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WINNIPEG, OCTOBER 26, 1891.

Manitoba.

J. L. Taylor, butcher, Winnipeg, is dead.

J. W. Lannin, millinery, Virden, has assigned.

A great scarcity of dwelling houses is felt in Morden.

Philip Brown, tailor, Winnipeg, has sold out to C. E. Marilton.

A. W. Law & Co., bankers, Souris, have opened a branch at Melita.

Stephen McLean, hotelkeeper, Glenboro, is succeeded by John Crawford.

R. Smith, Manor hotel, Winnipeg, is succeeded by T. W. S. Jennings.

Geo. Webb, livery and feed stable, has sold out feed department to Chas. Little.

The Farmers' Elevator Co., Treherne; have had letters patent of incorporation granted.

Wm. Bertrand & Co. have opened in the fruit and confectionery business at Brandon.

R. Muir & Co., machine agents and grain, Winnipeg, have sold out to Stuart & Harper.

A. B. Bethune, of Carscaden, Peck & Co., Winnipeg, has returned from the Pacific coast.

Manitoba Paper Company, paper manufacturers, Portage la Prairie; incorporation granted.

J. J. Schragg, miscellaneous dealer, Winnipeg, was burned out last Thursday night. Insured.

The new Manitoba hotel, at Winnipeg, will be completed and opened not later than January 1st next. W. J. Gunning, of St. Paul, has been appointed manager.

Rountree and Conner, of the New Douglass house, Winnipeg, have dissolved. The business will be carried on by Rountree.

The partnership existing between Orr & Christie, boot and shoe manufacturers, Winnipeg, has been dissolved by mutual consent. A. S. Christie continues.

Burchell & Howey, of Brandon, recently made a shipment of seven car loads of two year-old heifers to Saskatoon, to stock a rancho. The animals were purchased in the Brandon district and were all good stockers.

The Morden Monitor says: "We hear that the firm of Warnken & McKay, implements, will shortly be dissolved, and that Henry McKay will retain the McCormack agency in Morden, while the Gretna and Plum Coulee agencies have been offered to Mr. Warnken.

J. W. Bartlett, editor of the *Farmers' Advocate*, Winnipeg, has accepted an offer from the Manitoba government, to become chief clerk in provincial department of agriculture. This position places him at the head of the practical portion of the work of this department. Mr. Bartlett is well fitted for this position, and under his care we may expect the department to accomplish some good work. It is pleasing to know that in this case the appointment is not made for political reasons, nor through any personal influence or wire-pulling, as Mr. Bartlett had no negotiations with the department, previous to the time the offer was submitted to him.

The Morden Monitor relates the following: "D. J. McCuish got through with his grain cutting on Saturday, the 17th of October. At that time he had erected fifty stacks of wheat and there remained the product of ninety acres of wheat, barley and oats in stock. He assures us that the last acre cut shows no trace whatever of frost. Although there has been some frost here since September 23th, the grain had become so hard that no effect was noticeable. McCuish had 240 acres of wheat, and owing to the want of help he has been cutting for the past two months. Think of it, ye people of Ontario, wheat being cut on the 17th day of October, entirely free from frost, in the Province of Manitoba."

Assiniboia.

Regina District Elevator Co., Regina, incorporation granted.

F. W. Boake, butcher, Saltcoats, has admitted Geo. Pringo as partner.

Northwest Ontario.

A daily paper is talked of for Fort William.

The partnership of Miller, Morton & Co., grocers, Fort William, has been dissolved, Miller retiring from the firm.

The Bank of Montreal has decided upon a branch office at Fort William at once. It is the intention of the bank to erect a block there next year.

At a recent meeting of the Rat Portage council, the report of Walpole Roland, on the reduction works was submitted and the report being favorable the council passed a resolution to hand over the bonus debentures to the smelter company.

Mayor Ruttan, of Port Arthur, has returned from Toronto, where he had gone to raise

money for street railway purposes. The Canada Permanent Company has agreed to advance \$25,000 upon the security of \$40,000 of debentures, which will tide the council over their immediate necessities.

Grain and Milling.

The St. Lawrence is now opened on Sunday for traffic in order to facilitate the transport of grain to Montreal for export.

The announcement that on November 1, the wires would once more be placed on the floor of the Chicago board of trade, has been followed by the formation of a bucket shop company ready to start in the moment the field is open.

Brackman & Ker's new oatmeal mill at Victoria, B. C., has been completed and will be operated at once. The mill is erected at the outer wharf, where large steamers can land right at the mill.

The elevator capacity of Minneapolis is 18,307,000 bushels, of which 13,395,000 bushels is in "public or regular" elevators. Duluth's elevator capacity is 13,000,000 bushels, and West Superior, practically in Duluth, has 3,300,000 bushels capacity.

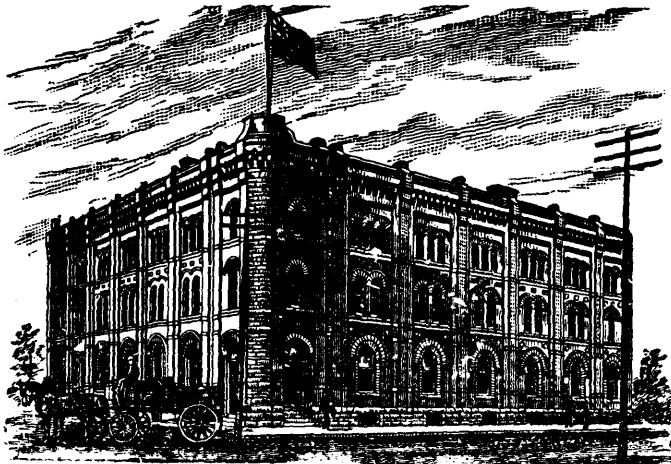
A second application was made at Winnipeg last week on behalf of W. F. Henderson for an order to wind up the Manitoba Milling Company, of Carberry. Two other petitions were also presented by other creditors, Blake and Lyon. The order was granted, and the company will be accordingly wound up.

Orders have been given for the completion of the Canadian Pacific elevator annex at Fort William. The foundation has already been finished and work on the superstructure will be commenced at once and pushed forward with all possible speed. The annex will have a capacity of 1,300,000 bushels.

The Lake of the Woods Milling Co. have decided to distribute \$2,500 among their employees, who have been with them a year or more. The company has evidently done a very profitable business for the past year, and in a liberal spirit the managers have decided to divide up with their employees.

Letters patent have been issued incorporating J. L. Campbell, of Melita, lumber dealer; A. Tre-rice, of Melita, farmer; Peter Powell, of Dresden, Ont., miller; Patrick McConnell, of Deloraine, merchant; John Watkins Crawford, of Melita, contractor, and Charles Sidney Dobbyn, of Melita, farmer, under the name of "The Melita Milling Company, Limited," for the purpose of erecting and operating a roller process flouring mill, of purchasing and dealing in grain and flour and of erecting and operating such elevators and warehouses, as may be deemed expedient in connection with the same. The business of the said company to be carried on at Melita, Manitoba. Capital stock \$40,000.

Over 300 representatives of the United States and Canada are attending the convention of the National Wholesale Druggists' Association and the association of manufacturers and wholesale dealers in proprietary articles, at St. Louis, Missouri. One of the subjects being considered is that of the offering for sale of substitute standard medicines. This, of late, has become uncomfortably common in the case of patent medicines.

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Flour—Was steady, with a good demand. Dealers bought straight rollers at equal to \$4.25.

Bran—Demand was good, and prices were steady on bran at \$10.50.

Wheat—Firm, with a good demand on local and export account. Millers bought white and red at outside points at 89 to 90c for standard weights, and 5 to 10-car lots sold at 91c for white, and 92c for red, straight weights in both cases. Ontario spring was worth the same figures. Goose sold west at 80 and 81c. Manitoba wheats were offered freely; and were generally held above buyers' views. No. 2 hard offered at \$1.08 to \$1.09, with buyers at 1c less; 5,000 bushels sold, to arrive October on p.t., but understood to be over \$1.07; three cars that would grade out No. 2 hard sold at \$1.07 west; No. 3 hard offered to arrive at \$1.

Barley—Continues fairly active and steady. A 25,000 bushel lot of No. 3 extra sold at 38c outside, and odd lots went at 39c. A lot of sound feed barley sold on the Northern at 34c. There was an enquiry for No. 2 here at 48c, with a small quantity offered at 50c.

Oats—Were firmer here, owing to light street deliveries. One car sold to arrive on track at 30c; five cars mixed sold east at 28c; white sold at 28c west, and 29½c east. Mixed sold at 27c west.

Oatmeal—Steady, with a good export demand at \$1.65 per cwt. f.o.b. west, in bags.

Grain and flour—Car prices were: Flour—Manitoba patents, \$5.40 to 5.50; Manitoba strong bakers', \$4.90 to \$5.; Ontario patents, \$4.60 to \$5.10; straight roller, \$4.25 to \$4.30; extra, \$4.00 to \$4.10; low grades, \$2 to \$3.75. Bran—\$12.00 to \$12.50. Shorts—\$17 to \$18. Wheat—White, 95 to 96c; spring, 94c to 95c; red winter, 95 to 96c; goose, 82 to 83c; No. 1 hard, \$1.10; No. 2 hard, \$1.07 to \$1.10; No. 3 hard, 99c to \$1.01; No. 2 northern, \$1.01 to \$1.02. Peas—No. 2, 60 to 63c. Barley—No. 1, 50 to 52c; No. 2, 48 to 49c; No. 3, extra 42 to 43c. Corn—70c. Buckwheat—43 to 45c. Rye—83 to 85c. Oats—30 to 31c.

Produce—Eggs were firm and scarce at 16c. Potatoes were in more liberal supply, sales were made at 45 to 55c per bag out of store, and on track cars were nominal at 40c. Quotations are:—Beans, \$1.50 to \$1.70; potatoes, per bag, 40 to 45c on track; onions, \$2 to \$2.25; hops, 12 to 15c; dried apples, 4½ to 5½c; evaporated, do., 7 to 8c; eggs, fresh, 16c; hay, \$11.50 to \$12.00 for timothy; \$9 to \$10 for mixed; straw, \$6.00 to \$7.00; chickens, 50 to 65; fowls, 49 to 60c; ducks, 50 to 65c; turkeys, per lb, 11 to 13c; geese, per lb, 7 to 9c.

Hides—Another ¼c decline has occurred in cured, in sympathy with Chicago, sales of car lots of choice buff being made to-day at 5½c f.o.b. here. Sheep skins advanced 5c to 75c. Quotations are:—Hides—Cured, 5½c; green steers, 60 lbs and up, No. 1, 5½c; do., steers, 60 lbs and up, No. 2, 4½c; do., steers, 60 lbs and up, No. 3, 3½c; do., cows, No. 1, 5c; do., cows No. 2, 4c; do., cows, No. 3, 4c. Skins—Pelts and lambskins, 75c; veals, 8 lbs and up, green, No. 1, 7c; do, 6 lbs and up, green, No. 2, 5c; do, 8 lbs and up, cured, 8 to 9c.

Wool—Fleece, unwashed, 10 to 12c; rejects, 15 to 16c; combing, 18 to 19c; clothing, 20 to 21c; do, pure down, 22 to 24c; pulled, super, 22 to 23; do, extra, 26 to 27c.

Dressed hogs and provisions—Dressed hogs were steady with the usual supply and demand at \$6 to \$6.10 for good packers' weights, and \$5.75 up for smaller weights. Quotations are: Mess pork, United States, \$14 to \$15; short

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cut, \$17 to \$17.50; bacon, long clear, per lb, 9c; lard, Canada, tubs and pails, 10½ to 10¾c; compound do., 8½ to 9c; smoked meats—hams, per lb, 11 to 11½c; bellies, per lb, 11c; rolls, lb, 9c backs, per lb, 11c.

Butter—All grades were steady with a good demand. Fine dairy tubs were scarce and wanted at 17 to 19c, as to quality for selections. Mixed lots sold at 14 to 16c, and culls at 10 to 13c. Quotations are: Butter, good to choice western, 16 to 18c; dairy, medium, 13 to 15c; common, 10 to 13c; creamery, tubs, 19c; rolls, 22c.

