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WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 21, 1891.

Manitoba.

F. Stiver, has opened a grocery at Rapid City.

John Taylor, furniture, Melita, is moving to Carduff.

Walter Blanchard, hotel, Carman, is applying for a license.

J. H. McConnell will open out in the lumber business at Hamiota.

Mrs. W. Perrett, jeweler, Winnipeg, contemplates moving westward.

Henry Roberts, groceries and lumber, Strathclair, is adding a general store stock.

Alexander Macdonald, wholesale grocer, has been elected mayor of Winnipeg for 1892.

The estate of A. H. Christie, boot and shoe manufactory, Winnipeg, has been sold to T. Lyons at 43 1/2 cents.

Langley & Campbell, tailors, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership; Alex. Campbell will continue the business.

Jos. Johnson, general store, Carberry, has formed a partnership with Ross, under the style of Thompson & Ross, at Nesbitt.

A. C. Flummerfelt, of the Ames Holden Co., Victoria, B. C., was in the city last week renewing many old acquaintances here.

C. P. Brown, civil engineer, and who held a portfolio in the late Norquay government of Manitoba, died at Winnipeg last week of pneumonia.

Carvoth & Co., Winnipeg, have been ap-

pointed agents for S. Oppenheimer, of Chicago, dealer in butchers' supplies, packing house machinery, etc.

The Hamilton Loan and Savings Society has commenced business in Manitoba, with head quarters at Brandon, where J. L. Sutherland, late of Hamilton, has been appointed to take charge.

A. McLean, hardware, Brandon, has sold out to P. C. Mitchell and Jas. M. Brown, two young men who have been for a number of years in the employ of S. F. Johnston & Co., hardware merchants, Brandon.

The by-law to raise \$20,000 to further improve the grounds and buildings of the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition Association, has been defeated. This will not interfere with the holding of the annual exhibition in July next

Carscaden, Peck & Co., wholesale clothing, Winnipeg, have purchased 100 feet on the corner opposite their present location, Princess and McDermott streets, and will erect a fine block thereon next summer, for their own business.

A fire occurred in the smoke house of J. Y. Griffin & Co, packers, etc., of Winnipeg, early last week. Fortunately, the contents of the smoke house had been largely removed the day previous, but a couple of thousand pounds of clear pork remained, and was destroyed.

The Great Northwest Central railway was opened for business on Tuesday last. A mixed passenger and freight train left Chater for Hamiota at 11.30 a. m. President Arthur Codd, of Ottawa, Superintendent P. A. Bogue and other officials went over the road on an inspection tour. P. A. Bogue, formerly agent at Brandon, has been appointed traffic manager of the new road.

The Winnipeg Exhibition association has issued a circular, asking farmers who have fine samples of grain, etc., to hold some for the exhibition, which will take place in July next. Large prizes will be offered for grain, etc., from the crop of 1891. Exhibits will be carried free by the railways, and passenger tickets will be issued at the low rate of one cent per mile, from points where the single fare is over \$4. From points where the single fare to Winnipeg is \$4 or under, return trip tickets will be issued for one fare.

THE COMMERCIAL stated last week that a company to manufacture binder twine, was being formed in Winnipeg. Progress has since been made in the matter. The company is to be known as "The Manitoba Binder Twine and Cordage Company," with a capital of \$150,000, in 15,000 shares of \$10 each. The provincial directors of the company are Duncan McArthur, president; James Haggart, vice-president and managing director; Oliver Gourlay Miller, of Dugald, Man., consulting director; Daniel Smith, Thomas Smith, Springfield; secretary, Albert Vass; offices, Dundas block, 393 Main street, Winnipeg.

The case of Williams, Greene & Rowe, mens' furnishings, Toronto, vs. Robert Magee, and L. R. Arnett, of Winnipeg, was in court last week. Arnett, a Winnipeg clothier, was sold out by his father-in-law, some time ago, the facts of the case having been reported in THE COMMERCIAL at the time, and commented upon as rather a shady transaction. The plaintiffs in the case endeavor to make out a fraudulent

transfer of the business from Arnett to Magee, in order to hold the stock for Arnett, and defraud the creditors of the estate. Magee alleges that his claim against the estate was a just one. He says that Arnett collected rents for him for some years, on account of which the sum of \$11,000 was owing him, which he was obliged to take legal steps to secure. If Arnett collected Magee's money, and appropriated it in other ways, would this be termed embezzlement?

Assiniboia.

Smithers & Jupp, of Moomin, intend to open a branch harness and saddlery establishment at Fleming.

James Paul has purchased the Watson Manufacturing Co.'s stock and property in Moomin and will continue the business on his own account.

W. H. Maulson has purchased the stock of the old firm of W. H. Maulson & Co., general merchants, Moomin, and will continue the business.

J. D. Sibbald & Co., Regina, have sold out their flour and feed business to the Western Milling Co. Ltd. Mr. Sibbald is the manager of the company. Sibbald & Co. will still carry on their machine business as usual.

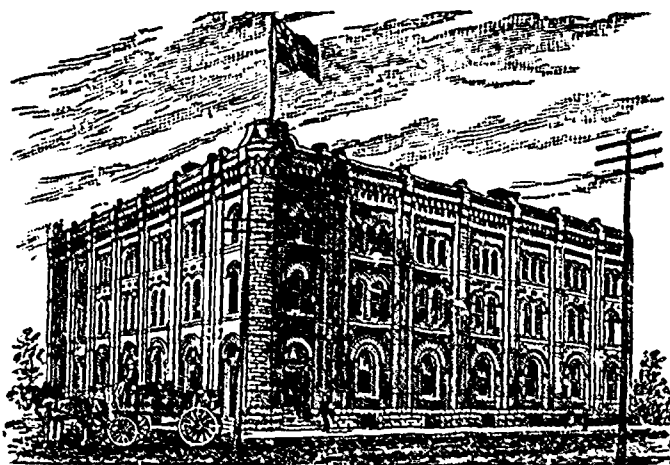
The Regina Leader says: It has been decided to hold the next Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition in July. Large prizes will be offered for grain of the 1891 crops. Farmers should select and preserve good samples. Regina should not bungle this affair as she did this fall, when our farmers just missed \$300 in prizes which they could have taken almost as easily as falling off a log.

Moose Jaw suffered severely from fire on Saturday, Dec. 12. The fire originated in the hotel occupied by Jackman & McVannett, and spread so rapidly that Jackman and child and a young lady were unable to escape and were burned to death. The following were the sufferers: Estate of Felix Plante, general stock; McBride, boots and shoes; Jas. McCauley, jeweler; F. A. Meller, fruit and confectionery; Mrs. J. G. Chalmers, dry goods and boots and shoes; Mrs. John Tillen, bakery; W. W. Dole, drugs; Herbert Carter, barber; R. J. Hood & Co., boots and shoes; and O. Field, billiards.

Alberta.

The Calgary and Edmonton railway storehouse at Calgary with contents, were destroyed by fire last week. There was nothing saved. The loss will be about \$5,000; partially insured.

At a recent meeting of the Calgary board of trade, Mr. Allen brought up the matter of a daily mail service. He pointed out that there was no reason why Calgary should not have a mail from Winnipeg on Friday as the train which passed through that day had a closed mail for Vancouver and Victoria. Mr. Allen then moved, seconded by Mr. Ingram, that the secretary of the board communicate with the boards of trade of other towns between Winnipeg and Vancouver, inviting their co-operation towards securing a daily mail service for towns between Winnipeg and the coast, and also that they communicate with the postal department in regard to the matter. Carried.

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with loose fronts in single-breasted patterns; the sleeves decrease in size to the waist and are finished with cuffs; the collar is of full height and very effective; other seal garments ranging from thirty-two to forty-four inches in depth are in carefully fitted designs. Jackets of selected Persianer are in favor; the models vary, embracing a number of excellent patterns. Stylish jackets and coats are produced in camel's hair materials and neat cloths; these are finished with fur vests, collars, sleeves or cuffs, according to the designer's fancy; the furs thus used include mink, Persian lamb, beaver and Astrakhan. Fur capes are generally regarded as very desirable; they are in varying lengths, new designs being shown that extend near to the knee of the wearer; these have straight fronts, moderately high shoulders and collars of full height; the furs employed in making the Henri Deux capes include mink, sable, seal, Persian lamb, gray krummer and Astrakhan and combinations

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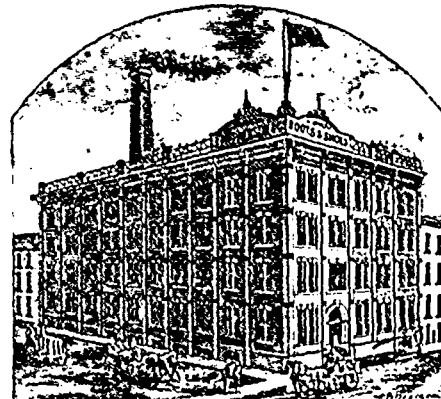
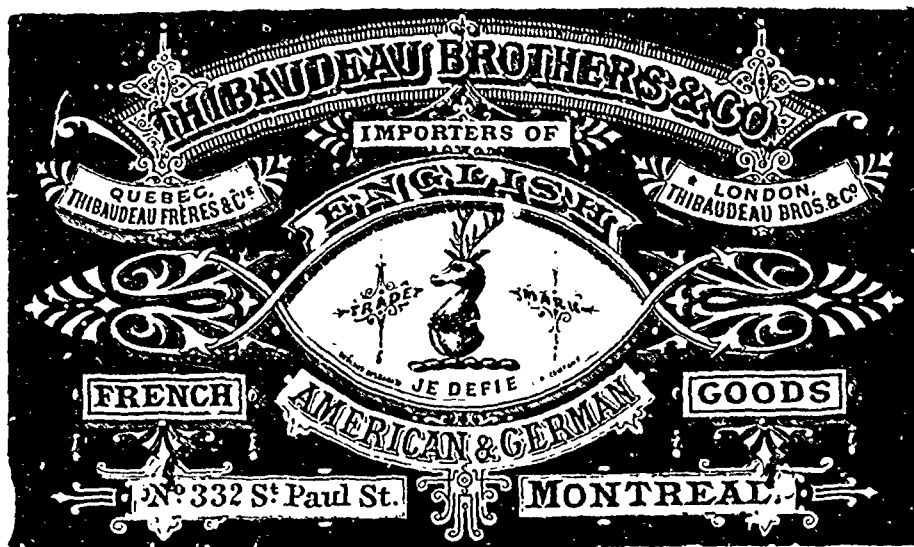
with contrasting furs. Smaller capes, with short backs and deeper pointed fronts, are in favor as heretofore in sable, seal, mink and other furs; the lining is brocade of superior quality.

The military cape is one of the approved styles for the present season; this garment is produced in cloth of different colors, and is trimmed with appropriate furs. Circulars of full depth are produced in stylish models; these are of ladies' cloth and bengaline, the cloths chosen being in sundry choice colors and light shades; the garments are lined with Mandarin lamb, chinchilla and squirrel backs; other large wraps are of black camel's hair, having a soft, rough surface and squirrel lining. The Russian coat with fitted back, loose double-breasted front, is a serviceable garment; it is made of seal, or seal with mink, marten, sable, Persian or fur collar and cuffs.

Fur cravats are stylish articles of merit; these are made of the entire skin of the mink, fitch, sable, marten and other small animals. Muffs show an increase in size, whether made up round or flat; handsome collars of fur have been provided to be worn in association with flat muffs. Fur trimmings are again in more general favor for finishing wraps and dresses, both for street and house wear. The furs now in request are Russian sable, black bear, mink, brown bear, Hudsons Bay sable, black marten, fisher tail, black and silver fox, black and natural lynx, chinchilla, Persian, Astrakhan, badger, opossum and beaver.—New York Fur Trade Review.

