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WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 16, 1889.

J. COHEN, hotelkeeper, Vancouver, has assigned.

J. F. McFARLANE, baker, Vancouver, B. C., has sold out.

CARSON & COETTS, lumber, Miami, have dissolved partnership.

G. LACROIX, general storekeeper, Mats Yui, B. C., has assigned.

BOORNE & MAY, photographers, Calgary, have dissolved partnership.

E. J. COLLIER has opened a grocery and butcher shop at Regina.

A. F. ANDREWS, general store, Stockton, has sold out to R. McLachlan.

JOHN THOMPSON has been appointed agent at Ripid City, Man., for A. Harris Son & Co.

A. J. Osment is buying pork for packing at Indian Head, at 6½c per pound

F. E. BIRD, books and stationery, Winnipeg, has sold out to Geo. Douglas Rice

WALTON & POLLENER, liquors, Vancouver, B. C., contemplate giving up business.

J. T. WHEELER, boots and shoes, Glenboro, have opened a branch at Wawanessa, Man.

FERRIER, land roller and pump maker, Shoal Lake, has removed his business to Portage la Prairie.

McGREGOR, Man., wants a doctor. There is no physician within many miles of the settlement.

CLUTTERHAM & Co., hardware, Portage la Prairie, have sold out to H. S. Brown, a Toronto man.

E. H. IRISH, saddler, Birtle, Man., has assigned for the benefit of his creditors to W. N. Johnson, of Winnipeg.

THE engineers of the Regina & Long Lake railway have reached Prince Albert with their first trial line.

A CAR load of butter was shipped last week from Scott's creamery at Shoal Lake, Man., to British Columbia.

ABOUT 70,000 bushels of wheat have been marketed up to date at McGregor, Manitoba, so far on this crop.

CHERRY & CREECH, furniture and upholsters, Victoria, B. C., have suspended and the sheriff is in possession.

THE big pile of C. P. R. coal at Fort William is on fire from spontaneous combustion and it will be some days before it can be put out.

A. W. E. THOMPSON, furniture, Winnipeg, has giving up retail furniture business and contemplates going into the wholesale business.

A FIRE in the basement of J. L. Blair's dry goods store, Winnipeg, last week, did considerable damage to the stock, mostly from smoke.

THE Massey Manufacturing Company are erecting a large implement warehouse at Regina, under the supervision of C. J. McCascker, local agent.

IT is reported that E. L. Drewry, of the Redwood brewery, Winnipeg, will double the capacity of his establishment. Plant for this purpose has been ordered.

THE new hotel which has been erected at Carman, Manitoba, for Fred Starkey, late of the New Douglass house, Winnipeg, will be opened this week.

G. T. MARSH reports the sales of town lots in Regina this year made by him for the Town Site Trustees as amounting to \$50,000, against \$20,000 last year.

B STEELE and P. Woolley have made arrangements to go into the agricultural implement business at Deloraine and will handle F. Fairchild's goods.

OWING to the bad crops in Dakota, quite a number of people of that state are moving into Manitoba. Quite an influx from Dakota is expected in the spring, as a good many prospectors have been here looking for locations for parties of settlers who purpose leaving Dakota.

MANAGER McKAY, of the territorial experimental farm, Indian Head, Assa., says that last spring 15,000 forest trees were set out and many varieties of fruit trees, including apple, plum, cherry, pear, etc. Trees that were planted last year wintered well, but some of the fruit trees were killed by the spring frosts.

MAJOR BOULTON, of Shell River, Manitoba, has been appointed Senator to fill the place vacated by the appointment, some time ago, of Hon. Mr. Schultz to the position of Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba. J. A. Loughhead, of Calgary, has also been appointed to the Senate in the place of the late Senator Hardisty, of Edmonton.

THE Calgary Tribune says: "The Midnapore woollen mill is fast approaching completion. The manager, W. H. Dyson, has now returned from the East, bringing with him all the necessary machinery for finishing all classes of woollen goods. The first lot of blanket will probably be ready in a week's time, followed by flannels, shirtings and tweeds in quick succession. It will now be possible to obtain in the district, woollen goods free from any admixture, made from wool of a very high class."