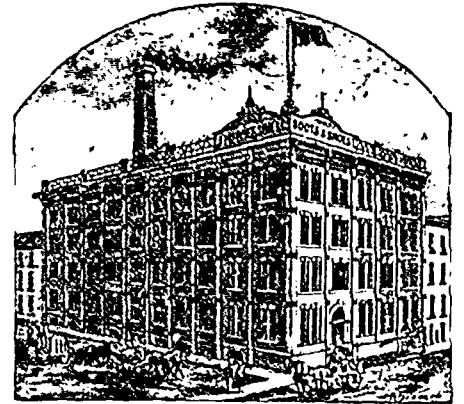
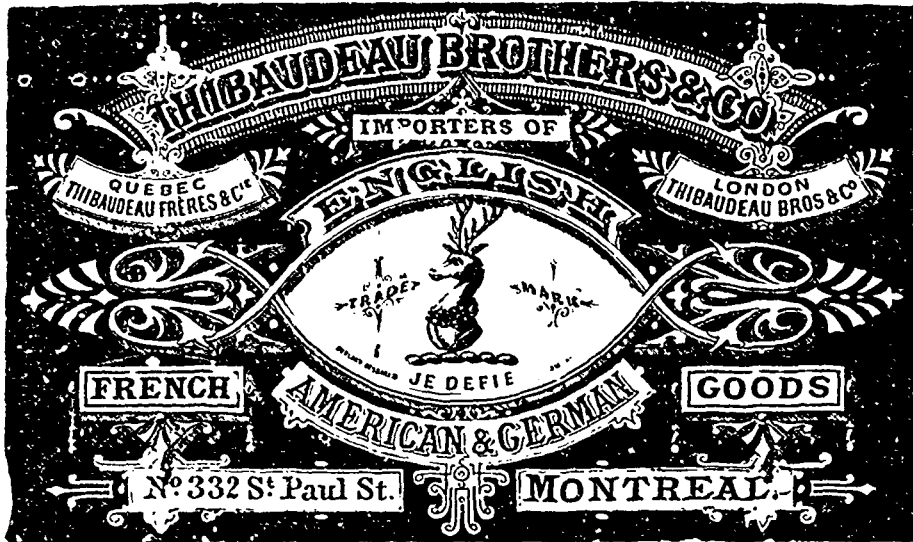
Fruit—Quinces, 30 to 40c per basket; peaches, 45 to 75 per basket; apples, per bbl, 75c to \$1.50; pears, common, 30 to 40c per basket; Duchess, per bbl, \$2.25 to \$3; Flemish beauties, \$3.75 to \$4.25 per bbl; cantaloupes, \$1 to \$1.25 per bbl; grapes Niagaras, 2½ to 3c; Rogers, 1½ to 2c; Concord, 1½ to 2c; Brightons, 2½ to 3c; sweet potatoes, per bbl, Baltimores, \$2.75 to \$3; Jerseys, \$3.25 to \$3.50; cranberries, \$8 to \$8.50 per bbl, \$3 per box.—*Empire.*

The United States Barley Crop.

There has been no report by the Department of Agriculture showing the production of barley in the United States since 1888. Such data as have been available suggests about 65,000,000 bushels as the total production in 1889, and 63,000,000 in 1890. The indications for 1891 appear to suggest an aggregate approximating 75,000,000 bushels—or about 10,000,000 bushels in excess of the largest production in any previous year. For the ten years ending June 30, 1890, the average yearly production of barley in the United States was about 57,000,000 bushels. During the same period the importations averaged 10,400,000 bushels annually—the smallest quantity being 8,600,000 bushels in 1883-84, the largest being 12,200,000 in 1881-82. The total for the past year is 5,078,000 bushels, the advance of the import duty to 30 cents per bushel proving almost prohibitive. The importations of barley have been almost entirely from Canada. It is understood that the barrier to exportation from Canada to the United States under the advanced tariff has occasioned a material reduction in area in this crop this season in the Dominion. The indicated production in the United States appears to have been enlarged sufficiently to balance the deficiency in supplies from Canada. The following table shows the yearly production of barley in the United States and importations for years ending June 30, in bushels:—

Years.	Production.	Imported.
1880-81	45,165,000	9,528,000
1881-82	41,161,000	12,183,000
1882-83	48,952,000	10,050,000
1883-84	50,136,000	8,596,000
1884-85	61,203,000	9,986,000
1885-86	58,369,000	10,197,000
1886-87	59,428,000	10,356,000
1887-88	56,812,000	10,831,000
1888-89	63,884,000	11,368,000
1889-90	65,000,000	11,332,000
1890-91	63,000,000	5,079,000

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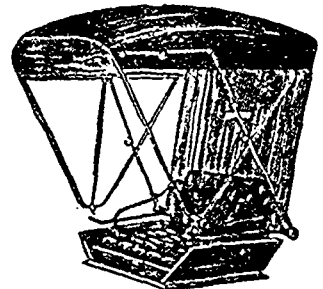
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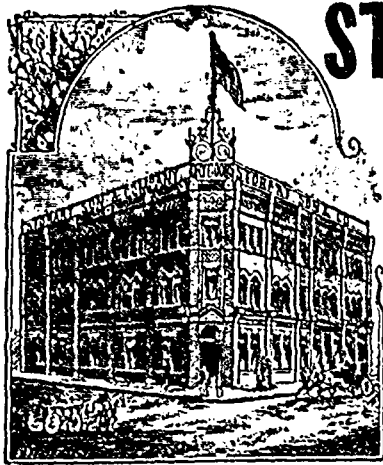
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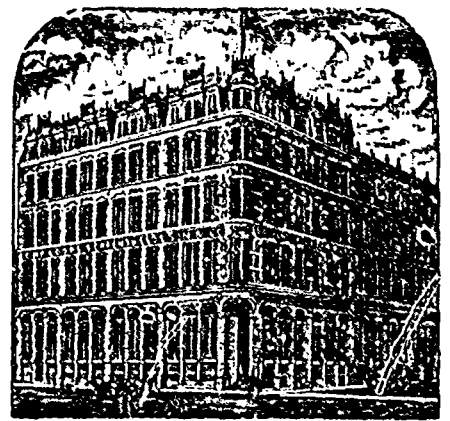
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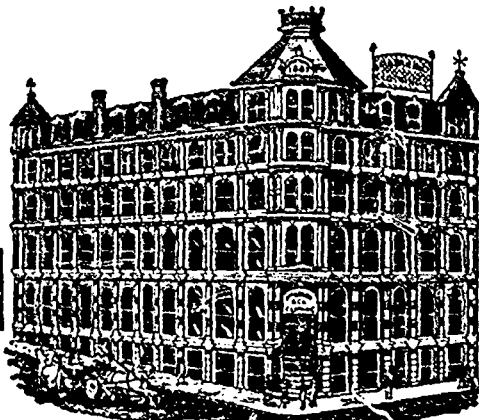
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WHEAT IN THE UNITED STATES.

From the immense wheat crop which the United States has secured this year, no doubt people imagine that the yield per acre has been large. No doubt it is large in comparison with past years, but those who are not posted, will be surprised to learn how small the yield per acre really is. The last report of the Washington agricultural department places the average yield of the wheat crop for 1891, at 15 bushels per acre. Last year the average yield per acre was only 11 bushels. The difference of four bushels per acre makes the large crop this year, as compared with the small crop last year less the increased acreage for 1891.

When fifteen bushels per acre produces such an enormous quantity of wheat as the United States has this year, it can be imagined what an immense quantity that country would produce, were the average yield as large as Canada or Great Britain. No doubt the poor showing which the United States makes in the matter of yield per acre, is due largely to imperfect cultivation of the soil, though in some parts, more especially in the southerly states, the climate is partly to blame for the light yield. Those who think the United States will before many years cease to grow wheat for export, should think over what might be accomplished in that country by careful tillage of the soil. We have seen that four bushels per acre has made the difference between the large crop of this year and the light crop of last year. It should not be a difficult task to increase the yield to the amount of four bushels per acre greater than it was this year. This would make the average yield nineteen bushels per acre in a good year, which would not be a very heavy yield. On the present wheat acreage of the United States, an increased yield of four bushels per acre, would add another 160,000,000 bushels to the annual crop.

Taking in the southern states, where the yield of wheat must continue to be very low, an allowance of nineteen to twenty bushels per acre, would be a very liberal amount for the United States as a whole. But those states do not grow much wheat, the bulk of the crop being raised in the more northerly states. By states, the lowest yield in any state was 5.5 bushels per acre, in South Carolina, while Colorado, Idaho and Montana averaged about 20 bushels per acre. The old eastern states ranged from 12 to 17 bushels per acre, the southern states from 5.5 to 12.7 bushels, Kentucky and Texas standing the highest. Minnesota produced 17.6 bushels per acre, North Dakota 17.8 bushels, South Dakota 15.2 bushels, California (an important wheat state) 11.7 bushels. The central and Mississippi states ranged from 13.2 in Missouri to 17.8 in Indiana and Illinois.

TRADE WITH GREAT BRITAIN.

The course of trade between Great Britain and Canada of late, should lend encouragement to the advocates of commercial union for the

empire. There has been a considerable expansion in both our export and import trade with Great Britain. The McKinley bill has no doubt been a factor to a considerable extent in the extension of our trade across the Atlantic. The egg trade is a striking example in this connection. The McKinley bill shut our eggs out of the United States, by a prohibitory duty, but our egg trade has not languished on this account. In spite of many predictions of failure, the shipment of Canadian eggs to British markets has proved a great success, and within a single season the trade seems to have been thoroughly established. Instead of going to the United States, our eggs have this season been shipped across the Atlantic, and the trade has accustomed itself to the change without any apparent inconvenience. The splendid results which have been accomplished in the egg trade, seem to indicate what might be done, were a more liberal trade policy entered upon toward Great Britain. Great Britain would certainly take all our surplus products, if we catered for and encouraged trade with her. The enormous duty now exacted upon British goods imported into Canada, is the great barrier in the way. A liberal reduction in our tariff upon British goods, would work wonders in augmenting our exports to the mother country. If we wish to increase our exports across the Atlantic, we must expect to increase our imports also. By the adoption of such a policy, we would be able to overcome many of the disadvantages forced upon us by the discriminatory tariff of the United States.

ADVERTISING AGENCIES.

A Chicago publisher has sued Geo. P. Rowell & Co., advertising agents, of New York, for \$50,000 damages, for underrating the circulation of his journal. Geo. P. Rowell & Co. are the publishers of a newspaper directory, which alleges to give information as to the circulation of the various newspapers published in Canada and the United States. This "information" must be taken with considerable reserve, for various reasons. In connection with the publication of a newspaper directory, Geo. P. Rowell & Co. also do a large business as advertising agents. They secure special rates from as many journals as they can, and solicit advertisements for such journals as give them these special rates, making a commission of course for themselves on all the business done. It is needless to say, that the rates allowed newspaper publishers by these advertising agencies, are ridiculously low as a rule, and it is a wonder that so many respectable journals will take business at all from most of these agencies. A great deal of this advertising agency business is a species of blood-sucking from the publishers. Journals which refuse to accept business from the agencies, will of course not be rated any higher than possible, while those which give the agencies the best terms, will in the natural order of things be given a favorable showing.

Publishers should make a stand against this advertising agency incubus, and refuse to become the tools of the agents, who are feeding upon the press of the country. The agencies could soon be wiped out, if publishers would

unito in this matter. Why should a publisher receive business from these agencies at one-quarter or less his regular advertising rates, in order that these agencies may be kept up and fed upon a portion of the proceeds rightfully accruing to the publisher? THE COMMERCIAL, for one, has steadily refused to do business through the agencies.

NORTH AMERICA'S SURPLUS.

C. Wood Davis, an alleged authority upon wheat, has a lengthy article in the *American Agriculturist*, in which he predicts famine prices for wheat in the near future. Mr. Davis writes in a farmers' paper, from the standpoint of the farmer, and to please the farmers, and it is therefore but natural that he should take an extreme view in favor of high prices. Only one reference is necessary to show that Mr. Davis' article, which has been copied to some extent in Manitoba papers, is unfair and misleading. We will simply take his estimate of the available wheat surplus of the United States and Canada, which he places at 180,000,000, and in this amount he also includes the surplus of rye. These figures are alone sufficient to show the utter worthlessness of Mr. Davis' letter. According to the official crop report the United States will have over 200,000,000 bushels of wheat alone for export, to say nothing of rye. Some good authorities make the surplus of wheat over 225,000,000 bushels for the republic, and others up to 250,000,000 bushels. Adding the surplus wheat crop of Canada, and the surplus of rye for the two countries, it will appear that Mr. Davis' figures are probably fully 75,000,000 and possibly 100,000,000 too low. His allowance for the surplus wheat and rye of North America is so unreasonably low, that it shows at once the worthlessness of his reasoning. He has no doubt started out with the idea of endeavoring to prove a condition of famine in breadstuffs, but his estimates are so low that he has evidently overdone the business, to the detriment of the case he attempts to make out.

LADOGA WHEAT.

A paragraph in the last issue of the *Farmers' Advocate*, takes strong ground in favor of growing Ladoga wheat in Manitoba. The item reads as follows: "In spite of prejudice and much abuse the Ladoga wheat has come to stay. This year again has proved its extreme earliness; in hardiness no one questions, and every Manitoba farmer should certainly take Professor Saunders' advice and sow a portion at least of his land with Ladoga; and, I venture to say, if the Ladoga is given an equal chance with the Red Fife, the days of Red Fife are numbered in Manitoba. The writer has sown Ladoga wheat for four seasons, and each season it has beaten the Red Fife by at least ten days. The yield of the Ladoga has always been, with me, a little less than the Red Fife; but it has never been hurt with frost." We think this is rather an over sanguine stand to take before the milling value of this variety of wheat has been tested. THE COMMERCIAL in a recent issue, referred favorably to Ladoga wheat, but we then stated that unless Ladoga proved a good mill-

ing variety, all that could be said in favor of it in other respects, would be of little moment. The *Farmers' Advocate* may have some knowledge of the milling value of the wheat which we do not possess, which leads it to speak so strongly in favor of the wheat. If it has such knowledge, it should be made public.

DRAINAGE AND WEEDS.

The Winnipeg board of trade has again interviewed the Manitoba Government upon the questions of drainage, and the destruction of noxious weeds. It will be satisfactory to note that Mr. Greenway has promised to deal with the latter question. He said that "it was his intention at the next session of the legislature to have the old act so amended as to enable the department of agriculture to deal with the nuisance." This is on the lines urged by THE COMMERCIAL some time ago. If the destruction of weeds is left to temporary municipal officers, the nuisance will go on increasing. Few pathmasters can be made to do their duty in the enforcement of the noxious weeds act, and a government officer in charge of this business is a necessity. The government has also promised to consider the drainage question, though no definite programme has been promised.

Winnipeg Implement Trade.