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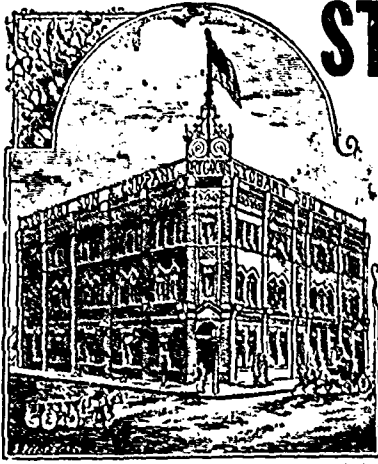
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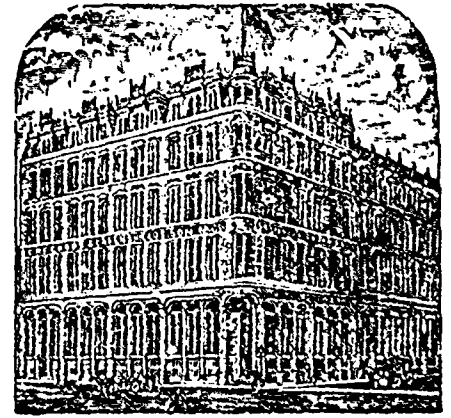
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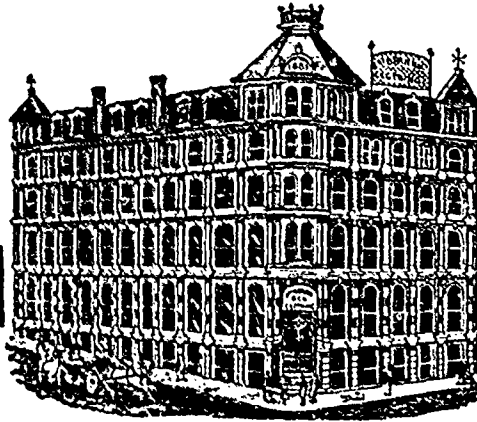
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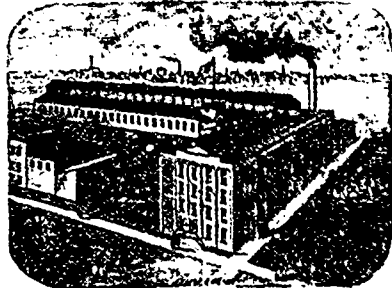
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THE RAILWAY SITUATION.

With the immense crops which have been raised all over the continent this year, it was a foregone conclusion, that when the rush began to market, the offerings would be in excess of shipping facilities to handle the crops. The numerous reports which have come to hand from different points of railway blockades from excess of shipments, and great dearth of cars for moving products, are only what has been all along looked for. The northwestern states particularly have suffered from the inability of the railways to handle the traffic offering, and at important shipping centres, along the great lake ports, there has been some very acute cases of congestion of traffic. The railroads have been simply swamped with offerings on every hand, and have been at their wits ends to know what to do, or which way to turn. At Chicago last week, a coal famine was threatened, on account of the scarcity of cars, and business in all lines was seriously affected by the general delay to traffic. At Buffalo there has been a wheat blockade of a first class nature. Elevators were full, the railways could not move the stuff away nearly fast enough, and the harbor was full of shipping, waiting to be unloaded.

There is no part of the continent which has produced a heavier crop this year than western Canada, and we could not expect to escape altogether the annoyances which other parts have suffered from, in the matter of shipping facilities. Before the close of navigation, the rush of wheat from Manitoba, for shipment via Fort William and the lakes, was so heavy as to severely tax the resources of the Canadian Pacific railway to handle the grain. Freight rates on grain from Fort William advanced rapidly to an enormous price, on account of the demand for vessel space, and no doubt some shippers made losses on account of this rapid advance in freights. Previous to the close of navigation, Manitoba wheat was mostly shipped to Buffalo, for export via New York, and the blockade at Buffalo was a source of inconvenience to our shippers.

The most trying situation for Manitoba grain shippers, however, has taken place since the close of navigation. The Canadian Pacific railway had arranged with the West Shore for a connection through to New York, taking the Canadian Pacific to Prescott, Ontario, and thence by West Shore and connections, from Ogdensburg to New York. Local grain men made their arrangements to ship over this route, but all rail shipments had only got nicely started, when the West Shore would not receive further consignments of Canadian grain, on account of a blockade of Canadian grain, in their yards at their New York terminal. This it is unnecessary to say, created consternation among the local grain trade, and placed the entire shipping trade of this country in a very awkward position.

An investigation of the difficulty readily leads to the conclusion, that it is no wonder a

blockade has occurred, and the trouble is largely owing to the fact that New York is a foreign port, and that our grain has to go through in bond. Under the conditions upon which grain has been going forward, it would be impossible to do any extensive business, without a blockade. The West Shore has had only the paltry elevator space of two hundred thousand bushels bonded, for handling Canadian grain. With this small space the West Shore has been endeavoring to handle each consignment of grain separately, instead of throwing all grain of the same grade into common storage. The difficulty is readily apparent. There was first a lack of bonded storage space, while the system of endeavoring to keep each consignment separate, gave a great deal of extra work, and made more space necessary, than were different shipments of the same grade thrown in together.

The West Shore has agreed, after the block is cleared away, to again handle Canadian grain, but it will only receive three grades. The local grain men have accepted this proposal, on the principle that half a loaf is better than no bread. It is not satisfactory, however, to the trade. It means, so far as export via New York is concerned, that Manitoba can only ship three grades of wheat. We have this year thirteen distinct classifications or official qualities of wheat. The higher qualities are mostly taken for domestic milling, and the lower grades for export. It would never do to undertake to merge all wheat for export into three grades, and of course this will not be attempted. Grades which cannot be handled for export, or for domestic purposes, will be placed in storage in the meantime. There is a lot of wheat of inferior quality, which should be shipped out during the winter, as it would not be safe to store until navigation opens. All this wheat, even, cannot be merged in three grades, though the bulk of it could be handled very well in say four grades.

It is evident that the grain trade of Manitoba should be placed on some more satisfactory basis, than has ruled in the past, if our export trade is to be carried on smoothly, and to the best advantage of the growers and shippers alike. One point which the present difficulty emphasizes, is the disadvantage at which our shippers are placed, by being obliged to ship via a foreign port. Still, there should be no serious obstacles in the way of shipping via New York, if proper facilities were established there to handle our grain. It is absurd to attempt to handle our grain with 200,000 bushels storage space. A railway company undertaking to handle the crop, should provide something like adequate bonded storage space, and arrange to have the grain taken in and discharged according to grade, as per certificate of the Canadian inspector. The certificate could be attached to the bill of lading, and the grade could be also marked upon the bill.

Another point which may be made from the present difficulty, and one which is recognized generally by the grain men, is the need of elevator facilities at Winnipeg. A great deal of the trouble connected with the export of grain, is the straggling way in which it goes forward. Cars of all grades are being despatched every day from country markets all

over the province. All the grain has to pass through Winnipeg, and most of it is inspected here. If there were elevator facilities here, this grain could be inspected, placed in store here and made up into large shipping lots, according to grade. Instead then of straggling cars of all grades going forward, large lots of straight qualities, could be made up here for shipment. This would greatly simplify the situation both for the railways and shippers. Winnipeg is well situated for such an elevator system. All the railways converge here, and cars from country points must pass through here, on the way eastward. A good handling, cleaning and scouring elevator at Winnipeg, would render the shipment eastward of large quantities of dirt unnecessary, upon which freight must be paid. It would also enable shippers to send their grain forward in a cleaner and more marketable condition, thus improving the quality and reputation of our wheat. It would also place Manitoba dealers in a better position to do an export business, as they would be able to make up large lots of straight qualities for export direct, whereas now they are selling through New York brokers.

Editorial Notes.

It is all probability, a liquor license system will soon be established in the territories, in place of the arbitrary system which has heretofore prevailed. The Dominion government has placed the liquor question in the hands of the territorial assembly, and a vote taken by that body last week, showed that a considerable majority were in favor of a license system, without asking for a vote upon the question from the people.

The bottom of the difficulty regarding the shipment of Manitoba wheat via New York, which has been such a source of trouble to our grain men, is really due to the conditions surrounding the shipment of grain via a foreign port. The export of our grain in bond, through a foreign port, is attended with a great many difficulties and annoyances which would be obviated, if we could ship from a Canadian port. Our grain would then go forward, subject to our own elevator regulations, and under our official system of inspection. We have heard a great deal of late years about the establishment of a Canadian winter port, but so far it has not materialized, at least so far as the export of grain is concerned.

Furs form a very useful portion of both male and female attire in all temperate and northern climates. Furs are also always fashionable, but the latter applies of course only to certain kinds of furs, the kind of furs in fashion varying almost every year. Fashion has a good deal to do with the value of furs, aside from the durability and appearance of the article. Canada is one of the principal fur-producing countries. We have here a great variety of fur-bearing animals, some of these furs being very durable and of handsome appearance. Our furs, however, do not command a price in proportion to their real value, viewed from the standpoint of their durability and appearance, because fashion favors other kinds. Thus, we annually import large quantities of foreign furs, raw and manufactured, while we have really

better kinds at home, but which for the moment are out of fashion. We cannot of course expect to control fashions in other countries, but we should be able to dictate our fashions at home. Now, if Canadians would manufacture and wear only furs native to the country (of which we have such a large and excellent variety to select from), instead of importing furs which happen to be fashionable abroad, we would encourage an important home manufacturing industry, and provide a better market and better profits for our native furs. Let us encourage our fur trade to the extent at least of giving it the home market.

THE war of tariffs between Canada and Newfoundland, is not an edifying spectacle, and we think it would have been better, had the Dominion government have forbore a while longer with the island colony, rather than have taken the step which it did. It was certain to result in provoking Newfoundland to further reprisals, whereas the opposite course would no doubt in time have led the island people to repeat of their somewhat harsh treatment of Canada. At any rate, the islanders consider that they have a just grievance against Canada, in our interference with their reciprocity negotiations with the United States. They prohibited Canadian fishermen from the enjoyment of any privileges in their waters, as a mode of showing their resentment against this interference. Canada was undoubtedly in the right when she interposed in the reciprocity negotiations between Newfoundland and the United States. Nevertheless, we think it would have been wise to have given the islanders longer time to consider their policy, before undertaking to retaliate upon them, for their refusal to allow our fishermen any privileges in their waters. The imposition of a duty upon Newfoundland fish coming into Canada, has been immediately followed by discriminating duties against Canadian products going into the island. By Newfoundland's recent action the duty on flour imported from Canada is increased 75 cents per barrel, pork 75 cents, butter per 100 pounds 75 cents, tobacco per 100 pounds, \$5; oil per gallon 5 cents, meal per barrel, 25 cents, hay per ton \$5, oats per bushel 10 cents, potatoes per bushel 25 cents, turnips 25 cents, cabbage per dozen 40 cents, unenumerated vegetables 30 per cent. ad valorem. This will no doubt completely wipe out Canada's important trade with the island colony.

Montreal Markets.

Flour—Sales of city strong bakers are reported at \$5, while Manitoba strong of very good quality have been placed at \$4.75. Spring patents have sold at \$5.15 to \$5.25. In straight rollers there have been sales at \$4.70 with that figure reported shaded, and we quote \$4.70 to \$4.85.

Oatmeal, etc.—Granulated and rolled oats, \$4.60 to \$4.65 per barrel, and \$2.75 per bag; standard and fine oatmeal, \$4.50 to \$4.60 per barrel, and bags \$2.17. Pot barley \$4.00. Pearl barley No. 1, \$7.25 per barrel \$3.75 per half bl.

Wheat—Sales of spring and red winter wheat have been made in the west at 89 to 91c for export on a through rate to Liverpool of 40c per

100 lbs. And sales of No. 2 hard have transpired for western delivery at \$1 to \$1.01 to arrive. Here we quote prices nominal at \$1 to \$1.02 for No. 2 hard.

Oats—Sales of car lots of No. 2 white oats have been sold at 35c per 34 lbs. Offerings at country points are accumulating, and the market is reported easier.

Barley—The market is quiet and easy, feed barley having sold in the country at equal to 47 cents laid down here, and we quote 47 to 48c for feed, and 54 to 60c for malting as to quality.