W. WIGNON, general agent for the Watson Manufacturing Company, visited Minnedosa, Man., recently, and appointed R. B. Rook agent for his Company.

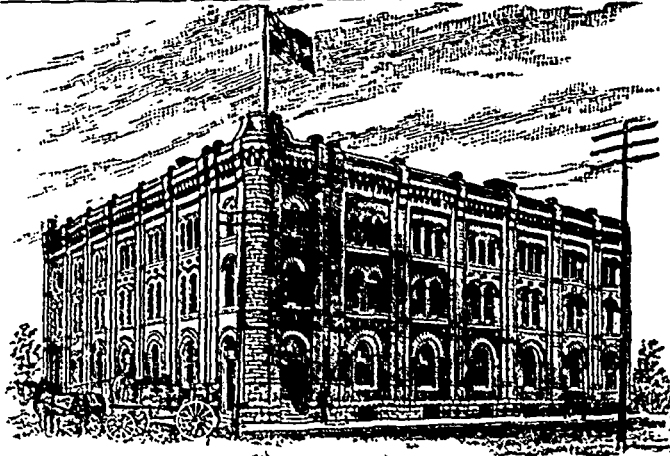
W. R. BROCK, of the wholesale dry goods firm of W. R. Brock & Co., Toronto, was a visitor in the city last week. This is his first trip west since the year 1882, and he is pleased with the progress made since that time, and expresses his confidence in the future of the country.

THE board of trade of Macleod, Alberta, held its annual meeting recently and elected the following officers: President, D. W. Davis; 1st vice-president, F. W. G. Haultain; 2nd, H. Taylor; secretary-treasurer, D. J. Campbell; council of five, Messrs. Wood, Quail, Kennedy, J. Black and C. Craig. It was resolved to send a memorial to the Minister of the Interior, asking that no charter be granted for a railway through the Crow's Nest Pass, unless the said line shall pass through the town of Macleod.

THE option which the English syndicate had on the anthracite coal mines near Banff, expired last week, and the deal is off. The expert sent to examine the mine for the syndicate reported it is said that the distance of the property from centres of population was a great drawback, and until there was a larger population in the country the mine could not be worked to advantage on a large scale. It has been since reported that another offer has been made by the English syndicate, which is being considered. The offer is stated to be £175,000, whereas the sum first named was £300,000.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE Tribune, Dec. 11: The buyers on the wheat market are having a soft snap these days as the wheat is only coming in at the rate of a thousand bushels a day. The highest figure buyers will quote for No 1 hard is 75c, but it has to be an extra sample to fetch that price they say. From 65 to 70c seems to be the ruling price. Oats as usual are scarce and are quoted at 35 to 40c. Butter is quoted at 18 to 20c; eggs 25c; potatoes 75c; chickens 8c; turkeys 15c; geese 15c; beef dressed 4½ to 5c; dressed hogs 5 to 5½c; hides 2c; wood, dry poplar, \$3 per cord, oak \$4; hay \$6 to \$7 per ton.

ACCORDING to the Calgary Tribune, \$282,900 have been expended in improvements in that place this season. Some of the principal items in the list are as follows, Court house, \$38,000; Critchley's block, \$5,000; Catholic church, \$16,000; Alexander block, \$20,000; Alberta hotel, \$35,000; Methodist church, \$4,200; Loughhead's block, \$11,500; Bank of Montreal, \$25,000; Lineham's block, \$3,500; barracks, hospital and guard room, \$30,000; Eau Claire Lumber Company, \$40,000; Hodder's houses, \$5,500; steam laundry, \$850; A. Ross, cottage and stables, \$1,500; other residences, job work, \$20,000; market, \$1,000; sidewalks and street gradings, \$3 500; Calgary electric light, \$12,000; Telephone Company, \$400; McNaughton's block, \$1,500; agricultural society, \$5,500. The expenditure of the Eau Claire Lumber Company has been in putting in electric light plant and additional motive power. Real estate has also moved freely at Calgary. W. F. Ramsay, agent for the townsite trustees, has sold 502 lots, for over \$60,000, against sales equal to \$20,000 last year. Other real estate agents estimate their aggregate sales at \$160,000.

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Capt. McNaughton, jeweler, Westminster, is dead.

