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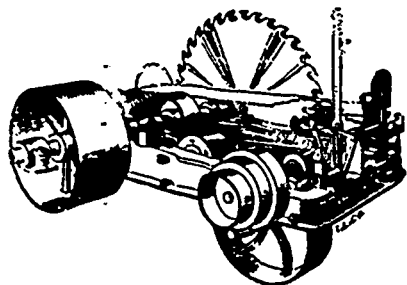
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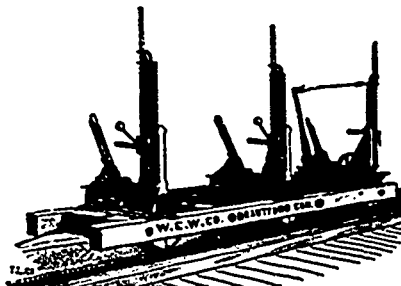
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DEVELOPING SOUTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA

The development of the great Kootenay region in British Columbia will be given a great boost onward by the construction of the Crow's Nest railway. Railway work, however, is not to cease with the completion of the Crow's Nest road. A more important railway work almost than the Crow's Nest road, so far as the making accessible of rich mining camps is concerned, is to be pushed forward as rapidly as possible. This is the Columbia and Western railway, a portion of which is now under contract. The region through which this railway will pass will be the scene of great activity this year. The employment of a small army of men in building the railway, the active development of the mineral wealth of the country, and the building up of the new towns which have been located throughout the region, will all combine to make this year one of unusual activity in this part of British Columbia. The Columbia and Western railway will really form a westerly extension of the Crow's Nest road, with which it will ultimately be connected. It starts from Robson, on the Columbia river, and will be built through the already famous Boundary Creek country.

The Canadian Pacific Railway company, who are building the Columbia and Western, have located several town sites along the road. One of the most important of these points will undoubtedly be the town of Cascade City, situated at the crossing of the Kettle river, near the southern end of the beautiful Christina Lake. Cascade City will be the first important town on the line of the Columbia and

Western railway after it leaves Robson, from which point the distance by rail is about fifty miles. From the west the Kettle river approaches the townsite through the broad and fertile lands of "The Grand Prairie" until it reaches the western border of the townsite, where it rushes through a narrow rocky canyon in a series of cascades, making a descent of 125 feet, thus creating a stupendous power, estimated at 20,000 horse power. The valuable rights connected with this water power have recently been purchased by a corporation which is under contract to develop the same without delay for the purpose of generating electricity for operating tramways to mines, street car lines, lighting and mining purposes, and for manufacturing into lumber the timber growing on the banks of the Kettle river and its tributaries. Powers

West Kootenay by investing millions of dollars in developing claims, equipping mines, erecting smelters, etc. Twenty miles to the east of Cascade City lie the rich and favorably known mines of Rossland which three or four years ago were almost unknown "prospects," these are to-day well developed mines, paying thousands of dollars monthly in dividends and having millions of dollars worth of ore in sight. Thirty miles to the west are the extensive and numerous copper-gold properties of Boundary Creek and southwest the recently discovered and marvellously rich Republic mine. On the north, in close proximity, are the Christina Lake and Burnt Basin districts with such surface showings as to attract large amounts of capital. In addition to gold, silver, copper, lead and iron mines, in the Burnt Basin district, a rich and



HEAD OF THE FALLS AT CASCADE CITY, B.C.

similar in character to that by which Cascade City is endowed have made Great Falls and Spokane Falls, the principal cities of Montana and Washington and there is no apparent reason why the same factor should not operate towards placing Cascade City in a similar position with regard to the great mineral territory of which it is the centre.

West Kootenay district, of which Cascade City is destined to be one of the principal mining towns, is remarkable for its great mineral wealth. Marvellously rich deposits have been discovered in different sections and new finds are almost daily made. It is a country of illimitable possibilities, but is only passing the early stages of development, when the vast area of hidden wealth is considered, capitalists and practical miners have shown their unbounded confidence in

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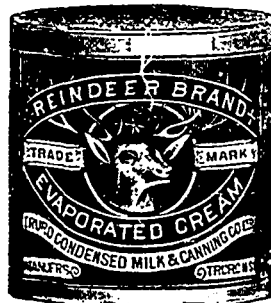
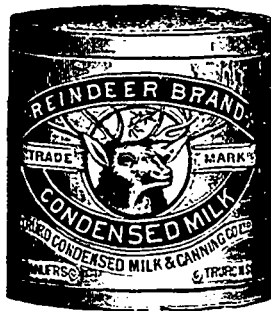
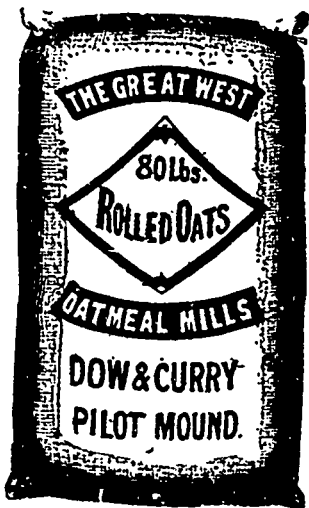
The illustrations given herewith convey only a faint idea of the landscape surrounding the townsite of Cascade City. The waters of the Kettle River after their passage through the canyon leap through a gateway of precipitous rocks, which is spanned by a suspension bridge over which the main road passes to the west. The river then sweeps by in horseshoe form almost encircling the park-like plateau on which the townsite has been laid

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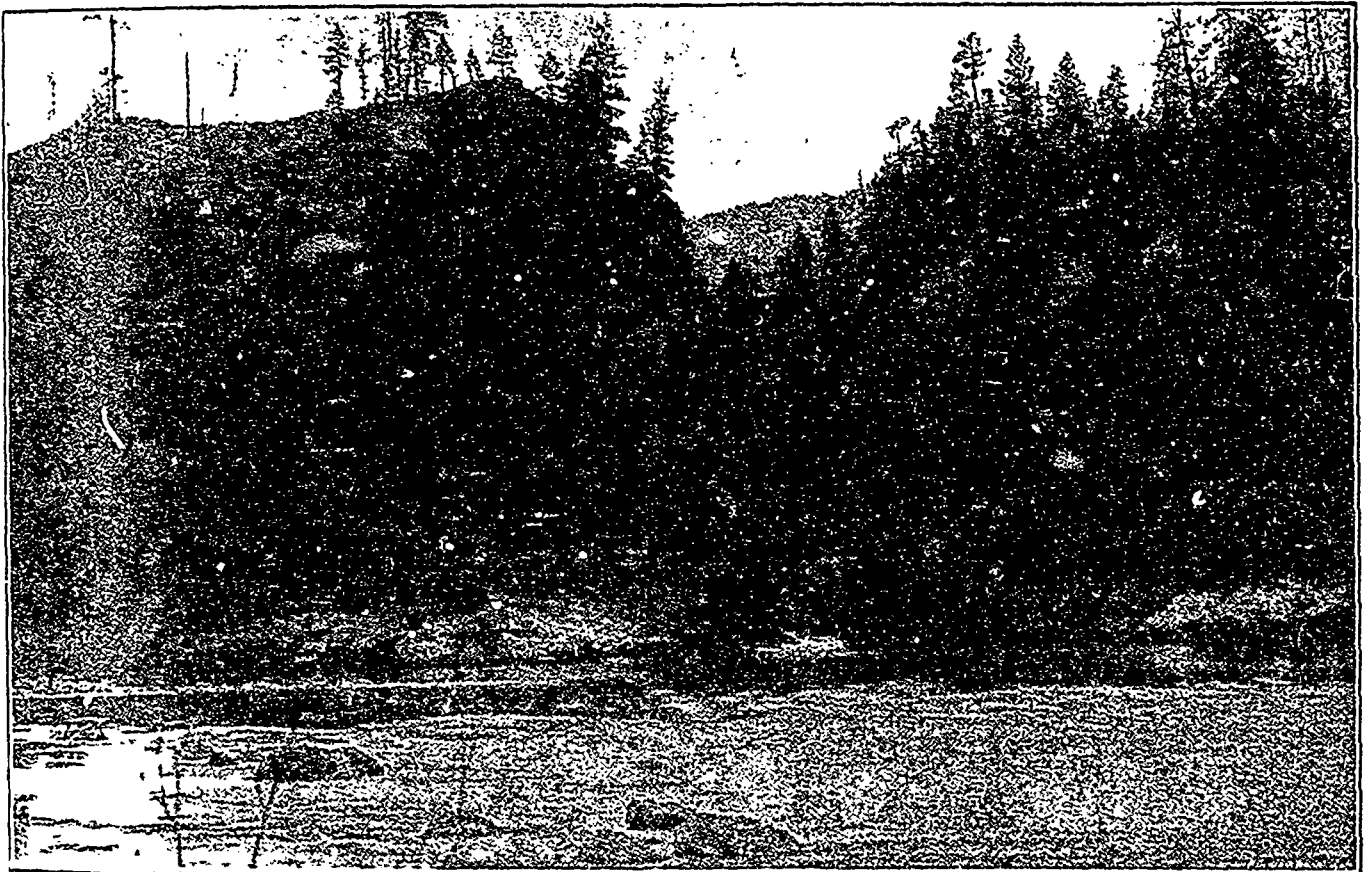
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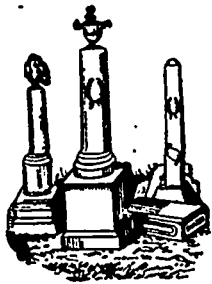
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Following is the Fur Trade Review's report of the recent London fur sales, which were reported in the Commercial at the time.

Hudson's Bay Company's sale—Beaver, 12 1-2 per cent higher than January, 1898. Beaver, dark, same as January, 1898. Beaver, pale, 17 1-2 per cent higher than January, 1898. Muskrat, spring, 12 1-2 per cent lower than January, 1898. Muskrat, winter, 7 1-2 per cent lower than January, 1898. Muskrat, fall, same as January, 1898. Salted fur seals, skins, Northwest coast, same as December, 1898.

C. M. Lampson & Co.'s sale: Otter, same as March, 1898. Russian bear, same as March, 1898. Wild cat, same as March, 1898. Nutria, same as October, 1898. Wombat, same as October, 1898. Australian opossum, five per cent lower than October, 1898. Chinchilla, real, twenty-five per cent higher than October, 1898. Chinchilla, bastard, ten per cent higher than October, 1898. Gray fox, forty per cent higher than March, 1898. White fox, thirty per cent higher than March, 1898. Red fox fifteen per cent higher than March, 1898. Lynx, twenty per cent higher than March, 1898. Wolverine, twenty-five per cent higher than March, 1898. Wolf, twenty per cent higher than March, 1898. Russian sable, ten per cent higher than March, 1898. Marten, forty per cent higher than March, 1898. Mink, old, fifteen per cent higher than March, 1898. Mink, fresh thirty-five per cent higher than March, 1898. Raccoon, fifteen per cent higher than March, 1898. Opossum, forty per cent higher than March, 1898. Skunk, fresh, fifteen per cent higher than March, 1898. Badger, twenty per cent lower than March, 1898. Black bear, fifteen per cent lower than March, 1898. Brown bear, ten per cent lower than March, 1898. Grizzly bear, ten per cent lower than March, 1898. Muskrat, spring, fifteen per cent lower than January, 1898. Muskrat, winter, seven and one-half per cent lower than January, 1898. Muskrat, fall, same as January, 1898. Black muskrat, same as January, 1898. Beaver, twelve and one-half per cent higher than January, 1898.

Fur Trade Notes.

The fur trade business of St. Paul, Minnesota, including the handling, assorting and preserving of the raw skins, the dressing, dyeing, manufacturing and sale of the same, will reach fully \$2,500,000 annually, says a St. Paul paper.

The New York Fur Trade Review says: "Prices of raw furs are generally advanced and the cost of material will be higher to manufacturers for the coming season. The record shows, we think, that prosperity extends along the line of higher values. The money-making articles were fine furs, and not the very low-cost goods."

A. Leipzig (Germany) report to the Fur Trade Review says: With regard to American furs it may be stated that somewhat lower prices are expected. Mink sold well recently to France, Austria and America. Fine grades being wanted; marten also found a good sale; raccoon was wanted in cheap sorts; the market is nearly cleared of American opossum of the better sorts, which are required for dyeing purposes; beaver has not sold well, but as stocks here are small, lower prices are not expected; gray fox has been rather neglected; red fox, silver fox and blue fox have a good prospect; Russian sable has sold well in France, and will doubtless do well; otter has sold favorably, and will probably be dearer; wolf has sold pretty well; skunk has sold well and high prices are likely to rule. On account of the high prices Australian opossum has sold slowly, and the quantity offered in London being large, the article is expected to become somewhat cheap; wallaby has sold well, especially for linings; the better sorts of Thibet skins have been sold, but Thibet coats and Thibet crosses have been neglected; in Japanese sables, only good, large skins for dyeing have been disposed of; there has been some demand for Japanese mink and kollinsky, and the latter will probably become dearer. Raw Persians have been shipped in quantity to America and Canada, and dyed Persians have also been freely taken for Canada and the United States. Dyed astrakhan sell well at present to Canada.

Wool

The first series of wool auction sales for 1899 closed in London on Feb 1. Throughout the series the tone was very strong. It is estimated that the home trade secured \$3,600 bales, the continent \$2,000, and American 6,000 bales. The opening was active at an advance of from 5 to 7 per cent. Specially merinos were in particular request, especially medium and inferior combings for the home trade and the continent. Prices soon hardened 10 per cent, and the advance was maintained until the close.

Five imported wools have advanced 1 to 2c at Montreal. These include Cape and Natal wools. About two hundred bales of Greasy Cape were sold to arrive at 15 to 17 1-2c; small lots of Natal were also placed at 18 to 20c, and 35 to 38c was bid for B. A. scoured. The mills throughout the country are busy, but their supplies of wool are very light.

So far Canadian wools have not been influenced by the advance in imported sorts, washed Ontario fleece being quoted at Toronto at the low price of 15c.

A Toronto report says that it is almost certain that the Ontario government will grant a subsidy this session in aid of a railway from Missanable station on the Canadian Pacific railway to James Bay, the southern extremity of Hudson Bay, a distance of 286 miles.

The price paid by Montreal dealers for hides is now 9 1-2c, says the Trade Bulletin, although in some instances where a sprinkling of heavy steers is thrown in 10c has been paid. Some dealers have advanced their prices to 10 1-2c to tanners.

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FINANCIAL

WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.

The clearing house returns this week compared with the corresponding week in previous years, show as follows:

Week ended Feb. 9, 1899.....	\$1,749,595
Corresponding week, 1895.....	1,453,593
1897.....	1,024,736

Following shows the bank clearings at Winnipeg by months, for three years:

	1898,	1897,	1896,
Jan.	\$6,347,108	\$5,009,819	\$4,077,300
Feb.	5,617,000	3,851,000	4,052,000
March	5,908,000	4,289,000	4,280,000
April	6,240,000	4,102,000	4,032,000
May	8,083,364	5,014,783	4,246,201
June	7,896,000	5,581,000	4,094,000
July	6,816,238	5,616,008	4,901,277
Aug.	6,189,385	6,298,574	4,640,959
Sept.	6,414,551	8,035,201	4,630,708
Oct.	9,847,092	12,291,879	7,685,472
Nov.	11,553,069	13,550,761	8,895,175
Dec.	10,708,781	9,784,498	7,736,945
Year	10,672,798	83,485,121	64,143,935

1899,	
Jan.	\$ 7,683,052

BRANDON'S FINANCES.

Brandon, Feb. 7.—It will be remembered that a short time ago the city of Brandon refused to pay the very high rate of interest due upon its debentures, and caused to be sent to the bondholders a circular letter, in which it explained that owing to the city's bad financial state, the interest due on the bonds would not be paid this year.

The following is a copy of the letter received from B. Hal Brown, manager for Canada of the London and Lancashire Life Assurance company, in reply to the circular letter sent out by the city:

Montreal, Feb. 1st, 1899.

Your circular letter of January 9th has only been received to-day, and it is with extreme regret that the advices contained therein are noted. As far as this company is concerned, we must decline for one moment to consider the suggestion contained in your circular, to the effect that the bondholders should confer with representatives of the city, and to make such arrangements as the circumstances of the case may require. We have the fullest belief in the worth of the bonds which we hold, and the ability of the municipality to honorably meet its liabilities, and unless the amount overdue is paid to us by the 5th inst., we shall instruct our solicitors to proceed forthwith against the municipality for its collection. I am further in a position to advise you that several eastern bondholders will join us in enforcing payment.

FINANCIAL NOTES.

The town of Griswold, Man., wants a bank.

A branch of the Merchants Bank of Canada has been opened at Markdale, Ont.

E. J. Hemenway, of the Bank of Hamilton, Carman, Man., was presented with a gold locket and address and also tendered a banquet, previous to his departure from that place for Hamilton. Mr. Hemenway seems to

have been highly thought of by the people of Carman.

Crows Nest Pass Coal Co. stock continues to advance, and was selling at Montreal recently at \$50 for the \$25 shares. The capital is to be increased from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000, and holders will have the right to purchase one share of new stock for every three shares held.

At a meeting of the directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway company at Montreal, a half-yearly dividend of two per cent. on the preference stock was declared and a dividend of two per cent. was also declared on the ordinary stock, making with the dividend already paid four per cent. for the past year.

