use the contract system in future, pay by the quantity of work done instead of by the day. The men were informed to-day of the new arrangement. Contracts will be let from day to day until the mines are in full operation. The miners have so far refused to take contracts pending consideration of the matter in meeting."

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO.

The Mikado mine clean-up for February amounted to 940 ounces of gold valued at \$14,000.

Development work on Gold Estates Company property at Denmark Lake is progressing satisfactorily.

The miners of the Lake of the Woods district contemplate organizing a miners' union, with headquarters at Portage.

In a recent interview Supt. Flaherty, of the Golden Star mine, expressed himself as very much discouraged with the trouble he and all other miners in the Selkirk river district were occasioned by reason of the scarcity of good reliable workmen. He says that he is paying \$3 a day, and that even at that price it is almost impossible to get good reliable help, and that the Isabelle, Randolph, Crescent, Swede Boy and Olive mines are all experiencing the same trouble. He says that there is sufficient employment in the country for a great many men more than are now there.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Canadian Mining Institute, of Toronto, has passed a resolution calling upon the Dominion government to reduce the royalty on gold extracted in the Yukon district from 10 per cent. to 2 per cent.

All of the placer mining claims, whole and fractional, the property of the Crown in the Yukon territory, will be offered for sale at public auction at Dawson, by the Gold Commissioner, on the 2nd day of July, 1900.

The Toronto mining market on Tuesday was active, according to the Globe. Payco was firmer. Republic went up 6 points above Monday's sales, and held very firm at the advance. Olive took a short skyward and was held at very firm figures, with none coming out. Deer Trail was firm. War Eagle was dull. Thunder-Cariboo was very weak on the news of the discontinuance of the dividends, but there was no trading.

Insurance Notes.

The Ocean Accident Insurance Company has advised its agent at Winnipeg to pay all claims arising in this district from the casualties in the Canadian contingent in South Africa.

The Canada Provident Loan and Life Assurance Company will apply for incorporation at the next session of the local legislature, as will also the British Provident Life Assurance Company.

E. S. Baker has been appointed manager of the Sun Life Insurance Co. for Manitoba and the Territories, and Thos. Gilroy has been made city manager at Winnipeg.

W. J. Clarke, agent of the Manufacturers' Life at Winnipeg is in receipt of a gold watch given by the company to the agent who secured third place in a competition for largest amount of new business during the last four months of 1899.

The fire losses in Canada and the United States during February, as reported by the New York Journal of Commerce, show a total of \$15,127,000, as compared with \$18,459,000 during the same month in 1898, \$12,629,300 in 1897 and \$11,755,000 for January, 1900.

The insurance losses in the fire at Dauphin last week included \$3,000 on the Dauphin Hotel, \$1,000 on the contents, \$300 on the Newton block, and \$800 on the building and stock of R. Smith, harness dealer. Besides these some of the adjoining buildings were scorched, the losses on which have not yet been ascertained.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Pacific railway has been called for April 4.

Toronto Grocery Market.

Toronto, March 17.

SUGARS—Granulated, delivered Toronto, \$1.46 to \$1.53; yellows, from \$3.73 to \$4.40.

SYRUPS—Imperial gallons, medium, 32c; special bright, 35 to 42c.

MOLASSES—West India, barrels, 32 to 45c; New Orleans, 26 to 30c for medium, and 35 to 47c for bright.

COFFEE—Rio, green, 0.1-2 to 14c; Mocha, 25 to 28c; Java, 25 to 32c.

TEAS—Japan, low grade, 10 to 20c per lb; Young Hyson, seconds, 16 to 19c; firsts, 25 to 45c; Indian, 18 to 50c; Congou, low grade, 10 to 16c; medium, 22 to 25c; and fine 40 to 55c; Oeylons, 17 to 35c; Formosa oolong, 25 to 55c.

CANNED GOODS—Tomatoes, 95c to 1.10; peas, 85c to \$1.10; corn, \$1.05 to \$1.10; beans, 95c; sifted selected peas, \$1.05 to \$1.20; pumpkins, 80c; strawberries, 2's, \$1.05 to \$1.80; raspberries, 2's, \$1.75 to \$2.00; peaches, 2's, \$1.75 to \$1.80; 3's, \$2.50 to \$2.60; apples, 3's, 85c; gala, \$2.35 to \$2.40. Salmon—Cohoos, prime dark pink fish, \$1.10 to \$1.20; sock-eye, red fish, \$1.30 to \$1.60; lobster, halves, \$1.75 to \$1.80; tail, lbs., \$2.80; flats, \$3.20.

RICE—Rice bags, 35-8 to 4c; Java, 6 to 6 1-2c; Patna, 5 1-2 to 6c; Japan, 5 1-2 to 6 1-2c.