Gilker & Wells, Revelstoke, intend opening a branch store at Nelson in the spring.

The by-law to raise \$650,000 for sewage purposes, at Victoria, has been defeated by 209 majority.

W. H. Vianen, of Westminster, has shipped to Calgary 500 pounds of fresh sea fish, principally cod and salmon.

H. Davis & Son, painters, etc., at Kamloops, have dissolved partnership. The business will in future be carried on by Davis, senr.

The Poodle Dog restaurant, Nanaimo, conducted by Peter Jamieson, has been sold to Michael Harkin and De Witt Crist.

The steamer Rustler, owned by Mr. Manson, of Nanaimo, has been wrecked by striking a rock. She is a total loss, to the extent of \$6 000.

The bankrupt stock of John Campbell, clothing and furnishings, Kamloops, has been sold at 64 cents on the dollar, to Campbell and Phillips, of Westminster.

J. A. Strong connected with the press of the province, and lately with the weekly *Victorian*, has moved to Puget Sound. The *Victorian* will be conducted by Walter C. Kurtz, who is now sole owner.

The *Vancouver World* says: "The store and stock of Kwong Joy Shing & Co., dealers in Chinese merchandise, Dupont street, were seized on a writ for over \$5,000, and are now in the hands of the sheriff. The partners are in Victoria, and the store has been under the care of a manager. The seizure was made at the instance of Frank, of Victoria.

Negotiations are under way for the incorporation of a British Columbia syndicate, with a large amount of capital, which will provide employment for a large number of Scottish Crofters immediately upon their arrival here. The syndicate intend to equip several sealing and fishing schooners and man them with the hardy Scotchmen, and also employ others in the oil works and at a saw mill to be established near Alberni.

The first annual meeting of the British Columbia Cattle association was held at Kamloops, on December 2. There were some 30 or 40 members in attendance. The election of officers resulted in last year's officers being all re-elected by acclamation as follows: President, J. C. Moore; vice-president, J. C. Barnes; treasurer, J. Hill; secretary, J. Tait. Directors: J. Wilson, M. Sullivan, W. J. Roper, J. T. Edwards, J. Gilmore, C. O'Keefe, W. W. Spinks, J. Hull.

Westminster Columbian: "The cheese factory at Chilliwack, of which A. C. Wells is the proprietor, and which is the only establishment of the kind in the province, has just closed down after a most successful season's work. During the period the factory was in operation 20,000 pounds were manufactured, all of which has been disposed of at a most satisfactory figure. The cheese has all been sold in the province for home consumption, and it is in great favor wherever it has been used, its quality being acknowledge as equal to the imported article. The factory will be run to the fullest extent next season, and it is expected the output will be considerably greater than this year.

Following are the customs collections at the various ports of the province for the month ending November 30th:

Westminster	\$10,402 00
Nanaimo	6,904 93
Vancouver	12,696 12
Victoria	62,610 34

The following are the inland revenue returns for Victoria for the month of November:

Spirits	\$6,288 49
Malt	970 98
Tobacco	482 30
Cigars	1,189 65
Licence	50 00
Petroleum inspection	117 40
	\$9,078 52

Vancouver World:—For some time back it has been known that efforts were being made to secure the erection in this city of a modern grist and flouring mill. To-day we are in a position to state that the efforts are likely to be crowned with success. Before going over to Victoria a few days ago Mr. Reford, a citi-

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zen of Montreal, had a conversation with the Mayor on the subject. Mr. Reford returned from the Capital, accompanied by T. B. Hall, resident director of the Mount Royal Milling Co., Montreal, and senior partner of the firm of Hall & Ross, proprietor of the Victoria Rice Mills. They were on their way to New Westminster in connection with the title of a site whereon to erect the proposed mill in this city, which they informed a *World* representative would be a grist and rice mill combined, and that a considerable number of men would get steady employment in the new concern, the erection of which is to be proceeded with at once.