E. F. Kohl, manager of the Molson's Bank, Winnipeg, has been presented with a beautiful case of silverware by his friends of Brockville, whence he came to Winnipeg a short time ago. Owing to his hurried departure from Brockville, the opportunity was denied his friends of giving him the token which they desire to do. They have, therefore, taken this means of expressing their sense of esteem and well wishes for Mr. Kohl in his new home.

Manitoba Hotel Burned

Until this week Winnipeg has had quite a long immunity from a disastrous fire, the last very serious fire having been the burning of the McIntyre block about a year ago. We have this week to chronicle the most disastrous fire in the history of the city, in the complete destruction of the Manitoba hotel, the most conspicuous and most handsome structure in the city. The fire broke out about midnight on Tuesday night, in the dining room of the hotel, supposed to have been caused from the grate or an electric wire. The night was bitterly cold—undoubtedly the worst night of the winter and in fact one of the worst on record here for many years. This made it very difficult for the firemen to do good work.

The fire soon spread through the building and in a short time the magnificent structure was a complete ruin. The Northern Pacific railway station and offices adjoining the hotel on the Water street side, were also gutted. Some of the buildings across Main street, opposite the hotel, had glass broken by the heat or falling debris.

The hotel was well filled with guests, the number having been increased by the Lonspiel going on in the city this week. A good many commercial men, who were in the city to meet merchants attending the Lonspiel, were also at the hotel. The guests, as a rule lost everything. The total loss is estimated at about three-quarters of a million.

The Manitoba Hotel was the leading house of Western Canada, and one of the best in the Dominion. It was erected in 1891. Its frontage was 216 feet on Main street and 212 feet on Water street. The hotel was built and owned by the Northern Pacific Railway company. It was a seven storey building, with accommodation for over 300 guests.

FIRE NOTES.

Arthur & Co., lost \$1,500 worth of samples; insured for \$1,200 in the Commercial Union.

Walker Crone, representing the H. A. Nelson Sons Co., was one of those who lost his personal effects by the fire.

Johnson Bros., barbers and bath rooms, in the hotel, lost \$1,000; insurance \$300 with the Commercial Union.

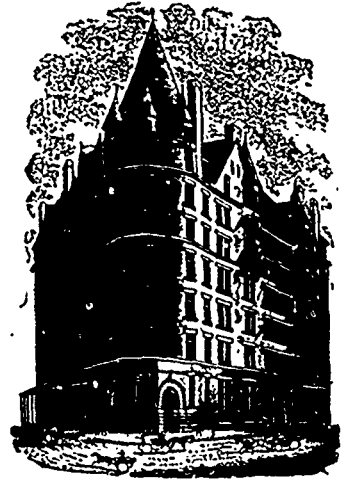
P. W. Ellis & Co., of Toronto, lost heavily on samples of jewelry, but a case of diamonds valued at many thousands, was saved; jewelry lost about \$20,000.

Arthur Nichol, of the Northern news company, who had a stand in the building, lost his entire stock of cigars, over \$2,000 worth, and his personal effects.

Mr. James Tees, of Tees & Persse, who was a guest at the house, lost his valuable art collection, piano and a large quantity of personal effects. His loss amounts to \$3,000, on which he had \$2,000 insurance in the Sun Fire Insurance company.

The Northern Pacific Railway Co. will of course be the heaviest losers, the building and furnishings being valued at \$600,000. It is understood that the company did not carry any insurance.

Many leading citizens resided at the Manitoba, and they lose heavily on personal effects, which were totally destroyed, though insurance was carried in many cases. Among the



THE MANITOBA HOTEL.

losers in this way are Kenneth McKenzie, D. E. Sprague, Jas. Tees, C. A. Patterson, of the Bank of Hamilton, Mr. Kohl, local manager of the Molson's bank, C. H. Kennedy, of the Bank of Ottawa, J. Dexter, T. T. W. Bready, J. J. Codville and others.

Damp Wheat

A traveling grain buyer is the authority for the statement that there will be a considerable loss on damp wheat when the weather turns warm as some farmers are determined to hold it and take the risk. He says that some farmers who have damp grain refuse to believe that there is anything wrong with it, and when the buyer tells them it is too damp to grade they think it is only a scheme to beat down the price. Unexperienced persons may be easily mistaken in regard to tough or damp wheat in frosty weather. The grain would appear to them to be all right, but it will certainly spoil when the weather turns warm. Owing to the wet weather last fall, every farmer should be perfectly sure that his grain is dry before deciding to hold it for spring or summer marketing.

Dry Goods Trade.

A Montreal report says some few lines of staple gingham have been advanced in price by agents.

The proposed calico printers' combination in Manchester is looked upon in that district as an event of the near future. It is reported in Manchester that already 25 firms have signified their willingness to join the combination.

Cotton fabrics continue firm in the United States. Raw cotton holds firm and there is a growing scarcity of good grades. This favorably affects the market for manufactured goods. Gray cottons hold very strong, with recent large sales of printcloths at Fall River. The jobbing movement in printed fabrics and gingham is active. Prices are being gradually advanced on different fabrics. It is reported that the Washington mills have advanced their price for worsteds 5 per cent above the low figures at which the goods were opened.

Dairy Trade Items.

Fifteen pupils are taking the special course at the Manitoba dairy school, Winnipeg. This course began on Feb. 1st.

Jos. Mager has gone to Pennsylvania to study the condensed milk business, with a view of adding the latest improvements to his factory at Joly, Man.

S. M. Barre, proprietor of the Winnipeg creamery, has issued a printed report of results attained at this butter factory. The report shows that some patrons of the creamery made \$25 per cow during the season. One patron received \$650 and another about \$600 in eight months, besides having the use of his skim milk for feeding, calves, pigs, etc., and milk for the months that he did not send to the factory. The full estimate of his return per cow is placed at \$40. The Winnipeg creamery receives cream by rail a distance of 150 miles. It is kept running all the year around. The output of the creamery increased 50 per cent last year.

D. V. McInnes, Canadian emigration agent in the United States, estimates that fully 50,000 persons will remove from that country to make their homes in Canada this year.

J. D. King & Co., of Toronto, are asking the town of Levis, Quebec, for exemption of taxes for the period of twenty years, as they contemplate opening another boot and shoe factory there.

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MINING NOTES

NORTHWEST ONTARIO.

Slas Griffiths has disposed of a property in the Manitou district this week for \$6,000.

The Golden Star at their annual meeting on the 25th, declared a dividend of one per cent per month on the stock.

The Alice A. mill run, says the Rainy Lake Herald, resulted in a gold brick valued at \$2,000, the product of their two-stamp prospecting mill. A block of 100,000 shares of stock of this mine has been sold to an English syndicate and a 50-stamp mill has been ordered, to be supplemented next summer by 50 stamps more.

A car load of mining machinery has arrived at Dnorwick for the John Sykes Mining and Milling company, who are putting a ten stamp mill in their mine at Lake Minetack. They are also shipping a small shingle mill and a poppy saw mill, to make all the lumber and shingles they require for their mine.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The Douglas Pine mine at Shoal Bay has been purchased by a Montreal syndicate, according to a Vancouver report. This is a coast mine.

During the past week the Hall mines, Limited, exported two cars of bullion over the Crow's Nest Pass railway, the value of which exceeded \$10,000.

The Rossland shipment for the week ending February 4th were light owing to the shutting down of Le Roi mine, 396 tons; War Eagle, 630 tons; Deer Park, 18 tons. Total 1,044 tons.

The Payne mine, Socon, reports a big strike on the lower tunnel that is said to be equal to any body before found in that property. In the Noble Five a strike of some five feet of solid ore, has, it is reported, been encountered in one of the tunnels.

J. Barnett MacLaren, has obtained in Seattle a restraining order against the trustees of the Le Roi Mining and Smelting company for selling the assets of the company to the recently organized London company, and from issuing to the British American corporation any of the 205,000 shares of the Turner minority.

MISCELLANEOUS.

According to Consul Brush, the output of gold from the Klondike and British Columbia has raised Canada to the fifth place in the list of gold producing countries. While the United States shows an increased output for 1898, it is still second to the Transvaal.

Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, Feb. 6.—The northern trade revived again last week and every Skagway bound vessel leaving port had a full cargo and heavy passenger list. Several firms are opening branches in Atlin. The shipping trade is generally good and the lumber trade more active than ever before. It is reported that the Chemainus saw mills have a contract on hand to supply Chinese firms for railway

construction, etc., for 160,000,000 feet of lumber, which they are to provide within six years from date. A new mill is being erected and it is said still another one will be built. The new Hastings saw mill at Vancouver will commence operation some time in March. So busy are the different mills that an order from Australia for one million feet of lumber could not be filled. The foreign coal shipment from Nanaimo during the month of January amounted to 50,000 tons. The salmon industry is saved to British Columbia by the tardy action of the Canadian parliament in changing the regulations after the banks had closed down on the canners. There are 65 canneries in the province, representing an investment of \$2,225,000. The pack runs from half a million to one million cases, and costs \$2,225,000 to put up. This money has been advanced each year past by the banks. Recently the Canadian government barred aliens from fishing in British Columbia waters. It was provided that fishermen must live in the province and be British subjects before they can even pull a boat for fishing, let alone fish. As there were only 500 of this class of men available and it takes 5,000 to supply the canneries, the banks realized that canners could not operate profitably and thus cut of the essential money supply. Nineteen hundred and fifty men were employed around canneries last year, and but for the banks forcing the hands of the government these men could have been unprovided for and the province would have lost over \$2,000,000.

The lack of buoyancy in the British Columbia market is very aggravating to wholesalers, and two prominent firms requested The Commercial to refer to this unsatisfactory state of affairs. Although there has been an advance in flour east the old quotations remain in force here. Although large consignments of hay are going north, the price remains the same. Creamery butter is selling at 23 cents, an inadequate price considering the advance in the east and cost of carrying. Cheese is selling below what it costs at the present time to lay it down here from the eastern markets. Perhaps the egg market is the most unsatisfactory. Local fresh eggs are selling at 60 cents and eastern pickled eggs at 18c. This is all the more incomprehensible, from the fact that the weather has been so cold in British Columbia that there are no ranch eggs in the market as in previous years. Wholesalers claim that pickled eggs should be selling at 25 or 30 cents. Ordinary potatoes are selling at \$12 and Ashcroft are selling at \$17.50, in spite of the fact that potatoes are bringing \$18 in Washington and that the supply has been overdrawn upon by the northern demand. In the Ashcroft district the farmers cannot be induced to open their pits for love or money, and in any event Ashcroft has not more than 10 carloads left, but the price of potatoes remains the same.

Wholesalers have endeavored repeatedly to form combinations to protect themselves against unremunerative prices, and to advance the market in sympathy with the east, but the combinations were impossible owing to the keen rivalry in trade and the alleged dishonesty of some buyers who in purchasing goods will, it is said deliberately lie in naming a lower price quoted by some other firm than the price offered. The wholesaler believing the buyer and not taking the

trouble to prove his statement deliberately breaks faith and sells the goods at cost or a shave above, and this is the cause of the low prices prevailing to-day. Sometimes again the combination did not consider contracts made before the combine to deliver goods at a lower price than their market quotation for future delivery. So sworn to maintain a certain price the member of the combination was also sworn to deliver goods at a lower price according to contract.

Live Stock News.

The Drowning Ford Ranch Co., of Medicine Hat, Assa., has given notice of application for incorporation, with a capital stock of \$10,000.

Galloway Bros., of Gladstone, Man., were shipping 200 young cattle last week from points on the Dauphin line. This is the first shipment this season.

Mr. McCulloch, of Neche, N. D., is in northwestern Manitoba to buy up stocker cattle which he expects to ship about the first of March from Shoal Lake.

The Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' association, in session at Toronto this week, voted \$800 to the Winnipeg Industrial exhibition to be distributed in prizes. This shows that the breeders appreciate the great work the Winnipeg fair has done in improving the live stock industry in the West.

Heavy losses, amounting to as much as 50 per cent in some sections, in the range country throughout the states of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico and Texas, are reported, owing to recent severe weather. Heavy snow storms and severe cold have been experienced.

Yukon Railway

Notwithstanding the talk of abolishing the senate, the belief is now gaining ground that the senate did a good thing for Canada when it killed the Yukon railway bill last winter. The Stickeen route has proved a failure. Even British Columbians are admitting this now. The Yukon railway bill was evidently too hastily considered and ill-advised. It is a fortunate thing for Canada that the senate was in existence when this bill was under consideration. Perhaps it may be just as well not to get in too much of a hurry about abolishing the senate. We talk about the senate not being amenable to public opinion, but it not unfrequently happens that public opinion is very much in the wrong and requires checking.

Regina Board of Trade

The annual meeting of the Regina board of trade was held on Feb. 3. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: President, G. Michell; vice-president, F. N. Darke; secretary, Wm. Trant; council, W. B. Pocklington, G. Spring-Rice, R. Sinton, G. T. Marsh, J. W. Smith, W. McCausland, Dr. Willoughby, J. K. McInnis, Robert Martin.

A lengthy discussion on the securing of settlers for the district, followed the election of officers. It was denied that there was any difficulty in securing water in the district. Several proposals were made regarding the sinking of wells, but it was finally decided to leave the matter to the new council.

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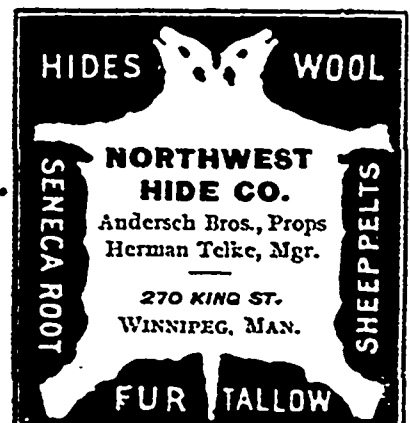
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Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:
 Wheat—No. 1 hard, in store Fort William, 96c.
 Flour—Local price per sack unchanged at: Patent, \$2.46; bakers, \$2.25.
 Millstuffs—Bran, \$10 per ton; shorts, \$11.
 Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, easier at 35 to 36c.
 Barley—35 to 36c for feed; malting, 38 to 42c.
 Butter—Dairy, jobbers' prices, 16 to 18c for fresh.
 Cheese—Jobbers selling at 10 1-2 to 11c.
 Eggs—Dealers selling at 16 to 17c for fresh and 12 1-2 to 14c for hmed and held stock.
 Dressed meats—Beef, city dressed, 5 1-2 to 6 1-2c; country, 4 to 5c; mutton, 5 to 7c; hogs, 6 to 6 1-2c.
 Live stock—Cattle, butchers' 3 to 3 1-2c; hogs, off cars, \$5 per 100 lbs. for best bacon; sheep, none offered.
 Hides—Frozen hides, 6 1-2c.
 Hay—Baled, on track, \$7.
 Potatoes—35 to 40c per bushel.
 Poultry—Chickens, 7 1-2 to 8 1-2c per lb.; turkeys, native, 10 to 11c; geese, 9 to 10c; ducks, 8c.

Monthly Statistical Wheat Report

The total stock of wheat in the United States and Canada east of the Rocky Mountains, on February 1, was 51,648,000 bushels, a slight increase over the amount held at the corresponding period a year ago, but a decrease of more than 16,000,000 bushels as compared with February 1, 1897, a decrease of 46,000,000 bushels as compared with February 1, 1896, and of 55,000,000 bushels as compared with February 1, 1895. Only a trifling gain was shown in the stock east of the Rocky Mountains in January, about balanced by the decrease shown by Pacific coast stocks for the same month, which on February 1 this year, aggregated only 5,039,000 bushels. These figures point to an aggregate stock in the United States and Canada of 56,687,000 bushels as compared with 56,049,000 bushels on January 1, an increase. It will be noted, of a very trifling amount. The movement of European stocks during January was rather less than that shown by American stocks, the total held at the close aggregating 62,100,000 against 62,900,000 on January 1, a decrease of 800,000 bushels. The slight gain in the United States about offsets the trifling decrease shown in European stocks for the month.

The total American and European stocks on February 1, aggregated 118,787,000 bushels, against 118,949,000 bushels on January 1, so it will be seen that stocks in the leading productive and consuming markets of the world practically stood still during the month of January. Compared with January 1, 1898, stocks are 9,000,000 smaller, while as compared with 1897 they are 30,000,000 bushels smaller, and with 1896 they are 59,000,000 bushels smaller.

Pierre Cotter, of Cotter Bros., plumbers Winnipeg, is dead.

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WHEAT IN CANADA.

Stocks of wheat in Canada at principal points of accumulation are reported as follows:
 Montreal 18,000
 Toronto 131,000
 Kingston 30,000
 Winnipeg 403,000
 Manitoba elevators 5,510,000
 Fort William, Port Arthur and Kewatin 2,310,000

Total, Jan. 28 8,462,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.
 Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's on Jan. 28, were 51,648,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 51,105,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on Feb. 1 were 6,039,000 bushels, compared with 5,318,000 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 Feb. 4, was 28,984,000 bushels, being an increase of 101,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 36,022,000 bushels, two years ago 47,885,000 bushels, three years ago 66,119,000 bushels, and four years ago 82,322,000 bushels.