The implement trade for the season of 1891 is now nearly wound up. A portion of the fall demand for plows remains to be supplied, and a few wheeled rigs may be sold, but trade in the latter is drawing to a close. The sleigh trade will now soon be in order, and there will also be some demand in stock-raisers implements, such as root and straw cutters, grinders, etc. The fall plow trade has not been very brisk this year, and dealers have now come to the conclusion that this branch of the trade will be light this year, the reason for which is very apparent. The harvest commenced very late to start with, and on account of the exceedingly heavy crop, it has taken a long time to secure it, further delay having been caused by a considerable period of damp weather. This has made the season for fall plowing very short, and has operated to curtail the demand for plows. The lighter sales of plows now, will no doubt be made up by a brisk demand for these implements in the spring.

The season's trade in harvesting machinery has been very satisfactory with all the houses. Binders, mowers, rakes, etc., have all sold well. There has also been a good trade in wagons. Some of the houses report their stocks in all these lines just about cleaned out, and some lines are practically entirely cleaned out. Most of the houses have a few binders over, but all around stocks have been close run, and some houses have not many more than their samples. The season has been a very trying one upon binders. The growth of straw has been almost unprecedented, and there has been a good deal of twisted and "down" grain to contend with. Besides this a good deal of cutting has been done on the green side, which made it hard for the binders in such heavy straw. Makers of binders will be able to gain some pointers from the trials of this season, in the direction of needed improvement to their machines. Barring the inconveniences

experienced from the unusual condition of the grain crops, the season has been a splendid one for the implement houses. Sales all around have been good, and the season will be considered one of the best in the history of the trade here.

The greatest feature in this year's business is in the thresher trade. The sales of threshers has simply been limited by the supply. There has been practically no competition in threshers. Dealers have simply had to pick out their customers, in order to place their machines. The sales of threshers will be away in advance of last year, and it is difficult to say what they would have been, had there been plenty of machines. On account of the heavy crops in eastern Canada, there has been a large sale of threshers there also, and the makers were therefore not prepared for the big western demand for threshing outfits. The same remarks are true of the United States. A large number of threshers imported from the States have been handled in Winnipeg this year, and more were wanted, but could not be supplied, as the home demand has absorbed all the machines. Some orders for threshing rigs will be held over till next year, and some are still waiting for the machines to be made. Sales are therefore not completed yet for the season, as some who have refused to hold their orders, will probably be glad to take machines later on, if they can be had. To show the great demand for threshers, it may be stated that the Patterson & Bro. company which had sold out, advised its country agents that a machine which had been used for exhibition purposes, had been shipped to them by the manufacturers. Within two or three days from the time this advice was sent out, seventeen telegrams came in asking to hold the machine until an order for it could be forwarded by mail. Up to last week all the houses but one were sold out, but some of the houses had a few more outfits coming, which of course were already sold. H. S. Wesbrook was the only dealer who was able last week to supply machines, and it was simply a picnic for him. This dealer was fortunate in representing the big United States concern of J. I. Case, which is able to turn out a vast number of machines, and he has been kept in better supply than other houses.

There is one point in this demand for threshers, which must not be overlooked. This is, that when a commodity runs short, the demand seems much larger than it really is. For instance, a man wants a thresher. He goes to one dealer, but is informed he cannot be supplied, as all the mills are sold. In this way he goes to half a dozen dealers before he finds one who is not sold out. Each dealer who is sold out, of course puts it down that he has lost a sale, and the one man is made to represent a number of purchasers. Besides this, a threshing outfit costs a lot of money, and a prospective purchaser is sure to visit nearly all the dealers before he buys. Looking at the matter in this way it will be seen that the apparent shortage of machines is very much larger than it really is. Threshing is reported to be rather slow work this year, on account of the great bulk of straw, and also considerable greenish or damp straw. The number of bushels per day which can be turned out, is much below the average.

Prices of threshers have not varied materi-

ally from last year. The smaller size of Canadian made separators have sold at about \$575, and about \$300 has been the average price for standard sizes. The imported separators have sold according to size and make at from \$650 to \$775 each. The imported engines come considerably higher than the Canadian, and some parties who bought imported separators, purchased home made engines. Thresher engines have sold at from \$1,200 to \$2,000.

One feature of the implement trade this year, has been something of a revival in imported makes, particularly in binders. The trade in imported binders was almost wiped out of late years, but there has been quite a number of United States binders handled in Manitoba this season, mostly McCormick and Deering makes, these machines selling at a considerable advance over home makes. There has been an increased number of threshers imported, and also quite a number of mowers, plows and wagons. An imported wagon sells for about \$20 higher than home makes.

Collections are slow yet, and on account of the late movement of grain, it will be later than usual before the inflow of cash begins. Dealers, however, are very hopeful, and all expect that payments will be good this year. There has been more cash and shorter credit business this year than has been the rule of past years, but there is great room and much need for improvement in this direction.

Wheat Prices in England.

The *Miller*, of October 5, gives the following values for principle varieties of wheat, in the London market:—

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English Wheats.		
Kent or Essex, White, New	38s 37s	36s 40s
" " Red, "	31s 35s	31s 38s
O'd White	38s 41s	40s 44s
Old Red	34s 38s	33s 42s
Norfolk White	35s 36s	36s 40s
Norfolk, Red	32s 34s	33s 36s
"Rivets"	30s 34s	32s 34s
Imported Wheats.		
Duluth	40s 6 41s 0	42s 44s
No. 2, Spring	37s 38s	42s 44s
Red Winter Wheat	37s 38s	40s 41s
Californian and Oregon	37s 38s	43s 44s 0
" " Red	36s 37s	
Canadian	37s 38s	42s 44s
Chilian	none	42s 43s
Australian	37s 0 40s	42s 45s
New Zealand	36s 0 38s	42s 45s
Bombay White	33s 36s	41s 46s
" Red	31s 33s	36s 39s
Calcutta White	34s 36s	39s 0 40s
" Red	31s 0 33s	30s 0 33s
Karachi	32s 34s	32s 40s
Persian	30s 37s	30s 40s
Dantzic	30s 40s	42s 45s
Danubian and Roumanian	32s 35s	33s 40s
Konigsberg, Rostock, etc	36s 39s	42s 44s
Hungarian	35s 38s	42s 44s
Azima	33s 36s	40s 43s
Petersburg	33s 35s	40s 42s
Saxonska	30s 38s	42s 43s
Sebastopol	35s 37s	40s 42s
Odessa, Ghirka	33s 36s	33s 41s
Taurrog	33s 36s	33s 41s

English wheats are quoted per 50-lb pounds, and imported per 496 pounds.

Inland freights going to Montreal, have fallen of considerably during the last few days says the *Trade Bulletin*, owing to the fact that no more ocean freights can be had at this port, all space being taken.



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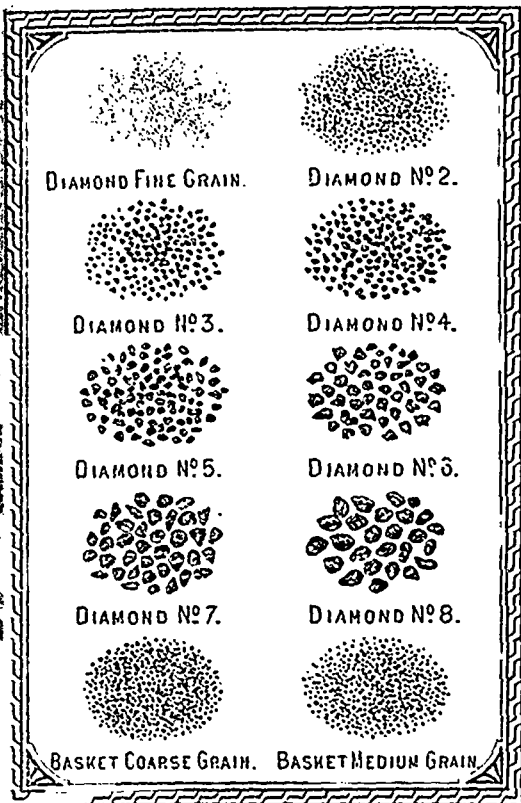
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WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

The demand for funds from the grain trade is very large this year, and this has led to a much stronger feeling than general in financial circles. Interest rates are firm, and calls for funds outside the regular trade, are not encouraged. Banks, of course, make no change with their regular customers, but they are not so anxious for new business, except choice securities, at firm rates. Any new business not first class, is not wanted. The figure at which the grain trade have made their seasons' arrangements, is generally quoted at 7 per cent. Perhaps a little better rate has been secured by some, but the banks will not admit it. New ordinary commercial business would not obtain this rate, unless a very desirable account, and 8 per cent. may be quoted for commercial discounts.

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As predicted earlier, there has been a gradual decline in dried fruits, owing to the abundant crop this year. All California fruits are considerably lower, since new stock has arrived. Old Valencia raisins are offered even under quotations. Prices here are as follows: Valencia raisins, \$1.75 to \$2.00; Valencia layers, \$2.50 to \$2.70; currants, 7 to 7½c; figs, cooking, in bags, 5 to 6c, in mats, 6 to 7c; choice do., 12c, do in 10 lb. boxes, 14 to 15c; fancy Eleme figs, layers, 16 to 17c; dried apples, 7½c to 8½; evaporated apples, 9 to 11c; Golden dates, 7 to 10c per pound; California evaporated fruit—Apricots, 12 to 13 cents; peeled peaches, 17 to 18c; do, unpeeled, 12 to 14c; pitted plums, 11 to 12c; raspberries, 20 to 21c; prunes, 17c; Eastern prunes, 7 to 11c.

FISH.

Oysters are now in regular supply, and are jobbing at \$2 to \$2.50 per gallon for selects. In cans, \$5.75 to \$6 per dozen. Whitefish sell at 6c, trout at 9c, and salmon at 14c. A few finnen haddies have been offered, at about \$6 to \$7.50 per box.

GROCERIES.

Willet & Gray, New York, in their last weekly sugar report the visible supply at 463,824 tons against 337,640 tons a year ago. They say: "The market for raws has been strong throughout the week, and with the securing of pretty much all the available supplies, it is now a question of where the next absolute requirements of the refineries is to come from. Brazil and beet countries are very backward and Cuba stocks are disappearing very rapidly. Under these conditions a firm and improving market seems to be assured for some time. The crop of all Europe is not expected to much exceed last years. Notwithstanding, a very general opinion prevails among buyers that a decline must come in granulated sugar to meet the parity of the foreign markets, and in consequence of this opinion the country are buying on a hand-to-mouth basis, yet the demand continues sufficient to take the production and thus far prevent the necessity of any reduction in price. Lower prices are made, however, for grades below hard, and sooner or later the demand should slacken more perceptibly." Later a decline of ½c was reported from New York, which caused a very dull and easy feel-

ing at eastern Canada markets; 4½c was the quotation on granulated at eastern refineries. Yellows were selling at 3½c up, by eastern wholesale grocers, and granulated at 4½ to 5c. Canned goods prices are unsettled for vegetables, and the pack at eastern canneries is understood to be large, though some packers claim they are short. There are more factories packing than ever before. Prices are generally fairly steady on well known choice brands. Quotations here are:— Sugars, Yellow, 4½ to 4¾c; granulated, 5½c to 5¾c; syrups, 3 to 3½c; Coffees, green, Rios, from 24 to 25c; Java, 27 to 29c; Old Gov., 29 to 32c; Mochas, 33 to 35c. Teas—Japan, 17 to 40c; Congous, 20 to 50c; Indian teas, 30 to 60c; young hyson, 25 to 50c; T. & B. tobacco, 61c per pound; Lilly, 7s. 57c; diamond solace, 12s, 53c; P. of W. butts, 52c; P. of W. caddies 52½c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 60c; Brier, 7s, 58c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 61c; Index thick Solace, 6s, 53c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 53c. McAlpino Tobacco Co.'s plug tobacco; Old Crow, 51c, Woodcock, 57c; Beaver, 68c; Jubilee, 65; Anchor, 64c; cut tobacco: Silver Ash, 70c; Cut Cavendish, 75c; Senator, 85c; Standard Kentucky, light, 90c; do., dark, 85c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1,000. Mauricia, \$42.50; Soudan Whips, \$10; Turkish Caps, \$35; Commercial Traveller \$25. Special selects, \$55; Selects, \$45; Columbia, \$45; Canucks, \$40; Derby \$36c; Sports, \$30. Mixed pickles, in kegs, are quoted: One gallon, 75c to \$1; three gallons, \$1.50 to \$2.00; do., 5 gallons, \$2.75 to \$3.50; do., 10 gallon kegs, \$5.50 to \$6.50.

GREEN FRUITS.

The apple market was still somewhat depressed by offerings of fall fruit, a good deal of which was in bad condition and selling for what it would bring. Fruit in good condition, however, brought fair prices. Winter apples offering at reasonable prices. Ontario grapes are in large supply. In fact the market has been kept loaded with grapes for some time. Quotations below on grapes are for sound fruit. Damaged and soft fruit has sold much lower. The first new Florida oranges are in. Quotations are: California fruits—Peaches, 20 pound boxes, \$1.50; pears, 40 lb. boxes, \$3.00 to \$3.50; grapes, 20 lb boxes, \$1.75 to \$3.25, as to quality and variety, the higher price for choice tokayz. Ontario fruits quoted: Pears, 40 to 90c; apples, 25 to 35c; tomatoes, 50 to 85c, all per 20 lb basket; Ontario grapes, 20 lb. baskets, 4 to 7c per lb; do in ten pound baskets, 40c to 70c each according to variety; Ontario barrel apples, \$2.00 to \$2.75 for good to choice fall fruit, \$2.75 to \$3.00 for winter apples. Ontario pears, in barrels, \$6.25 to \$7 per barrel; pears per keg, \$2.50 to \$3.25. Quinces, 75c per basket. Miscellaneous fruits: Lemons—new Miori, \$8.00 to \$8.50 per box; bananas, \$3 to \$3.50 per bunch. Florida oranges, \$7.00 per box. Cape Cod cranberries, \$10.00 per barrel; sweet potatoes, \$6.00 per barrel.