At the next session of the British Columbia Legislature application will be made for an act granting to the Spokane Falls and Northern Railway Company power to construct a railway from a convenient point near the mouth of the Pen d'Orcelle River, near the southern boundary of the Province, to a convenient point near the town of Nelson, on the west arm of Kootenay Lake, and for a grant of land in aid thereof, or for an act to incorporate a company for the above purposes. The same company will apply for power to construct a railway from a convenient point on Kettle River, near the southern boundary line of the Province; thence by the most convenient route by way of Rock Creek and Osoyoos Lake to the Fraser River, near its mouth, or to the Coast, or for an act to incorporate a company for the above purposes.

Victoria Colonist:—Preparations for next spring's sealing are already being made, and if reports which are in circulation are at all reliable, the coming season will be a very good one, as the seals all along the coast are said to be plentiful. The "Mary Ellen," Capt. Dan. McLean, will sail from San Francisco about the middle of December; the "Sapphire," Capt. Wm. Cox, will start fitting out next week, and the "Maggie Mac," will go on Turpel's ways next Thursday preparatory to fitting out. It is rumored on Wharf street that Capt. Dodd of the "Maggie Mac," has about completed the purchase of a neat steam schooner yacht for use in the sealing, and which will be capable of steaming sixteen knots an hour.

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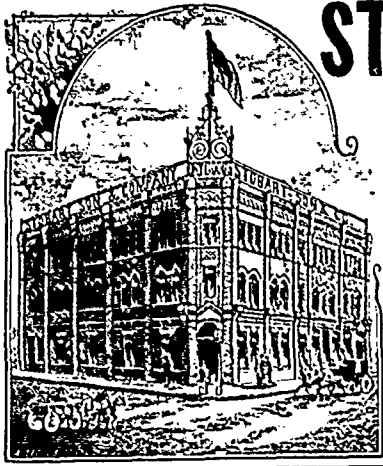
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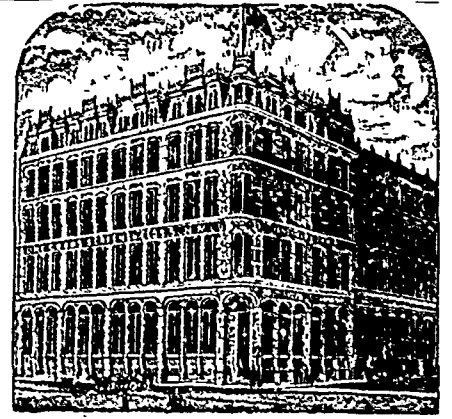


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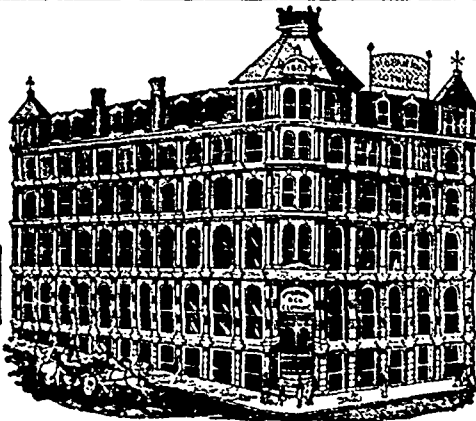
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BRITISH METAL TRADE.

Recent reports of the condition of trade in Great Britain are of a hopeful tenor. For October exports increased £2,107,000 and imports for the same time increased £3,173,000. The increase in imports as well as in exports shows activity in manufacturing, as the increase in imports is largely due to the demand for raw materials for manufacturing purposes. In this expansion of trade, no industry shows greater activity than the metal branch. Indeed, the most noticeable features of the trade revival are in connection with metals, and they are shown in two directions, namely: increase in exports, and sharp advances in values.

The figures for October showing the improvement in business are only an index to the general situation. Since the first of the present year, imports have increased £34,349,000, and exports £9,837,000 over last year for the same period. In the apparent trade revival textile goods have also taken an important place, woollens especially being in good request and advancing in price.

As stated, however, the most notable features have been in the metal trade. Copper, for instance, shows the phenomenal increase in quantity of over 207 per cent. in exports for October, as compared with the same month last year. The value of copper exports, however, is not in proportion to the quantity, showing an increase only of over 97 per cent. Iron and steel exports show an increase of 22.1 per cent. in quantity and 23.8 per cent. in value. Exports of iron and steel for October were 420,195 tons, against 344,211 tons for October last year, valued at £2,836,646, as compared with £2,291,223 last year.