WHEAT STOCKS AT U. S. PORTS.

	Bushels.
Chicago	3,897,000
Duluth	5,436,000
Minneapolis	6,700,000
New York	4,618,000
Buffalo and float	2,444,000

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 7,038,000 bushels, compared with 14,766,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 28,208,000 bushels, compared with 39,505,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in the United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe on Feb. 1, for a series of years were as follows, Bradstreet's report: Feb. 1, 1899, 118,787,000 bushels; Feb. 1, 1898, 127,723,000; Feb. 1, 1897, 148,597,000; Feb. 1, 1896, 176,081,000; Feb. 1, 1895, 204,135,000; Feb. 1, 1894, 213,695,000; Feb. 1, 1893, 203,362,000; Feb. 1, 1892, 167,587,000 bushels.

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, July 1, 1898, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Minneapolis	58,567,440	53,470,250
Milwaukee	9,469,585	6,234,522
Duluth	58,078,163	32,912,563
Chicago	26,292,133	26,272,418

Total 152,407,327 118,888,753

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, 1898, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Toledo	11,018,392	9,201,206
St. Louis	12,285,396	10,187,248
Detroit	3,982,816	3,914,573
Kansas City	21,659,813	24,115,366

Total 48,927,617 47,416,373

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Winnipeg Board of Trade, Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the board of trade was held on Tuesday afternoon in the new board room.

The president, Mr. A. M. Nanton, read an address dealing with the history of the financial affairs and trade relations of the past year, as follows.

Gentlemen,—You have now before you the report of the council for the year, and in presenting it to you and in retiring from office, I desire, following the example of my predecessors, to make a few remarks regarding our trade interests of 1898. It is I think, a generally accepted fact that the commercial and financial interests of Canada are to-day on a sounder and better footing than ever before. During the year just past, we have had a bountiful harvest and almost all trade industries show a large increase in the volume of business, and collections good. Winnipeg and Canada as a whole, prospered in 1898, but during the next few years I believe our city and country will prosper even to a greater extent. To this board, of course, the position and progress of Winnipeg are of chief interest in discussing the conditions of trade. The increase of the city population, which is now close upon 50,000, the large increase in the wholesale and retail trade of our merchants, the improvement in our streets and the erection of numerous large and substantial buildings, show conclusively that Winnipeg is growing, and point to an era of prosperity greater than we have ever before enjoyed. To enable the trade of Winnipeg to expand, it is necessary that the population of the country to the west, and to a certain extent to the east of us, should increase, and it is therefore pleasing to note that almost three times the number of new settlers arrived in Manitoba and the west during 1898 than in the previous twelve months. To insure the trade of Winnipeg increasing to the proportions to which, by its position, it is entitled, we should not only endeavor to increase our wholesale trade, but should increase and encourage manufacturing in the city, and with that end in view, we should do everything in our power to encourage manufacturers to settle here. There is no way of ascertaining the increase of manufactured goods in Winnipeg, but I am of the opinion that it has not been as great as the importance and position of this city warrants. The expansion of this country's trade depends largely upon the success of our farmers, and it is with satisfaction that we note their increasing prosperity. They depend upon the sale of wheat, live stock and dairy products for their revenue, and when it can be said that from the wheat crop of 1898 alone, after reserving what is required for bread and seed, the farmers of the Canadian west will realize a sum which will average more than \$1 per day for every farmer for every working day during the whole year, it seems to me we have very little to complain of.

During the past year a large amount of important work has been transacted by the council, which has been dealt with in detail in the report now presented to you, and I should like to refer very briefly to some of the points touched on:

MANITOBA EXPORT STATISTICS.

With our large and ever increasing exports, it appears to be of the greatest importance that the Dominion authorities should give in their reports

accurate figures regarding the trade of the province, and it is trusted that the action which this board has taken will have the desired result.

CATTLE.

During 1898 our farmers and ranchers realized more from sales of cattle than perhaps in any year of our history, but it is to be regretted that many thousands of young, unmatured Manitoba cattle were sold to United States buyers. This practice, if continued, will have a most detrimental effect on our cattle industry. It is satisfactory to note that the heaviest live cattle exporters of Canada belong to Winnipeg. Most of the cattle exported from Canada passes through Montreal, and Winnipeg business men are now by far the largest individual exporters in Canada, having shipped from Montreal considerably more than one-third of the whole of the cattle shipped from that port in 1898, and I find that with one exception, they are also the largest exporters of sheep.

HOGS.

The hog industry is, in my opinion, being neglected to an alarming extent, and should receive the consideration of this board. I think both in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, the authorities should do what is necessary to increase the raising of hogs. I am a strong advocate of the government assisting our farmers in keeping up the standard of the products of the farm, and believe that they should assist in improving the grades of our live stock. It seems to me it would be in the interests of the country if a larger portion of the immigration fund was expended in Canada than is done at present.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.

Cheese and butter making is engaging the attention of our farmers more and more each year, and I trust will ere long show a marked increase. For instead of importing we should export large quantities of both articles.

TRANSPORTATION.

The transportation problem is of special interest to Winnipeg and the Canadian west and it is a question which is now being largely discussed in eastern Canada. It is a fact that at the present time, nearly all the wheat exported from Manitoba and the Northwest is sent through United States channels, and until the means of transportation through Canada are improved and the rates east of Fort William reduced, it appears impossible to preserve the business to Canada. I therefore think that our eastern outlets should receive the serious consideration of this board.

I would particularly draw your attention to the fact of the liability of the river at Fort William being closed to navigation before the closing of the Soo canal and eastern ports, on account of proper arrangements not being made, which undoubtedly can be done to keep the channel free of ice for a short time each fall. The C. P. R. have stated distinctly that they have no control of the river, and will not in future attempt to keep it open. In my opinion, this is a matter which should be in the hands of the Dominion government, as it is of the greatest importance that navigation at Fort William should be kept open as long as it is practicable.

RAILWAY EXTENSIONS.

Winnipeg has become one of the most important railway centres in

Canada, and the extension of every line, no matter in what part of the Canadian west, tends to increase our trade. During 1898 extensions have been made to the Dauphin line and the Northern Pacific and Manitoba railway, a portion of the South Eastern railway has been completed, and work is now going on on the Ontario and Rainy River railway. The Crow's Nest railway into southern British Columbia has also been completed. The building of the Crow's Nest railway was a matter of vital importance, not only to Winnipeg and Manitoba, but also to our numerous customers living just east of the Rocky Mountains. Trade with the mining districts of southern British Columbia is only in its infancy, and if preserved to Canada, will prove of tremendous importance to the trade of Winnipeg. Should, however, our competitors be allowed to tap what rightly belongs to us, Canada will be a heavy loser. "Trade," as has well been stated, "does not follow the flag, but follows the price list."

In my opinion, the establishment of a fast Atlantic service is of vast importance to Canada, and I believe that the country can afford to pay a reasonable sum for the establishment of such a service.

In considering transportation, the improvement of St. Andrew's rapids should not be lost sight of. This board has, in the past, urged upon the Dominion government the importance of the work, so far without success, and I can only recommend that the board's efforts should be continued till the matter does receive proper attention.

FREIGHT RATES.

Equitable freight rates are necessary for the prosperity of trade. During 1898, numerous adjustments and reductions in rates have been made which will be beneficial to Winnipeg and the west. The rates on our wheat, flour and live stock, have been reduced, resulting in a saving to our country on last year's crop and cattle shipments alone of close upon \$300,000. Our flour is now being taken to coast points and merchandise being carried to Kootenay points at lower rates. These reductions evidence that the transportation companies recognize the fact that they cannot prosper unless the communities they serve prosper also. What is required by transportation companies to enable them to give us lower rates, is increased traffic.

VACANT LANDS.

For many years past the board has been endeavoring to interest the Dominion authorities in connection with the settlement of vacant lands in the vicinity of Winnipeg, and it is pleasing to report that the hon. minister of the interior and the commissioner of immigration have, during the past year, approved of a scheme largely submitted by the council, which has been in operation for some months with most satisfactory results.

All reports show that the sales of farm lands during the past year, have been exceptionally large. I estimate that quite 750,000 acres were purchased almost entirely by farmers, during the last twelve months.

MINING INTERESTS.

With the opening of the Kootenay country the securing of coking coal and the building of smelters, we can, I think, safely assume that the mining interests of British Columbia are assured and we have now to see that



E. L. DREWRY,
President Winnipeg Board of Trade.

we secure our full share of the business to be derived therefrom. We have mining interests nearer home, that is in Western Ontario, which are proving of great importance, and I look forward to a considerable amount of development in the near future which will be of importance to Winnipeg.

PENNY POSTAGE.

I do not intend to take up your time by discussing "Penny Postage." Its advantages are too well known to need comment from me, but as it has been advocated by this board for many years past, I simply desire to mention that as "Penny Postage" has become an established fact, not only Canada, but the whole British empire have reason to congratulate themselves upon it.

During the past year, a number of important extensions and improvements have been made, such as the establishment of a regular mail service on the Portage branch of the Northern Pacific railway and on the Dauphin railway, as well as to the mining districts of Southern British Columbia, via the Crow's Nest Pass railway, and I am now informed that a regular daily service will be at once established on the southwestern branches of the C. P. R.

QUARANTINE.

The council have thought this matter of the utmost importance, and during the past year have given the subject careful consideration. It was found that in the past the regulations were not being enforced in a manner satisfactory to the council, but it is hoped that in future no complaint will be found necessary.

BANK CLEARINGS.

As an indication of the growth of the business of Winnipeg, I would call your attention to the fact the bank clearings of Winnipeg in 1898 amounted to over \$64,000,000, in 1897 to over \$81,000,000, and in 1898 to nearly \$91,000,000.

Before closing I wish to thank the board most sincerely for the honor they did me in electing me their president an honor. I assure you, I greatly appreciate, and I regret that absence from home and pressure of business has prevented me from assisting the deliberations of the council as much as I hoped to have done. I also

wish to record the assistance rendered the council and myself by the board's able secretary, whom I consider particularly adapted to the position and of great value to the board.

REPORT OF COUNCIL.

The twentieth annual report of the council was submitted. It reviewed the matters that had received the attention of the board during the past year, including the attempt of Ontario fruit growers to prohibit the importation of fruit into Manitoba, which did not succeed; the proposed duty on binder twine which the board opposed and the government did not consider; congratulations on the completeness of the cable between Canada and the West Indies; postal service on the Deloraine branch of the C. P. R., which has been recently established, and beet root sugar manufacture. With regard to the last mentioned subject the report says:

"The committee that collected information in connection with the manufacture of beetroot sugar, reported at length on the subject to the last annual meeting. The com-



D. K. ELLIOT,
Vice-President Winnipeg Board of Trade.

mittee was continued, and during the last session of the Manitoba legislature waited on the committee of agriculture and placed before that body the information they had collected, and requested that the department of agriculture would secure a sufficient quantity of sugar-beet seed and distribute the same to market gardeners and farmers in the vicinity of Winnipeg, arranging, also that returns of the yield should be made to the department by the persons securing the seed. Also that the department should have some of the beets so grown, analyzed, in order that their quality might be fully ascertained. Much interest was manifested by the committee on agriculture, as well as the Hon. Thos. Greenway, but no definite action was then taken. The committee has lately interviewed officials of the department of agriculture on this subject, and it is likely that seed will be procured during the winter, and distributed to persons for experimenting. The council recommends that the committee be continued."

Other questions covered by the report are those contained in Mr.

Bolo's report on matters which he was requested to attend to while at Ottawa as a member of the Winnipeg delegation on the Edmonton-Yukon route, the result of which has been previously published. The questions were Manitoba's export statistics, interest on judgments, Winnipeg's vacant lands and mail on the Portage branch of the N. P. railway.

The report also gave among the transactions of the board during the year the result of action on the subject of equalization of the duty on oats and oatmeal, Kettle River Valley railway charter, and the deportation of young cattle; Montreal harbor improvements, trade with Japan and Latin American republics, Dominion International exposition, Dominion insolvency legislation, the Pacific cable scheme, interior route to Yukon, Prince Albert route to Yukon settlement of vacant lands around Winnipeg, visit of the American Press associations, visit of aldermen from St. Paul, proposed Georgian Bay canal, pure bred hogs, freight rates, freight rates on flour, wholesale freight rates, St. Andrew's rapids improvements, quarantine matters.

Under the heading of "Pure Bred Hogs" the report says: "A committee was appointed by the board to inquire into the best means to be adopted to secure for the province pure bred hogs for breeding purposes. The committee are working, but are not yet prepared to present a final report. The council recommends that the committee be continued

The following references made to the settlement of the vacant lands in the Winnipeg district: "It is the intention of the committee, if continued, to continue operations along the line already adopted. It is most satisfactory that the efforts put forth by the members of the joint committee, at a considerable expense of time and inconvenience to themselves, have produced such appreciable results. The active co-operation of the Dominion authorities, in connection with the settlement of the Winnipeg district, has, for the first time, been secured. It having come to the knowledge of the committee that an attempt was being made to have the department of the interior withdraw their support and assistance to the work, a very large delegation, representing the city council, board of trade, retailers' association and citizens generally, had an interview with the Hon. J. A. Smart, deputy minister of the interior, on the



ANDREW STRANG,
Treasurer Winnipeg Board of Trade.

15th of November, and strongly urged that no representations made against the good work being done by the committee in conjunction with the Dominion immigration commissioner, should influence the department to withdraw their support and co-operation. A short time afterwards the Hon. C. Sifton, minister of the interior, when visiting the city, was waited on, and the views of the committee presented to him. The committee is quite satisfied with the result of the interviews with the minister and his deputy, and that the good work, so auspiciously commenced, will be continued during the coming spring and summer."

After reciting what had been done with regard to the deportation of young cattle from the province the report states: "Your committee, whilst fully recognizing the gravity of the injury which is likely to result from the continuance of this traffic, does not feel that any further steps can be taken by the board as a body. It would strongly urge, however, that the individual members of the board lose no opportunity of impressing upon the farming community, through their correspondents in the country, the importance of carefully considering the matter before deciding to part with their cattle."

The report was on motion of Messrs. Strang and Whittle considered as read and adopted, having been printed, and distributed among the members.

On motion of Capt. Carruthers it was ordered that the address of the president be received and printed along with the other proceedings in the annual report.

The report of the treasurer, Mr. A. Strang, was also adopted. Mr. Strang pointed out that the balance of receipts over expenditures was greater by \$109.66 than that of a year ago, notwithstanding delegation expenses amounting to a couple of hundred dollars.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The election of officers for the coming year was next proceeded with and the following were chosen: President, Mr. E. L. Drewry; vice president, Mr. D. K. Elliott; treasurer, Mr. A. Strang; secretary, Mr. C. N. Bell.

On motion of Mr. Mathewson, seconded by Mr. Brock, the president was requested to name three gentlemen as a nominating committee, and he selected Messrs. Mathewson, Strang and Stobart.

COMMITTEES.

Committee to press for a check quarantine—Messrs. Boie, Ashdown and Richardson.

Committee on live stock, to endeavor to induce the government to bring in pure bred hogs—Messrs. Griffin, Boie and Gordon.

Committee on beet root sugar—Messrs. Russell, Crotty Boie and Nanton, with Mr. I. A. Nares added.

Committee on freight rates—Messrs. J. H. Ashdown, G. F. Galt and W. Georgeson; with Messrs. Hymen, Miller and J. H. Brock added.

THE COUNCIL FOR '99.

Mr. Mathewson presented the report of the committee appointed to nominate the members of the council; and it was adopted on motion of Mr. Mathewson, seconded by Mr. Whittle, thereby constituting the new council as follows: Messrs. Wm. Hespeler, John Russell, C. S. Hoare, R. Muir, F. W. Thompson, A. M. Nanton, Joseph Maw, J. T. Gordon, D. E. Sprague, D. W. Boie, H. M. Lambert, W. Georgeson, A. J. Magurn, W. R. Baker, J. H. Ashdown and E. W. Stobart.

ST. ANDREWS RAPIDS.

Capt. Carruthers moved, seconded by Mr. Hespeler, "That the board of trade wish particularly to draw the attention of the Dominion government to that portion of the council's report that deals with the question of the St. Andrew's Rapids. This board cannot help expressing strong regret that the Dominion government so persistently neglects the interests of this portion of the Dominion by failing to construct the necessary improvements at the St. Andrew's Rapids, notwithstanding the fact that it has been pressed on their notice year after year by the united voice of the people interested. This board trusts that the current year will not be allowed to pass without seeing the commencement of the work; and would recommend the new council take an early opportunity of conferring with the city council for the purpose of making renewed efforts to have the work prosecuted."

BOARD OF ARBITRATORS.

The board of arbitrators was re-elected, consisting of Messrs. H. MacKenzie, E. L. Drewry, G. F. Galt, G. J. Maulson, S. A. D. Bertrand, J. H. Brock, R. T. Riley, S. Spink, John Galt, Wm. Hespeler, S. Nairn and G. T. Carruthers.

A resolution was passed on motion of Mr. Strang, seconded by Mr. Riley that the new rooms be leased from Mr. N. Bawlf for ten years, for \$100 a year, the board covenanting to maintain its business in these rooms for that period.

Votes of thanks were passed, on motion of Messrs. Stobart and Brock, to the retiring president; and on motion of Messrs. MacKenzie and Whittle, to the Northern Pacific railway for its generosity in tendering to the people of Southern Manitoba a free excursion on the 23rd of December.