Butter—Receipts of roll butter are fair, and the enquiry good for fine lots of western which have sold at 15c to 17c, two lots selling at 16c one at 16½c and two lots at 15½c. There is a fair demand for creamery, but buyers claim that eastern townships dairy is much better value as there is little or no profit to be made on the high prices they are compelled to pay for creamery. There have been sales of eastern townships at 18 to 21c as to quality, a lot of 60 packages of fine being placed at 20c. In western there have been sales at 16½c for choice selected, single packages bringing 17c and we quote 15½ to 17c as to quality.

Cheese.—Western still quoted at 10½ to 11c. To fill an order the outside figure would have to be paid, but in order to realize 10½c would be about all that could be taken out of the market. Sales have been made of several thousand boxes over the cable at equal to 10½c on spot. Sales have also been made of underpriced goods at 10 to 10½c.

Apples—Round lots at \$1.90 to \$2.25 as to quality. A lot of 700 lbs was sold in the west a few days ago at equal to \$2 laid down here. Dried apples—Unchanged at 4 to 5c per lb., as quality. Evaporated apples—Unchanged at 6 to 7c per lb as to quality.

Dressed poultry—The chief demand ran upon chickens, choice lots of which found a ready sale at 8 cents per lb, and less desirable stock in cases or bbls were placed at 6 to 7c as to condition. Turkeys were in fair demand and brought 9 to 10c, ducks 8 to 9c and geese 6 to 7½c. There has been a good enquiry for choice stock for Vancouver, and a large lot was purchased here for shipment to that city, comprising turkeys at 10c, chickens 8c, geese at 7½c, and ducks at 9c, but they were selected stock.

Eggs—Montreal lined have been placed at 15 to 16c as to size of lot and quality. Fresh held stock has sold at 17 to 18c, and new laid, which are very scarce are quoted at much higher prices. Lined eggs have commenced to go forward to the English market.

Hides—Quebec tanners are taking a fair amount of hides on the basis of 5½c for No. 1 inspected. We quote:—No. 1, 5c; No. 2, 4c; No. 3, 3c; tanners, are only paying ½c more; lambskins, 80c; calfskins, 7c.

Groceries.—A few sales of teas reported, among which was a lot of low grade Japans at 10c and another lot at 10½c, while a lot of inferior was placed as low as 9½c. A lot of over 100 packages of fair common changed hands at 12c, and a smaller parcel at 12½c, and we quote 12 to 13c. Medium has sold at 13½c to 15c, and good medium at 16 to 17½c. Fine is quoted at 19 to 22c and finest to choicest 23½ to 32 cents. There is no change in blacks and greens, the market being very dull. The sale is reported of 50 bags of Jamaica coffee on a sterling basis, at equal to 16½c laid down here, and we quote

16½ to 17½c. Rios are scarce and dark colored is quoted at 18 to 19c. Maracaibo is quoted at 19½ to 21c and Java and Mocha at 24c to 26c. Smaller lots of course command higher rates. The trade in syrups has been quiet during the week with sales of American at 25 to 27c, several round lots being placed for shipment west at within that range, smaller lots bringing better figures. Choice brights are quoted at 29 to 31c. In molasses there have been sales of Barbadoes in 20 to 30 puncheon lots at 36c and we quote 36 to 37½c. Trinidad is quoted at 32½ to 33c. Sales of granulated sugar have taken place at the refineries at 4½c and yellows have sold at 3 7-16c to 3½c for low grades up to 4c, and 4½c for fancy brights. Dried fruits—There has been considerable activity in Valencia raisins, and some large transactions have been put through within the past few days at 4½c for good fruit and 4½c to 5c for superior qualities. All the leading first hand holders are said to have been cleared out. The above prices are for round quantities, smaller lots bringing higher prices. Currants are unchanged at 6½c to 6c. Sultanas are still scarce and continue to sell at 8 to 11c per pound as to quantity and quality. In Malaga fruit further sales have been made of London layers at \$2.25 for good sized lots and we quote \$2.25 to \$2.50. Muscatels are quoted at \$1.90 to \$2.10 and Dehesa \$3.75 to \$4 for fine and \$5.50 to \$6 for finest. New Bosnia prunes have been sold to arrive at 6c and we quote 6 to 6½c. Figs range from 7½c to 9½c for ordinary kinds in 1 lb boxes, Eleme selling at 12 to 13c for fine in 10 lb boxes and at 14 to 15c for finest. Natural figs are quoted at 5½ to 6½c.

Ladoga Wheat.

THE COMMERCIAL has recently received the following communication from Mr. J. E. Young, of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan Territory:—

"Referring to your article on above subject in issue of 30th ult., the position of the farmers in this district regarding the Ladoga wheat is, I think, as follows. The experiments made with it for the last three or four years have proved conclusively that the variety attains a high standard of perfection in this latitude and that it matures from eight to ten days earlier than the red syle. The disadvantages mentioned by the Minnesota farmers do not attain here to any extent. The wheat is perhaps more inclined to smut than other varieties, but this drawback is readily overcome by treating the seed freely with blue stone. The local mills do not care about buying the wheat and, though there has not been much more grown the past season than could be used for seed, unless some satisfactory decision as to its value for milling purposes is reached before next spring the result will be that very little of it will be sown another year. In view of these facts it would seem to be a very important matter that an exhaustive test of its milling qualities should be made without delay. A carload or two of the wheat could readily be obtained here if one of the mills would take the matter in hand and, in view of the fact that there will likely be a considerable quantity of wheat for export from this district in the near future, it would doubtless be greatly to the advantage of the millers themselves as well as to the farmers of this and other parts of the Northwest that such a test should be made."

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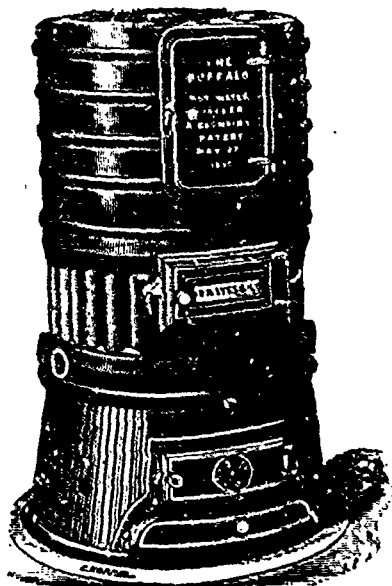
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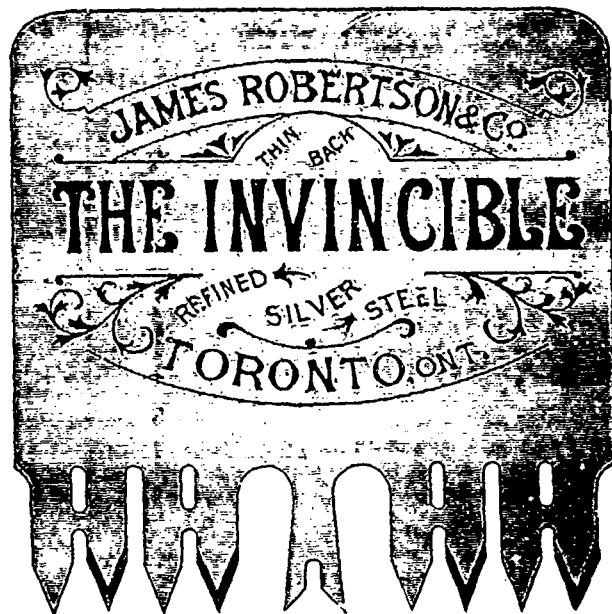
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WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

The money market continues firm at 7 to 8 per cent. for choice to good commercial paper. The mortgage loan companies are not doing much business, but are firm on rates. Farm loans are quoted at 8 to 10 per cent., with most business done at 8. City property loans quotable at 7 to 9 per cent., with most business also done at 8 per cent., though large loans on choice property could be made at 7, and perhaps 7c. under the lowest quotation.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

Business was getting down to the usual holiday condition, in wholesale trade, while the retail dealers were reaping their harvest. The weather has continued too mild to favor the dry goods, clothing and fur branches, though the season's business to date in all these lines has been very good. There is a considerable diversity of opinion as to collections, some reporting very fair payments, while other dealers seem to think there has not been as much improvement as might have been expected.

FISH AND OYSTERS.

There has been a larger variety of Manitoba fresh fish offering. Winter fishing has commenced on Lake Winnipeg, and the fish began to arrive in the city. A number of loads were offered on the street market during the week, and sold out at 2 to 6c per pound, as to variety. Lake Winnipeg fish are quoted at 6c for white-fish, 4c for pickerel, 3c for pike, 3c for perch, and 3c for tullibee, B.C.; salmon, 14c; halibut, 15; Lake Superior trout, 9c. Lake Superior herrings, 35c per dozen. Oysters, S^o to \$2.20 per gallon, as to quality, with some of the finest qualities selling at \$2.25 to \$2.50 per gallon. Finner haddies are lower and now selling at 9c.

FURS.

There is much uncertainty in regard to the future of furs, and the general indications are believed to look to lower prices. Country buyers therefore require to exercise much caution this year. The foreign demand for next season is not expected to be large, on account of the short crop in Europe, and especially on account of the bad state of affairs in Russia, where large quantities of furs are taken. Several large failures among Russian houses are said to have occurred. A report from London says the outlook for musquash is poor, and that beaver is too high to draw much demand. A reliable cable report direct from London says that the conditions for bear, lynx, marten, mink and skunk are favorable for the present, but a decline is expected for beaver, musquash and otter. The cable adds that the depression in the Russian market will affect silver and cross fox and fisher, and also most cheap furs are likely to be affected adversely by the Russian situation. At the annual meeting of the Hudson's Bay Company, held in London last week, it was stated that the quantity of furs to be sold by the company next spring would be in excess of last year. The increase is caused by the arrival of a ship which was frozen in Hudson Bay last winter with a lot of furs which should have been on the market a year ago. The situation in Winnipeg is easier, as local manufacturers, who have been taking some lots in advance of outside prices, have their wants about supplied. We have heard of cases where country traders

have paid more than the markets would warrant. Prices below will serve as a fair guide to country buyers. The following quotations will give a fair index to the range of values in Winnipeg for very inferior to prime skins: Badger, from 5 to 80c; bear, black, from 50c to \$30; bear, brown, 50c to \$30.00; bear, grizz'y, \$1 to \$20; beaver, 50c to \$8.25; beaver, castor, \$2.50 to \$4 per pound; ermines, 1 to 2c; fisher, \$1.50 to \$6; fox, cross, 75c to \$6; fox, kit, 10 to 45c; fox, red, 25c to \$1.60; fox, silver, \$5 to \$80; lynx, 25c to \$3.50; marten, 75c to \$1.85; mink, 5c to \$1.20; musquash, 2c to 12c; otter, \$1.50 to \$11; raccoon, 50 to 85c; skuuk, 5 to 95c; timber wolf, 25c to \$3.50; prairie wolf, large, 25c to \$1.90; prairie wolf, small, 25 to 65c; wolverine, 50c to \$3.25. Deer skins are practically without value.

FUEL.

Coal dealers report a fair demand, notwithstanding two weeks of steady mild weather. Stocks of wood continue light, and heavy railway traffic causes delay in bringing in supplies, though there has been no real dearth. Pennsylvania anthracite sells, delivered in the city, at \$9.50 per ton for all grades. At the yards the price is \$9 per ton. Pennsylvania soft coal is sold at \$7.50 at the yards, or \$8 delivered, and Lethbridge coal at \$7 or \$7.50 delivered, Banff coal, \$8.50 delivered. These are retail prices. There are practically no wholesale prices. Wood on track in car lots is selling at about \$4.50 for good tamarac, and \$2.50 to \$3 for poplar. Retail prices at yards, 50c per cord more; retail delivered price, \$1 per cord more. Considerable wood is being hauled into the city from the surrounding country by settlers, and is offering by the load on the market.

GREEN FRUITS.