SPICES—Ginger, Jamaica, 25c; Cochln 20c; cloves, Zanzibar, 18 to 20c; Amboy, 22 to 25c; Penang, 23 to 35c; all-sole, 20c; nutmegs, 60c to \$1; cream tartar, pure 25 to 28c, compound 15 to 20c; pepper, black, pure Singapore, 17c; Penang, 10c; compound, 12 to 14c; pepper, pure white, 28 to 30c.

DRIED FRUITS—Raisins, Valencia, fine off stalk, 6 1-2 to 6 3-4c; selected, 7 1-4 to 7 1-2c; layers, 7 1-2c to 8c; figs, three stars, 10's, 13c; two stars, 10's, 12c; one star, 10's, 11c; provincial currants, 4 1-2 to 5c; Pillar, 5 to 5 1-2c; Patna, 5 3-4 to 6c; Vostizza, 7 to 7 1-2c. California dried fruits—Apricots, 19 to 20c; pears, 16 to 17c; peaches, 13 1-2 to 15c; prunes, 70's to 80's, 8c; 80's to 90's, 6 3-4 to 7c; 90's to 100's, 6 to 6 1-2c. Sultanas, 9 to 13c; Hallowee dates, 5 to 5 1-2c; Malaga London layers, \$1.95 to \$2 per box; black baskets, \$2.40; blue do., \$2.60; royal clusters, \$4; quarter flats, London layers, 65c; black baskets, quarter flats 75c, and blue baskets, quarter flats, 80c; Dehesa, clusters, quarter flats, \$1.25.

NUTS—Shelled Valencia almonds, 26 to 30c; shelled Jordan almonds, 40c; Bordeaux walnuts, 10 1-2 to 11c; shelled walnuts, 24 to 28c; Grenoble, 13 1-2 to 14c; Stiefy Alberts, 10 to 10 1-2c.

PEEL—Orange, 12 to 13c; lemon, 10 1-2 to 12c; citron, 17 to 20c.

PROVISIONS.

PORK—Canada mess, \$15.00; short, cut, 16c; clear and shoulder mess, \$12.50 to \$13.50.

DRY SALTED MEATS—Long clear bacon, car lots, 7 1-2c; ton and case lots, 7 1-2 to 7 3-4c; breakfast bacon, 11 to 12c; hams, 11 to 12c; rolls, 5 1-2 to 6c. Green waste out of pickle are quoted at 1c less than smoked.

LARD—Pieces, 7c; tubs, 7 1-4 to 7 1-2c; pails, 7 1-2 to 7 3-4c.

Toronto Hardware and Paint Prices.

Toronto, March 17.

ANTIMONY—11 to 11 1-2c per lb. for Cookson's.

BARBED WIRE—Car lots, f.o.b. Cleveland, \$3.47 1-2; less than cars, \$3.72 1-2 Toronto.

BAR IRON—\$2.45 to \$2.50 base.

BLACK SHEETS—28 gauge, \$3.50.

BOLTS AND NUTS—Norway bolts full square, 65 per cent.; common carriage bolts, all sizes, 50 per cent.; do., full square, 65 per cent.; machine bolts, all sizes, 52 1-2 per cent.; coach screws, 65 per cent.; sleigh-hoe bolts, 70 per cent.; blank bolts, 52 1-2 per cent.; bolt ends, .62 1-2 per cent.; nuts, square, 3 1-2c off; nuts, hexagon, 4c off; tapping nuts, 60 per cent.; tire bolts, 60 per cent.; stove bolts, 60 and 10 per cent.; plough bolts, 50 per cent.

BRASS—Discount on roll and sheet, 15 per cent.

BUILDING PAPER—Plain building, 30c per roll; tarred lining, 40c.

CANADA PLATES—All dull, at \$1.25 to \$1.50 per 100 lbs.; half polished, \$3.35 to \$4.00; and all bright \$3.85 to \$4 per 100 lbs.

CEMENT—Canadian Portland, \$2.75 to \$3.05; English, do., \$3.25; Belgium, \$3 to \$3.10; Canadian hydraulic cement, \$1.00 to \$1.10; calcined plaster, \$1.00; asbestos cement, \$2.50 per barrel.

COIL CHAIN—5-16 inch, \$6.

COPPER—Ingots copper, 19 to 20c per lb.; sheet copper, 23 to 23 1-2c.

CUT NAILS—\$2.85 per keg f.o.b. Toronto, Hamilton and London.

FENCE WIRE—Woven, 7 1-2c per rod.

FINE STEEL WIRE—Discount 15 per cent.