Mr. Whittle, in view of the presence of Mr. Jameson, a member of the board and also of the Dominion parliament, brought up the subject of American competition in the Kettle River district in the Southern Kootenay. He quoted the resolution of the board passed on March 28th, supporting the policy of giving the C. P. R. a preference over the Kettle River Valley railway company. "No man had been more courageous than himself in condemnation of the villainous policy of the late government in disallowing our charters; but he held that it was a very grave mistake to barter away Canadian privileges of trade in the Kootenay country. British Columbia was the richest province in Canada, with its gold and other mines and various resources. We have the Northwest to supply beef; and, after the government has granted so large a subsidy to build the Crow's Nest Pass railway to bring the trade into our own country, and fixed rates, why should we ask competition from the south? We want Canadian goods brought into the province at the cheapest rate. It is a question of opening up our own territory to be flooded by the United States.

Several members thought that the subject should be fully discussed, and favored holding another meeting for the purpose, the hour being already after six o'clock. On motion of Messrs. Richardson and Russell, the board adjourned for two weeks, to meet on Tuesday 21st at 4 p. m., to meet then to discuss the proposed introduction of the Kettle River Valley railway into the Southern Kootenay and any other business.

Manitoba.

J. Lohead will build a brick block for the Union bank at Deloraine.

Strom & Whyte, of Brandon, will establish a branch store at Wapella.

Geo. E. Kerr and A. Stutt will start a steam laundry and dye works at Virden.

Geo. A. Kerr, merchant, of Lundyville, Lake Manitoba, leaves shortly for the Yukon.

Chas. Ranger has purchased premises at Hartney and will open in the implement business.

Mr. Pollock has bought out the livery and feed stable of Geo. Moody, at Pilot Mound.

The annual meeting of the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition association will be held on February 16 at 3 o'clock.

Edward Stanley has taken a partner in the person of a Mr. Moore, formerly of Toronto, in his printing business in Winnipeg.

A western delegation interviewed the provincial government this week in favor of liberal aid being extended to a railway to be built from Portage la Prairie westward.

Ashley & Smith, manufacturers' agents, Winnipeg, have received the agency of the Columbia bicycles, manufactured by the Pope Manufacturing Co., of Hartford, Connecticut.

J. P. Hansen, of Morden, is in Winnipeg, making arrangements for the purchase of a stock of supplies, with which he expects to start for Dawson City about the first of April in the interests of a company.

The Franklin Press job printing office has been moved to the ground floor in the building on the corner of Market and Princess streets, Winnipeg, known as the Davis block. Buckle & Morris, proprietors, will have excellent quarters in these premises for their business.

The business block at Napinka owned by A. Cates, postmaster, and occupied principally by Temple & Bolton, general merchants, was destroyed by fire on Feb. 6. The following is the approximate estimate of loss: A. Cates, building, \$4,000, furniture, \$500, no insurance; Temple & Bolton, general merchandise, \$7,500; insured for \$4,300; J. G. Blackie, tailor, got most of his stock and household furniture removed. His loss is covered by insurance.

Fire broke out at McGregor on Feb. 7, in the rear of Turner's general store. The fire burned that portion of Main street west of Glover's hardware store to the Albion hotel. The following places were destroyed: Rogers' Eros, flour and feed store; James Osborne's fruit store; W. S. Shultz's tailor shop, building owned by T. R. Vardon; Turner's general store, building owned by Mr. Vardon; Thomas Stott & Co., harness shop; P. W. Martin, general store, and dwelling upstairs, building owned by Mr. Martin; Arkell's drug store, building and drug a total loss. The list of losses is as follows with the insurance: Martin's building a total loss, no insurance, value \$1,200. Martin's store loss \$500, Dr. Haworth's loss \$200; Turner's loss \$2,000, insurance \$1,200; Stott & Co., loss on building \$300, on stock \$500; Shultz loss \$200; Osborne's loss on building \$400, insurance \$200, on stock the loss is \$200; Rogers' Eros, loss on building \$100; Glover's loss on goods by removal \$200. The building destroyed will be replaced at an early date.

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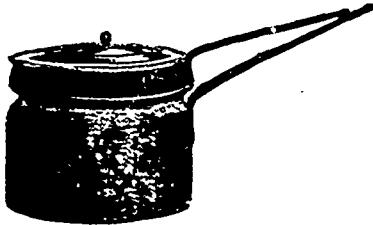
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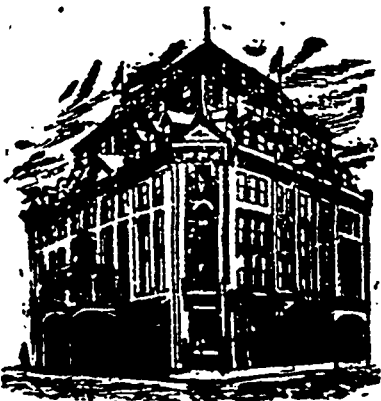
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The Manly Boy
Writing about boys in the February Canadian Magazine, the Editor says: "Above all things a boy must be taught to be manly. In England this is taught mainly through the sports in which the youth are trained either by intelligent masters at the great boarding schools, or under the immediate supervision of sympathetic parents. It is also taught at home. In America it is not taught to as great extent in our public schools, because the children's play is under a much looser supervision, hence it must be taught more at home. The best way to teach it is by example. The next best method is to deal with specific cases—not too many of them—as they arise.
"What does manliness mean? It means a dignity which makes the young man respect his own rights and those of others. It includes a moderation in speech, a temperance in action, a magnanimity in conduct towards others; and an earnest loyalty to duty. It has no limits, no defined bounds. It is a garment which envelopes and surrounds the man, so that he may always be distinguished from the cad, the sneak, the drone, the criminal. It is the mainspring of all generous acts, of all progress, of all wisdom. It is the first and most necessary equipment of the man who would write his name in silver letters on the golden page of history.

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Table of tobacco and wooden ware prices including Tobacco (Per pound) and Wooden Ware (Per doz).

Table of cured meats and lard prices including CURED MEATS AND LARD and Smoked Meats.

Table of fresh fish and oysters prices including FRESH FISH and OYSTERS.

Table of drug prices including DRUGS with various medicinal and household items.

Table of leather prices including LEATHER with various types of harness and goods.

Table of fuel prices including FUEL with prices for coal and cordwood.

Lumbermen's Association

The annual meeting of the Western Retail Lumbermen's Association was opened in Winnipeg on Wednesday evening, with a good attendance of both active and honorary members, among the latter being noticed D. C. Cameron, of the Rat Portage Lumber Co., Mr. Beecher, of the British Columbia mills, Timber and Trading Co., R. Mathers, of the Keewatin Lumber Co., David Ross, lumber manufacturer, of Whittemouth, and others.

In the absence of president Jas. B. Mathers, of Gloucestero, who is in British Columbia at present, the chair was taken by vice-president H. Byrnes, of Winnipeg, who after the reading and adoption of the minutes of the last meeting proceeded to read the following address:

To the members of the Western Retail Lumber Association:
Gentlemen:

It affords me much pleasure to welcome so many members to this our eighth annual meeting. I am pleased to congratulate you upon the successful and prosperous year just closed in all branches of business and especially in the lumber trade. Our province and adjoining territory has been blessed with a bountiful harvest, which has enabled the public in general to settle their liabilities as promptly as usual, thus placing trade on a firm and substantial basis. There appears to be a favorable prospect for a good immigration to our land next season, which will certainly have a beneficial influence on the lumber trade.

Your directors as requested at the last annual meeting, looked into the matter of fire insurance also a telegraphic code. Your secretary communicated with the secretary of the Northwestern Lumber Association of Minneapolis, and from information received your directors deemed it not advisable to attempt forming a fire insurance company at the present time, as our membership is not large enough to ensure its success, and considerable expense would be incurred in procuring a charter, etc. Two telegraphic codes were purchased, and after looking into the matter we came to the conclusion that they would be seldom used, and would in all probability lead to confusion and mistakes as they are complicated, there being so many different grades, sizes and length of lumber and few manufacturers use the same terms.

We wish to express our thanks to the Rat Portage Lumber Co. and other honorable members who so kindly entertained us last summer, by a lumber excursion through the picturesque Lake of the Woods and up Rainy River to Fort Francis, which was one of the most enjoyable excursions on record, and was duly appreciated by all who were able to attend. Our thanks are also due the officials of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., who so generously granted free transportation to all members attending.

We regret very much the removal, by death, of three of our esteemed brother members, Mr. Gibbard of Wapella; Mr. Wyatt, of Virden, and Mr. Nichol, of Boissevain, during the past year.

At our last annual meeting our membership stood at 164, during the year 4 honorary and 45 active members were accepted by your directors and secretary, 21 have withdrawn or sold

out to others who belong now in their stead, leaving our membership at this present year. This is indeed gratifying as our increase for 1897 was only 4 over the year previous. During the year a great many applications were refused, as they were from points where there are sufficient yards to supply the trade and in fact in many cases one member less at these points would be an improvement instead of one extra. If all these applicants were able to get stock the competition would be so great and the business of each so much less, it would have a very depressing influence on the financial ability of a great many which would soon result in failure, and our honorary members would eventually have to shoulder a large portion of the losses.

Before closing, I wish to thank my fellow officers for their very able assistance and faithful work performed during the past year. All matters brought before them received their most careful attention and consideration.

We are glad to see so many members present at the meeting. A pleasant and profitable feature of this convention is the bringing together members, active and honorary, renewing old acquaintances and forming new ones, and leading to free and full discussion on all matters relating to the trade.

Many subjects no doubt will come up at this meeting, which I trust will receive your most careful consideration. I am yours truly,

JAS. B. MATHERS, President.

Mr. Byrnes added a few words of comment to the address, stating that the past year had been a good one, the demand for lumber having been large, and prospects for the new year was very favorable.

The financial statement was next presented by Secretary-Treasurer John Dick, and adopted. It showed total receipts of \$2,618, of which \$748 was carried forward from last year, the balance being made up of fees and dues. Disbursements were \$1,889, leaving a balance in the bank of \$729. The principal items of expense were salary and travelling expenses of the secretary and expense of meeting of directors.

After the disposal of the reports, the election of officers was proceeded with, resulting as follows: President, H. Byrnes, Winnipeg; vice-president, R. H. O'Hara, Brandon.

Messrs. Campbell, Stevens and McMann were appointed to nominate a board of directors. They selected the following names, which were accepted and confirmed by the meeting: A. M. Stewart, of Morden; A. J. Hughes, of Souris; Wm. Armstrong, Portage la Prairie; G. M. Miller, Virden; T. A. Cuddy, Minnecoma; D. Sprague, Winnipeg.

After the elections no business was brought formally before the meeting, but a lengthy informal discussion followed, principally on the question of living up to the by-laws. While the honorary members were restricted in certain ways, it was claimed that the rules in their favor were not lived up to as they should be by the active members. One representative of a large manufacturing company indeed stated that unless this rule was more closely observed, his company would withdraw from the association. Two of the new directors intimated that they could not accept office unless an understanding was come to to ad-

here to the by-laws. It was urged that the time had come when the by-laws should be and could be carried out. It was urged that the home manufacturers, who are members of the association, should have the support of the retail dealers, in view of what they had done and were doing for the association. It was pointed out that lumber prices were advancing in the States. Some of the retail dealers stated they had brought lumber in from the States on account of the difficulty in getting dry stock from the mills here in some lines. Some again brought in low grade stuff to compete with other dealers in their territory. Mr. Armstrong said that while the United States lumber was offered cheaper on a few qualities, yet taking it all through, there was nothing in favor of the imported stuff in the line of lower prices. He considered the Canadian lumber worth \$1 per thousand more than the imported, except on a few low grades.

It was stated that the home manufacturers would be able to supply the trade this year at as low prices as imported stuff. One dealer stated that in his district lumber was being hauled across the boundary by consumers who evaded the duty.

After much desultory discussion of this nature, it was decided to adjourn to meet again the following evening. In the meantime the new board of directors would meet with the object of formulating a policy to lay before the meeting when it should reassemble.

The meeting was resumed on Thursday evening and a further discussion followed on much the same lines as on the previous evening. The directors were not able to report any decided plan for action, but the prevailing opinion seemed to be that an effort should be made to enforce the by-laws more effectively. The directors will take up the question of prices etc., with the manufacturers, and hope to have something to report shortly.

The Lumber Trade.

The saw mill at Pine River, Man., on the Dauphin railway, owned by T. A. Burrows, was burned on Saturday last.

A saw mill has been erected by the Columbia Lumber Co., of Golden, B.C., at a point about two miles east of Notch Hill. The company's mill at Golden has been enlarged and supplied with new plant, which will increase the capacity to 80,000 to 90,000 feet per day. The new plant includes a complete new steam power plant of 400 horsepower, and a machine shop. The company's mill at Moberly was burned down on Feb. 2.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says. The present year has commenced with bright prospects for the lumber trade, prices having advanced from 10 to 15 per cent on the common grades, and as much as 20 per cent on the better qualities. Lumber, which a short time ago could have been bought at \$7 to \$8, is now worth \$9 to \$10, and other kinds, which were selling at \$10 are now worth \$12. There is considerable excitement in the Ottawa lumber sections, where United States buyers have been making large purchases for Tonawanda. A party in the trade here stated to the writer that he never remembered so many United States buyers being around the hotels at Ottawa as there have

been of late. Some idea of the activity and excitement in the lumber trade may be gathered from the fact that a few hours after parties here had been given options on round quantities by Ottawa firms, they have been offered good round sums to call the options off simply because a much better figure had been offered in the meantime. We hear of several large blocks of lumber purchased by a Montreal firm of late that now show handsome profits. This is fortunate for the box-package trade, in which prices have been so frightfully cut that there was no money in them. Now, however, prices will be compelled to advance, owing to the material rise in the raw product. Owing to the increasing demand from the United States, and the improved inquiries for the home trade, much higher prices are looked for.

Grain Business of Manitoba

In 1875 the seedsmen of Ontario felt the necessity of procuring a change of seed wheat for their customers. A bright, hard red life was considered the best kind and most profitable for spring seeding. The question arose where to get it. One of Canada's most enterprising seedsmen went on the search. He found the article he wanted in the Red River valley, but it was very scarce. However, he contracted to have two carloads bagged and shipped down of the crop of 1876. This was delivered in Toronto and distributed from there. It did its work and the supremacy of Manitoba red life wheat was established. But it was not till 1883 that any quantity was shipped out. In 1887 the Winnipeg grain exchange was organized and a government charter obtained. The membership now numbers 115 and is composed of prominent merchants as well as grain men all over the province. This organization has done everything possible to advance the interests of the farmer and grain grower. It now occupies one of the finest buildings in the province, erected last year by Nicholas Bawlf, on Princess street.

To establish more reliable market reports and to expedite the ever increasing trade in grain, the exchange once a call board on Feb. 9, session lasting from 11 to 12 of each day. A great deal of business has been done both in cash transactions and in futures. The deals are all on a basis of in store at Fort William and the standard grade is No. 1 hard. The result of the business done in this way will be to broaden the sphere of trading in Manitoba wheat, and large quantities will be carried on margins put up by persons who are not directly interested in the grain business, but who have money to speculate with. Also by millers and country dealers who wish to protect themselves in legitimate business, and in some cases by large farmers who will sell their cash wheat for want of storage room and the ready cash and hold for future delivery to get the advantage of the rise which every one looks for. The Winnipeg board room will undoubtedly some day be the scenes of as large and varied transactions as occur in the exchange rooms in the large cities to the south of us.

Grocery Trade Notes.

A soap combine, with a capital of \$50,000,000, to control the soap factories of the United States is said to be under negotiations.

On the United States Pacific coast the beet sugar industry has assumed large proportions. The biggest beet sugar factory in the world is located in the Salinas valley, California, and has a capacity of 3,000 tons of beets per day. It is estimated the beet sugar production of the United States for 1899 will be 200,000 tons.

The Montreal Gazette says. During the week rather more business has been transacted in teas, owing to the fact that buyers in some cases have advanced to prices asked by holders, which shows that there is a disposition to lay in stock in anticipation of a duty. The tone of the market is no doubt, stronger and holders are not forcing sales as they have confidence in the future. A sale of 500 packages Japan was made at 16c; 200 at 19c, and several small lines of low grades at 14 1-2c to 15c.

The Commercial Men.

Walter Crone was one of the unfortunates in the Manitoba hotel fire.

E. G. Crawford, the western representative of Gault Bros. & Co., was in the city this week.

J. H. Glass, the well known boot and shoe traveller, was registered at the Leland house, Winnipeg, this week.

W. W. Armstrong, of W. R. Johnston & Co. who sale clothing, Toronto, has concluded his spring trade business and goes east to-day.

A large number of travellers were in the city this week to meet the merchants who were in the city taking in the sporting and other events.

S. M. James, of E. Boisseau & Co., wholesale clothing, Toronto, leaves for the east to-day. He has completed his spring trade and reports a good business.

Among the travellers in the city this week was W. B. Dalton, of Caulfield, Henderson & Burns; E. H. Taaffe, of Tooke Bros., and Messrs. Fahey, Lamont and Lennox, all of boot and shoe fame.