R. S. Hamilton, saddler, of Shoal Lake, Manitoba, writes THE COMMERCIAL objecting to the item that he had been closed out, as he claims he simply "sold out." We understand his creditors took all they could get hold of, and then there was not enough to go around, so that he would have very little to sell out.

WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT

Prices have been fairly steady in United States markets during the week past. On Monday prices were easier in leading markets, under large receipts in the northwest states. Liverpool was ½d to ¾d lower, but Mark Lane was higher. The visible supply statement on Monday, showed an increase of 1,611,000 bushels, east of the Rocky mountains, making the total now 31,000,000 bushels, against 18,597,000 bushels a year ago. Export clearances from four ports were 386,000 bushels wheat and flour. Duluth received 1,169 cars, and Minneapolis \$91 cars for two days, against 733 cars for the two points a year ago. Shipments of breadstuffs to Great Britain and the continent, for the past week, were 7,690,000 bushels, which was 690,000 bushels in advance of requirements. Wheat seeding in the winter wheat states was reported to have progressed favorably, with sufficient moisture. Prices were irregular on Tuesday, but closed considerably lower in United States markets. Liverpool cabled ¼ to ½d lower, London 3d lower, Antwerp ½c. to 1c. per bushel lower, Paris 2c lower. Wheat and flour on ocean passage decreased 1,200,000 bushels. Imports and farmers deliveries combined in Great Britain, exceed consumption by 700,000 bushels. Duluth received 428 cars, and Minneapolis 497 cars. Stocks at Minneapolis and Duluth were reported at 7,100,000 bushels. Stocks in Minnesota and Dakota country elevators were placed at 2,779,700 bushels, making Duluth, Minneapolis and country elevators stocks 9,877,000 bushels, against 11,293,000 bushels a year ago. Prices continued weak on Wednesday, but firmed up and closed higher, in United States markets. Liverpool cabled ¾d to 1d lower, London, 3d to 7d lower, European markets generally lower. Bradstreet's reported an increase in the stocks of wheat for United States and Canada, east and west of the Rockies, at 4,000,000 bushels. Duluth received 399 cars and Minneapolis 470 cars, a total of 869 cars, against 620 cars a year ago for the two points. United States markets continued easy on Thursday, and closed mostly ¼ to 1c lower. Threshing in the northern spring wheat sections of Minnesota and Dakota was reported to be turning out lower quality, due to late wet weather. Prices firmed up on Friday in United States markets. Duluth gaining ½c, New York 1c, etc. Cables were generally firmer, and Liverpool quoted ½c higher for California. The aggregate wheat and flour exports for the week ending October 22, was 3,783,178 bushels for both coasts of the United States against 4,365,469 bushels the week before. For seventeen weeks of the current cereal year exports from eleven United States ports equal 70,173,000 bushels, against 30,771,000 bushels from the United States and Canada in seventeen weeks of 1890. Total receipts at the four principal United States spring wheat points since August 1, the beginning of the crop year foot up. Minneapolis 15,013,120 bushels; Duluth 13,076,199 bushels; Chicago 20,659,053 bushels; Milwaukee, 3,164,291 bushels; making a total of 51,903,663 bushels, against 21,696,787 bushels during the same time last year and 27,872,485 bushels in 1890. The

total receipts of wheat at the four principal winter wheat points, Toledo, St. Louis, Detroit and Kansas City from July 1 to date are 37,778,928 bushels, against 15,543,725 bushels in 1890 and 17,693,603 bushels in 1889.

Manitoba has experienced nearly two weeks of good weather, which has allowed farmers to get well on with their stacking and also make some progress with threshing. There is considerable stacking yet to do in some sections, though some districts are through. On account of the immense bulk of straw, and some rather damp, threshing is slow work. The machines are not able to turn out nearly as many bushels per day as in ordinary years. There is also a shortage of threshing outfits, though the number of new outfits brought into the country this year is very large, as will be seen by an article elsewhere in this issue. But the supply of machines was exhausted before the demand was supplied. There were indications of rain on Friday and Saturday, and probably light local showers were experienced in some parts of the country, though none were reported up to the time of writing. A sprinkle at Winnipeg early Saturday morning amounted to nothing more than a heavy dew. The movement of wheat in Manitoba has been gradually creeping up, but with backward threshing and farmers busy fall plowing, there will not be a crush of deliveries until it freezes up. Plowing is very backward, and farmers will not leave this important work to haul wheat, until they are compelled to by frost. They would be foolish to do otherwise. At country markets daily deliveries by farmers ranged from 1,000 to 6,000 bushels per day at different points in the wheat belt. The receipts at Winnipeg have reached about 100 cars per day, and in addition fifteen or twenty cars per day have been going out via the Northern Pacific branches in Manitoba, for Duluth. Freight rates from Fort William eastward were low, as there were several vessels there awaiting cargoes, on account of the slow movement of wheat up to this week. Hereafter there will be no difficulty in making up cargoes, with the increased movement now going eastward. Wheat to Buffalo was quotable at about 3c from Fort William, and 2½c was reported, but this rate will not be repeated. An advance to 4 to 5c is not unexpected. There is no space open at Montreal for the balance of the season, from that port, and any Manitoba wheat for export, via the lakes, for which space is not engaged, will therefore go to Buffalo. Freights are therefore very stiff at Montreal. Prices in Manitoba markets were decidedly easier, as was expected as soon as deliveries increased, as prices paid earlier by millers were in advance of export values at some points. The price to farmers in Manitoba country markets ranged from 75 to 78c, according to the different market. This range is given for No. 1 hard, but it really includes No. 2 hard and better. About 75c per bushel would probably be an average price, to farmers for No. 2 hard and better.

FLOUR.

Local jobbing quotations in small lots are as follows, per 100 pounds for standard qualities: Patents, \$2.50; strong bakers', \$2.30; Second bakers', \$2.00 to \$2.20; XXXX, \$1.50; superfine \$1.30.

MILLSTUFFS.

Prices are easy, and lower quotations are looked for before long. Bran is still selling in less than car lots at \$12, and shorts at \$14 per ton.

FEED.

Ground feed holds unchanged at last quotations, choice being held mostly at \$20 per ton, with inferior offered a little lower.

MEALS, OIL CAKE, ETC.

Oatmeal continues to go lower. Prices are: Oil cake in bags \$21.00 a ton; oil cake meal, in ton lots, sacked, \$26, in bulk \$25; Oatmeal, standard \$2.40; granulated, \$2.40 per 100 pounds; rolled oats, \$2.40 per sack of 30 pounds; cornmeal is held at \$1.95 to \$2 per 100 lbs. Pot barley, \$2.75 per 100 pounds. Pearl barley, \$3.00; fine, do., in 50 pounds sacks, \$3 per sack. Split peas, \$2.40 to \$2.50, per 100 lbs, beans \$1.90 to \$2 per bushel.

OATS.

With freer offerings on the Winnipeg market, prices were easier, and declined on Friday to 23c per bushel of 34 pounds, this being the price paid for farmers' offerings. In Manitoba country markets, prices ranged from 17 to 20c to farmers, though at some points where offerings were limited to local requirements, prices were higher. Cars on track, Manitoba points quotable at about 20 to 22c. Some business has been done for north shore points and British Columbia, but nothing for eastern shipment beyond north shore points. Prices are still above an eastern shipping basis at a number of Manitoba points.

BARLEY.

There is no shipping movement in barley yet, and the outlook is unfavorable to holders, as prices will rule very low. A small quantity of feed barley is being taken at about the same value as oats, per bushel. With No. 3 extra barley selling on track in Ontario country markets at 39 to 40c, there is not much prospect for satisfactory prices here. Malting barley locally taken by brewers at 30c.

BUTTER.

There is considerable firmness in this commodity, and slightly better prices were obtained for selections. Choice dairy has sold at 17c, while some have sold good at 16c per pound. Selections have sometimes been taken at 17½ to 18c, for a few packages.

CHEESE.

Cheese holds firm and the tendency in prices is upward. Some holders who were selling at 10c have advanced their prices ½c, and now 10½ is the general jobbing price for large sizes, and 11c for small cheese. Another ½c advance will not be unexpected, as those who have bought recently have been obliged to pay higher, but in the meantime holders of earlier purchases, who sell at present quotations, will prevent a further advance.

HIDES.

Prices are still unchanged here, though the outside feeling is dull and prices are declining. A drop here of ¼ to ½c is not unexpected. The season of higher freight rates is also now drawing near, which, aside from falling prices elsewhere, would cause an easier tendency here. There are very few steer hides offering, and a good many branded hides have come in, which cannot grade better than No. 2, and perhaps lower if brands are bad. We quote green salted as follows, Winnipeg inspection:—No. 1 cows 4½c, No. 2, 3½c, No. 3, 2½c. No. 1 heavy steers, 60 pounds up, 5½c, No. 2, 60 pounds and up, 4½c, calf, No. 1, 5c, No. 2, 4c, sheep and lambskins, 25 to 50c each. Tallow, 4½ to 5c for rendered.

WOOL.

Business about wound up. Unwashed fleece quotable at 10½c, for ordinary quality.

CURED MEATS.

Prices are firm, though some lines are offering slightly under quotations. No packing is being done as yet, and all the stuff offering is eastern. Prices of hogs is altogether too high to permit of curing here, though packers are expecting that there will be a larger supply of hogs soon, at lower prices. Prices are:—Dry salt long clear bacon, 10c to 10½c; smoked long clear, 10½ to 11c; spiced rolls, 11½c

breakfast bacon, 13 to 14c; smoked hams, 14c; mess pork, \$16 to \$18 per barrel. Sausages are quoted: Fresh pork sausage, 10c per lb.; Bologna, do., 8c per pound; German, do., 9c per pound. Ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per ½ lb package.

LARD.

Pure lard is held at firm prices. We quote: \$2.40 per 20 pound pail, for pure. Compound held at \$1.85 to \$2.00 per pail.

POULTRY AND GAME.

There has been a large supply and an easier feeling as, is of course looked for at this season. Some very nice lots of dressed spring chickens have sold at 10c per pound, or 35 to 50c per pair. Turkeys are lower at 10c per lb live weight, and poor would not bring over 9c. Ducks and geese, 10c lb, live. Wild ducks have been offered freely and sold at 20 to 35c per pair, as to quality (only very fine large would bring 35c).

DRESSED MEATS.

A few country hogs have been offered, and taken at 7 to 7½c per pound. City dressed 8c per pound, though higher has been asked, but not generally paid. Beef steady at 5 to 5½ for good to choice. Mutton and lamb, city dressed, steady at 11c. Veal has sold from 5 to 8c, as to quality, but very little offering to bring the top figure. The lower price for very heavy calves. About 7c is the usual price for fairly good, young veal.

LIVE STOCK.

Train loads of cattle continue to go eastward freely, recent shipments being mostly western rancho cattle. It is desirable to clear off surplus stock from the ranges at this season, even if prices are low, rather than hold them over and run the risk of winter losses. Butchers' cattle locally are bought at equal to from 2 to 2½c live weight here, very few going over 2½c. Live hogs were lower in the states last week, on account of large receipts at western points. If continued, prices for hogs and cured stuff in Canada may be influenced.

HAY.

Fair local demand for pressed, \$7 to \$8 per ton. Loose on the street market selling at \$3 \$5 per ton.

VEGETABLES.

Following are the prices at which city dealers buy on the market:—Potatoes, 25c per bushel, though they have sold as low as 20c; carrots, 30 to 35c per bushel; beets, 25 to 30c bushel; parsnips, 1½ to 1½c lb; turnips, 20 to 25c per bushel; cabbage, 20 to 40c per dozen; celery, 25c dozen; citron, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per dozen; squash, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per dozen; pumpkins, \$1.25 to \$1.50; per dozen; onions, 1½ to 2c per pound; horseradish, 8c lb. Eastern tomatoes, 50 to 85c per 20 pound basket; green tomatoes, 4c per pound. Sweet potatoes, \$6 per barrel.

Eastern Cheese Market.

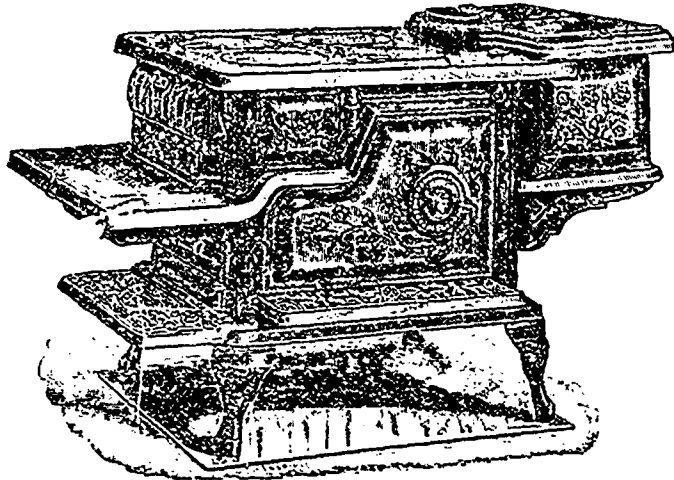
There has been considerable cheese contracting for stock on hand and balance of season's make at Brockville, Ontario, at prices ranging from 9½ to 10c and it is expected that nearly all will be contracted this week and that Thursday's meeting will close up the business of the board for the season.