Apples are firm in price, and are going out mostly at \$3 per barrel, though generally quoted at \$2.90 to \$3. Dealers look for an advance in apples soon. A few tangerines and presimins were the only new things in for the Christmas trade, as a novelty. The mild weather has been favorable to shipping fruits. Prices are: California fruits—Winter pears, 40 pound boxes, \$3.25; Ontario barrel apples, \$2.85 to \$3; Ontario pears, per keg, \$3.25 to \$3.50. Lemons—New Messina, \$6.75 to \$7.25 per box; bananas, \$3.50 per bunch. Florida oranges, \$4.50 to \$5.00 per box. Cape Cod cranberries, \$10.00 per barrel; Catawba grapes, 5 pound baskets, 50c each; sweet potatoes, \$6.00 per barrel. Spanish onions, \$1.30 per crate of 50 lbs. Malaga grapes, \$7.50 to \$10 per keg, as to size of keg.

GROCERIES.

A new thing in the grocery trade for this market, is sugar in bags. G. F. & J. Galt have issued a circular, stating that they have made arrangements to handle both granulated and yellow in bags of 50 pounds. The bags are double, the inside bag being cotton. They quote sugar in bags as follows: Medium bright yellow, 4 1-5c per lb, or \$2.10 per bag. Granulated, 5 1-5c or \$2.60 per bag. The sugar is from the Vancouver refinery. This is a new departure in the trade, which should be a decided improvement. Bags will be convenient to handle, and will make a saving in the cost of the package and also in freight, as compared with barrels. Retail dealers will be able to sell these bags without breaking bulk, thus making a great saving over the weighing-out process. Outside advices on sugar were weaker last week. Some Winnipeg retail grocers are

giving 20 pounds of granulated sugar for \$1.00. A good export demand is reported east for evaporated apples, which may lead to higher prices, if it continues until such stock is moved out.

NUTS.

Choice stock is quoted as follows, the lower price for full packages: Taragona almonds, per pound, 18 to 19c; Grenoble walnuts, 17 to 18c; Marbot walnuts, 15 to 16c; Sicily filberts, large, 14 to 15c; Brazils, 15c; chestnuts, 15c; peanuts, green, 14 to 15; peanuts, roasted, 16 to 17c; cocoanuts, per hundred, \$10.00.

WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

GENERAL WHEAT SITUATION.

Wheat markets were dull and easy on most days of the week. The weekly statement on Monday showed British markets 1 shilling lower than a week ago. On Monday United States markets were dull, but without much change. Liverpool cabled 1/4 to 3/4 lower, and London 3/4 lower, Berlin 1/2 lower, Paris 3/4 lower. Receipts at Duluth were 320 cars, and at Minneapolis 753 cars. On Tuesday the markets continued dull and slightly lower. There was a cable to the effect that the aggregate of all crops in Russia exceeded requirements. Liverpool was 1/2 to 1d lower, London 3d lower, Berlin 1/2 to 1c lower, Paris 1 1/2c lower. Receipts at Duluth were 226 cars and at Minneapolis 410 cars. On Wednesday prices continued lower. Liverpool cabled 1/2 to 3/4 lower, London 3d lower for futures, Paris 3/4 lower. Receipts at Duluth were 426 cars and at Minneapolis 541 cars. There was a better feeling in United States markets on Thursday. Opening cables were weak, but later in the day were firmer. On Friday the markets opened weak and lower, but firmed up and advanced on some war rumors. Paris led in the advance. The visible supply statement on Monday showed an increase of 564,000 bushels, making the total on December 12th, 42,242,280 bushels, as compared with 25,187,713 bushels a year ago. Bradstreet's visible supply report, published on Wednesday, showed an increase of 446,000 bushels, for the United States and Canada, east and west of the mountains. Loadings for Europe during the previous week, as reported on Monday, were 1,500,000 bushels larger than the preceding week. Wheat and flour on passage decreased 720,000 bushels, as per statement on Tuesday. Imports and home marketings in the United Kingdom were reported on Tuesday at 2,500,000 bushels in excess of requirements, for the week. Bradstreet reports twelve United States ports exported the equivalent of 5,495,000 bushels of wheat week ended December 12, against 6,033,000 bushels last week, and as compared with 2,171,000 bushels and 2,872,000 bushels respectively for like weeks of December, 1890 and 1889. Prices have not been as much affected by the railway situation, and general shortage of cars, as might have been expected.

LOCAL WHEAT SITUATION.

The railway situation continued the one feature of absorbing interest in grain circles during the week. The Canadian Pacific announced that they would again open North Bay as an order point, but only for cars of

grain destined for eastern Canada points. Dealers were required to make an agreement to this effect, that cars billed on orders to North Bay, would not be for export. This of course only covers a very small portion of shipment, as Manitoba shippers are not doing much business in eastern Canada this year. Correspondence was passing between the Winnipeg Grain Exchange and local grain men on the one hand and the West Shore railway on the other, regarding the shipment of Manitoba grain through to New York. The West Shore people stated that as soon as the blockade at their terminal at New York was cleared away, (which they hoped would be in a very few days) they would again be prepared to handle Manitoba wheat, but they would only accept two grades. This was considered at a meeting of the Winnipeg exchange, and the grades of No. 1 and No. 2 regular were selected as the qualities for shipment via New York. Later, through further communication with the exchange the West Shore people agreed to accept three grades, and it is expected that No. 3 regular will be named by the exchange, at a meeting called for Dec. 21, as the third grade to go to New York. These three grades cover the bulk of the stuff which goes for export, as the qualities above No. 1 regular are being taken largely by local millers, and any not so taken will go into store at Fort William. The inferior qualities of wheat classified as Nos. 1, 2 and 3 regular, are the grades most desirable to get out of the country during the winter. Higher grades, if not all wanted

for domestic milling, can very well be hold in store till spring. There remains of course rejected and no grade stuff to dispose of. Some of this is going to eastern Canada, and other portions of these qualities may be made up in round lots for export. The route to Boston is still open for Manitoba shippers who wish to undertake direct export business. The West Shore will not accept wheat billed through for direct export, but only billed to New York, the reason no doubt being that there might be delay in securing ocean space for direct export stuff. Cars of grain, as they are shipped daily from the various country points, will be inspected at Winnipeg, and the three grades agreed to be handled by the West Shore, will go right on to New York. Cars inspecting other grades will go on to Fort William, where they will be unloaded into store, unless in the meantime they are ordered elsewhere by the shipper. In straight export shipment lots, no doubt the West shore will receive consignments of any grade, after they get over the rush. In fact it is said they have been receiving consignments from some shippers right along, and their action in announcing their refusal to receive further consignments of Canadian grain, is said to have been taken to prevent the promiscuous shipment of straggling lots, for the disposal at New York of which no proper arrangements had been made by the shippers. Deliveries of wheat in Manitoba country markets have been in fair quantity, though light at some points. In the west there is little or no snow, and deliveries are

better. In the east and south, where the snow fell heavily during the storm of two weeks ago, there has been difficulty in continuing threshing, owing to the snow being driven into the stacks. This shows up in the wheat in the form of particles of ice, and buyers will not handle it, as it would go damp in soft weather. On this account considerable wheat will have to remain in stack till this is thawed and dried out. Another week of very mild and fine weather has been experienced, thawing some through the days, but not sufficient to dry out the stacks. If it had not been for this beating snow, the last two weeks would have been splendid threshing weather. Prices continue about the same. For hard wheat, millers are paying higher prices at some points than export buyers can touch. At a few points 70c per bushel and over is paid to farmers for good hard wheat, but at most points the range for No. 2 hard or better, is from 65 to 70c; No. 3 hard 55 to 60c; No. 1 northern, 65c; No. 2 northern 61 to 62c; No. 1 regular, 50c; No. 2 regular, 40 to 45c; No. 3 regular, 35c. These prices vary somewhat at different points. Stocks in store at Fort William on Dec. 10 were 576,129 bushels, an increase of 93,292 bushels for the week.

FLOUR.

The Hudson's Bay mill was closed during the week, owing to the necessity of some repairs, but will commence running the first of the week again. Millers reported a good business. Prices were unchanged, but with the usual irregularity in low

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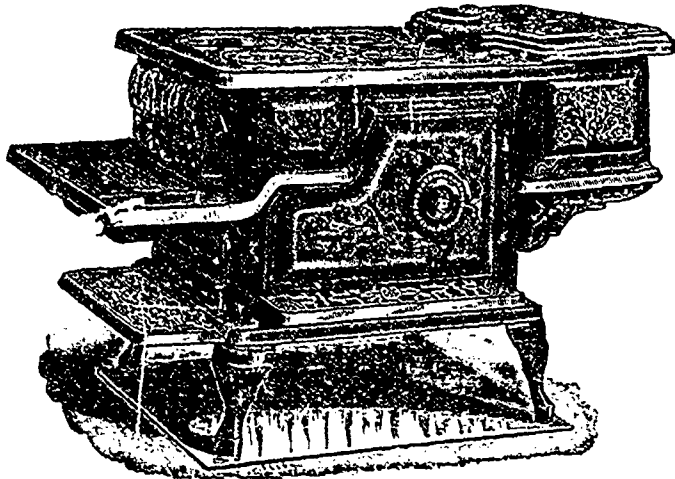
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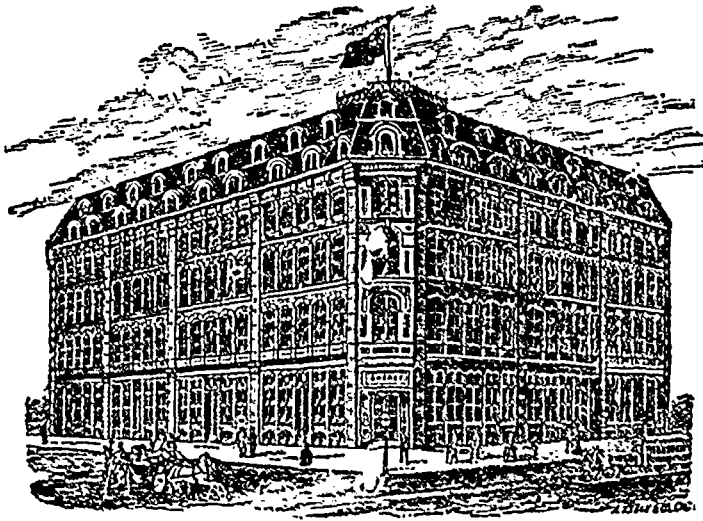
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MILLSTUFFS.

Millers have been very strong on local prices, on account of a good eastern demand, which is taking off their surplus. A good export demand is reported east for millstuffs. A Toronto firm is said to have purchased 50 cars of shorts for exports recently. Local prices have again been advanced another \$1 per ton, making the price in broken lots at \$12 per ton for bran and shorts \$13.

FEED.

Quiet at about \$16 per ton, in broken lots.

OATS.

There is a good demand in the city for local offerings, and loads about the street are readily picked up at 22 to 24c per 34 pounds. In Manitoba country markets farmers are paid 17 to 20c per bushel, though at a few points local conditions have led to higher prices. Farmers are not marketing oats freely, owing probably to the large quantity of grain not threshed, as well as to low prices. A few cars, however, are moving eastward, and some have gone west to the coast.

BARLEY.

Street offerings here bring 25 to 28c per bushel. City breweries are said to be about supplied. In country markets, prices range from about 23 to 25c per bushel, to farmers.

MEALS.

Prices for broken lots are \$2.50 per 100 lbs for standard, and granulated at \$2.55 to \$2.60. Rolled oats, per sack, \$2.55 to \$2.60. Round lots about 25c lower. Oil cake, in bags, \$20 per ton; oil cake meal, \$23 per ton, these prices for fine ton lots; cornmeal is held at \$1.95 to \$2 per 100 pounds. Pot barley, \$2.75 per 100 pounds. Pearl barley, \$3; fine, do., in 50 pound sacks, \$3 per sack. Split peas, \$2.40 to \$2.50, per 100 pounds. Beans, \$1.90 to \$2 per bushel.

BUTTER.

Choice butter is very firm and by no means plentiful. Sales called good dairy have been reported at 20c, but choice and selections have sold at 21c to 22c, the latter price for small quantities. A sale of barely medium dairy was reported at 18c. The demand, however, is light, city retailers apparently being well supplied by farmer customers. Farmers are coming into the city from long distances around, bringing 50 to 200 lbs of butter, which is sold to grocers, thus cutting off the jobbing trade.