R. R. Gallagher and his assistant, Geo. M. Newton, representing S. Greenshields, son & Co., were in the city this week. Mr. Newton goes east in a few days and Mr. Gallagher will follow in a couple of weeks, his spring order business being about wound up.

T. B. Devaney, western representative of W. R. Brock, has taken permanent sample rooms in the Ashdown block, Main street, and will make this his headquarters when in the city. Mr. Devaney moved his family from the east to Winnipeg a short time ago, so that Winnipeg is now his home. He reports that the business of his house in the west has largely increased during the past year. Mr. Devaney goes east in a couple of weeks.

Butter Packages

At a meeting of the Manitoba Dairy association held in Winnipeg this week the following resolution was adopted:

Moved by C. C. Macdonald and seconded by D. Munroe, that whereas the merchants of Manitoba have placed the reputation of Manitoba creamery butter in danger by using the square box or Australian package to pack dairy and inferior butter, this association urge upon the Dominion government the need of passing a measure prohibiting the use of these packages for any but creamery butter. Two or

more persons contributing the milk of not less than two herds of cows to be considered as constituting a creamery.

Hardware and Paint Trade.

Canadian refined petroleum was advanced 1-2c in eastern markets this week.

Advice from abroad continues strong on cement. Belgium prices for high grade cements for spring shipment are 6d per cask higher than a year ago.

A Montreal exchange says: Bar iron is firmer and 10c higher, business being mentioned in car lots at \$1.40, against \$1.30 a short time ago.

Tenders.

Tenders will be received up to noon Feb. 14, for the mason and brick work for a wholesale warehouse, to be erected at the corner of McDermott and Arthur streets, Winnipeg, by R. J. Whitla & Co.

Tenders will be received up to the 15th of February, for the construction of a creamery building at Shellmouth, Man.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks

There was 2,022,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on Feb. 4.

Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior country points are estimated at approximately 8,500,000 bushels, compared with about 5,000,000 bushels a year ago.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection

Returns for last week report 186 cars of wheat inspected, which graded as follows: 1 hard, 56 cars; 2 hard, 9; 3 hard, 6, 1 northern, 43; 2 northern, 2; 1 spring, 6, 1 White Eye, 1; frost-ed 2 rejected, 9, no grade, 72.

J. J. Blake, barrister, Vancouver, is dead.



TENDERS

Sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed, "Tenders for Lands Office, Regina," will be received at this office until Friday, March 3rd, 1899, for the erection of a Dominion Lands Office at Regina, N. W. T.

Plans and specifications can be seen and form of tender and all necessary information obtained at this department, at the office of Mr. D. Smith, clerk of Works, Winnipeg, and on application to the caretaker at the Court House, Regina.

Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed form supplied, and signed with their actual signatures.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque, made payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, equal to ten per cent of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the party decline to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or if he fail to complete the work contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

The department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,

E. F. E. ROY,
Secretary.

Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, Feb. 6th, 1899.
Newspapers inserting this advertisement without authority from the department will not be paid for it.

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 reduction on large quantities and to cash discounts.]

BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.

Vancouver, Feb. 11, 1899.

Flour has advanced 20 cents per barrel, owing to the resumption of the old freight rates in force a year ago, from Manitoba-points. Potatoes are advancing sharply. Navel oranges are higher.

Butter—Creamery, jobbers price, 23 @25c choice dairy, jobbers price, 18@19c; Off grade or cooking 15@17c.

Eggs—Local, 50c; Eastern eggs, jobbers prices, 18@19c.

Cheese—Ontario, 12@12½c, jobbers price

Cured Meats—Hams 12½@13c; breakfast bacon 12½@13c; backs 12@12½c; short clear 10½c; short rolls 10½c; smoked sides 11 @ 12½c; Lard, tins 10c per lb, in pails and tubs 9½c lb.

Fish—Flounders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked salmon 10c; fresh halibut, 6c; salmon, 7c; bloaters, 7c; Manitoba whitefish, 10c.

Vegetables—Potatoes, \$13@14 per ton, Ashcroft potatoes, \$18@20; California silver skin onions, 1½c; cabbage 2c lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12.00 a ton; local onions, \$20 per ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons, \$2.75 @ \$3.00 box; apples, 65c per 50 lb. box; navel oranges, \$3.25 box; seedlings \$2.00 box.

Meal—Rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$2.80; 2 45 pounds sacks \$2.90; 4 22½ pound sacks \$3.10; 10.7 sacks, \$2.50; Oatmeal, 10 10's, \$3.25; 2 50's, \$3.00.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba present per barrel \$5.10; strong bakers \$4.60; Oregon, jobbers price, \$4.50.

Grain—Oats, 18.00 @ \$20.00 per ton; wheat, 23.00 @ \$25.00 per ton;

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$23.00 per ton; shorts \$22 ton; bran \$20; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

Hay—\$8 to \$10 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef, 7½@8c; mutton 9@10c; pork 9@9½c; veal 10@10½c; Pemmanic 40c lb.

Live Stock—Steers, \$4.00 per 100 lbs; cows, \$3.50 @ 3.75; sheep, \$5.50 per 100 lbs. hogs, \$8.00 per lbs.

Poultry—Turkeys, 13½@14c lb; geese and ducks, 12½@13c; chickens, 12@13c.

Evaporated Fruits—Apricots 10½c per lb; peaches 9c; plums, 9@10c; prunes, French 5@7½c; loose muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6@8½c lb.

Nuts—Almonds, 13c; filberts, 12½c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12½c; walnut, 13c lb.

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

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 2½c pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2½c; 5 gallon tins \$1.75 each; 1 gal. tins, \$4.50 case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$5.25 case of 20.

Teas—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good 18c; choice 29c. Ceylon and India: Fair, 20c; good 30c; choice, 35c lb.

Toronto Hardware Market.

Toronto, February 11

Pig Iron—Canadian, \$13.50@14.00.
Bar Iron—Base price, \$1.35 @ 1.45; band and hoop iron, \$1.65@1.75.

Sheet Steel—12-gauge, \$2.25 per 100 lbs; 16-gauge, \$2.40; 18@20, \$2.30@2.40; 22@24, \$2.30@2.40; 26, \$2.35@2.45; 28, \$2.45@2.55.

Galvanized Iron—16-gauge, \$4.00; 18 @24, \$4.25; 20, \$4.50 and 28 at \$4.75.

Lead—Pig, 4½c; sheet, 4½c@4½c per lb; pipe, ordinary, 7c; composition waste, 7½c with dis. 25 per cent.

Black Iron—10@12 gauge, \$2.25@2.40 per 100 lbs; 14@16 gauge, \$2.60@2.70; 18@20 gauge, \$2.90@2.40; 22@24 gauge, \$2.25@2.35; 26-gauge, \$2.30@2.40; 28-gauge, \$2.45@2.55.

Coil Chain—½ in., \$4.65; 5-16 in., \$3.75; ¾ in., \$3.25; 7-16 in., \$3.15; 1 in., \$3.10; 1 ¼ in., \$2.80; ¾ in., \$2.75.

Sheet Zinc—7½@8c per lb.
Sheet Copper—16 oz., 17c, and 14 oz., 18c; tinned copper, 16 oz., 19c; 14 oz., 19½c; and planished 14 oz., 25c.

Ingot Copper—17½c@18 per lb.
Pig Tin—27½@28c.
Ingot Tin—19½@20c.

Solder—Half and half, 16½@17c; refined, 15@15½c.

Canada plates—Half-polished. 52-sheet boxes, \$2.45; dull 75-sheet boxes, \$2.35; all-bright \$3.00@3.25 per box.

Tin Plates—\$5.00 @ \$5.25 for I.C., \$6.25@6.50 for I.X. and \$7.50 to \$7.75 for I.X.X.

Iron Pipe—Black pipe, per 100 ft., ½ to ¾ inch, \$2.30@2.40; 1 inch, \$2.30@2.35; ¾ inch, \$2.80@2.85; 1 in. \$3.90@3.95; 1 ¼ in. \$5.14@5.20; 1 ½ inch, \$6.75@6.86; 2 in. \$9.10; Galvanized, ½ inch, \$3.95; ¾ inch, \$4.80; 1 inch, \$6.75; 1 ¼ inch, \$9.15; 1 ½ inch, \$11.75; 2 inch, \$16.00.

Barb Wire—f. o. b. Toronto, 4 point, \$2.10; 2 point, \$2.15; safety, \$2.20; plain twist, \$2.05; staples, \$2.25 for galvanized and \$2.00 for bright.

Fence Wire—No. 9 galvanized fencing, \$2.00; No. 12, \$2.10; No. 13, \$2.20.

Nails, Wire—Base price, \$2.00.
Cut Nails—\$1.75 base price, with 5c keg, Toronto, Hamilton, London and Montreal.

Horse Nails—Discount on regular brands, 50 per cent.

Horseshoes—Iron, light and medium pattern, \$3.25 per keg, Toronto and Hamilton.

Screws—Flat head bright, 87½ per cent; round head bright, 80 per cent; flat head brass, 82½ per cent; round head brass, 75 per cent.

Bolts—Common carriage bolts, ½@5-16, 70 per cent; tire bolts, 70 and 5; machine bolts, 60 and 10; blank bolts, 60 per cent; sleigh shoe bolts, 80 per cent; plough bolts, 60; stove bolts, 70 and 5; nuts, square, 4½c; hexagon, 5½c.

Rivets—Iron, 60 per cent; copper rivets, 45 per cent.

Green Wire Cloth—\$1.20 per 100 sq. ft.
Glass—First break in 50-foot boxes, \$1.80, and in 100-foot boxes, \$3.50; double diamond, under 25 united inches, \$5.50. Toronto, 4 months, or 3 per cent 30 days.

Rope—Sisal, 7-16 in. and larger, 9½c; ¾ in., 10c; 1 and 5-16 in., 10½c. Manila, 7-16 and larger, 10c; ¾, 10½c; 1 and 5-16, 11c.

Linseed Oil—Raw, 49c; boiled, 52c; 5 to 9 barrels 1c less, 10 to 19, 2c less; net cash, or 2c added for 4 months.

Turpentine—1 to 4 barrels, 65c; 2 to 4 barrel lots, 1c less, net cash.

White Lead—Best brands, Government standard, \$5.87½; No. 1, \$5.25; No. 2, \$5.12½; No. 3, \$4.75.

Dry White Lead—\$4.75 in casks; kegs, \$5.00.

Red Lead—Casks, 4½c; kegs, 4½c; No. 1, casks, 4½c; kegs, 4½c.

White Zinc Paint—Pure, 8c; No. 1, 6c; No. 2, 5c.

Putty—We quote: Bulk, \$1.65; bladders, in barrels, \$1.80; bladders, in cases, \$1.95; in tins, \$2.05@2.30.

Mixed Paints—Steady, \$1.00 @ \$1.20 per gallon.

Naval Stores—Resins, \$2.75@4.50 as to brand; coal tar, \$3.00@3.50; cotton waste, 4½@5c for colored and 6@7½c for white; oakum, 5½ @ 6½c, and cotton oakum 9@11c.

Toronto Grocery Market.

Toronto, February 11.

Sugar—Standard granulated sugar, 4.48c; yellows, \$3.93@4.33.

Syrup and Molasses—Syrup medium, 30c@32c; special bright, 35c@42c. Molasses—West Indian, brls, 32c@45c, New Orleans, 26@30c; for medium and 35c@47c for bright.

Teas—Japans, low grade, 17c@21c per lb; Young Hysons, seconds 16c@19c, firsts, 25@45c; Indian, 18@50c; Congous, low grades, 10c@15c; mediums, 22@25c, and fines, 40c @ 55c; Ceylons, 18 @ 26c; Formosa Oolongs, 25@ 65c.

Coffees—Green, Rio, 8 @ 12c; Mocna, 23c@28c; Java, 30c@32c.

Canned goods—Tomatoes, 90c @ \$1, peas, 75c@81; sifted peas, \$1.05@1.20, corn, 95c@1; beans, 80@90c; pumpkins, 70@75c; strawberries, 2's, \$1.50 @ 1 80, raspberries, 2's, \$1.60@1.75; peaches, 2's, \$1.55@1.65; 3's, \$2.50@2.65. Cohoe salmon, \$1.15@1.20; sock-eyes, \$1.35@1.60; lobsters, halves, \$1.75 @ 1.80; tall lbs, \$2.80; flats, \$3.10.

Nuts—Filberts, Sicily, 9c@10c; Bordeaux Walnuts, 10½@11c; Grenoble Walnuts, 12½@13c.

Rice—Rice, bags, 3½@4c; do. Patna, 5½ @6c; do. Japan, 6@6½c.

Dried Fruits—Raisins, Valencias, off-stalk 4½c; fine off-stalk, 4½@5c; selected, 5½@5½c; layers, 6@6½c; Provincial, currants 4½@4½c; Filiatras, 4½@5½c; Patras, 6c; Vostizzas, 6½@7½c. California evaporated fruits—Apricots, 17 @ 20c; pears, 9c @ 10c; prunes, 70's to 80's 7½ @ 7½c; 80's to 90's 6½@7c; 90's to 100's, 5½@6c. Bosnia prunes, 5½@6½c; Sultanas, 11c@13c. Peel—Orange, 12c @ 13c per lb; citron, 17c @ 20c; lemon 10½c @ 13c. Halloween dates, 6@6½c. Malaga, London layers, \$1.75@1.90 per box; black baskets, \$2.40; blue baskets, \$2.50; royal clusters, \$4.00; quarter flats—London layers, 65c; black baskets, 75c; blue baskets, 85c; Dehesia, clusters \$1.25; figs, layers, 10's and 28's, 18@20c; two stars, 19c; one star, 18@19c.

Spices—Ginger, Jamaica, 25c; Cochin 20c; cloves, Zanzibar, 15 @ 18c; Ambonyna, 18@25c; allspice, 20c; nutmegs, 50c@51; cream tartar, pure, 25@28c, and 18@25c for compound.

PROVISIONS.

Mess Pork—\$14.50 for Canada mess short cut, \$15.00; clear mess, \$14.00.

Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, car lots 7c, ton and case lots, 7½c.

Smoked Meats—Breakfast bacon, 10½c; hams, large, 9½c; medium, 10c; rolls, 8½c; green meats out of pickle are quoted 1c less than smoked.

Lard—Tubs, 6½@7c

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Winnipeg Hardware and Metal Prices.

Tin—Lamb and Flagg, 56 and 28 lb ingots, per lb 20@27c.

Tin Plates—Charcoal plates, I C, 10 x 14, 12 x 12 and 14 x 20, \$4.50@4.75; I X, same size box, \$5.75@6; I C, charcoal, 20 x 28, 112 sheets to box, \$8.50@ \$9.00; IX, box, 20x28, 112 sheets, \$10.50@ \$11.

Terne Plates—I C, 20x 28, \$9 @ \$10.00.

Iron and Steel—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$2.05 band iron, 100 lbs., \$2.50@2.75; Swedish iron, 100 lbs, \$5.25 @ \$6.00; sleigh shoe steel, 2.50@2.75; cast tool steel, lb., 9@12½c; imitation Russian sheet, 7@8c; genuine Russian sheet, lb., 12@13c.

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

Canada Plates—Garth and Blaina, 3.10 @ \$3.15.

Galvanized Iron—American, 20 and 22 guage, \$3.75; 24 guage, \$4.00; 26 guage, \$4.25; 28 guage, \$4.50 100 lbs.

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

Lead—Pig, per lb., 4 1/2 to 5c.

Sheet Zinc—In casks, \$7.50 lb., broken lots \$8.00.

Solder—Half and half (guar) per lb., 16@17c.

Ammunition—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American discount 37½@40 per cent rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5; centre fire military, American, net list; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12½ per cent.; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent, shot shells, 12 guage, \$6 @ 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 6½c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 6½c. Robin Hood powder, 17 lb kegs, \$10; 1/2 kegs, 4 1/2 lbs, \$3; Canister, 9 oz., 60c. Loaded shells, 12 guage, soft shot, \$15 and upwards per 1,000. No. 10 guage, \$21.50 per 1,000.

Dupont Powder—Dupont Rifle FFG, 25-lb keg, \$5.00, 12½ lb keg, \$2.75, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$6.60, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$8.50, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$9.25; Dupont Rifle FFFG, 25 lb keg, \$5.25, 12½ lb keg, \$3.00, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$7.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$9.00, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$9.75; Dominion Rifle, 25 lb keg, \$5.75, 12½ lb keg, \$3, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$7, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$11, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$12; Sea Shooting Fg, 25 lb keg, \$6; Manitoba Sporting, 25 lb keg, \$8.00, 12½ lb keg, \$4.25, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$9.00; cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$13.00; Eagle Ducking, 25 lb keg, \$11.00, 12½ lb keg, \$5.75, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$12.00; Crystal Grain, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$14.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$17; Blasting, 25 lb keg, \$3.00. Dupont Smokeless powder, 12½ lbs, \$22.00, 6½ lbs, \$11.25, 3½ lbs, \$5.75, 1½ canisters, \$1.00.

Wire—Galvanized barb, solid, plain twist, \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; staples, \$3.00.

Axes—Per box, \$8@9.