GALVANIZED IRON—28 gauge, \$5.10 per 100 lbs. for English and \$4.75 for American.

GALVANIZED WIRE—0 gauge, \$3.47 1-2; 12 gauge, \$3.62 1-2, 13 gauge, \$3.77 1-2; No. 16, \$5.65.

GLASS—Star, first break in 50 foot boxes, \$2.20, and in 100 ft. boxes, \$4.20; double diamond under 25 united inches in 100 ft. boxes, \$6.20; 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 and 10 to 50, 10 and 5 per cent.

HORSE NAILS—Standard oval head, 50 per cent; Acadia, 50 and 10 per cent.

HORSESHOES—No. 2 iron shoe, light, medium and heavy, \$4.05 f.o.b.; snow-shoes, \$4.30.

IRON PIPE—1-4 to 3-8 inch, \$3.60; 1-2 inch, \$3.70; 3-4 inch, \$4.20; 1 inch, \$5.00; 1 1-4 inch, \$7.85; 1 1-2 inch, \$9.75; 2 inch, \$13.00; 2 1-2 inch to 6 inch, discount off list, 45 per cent. Galvanized pipe—1-2 inch, \$6.50; 3-4 inch, \$8; 1 inch, \$11.50; 1 1-4 inch, \$16; 1 1-2 inch, \$20; 2 inch, \$28.50.

LEAD PIPE—Ordinary pipe, 7c; waste, 7 1-2c; discount 15 per cent.

OLD MATERIAL—Agricultural scrap, 70c per cwt.; machinery cast, 70c per cwt; stove cast scrap, 45c; No. 1 wrought scrap, 65c per 100 lbs.; new light scrap copper 12c per lb.; bottoms, 10 1-2c; heavy copper, 14c; light scrap brass, 7c; heavy yellow scrap brass, 10c; heavy red scrap brass, 11c; scrap lead, 2 3-4c; zinc, 3c; scrap rubber, 6c; road country mixed rags, 65 to 75c; clean dry bones, 40 to 50c per 100 lbs.

PIG IRON—Hamilton f.o.b. cars at furnace, \$24 to \$25.

PIG LEAD—Imported at 43-4c to 5c per lb.

PIG TIN—36 to 37c per lb.

POULTRY NETTLING—Discount of 45 per cent.

RIVETS AND BURRS—Carriage section wagon box rivets, etc., 45 per cent.; black M rivets, 45 per cent.; do Norway iron, 45 per cent.; iron burrs, 35 per cent.; copper rivets, 35 per cent; bifurcated, with box \$1.25; coppered iron rivets and burrs, in 5 lb. carton boxes, 30c per lb.

ROPE—Signal, 12 1-2c; Manila 15 1-2c.

SCREWS—Flat head, bright, 50 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—7 1-2c for cask lots; 7 3-4c for part casks.

SMOOTH STEEL WIRE—The base is \$3.45 per 100 lbs. f.o.b. factory.

SPADES AND SHOVELS—40 and 5 per cent.

SHELFER—7 to 7 1-4c per lb.

SOLDER—Half and half, 22 to 23c; refined, 21 1-2 to 22c; wiping, 21 to 21 1-2c.

TINNED SHEETS—24 gauge, 6 to 6 3-4c.

TIN PLATES—I.G., 14 by 20, and I.X., 14 by 20, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per box.

TERNE PLATE—I.G., \$6.50; I.X., \$10.50.

WIRE NAILS—Base price at \$3.40 to \$3.50 f.o.b. Toronto and west.

PAINTS AND OILS.

CASTOR OIL—East India, in cases, 9 to 9 1-2c per lb.; and 9 1-2 to 10c for single tins.

GUM SHELLAC—In cases, 22 1-2c; in less than cases, 25c.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, 1 to 4 barrels 68c; boiled 71c.

LIQUID PAINTS—Pure, \$1.20 to \$1.30 per gallon; No. 1 quality, \$1 per gallon.

PARIS WHITE—00c.

PARIS GREEN—Petroleum bris., 18c. arsenic kegs, 18 1-4c; drums, 50 and 100 lbs., 18 3-4c; drums, 25 lbs., 19 1-4c; tins, 1 lb., 20 3-4c; packages, 1 lb., 19 1-4c.

PLASTER PARIS—New Brunswick, \$1.90 per barrel.

PUMICE STONE—Powdered, \$2.50 per 100 pounds for blis. and 4 to 5c per lb. in small quantities; lump, 10c per lb. in small lots, and 8c per lb. in barrels.

PUTTY—We quote: Bulk, \$1.75; bladder, in blis., \$1.90; bladder in cases, \$2.05.