The remarkable advance in prices of iron and steel has been a more important feature than the increased movement. In 1888 Scotch pig iron warrants were sold as low as 37s. 1d., and the highest price reached last year was 41s. 1d. Quotations this year for Scotch pig iron have reached upwards of 60s. The rapid change in the British metal trade from a condition of long continued depression to the present strong situation has been a matter of wonder, and a cause of much comment. For nearly ten years the British iron trade has suffered severe depression, until at one time it had reached a condition almost of complete despair. Still the production of iron went on increasing during the era of low prices. The decline in values led to cheaper modes of manufacture, and at the same time to increased consumption. Iron became so cheap that its use became more general, and at last it became apparent that the consumption of the commodity was increasing more rapidly than production. Suddenly the trade realized that stocks had been so depleted that there was almost a scarcity of iron, and this, coupled with higher prices for coals and advancing tendency in wages, has led to the present extraordinary upward movement.

A feature of the increased consumption is that it has been largely for the home trade.

Exports show only 128,000 tons so far this year in excess of 1888. This steady and gradual growing home demand was hardly noticed, until the possibility of a famine in iron came like a sudden revolution to the trade. Had the increased consumption been for export, it would have been more quickly revealed, and manufacturers would have had time to prepare beforehand. As it was, however, stocks seemed to disappear so suddenly that it was a surprise to dealers, hence the excitement attending the rapid advance in values. Stocks in the United Kingdom, it is said, have been reduced 750,000 tons since last January.

The consumption of steel has increased rapidly of late years, especially in ship building. Steel in many ways is superseding iron, thus causing a growing demand for hematite pig. Hematite ores for British furnaces are mainly obtained from Spain, where, it is said, the supply is being limited. Stocks of hematite pig in England are not large, and some anxiety is felt in this trade.

The immediate future of the iron and steel trade in Great Britain is one of unusual interest, and many speculations are being made as to the outcome of the present "boom" in prices. It will remain to be seen what influence the high values will have on consumption, and whether it will lead to a falling off in the demand sufficiently marked to change the aspect of reserve stocks at an early date. On the score of wages, however, higher prices for iron than formerly ruled, would seem necessary. The cost of coal has been increased, owing to advances in wages of miners, in addition to the direct influence of higher wages of iron workers. This tendency to increase the cost of labor, if permanent, as it apparently is, will add strength to the situation of iron, and help to sustain the recent advances in values.

AN ALGOMA ENTERPRISE.

Our contemporaries down by Lake Superior are just at present greatly taken up with a scheme to utilize the water of Kakabeka falls, on the Kaministiquia river, about twenty miles from Port Arthur. This water-power is situated in a central point of the rich mineral region surrounding, and it is proposed to utilize the power in working the mines. Some gentlemen from Minneapolis have interested themselves in the scheme, and an expert who has examined the locality claims that the power can be easily utilized. Already visions of a large city, with smelting works, pulp mills, etc., are being seen by the residents of the district. The plan is to utilize the water-power for generating electricity, to supply power, light and heat to the mines of the surrounding country, reducing ores, etc. A town has been laid out, and it is said a bridge will be built across the river, and a number of buildings erected in the spring. It is also said that the company owning the water-power will establish smelting and other works on a large scale, necessary for the treatment of the various ores found in the district. The Port Arthur, Duluth & Western railway, now in course of construction, will reach the vicinity of the proposed operations.

It will not do to be too sanguine over the reports of the scheme, until it is shown beyond

doubt that those interested in the undertaking intend doing something more than "booming" the locality. It is to be hoped, however, that the enterprise is a solid one. The mineral wealth of the district is an established fact, and what is needed is development. Works for the treatment of ores convenient to the mines have long been a necessity, and should prove a paying investment. At present ores from the mines in the Port Arthur district are sent from one to two thousand miles for treatment. That the mines can be worked at all under these disadvantages, would indicate that they are valuable properties. Of course only the very rich ores can be made to pay under the present conditions, but with reduction works at hand the lower grade ores could be made to pay. Works for the treatment of the silver, lead, copper and iron ores found so plentifully in the district, are the first requisites of that country, and if the present scheme leads to the establishment of such undertakings, an era of activity may be looked for in the development of the mineral wealth of the Thunder Bay region.