Nails—Cut, keg, base price, \$2.15 for 20 to 60d., with new classification of extras; common steel wire nails, 4½@6 inch, \$2.35 per keg, with usual extras for smaller sizes

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

Horseshoes—Iron shoes, keg, \$4.00; broken lots, \$4.25; steel shoes, \$4.50 up; Snow shoe, \$4.25 per keg.

Rope—Sisal, lb., 11c base; man-

illa, lb., 12½c base; cotton, 1/4 to 1/2 inch and larger, 15c lb.

Building Paper—Anchor brand plain 45c; do tarred 65c; Jubilee plain 57c; do tarred 73c.

Winnipeg Prices of Paints, Oils, Glass, etc.

Following are close jobbing prices, as to quantity:

White Lead—Pure, \$6.75 100 lbs; No. 1, \$5.75.

Prepared Paints—Pure liquid colors, gallon \$1.15@1.25.

Dry Colors—White lead, pound, 7c; red lead, kegs, 6c; yellow ochre in barrel lots, 2½c; less than barrels, 3c; golden ochre, barrels, 3½c; less than barrels, 4c; Venetian, red, barrels, 3c; less than barrels, 3½c; American vermilion, 15c; English vermilion, \$1 per lb., Paris green, 18@20c; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots, 2½c; less than barrel lots, 3c; English purple oxides, in casks, 3½c; less quantities 4c lb.

Varnishes—No. 1 furniture, per gallon, \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$1.50@1.75; hard oil finish, \$1.50@2; brown Japan, \$1; house painters' gold-size Japan, \$1.50; coach painters' do., \$2 @2.25; No. 1 orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.

Sundries—Glue, sheets, 15c lb; broken, 12½c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 20@25c. Stove gasoline, case, \$3.50; benzine, case, \$3.50. Axle grease, imperial, case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, case, \$3.75; Diamond axle grease, \$2.25 case. Coal tar, barrel, \$7. Portland cement, barrel, \$4@4.25; plaster, barrel \$3.00; plasterers' hair, P. P., 90c bale. Putty, in bladders, barrel lots, 2½c lb., do., in 100 lb kegs, 2½c., do., less than barrels, 1b, 3c. Alabastine, cases of 20 pkgs., \$6.50@7.50 as to color.

Window Glass.—Single glass, first break, 16 to 25 united inches, \$2.25; 26 to 40, \$2.50 per 50 feet boxes; 41 to 50, \$5.30; 51 to 60, \$5.80; 61 to 70, \$6.30 per 100 feet boxes.

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

Turpentine—Pure spirits in barrels, 75c; less than barrels, gallon, 80c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

Oils—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25@30c gallon; clear machine oils, 27@30c; cylinder oil, 50@75c, as to quality; castor oil, 13c per lb; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatfoot oil, \$1, steam refined seal oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 gallon.

Refined Petroleum—Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 18c; crescent, 20½c; oleophene, 21c in barrels. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 2½c for eocene and 2½c for sunlight. Straight car lots Silver Star 1c less, other brands 2c less.

Winnipeg Lumber Prices.

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

Dimension and Timber—No. 1, 2x4 to 2x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$18.50, 18 ft, \$19.50, 20 ft, \$20.50, 22 ft, \$21.50, 24 ft, \$22.50; 3x6 to 3x12, 4x4 to 4x12, 6x6 to 6x12 and 8x8, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$20.00, 18 ft, \$21.00, 20 ft, \$22.00, 22 ft, \$23.00, 24 ft, \$24.00; 8x10 to 12x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$22.00, 18 ft, \$23.00, 20 ft, \$24.00, 22 ft, \$25.00, 24 ft, \$26.00; 2x4, 10 ft, \$20.50; 2x6

to 2 x 12, 10 ft, \$18.00. No. 2 dimension, \$2.00 less than No. 1. Dimension, 26, 28 and 30 ft, \$26.00. Timber, 26, 28 and 30 ft, \$28.00. \$1.00 per M advance on each inch over 12 inch in depth and width. Tamarac dimension same price as pine. Spruce dimension at \$2.00 per M less than pine. Cull plank, all widths at \$12.00 per M. B. C. fir dimension up to 32 feet at \$28.00 per M., 33 to 40 feet, \$30.00, 41 to 60 feet \$36.00. \$1.00 per M extra for each 2 in. over 12 in. in width or depth.

Boards—1st common, red pine, \$25.00, 2nd common, \$18.50, 3rd common, \$16.50; No. 1 cull, \$13.00, No. 2 cull, \$9.00; spruce, \$16.50. \$1.00 per M extra for stock boards. \$2.00 per M less for 6 to 8 ft. and under. \$1.00 per M less for 10 ft. No. 1 box, 14 in. and up, \$30.00, No. 2 box boards, 14 in. and up, \$23.00. Extra dressing \$2.00 per M.

Siding, Flooring and Ceiling—2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch, white pine, \$38.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch white pine, \$28.00. 1st and 2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$30.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$25.00; 4th, 4, 5 and 6 inch, red and white, \$20.00; Cull siding, red and white, \$16.00; B.C. No. 1 and No. 2 edge grain flooring, 3, 4 and 6 inch, \$32.00. \$2.00 per M advance for dressing both sides.

Bevel Siding—No. 1 white pine, \$26.00; No. 2 red and white, \$23.00.

Shiplap—Pine, 6 inch, \$18.00, 8 and 10 inch, \$20.00; Spruce, 8 and 10 inch, \$19.00, 6 inch, \$18.00; cull shiplap, 8 and 10 inch, \$17.00; do., 6 inch, \$14.00.

Shingles—B. C. cedar, per M, No. 1, \$2.75, No. 2, \$2.50; B.C. cedar dimension shingles, \$4.00; B.C. cedar dimension band sawed, \$5.00.

Lath—Pine lath, No. 1, per M, \$3.00 No. 2, \$2.50.

Finishings—1½, 1½ and 2 inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$65.00, 3rd clear, \$55.00, selects, \$45.00, shops, \$36.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$32.00; B.C. cedar clears, \$50.00; do., over 12 inch, \$55.00; B. C. fir edge grain No. 1 stepping, \$45.00; No. 2, \$40.00; B.C. fir, flat grain, No. 1, \$37.00; No. 2 do., \$32.50; B.C. finishing up to 12 in., \$37.50; do., over 12 inch, \$42.50. \$5 per M advance on 2½ inch and thicker. One inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$55.00, 3rd clear, \$48.00, selects, B \$38.00, selects, C, \$30.00; red pine, clear \$40.00, selects, \$30.00; B.C. cedar, clear, \$50.00. B.C. fir finishing, \$37.50; do. over 12 inch, \$42.50.

Oak—Red and White—1/4 sawed, \$85.00; 1st and 2nd, 55.00 to \$65.00; common, \$40.00.

Mouldings and Base—Parting strips, 100 feet lineal, 60c; lattice, 1/2x1 1/2, 100 feet lineal, 75c, 1x1 1/2, 100 feet lineal, 85c; window and door stop, 1 1/2 inch lineal, \$1.25, ditto, 2 inch lineal, \$1.50; 1/4 round and 1/4 cove, 75c; 1 1/2 inch mould, \$1.50; 2 inch mould, \$1.75; 2 1/2 inch mould, \$2.00; 3 inch mould, \$2.25; 3 1/2 inch mould, \$2.50; 4 inch mould, \$2.75; 4 1/2 inch mould, \$3.00; 5 inch mould, \$3.25; 6 inch mould, \$4.00; 5 inch window stool, 1 1/2 \$4.50; 6 inch window stool, 1 1/2, \$5.25; 4 inch casings, \$2.25; 5 inch casings, \$2.75; 6 inch casings, \$3.25; 8 inch base, \$4.25; 10 inch base, \$5.00; 12 inch base, \$7.00; hand rail, 2x4, \$5.50; wainscot cap, 2 1/2 inch, \$2.35, 3 inch, \$2.75; paper mould, 60c. Moulding made from 1 1/2 stock add 25 per cent; 1 1/2 add 50 per cent. Hardwood mouldings or mouldings to detail at special prices. All shop work at special net prices.

THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, Saturday, Feb. 11.

The very severe weather—almost record-breaking weather—which has continued to prevail, is retarding business very much in some lines. Perishable goods like fruits, vegetables, etc., can hardly be moved at all. The grain movement has also been closed off, as the weather has been too severe to admit of farmers delivering grain at country markets. The cold weather is also interfering with the drying of dam, or tough grain at the elevators, where drying plants have been installed. Operators of such plants are doing their best to keep them running, but the progress being made is slower than it would be with moderate weather. Inspection returns show a continued large percentage of wheat that will not grade, owing to dampness; farmers are wise in disposing of this class of grain during the winter, as it will certainly spoil quickly as soon as the weather turns warm, if not dried in some way. The call board started last Monday in connection with the Winnipeg Grain Exchange is proving a success. It will draw attention to Winnipeg as a grain centre and will prove a valuable adjunct to the grain trade of the country, generally increasing the importance of the city as a business centre.

A large number of merchants were in the city this week, taking advantage of the low passenger rates given this week by the railways to the tourist attractions here. Some little buying was done, but not as much as would be supposed from the number in the city. Some come for pleasure only, and others were arranging financial matters with their creditors. Payments throughout the country have been slow, and quite a number of merchants have had to ask for renewals. Only a couple of assignments, however, are reported this week. Bank clearings at Winnipeg, as shown by the statements on another page, continue to show a considerable increase over corresponding periods of previous seasons.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Saturday, Feb. 11.

(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.)

DRUGS.

Paris green has advanced 2c per lb. in the east and is considered good value at the advance. Blue vitriol has also advanced and is worth today 51-1c in carload lots east. The indications are that quinine will shortly move up a notch. Heavy chemicals such as Epsom salts, sulphur, etc.,

are higher; camphor has advanced and the market is very firm.

FUEL.

No change is reported in coal. Though dealers are having a large trade, owing to prolonged cold weather, they are not making a fortune. There is no profit in anthracite coal at present prices. The wholesale price at Duluth is \$5 per ton, and the freight rate to Winnipeg \$3 per ton, making the cost on track here \$3 per ton, which is the price the coal is being sold at, delivered to consumers. From this it would appear that dealers are out of pocket the cost of office expenses and delivering. It is understood, however, that the Duluth wholesalers sell at a cut rate for the Winnipeg market, to compete with our native coals, hence dealers are able to sell at \$3 here. But the cut is not sufficient to allow them any profit at this price. Wood fuel is offering freely at prices quoted on another page. Pine wood particularly is easy in price.

GREEN FRUITS.

This line has been frozen up by the severe weather. Dealers have hardly been able to ship anything, even in heated cars. Lemons have been very scarce this week. Stocks of Messinas are exhausted, and California lemons were in limited supply. Yesterday only 360 size were obtainable. Supplies of Messinas are looked for in a few days, and will sell at about quoted prices. Almeria grapes were also out of the market, but further small shipments are expected to arrive. Bananas could not be handled on account of the extreme cold. Other lines unchanged. Prices are: California naval oranges \$3.75 to \$4.25 as to size, Mexican oranges, \$3 to \$3.25 per box; California seedling oranges \$3 a box; bananas, per bunch, large \$3 to \$3.50; medium, \$2.25 to \$2.50; Messina lemons nominal. California lemons, scarce at \$4.25 per box; Ontario apples, good ordinary stock \$4; fancy Spies, \$5.50 per bin. Almeria grapes, nominal; frozen raspberries, \$6.75 to \$7 per barrel; cranberries, unfrozen, \$5 barrel; coconuts, \$1 a dozen; Sicily filberts, large 11 to 12c per pound; Grenoble walnuts, 15c; Tarragona almonds, 14c; peanuts, green, 10c; roasted, 12c; pecan nuts, 12c lb.; shelled walnuts, 24 1-2 to 26c per pound; comb honey, \$2.15 per dozen sections; strained honey, 81-2 to 9c per pound; maple sugar, 11 to 12c; apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels; California figs, in boxes of ten bricks, \$2 per box; dates, 71-2c per pound; celery, 40c per dozen bunches.

HARDWARE, PAINTS, ETC.

White lead has been advanced here 25c per 100 lbs. on all grades. Manufacturers are very firm, owing to increased cost of raw material. Linseed oil is held very firm.

LEATHER.

The market is firm and in view of the high price of hides, both dry and green, dealers and tanners are talking of a rise in the value of leather. Locally, however, prices are unchanged.

REFINED PETROLEUM.

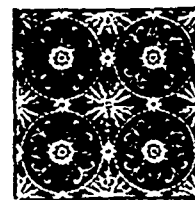
An advance of 1c per gallon has gone into effect on Silver Star oil, the quotation now being 18c in barrels and 1c less in car lots. All other brands remain unchanged.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—The wheat markets on the American continent have this week been fairly strong and active, but they closed yesterday at about 11-2c under the highest point reached during the week, and only 1-8c to 1-4c higher than a week ago. The cause of strength has been apprehension of damage to the United States winter wheat crop, from the prevailing spell of severe cold, which extends well over the winter wheat region to the south. So no parts are devoid of snow protection, and although little that is definite can be told as to extent and importance of damage until after mild weather returns, there are reasonable grounds for fear that the later sown fields may be badly damaged. Otherwise the crop is in such good shape, and the extent of it so enlarged, that considerable damage may be sustained without causing such a reduction in the prospect of aggregate yield, as would necessarily advance prices. Outside of a renewal of speculative buying, there seems little on which to build the hope of higher prices for wheat in the near future, but there are some things which suggest the possibility of lower prices. Buyers on the other side of the Atlantic continue utterly indifferent about supplying more than their immediate wants. Argentina and Australia are now shipping freely, with the prospect of their shipments increasing in volume. Russia with 20,000,000 bushels in store at her Black Sea ports ready for shipment, and more accumulating every day, may become a free seller at anytime, and shortly India, where the crop promises about the same as last year, will be ready to add her quota. On Monday the American visible supply increased 401,000 bushels. The world's shipments to Europe for the week were very large, 9,250,000 bushels. The world's visible supply increased 1,589,000 bushels. The movement of Wheat in the United States has this week fallen off from previous large figures, perhaps to some extent owing to a somewhat larger than for some

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time last year.

The local market has been dull and very little doing. The cold weather has practically stopped deliveries in the country. The Winnipeg grain exchange inaugurated a call board on Monday last, which is in session daily for an hour from eleven to twelve o'clock forenoon. Several sales were made on the board during the week, and it is the general opinion that the call board will be a useful and convenient medium for trading, especially in the busier periods of the season. It will also be the means of publicly determining market values for grain, and the prices at which sales are made on the call board will be given out with an official sanction. On Monday value of 1 hard spot Fort William was 69c. Tuesday sales on call were made at 70 1-8 to 70 1-1c for spot; 1 hard, and 73 1-1c for May, but after outside markets were over, and had closed 1c lower. 69c for spot 1 hard and 72c for May were again the figures going. For Wednesday, Thursday and yesterday the prevailing price was around 69 1-2c for spot 1 hard and 72 1-2 to 73c for May; 2 hard and 1 northern 3 1-2c less than 1 hard. An occasional car of tough 1 northern or 2 hard is asked for at 60c on track Fort William. Dried wheat is in very little request and fetches 62c for 2 hard and 60c for 2 northern in store Fort William.

SALES ON CHANGE.

Following are the sales recorded on the call board of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange during the week:

Tuesday—5,000 bushels 1 hard spot in store Fort William, 70c; 5,000 bushels spot, 70 1-4c; 5,000 bushels spot, 70 1-8c; 5,000 bushels May delivery Fort William, 73 1-4c.

Wednesday—5,000 bushels 1 hard, May delivery, Fort William, 72c; 5,000 bushels do., 72 1-1c; two cars spot in store Fort William, 69 1-4c.

Thursday—5,000 bushels spot in store, 69 1-2c; 5,000 bushels May, 72 3-4c.

Friday—There were no transactions, buyers and sellers being apart. The split was 1-1 to 1-2c. After the board settles were willing to accept prices bid.

FLOUR—Prices here to retail dealers are as follows: \$1.95 to \$2.05 for patent, \$1.75 for strong bakers, Glenora \$1.55; Manitoba bakers, \$1.55; Algoma, \$1.30; Imperial XXXX, \$1.15; XXXX, \$1.05 per sack of 98 pounds. Discount of 5c per sack for cash.

MILLFEED—Prices are steady. Bran is quoted at \$10 and shorts at \$12 per ton, with large lots at \$1 per ton less.

GROUND FEED—Prices vary widely all the way from \$7 to \$13 a ton as to quality. Oat chop is quoted at \$15 to \$16 per ton; mixed barley and oats, \$13 to \$14, and wheat and mill mixtures at \$7 to \$10 per ton as to quality; oil cake, \$23 per ton; ground corn, \$18 to \$19 ton.

OATS—Owing to the severe weather very few oats have been offering and city dealers have had to look around to keep up their supplies for the local trade. Choice oats for milling are very firm and higher prices are being paid, 25c being paid for car lots at country points, equal to 30c per bushel of 34 lbs here. City dealers are also looking for a few cars of choice oats for seed purposes and 25c has been paid in the country for this purpose. A few cars have been purchased as far west as Edmonton, to be brought to this market. Ordinary car lots are

quoted at 25 to 28c on track here as to condition and quality.

BARLEY—Offerings limited and demand slow. We quote 24 to 25c per bushel of 48 pounds for car lots on track here, feed grades, and 27 to 30c for malting samples.