RED LEAD—Genuine, in casks of 500 lbs., \$5.50; ditto, in kegs of 100 lbs., \$5.75; No. 1 in casks of 500 lbs., \$5 to \$5.25; do. kegs of 100 lbs., \$5.25 to \$5.50.

REFINED OIL—Pratt's astral, 20c in bulk; American water white, 20c in barrels; photogene, 19c; Sarnia water white 18 1-2c; in barrels; Sarnia prime, 17c in barrels.

SEAL OIL—54c per gallon, and yellow seal at 45c.

TURFENTINE—In single barrels, 81c. 2 to 4 barrel lots, 80c.

WHITING—60c per 100 lbs.; gliders' whitening, 75 to 80c.

WHITE LEAD—Ex-Toronto, pure white lead, \$6.87 1-2; No. 1, \$6.50; No. 2, \$6.12 1-2; No. 3, \$5.75; No. 4, \$5.00; dry white lead in casks, \$5.75.

WHITE ZINC—Genuine French, V.M., in casks, \$7 to \$7.25; Lehigh, in casks, \$6.

Minneapolis Markets.

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents, \$3.35 to \$3.45; second patents, \$3.15 to \$3.45.

Milled Shorts—In bulk, \$10.00; bran in bulk, \$11.00; corn feed, \$13.00 to \$14.50 per ton, as to quality.

Oats—No. 3 white, 24c.

Barley—34 to 38c.

Corn—Quoted at 34 to 34 1-2c for No. 3.

Flax Seed—\$1.57 per bushel.

Eggs—12 1-2 for strictly fresh, including cases.

Butter—Creamery, 21 to 24c for choice to extras; seconds, 20 to 21c; dairy, 19 to 22c for choice to fancy; seconds, 18 to 19c.

Cheese—9 to 12 1-2c.

Poultry—Spring chickens, 10 to 11c; fowl, 6 to 8c; turkeys, 8 to 10c; ducks, 10c; geese, 9c.

Potatoes—33c to 35c per bushel for car lots.

Hides—Green salted hides, \$1.4c for No. 1; 7 1-4c for No. 2, steers over 60 pounds, No. 1, 9 1-2c; No. 2, \$1.2c; sheepskins, 40c to \$1.10 each; veal calf, No. 1, 11 1-4c; No. 2, 10c; tallow, 43.8 to 53.1c; sassa root, 36 to 40c.

Wool—Unwashed fine, 13 to 15c; medium fine, 15 to 16c; medium, 17 to 18c; coarse, 16 to 17c.

Hay—Timothy ranges at \$6.50 to \$9 as to quality.

Dressed meats—Veal 6 to 9c; mutton, 5 to 7c; lambs, 5 to 9 1-2c.

Beans—Hand picked, \$1.75 to \$2.25 per bushel, good medium, \$1.50.

Honey—Per lb., 7 to 10c; sections, 11 to 13c.

Live stock—Sales of hogs were at \$4.70 to \$4.85. Sheep and lambs, mixed lots, \$4.50 to \$6.75.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.
Toronto, March 17.

Dry Goods—Quiet after rush attending millinery openings last week. Values continue firm. In some cases, notably shirtings, apron gingham, dress gingham and flannels, Canadian mills are refusing further orders. Some lines of Magog prints advanced 1-2 cent. Canadian linings are scarce and difficult to get, very firm.

Hardware—Orders for March delivery are more numerous, large shipments being made. Values are firm and payments slow. Galvanized iron is 10 cents higher. Canadian Portland cement is 10 to 15c dearer. Pig tin is 1c dearer.

Groceries—Business is quiet. Sugars are firmer in sympathy with outside markets. Canned goods are quiet. Salmon is stronger as a result of the combine at coast. One quotation received for next season is \$5.50 to \$5.75 per case or \$1.00 more than last season; 20 cents advance on cohoes is asked over short time ago. An independent packer this week offered to mate at 15c over last year's opening. Regular jobbing price is 90 to 95c. Canned meats are 20 cents dearer for one pound tins to \$5 on 14 lb. tins. Molasses is stronger. No. 1 Valencia raisins are getting scarce and firm.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE

Special to The Commercial.
Toronto, March 17.

Grain deliveries are light. Ontario and Manitoba wheat is 1-2c dearer. Flour dull owing to freights being higher from Ontario than from United States points to seaboard. Eggs are 1-2c dearer than earlier in the week. Butter is scarce and firm.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$3.90 to \$4.00; Manitoba bakers, \$3.60; ear lots; Ontario roller, \$2.85 per barrel or ear lots at country mills.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, 65 to 65 1/2c for carlots at country points. Ontario spring, 65 1/2 to 66c; No. 1 hard, 79 1/2c, North Bay.