MR. GREENWAY AND THE FLOUR DUTIES.

Premier Greenway, since his return to Winnipeg, has denied the statements attributed to him, regarding the breadstuffs' duties. It will be remembered that when in Toronto recently, Mr. Greenway was interviewed by a deputation of Ontario millers, who sought to secure his aid in their agitation for an increase in the duty upon flour. As wheat is our principal commodity for export, no doubt the Ontario millers thought that it would be an easy matter to lead Manitobans into the agitation with them for higher duties, and they accordingly made use of the opportunity to sound the Manitoba Premier on the subject. The telegraphic report from Toronto, which was commented upon in a recent issue of this journal, said that Mr. Greenway had stated that he was with the millers in their agitation, and that he would appoint a committee of the house to look into the question.

In an interview in Winnipeg since his return, Mr. Greenway flatly contradicts these statements. In view of the comments previously made regarding this matter, it is but right that this denial should be published. Following are the remarks of the Premier, to a *Sun* reporter:

"Talking to Hon. Mr. Greenway yesterday about the duty on flour, the Premier denied that he ever promised to have a committee of the legislature appointed to deal with the question. He must have been misunderstood. A couple of gentlemen called upon him in Toronto, and he had an informal talk with them, when the duty on flour and wheat was discussed. He told them what must be patent to all, that the fault was not so much with the duty as with the freight rates. If a rate could be secured between Winnipeg and Toronto which would in some way come near the rate between Minneapolis and Toronto, there would be no necessity for an increase of duty. No wonder the Ontario market was periodically flooded with United States flour. This would likely be so as long as the freight rates were so unequal. He did not doubt that Sir John Macdonald would be very glad to have Manitoba agitate for an increase in the tariff. This would give him an excuse to yield to the importunities of Ontario millers. But it would not be a very

good thing for the maritime province people who have to buy nearly all their flour. Mr. Greenway did not think we in Manitoba who were always crying out against the tariff could afford to stultify ourselves by demanding that the tariff on flour be increased."

This is very different from the telegraphic account of the interview at Toronto, and is more in keeping with what might be expected from the Manitoba Premier. Mr. Greenway it will be seen from the paragraph above, takes the same view of the matter as was previously pointed out in this journal, namely; that what is of most importance to Manitoba in considering this question is lower freight rates.

A STRAW BINDER.

A year or so ago, in discussing the binding twine question, the remark was made in these columns, that what is really needed is a straw binding reaper. It was predicted that such a machine would probably ultimately be produced and that there would be a fortune in it for the inventor. It seems already that there is a good prospect that such a machine will be speedily obtainable.

The high prices for binding twine last year set many persons to thinking of something which could be used as a substitute. A number of new kinds of binding twine were placed upon the market; but all efforts were not turned in the direction of discovering a cheap twine, for apparently a great deal of study has been given to the idea of inventing a straw binder. The Illinois State Grange last spring offered \$10,000 for a machine or an attachment which would bind successfully with straw. Forty applicants submitted models of inventions for this purpose, several of which were ingenious machines, but only one was considered satisfactory. Of this machine the committee having the matter in hand report as follows:—

"We have seen this machine bind grain, and it does the work much finer and better than can be done by straw bands by hand. It has an extra attachment for short straw or grain that can be set in motion by the foot of the driver. This binder seems perfect in all its parts, more simple and easier to operate than the twine binder."

The Grange offered the \$10,000 for this invention, but it was refused, on the ground that a much better offer had been received. If this machine turns out as represented it will be a matter of vast importance to farmers, and it may be considered one of the most valuable inventions of the times. It will represent a vast saving in cash paid out annually by farmers for binding twine. At the price of binder twine ruling last season, it would save about \$200,000 annually to the handfull of farmers in Manitoba, on the present acreage of the province, in a fair crop year. The farmers may therefore be expected to watch with interest for further news concerning this straw binding machine.

THE FUR TRADE.