WHEAT—Local street market—Millers have been paying 58 to 63c for choice hard wheat delivered at the mills by farmers, as to quality. Tough and damp wheat brings 5 to 8c under dry grain of the same grade. Prices to farmers at country points range from 53 to 62c, according to freight rates and local conditions.

FLAX SEED—Nominal. This article is scarce and in a small way will bring 70 to 80c here, from retail dealers.

CORN—Car lots on track here would cost laid down about 40 to 42c per bushels of 56 lbs., as to grade on the basis of prices at Minneapolis this week, where prices are about 2c lower than a week ago.

BUTTER—Creamery—The market is steady, and about nominal. Jobbers are quoting 22 to 23c as to quantity and quality.

Butter—Dairy—The market is steady. Buyers are offering 13 1-2c to 14 1-2c here for lots, as to quality, and 15c is paid for choice lots for either rolls or tubs. Selected fresh prints would bring 1 to 2c higher.

CHEESE—Jobbers quote 9 1-2c for large and 10c for small sizes. The market is nominal.

EGGS—Scarcely any offering, owing to severe weather. We quote 20 to 22c for fresh, and 16 to 17c for hatched. Stocks of held fresh are low.

POULTRY—Chickens are scarce. Buyers are now offering 9 to 10c per pound for good mixed lots of chickens. Turkeys, 10 to 12c, as to quality; geese, 9 to 10c; ducks, 8 to 10c.

GAME—Rabbits 8 1-2c each. Pigeons 20c per pair. Wild ducks 25c per pair.

VEGETABLES—It has been difficult to obtain anything this week, owing to cold weather, as farmers are not offering anything. Potatoes out of store have been held 5c higher at 40 to 45c. Native onions are very scarce. Cabbage is higher. Potatoes, 40 to 45c per bushel; turnips, 20c per bushel; parsnips, 11-2c per pound; carrots, 35 to 40c, beets, 35 to 40c per bushel; celery, 40 to 50c per dozen; cabbage, 1 1-2c per pound; onions, 2 to 3c per pound.

SENECA ROOT—Nominal at 21c.

WOOL—Nominal at 8 to 8 1-2c per pound.

HIDES—Frozen hides are quoted 6 to 6 1-2c; bulls and oxen 1c less. Five pounds tare taken on frozen hides. Inspected hides are as follows: No. 1, 6 1-2c No. 2 5 1-2c; No. 3 4 1-2c. Branded hides grade No. 2, and bulls No. 3 kip, 6c to 6 1-2c; calf 8c; deacon, skins, 15c to 25c each; sheepskins and lambskins 40 to 65c as to length of wool horsehides 50c to \$1 each.

HAY—Prices have declined 50c to \$1 per ton, which is rather unexpected, owing to pressure of some holders to sell. Raled is quoted at \$6.50 to \$7 on track here and loose on the street market at \$6 to \$7.50 as to quality.

DRESSED MEATS—The market is lower for dressed hogs, owing to a considerable number of car lots of Ontario hogs having been brought in. Cars of dressed hogs from Ontario have been laid down here at \$5.60 per 100 lbs., prices having been lower east lately. This has weakened the market for Manitoba hogs, and buyers are now offering \$5.75 for lots of Mani-

toba hogs, which is 15c per 100 lbs. higher than cost of Ontario hogs laid down here. Commission dealers have been selling hogs in a small way here at 6c, where a few hogs are wanted by a retail butcher. Beef is firm and supplies limited. The best frozen beef is quoted at 5 1-2c, and fresh killed at 6 to 6 1-2c; mutton 7 to 8c, lamb, 8 to 9c; veal, 6 to 7c.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—Butchers' cattle are quoted at 3 to 3 1-2c off cars here for good to choice animals. The market, however, has been about nominal this week. The protracted severe weather must be very hard on the range cattle, though no advices are to hand from our western ranges. It will, however, put cattle in a condition that they will not be ready for the summer market as early as if the weather had been favorable throughout. Heavy losses are reported from all the range region throughout the United States clean down into Texas, and this will have the effect of further advancing the already high market in the United States. A firm local market for fat cattle is looked for this spring, as some apprehend a scarcity of supplies, but the expected does not always happen and there may be more cattle feeding for the spring market than dealers surmise. Buyers are out through the country looking for steekers for the United States market. The Manitoba feeders shipped east recently by Gordon & Ironside are being fed at the Prescott, Ontario, distillery for the spring market for the shippers.

SHEEP—None offering. Market supplied with held stocks of frozen mutton and also some frozen mutton brought from the east. A lot of sheep are being fed at the elevators for the spring market. It is said one local concern has 1,000 head feeding. P. Gallagher & Sons, Winnipeg, are also feeding a couple of car loads at one of the elevators.

HOGS—Quoted at 4 1-2c off cars for selected weights. Market nominal.

MILCH COWS—Prices range from \$25 to \$40 per head for new milkers.

HORSES—A considerable number of horses are being brought in from Ontario and the United States for the spring trade. Several car loads have arrived recently. Prices will likely rule firm as they are coming fairly high prices east. A fairly good average farm team is quoted at about \$225 here.

Winnipeg Grocery Market

There is no further change in sugars. The situation is the same as reported last week. Advices on tea are very firm, but there is no change here. Cable advices from London reporting a firmer market for Ceylon; coffees are easier here for low grades. In tobacco there is some cutting in the local market. T. & B. has been reduced again 2c, and Crescent 2c; Brier is 1c lower. Sultana raisins are firm. Unpeeled peaches are 1-2c lower. Pot barley is 5 to 10c lower per sack. Portuguese figs are 1-2c lower on the inside. Peanuts are 1-2 to 1c lower.

The liabilities of W. C. Pittfield & Co., Montreal, are \$269,505, and there are good assets of \$157,863; the bad assets include Frank Pittfield's balance of \$78,574.78; bad and doubtful accounts, \$65,230.54. The two largest creditors are the Dominion Cotton Mills Co., \$23,219.30, and the Merchants Cotton Co., \$226,005.86.

Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association

Last year we gave a comparison of the position of the Mutual Reserve at the end of 1896 and 1897. We are now in a position to compare the results of 1898, from the published statement submitted at the annual meeting recently held in New York, and find it as follows:

	1896	1897	1898
Total Assets	\$ 5,759,480	5,129,991	3,391,642
Total Liabilities ..	1,343,028	1,644,988	2,007,666
Surplus	4,416,452	3,484,973	1,383,976
Business Written ..	73,026,330	56,244,785	31,027,300
Business Term'd ..	56,659,640	79,693,745	64,425,170
Business in force ..			
Dec. 31	325,026,061	301,567,101	269,169,321
Death Claims			
Unpaid	927,326	1,644,988	1,782,384
Prem. paid by insured per \$1,000.	17.16	19.15	22.19

After our comments of last year an examination of the affairs of the association was made by the superintendent of insurance of the state of New York, and his report showed that the assets had been overstated and the liabilities omitted from the sworn statement to a sufficient extent to reduce the surplus from \$3,484,937 to \$1,531,981 or to less than one half the amount claimed, and the association's own statement just published only claims at Dec. 31st, 1898, as above, \$1,383,176.38.

The tremendous reduction in business, written and in force at the end of the year is in accord with the experience of all assessment concerns as soon as it has to be admitted that the premiums previously charged were insufficient and higher assessments are made.

The loss in one year of over \$2,000,000 or 60 per cent of the surplus shows that the death rate is increasing faster than it is possible to increase the calls on policyholders with any hope of collecting the money, and the withdrawal of policyholders last year reduced the healthy lives by over \$64,000,000, while only \$32,000,000 of new business was effected or \$24,000,000 less than in 1897.

A struggle with a fast increasing death rate, a rapidly decreasing amount of business in force, the withdrawal of the healthy lives in increasing numbers and an impossibility to cut down expenses, has proved a hopeless one with many assessment concerns in the past, and history usually repeats itself where the conditions are the same.

The average premium collected from members per \$1,000 of insurance has increased over \$5.00 in two years, and this increase of 30 per cent does not convey the full effect upon those of the classes who have been raised, as some large classes have not yet been increased. Some unfortunates have had to pay over three times their original payment or drop their policies.

The Spectator of New York, a paper that has always been friendly to the Association, concludes its comments on the last report in the following words:

"The Mutual Reserve is now striving to work itself free of the old obligations and liabilities, the result of the original unscientific plans upon which it was conducted and which the present management inherited. In the interests of the more than one hundred thousand policyholders who rely upon it for the protection life insurance should unquestionably afford to dependent families, it is to be hoped that the management may be successful. It would be more encouraging to those

"who hope for this result if the amount of outstanding losses could be reduced materially year by year instead of increasing."

The admission by the annual report that the surplus claimed last year has been reduced by over \$2,000,000 will be a rude shock to the policyholders who have paid the increased premiums, and those holding the 10-year and 5-year policies, whose premiums have not yet been raised, will be wondering when their turn will come, and if the awful feck can be stopped.

When goods are being sold at half price, somebody has to get left, and in life insurance it is those who don't die soon enough.

Alberta.

The Calgary Clothing Co., Calgary, Alberta, has been incorporated.

J. J. Mellon, hotel, St. Albert, Alta., is burned out; will resume at once.

S. T. Mellish has bought the livery business of McNulty & Co., at South Edmonton.

D. Brodie, hardware and furniture, Lethbridge, Alberta, has given a bill of sale to A. B. Stafford.

W. R. Howey, has re-opened his butcher business at South Edmonton.

Frost & Wood, implements, Winnipeg, have opened an agency in Edmonton, under the management of Kelly & Beals.

Assiniboia.

A. Knowles' store at Wapella is now in possession of Mr. Francis.

Fierce Bros., general store, Oxbow, Assa., have assigned to J. Ferguson.

The Carnduff Farmers' Grain company, Carnduff, Assa., has been incorporated.

F. Clark has opened a butcher shop and H. Griffin a photograph gallery at North Portal.

Minneapolis Markets.

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents, \$3.55 to \$3.65, second patents, \$3.35 to \$3.45.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$9.75 to \$10.00; bran in bulk, \$10 to \$10.50; corn feed, \$13.25 to \$15 per ton as to quality.

Corn—Quoted at 32 3/4 for No. 3 yellow, and 32 1/2 for No. 3.

Oats—Held at 29 1/4 for No. 3 white, and 29 1/8 for No. 3.

Barley—Maiting, 41 to 45c; feed, quoted at 39 to 40c.

Flax seed—\$1.15 per bushel.

Eggs—16c for strictly fresh, including cases, seconds, 10 to 11c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 10 to 11 1/2c; fair to good, 8 1/2 to 9c.

Butter—Creamery, 15 1/2c to 19c; for choice to extras; seconds 12 to 14c; dairy 12 1/2 to 16 1/2c for choice to fancy; seconds, 11c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 5 to 6 1/2c; lamb, 5 to 8c; veal, 5 to 5c; hogs, light, 4 1/2c; medium, 4 1/2c; heavy, 4c.

Poultry—Chickens, 7 to 10 1/2c; hens, 6 to 9c; roosters, 4c; turkeys, 7 to 10 1/2c; ducks, 5 to 9c; geese, 5 to 8c. Frozen, stock 1c less.

Hides—Green salted hides, 9c for No. 1 8c for No. 2; green salted steers, 9 1/4c; bulls, oxen and brands, 6 1/2 to 7 1/2c; sheepskins, 25 to 30c each; veal, calf, 9 3/4 to 11 1/4c; tallow, 2 1/2 to 3 1/2c; soneca root, 21 to 24c.

Potatoes—Mixed lots, 25 to 28c, white, 30 to 35c.

Apples—Good winter stock, \$4.50 to \$5 per barrel.

Wool—Unwashed, fine, 11 to 13c; medium, 13 to 14c; coarse, 13 to 14 1/2c.

Hay—\$7.00 to \$7.25 per ton for timothy, mixed clover, \$5 to \$6.

Live stock—Hogs, medium weight, \$3.55 to \$3.65; lights, \$3.25, heavy, \$3.35 per 100 pounds. Sheep, \$3 to \$3.75, lambs, \$4.25 to \$4.50; cattle, stockers and feeders, \$2.50 to \$4.50; stock cows and heifers, \$2.40 to \$3.40; butchers' steers, \$3.85 to \$4.40; cows and heifers, \$2 to \$4; bulis, \$2.50 to \$3.75.

Fire at Roland

Roland, Feb. 7.—A serious fire visited our town to-night, and many merchants have lost their places of business, and the principal part of their stocks. The fire started at 7 p. m. by a gasoline explosion in the hardware store of J. E. Birch and Sons. This set fire to the building and the flames soon spread on the north to C. W. Johns' carriage making establishment and Laurie & Co's. blacksmith shop, and on the south to the store of Higgins and Webster, general merchants. The losses are:

J. E. Birch & Sons, building and contents

C. W. Johns, carriage maker, building and material inside.

Laurie & Co., blacksmiths, building and contents.

Higgins & Webster, building destroyed, but stock of general merchandise saved.

Mrs. Brooks' dressmaking rooms upstairs in block, contents a total loss. In the residences over the stores all the household goods were lost.

Roland is situated on the Morris-Brandon branch of the N. P. & M. Ry., 66 miles from the city. It has increased in size rapidly during the past two years, rising from a cross-road settlement to a village with a population of about 250.

British Columbia Items.

W. J. Kerr has opened in jewelry at Kamloops.

D. Cosgriff, cigars, etc., Kaslo, sold stock to T. Pogue.

Nelson Hardware Co., Nelson, has sold out to Beer & Smyth.

G. W. McAuliffe, tailor, Rossland, has assigned to Edward Baillie.

The stock of W. J. Dwyer, groceries, Victoria, has been sold at auction.

N. Costello, Commercial hotel, Vancouver, has sold out to J. R. Foran.

H. H. Huff, blacksmith, Cascade City, has sold out to Blanchard & Moore.

Hunter Bros., general store, Rossland, contemplate opening a branch at Greenwood.

The first issue of Victoria's third daily paper, the Evening Globe appeared on Feb. 5.

Ontario Packing Co. (not incorporated) New Westminster, has dissolved. John Letherdale retiring.

It is reported that Veith & Berland, of 150 Mile House, have sold out their business, together with their ranch and live stock, to an English syndicate.

The tobacco and fancy goods store of H. G. Moore, Vancouver, was entirely destroyed by fire. The building was owned by J. W. Horn. The total loss will be \$13,000, with insurance of about \$7,500.

New York Wheat.

New York, Feb. 6.—Wheat, March opened 78 3-4c, closed 79 3-4c b. May opened 75 7-8c, closed 76 1-2c b. July opened 74 3-8c b, closed 75c.

New York, Feb. 7.—Wheat — Receipts, 131,200 bu.; exports, 118,646 bu. Options opened steady and experienced a sharp rise on crop damage news, rumors of drouth in India, frost in California, and a smaller world's visible increase than expected, but failed to hold the advances. Prices finally collapsed under heavy realizing and closed weak at 1-2 to 7-8c net decline. March, 78 7-8 to 80 1-8, closed 78 7-8; May, 75 13-16 to 77 1-4, closed 75 7-8; July, 74 1-4 to 75 1-4, closed 74 1-4.

New York, Feb. 8.—Wheat — Receipts 116,000 bushels; exports 314,061 bushels. Options opened steady, and developed unexpected strength through extreme cold weather in winter wheat states, menacing the plant. Shorts covered hastily, and found little wheat for sale, advancing prices all day, with export rumors an important factor in the late session closed firm at 7-8 to 11-4c net advance. March opened 78 3-4 to 79 3-4c, closed 79 3-4c; May opened 75 7-8 to 76 3-4c, closed 76 3-4c; July opened 74 3-8 to 75 1-2c, closed 75 1-2c.

New York, Feb. 9.—Wheat, May opened 77 1-4c, closed 77 1-2c a. July opened 76 1-8c, closed 76 1-4c b.

New York, Feb. 10.—Wheat receipts, 105,200 bushels; exports, 51,931 bushels. Options opened weaker in consequence of liberal Argentine shipments lower cables and reported snows. They rallied later on alleged outside support but in the last hour broke rapidly as a result of milder weather predictions. The close was 3-4c net decline; March 79 7-8c to 80 1-4, closed 79 7-8; May 6 5-8 to 77 3-8, closed 76 3-4; July 75 1-2 to 76 1-8, closed 75 1-2.

New York, Feb. 11.—Wheat closed to-day as follows: March delivery, 81c; May, 77 1-4c.

Exports of wheat from Atlantic ports this week, 5,780,000 bushels.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

Prices are quoted per bushel of 60 pounds for wheat, bushel of 56 pounds of corn, bushel of 32 pounds of oats, per barrel of mess pork, and per 100 pounds for lard and short rib bacon; flax seed per bushel of 56 pounds.

Chicago, Feb. 6.—Wheat, May opened 71 3-4c, closed 72 3-8 to 1-2c b. July opened 70 1-8c a. Corn, Feb. closed 35 5-8c n. May opened 36 3-4c, closed 37 1-8c a. July opened 37c, closed 37 1-2 to 3-8c. Pork, Feb. closed \$10.06. May opened \$10.02, closed \$10.15 to \$10.17. Lard, May opened \$5.72 to \$5.75, closed \$5.72. July closed \$5.87.