Oats—26 1/2 to 27 1/2c at country points for carlots, as to quality and freights.

Barley—No. 2, 42 to 43c, country points.

Milkfeed—Shorts, \$16 to \$18 per ton; bran, \$15 per ton for cars at country mills.

Oatmeal—\$3.20 in bags per barrel, and \$3.30 in wood for carlots, Toronto.

Eggs—New laid, 13 1/2 to 14c; fresh, 11 1/2c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, choice fresh, 22 to 23 1/2c; large dairy rolls, 24 to 25c; creamery, tubs, and prints, 26 to 27c.

Cheese—13c for job lots to the local trade.

Hides—9c for No. 1 cows; No. 1 heavy steers, 9 1/2c; cured hides, 9 1/2 to 10 1/2c; sheepskins and lambskins, \$1 to \$1.25; calfskins, 11c for No. 1, and 10c for No. 2; tallow, 5 1/2 to 5 3/4c.

Wool—Washed fleeces, 19 to 20; unwashed 11 to 12c.

Beans—\$1.05 per bushel for hand-picked.

Orchard Apples—5 1/2 to 6c for round lots evaporated, 7 to 7 1/2c.

Poultry—Chickens, 50 to 55c per pair; turkeys, 13c per lb.; geese, 7 to 8c; ducks, 60 to 80c per pair.

Potatoes—Steady at 38 to 39c, per bag for car lots.

Hogs—Dressed hogs, \$6.50 to \$6.75 per 100 pounds for car lots on track, as to grade.

Seeds—Timothy, \$1.00 to \$1.75 per bushel; red clover, \$5 to \$5.50; alsike, \$1.50 to \$6.00.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET

Special to The Commercial.
Toronto, March 14.

Receipts at the semi-weekly market yesterday were 1,250 cattle, 250 sheep and lambs, and 1,500 hogs.

Trade in cattle was fairly active, but an extra large supply caused prices to weaken.

Export Cattle—Market weak at \$1.60 to \$4.85 per cwt for heavy cattle and \$4.25 to \$4.50 per cwt for lighter stock.

Butchers' Cattle—Large supply and fair demand. Choice butchers' sold at \$3.80 to \$4.25 per cwt. Good useful cattle sold at \$3.50 to \$3.75 per cwt, mixed and medium cattle at \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt., and common cows at \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt.

Export Bulls—Moderate demand at \$4 to \$4.25 per cwt for heavy bulls and \$3.50 to \$3.90 for lighter stock.

Stockers—Very few offered to a fair demand. Prices were steady at \$3.00 to \$3.50 per cwt.

Sheep—Export ewes were firmer, selling at \$3.50 to \$4.25 per cwt, and butchers' sheep at \$3 to \$5 a head. Bucks sold 50c higher at \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt.

Lambs—25c to 50c dearer at \$4.50 to \$6 per cwt and \$4 to \$6.25 per cwt for picked ewes and wethers.

Hogs—Advanced 12 1/2c per cwt to \$5.50 per cwt for selections of 160 to 200 lbs natural weight, and \$4.87 1/2 per cwt for thick and light fats.

FRIDAY'S MARKET.

Toronto, March 17.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday receipts were 600 cattle, 400 sheep and lambs and 1,800 hogs.

Export cattle sold easier at \$4.25 to \$4.80. Feeding bulls sold lower at \$2.75 to \$3.25. Export sheep sold 25c lower at \$3.50 to \$4.00. Lambs were weaker at \$4.50 to \$4.60 per cwt. Hogs steady at Tuesday's prices.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.
Montreal, March 17.

Oats are easier. Flour easier. Feed scarce and firmer. Meal steady. Hides unchanged. Eggs 3 to 4c lower. Butter is easing off and now quoted 2 to 3c lower than a week ago. Cheese remains about the same. Poultry and meats are firm. We quote:

Oats—30 1/2 to 31c in store, 32 to 32 1/2c afloat, May.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.50 to \$3.60; Manitoba patents, \$3.75 to \$4.00.

Milkfeed—Bran, \$17 per ton; shorts, \$18, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$3.35 to \$3.40 per barrel on track and \$1.62 1/2 to \$1.65 per sack.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 10c; No. 2, 9c. No. 3, 8c; calfskins, No. 1, 10 1/2 to 11c, No. 2, 8 1/2c; lambskins, \$1.00 to \$1.10; tallow, 4 to 4 1/2c.

Eggs—Strictly fresh, 15 to 16c; candled, 12 to 13c; second grades 11c.

Butter—Choice fresh dairy, 25c.

Butter—Choice creamery, 28 to 30c.

Cheese—12 1/2 to 13c.

Beans—\$1.70 to \$1.80 per bushel, as to quality.