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Jobbing at 10½c for large sizes and 11c for small.

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CURED MEATS.

Tendency of prices easier. There is considerable new local curing offering. Quotations for new curing are: Dry salt long clear bacon, 9½c; smoked long clear, 10½c to 11c; spiced rolls, 11½c; breakfast bacon, 13c; smoked hams, 13½c; mess pork \$16 to \$18 per barrel. Sausage are quoted: Fresh pork sausage, 10c per pound; Bologna, sausage, 8c per pound; German, sausage, 8c per pound. Ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per ½ lb package.

LARD.

Compound unchanged at \$1.85 to \$1.90 per pail. Pure at \$2.25 to \$2.30 per 20 lb pail.

POULTRY AND GAME.

There is some Ontario poultry in the market, but some car lots on the way have been delayed, and the stock is not as heavy on this account as usual at this season. Very little Manitoba poultry has been offered thi-

season. Prices are about the same as a week ago. Chickens, 8 to 10c; ducks, 11 to 12c, and turkeys, 12 to 13c per pound. Rabbits, 10c each. Venison 5 to 6c per pound. Elk and moose 4 to 5c.

DRESSED MEATS.

THE COMMERCIAL has several times within the past few weeks given a warning to country dealers about paying too high prices for dressed hogs, and it needs again to be repeated, as we hear of cases where higher prices have been paid in the country than can be obtained here. Quite a number of car lots of dressed hogs have been brought into this market from Ontario, and it is foolish to think that buyers here will pay more for Manitoba hogs than they can get as good eastern hogs for. We learn of a sale of a round lot of Ontario hogs here at \$6.40 per 100 pounds. Eastern hogs can be laid down here at 6 to 6½c per pound for fair to good quality, and this will indicate the value of Manitoba country hogs here, though a few have been sold to butchers at 6½ to 7c. There is abundance of country beef offering on the market, and selling all the way from 2 to 5c per pound by the carcass, as to quality. Most good beef bring 4 to 4½c, mutton, 9 to 10c, lamb, 10 to 11c, veal, 5 to 7c. Some heavy calves have sold about 5c.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes are selling at 35 cents on the market. Following are prices at which city dealers buy on the market. Potatoes, 35 to 40c per bushel; carrots, 40 to 50c per bushel; beets, 40c bushel; parsnips, 1½ to 1¾ lb; turnips, 20 to 25c per bushel; cabbage, 40 to 75c per dozen; celery, 30 to 40c dozen; onions, 2 to 2½c per pound for choice poor have sold as low as 50c per bushel; horseradish, 8c lb. Dealers are selling sweet potatoes, \$6 per barrel.

HIDES AND WOOL.

Frozen hides quoted here at 3c. No. 1 cows, 3½c. No. 1 steers, 4½c. Sheep and lamb skins, 40 to 60c each. Wool, ordinary unwashed, 9 to 9½c lb.

HAY.

A good demand is reported for pressed hay, which is quotable at about \$7 to \$8 per ton on track here. Loose hay by the load, \$4 to \$6 per ton.

A New Magazine.

A handsome publication bearing the title of *The Manitoban*, was laid on the editor's table on Saturday. The title page gave the additional information that *The Manitoban* was a monthly magazine and review of current events, published by the Manitoban Publishing Co., of Winnipeg. This is the first attempt at the publication of a magazine in Western Canada, and the initial number is a very creditable one. It is handsomely printed on fine paper, and appears in true magazine form, the pages being illustrated with engravings of local and general interest. The publishers state that the new magazine will be a periodical in the interest mainly of Manitoba, and the west of Canada. The number before us contains a number of very interesting articles, among which are several of local interest. We wish the new publication every success.

E. Boyce, of the Winnipeg carriage works, received an order recently for a car load of sleighs, from Moor & Macdowal, of Prince Albert, Sask. The sleighs are of a special pattern, being made heavy and wide, and are intended for logging in the woods north of Prince Albert. The required amount was manufactured here and shipped within fifteen days, which is considered good work.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

[Quotations below are per bushel for regular No. 2 wheat, which grade serves as a basis for speculative business. Corn and oats are per bushel for No. 2 grade; mess pork quoted per barrel, lard and short rib sides per 100 pounds.]

On Monday the wheat market was quiet, within a ½c range, and prices closed about ½c higher than Saturday. Receipts were 346 cars of wheat. Corn, oats and provisions were slightly lower. Closing prices were:

	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat	91½	92½	97½
Corn	55	47½	43½
Oats	32½	32½	33½
Pork	8.10	10.87½	11.32½
Lard	5.95	6.10	6.46
Short Ribs	5.37½	5.40	5.75

On Tuesday trading was slow and at lower prices. Prices declined 1c at the lowest point, but recovered about ½c. Receipts were 290 cars of wheat. Corn and oats were lower. Meats firmer. Closing prices were:

	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat	91½	92	97½
Corn	51½	46½	42½
Oats	32½	32½	33½
Pork	8.15	10.95	11.40
Lard	6.00	6.12½	6.47½
Short Ribs	5.42½	5.45	6.32½

Winter wheat was 1c lower. No. 2 red sold at 90 to 90½c per bushel. No. 3 red at \$4 to 86c. The demand for spring wheat was fair. Prices were fully 1c lower. No. 2 spring sold at 90c and nominal range was 89½ to 90½c and closed about 90c. No. 3 spring sold at 82½ to 83½c—depending some on the quality of the wheat—and closed about 82½ to 83c. No. 3 white sold at 79½c. No. 4 wheat by sample, sold at 60c for poor, at 70 to 73c for ordinary to fair, and 75 to 77c for good. No. 3 spring sold at 84c. No. 3 white sold at 80½ to 81c. The speculative grade of Regular No. 2 was dull and lower, closing about 1c lower. Wheat receipts were 318 cars. Corn and oats were higher, meat steady. Closing prices:

	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat	90	91	96½
Corn	48	43½	42½
Oats	52	31½	32½
Pork	8.16	10.95	11.40
Lard	6.00	6.12½	6.47½
Short Ribs	5.40	5.42½	6.50

On Thursday wheat opened lower, but recovered and closed at an advance of ½ to ¾c. Receipts, 300 cars. Closing prices:

	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat	90½	91½	96½
Corn	51	44½	42½
Oats	32½	31½	32½
Pork	8.17½	10.97½	11.52½
Lard	6.02½	6.17½	6.52½
Short Ribs	5.47½	5.50	6.55

Wheat was dull and drooping until late in the session when it firmed up on improved European demand and closed ½ to ¾c higher. Receipts 205 cars. Closing prices:

	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat	91½	91½	97½
Corn	49	44	42½
Oats	32½	31½	33½
Pork	7.95	10.70	11.20
Lard	5.90	6.07½	6.42½
Ribs	5.27½	5.32½	5.70

Minneapolis Markets.

Following were closing wheat prices on Wednesday, December 16th:—

Grades	Dec.	Jan.	May.	On track.
No. 1 hard	—	—	—	\$9
No. 1 northern	86	80½	92½	88
No. 2 northern	—	—	—	82-85

Flour—Quoted at \$4.55 to \$4.60 for first patents; \$4.45 to 4.65; for second patents; \$4.00 to \$4.10 for fancy and export bakers; \$2.15 to \$3.00 for low grades, in bags, including red dog. Lower prices in Europe cause lower bids for flour.

Bran and Shorts—Quoted at \$13.00 to 13.25 for bran, \$12.25 to 12.75 for shorts and \$12.75 to 13.50 for middlings. Bran and shorts sold moderately. Both were easier and shorts from some mills fell to \$11.50, while others asked \$12.25 to 12.75, but those asking highest prices are sold ahead.

Oats—Quoted at 29½ to 30c for No. 2 white; 29 to 29½c for No. 3 white and 27 to 29c for No. 2 and 3. Owing to the dearth of cars to go east business is delayed and the supply of oats are increasing as well as of corn.

Barley—Weak at 33 to 42c for No. 3. Barley is slow and unsatisfactory in movement because of the low prices bid for it by shippers.

Feed—Millers held at \$16.50 to 17.00; less than car lots \$17.00 to 17.50, with corn meal at \$16.00 to 17.000. Bolted meal at \$22; granulated \$24.

Minneapolis Closing Price Wheat.

At Minneapolis, on Saturday, December 19, wheat prices closed as follows for No. 1 northern. December option, 85½c; Jan. 86½c May, 92½c. A week ago prices were: December, 86c; May, 92½c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

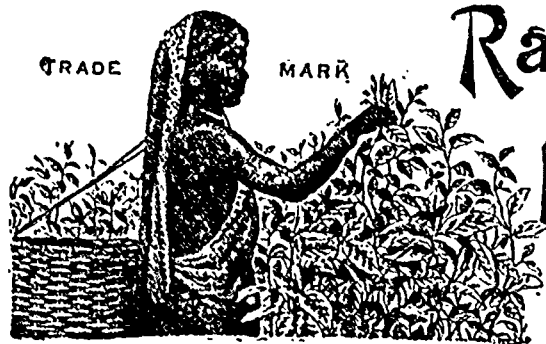
No. 1 Northern wheat at Duluth closed as follows on each day of the week:

Monday—December 88½c; May, 95c.
Tuesday—December, 88½; May, 94½c.
Wednesday—December, 87c; May, 93½c.
Thursday—December, 87½c; May, 94c.
Friday—December, 82½c; Mar, 91½c.
Saturday—Cash 83½; December, 88½c; May, 94½c.

On Saturday No. 1 hard closed at 89½c for December and 96½c for May. A week ago No. 1 northern closed at 88½c for December, and 95 for May.

A meeting of the committee of the Winnipeg board of trade, some members of the Legislature and others interested in the question of drainage was held in the board rooms on Friday evening. After considerable discussion as to the best mode of bringing about a thorough system of drainage throughout that part of the country which requires it, it was resolved "that it is desirable that the Government make a topographical survey of all that portion of the province requiring drainage, and that a memorandum be prepared, signed on behalf of the board of trade by its officers, the Local Legislators and others interested, pressing on the Local Government the importance of the subject, and that the signers of the same be a committee to present memorial and urge the action of the Government in this matter."

The general freight agent of the Illinois Central says: "The shortage of freight cars for the transportation of grain and coal will continue at least thirty days yet. The blockade at Buffalo will not be broken for a month. The real trouble is that the producing of the west has outgrown its transportation facilities. It is a question of motive power with the railroads. The crops, the mining output and the equivalents of wealth from all other lines of production have been enormously large this year. Every locomotive works in the land is six months behind its orders in furnishing railway companies with new engines."



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Eastern Business Changes.

ONTARIO.

Henry Ritz, shoes, Mitchell, is dead.
 Chas. Beck, hotel, St. Jacobs, is dead.
 Geo. Stevens, grocer, Peterboro, has assigned.
 T. Jorgenson, jeweler, Toronto, has assigned.
 Arch. Kearns, grocer, Toronto, has assigned.
 R. Diprose, grocer, Woodstock, has sold out.
 P. Levy & Co., clothing, London, has assigned.
 J. S. May, tea dealer, Orangeville, has assigned.
 Sun Lithographing Co. Ltd., Toronto, have sold out.
 Finch & Co., dry goods, Brantford, have assigned.
 John Grantham, shoes, Hamilton, has assigned.
 W. R. Hancock, furniture, Toronto, has assigned.
 Jas. Loree, grocer, Harriston, has moved to Atwood.
 Susan McKay, general store, Owen Sound, has assigned.
 W. W. White & Son, hardware, Aylmer, have sold out.
 Plowes & Co., flour mill, Brantford, are giving up business.
 G. Kelly & Co., cigar manufacturers, London, are dissolving.
 J. N. Tamlin, grocer, London, has sold out to W. A. Garratt.
 T. W. Currier & Co., furniture, Ottawa, have compromised.
 F. A. Cousins, fruit and confectionery, Orangeville, has assigned.
 Robt. Anderson, hotel, Ailsa Craig, has sold out to W. H. Hollands.
 Henry Taylor, hardware, and M. R. Dodds, flour, Perth, burned out.
 Grant & Co., furs, etc., Toronto, stock to be sold by auction on the 15th.
 G. J. Carter, shoes, Deseronto, is offering to compromise at 50c on the dollar.
 J. P. Bostwick, flour and provisions, Pembroke, has sold out to R. W. Gordon.
 H. W. Lockwood, general store, Westport, has sold out to Wing & Mulvihill.
 Adair Bros. & Co., wholesale fancy goods, etc., Toronto, are offering to compromise at 60c.
 Reid & Elliott, bankers, Essex, have dissolved; Reid continues alone under the old name.
 G. S. Tickell & Sons, furniture, Belleville, have settled with their creditors at 70c on the dollar.
 J. Marshall & Co., wholesale hats, London, have dissolved by the retirement of G. Anderson. The remaining partners continue under old style.