Several German families from South Dakota arrived at Killarney, Manitoba, last week, on their way to Yorkton. Mr. Martin and family with a large stock of horses also passed through Killarney last week for Yorkton. Mr. Martin says that he lived in Aberdeen, South Dakota, for ten years, and the hot winds and dry weather destroyed his crops nearly every year. He said that hundreds of farmers will follow him, and leave their houses and lands behind them as they are now of no value to any person, and Aberdeen will soon become a lone laud.

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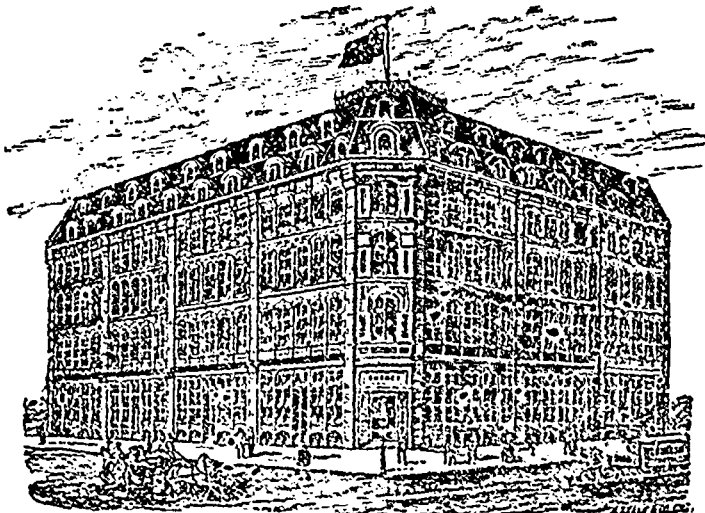
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Manitoba does produce plums which are, to say the very least, really good. Antoine Hogue, of Headingly, brought to Winnipeg, on the first of September, a sample of red plums, of which he had this year grown several bushels, that would sell readily in Toronto market at a good price. If some of our nurserymen would secure some of this stock from which to graft, we should soon have plenty of plums, or, at least, those who have opportunities for growing them might. This much is certain Manitoba will produce plums of a good quality.—*Farmer's Advocate.*

Capt. M. Cutter, of Victoria, has purchased a fast schooner in Nova Scotia, which he will bring around the horn, to engage in sealing in the Pacific. The sealers are evidently not alarmed over future prospects.

The town council of Calgary has decided to prepare a by-law to be submitted to the electors in behalf of the offer of the Calgary Water Power Co. to build a flour mill. The following is the offer of the company: "The Calgary Water Power Company will build a one hundred barrel flour mill on block 2, section 15, town of Calgary, and an elevator on some sight suitable for the handling of grain, provided the town pay the said company a bonus of \$1,000 on the completion of the mill, exemption from taxes on flour mill and contents and elevator and contents, for the term of 20 years, and the town's consent to lay, operate and maintain a track on Barclay street; also their consent to the company obtaining legislation for laying said track. When the farmers raise sufficient oats to keep an oat mill running we will also build an oatmeal mill, provided the town pay us a bonus of \$1,000 and exemption from taxes for 20 years."

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

On Monday, October 10, wheat opened slightly easier, and declined 7 to 1c, and finally closed 3 to 1c lower than Saturday's close. Receipts were 499 cars of wheat. Closing prices were:—

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	May.
Wheat	94½	—	96½	1.02½
Corn	53	48½	—	41½
Oats	27½	27½	—	30½
Pork	—	—	8.02½	—
Lard	—	6.39½	6.35	—
Short Ribs	6.30	6.60	—	—

On Tuesday opening prices were slightly lower, but there was an early advance of nearly 1c. Then the market became very weak, as speculative buying dropped off and declined 2c to 2½c, closing 1c lower. Receipts 648 cars. Closing prices were:—

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	May.
Wheat	93	—	94½	1.01½
Corn	53½	48½	—	41½
Oats	28	28½	—	30½
Pork	—	—	8.57½	—
Lard	—	6.25	6.30	—
Short Ribs	6.40	6.60	—	—

On Wednesday prices were weak most of the day, opening lower, and declining ½c. Later a firm feeling developed, and prices closed about ½c higher. Receipts were 429 cars. Closing prices:—

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	May.
Wheat	93½	—	95½	1.01½
Corn	54½	49½	—	42½
Oats	29½	29½	—	31½
Pork	—	—	8.80	—
Lard	—	6.32½	6.35	—
Short Ribs	6.35	6.65	—	—

On Thursday wheat opened strong, but later the trade settled down to the belief that the alleged news that Russian troops were marching on Constantinople was manufactured in New York, and there was a general getting out from under. Closing prices were 1 to 2c lower:—

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	May.
Wheat	92½	94½	94½	1.01
Corn	54½	49½	—	42½
Oats	29½	29½	—	31½
Pork	—	—	8.80	11.75
Lard	—	6.37½	6.32½	—
Short Ribs	—	6.05	5.92½	—

On Friday wheat showed considerable strength. There was considerable trading.

Closing prices were:

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	May.
Wheat	93½	94½	95½	1.02
Corn	54½	50½	—	42½
Oats	30½	—	29½	32
Pork	—	—	8.82½	11.65
Lard	—	6.22½	6.27½	—
Short Ribs	—	6.02½	5.90	—

Minneapolis.

Following were wheat quotations on Thursday, October 22:

Grades—	Oct	Dec	May	On track
No. 1 hard	—	—	—	90
No. 1 northern	88½	89½	90½	89
No. 2 northern	—	—	—	85-86

Flour—Quoted at \$4.60 to \$5 for first patents; \$4.50 to \$4.75 for second patents; \$4 to \$4.50 for fancy and export bakers; \$2.25 to \$3 for low grades, in bags, including red dog. Flour sales were quite good. High ocean freights paralyze millers who would otherwise realize satisfactory prices.

Oats—Quoted at 27½ to 28c for No. 2 white, 27 to 27½c for No. 3 white, and 26 to 27 for No. 2 and 3. The market was firm in a general way influenced partly by the large demand for export. The prohibition of certain shipments in Russia probably increases the inquiry for

Europe and the expectation of a large demand from that quarter.

Barley—Steady at 40 to 55c for poor to fine samples of No. 3. There were choice offerings from Washington at about 70c, but they do not move readily. Choice Minnesota barley was in good demand, but medium parcels were slow to sell.

Feed—Millers held at \$18.50 to \$19.50; less than car lots \$19.50 to \$20.50 with corn meal at \$20 to \$20.50.

Butter—Creamery 18 to 27c, dairy 16 to 25c, packing stock 11 to 12c.

Eggs—Strong at 19½ to 20c, including extras. Potatoes—Quoted at 23 to 25c in car lots, and 25 to 30c small lots.

Poultry—Chickens 6 to 7½c, turkeys 7 to 8c, duck and geese 7 to 8c.

Fruit—Apples, \$2.25 to \$3 per barrel. Car lots, choice to fancy, \$2.50 to \$2.75; common to medium car lots, \$2 to \$2.25. Currant berries, \$7.50 to \$8.50 barrel.

Hides—Green 4c, green salted 4½c, steers, 6 to 6½c, calfskins, 6 to 7c.—Market Record, October 22.

Minneapolis Closing Price Wheat.

At Minneapolis, on Saturday, Oct. 24, wheat prices were as follows: for No. 1 northern: Oct., 88½c; December option, 89½c, May, 96½c. A week ago December wheat closed at 92½c and May at 99½c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

No. 1 northern wheat at Duluth closed as follows on each day of the week for December option: Monday, 93c.; Tuesday 91½c. Wednesday 92c, Thursday 91½c; Friday 92; Saturday, 92½c per bushel. No. 1 hard on Saturday, October 24, closed at 95½c for cash.

Montreal Stock Market.

Reported by Osler, Hammond & Nanton October 23, 1891:—

Banks.	Sellers.	Buyers
Bank of Montreal	229	226
Ontario	116	178
Molson's	165	168
Toronto	—	225
Merchants'	151	159
Union	—	80
Commerce	133	132
Miscellaneous.		
Montreal Tel	111	110
Rich. & Ont. Nav	54	54
City Pass By	185	180
Montreal Gas	201	198
Can. N. W. Land	8	7
C. P. R. (Montreal)	2	8
C. P. R. (London)	—	91
Money—Time	—	7
Money—On call	—	4
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" New York Exchange Montreal rate between Banks W...		

Live Stock Markets.

A Liverpool cable, dated October 19, says: "The receipts of Canadian and American cattle were only fair to-day, but the offerings were of a better quality than on Monday last, and notwithstanding the large general supply the prices were about ½d better, the tops touching 5½d. Finest steers, 11½c; good to choice, 11c;

poor to medium 10c; inferior and bulls, 7½ to 9c."

The Montreal Gazette, of October 19, says: "The markets on the other side are still very unsatisfactory, and while the Liverpool cables were higher to-day the profits on the whole would not amount to much in the aggregate, owing to the light offerings of Canadians. The general cry is that stockers are losing money, but one of the largest exporters said to-day that he is well satisfied with the returns so far this season with the exception of Glasgow, the trade there on Wednesday being extraordinarily bad and disastrous to those who had cattle there. The shipments continue very small in comparison with those of the corresponding time last year, the cause being the scarcity of space, which is held very firm. Shipments of Canadian cattle are being made from Boston at a 35 shilling rate. The local trade has been very quiet, the only transactions being the sale of two train loads of Manitoba cattle. The butchers' market is overstocked with inferior stuff, and while good cattle are scarce they are depressed by the liberal offerings of scrubs. At the Grand Trunk yards choice butchers' stock were firm at 4 to 4½c. At the East End abattoir this morning butchers did not show any anxiety to do business. Nelson Bickerdike picked up about three cars of stockers at 2½ to 3c. A few choice cattle sold at 4c, but the average for the best was about 3½c. At the Canadian Pacific stock yards two train loads of Manitoba cattle were received during the week, one owned by Mr. Head and the other by Mr. Brown. John Crowe bought the first mentioned, and Bickerdike the others, the price being 3½ to 3¾c.

Alberta.

At Lac la Biche, about 100 miles north of Edmonton, northern Alberta, the first frost of the season is said to have occurred on October 1st.

An attempt was again made last week to burglarize the jewelry store of George E. Jacques, of Calgary. The robbers had cut a panel of glass in the rear window with a diamond but were foiled by the stout oaken shutters from making any further progress. They next broke down the outer door with an axe, but did not go further no doubt being frightened away.

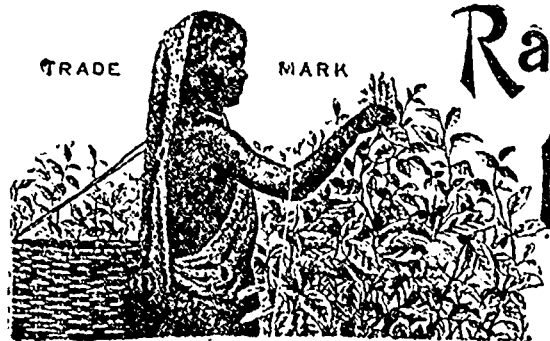
Lumber Cuttings.

The Western Lumber Co., of Rat Portage, closed down their mill for the season on Saturday last. The planing mill is still running.

Six million feet of longs have been received at Christies' mill, at Brandon, Man., this season, and one and a half million feet are at the mouth of the Bird Tail creek, on which stream they are brought down from the Riding mountain spruce forests, to the Assiniboine river, and thence to Brandon. The mill has sawn over 4,500,000 feet. A planer with a capacity of 20,000 feet per day, has been put in the mill this season.

The Bank of B. N. A. has accepted plans prepared by C. O. Wickenden, for its new building at Vancouver. They provide for a four-story, stone front building.

J. W. Conner, of Golden, has shipped a carload of cabbages to Calgary.



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Montreal Markets.

Flour—Ontario millers write to the effect that as they have to pay farmers 93 to 95c for their winter wheat they cannot afford to take less than \$4.65 for their straight roller laid down here on track which means \$4.75 here. City strong bakers are quoted steady at \$5.00 although we hear of a sale at \$4.85 to a dealer. We quote: Patent, winter, \$5.15 to \$5.25; patent, spring, \$5.25 to \$5.35; straight roller, \$4.75 to \$4.85; extra, \$4.65 to \$4.65; superfine, \$4.20 to \$4.35; fine, \$3.85 to \$4.00; Manitoba bakers, \$4.50 to \$4.75; Ontario bags—extra, \$2.15 to \$2.30; superfine, \$2 to \$2.10.

Oatmeal, etc.—Oatmeal is very dull, unsettled and lower, with sales of round lots of granulated as low as \$4 to \$4.05, but prices are so irregular at the mills that it is hard to give a reliable quotation. Granulated and rolled oats \$4.10 to \$4.20 per bbl, and \$2 to \$2.10 per bag; standard and fine oatmeal \$4 to \$4.05 per bbl and bags \$1.90 to \$2. Pot barley, \$4.15. Pearl barley, No. 1, \$7.25 per bbl, \$3.75 per half bbl; cornmeal, \$4.25 per bbl; split peas, \$3.25 per bbl.

Wheat—For export No. 1, Manitoba hard is worth \$1.05 to \$1.06 and No. 2 hard \$1.02 to \$1.03. Upper Canada winter and spring wheat is quoted at \$1.00 to \$1.01 for export but these figures are purely nominal in the absence of spot transactions.