The present seems to be a somewhat precarious time in the fur trade, and a feeling of uncertainty as to the future of prices is evidently a feature of the situation. At the London sales last spring,

American furs as a rule sold well, and in many kinds there were sharp advances in values. Recent reports from fur centres, however, are disappointing. It is claimed that dealers have been unable to make a profit on American furs this season, and are consequently slow buyers. Large quantities of some furs, it is claimed, are left over. German and Russian buyers are said to be very cautious in their purchases of these furs.

The worst feature, however, so far as American furs is concerned, is that fashion this season has led in favor of foreign sorts. Later reports from foreign fur centres speak of some demand for the cheaper classes of furs, such as red fox, muskrat, etc., but the finer furs are said to be too high in price to meet the views of buyers. It appears that the finer American furs are being neglected, in favor of, sheep, goat, and other foreign kinds. Astrakhan and Persian lamb have had a large sale for the British and European trade, and this is telling against furs from this continent. In American markets, too, fashion has led in favor of Astrakhan and Persians, and advices from New York report large sales of these goods, to the neglect of our finer and more durable native furs. Caps, capes, and other garments in the foreign furs mentioned, have had a very large sale this year, while some American furs which were expected to be popular, have not drawn well. Seal of course holds its own in American and foreign markets and is still a favorite in caps, etc. Beaver, otter, fisher, skunk and mink furs have not it is reported met with a good demand from manufacturers in Europe, which furs they report too expensive for their trade, and where American furs have been taken, they have been for cheaper grades or less valuable sorts. The following from the Leipzig correspondent of the *New York Fur Trade Review* will explain the situation in that market:—

"It is not easy to determine the prospect for American furs. We must earnestly warn American shippers against paying too high prices for skins. Russia, the most important consumer of American furs, is a slow buyer now, and cannot afford to meet any considerable advance in prices next spring. German dealers find the present values too high—both for their domestic and foreign trade. Shippers should take everything into account—the condition of the trade at Leipzig, as well as the state of the home market and the results at London. No one has been able to make a profit on American furs this year—musquash, for instance, which has been a good article in former years, has been sold at cost, merely to move it. Skunk cannot be sold or handled in quantity, and inferior sorts can scarcely be sold at all. Trade in racoon has been very much better in former years. Bear, beaver and otter cannot be handled above present values."

After a strong upward movement in any commodity, there is usually a tendency to pay outside prices. Dealers and traders will, therefore, require, in view of the present situation in furs, to exercise special caution this season, and pay top price only for such skins as are of very choicest quality.

SILVER LEGISLATION DEMANDED.

A notable gathering was held at St. Louis, Missouri, recently, namely; the National Silver Convention of the United States. Governor

F. Davis, who opened the convention, complained that the surplus silver product of the United States was sold to England at its bullion value, and was by the latter country used at its coin value, which is about 33 per cent higher, to purchase wheat and cotton in India. The speaker endeavored to show from this that the depression in the value of silver worked against the United States, and to the disadvantage of the farmers of the country in their competition with India.

The report of the committee on resolutions makes assertions to the effect that the demonetization of silver has reduced prices more than 30 per cent; that it causes contraction of the currency, thereby reducing the value of products; that the certificate of the government, backed dollar for dollar by gold and silver coin, is a safe currency; and that no nation ever had or will have too much gold and silver coin. The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, that Congress be requested by this convention to provide at its first session for opening the mints of the United States to the free and unlimited coinage of standard silver dollars of the present weight and fineness, to be legal tender for all debts, public or private, equal with gold, and that until such a provision is made the Secretary of the Treasury be required to coin the maximum, \$4,000,000 worth of silver per month, as now authorized by law.

The present issue of silver certificates in the United States amounts to two millions per month. As the great bulk of these silver dollars remain permanently in the treasury, why would it not do to hold the silver bullion and save the expense of coinage amounting to nearly a million dollars a year? The cost of coinage is said to be about two per cent, which will amount to quite a sum on the vast quantity proposed to be coined. It is stated that there are now in the treasury 283,000,000 of standard silver dollars. The silver question is likely to cause a great deal of discussion at the next meeting of Congress, and action thereon will be watched with interest by those on both sides of the controversy.

ONTARIO CROPS.