QUEBEC.

H. Bernard, agent, Montreal, dead.
 O. Gagné, grocer, Sorel, has assigned.
 Chas. Bruce, fancy goods, Montreal, dead.
 A. Bos, hardware, etc., Lachute, has assigned.
 A. J. Plamondon, dry goods, Montreal, has assigned.
 Lacombe & Co., provisions, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Delille, Dion & Co., brokers, Quebec, have dissolved.
 L. Drouin & Frere, stationers, Quebec, have dissolved.
 Blako & Hammond, tub factory, S. Stukley, have sold out.

Jos. Champoux, dry goods, etc., Joliette, has assigned.
 Filoleau & Goulbont, dry goods, Quebec, have assigned.
 Alfred Rousseau, general store, Lyster station, has assigned.
 D. Morrier, general store, Capelton, demand of assignment made.
 Tremblay, Cote & Co., general store, St. Agapit, have dissolved.
 Hansen & Schwarz, ship brokers, Quebec, D. Rattray appointed curator.
 Kirkhouse & Rudolf, manufacturers' agents, Montreal, have dissolved.
 F. Tremblay, sash and door factory, Montreal—offering compromise.
 F. X. St. Pierre, general store, Lyster; A. Quesnel appointed curator.
 K. Campbell & Co., wholesale and retail drugs, Montreal, have assigned.
 M. E. Morrissette, dry goods, etc., Three Rivers; F. Valentino appointed curator.
 Frank Farley, general store, Balstrode; A. Quesnel, Arthabaskaville appointed curator.
 J. C. Bedard, bark, lumber, etc., Richmond, Royer & Burrage, Sherbrooke, appointed curators.
 D. F. Bedard, general store, Richmond, Royer & Burrage, Sherbrooke, appointed curators.
 Elie Lachance, general store, St. Praxède de Beauce; curator advertised stock, etc., for sale by tender.
 Thos. Kearney & Co., wholesale teas, and and J. & P. Kearney, wholesale teas, have amalgamated under style of Kearney Bros.
 Leopold, Clapin, commission produce, etc., Sherbrooke, Miller & Griffith appointed curators, and advertise stock, etc., for sale by auction on 14th inst.

NOVA SCOTIA.

C. H. Shaffner, general store, South Farmington, has assigned.
 A. C. Hawkins, general store, Lowes Stewiacke, has assigned.
 C. E. Creighton & Co., wholesale grocers, etc., Halifax, have assigned.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Wm. Knight, baker, Moncton, has assigned.
 James Smith, grocer, St. John, has assigned.
 B. A. Keith, blacksmith, Apohaqui, has assigned.
 W. A. McLaren, drugs, Richbucto, has assigned.
 C. T. Burns, stoves and mantel, St. John, has assigned.
 W. D. Lorimer, boots and shoes, St. Andrews, has assigned.

Hudson's Bay Co.

The annual meeting of the Hudson's Bay Company was held in London, Eng., on Monday.
 The following members retired by rotation, namely, Sir Donald A. Smith, governor, Mr. Thomas R. Grant and Mr. John Coles, but were re-elected to the board.
 Sir Donald A. Smith, governor, reported the safe arrival of the company's ship from Hudson Bay and Labrador, with portions of the returns of the current outfit, and they are glad to state that the barque Prince Rupert, which was detained in the bay last year in consequence of heavy ice in Hudson's Straits, has also arrived and landed her cargo in good order. The total

quantities of the company to be sold next spring are in excess of those of last year. They include, however, the furs received per Prince Rupert, which in the ordinary course, should have been brought to market last year, and which had been placed on valuation in closing the accounts. Deducting the quantities included in that shipment, this year's importations are somewhat below the average.
 The company's land sales for the seven months ending the 31st October last were 10,310 acres farm land, valued at \$67,241; 14 lots in Winnipeg, at \$14,300, and 74 lots in other towns, valued at \$10,794, a total of \$92,325, as compared with \$178,733 for the same period of last year. Cash receipts on land sales, however, were greater, being \$54,803, as compared with \$70,595 last year.
 The governor's report states that the board have effected a marked reduction in the expenses of the land department within the past two years, and by placing the management of that department under the new commissioner, Mr. Chipman, and by concentrating the offices at Winnipeg under one roof, the cost of management will be still further reduced. In consultation with Mr. Chipman, the board are also maturing plans for pressing forward and increasing the sale of the company's land.
 The following particulars for the year ending 31st March, 1891, are submitted for the information of the shareholders as regards taxes upon the company's lands:—

730,000 acres farm lands assessed at	\$ 2,550,000
Taxes, \$10,000.	
Town lots assessed at	\$ 1,612,500
Taxes, \$20,125.	

The total quantity of surveyed land now belonging to the company amounts to 3,412,000 acres.

Bank of Ottawa.

The seventh annual meeting of the Bank of Ottawa was held on Dec. 14. The report of the directors was a very satisfactory one, showing that the business of the bank continues to grow steadily. Net profits for the year were shown to be \$153,561, of which \$75,000 was credited to rest. Two dividends, aggregating \$80,962, have been paid during the year, and a balance to profit and loss account remains of \$28,678. The total rest account is \$574,468, including \$74,468 premium from the new stock paid in. The issue of new stock was allotted to shareholders, at a premium of \$42.50 per share, and was promptly accepted.
 The financial statement is the best ever made by the bank, showing a net profit of over 15 per cent. on the paid up capital, after making provision for doubtful debts, and writing off of \$2,900 from bank premises. In circulation there is an increase of \$174,094, in deposits of \$78,766, and in loans and discounts of \$678,641. It was stated that the bank is doing a large and profitable business at its two western branches at Winnipeg and Keewatin, and in fact, business at all the branches, is prosperous.

A DECLINE of 1c per pound in the listed starches, manufactured by the three Canadian firms, was announced at Toronto last week.
 T. Walter Wood Harvester Company, of Hoosick Falls, N. Y., has decided to establish a western factory in St. Paul, Minnesota, and a local company with \$2,500,000 capital has been organized to build the new works there. The new factory will employ 2,500 men.

Wheat for Europe.

Alex. McDougall at Chicago is quoted as saying: "The claim that consumptive markets must look to America for all supplies, now that Russia is not in the field, will bear investigation. January and June (inclusive) countries in Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia and South America furnish annually 100,000,000 bushels or over, for export, and it is quite likely that any urgent demand would make these sources more available than usual. An English authority says we shall almost certainly see Russia importing wheat in the spring. If such should be the case will American wheat be required? Would not Russia supply her wants from Persia, Turkey, Egypt, Syria, Cyprus, Asia Minor, Algeria or India? Geography and reciprocal interests certainly cut a figure.

Grain and Milling.

A. J. Hughes, of Souris and Montioth, is erecting a 30,000 bushel elevator at the latter place.

The Fort William board of trade is considering the advisability of asking the council to offer inducements for the establishment of a flour mill at that place.

The flour mill of Ira Gould & Son, at Montreal, recently purchased by W. W. Ogilvie, has a capacity of 1,100 bbls per day with elevator storage capacity of 200,000 bushels. The property has a frontage of 230 feet on the port of Montreal and a frontage of 260 feet on the main basin of the Lachine canal, and the Grand Trunk railway running through it. Thus affording unequalled receiving and shipping facilities.

The *Mercury*, of Manitou, Man., says:—"Chalmers Bros. & Bethune are branching out pretty extensively in the grain business this season. In addition to their elevator at Pilot Mound, they have recently purchased the McBean elevator at Manitou, the consideration being somewhere between \$5,000 and \$6,000. The elevator has a capacity of about 35,000 bushels. It was thoroughly overhauled and considerably improved by McBean Bros. just before the season commenced."

At a meeting of the Dominion Millers' Association held in Toronto last week, H. L. Rice, of St. Mary's, opened a discussion concerning the inspection of Manitoba wheat. The trouble, in his opinion, seems to be that the inspector at Port Arthur did not attend to his duty. Mr. Rice stated a case in which he said that McLoughlin & Moore, of Toronto, had been put to considerable loss by what they considered a neglect of duty by the Port Arthur inspector. He also complained that the law allowed too low a grading, and even now No. 2 hard wheat was generally not up to the requirements of law. A long discussion followed, after which a resolution was passed to memorialize the Government asking that chapter 99, section 44 of the General Inspection act be amended so as to make the grade No. 2 hard, Manitoba wheat not to weigh less than 60 pounds to the bushel; that the association have three representatives upon the board for selecting the standards, and that a section be added to the General Inspection act whereby it shall be illegal for any inspector to inspect into the authorized grades any smutty or damaged grain which has been scoured so as to make it pass

inspection into a grade to which it does not properly belong. The complaint made by McLoughlin & Moore was referred to the executive committee, with instructions to prosecute the inspector at Port Arthur, provided the case seems to them to be sufficiently clear to warrant such a proceeding. It was moved by J. Brown, seconded by H. L. Rice, and carried, "That whereas the Canadian Pacific railway have deemed it expedient to reduce the period of time which has hitherto been allowed on grain waiting orders at North Bay from three days to 24 hours, be it resolved that this association ask the C. P. R. and G. T. R. companies that Manitoba wheat stored in Toronto be carried to the mills at the same rate as if billed through on orders at North Bay." Brown, Watts and Noble were appointed a committee to wait on the railways.

Wheat Crop Conditions Abroad.

In reviewing the general situation concerning wheat, Beerbohm's London list of November 27, says: "The weather has been rather more favorable for sowing operations during the past week, but this work is still in arrears, and it is quite possible that the usual area will not be seeded. With regard to the offers of now wheat they have somewhat increased, but the total is still below that of previous years; and in the opinion of many leading farmers, the north-east winds of March will have to be awaited before many of the wheat stacks will be dry enough to be threshed. If it were not for the fact that much of the wheat can not be threshed in its present state, there is little doubt that the comparatively good prices obtainable during the past few weeks, viz., 42 to 44s for good wheats would have brought it to market. In France, sowing in the northern section is not expected to be finished before the middle of December, which is unusually late; in other parts of the country, however, farmers seem to be satisfied with the outlook. In Germany, too, the prospects are favorable on the whole; but in Hungary, Roumania, and South Russia there is little or no improvement, and it may be taken for granted that the area sown with winter wheat and rye in those countries is decidedly below the average. In South Australia, according to a cable received at the end of last week, the average yield is not likely to exceed 5 bushels per acre, a fair average being between 8 and 9 bushels per acre. From Victoria and New Zealand the reports are more promising in character. Little is known for certain regarding the Argentine crop, which according to some reports promises excellent results, but according to others is barely an average."

British Columbia.

Henry Short, guns, etc., Victoria, contemplates admitting his sons into partnership.

Marshall & Son, wholesale stationery, Vancouver, has admitted Andrew J. McCrea into partnership; firm style now Marshall & McCrea.

The promoters of the Phoenix Brewing Company, Ltd., of Victoria, with a capital of \$150,000 have applied for articles of incorporation, all the preliminary arrangements for the establishment of a lager beer brewery having been made.

In the voting in Victoria on Wednesday on the by-law to grant \$50,000 for the establish-

ment of a provincial university, there were 250 votes for it and 203 against it. For the by-law to grant \$25,000 to the British Columbia Agricultural Society, 371 votes were recorded in its favor and 103 against it.

The negotiations which have been pending between the finance committee of the Victoria council and the London brokers, through Mr. Robt. Ward, were terminated, with the result that the bonds, amounting to \$300,000, have been forwarded to London. They are listed at 91½ on 'change, which is considered very good considering the tightness of the money market and the fact that Victoria has never before been represented on the London market.