Mill feed—There has been quite a drop in mill feed, sales of Ontario bran having been made at \$13 to \$13.50 in car loads and at \$14 for broken lots. Shorts have sold at \$15.50 to \$16.

Oats—Sales of car lots of No. 2 white, have been made at 32c, and No. 3 have brought 30; to 30½c per 34 lbs.

Barley—No. 2 Ontario barley is quoted at 55 to 56c, and No. 3 extra at 52c to 54c; feed 45 to 50c.

Eggs—There is a good export demand, England requiring all the fine, fresh stock we can give at full market values. Receipts of choice, fresh stock sell well at 14½ to 15½c, a few single cases bringing a fraction more.

Honey—Sales are reported as follows:—Comb, white, 14c to 15c, dark, 10c to 13c, and extracted 8 to 10c per lb as to quality.

Butter—In creamery sales of late make have transpired at 22½ and 22¾c and as high as 23c has been paid. We quote 21 to 22½c for fair to choice. In dairy butter sales of eastern townships have been made at 16½c up to 18c single tubs of choice bringing more money. High prices it is said are being paid in the eastern townships. Western is steady with sales at 15½ to 16c for fine lots, and we quote 15½ to 16c, higher prices being obtainable for single tubs.

Cheese—The market remained very quiet, and it looks as if we were about to experience a dull spell for some time to come. A few sales, however, are being made of finest stock on the basis of 10c and underpriced goods at 9c to 9¾c, but there is no business to any extent.

Potatoes—The market is improving with sales at 40 to 45c per bag.

Apples—Winter stock is commencing to arrive, and sales have been made at \$2 to \$2.10 per bbl. The shipments exports continue heavy. Evaporated apples steady with a slight advance of ½c per lb, sales of round lots having

been made at 8 to 9c. Dried apples nominal at 6 to 7c.

Hides—The anticipated drop has at length come on hides, which are half a cent lower. This has had the effect of stimulating business, and the market has been pretty well cleared. A car of hides was sold for Quebec at 6c for No. 1. Hides, No. 1, 5c; No. 2 4c; No. 3, 3c; tanners pay 1c more; lambskins, 70c; calfskins, 7 cents.

Wool—We quote: Greasy Cape 11½ to 16½c; B. A. scoured, 35 to 39c; scoured Australian, 38 to 40c; Northwest fine, 15 to 17c.

Groceries—The coffee market has been very unsettled with sales of Rio and Jamaica at 18c to 19c while sales of lots of 25 bags of Maracabo have taken place at 20c and we quote 20 to 21c, Java and Mocha are quoted at 24c to 25c. In sugar the principal change during the week was a decline of ½c in granulated which has sold at 4½c. Yellows, however, are firm at 3½c to 3¾c for low grade yellows, and 3½ to 4½c for choice to fancy brights. The raw sugar market is strong and excited with an advance of 6d to 1s reported from all the producing countries. Very little has been done in Barbadoes molasses, most of the business reported being in New York syrups in bbls. at 29c and New Orleans molasses at 25c. We quote Barbadoes at 35½ to 37c and Antigua at 30 to 31c. Syrups on wood have sold at 2½ to 3½c. A good business has been done in Valencia raisins, sales of 9,000 boxes having been made at 5½c to 5¾c for good to choice brands, and at 5½c for fair qualities. Currants are scarce and sales have transpired at 5½ to 6c for choice, a lot in equal proportions of bbls and halves at 5½c.

Nuts—Valencia shelled almonds 25c to 26c per lb; peanuts, 7 to 9c, and pecans, 16 to 17c. Grenoble walnuts, 13 to 13½c, and filberts 9c to 10c. Coconuts, \$3.50 to \$4 per 100.

Leather—Manufacturers' sole, No. 1, 17c to 19c; No. 2, 15 to 16c; waxed upper, 22 to 27c; splits, Quebec, 11c to 13c; splits, Western, 15c to 19c.—Trade Bulletin, October 17th.

Montreal Hardware Market.

Pig iron—The demand for pig iron, although somewhat better than previously, does not show that volume of business that the trade expected. Since our last there has been no change of importance, while values have ruled firm with a decidedly stronger tendency from undeniable causes. There is no coltness here to speak of, and prices on it are more or less nominal. Sales of Langloux have transpired at \$21, and Gartsherric can be quoted at the same figure, although we can cite no transactions in it. Eglinton is firm at \$19.50 to \$20, and Carnbroo shows an upward tendency at \$19.00 to \$19.50. On the whole the market is quiet, but prices are bound to advance in the natural course of events, shortly, yet buyers do not show any disposition towards business except for actual wants.

Bar iron—Matters continue quiet in bar iron, but it is said that developments may arise consequent upon the differences between eastern and western corporations which will prove interesting to buyers. At present \$2 is the nominal figure from jobbers' hands, but round lots from makers have been moved at considerably less.

Tin plates—There has been a firm market in tin plate since our last, all supplies arriving

being pretty well absorbed. In fact, prices are 10c higher at \$2.75 for coke for this reason for prompt delivery, although \$2.65 is quoted for supplies to arrive next week, but very little is to be had at that. At present it is certain that if an order for 200 boxes were had it could hardly be filled.

Terne plates—The demand for this article continues small, exceptionally so in fact, and supplies therefore are somewhat heavy. There is no change in prices, however, which rule steady at \$8.25 for upper and \$7.75 for lower grades.

Canada plates—Canada plates are dull and unchanged and round lots could be moved at 5c to 15c less than quotations. The supply comparatively is small but amply sufficient for the demand, while some good shipments have yet to arrive which should have been here earlier in the season.

Copper, lead and tin—There is no change in copper or lead locally. The former article has declined sharply on outside markets, but there is little or no stock to be had here and prices are the same. Lead is the same way. Ingot tin is absolutely out of stock here, and it is doubtful if 500 lbs. could be had for immediate delivery. As a result prices are stiff and higher at 23c.

Galvanized and zinc sheets—There is no change in galvanized sheets, which rule steady at 5c to 7c per lb. Zinc sheets are scarce and higher, with \$8.50 the regular asking price, an advance of 50c.

Nails—This article is without particular feature and nothing has arisen since our last. The nominal asking figure is \$2.15, but this, it is claimed, would be cut on.

Oils—There is little actual change in oils, which rule about the same. Cod oil is fairly active at 35c for Halifax and 28c for Newfoundland, while linseed runs at about 60 to 63c for raw and 64c to 65c for boiled. Little is doing in seal oil and no change is reported, while cod liver is unchanged but firm. Cod, Newfoundland, 40 to 45c; seal, steam refined, 47½ to 50c; linseed, raw, 62c to 64c; linseed, boiled, 64c to 66c; cod liver oil, Norway, 95c to \$1.15.

Leads—A steady jobbing demand is experienced, but there is no change to mention from the market of a week ago. We quote choice, 6 to 6½c; No. 1, \$5.50; No. 2 \$5; No. 3, \$4.50; dry white, 6c; red do, 4½c.

Glass—There is a good steady jobbing movement in this article on the former basis of \$1.40 or thereabouts.—Gazette.

In an item which appeared in THE COMMERCIAL of October 5, reference was made to the firm of Smyth & Mullin, of Cowansville and Granby, Quebec, which firm it was said, had assigned. The item should have read "have dissolved." The word "assigned" was purely a typographical error, on the part of the compositor, as we have since looked up the original copy, and find that it read "have dissolved." This unfortunate error was not detected by the proof reader, and consequently appeared in the publication. By this error an injustice has been done the firm of Smyth & Mullin, which we greatly regret. The firm is one of the oldest in that part of Quebec, and financially has always stood high. Its credit is still the best, and therefore the item will not cause the house any embarrassment, though none the less regrettable.

Important business Change.

The *Sentinel Review* newspaper, of Woodstock, Ontario, has the following to say regarding the amalgamation, of two well known implement firms:

"Elsewhere we announce to-day a business change of very great importance to the town of Woodstock. It is a union of the firms of Patterson & Bro. Co., of Woodstock and J.O. Wisner, Son & Co., of Brantford. These two firms, in their respective lines, have been among the leading manufacturers of the country for many years past. A fusion of their capital, energy and industrial interests will make one of the strongest firms in the Dominion of Canada. We have recently drawn attention to the great and increasing popularity of the Patterson binder. We have it, not from members of the firm, but from independent authority, that is now unquestionably the best binder made in Canada. Many men who have been in the Northwest this season tells us that it is the only one which has stood the test. And equally strong testimony is borne to its merits by the farmers of Ontario. The heavy crops of the present year have made a severe and true test of what a perfect binder should be; and the Patterson machine has come through triumphantly. And the machines made by the Wisners are not less popular than those of the Pattersons. Their grain drill has a reputation unsurpassed by any agricultural implement made on the continent. It has stood the test for years, as its enormous sales and increasing popularity in every part of the Dominion abundantly prove. The fusion of these two great firms into one is in no sense a combination, as the term is now understood. They have not been rival firms making the same machines and afterwards uniting for the purpose of controlling the trade and arranging prices. They have been two firms making different implements, in other words, occupying different fields in the industrial world. A consolidation of two such distinct industries into one is simply a new partnership for economy and the expansion of trade on a profitable basis. A fusion of their interests will give them obvious advantages in many respects. The public will get the benefit of these obvious advantages from a union of interests. To Woodstock the change will be a benefit. The head offices of the new firm will be here, as well as their chief factory. The heads of the company will live here; and in the division of their mechanical work Woodstock is certain to gain very largely. In other words, the change will bring a large number of new and skilled workmen to town. Both the Patterson and Wisner firms were strong before. It is safe to say that united they will be much more so in the future. The change which we announce is one of very great importance not only to the firms interested but to the people of Woodstock. We congratulate the Patterson-Wisner Co., on the prospects before them, and the town on being the headquarters of such a firm.

Early Mistakes.

The amount of wheat this country may be able to supply to Europe is now pretty generally called 225 million bushels. There are people willing to declare that 250 million bushels are possible. It is now quite generally accepted that the government calculations justify conclusion of about 590 million bushels of pro-

duction. Taking that as a basis of the Washington final estimate, the production would be 191 million bushels more than last year. Last year we spared 100 million bushels from what we had. If that amount is added to the excess of this year's production above last year, it would give us the ability to export 275 million bushels, if we had of the old crop to begin the season with as much as we had of an old crop to begin the previous season with. It is admitted that we began this season with less but not so much less by several million bushels as we had of the old crop to begin this season with. While it is unlikely that we will export 295 million bushels, it would be possible, if Washington calculations, this year, bear the same relation to results, that Washington calculations last year bore to the past season's results.

When the early rise came at the beginning of the season, Europe's shortage was estimated to swallow the surplus of other countries and yet lack several hundred millions of bushels of having enough to pull through the year with. Now with the fullness of this country established and better returns abroad, it began to dawn in the minds of the people that there was a great deal of absurdity in the calculations based upon semi-official figures.

If it is allowed that our exports will continue for the year at the rate we have shipped for the last three months—65 million bushels—the total for the year would reach 260 million bushels. If government calculations in the past are used as a point to figure from on this crop we can spare that amount, and if they are ignored it is possible perhaps to show it by facts gathered from other sources. If we export less than that, it will be because we do not drain our resources to the last. Whether we do or not will depend largely upon whether the price bid for wheat will take it from the hands of speculators. When European authorities claimed so great a world's shortage, they credited America with only 150 bushels of surplus wheat, and some continental guesses are proved by later facts to be relatively as far away from actual production. —*Minneapolis Market Record.*

Prices in British Columbia.

The *Vancouver News-Advertiser* says: "In the wholesale markets there is very little to note, except the further advance in the price of butter. The usual quotations are now 27½ and 29c, but for extra choice 28½c can easily be obtained, and there is a probability of a further advance. Dairy butter is almost entirely out of the market. Eastern dairy fetches 22c, while 23 and even 24c has been paid for very choice. Manitoba dairy fetches 20c. Cheese is still quoted at 12½c, although it will probably rise before long. Eggs are quoted at 20c per dozen.

A large trade is still going on in groceries. Several shipments of tea and rice have arrived on the *Empress of India* for local merchants. The quotations for sugar have not changed since last week and are as follows: Paris lumps, 6½c per pound; granulated, 5½c; light yellow 4½c; syrup, 3c. There is no change in the price of lard, which is quoted at the following figures: In tubs, 12c; in pails, 12½c; in tins, 13½c; lard compound, 10½ to 11c. Japan rice is worth 4½c per pound, and China rice, 4c.

Meats are quoted as follows: Dry salt, 12½c per pound; roll bacon 13c; breakfast bacon, 14½c; hams, 15½c; long clear, 12c.

The prices of flour are very unsettled, but the following are the usual quotations: Manitoba patents, \$8.00; Manitoba bakera, \$5.75; Oregon flour, \$8.00. Oatmeal is quoted at \$1.25 per 100 pounds; Eastern rolled oats, \$1.25; California, do, \$1.00. Feed shows an upward tendency, the prices being as follows: Wheat, \$35 per ton; chopped feed, \$36 to \$38; bran, \$25; shorts, \$27; oats, \$35; oil cake, \$40; hay, old or new, \$15 to \$16.

Mention was made a short time ago that the farmers were holding their potatoes, but now they are all anxious to sell, and the market is glutted with them, large shipments having been received from all parts. The quotations are from \$13 to \$16 per ton, the price having fallen in consequence of the large stock offered. Onions are quoted at \$1 per 100 pounds; cabbage, 75c; beets, \$1.50. Carrots are quoted at \$15 per ton for table use, and \$11 to \$12 for common.