Chicago, Feb. 7.—Wheat, May opened 72 5-8c, closed 72 1-2c. July opened 71c, closed 70 1-8 to 1-4c. Corn, Feb. closed 35 1-8c n. May opened 37 to 1-8c, closed 36 5-8c b. July opened 37 1-2c, closed 37 1-2c. Oats, Feb. closed 27c n. May opened 28c, closed 28c. July 26 1-8c, closed 26 to 1-8c. Carlots—Wheat 217-21, corn 1,555-247, oats 410-56. Pork, Feb. closed \$9.90 n. May opened \$10.25, closed \$10.10 to \$10.12. Lard, May opened \$5.59, closed \$5.75. July closed \$5.87 to \$5.87 n. Receipts of hogs — 25,000.

Chicago, Feb. 8.—Wheat, May opened 71 5-8c, closed 72 1-2c. July opened 70 1-4c, closed 71 1-4c. Corn, Feb. closed 35 1-8c n. May opened 36 1-2c, closed 37c b. July opened 36 7-8c, closed 37 3-8 to 1-2c.

Chicago, Feb. 9.—Wheat, May opened 73 3-8c, closed 73 1-2c a. July opened 71 5-8c, closed 72 3-8 to 1-2c. Corn, Feb.

closed 35 3-8c n. May opened 37 1-8c, closed 36 3-4 to 7-8c b. July opened 37 5-8c, closed 37 1-8c b. Oats, Feb. closed 27 3-8c n. May opened 28 3-8 to 1-2c, closed 28 3-8c. July opened 28 1-2c, closed 26 1-4c. Carlots—Wheat 80-3, corn 498-61, oats 175-24. Pork, Feb. closed \$9.90 n. May opened \$10.25, closed \$10.07. Lard, May opened \$5.77, closed \$5.70 to \$5.72.

Chicago, Feb. 10.—Wheat, May opened 72 7-8c, closed 72 1-2 to 5-8c. July opened 71 7-8c, closed 71 1-4c b. Corn, Feb. closed 35 1-2c n. May opened 36 3-4c, closed 37c. July opened 37 1-8c, closed 37 1-4 to 3-8c. Oats, Feb. closed 27 3-8 to 1-2c n. May opened 28 1-4c, closed 28 3-8 to 1-2c. July opened 26 1-8c, closed 26 1-4c. Pork, Feb. closed \$9.85 n. May opened \$10.12, closed \$10 to \$10.02. Lard, May opened \$5.67 to \$5.70, closed \$5.65. July closed \$5.77.

Chicago, Feb. 11.—Wheat opened at 73 1-8c for May, and ranged from 73 7-8 to 1-2c. Closing prices were:

Wheat—May 73 3-8c; July 72 1-8c. Corn—Feb. 36c; May 37 1-2c. Oats—Feb. 27 7-8c; May 28 7-8c. Pork—Feb. \$9.95; May 10.12 1-2. Lard—May, \$5.70. Ribs—May, \$5.07 1-2.

A week ago May option closed at 72 1-8c, a year ago May wheat closed at 97 3-4c; two years ago at 73 3-4c; three years ago at 66 1-4c; four years ago at 55c.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—May 71 1-4c
Tuesday—May 71c
Wednesday—May 71 7-8c.
Thursday—May 72 5-8c.
Friday—Cash 69 1-4c; May 71 7-8c.
Saturday—May, 72 1-2c; July, 73
Cash No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 72c, and cash No. 1 northern at 70c.

A week ago May wheat closed at 71 1-8c. A year ago May wheat closed at 95 1-2c; two years ago May option closed at 73 1-4c; three years ago at 62 3-4c; four years ago at 61 1-2c; and five years ago at 67c.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, Feb. 11.—Wheat closed 3-8d higher.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT

Saturday, Feb. 11.—No. 1 northern wheat closed today at 71c for February, and 71 3-8c for May; cash, No. 1 northern, 70c, cash No. 2 northern, 69c.

R. G. DUN'S WHEAT REVIEW.

New York, Feb. 10.—R. G. Dun & Co's. weekly review of wheat is as follows: In wheat Americans are getting profits even though prices are lower than they were some months ago. After some yielding the price rose to 79.87 cents and May option rose 1-4c during the week, with Atlantic exports of 3,926,692 bushels, flour included, against 2,174,392 last year and total exports, including the Pacific, of 4,647,407 bushels against 2,965,000 last year. Western receipts have been 3,056,406 bushels, against 2,957,70 for the week last year, while corn exports for the week were also 3,102,609 bushels, against 3,365,976 last year. At higher or lower prices, foreigners are constantly taking more wheat and corn from us than in any previous year.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, Feb. 10.—Wheat, spot steady. No. 2 red western winter 6s.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

Sales on change to-day (Saturday) were 2 cars No. grade 2 northern at 61 1-4c; spot, Fort William: 5 cars 1 hard at 69 1-2c spot, Fort William: 1,000 bushels 1 hard at 73c, May delivery, Fort William, 3 cars 1 northern at 65 1-2c spot, Fort William.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, Feb. 11.—Flax seed closed to-day at \$1.19 1-2 for cash, and May \$1.19.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

New York, Feb. 10.—Wall Street—The irregularity of the London market was reflected to a slight extent in the home trading. There were no distinctly weak features outside of Sugar and Pacific Mail, but on the other hand, there was also an absence of any aggressive support. Trading was somewhat light, with the railways inclined to sag on a small increase in St. Paul earnings for the first week of February. The opening prices were: Atchison 21 2-1; Burlington 134 7-8; General Electric 110 7-8; Louisville 64 5-8; Manhattan 111 1-4; Missouri Pacific 44 5-8; Brooklyn Transit 91 1-2; Northern Pacific 51 1-2; Rock Island 115 3-4; Sugar 129; St. Paul 125 3-8; Southern preferred 49 5-8; Union Pacific 46 1-8; do. preferred 78; Federal Steel 48 1-8; do. preferred 86 1-4.

BRITISH LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

London, Feb. 7.—Owing to the increased supplies of cattle a weaker feeling prevailed in the market, and prices declined 3-4 to 1c since this day week with a fair trade owing. Choice States sold 12 1-4c Argentine 11c, sheep 11 1-2c.

Liverpool, Feb. 7.—This market was also weak for cattle, and prices are 1c lower than a week ago. Choice States sold 11 3-4c, Argentines at 10 1-2c, and sheep at 11 1-2c.

WESTERN BUSINESS ITEMS.

J. D. Murphy, hotel, Winnipeg, has sold out to Charles Newman.

Labossiere & Girouard Bros., have opened in implements at Somerset, Man.

R. G. Hamilton, hardware, Carman, Man. has admitted R. J. McConnell into partnership.

Alex. Armstrong, blacksmith, Carman, Man., has sold out to Wm. Wilson, of Treherne.

J. R. Stewart, general store, Souris, Man. has assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand, Winnipeg.

F. C. Lever has purchased the plant and franchise of the Austin Record newspaper, Austin, Man.

James Tongue, of the Leland hotel, Fortage la Prairie, Man., is to be succeeded by J. W. Vaggott, of Picton, Ont.

Joseph McLean and L. T. Raines have entered into partnership, as dealers in agricultural implements, etc., and will open business at Hamiota, Man.

Messrs. Ibester and Early, of Rapid City, have leased Jos. McLean's blacksmith shop, at Hamiota, Man., and have begun business in this line.

The sale of the Clarendon hotel, Winnipeg, to Mr. Bunnell is reported. The purchase price was between fifty and sixty thousand dollars. Mr. Bunnell has conducted the house for some years.

The general stock and book debts of the estate of T. R. Stewart, Souris, will be sold in Winnipeg on Feb. 18. Stock amounts to \$6,940, book debts, \$635.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Montreal, Feb. 11.

Special to The Commercial.

The market is steady and firm, and no important changes in prices are reported this week.

White lead, government standard, \$5.62 1-2; No. 1, \$5.25; dry white lead in kegs, 5c, red lead in kegs, 4 1-2c, linseed oil, raw, 49 to 50c; boiled 52 to 53c, turpentine 64 to 65c, bar iron, \$1.10 to \$1.50, tin plates, cokes, \$2.85 to \$3; I. C. charcoal, \$3.25 to \$3.75; Canada plates, \$2.15 to \$2.25, tern plates, \$5.95 to \$6.25, galvanized iron 4 1-4 to 4 3-4c, lead, 3.75 to \$4, iron pipe 4 to 4 1-4c, putty in bulk, 1.65, in bladders, \$1.80; ingot tin, 26c; cement, English brands, 3.30 to \$3.40 Germany, 2.45 to \$2.55, and Belgium 1.85 to \$1.95 per barrel, ex-wharf. Rope, sisal 10 to 10 1-2c, Manila, 11 1-2 to 12 1-2c for 7-16 size and larger.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Montreal, Feb. 11.

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The only important change in the grocery market this week is a decline of 1-4c on syrups to 13-4 to 2 1-4c. Other lines are steady.

Granulated sugar lower at \$1.30 per 100 pounds at refineries; yellows, \$3.75 to \$4.15; molasses, 31c in car lots; syrups, 13-4 to 2 1-4c as to quality. Valencia raisins 43-4 to 5 1-2; Valencia myers, 6 1-2c; currants, 5 1-8 to 6 1-2c, as to brand; coffee, Rio, 8c to 10c; Mocha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c; rice, Crystal Japan, 5 1-2 to 5 3-4c; standard B., 3 3-4 to 4c.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE

Montreal, Feb. 11.

The grain, flour and feed market is unchanged, and prices all around are the same as a week ago. There is a fairly good demand for feed. Butter is strong for fresh creamery. Creamery tubs are 1 1-4 to 1-2c higher. Choice, fresh creamery boxes are scarce, and as high as 25c is asked for fancy goods. Held creamery, 18 to 19c. Cheese quiet and steady. Eggs unchanged. Poultry firm. Owing to keen competition, 1-2c higher has been paid for hides by some dealers. Dressed hogs are firmer and quoted 10 to 15c per 100 lbs higher for car lots. Potatoes are 5c lower.

Oats—No. 2 white 32 to 32 1-2c in store.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are. Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.90 to \$4, Manitoba patents, \$4.10 to \$4.20.

Millfeed—Bran \$14 to \$14.50 per ton. Shorts, \$15.50, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.75 per bag. Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 9 to 9 1-2c. No. 2, 8c, No. 3, 7c, calfskins, 9 to 9c, sheepskins, 10 to 30c, lambskins, 70c, tallow, 3 1-2 to 4c.

Eggs—Choice fresh candled, 16 to 17c per dozen as to quality.

Butter—Choice, fresh dairy, 14 1-2 to 15c rolls; 14 to 15c; held stock, 12 to 13c.

Butter—Creamery, boxes, 21 to 25c, tubs, 19 1-2 to 20c.

Cheese—Choice western, 10 to 10 1-4c, eastern, 9 3-4 to 10c.

Beans—\$1.00 to \$1.10 per bushel, as to quality.

Potatoes—In car lots, 55c.

Poultry—Dressed turkeys, 9 to 10 1-2c, ducks, 7 to 9c; geese 4 to 6c, chickens, 7 to 8c.

Dressed meats—Western fresh dressed beef, hinds, 5 to 7c; fores, 3 to 4 1-2c. Abattoir hogs in jobbing lots

sold at \$6, country dressed, \$5.15 to \$5.25 per 100 pounds Mutton, 5 1-2c; lambs, 6 1-2 to 7c.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Feb. 7.

Receipts of cattle at the semi-weekly market at the East End abattoir yesterday were 350 head, and 75 sheep and lambs.

Choice cattle were very scarce. In fact no really choice offered. This accounts for the lower range of prices. If there has been any such, they would have brought as high prices as at the last market. There were no export cattle offered. The best cattle sold at 4 1-2c, good at 4c to 4 1-4c; fair at 3 1-2 to 3 3-4c, and lower grades at from 2 1-4 to 3 1-4c, bulls 23-4 to 3 1-4c. Sheep sold at 3 1-4c and lambs at 4 1-2 to 4 3-4c. A few hogs were offered at the Grand Trunk yards, which sold at \$4.30 per 100 lbs. fed.

THURSDAY'S MARKET.

Montreal, Feb. 10.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday receipts of cattle were 500 head, sheep and lambs, 50.

The cattle market was active. The best cattle sold at 4 1-2 to 4 3-4c and good cattle at 4 to 4 1-4c. Common to fair, 2 1-2 to 3 3-4c as to quality. Sheep 3 1-4c. Lambs, 4 1-4 to 4 1-2c. Hogs were firmer and sold at 4 1-4 to 4 1-2c.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Feb. 11.

Dry Goods—Active for season trade. Payments on paper this week were satisfactory and few renewals are reported. Only two important failures in Ontario. Cotton goods are firm. Baby rations are scarce and orders except for April delivery refused.

Grain—Moderately active. Tapering is dearer. Canned goods are in light demand at present, but prices are strong. Teas active. A car of Japan tea sold at 1c advance over price asked last week. January trade better than last year.

Hardware—Market very active and prices are still advancing. Trade is good. Wire nails are firmer. Some ask 15c advance. Galvanized wire is 10 cents per hundred higher. Terne charcoal plates are 25 cents per hundred higher. White glass is firmer in sympathy with advance in Belgium. Copper rivets up four per cent. Local houses advised of advance in shelf hardware by two United States manufacturers. Canadian copper ware and tinware has been advanced ten to fifteen per cent. Copper pits are also dearer. Black iron ten to fifteen cents dearer. Galvanized iron dearer. Gauges, sixteen, eighteen to 21 and 26 American, are up 25 cents. Lead pipe discount reduced 7 1-2 to 17 1-2 per cent. White lead is 25c, and genuine red lead 15c dearer. Sheet copper dearer at 23 to 23 1-2c. Sheet zinc 3-4c up. Shot has been advanced, the price now being list instead of seventeen per cent. discount. Stove manufacturers have reduced discounts equivalent to 3 to 4 per cent. advance.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Feb. 11.

Manitoba flour is quoted 20c per barrel lower. Wheat easier. Barley 1c lower. Eggs are weak and 1c lower for new laid.

Flour—Manitoba patents, \$4.10 to \$4.20, Manitoba bakers, \$3.75 to \$4. Ontario straight roller, \$3.20 to \$3.25 per bbl. Toronto freights.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat 68 to 69c for cars at country points. No. 1 hard 79c Midland.

Oats—White, 29c for cars at country points.

Barley—No. 1, 46c at country points for car lots.

Millfeed—Shorts, \$13 to \$16 per ton. Bran, \$12.50 to \$14 per ton at country points.

Oatmeal—\$3.30 in bags per barrel and \$3.50 in wood for car lots.

Eggs—Fresh 10c new laid, 19 to 20; lime 13 1-2 to 15c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, 10 to 14c; creamery, tubs, 19 to 20c.

Hides—Cows, green, 8 1-2c; green steers, 9c, cured hides, 9 1-4c sheepskins and lambskins, 80 to 90c; calfskins, 8 to 10c; tallow, 4 1-4c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 15c.

Beans—1.10 per bushel for hand picked, and 80 to 95c for common lots.

Dressed hogs—\$4.90 to 5.3 per 100 pounds for car lots of mixed weights.

Dried apples—5 1-2 to 6 1-2c for round lots, evaporated, 8 1-2 to 9c.

Honey—6 to 7c in bulk.

Poultry—Turkeys 7 to 8c for frozen stock; chickens 35 to 70c a pair; geese 5c to 7c.

Seeds—Red clover, \$3.50 to \$3.75, al-sike, \$3.50 to \$4.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Feb. 7.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 78 car loads, including 660 sheep and lambs and 3,089 hogs.

Trading in cattle was brisk, and nearly all the good cattle were taken readily at firm prices, for butchers stock. Export cattle were a shade easier, of which the offerings were large. Heavy exporters were 1-4c lower or \$4.25 to \$4.75 per cwt. Choice butchers, \$3.25 to \$4 and \$4.10 per cwt. Common, \$3.25 to \$3.50. Bulls, remained firm, heavy sold at \$3.50 to \$4 light \$2.75 to \$3.25. Steers and feeders—The prices were a little easier, heavy sockets being quoted 5c per cwt lower at \$3.25 to \$3.65. Feeders, \$3.50 to \$3.75.

Sheep, export and butchers' sold at \$3 to \$3.25 per cwt. Lambs, \$1.25 to \$1.55 per cwt. Bucks, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per cwt.

Hogs—The demand was good and prices a little higher, choice being quoted 12 1-2c per cwt higher and thick fat 3c per cwt higher. Choice sold at \$4.50 light steady at \$4.25. Thick fat, \$3.78; sows, \$3 per cwt; stags \$2 per cwt.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, Feb. 10.

Receipts of live stocks at the market to-day were 50 car loads of all kinds including 600 sheep and lambs and 706 hogs.

Choice butchers' cattle were 1-4c higher at \$4 to \$4.50 per 100 lbs. Common cattle, however, were weaker. Hogs firm. Heavy hogs 10c higher at \$3.87 1-2 per 100 lbs. Other lines unchanged.

SUGAR.

Special to The Commercial.

London, Feb. 10.—Market weak. Best February option 9s 9d. This shows a decline of 3-4d on the week.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Feb. 10.—Cattle firm. Quoted at 11 to 11 3-4c, estimated dressed weight.