Potatoes—48c per bag on track.

Dressed Poultry—Turkeys, 9 1/2 to 10 1/2c; chickens, 7 1/2 to 8 1/2c; ducks, 7 to 8c, geese, 6 to 7c.

Dressed Meats—Beef, jobbing lots, front quarters, 3 1/2 to 5c per pound;

hind quarters, 5 to 7c; lamb, 6 to 6 1/2c; mutton, 4 1/2 to 5c; hogs, \$0.75 to \$7.00.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.
Montreal, March 18.

Receipts of live stock at the East End Abattoir market yesterday were 500 cattle and 50 sheep and lambs. An easier feeling prevailed in the market and prices eased off some. Choice steers sold at 4 1/2c to 5c, good at 4 to 4 1/4c, fair at 3 1/2 to 3 3/4c, and lower grades at 2 1/2 to 3 1/4c per lb. live weight. Sheep and lambs demand was good and values ruled firm. Sheep sold at 31 1/2c to 4c, and yearling lambs at 5c per lb. live weight. A few spring lambs were offered, which sold at \$4.50 to \$5 each.

At the Grand Trunk stock yards at Point St. Charles the receipts of live hogs were 800, but as the market was so bare of stock the demand was active and prices ruled firm at 5 1/4c to 5 3/4c per lb., weighed off cars.

Ocean freight space was in good demand for opening of navigation. All the Glasgow space on one line for the season has been let at 40s per head without insurance. It is expected that space will be scarce until July, when some of the vessels now serving as war transports will be available. 45s to 50s is asked for Liverpool, May.

THURSDAY'S MARKET.

Montreal, March 16.

At the East End Abattoir yesterday receipts were 350 cattle and 50 sheep and lambs.

Choice cattle were in good demand at 5 1/4 to 5 1/2c, fair to good at 4 to 5c, and others 2 1/2 to 3 1/2c per pound. Sheep 3 1/2 to 4c. Yearlings 5c. Hogs easier at \$5.30 to \$5.60 and offerings more plentiful.

LONDON SUGAR MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.
London, March 16.
Beet firmer, March and April 10s.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.
Liverpool, March 16.
The cattle market is steady at 10 3/4 to 11 3/4c per pound, estimated dressed weights.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.
Liverpool, March 16.
Cheese has declined 6d to 60s 6d for wares, and 6s for colored.

BRITISH LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

London, March 12.—The trade in cattle was weak, and prices show a decline of 1-4 to 3-4c since this day week. Choice States cattle sold at 12c, and Argentines at 11 1/4c. There were no Canadian cattle on the market. Sheep were firm at the advance notes last week, with Argentine woolled stock selling at 13 1/2c.

Liverpool, March 12.—A weaker feeling prevailed in the market for cattle, and prices are 1-2c lower than last week. Choice States sold at 12c and Canadians at 11 1/2c. Sheep were very strong, and choice stock sold at 15c.

Tender will be received up to March 24, for excavation, drains, mason work, brick and stone work required in the erection of new barracks for the Salvation Army, Winnipeg.

New York Wheat.

New York, March 12.—Wheat, May opened 72 3-4c, closed 72c b. July opened 72 3-8c, closed 72 3-4c b.

New York, March 13.—Wheat, May opened 73 1-2, closed 72 3-4c b. July opened 73 1-4c, closed 72 5-8c a.

New York, March 14.—Wheat, May opened 72 7-8c, closed 73 1-2c a. July opened 72 5-8c a., closed 73 3-8c a.

New York, March 15.—Wheat, May opened 73 1-3c, closed 73c b.

New York, March 16.—Wheat, May opened 73 3-8c, closed 73 1-2c b. July opened 73 1-4c, closed 73 5-8c a.

New York, March 17.—Wheat closed at 73 7-8c for May option, and 73 7-8c for July.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

Chicago, March 12.—Wheat, May opened 65 7-8c, closed 66 1-4c. July opened 66 3-4c, closed 67 1-8c. Corn, May opened 36 3-8 to 3-8c, closed 37 7-8c b. July opened 36 1-2 to 3-4c, closed 38 1-8 a. Oats, May opened 23 3-4c, closed 24c. July opened 22 3-4c, closed 22 7-8c. Pork, May opened \$10.90 to \$10.95, closed \$11.10. July opened \$11, closed \$11.10. Lard, May opened \$6, closed \$6.05. July opened \$6.10, closed \$6.12 1-2. Ribs, May opened \$6, closed \$6.02 1-2. July opened \$6, closed \$6.07 1-2. Flax, cash \$1.60. May \$1.58. Sept. \$1.12. Oct. \$1.09.