By the last San Francisco steamer there arrived a large shipment of both green and dried fruit. A large shipment of fruit is also expected on the *Grandholm* from Portland, so that the market will be fully supplied. Apples are quoted at \$1.40 to \$1.60 per box; pears, \$1.50 to \$1.75; peaches, \$1.10 to \$1.25; plums, \$1 to \$1.15; tomatoes, \$1.25; grapes, in boxes, \$1.40; do, in crates, \$1.75.

United States Immigration.

From the statement issued by the Treasury Department of the United States we extract the following regarding immigration during the twelve months ending June 30th, 1891, compared with the same period of 1889-90:

	1890-91.	1889-90
Immigrants from—	Number.	Number.
Austria-Hungary	71,089	56,178
Denmark	10,037	9,312
France	6,703	6,581
Germany	113,531	92,469
United Kingdom	121,975	122,313
Italy	75,113	51,789
Netherlands	5,208	4,328
Poland	27,491	11,073
Russia (except Poland)	47,401	35,571
Sweden and Norway	49,392	40,895
Switzerland	6,811	6,992
Other countries	20,107	13,714
	555,406	451,219

The gross movement, therefore, gives an increase of 104,277, or over 23 per cent. Out of the total immigrants 448,404 chose New York as their port of entry, against 361,086 in the twelve months ending June 30th, 1890.

The *Canadian Gazette*, of London, England, says: J. D. McGregor and H. D. Mann, of Brandon, Manitoba, recently arrived in this country with a large shipment of rancho cattle. They returned to Canada last Thursday, September 24, by the *Labrador*, with the best lot of pedigree stallions (twenty-six in number, mostly Shires) ever shipped to the Canadian Northwest. The shipment included the Shire stallion "Blacksmith," by champion "Vulcan" out of champion "Fuchsia" bred by Lord Ellesmere, "Hail Stone," "Integrity," "Commander-in-Chief," "Better Luck," etc. The introduction into Canada or this, the best blood to be found in the world, cannot fail to be highly beneficial to the agriculture of the Dominion.

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Having hinted at some of the British Columbia defects in the development of export trade, it is not out of place to give a few similar hints to men and firms of the prairie country, who ship to the Pacific province. For certain classes of goods the market there belongs to the people of Manitoba and the Territories, if those people will only take pains and cater properly for it, but unfortunately the necessary care has not been given in the past.

The millers of the prairie country have already secured a firm hold in the flour market in British Columbia, thanks in some measure to the liberal rates to the coast fixed by the C. P. R. management, but in a much greater measure to the enterprise and push of the millers themselves. The flour of the Oregon mills is no poor article to compete against, but that made from the hard wheat of the prairie country is steadily forcing it out of the British Columbia market, and while prices are kept right, the latter must continue to hold its ground there. Thus our millers have a good and profitable market in a neighboring province, out of which no competition can drive them, until British Columbians themselves utilize some of their numerous natural water powers, import our hard wheat, and manufacture for themselves. That day may be near or distant just as enterprise carries out development there. The limited milling power, necessary to supply the home demand, could never compete with the huge milling interests of the eastern side of the mountains. But with a footing in the Asiatic market, where surplus products could be sold, a huge milling interest is not an impossibility in the Pacific province, especially where power would cost nothing, but the expense of bringing it into harness so to speak.

But the field in which the Manitoba exporter finds widest scope in British Columbia, is in butter, eggs, cured meats and such like goods. In the two former articles Manitoba has already secured a footing but nothing more than a footing. That the shipments of eggs there are so limited in quantity is not to be wondered at, for the surplus over local demand in the prairie country is by no means great. But the power of production is practically unlimited, and the British Columbia market for case eggs is at the mercy of Manitobans, if they will only cater properly for it. In the first place this prairie country can produce as fine eggs as any in the world, and in the second place eggs produced here can be laid down there fresher and in better condition, than they possibly can from any other outside source. The aim of shippers to British Columbia must therefore be, not to lay down their eggs as good as from any other source, but to lay them down fresher and better. That market is one, where quality tells in such goods, and Manitoba can, and should stand number one for quality. Once that position is taken, a much better market for eggs is secured.

What is true in connection with eggs is even more so with butter. There is not a butter expert in British Columbia, who will not admit, but for grain and other keeping qualities Manitoba butter properly made excels all others. One heavy dealer there asserted to a COMMERCIAL representative, that weather which would reduce California butter to little better than oil, or eastern Canadian butter to a soft state, would scarcely affect the firmness of well made

Manitoba butter. "But" added the same man, "from nowhere do we receive such a quantity of butter in such miserable condition." Even care in the selection of packages, and their arrangement in size to meet the wants of different customers, would work a wondrous reform, for it is not uncommon to see in Victoria or Vancouver Manitoba tub butter from the best creameries, selling at 25 to 26c a pound, and butter from the coast states, much inferior in fibre and other natural qualities, but made up into fresh looking rolls of about two pounds, and in beautiful fresh condition selling at 35c a pound. There is no reason why Manitoba butter should not be sent there as fresh, and in as attractive form as any imported from elsewhere. The time in transit and system of carriage is such as to give Manitoba an advantage over all others in this respect, so no blame can be attached to the C. P. R. in this matter. The entire blame lies with Manitoba butter makers, and until they mind their ways, they cannot secure a first place in the British Columbia market.

Considerable might be said about a pork supply for British Columbia from the prairie country, but the state of hog production in Manitoba is something disgusting. Year after year enough damaged wheat and other grain is sold, and shipped east from Manitoba, to be used as hog and cattle feed elsewhere, and enough potatoes and other roots are allowed to rot, which, if fed to hogs here, would produce annually hundreds of thousands pounds of pork, and make the province an exporter instead of an importer of such meat. It is useless to say that our local market is limited and does not allow scope for further development. British Columbia can take a big surplus, but it can take only hams, bacon and other meats well cured and in prime condition. All pork properly fed in Manitoba has an excellent flavor, and is entirely free from the danger of trichinae. If our farmers will only produce enough of it, our curers have advantages in climate and other essentials, which will enable them to give a good account of meat passing through their hands, and soon raise the reputation of the province for producing cured meats. In this, as in every other article of food, it must be kept steadily in view, that British Columbia wants a first class quality only.

Having used up quite a little space on the subject of mutual trade between the countries on each side of the mountains, it might not be out of place to devote a little attention to

MINING IN THE MOUNTAINS.

It is not the intention here to treat of the coal mining of the Pacific coast or the Island of Vancouver. That industry is so far developed as to require no notice. Nor would it be wise to follow the trail of mining in the Cariboo and other districts, but make a start in inland in the Columbia and Kootenay district, where there is every prospect of mining taking shape very soon as an industry of value to the country.

In entering a mining country it is tantalizing to meet with so many obstacles as are found in the track of real development. First to be met is the wandering adventurer, who has usually more inclination for wandering and dreaming than work. This speculative nuisance is one of the heaviest loads upon mining progress, for he belongs to the class, who will neither work nor starve, and he will contrive by some means to

live on the industry of others. Next comes the claim agent who usually resides in the town nearest to where a mining region is being opened. He is usually a loquacious loafer, who acts as a middleman between the wandering adventurer and the sucker to be salted, and shares in the make when the victim is landed. There is the capitalist shark too, with a few thousand dollars of loose cash, with which to secure an interest in some good claim, and work so as to freeze out the original owner if possible, and look outside for a new set of partners with funds enough to stand liberal milking. Some of those nuisances have made their appearance in the Columbia and Kootenay district, but on the whole that country has been pretty free from such parasitic pests. There are scores no doubt of claim hunters threading their way through the gorges of the mountains prospecting for valuable metallic deposits, but the great bulk of them are men of experience and in real earnest about the work they are engaged in.

Taking the town of Revelstoke as a starting point, it is now beyond doubt, that a country rich in valuable metallic ores lies all around. But it is equally certain that those valuable deposits are not to be developed and made to pay by the placer digger, and that only a combination of capital, machinery and mining skill can make them valuable. From this town the Columbia and Kootenay Steam Navigation Co., run steam boats twice a week during the open season down the Columbia river and upper and lower Arrow Lakes to Sproat's Landing, where the C. P. R. Co. have constructed a line of road some twenty five miles long to the growing mining towns of Nelson, from which another line of boats run in connection utilizing Kootenay Lake and river down south into United States territory. This combination of water and rail transportation has opened up, what is bound to prove the most valuable tract of mining country in the Dominion. The country abounds in deposits of lead, and copper, and shows unmistakable signs of silver and gold also. The days of prospect and assay are about over, and real work has commenced in quite a number of places. Among the claims being worked in the Nelson and Toad Mountain districts are the Silver King or Stall mine, the Dandy, the Grizzly and others. On these claims over one hundred men were at work in August, and the number has been steadily increasing as the season advances. In the Lardeaux river country several claims are to be opened up in the coming spring, and around the Toad Mountain country several new mines will probably commence operations about the same time. East of Revelstoke the Illecillewaet country has some rich mineral deposits, and these are likely to be operated upon with the opening of spring. There are numerous other points where rich finds will no doubt soon be operated on, and altogether there is a prospect of a stimulating of mining affairs into that healthy state, where they take shape as a valuable industry. In giving this impetus to legitimizing mining, the C. P. R. company and the Columbia and Kootenay Steam Navigation Co., have been the two great forces at work, and it seems as if their efforts in this direction are going to bear fruit very soon. It is just possible that before another year passes, THE COMMERCIAL will be able to record much more substantial progress in the mining affairs of the Columbia and Kootenay district.

Eastern Business Changes, ONTARIO.

S. J. Dixon, photos, Toronto, is dead.
 Louis Kuntz, brewer, Waterloo, is dead.
 O. Durocher, shoes, Ottawa, has assigned.
 T. S. Grant, grocer, Toronto, has assigned.
 Eliz. Finkle, tinsmith, Toronto, has assigned.
 Wm. McBean, builder, Toronto, has assigned.
 A. Williams, watches, Stayner, has assigned.
 A. Davies, clothing, Brantford, has sold out.
 R. H. Bailey, grocer, etc., Meaford, has sold out.
 R. Stevens & Co., shoes, Hamilton, has sold out.
 J. R. Paddie, hotel, Cedar Springs, has sold out.
 Globe Tobacco Co., London, sheriff in possession.
 John Sturrock, general store, Laggan, is dead.
 Robt. Waddell, insurance agent, London, is dead.
 Hugh McPhail, drugs, Hamilton, has assigned.
 J. H. Corin, grocer, etc., Toronto, has assigned.
 Mrs. L. Godin, green grocer, Ottawa, has assigned.
 J. N. Wood, grocer, Tilsonburg, has assigned.
 J. H. Thomas, shoes, Waterloo, has assigned.
 A. D. Hansell, jeweler, Belleville, has assigned.
 Donald McLean, grocer, Petrolia, has assigned.
 J. D. Moir, merchant, Thamesville, has assigned.
 Joseph Taylor, crockery, Toronto, has assigned.
 Manes & Booth, builders, Toronto, has assigned.
 Jas. Rogers, tailor, etc., London, has assigned.
 John White, Heathcote, meeting of creditors called.
 C. L. Thomas, piano manufacturer, Hamilton, is dead.
 G. A. Bateman, general store, Sutton, has sold out.
 J. W. Bannister, general store, Vanessa, has sold out.
 Smith & Jones, general store, Zephyr, has sold out.
 D. E. Jackson, dry goods, Gananoque, has sold out.
 J. S. Sharpe, general store, Pontypool, has sold out.
 W. Spencer, general store, Clavering, has sold out.
 C. S. Gillespie, hardware, Cambellford, has sold out.
 Jewel & Duff, general store, Pembroke, has assigned.
 C. E. Bennett, grocer, Brockville, has assigned.
 Hogarth Bros., general store, Mattawa, has assigned.
 D. L. Holtzman, general store, Morriston, has assigned.
 Geo. Trelford, stoves and tins, Arthur, has assigned.
 W & E. Gearin, flour and feed, Thorold, has assigned.
 Toronto Hardwood Lumber Co., Toronto, has assigned.