The *News-Advertiser* says: A deposit of anthracite coal suitable for blacksmiths and ordinary consumers' use, near the coast of British Columbia is what prospectors have sought long and diligently, but not with marked success. The greater part of that now used by blacksmiths in British Columbia comes around the Horn and when it reaches here costs a fabulous price. Neither Banff nor Canmore coal has proved a success in the forge, however good they may be as a steam coal. W. G. Alcock, who has spent the summer prospecting in the Okanagan district seems to have been fortunate enough to find the desideratum. He came from Vernon a few days ago and yesterday took to the board of trade rooms a sample of hard coal which he found there which so far has proved satisfactory in every test made of it. It has during the past summer been used in quite a number of blacksmith shops and mining camps and shown all the qualities of a good forge coal.

Grain Crops in Russia.

The production of grain this year in Russia, including Poland, as reported by cable to the *Chicago Trade Bulletin* by the *Liverpool Corn Trade News*, compares with the reported crop of 1890 as follows, in bushels:

	1891.	1890.
Wheat	223,000,000	225,621,000
Rye	522,000,000	718,873,000
Barley	140,000,000	176,437,000
Oats	445,000,000	570,874,000
Malts	23,000,000	24,233,000

These figures imply 357,000,000 bushels decrease, or nearly 21 per cent. compared with last year.

LAKE HURON this year is twenty inches lower than it was in 1872. This gives about an inch of decrease in depth each year. Captain Dick believes that the level of the great lakes increases for a period of seven years and then decreases for another seven. He believes, too, that the deepening of the channel at Detroit and the opening of a canal at Chicago have had a good deal to do with the present low level. The present low level is being severely felt by vessel men. Large vessels in loading coal for Toronto have been unable to take a full cargo owing to the low water at the entrance; some, in fact, that took chances had to discharge part of their cargo at the Queen's wharf. During the latter part of the season, large vessels came in with cargoes from 100 to 150 tons short.

The *Canadian Shoe and Leather Journal* is out with a very handsome special journal, containing the spring trade announcements of the wholesale houses and manufacturers. There are a large number of fine engravings in the issue, and many of the advertising pages are works of art.

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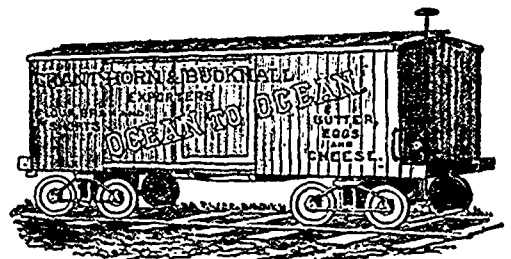
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British Columbia Trade Letter.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Vancouver, Dec. 14.—The Christmas season is fairly on us and every person knows what that means for trade in certain lines. It does not mean the same on the Pacific coast as on the Atlantic slope or even in Winnipeg. There is a lack of crispness and sleigh bells that takes some of the romance out of the season. A humid atmosphere puts somewhat of a damper on the exuberance of spirits which reigns over the last two or three weeks of the year, but it is Christmas all the same, and the force of tradition and association is here all powerful as elsewhere. As a reminder of the approaching festival there was a fall of snow Saturday which disappeared Sunday under the influence of a very bright warm sun. The weather this fall has been favorable all round, and although there have been some right smart showers, the majority of days have been exceedingly pleasant.

Prospects of an improved lumber trade are becoming brighter every day. The sawmills are running with increased working force. This is an industry that cannot long remain depressed, owing to the ever increasing demand, and the decreasing supply. Undoubtedly the South American republics will be reorganized on a more permanent basis, and for several years at least be free from the turmoil of political agitation and minor revolutions. In a country with such a large import trade the effect of quietude in political and diplomatic circles must be decidedly in favor of a lumber exporting province like British Columbia. Prospects generally seem to be much better in the lumber trade. Owing to the large number of logging camps closed down during the latter part of the summer, the stoppage of the sealing industry, the expected shortage in the salmon run, and the comparative failure of the fruit crop, this has been a decidedly off year in British Columbia, compared with previous years, and business all round has been, though very much larger in volume, not quite so brisk. The activity in building and the number of large construction works of one kind and another have, however, considerably offset a condition of things that might have been serious, and instead of having had, taking the province over,

bad year, it has been a particularly good one in which a great amount of real development has taken place. Particular interests have in some instances suffered. Perhaps, the direction in which the greatest development has taken place is in that of shipping and shipbuilding. Both of these interests are growing enormously, and there is nothing which promises so well for the future. Local shipping, the coasting trade, and the Pacific steamship business have expanded rapidly, and an extensive volume of traffic has been carried. All the cities are reaching out in this respect.

Taking the interior more real progress has been made than for many years. Several branch lines of railway have been constructed and any number of lines have been projected. Several small towns have sprung up, which are important feeders for the coast cities. Nelson, Vernon and Revelstoke are among these, and one indication of their importance is the fact that the Bank of Montreal, a safe money concern, is establishing a branch bank at the first

named place. In the Okanagan country, to which a great deal of attention has been directed during the year, has absorbed a number of settlers and the breaking up of these large ranches which has hitherto stood in the way of settlement, has begun. Lord Aberdeen's example of buying and dividing into small holdings an estate of 15,000 acres, is bound to have a beneficial effect, provided it is followed and the land generally improved. Mining development, though still very slow, had never brighter prospects. The reported discovery of extensive deposits of coal, both bituminous and anthracite, in the vicinity of Crow's Nest Pass, and the recent rich finds in Illecillewaet and in the country around Nelson will be stimulative of both railway construction and the mining industry. From the numerous finds of ore, assaying highly and extending over such a wide area of the province, there can be only one conclusion as to the character of the mineral deposits and the future of British Columbia as a mining country.

Coming now to the industrial feature of fruit growing, it has been much more marked than the advance in the cultivation of fruit itself. Within a year, five fruit canning establishments have opened into life—one at Westminster, one at Vancouver, one at Chilliwack, one at Ladner's Landing and one at Victoria. Another is talked of to be undertaken by Lord Aberdeen at Vernon in the Okanagan valley. That there is a market for British Columbia canned fruit and a natural adaptability in the country itself for the industry are very evident from such investments, but, while the demand for fruit for canning purposes will act as a great incentive to the fruit industry, it must be admitted that the sudden expansion of this business is somewhat premature. It is not perhaps that there is not sufficient fruit grown in the province to supply them all, although that is rather limited to begin with, but that the varieties are not right in the first place and in the second place farmers do not sell cheap enough to make it pay. Notwithstanding the apparent scarcity of fruit it will be surprising to know that very much more is allowed to go to waste and rot in the orchards than is sold. Farmers will not take the trouble to study the methods such as have made the industry great in California and Oregon. When that condition of things is remedied or new conditions are developed we may expect to see British Columbia take that place as a horticultural province which its great capabilities entitle it.

All efforts on a large scale to develop the deep sea fishing of the coast so far have proved partially at least a failure. It cannot be said that these efforts heretofore have been either very vigorous or persistent, but enough has been learned to know that it is necessary to give the subject a little careful and scientific investigation in order to ascertain the habits and migrations of our deep sea fish, because at the present it is not known how or where they are to be found at certain seasons. The crofters, who are fishermen by instinct, if the efforts to colonize the west coast be successful, will no doubt fathom these mysteries for themselves. It would seem, however, that in the multitude of commissioners under governmental auspices, one might very profitably be spared for the coast of British Columbia, and an

expedition, similar to that of Judge Swan in the Albatross, undertaken for the benefit of piscatorial science and the fishing industry, the report to be in the language of practical men and fishermen and not loaded with technique and scientific formulae only intelligible to experts—such as burden the pointed results of most governmental enquiries.

Coming back to business pure and simple, trade is fairly good but not very brisk. Another ship has arrived to load at Hastings mills, and the ss. Grandholm from San Francisco. Her cargo was 600 tons lighter than expected, owing to having left a consignment for China and Japan. The Empress of Japan sails this week for the Orient and another steamship is expected on the 29th. A good deal of beef from the interior to the coast cities has been moved and the consignments are unusually heavy. Potatoes are plentiful and cheap and generally of excellent quality. Good eggs are scarce and dear. California grapes are still on the market, but apples are the principal fruit offered. Heavy consignments of eastern poultry are expected for the Christmas trade; game is plentiful. The prices for canned salmon are very much depressed in the English market. There is very little of a marked change to note in any line. Quotations are about as follows, it being understood that the prices named are the wholesale and jobbing prices here and not the buying prices:

Butter—Creamery, 27 to 29c per pound; dairy 21 to 25c. Pickled eggs, 22 to 25c; fresh eggs, 27c per dozen.

Meats—Dry salt, 11½c. per lb; roll bacon, 12c; breakfast bacon, 14c; hams, 14c; long clear, 11½c.

Cheese, 12½c to 13c per lb.

White beans, \$3.25 per 100 lbs., and China beans, \$4.

Sugar—Paris lumps, 6½c per lb; granulated, 5½c; light yellow, 4½c; syrup, 3c.

Fruit—Oranges, \$1 to \$1.25 per box; apples, 75c to \$1.25 per box; peaches, \$1.40 and grapes at \$1.75; tomatoes, \$1.50 per box.

Potatoes—\$15 to \$16 per ton; Ashcroft potatoes, \$20 to \$23. Turnips are quoted from 50 to 60c per 100 lbs; cabbage, 50 to 75c; carrots, 60 to 75c; parsnips, \$1.50, and onions \$1.50.

Flour and feed—Manitoba Patents \$6.00 ditto strong bakers, \$5.60; Oregon Flour, \$5.60 to \$6; Premier, Enderby mills, \$6; XXX, \$5.75; XX, \$5.45. Oatmeal at \$4 per 100 lbs; eastern rolled oats, \$3.50; Californian do, \$4; eastern cornmeal, \$3.75; Californian, ditto, \$4.00. Wheat, \$35 per ton; chopped feed \$36 to \$38; bran, \$24 to \$25; shorts, \$26; oats, \$30 to \$34; hay, \$15 to \$16; oil cake, \$40.

Fish is quoted as follows, retail: Cod 10c per lb; salmon, 12½c; emelts, 10c; flounders, 10c; halibut, 15c; herring, 10c.

THE Toronto Empire, of a recent date, says: "The fight between the British Columbia and eastern refiners is giving Winnipeg cheap sugar and preventing Ontario and Quebec jobbers from doing any business there. Refiners are selling granulated delivered in Winnipeg, freight paid, at \$4.90. The freight is 65c on the gross, or say 70c on the net weight, making the Winnipeg price \$4.20 net. This is 30c less than the refiners charge eastern houses. Though the Vancouver people sell at \$4.90 in Winnipeg they charge an advancing price as they get nearer home. For Portage la Prairie their price is reported to be \$5.12½; Brandon and Qu'Appelle, \$5.25, and at the coast, \$5.62½"

Winnipeg Grain Exchange.

A general meeting of the grain exchange was held on Wednesday, and important amendments of the constitution were made. The annual contribution fee for all members was placed at \$15, a reduction on this amount having heretofore been made where two or more persons of the same firm were members, and the fee for the transfer of the certificate from one member to another was raised from one to five dollars. Provision was made for the issue of a duplicate certificate in cases where from fire or any other cause satisfactory to the council of the exchange, such action was deemed advisable. The membership of the board of arbitration was raised from seven to ten. The proposal of new members may be made by two members in writing, and filed with the secretary for ballot at a regular meeting held not earlier than one week from the date of proposal, the name in the meantime to be posted on the bulletin board of the exchange. The scale of arbitration fees was changed, slightly raising the fees on amounts involving an award of under \$1,000.

A long discussion took place, on the railway situation, concerning the export of grain via New York. Correspondence was read from the West Shore road, stating that the company hoped soon to be in a position to handle Canadian grain, for New York, but that it would have to be done on a different system from that formerly in use and which had led to the present blockade. The West Shore would accept only two grades, which might be agreed upon by the exchange. Storage would be provided for these two grades in New York, and the grain would be put in store as fast as it arrived there, so that there would be no delays of cars. The exchange agreed to accept this proposition subject to the approval of the New York exchange, and named the grades of No. 1 and No. 2 regular for shipment via New York. From the correspondence read, it was inferred that the West Shore might accept three grades of wheat, and it was decided to ask the railway to accept another grade, in addition to the two named.