Chicago, March 13.—Wheat, May opened 66 1-2c, closed 65 7-8c a. July opened 67 3-8c, closed 66 5-8c a. Sept. opened 67 3-4c. Corn, May opened 38 1-4, closed 37 1-2c b. July opened 38 1-4c, closed 37 5-8c a. Sept. opened 38 3-4, closed 37 5-8c a. Oats, May opened 24, closed 23 3-4c b. July opened 23c, closed 22 5-8c a. Pork, May opened \$11.07 to \$11.12 1-2, closed \$11. July opened \$11.15, closed \$10.95. Lard, May opened \$6.05, closed \$6.02 1-2. July opened \$6.15, closed \$6.10. Ribs, May opened \$6 to \$6.05, closed \$6 b. July opened \$6.05, closed \$6.02 1-2. Flax, cash \$1.60. May \$1.55 b. Sept. \$1.11 b. Oct. \$1.08 1-2.

Chicago, March 14.—Wheat, May opened 66c, closed 66 3-4c a. July opened 66 3-4c, closed 67 1-2c a. Corn, May opened 37 5-8 to 1-2c, closed 37 5-8c a. July opened 37 5-8 to 3-4c, closed 37 3-4c b. Sept. opened 38 1-4 to 1-8, closed 38 1-8c. Oats, May opened 23 7-8c, closed 23 8-7c b. July opened 22 5-4c, closed 22 7-8c. Pork, May opened \$10.95, closed \$11.02 1-2 a. July opened \$10.90, closed \$10.97 1-2. Lard, May opened \$6.02 1-2, closed \$6.02 1-2 a. July opened \$6.10, closed \$6.10. Ribs, May opened \$6.02 1-2, closed \$6 b. July opened \$6.02 1-2 a. closed \$6.02 1-2. Flax, cash \$1.60. May \$1.58 b. Sept. \$1.11 1-2 b. Oct. \$1.09 1-2 b.

Chicago, March 15.—Wheat, May opened 66 1-2c, closed 66 1-2c a. July opened 67 1-4c, closed 67 1-8c b. Corn, May opened 37 3-4c, closed 37 1-4c a. July opened 37 3-4c, closed 37 5-8c b. Oats, May opened 24 7-8c, closed 23 7-8c a. July opened 22 7-8c, closed 23 3-4c. Pork, May opened \$11.02 1-2, closed \$10.97 1-2. July opened \$11.02 1-2, closed \$10.95 a. Lard, May opened \$6.02 1-2, closed \$6.07 1-2. Ribs, May opened \$6.05, closed \$6. Flax, cash \$1.60. May \$1.58 b. Sept. \$1.11 1-2 b. Oct. \$1.09 a.

Chicago, March 16.—Wheat, May opened 66 7-8 to 67c, closed 67 1-4c a. July opened 67 5-8 to 1-2c, closed 67 7-8c. Corn, May opened 37 3-8 to 1-2c, closed 37 3-8c b. July opened 37 3-4, closed 37 3-4c b. Oats, May opened 23 7-8c, closed 23 7-8c. July opened 22 7-8c, closed 22 3-4c b. Pork, May opened \$11.05, closed \$11.15 a. July opened \$11.05, closed \$11.07 1-2. Lard, May opened \$6.05, closed \$6.05 b. July opened \$6.15, closed \$6.15. Ribs, May opened \$6.05, closed \$6.07 1-2 a. July opened \$6.05, closed \$6.07 1-2 b. Flax, cash \$1.62. May \$1.63. Sept. \$1.13 b. Oct. \$1.09 1-2 b.

Chicago, March 17.—May wheat opened at 67 3-8 to 1-2c, and ranged from 67 1-4 to 67 5-8c. Closing prices

were as follows:

Wheat—March, 66 3-4c; May, 67 1-2c; July, 68 1-4c.

Corn—May, 37 5-8c, July, 38c.

Oats—March, 22 3-8c; May, 24 1-4c.

Lard—May, \$11.32 1-2.

Ribs—May, \$6.12 1-2.

Flax—May, \$6.15.

A week ago May option closed at 66c. A year ago May wheat closed at 67 1-2c, two years ago at \$1.03; three years ago at 74 1-2c; four years ago at 62 1-2c; five years ago at 55 1-4c.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, March 17.—The market for flax seed closed to-day at \$1.63 for cash and \$1.63 for May; Sept., \$1.14.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—May 66 3-8c, July 67 1-4c.

Tuesday—May 66c, July 66 7-8c.

Wednesday—May 66 5-8c, July 67 1-2

Thursday—May 66 1-4c, July 67 1-8c.

Friday—May 67c, July 67 7-8c.

Saturday—May 67 3-8c, July 68 3-8c.