J. C. Drover, boots and shoes, Toronto, has assigned.
 Elias Meek, cattle, Township Waterloo, has assigned.
 L. Zeller & Son, cooper, German Mills, have dissolved.
 Rowe & Kilpatrick, harness, Stratford, have dissolved.
 Wm. Hoig & Son, tailors, Chatham, were burnt out.
 Wm. Thomas, hotel, Arkona, has sold out to G. W. Fair.
 A. & C. Denton, hardware, Tilsonburg, have suspended.
 Henderson Bros., planing mill, Coburg, damaged by fire.
 John Leslie & Co., general store, Beaverton, has assigned.
 J. W. T. Park, men's furnishings, London, has assigned.
 P. McEvoy, grocer, Ottawa, was partially burned by fire.
 Bourke & Co., men's furnishings, Windsor, have sold out.
 R. Goring & Son, general store, Queenston, have sold out.
 Daniel Boyle, butter, Ottawa, damaged by fire and water.
 Heimbecker & Zeigler, millers, Hanover, have dissolved.
 Wm. Campbell, dry goods and groceries, Elora, has assigned.
 Wm. Precious, grocer, St. Thomas, has sold out to M. R. Hatch.
 Mrs. Jos. Crew, sawmill, Gravenhurst, was burnt out; insured.
 Marsenna Morse, undertaker, etc., Niagara Falls, was burnt out.
 M. B. Twomey, liquors, Amherstburgh, has sold out to G. Taylor.
 Mrs. J. F. Burton, furniture and undertaker, Dundas, has sold out.
 Richard Tew & Co., wholesale crockery, Toronto, is in liquidation.
 Robt. Scates, general store, Arkona, has sold out to A. D. McDonald.
 John Whyte, pork packer, Mitchell, style now John Whyte & Son.
 J. H. Harratty, stationery, etc., Ottawa, is offering to compromise.
 Jeremiah Orser, general store, Harrietsville, has sold out to D. D. York.
 P. Baskerville Bros., wholesale grocers, Ottawa, were damaged by fire.
 S. F. Kennedy, printer, Wallaceburg, has sold out to Thomas Neelands.
 Geo. Taylor, confectionery, etc., Thamesville, has sold out to T. Davis.
 John Eastwood, of John Eastwood & Son, dry goods, etc., Toronto, is dead.
 Mrs. E. M. Crawford, crockery, Toronto, is offering compromise at 40 per cent.
 Wm. Austen, manufacturer spring mattresses, Kingston, is out of business here.
 Ontario Shoe Co., Ltd., Berlin, stock, plant, etc., advertised for sale by liquidator.
 Greig & McDonald, grocers, Hamilton, have dissolved and new partnership formed.
 Reid & Thirsk, sash and door factory, Uxbridge, were burned out; no insurance.
 The estate of W. L. Graham, men's furnishings, London, was sold to Graham Bros.
 T. A. Eton & Co., dry goods, Toronto, have been succeeded by The T. Eaton Co., Ltd.
 Kingswood & Hatch, grocers, St. Thomas, have dissolved; Kingsford continues alone.

Summer & Orrell, fancy goods, London, creditors have granted them an extension of time.

Sun Lithrographing Co., Toronto, have made application to have receiver appointed and the company wound up.

Alex. Jadine, spices, etc., Toronto, have dissolved; J. Strachan retires, business continued by Alex. Jardine under same style.

QUEBEC.

C. E. Carter, grocer, Montreal, has assigned.
 Lamothe Bros., grocers, Hull, have dissolved.
 N. Gelinac, dry goods, Three Rivers, has assigned.

Leonard & Frere, shoes, Montreal, have assigned.

J. G. Walton, drugs, Sherbrooke, has assigned.

Freres Dupre, lumber, Montreal, have dissolved.

F. X. Brassard, general store, River au Sable, is dead.

Eleazar Doucet, general store, Granby, has assigned.

Tanquay & Lafleur, saddlers, Quebec, have assigned.

L. Drouin & Frere, books, etc., Quebec, have assigned.

Rousseau & Brazeau, grocers, Montreal, have dissolved.

A. W. N. Bell, harness, etc., Quyon, curator appointed.

L. J. G. Archambault, grocer, Montreal, has assigned.

Alfred Robitson, confectionery, Montreal, has assigned.

A. C. Verreault, insurance broker, Montreal, has assigned.

Blondeau & Gravel, tanner, Quebec, have compromised.

I. Harris & Co., clothiers, Lachine; demand of assignment.

Cloutier & Cerrutti; dry goods, Three Rivers, have assigned.

J. D. McFarlane, general store, Buckingham has suspended.

Benj. Boudreault, general store, L'Ause St. Jean, has assigned.

Charpentier & Porcheron, plumbers, Montreal, have assigned.

Lipsky & Pickleman, paper stock, etc., Montreal, have dissolved.

David Williamson, general store and lumber, Grenville, has assigned.

W. H. Polley & Son, manufacturer shoes, Quebec, has suspended.

L. R. Baker, general store, Beauharnois, meeting of creditors held.

Belanger & Frere, electrical supplies, etc., Montreal, have dissolved.

Follert & Legrand, real estate agents, etc., Montreal, have dissolved.

G. R. Fabre & Son, wholesale saddlery hardware, Montreal, have assigned.

Compagnie Industrielle de Drummondville, Drummondville; liquidator appointed.

Joseph Dorais, general store, St. Chrysostom, meeting of creditors held on 15th inst.

Dumaresqu & Co., manufacturers agents and jobbers in dry goods, Montreal, have assigned.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Jas. E. Burns, Weymouth, has assigned.

Robt. West, general store, Bridgewater, is dead.

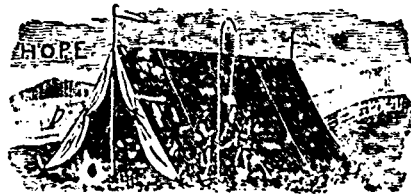
J. W. Buckley, Victualler, Amherst, has assigned.

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J. V. Burque, general store, Amherst, has assigned.

Chns. Pass, tobacco, billiards, &c., Sydney, is dead.

D. A. McLeod, victualler, New Glasgow, has assigned.

Moran & Bent, general store, Amherst, have dissolved.

Wier & Morrison, foundry, Stellarton, was burned out.

G. H. Grass & Co, dry goods, Springhill, have assigned.

Isaac Spicer, Lantz & Son, mill, Falmouth, have dissolved.

R. O. Chisholm & Co., grocers, Canning, have dissolved.

Delahunt & Savage, carriages, Amherst, have dissolved.

A. W. Moffat, grocer, Amherst, succeeded by C. F. Black.

Morrell Bros., foundry, River John, W. Morrell, sr., is dead.

H. A. Wilton & Co., general store, Port Williams, have sold out.

Henry Parkman, carriages, Windsor, offering a compromise of 40 per cent.

Churchill & Wetmore, tin-smiths and plumbers, Yarmouth, have dissolved.

Meteghan River Lumber Co., Ltd., Meteghan, property advertised for sale by tender.

Anderson & Co., grocers, etc., Halifax, business advertised to be closed Nov. 29th.

The estate of D. F. Power, grocer, etc., Halifax, stock advertised for sale by tender.

J. M. Chase & Co., manufacturer matches, Halifax, stock damaged by fire and water.

The following were burned out at Halifax :-
Brookfield Bros., lumber; S. R. Siteman, groceries and liquors; J. C. Merlin, planning mills; Mrs. M. J. Morley, dry goods, etc.; J. B. Neily & Co., commission; Shatford Bros., oil and commission; D. J. Forbes, fancy goods; Halifax Broom Co.; T. A. S. DeWolf & Sons, shipping and commission; Robert Carson, jewelry; V. F. Farrell, commission, etc.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Toomey Humphrey, butcher, St. John, is away.

A. F. De Forrest & Co., tailors, St. John, has assigned.

Allen Stairs, general store, Southampton, has sold out.

Cowan, Ellis & Co., wholesale hardware, St. John, has assigned.

C. E. Everett, furniture, St. John. J. A. Miller taken as partner as Everett & Miller.

G. Moffat & Co., lumber and mill, Dalhousie, were burnt out; loss, \$25,000, and no insurance.

Josiah Tingley, marble worker, Hopewell, was burnt out. Loss, \$2,000, and no insurance.

Threshing From The Stook.

The Portage Review has the following to say regarding threshing from the stook, all of which is very true, and a good deal more could be said in condemnation of the practice:

"Farmers as a general rule are too fond of trying new ways of burrying up their work as they call it. Some of them have received a

pretty severe lesson in Manitoba this year by giving up the old fashioned way of stacking their grain and taking to threshing out of the stook. Because one or two of their neighbors in some former year were blessed with fine weather during the latter process, not a few neglected stacking their grain when it was ready thinking they would save some trouble and labor. We did not say time for by the time the farmer returns the labor of his neighbors who come to help him draw to the machine he had really put in as much time as would have stacked the grain. This is not all, however, for in nine cases out of ten those depending on this way of threshing out their grain were caught by unfavorable weather. The grain is never so bright, even in the most favorable years when threshed from the stook as when it has been stacked and allowed to sweat. Dealers assure us that it makes from three to five cents a bushel in the price of the wheat that loses this bright color which is got by this sweating. From whatever stand point we look at the matter we are of the opinion that the farmer is a loser by not stacking his grain as soon as it is fit to put together. It is to be hoped the severe lesson taught this year will be the means of inducing farmers from following up the pernicious practice of threshing from the stook.

"Oldin" is the name of a new weekly Icelandic paper published by Olafsson & Co., Winnipeg.

The cotton thread trade in the east is said to be demoralized through cutting prices in violation of the agreement.

Wheat in Britain.

Speaking of the English wheat harvest, the London *Miller*, of October 5, says: "One of the most protracted harvests on record is the verdict that must be pronounced concerning a season when wheat cutting began on August 12, but not fully completed in the more forward counties until October 3. That the bulk of the crop has been reduced during September we do believe. Owing to the want of sun there has been no over-ripened grain to drop from the ears, and unless it be as this form of shed corn, the loss from a protracted harvest is in condition more than anything else. Reports which have come to hand during September have pointed to the yield in the south and west being smaller than at first supposed, and to that in eastern and east midland shires somewhat exceeding the earlier estimates. These modifications, however, are not yet certain, and, even if accepted, will about balance each other, leaving the total practically what we estimated its being a month ago.

The *Miller* reviews the British wheat market for September as follows:—

"The month's trade began with quiet markets. On the 3rd, at the Baltic, wheat cargoes gave way 6d per quarter. On the 5th new English wheat reached 2s. per quarter at Chesterfield, Colchester, Gloucester, Leicester, Northampton, Newcastle, Nottingham, Shrewsbury, York and Worcester. Where 40s had been asking, 39s was accepted. On the 7th, at Mark Lane, English wheat, new crop, made 33s to 43s for white, and 36s to 41s for red; foreign was neglected at 61 decline. On the 8th the Baltic for wheat cargoes was 6d lower from the 3rd, and a further decline of 61 was allowed on the following day. On the 10th new English wheat was in fair supply at Birmingham, and about 37s was the mean of value; foreign wheat was 1s lower on the week. On the 11th the London wheat average was 40s 8d per quarter, but the market was very depressed in tone, and Liverpool gave way 4d per cental on the fortnight. On the 12th the imperial average was 41s 2d, but new wheat only made 37s per quarter. On the 14th London declined 1s per quarter for new English wheat, and all foreign sorts favored buyers. Flour made 39s top price, and 30s country makes of old wheat. On the 15th Liverpool was steadier for American wheat, but Spalding was 2s 6d cheaper for new English. On the 15th Hereford was 2s lower, and a similar reduction was allowed at Boston. On the 17th Bristol was 6d lower for foreign wheat, and some new English was sold as low as 33s per quarter. On the 18th the London wheat average was 36s 6d, a fall of 4s 2d on the week. Liverpool, on the other hand, recovered 2-1 per cental on California wheat. The imperial average on the 19th was 36s 5d, or 4s 9d decline on the week. The price represented about the measure of difference between old and new crop. The London market on the 21st was steadier, but English wheat, new crop, was offered freely at 36s per quarter. On the 22nd American red winter was quoted 40s per quarter for cargoes. On the 23rd Russian wheat improved 6d per quarter at Mark Lane, and Indian No. 2 club was firm at 39s per quarter. The Scotch market was steady. On the 24th Bristol was firm, and Birmingham in sellers' favor, but the tone at Manchester remained flat. On the 25th red winter was sold for 39s

6d, making 2s 6d decline from that day month, and 6d fall from the 22nd. The London average for English wheat was stationary at 36s 7d per quarter. On the 26th the imperial average fell to 34s 5d. On the 28th at Mark Lane fine new English made over 40s, but the bulk of offerings were quoted at 36s per quarter. Foreign wheat was firm. On the 29th red winter was steady at 39s 6d, and No. 2 club at 39s per quarter, and the last day of the month accepted former currencies as a fair basis for business. The new English wheat was a rarity at markets till about the 19th, when a good bulk began to come forward. Condition left almost everything to desire, but quality and weight were by no means uniformly satisfactory.

"October has to complete the Scotch and Irish harvest, and that of at least a dozen English counties. The course of the markets will be to all appearance in buyers' favour for English wheat, while foreign sorts should be firm. With an unprecedented amount of trade to be done in the way of transporting grain from the countries holding an excess to those admitting a deficiency, the exchanges of Europe are likely to be more than usually susceptible."

Toronto Live Stock Markets.

Cattle—All good grades of cattle found an active market at steady prices, but inferior stuff was not much wanted and a good deal of it was left over unsold. Exporters were buying good fat animals for immediate shipment pretty freely, but two firms were the chief purchasers. About 1,200 head are still wanted for distilleries and they will in all probability be purchased during the coming month. From 2½ to 3½c per pound was paid for this class of stock, classified as follows: Bulls weighing about 1,000 pounds 2½c per pound, and 1,200 pounds and upwards, 2½c per pound. Good steers, from 1,000 pounds upward, from \$3 to \$3.25 per cwt. and for extra choice heavy steers, \$3.50 per cwt.

Stockers for export met with a fair market at somewhat lower prices. Between three and four hundred head altogether were purchased at prices ranging from 2½ to 3½c per pound. Butchers' cattle were easier, owing chiefly to the large supply and rather inferior quality. Prices for this class ranged from 2½ to 3½c per pound.

Sheep and lambs—The demand for good sheep for export was active and all offered met with a good market at from \$5.50 to \$6.50 each. Lambs and butchers' sheep were rather slow of sale being quoted at \$3 to \$3.50 each for lambs, and \$3.50 to \$4.50 each for sheep. Butchers preferred to take sheep at these prices.

Hogs—The market was easier but moderately active for all fat hogs, which sold at \$4.40 to \$4.60 per cwt., with a few picked lots going up to \$4.80 per cwt. Mixed lots went at \$4.30 to \$4.40 per cwt. Stores and inferior animals were not wanted.—*Empire*, Oct. 17.

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