Mr. Kerr, of the C. P. R. was present, and agreed to allow cars shipped from Manitoba country points, to be held at Winnipeg for inspection. Cars inspecting No. 1 and No. 2 regular could then go right on to New York, and other grades would go into store at Fort William, unless orders were given by the shipper, before the grain was unloaded at Fort William, to send cars on to some other point.

[NOTE—It is understood the West Shore has since agreed to handle three grades of Manitoba wheat.]

British Grain Trade.

The *Mark Lane Express* of Dec. 14, in its weekly review of the British grain trade says: English wheats have fallen 1s. The supplies are large. The decline is partly due to the inferior condition of most of the offerings. Foreign wheats are also 1s down under continued heavy arrivals. California is quoted at 4s 6d and American red winter at 3s 9d. Oats are firm. Corn in London has fallen 1s, and in the provincial markets 6d. Barleys are weak. At Monday's markets English wheats were in bad condition and were 6d cheaper. Foreign wheats were in excessive supply and

were hard to sell at the above decline. Flour, ordinary English and American, declined 6d per cental. Maltng barley was 6d lower. Grinding barley was very firm, owing to the absorption of the arrivals from Russia. Oats recovered 1s.

Rain Making.

A circular letter has been mailed to the governor of the states liable to drouth wherein is a proposition to supply rain where needed on contract. The Interstate Artificial rain company claims to have obtained Frank Melbourne's secret of producing rain. The company is organized under Kansas laws, and the fight between it and Melbourne, who claims that it is making fraudulent representations, will probably result in a damage suit.

Australasian Wheat.

The *Liverpool Corn Trade News* of Nov. 19, says: "According to a cable received to-day in Liverpool the wheat crop is described as light in South Australia and heavy in Victoria. Putting the adjectives into figures we should say the crop would be approximately 13,000,000 bushels in Victoria, and 8,000,000 bushels in South Australia, or a total of 21,000,000 bushels, compared with 22,000,000 bushels last season, and as the crop in New Zealand promises well there seems a prospect of about the same surplus in Australasia as in the season just concluding. A fair number of ships are being chartered for Jan. Feb shipment."

A Fine Christmas Paper.

We are in receipt of an advance copy of the Christmas *Dominion Illustrated* and cannot but feel proud that such a magnificent issue is (as we are informed) entirely the product of Canadian skill and enterprise. It is far and away ahead of any Christmas issue we have seen; the English holiday issues just out do not begin to compare with it for beauty and variety of colored supplements and general illustration: The supplements are four in number; chief of these are two large reproductions of oil-paintings—one "A type of Canadian Beauty," by Mr. J. W. L. Forster, of Toronto, the other, "The Young Recruit," by Mr. C. Patterson, of Montreal; both are beautiful in design and color, and are well worth rich framing and places of honor in any room. Another supplement, also in colors, is an eight page series of comic sketches of the trials and mishaps of a corpulent English sportsman while hunting in the woods, away back in the French Canadian country. A fourth is a photogravure showing all the universities of the Dominion, printed on a large sheet of heavy plate paper, suitable for framing. The number itself is a beauty. It contains 40 pages of stories, poems and articles from the pens of some of our most brilliant writers. Almost every page contains an exquisite illustration, printed in colors; no less than five different tints are used in the press-work of the volume. Altogether the issue is a superb one and Canadians should feel proud of such a national contribution to the Christmas literature of the year.

A. Robertson, formerly with the Hudson's Bay Co., at Victoria, B. C., but now in the commission trade at that place, was in Winnipeg last week.

Northwest Ontario.

Two cars for the Port Arthur electric railway have arrived.

W. Y. Montgomery, tailor, Port Arthur, has assigned to I. L. Matthews.

A flouring-mill man from the States was at Port Arthur last week. He wants \$15,000 to erect a five hundred barrel mill here.

The celebrated Neebing hotel, which formed one of the principal subjects of discussion during the general elections of 1878, was destroyed by fire last week. It was located at West Fort William, and was owned by the C. P. R. company.

A New Canadian Monthly.

The *Dominion Illustrated* announces an important departure, and one that will mark a new era in the high class journalism of Canada. The publishers of that splendid weekly have decided to convert it into a monthly with the beginning of the year. It will be a 64-page magazine, differing in shape from the present one, handsomely illustrated throughout, and its pages will be graced with the writings of the most gifted Canadian authors. It will be called the *Dominion Illustrated Monthly*, and the subscription, \$1.50 per annum, will place it within the reach of all. Address the Sabis-ton Litho. & Pub. Co., Montreal.

The Egg Shipments.

Last year when the provisions of the McKinley bill were in everyone's mouth, had any one ventured to predict that over a million and a half dozen of eggs would go to England this season they would have been laughed at. Facts are stubborn things, however, and this is a hard iron-bound fact. The shipments from the opening to the close of navigation to the various ports in Great Britain were 40,048 cases. The average quantity to a case is forty dozen; therefore, approximately, 1,601,920 dozen of eggs were shipped, quite a nice little item for the pessimists to consider. The shipments were distributed as follows:

	Boxes.
Liverpool	29,449
Glasgow	7,977
London	2,096
Bristol	416
Aberdeen	110

Total

40,018

—Montreal Gazette.

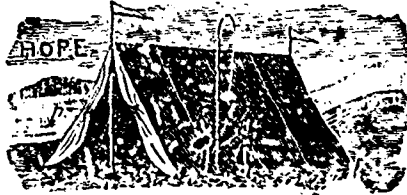
The *Toronto Empire* says: As previously noted, a few shipments of gallon canned apples have been made by packers to Europe, but we are not doing nearly as good a business as the American packers are doing. Canadian packers have themselves to blame for this. They are not content with a fair profit but want a large one. That prices asked here are much higher than the figures in the States is shown by the fact that States gallon apples are selling at wholesale in Great Britain at 35c per case less than packers ask f.o.b. here. Canadian packers get their tin free of duty, while the Americans have to pay an enormous duty. It is true that they get a rebate of 99 per cent., but with a large packer the loss of 1 per cent., with the interest on the duty and other expenses, the difference between the cost of the tin to an American and a Canadian packer is fair profit.

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World's Supply of Wheat.

The provisional official estimate of the American, Russian, French and Hungarian wheat crops being now published, it is possible to form a much more reliable idea of the world's wheat production than could have been done last September, when the annual forecast of "The World's Supplies and Requirements" was submitted. It will probably surprise many people who may not have carefully studied the matter to find that, owing of course to the phenomenally large crop in America, the aggregate production of wheat in the world this season is, as shown by the following table, larger than last year, and 10,000,000 qrs larger than in 1889. As will, however, be afterwards shown, the total production is not in excess of the estimated requirements, while, naturally, the great deficiency in the rye crop is a separate and unusual factor, which renders the present season one of an extraordinary character. The following figures are in the main official, or based on official data; the exceptions are Turkey, Syria and Persia, from which countries official returns are seldom, if ever, forthcoming. The crops in the Argentine and Australasia are estimated according to the latest reports received, and are perhaps more likely to be less than to exceed the figures here given.

	1891. Quarters.	1890. Quarters.	1889. Quarters.
Austria	5,000,000	5,350,000	4,550,000
Hungary	15,500,000	18,800,000	11,482,000
Belgium	1,250,000	2,400,000	2,250,000
Bulgaria	4,350,000	3,710,000	4,300,000
Denmark	450,000	490,000	625,000
France	23,000,000	41,120,000	32,250,000
Germany	11,500,000	12,750,000	19,625,000
Greece	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,375,000
Holland	400,000	700,000	650,000
Italy	15,450,000	16,200,000	13,250,000
Norway	50,000	50,000	50,000
Portugal	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Roumania	6,000,000	7,000,000	5,437,000
Russia Inc. Poland	23,300,000	27,870,000	25,930,000
Servia	1,250,000	1,250,000	750,000
Spain	8,750,000	9,150,000	9,200,000
Sweden	400,000	450,000	463,000
Switzerland	500,000	500,000	400,000
Turkey (Europe)	4,000,000	4,200,000	4,000,000
United Kingdom	8,750,000	9,420,000	9,425,000

Total Europe	137,950,000	163,520,000	144,872,000
Algeria	2,500,000	2,500,000	1,970,000
Argentine Republic	2,750,000	2,200,000	3,000,000
Australasia	3,500,000	4,100,000	5,375,000
Asia Min a.	4,500,000	4,500,000	4,700,000
Canada	6,000,000	4,675,000	3,250,000
Cape Colony	500,000	450,000	550,000
Chile	2,000,000	2,000,000	1,875,000
Egypt	1,350,000	1,200,000	875,000
India	30,750,000	27,500,000	29,613,000
Persia	2,500,000	2,750,000	3,000,000
Syria	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,550,000
U. S. America	73,500,000	20,000,000	61,320,000

Outside Europe	131,350,000	161,650,000	116,758,000
Grand Total	269,300,000	267,160,000	261,630,000

The great feature shown by this table is the unprecedentedly short crops in Europe, and the consequent change of power to supply wheat from the Old to the New World. The great change in this respect is to be better seen in the following records of the crops in European and non-European countries since 1889, to which is added the estimated normal consumption of the world.

	1891. Quarters.	1890. Quarters.	1889. Quarters.
European Countries	137,950,000	163,520,000	144,872,000
Non-European	131,350,000	163,650,000	116,758,000

Total	269,300,000	267,160,000	261,630,000
Estimated Consumption	272,250,000	270,700,000	263,750,000
Balance	2,950,000	3,310,000	8,120,000

It is, of course, somewhat arbitrary to assume that the consumption in the world increases annually 1,750,000 qrs, but this is the figure implied by the natural increase of the population, other conditions being equal.

The years of "plenty" ended apparently with 1888. Several years previous to 1888, and notably 1887, were "fat" years, and left large reserves for future contingencies—reserves upon which a large drain has evidently taken place. The main point, however, is, that according to computations based upon past experience, the present year's wheat crop is barely equal to the estimated current consumption, while the rye crop this year, adopting the last Russian official estimate (11,000,000 qrs larger than the one issued last August), is 23,000,000 qrs less than last year, and 8,000,000 qrs less than in 1889.

Under these circumstances the present superabundance of wheat can only be considered of a temporary nature, and has indeed been the direct result of the active buying during the past three or four months. The delay in the prohibition of exports of wheat from Russia has induced extraordinary large shipments from that country, so that the quantity of Russian wheat cut off from importing countries—even if the decree be published at once, as private advices from Libau state has been the case—would not exceed 2,000,000 qrs. The position of supply and demand, taking the whole season through, is, however, such that the sentimental effect of the prohibition of Russian exports, especially on the American markets would be very great—America would indeed then be the "maker of wheat prices." Meantime, foreign wheat is in too liberal supply for any advance to make much progress.—*Buerbohm*, Nov. 20.

Fur Trade Notes.

The New York *Fur Trade Review* says: "In skins, the demand was confined to Moufflons, opossum, astrachan and insignificant quantities of other furs; mink has again disappointed the expectations of its friends; skunk has done very well and stocks have been about depleted, but the future demand for this article is in danger of being affected seriously by a new dyed opossum, which closely resembles the imitated article. We must look to the cloak trade for a large consumption of furs next season as the fur cape has apparently been supplanted by cloth and fur reefers. As to the articles which will be most in demand next year, it is yet too early to give a definite opinion, but indications point to long haired furs. We are on the eve of a peculiar raw fur season; it now appears that the foreign demand will be insignificant, and that this country will be expected to consume not alone its own production, but also the collection from abroad; it may seem otherwise in the west, as the prices which are quoted by some collectors are so far above what the circumstances warrant that it is evident that they ignore the situation; while it is yet time, we would warn fur dealers to be careful in buying as unreasonably high prices and an active demand at the beginning of the season will be certain to result in undesirably large collections this year."

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