On Saturday cash 1 hard closed at 67 7-8c and cash 1 northern at 66 3-8c.

A week ago May wheat closed at 65 7-8c. A year ago May wheat closed at 67 3-8c; two years ago at 98 1-2c; three years ago at 74 3-4c; four years ago at 60 7-8c; five years ago at 60 3-8c and six years ago at 59 5-8c.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, March 16.—Wheat—Spot, firm No. 1 northern spring 6s 2 1-2d; futures quiet, March nominal; May 5s 9 1-3d; July 5s 8 3-4d.

Liverpool, March 17.—Wheat closed 1-2d higher.

BRITISH STOCKS.

London, March 16.—4 p.m. closing: Consols for money 101 1-8; consols for the account 101 5-16; Canadian Pacific 97 3-4; Erie 13 3-4; do. first preferred 39; Illinois Central 116 1-2; U. P. preferred 76 1-2; St. Paul common 126 5-4; N. Y. C. 138; Pennsylvania 69 1-4; Reading 87-8; N. P. preferred 76 1-4; Atchafson 24; Louisville 83 5-8; Rand Mines 30; G. N. 8 1-4; Anaconda 9 3-8; Bar silver 27 5-8 per ounce, steady; money 3 1-2 to 4 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills and for three months bills is 4 per cent.

A PROFITABLE ORANGE SEASON.

According to the Denver Republican the orange crop of California this season is an immense one, and what is best, it is bringing higher prices than for ten years. It amounts to about 14,500 carloads, or 4,500,000 boxes. Never before was there such a yield. The crop of last year was 9,000 carloads, and the year before 5,000 carloads. The crop will bring the growers \$4,600,000, of which \$2,600,000 will be paid for hauling the oranges to market. Here is an important product of the soil over half the money for which is paid out for railroad freight. This is not because freight is high, but because the oranges are grown an immense distance from their chief markets. The orange business in Southern California now represents an investment of about \$4,000,000. The harvest season begins in December and continues until June. The great boom in Southern California, some fourteen years ago, was based upon an increase in the orange crop, reinforced by the advantage of the climate. The climate was not then as well and favorably known as it is now, and the orange product at that time was insignificant compared with the yield of the present season.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

The market to-day was stronger, in sympathy with the advance on other markets. Buyers were offering 67 1-4c for cash No. 1 hard, in store Fort William, with sellers at 67 1-2c, May 69 1-4c bid, and 69 1-2c asked.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Minneapolis, March 17.—Wheat closed at 65 1-4c for May, cash No. 1 hard closed at 67 1-2c, and cash No. 1 northern at 66c.

LONDON WOOL SALES.

Cable reports of the London wool sales up to Tuesday show that the competition for wools has been fairly active and prices fairly well maintained. American buyers were keen bidders for suitable wools.

DAIRY TRADE NOTES.

T. Gadd is to have charge of the creamery at Foxwarren, Man., this year.

The unsold stock of cheese in Montreal is placed at between 7,000 and 8,000 boxes, an unusually small amount.

The farmers in the immediate vicinity of Otterburne, Man., purpose erecting a cheese and butter factory at that place this season.

Arrangements are being made by R. A. Caldwell to establish a cheese and butter factory in the township of Gillies, near Port Arthur, Ont. When spring comes he intends shipping a large number of young cattle to that neighborhood, so as to be ready for milking in the summer of 1901, when the factory will be ready.

The extremely high prices at present prevailing for butter in Ontario and Quebec have induced many of the factories to arrange for a resumption of operations at an earlier date than usual, and it is now expected that most of them will be running again by the 20th of this month. Canadian butter exports to Britain fell off over 50 per cent during the past winter, and the output of winter creamery is 50 per cent less than last year.

Butter became very scarce at Montreal last week, and the greatest difficulty was experienced by dealers in obtaining supplies. Buyers scoured the surrounding country without success. In fact, country dealers were obliged to seek butter to fill their own wants in Montreal. Factories easily secured 27 to 28c per pound for anything they had to offer. In a jobbing way as much as 33c was obtained.

It is not usual for eastern cheese factories to operate in the winter, but the high prices of the past few months have induced some factories to operate all winter, and sale has readily been found for the product at good prices.

Annual meetings of the four big loan companies which are amalgamating, were held this week in Toronto. Arrangements for the amalgamation are now said to be about completed.

For the first nine months of last year the production of gold in the Rand amounted to 3,913,810 ounces, while the last three months show a decided decrease from this sum, the output amounting to only 155,356 ounces. October's output was the smallest for the quarter, the November total exceeding it three times, while the December production was a fifth more than that of November. Thus it would appear as if the Boers were hurrying production.