The latest official crop reports of the Ontario Government are not very encouraging as regards wheat. The report says concerning the present year's sowing of winter wheat, that a general reduction is apparent through the province in the area of fall wheat sown this year, and there will probably be a total falling off of from 10 to 15 per cent on this year's crop, in spite of the fact that in some instances more than usual has been sown. This falling off in the acreage of winter wheat, the report says is probably due to the condition of the ground being such, owing to the drouth, that it was next to impossible to prepare stubble land for seeding. Again the most unfavorable reports come from the south-western counties, where the land has been exceedingly hard, dry and lumpy, and the acreage is still less than it was last year. It is stated that a considerable proportion of the seed has failed to germinate, owing to a lack of sufficient moisture. A better tone is apparent in the reports from the midland and eastern counties, and there the falling

off is not nearly so marked, as the land was generally in good condition at seeding, and summer fallowed lands are ... most instances looking well. The crop is fairly healthy, but much too backward, owing to the slow growth, and it has hardly made sufficient head to be in a good condition to stand the rigors of the winter. The Hessian fly does not appear to be doing much damage this autumn, but the wire-worm is occasionally mentioned in some of the eastern counties.

The full returns for the past season's crops are also not as satisfactory even as earlier reports would indicate. The results of the threshing prove that in the September estimates too high a yield was credited the various grains. Spring wheat has turned out to be only 14.3 bushels per acre, or 1.3 bushels lower than the estimate of September, and oats have dropped 1.6 per acre. The falling off in the yield of beans is greater still, being 3.3 bushels an acre. Corn is the only grain that has surpassed the September estimate, having increased from 45.4 bushels per acre in the ear to 49.4 bushels, but even these figures fall greatly behind an average yield. Barley and buckwheat are the only grains which exceed their average for the seven years 1882-9. Potatoes have improved upon the first estimate, but mangels, carrots and turnips, the latter especially, have not turned out as well as promised early in the season. The difference between the estimates before and after pulling turnips was 39.5 bushels per acre, which means considerably over 4,000,000 bushels of a decrease in the total for the province. None of the roots approach to anything like an average yield.

The past season's crop of fall wheat is said to be of inferior quality, in addition to the yield being small. The yield of this grain is placed at sixteen bushels per acre, weighing from 50 to 60 pounds to the bushel. The prospects this year in the spring the report says, "were all that could be desired, and the outlook was an exceedingly cheerful one; but in place of a very favorable period for maturing the grain, we unfortunately experienced a protracted drouth, and this, combined with the unusually heavy June rains, did very great injury to almost all crops. The natural consequence of the sudden heat was to cause an extensive shrinkage in the ears of grain, while rust was exceedingly prevalent."

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WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

Mercantile collections continue in about the same condition as previously noted, and there is nothing further to add to last reports. On the whole the situation is close, and collections have not been as good as expected at this season. There are, however, a few pleasing exceptions, in some individual cases, some houses reporting returns better than last year. This is the exception and not the rule. The financial situation as concerns the banks is still somewhat close, and the tightening up process which has been apparent in financial circles in the east, of course has an influence here. Under these conditions the tendency is to stiffen rates of interest, and money is not always as readily obtainable. Good commercial paper, however, may still be quoted at 7 to 8 per cent.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

The first really cold snap of the season, which set in last week, did not seem to have much influence upon trade. Retail trade in the city has hardly been up to expectations in most branches, and the usual holiday activity is slow in making itself felt. In wholesale textile lines, sorting trade this season to date is below the average. Some orders were going out last week, but all for very small amounts. These remarks will cover dry goods and clothing branches. In heavy fur goods trade this season has not been good, owing to mild weather. Hardware goods maintain their firm tone, and the tendency in sugar is still upward. In fancy lines retailers appear to have been backward in ordering, and they have been rushing in at the end of the season with numerous small express orders, which keep wholesalers busy.

DRUGS.

Prices in this branch are as follows: Howard's quinine, 60 to 75c; German quinine, 50 to 60c; morphia, \$2.25 to \$2.50; iodide of potassium, \$4.25 to \$4.75; bromide potassium, 65 to 75c; American camphor, 50 to 55c; English camphor, 55 to 60c; glycerine, 30 to 40c; tartaric acid, 65 to 75c; cream of tartar, 35 to 40c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$7 to \$9; bicarb soda, \$4.00 to \$4.50; sal soda, \$2.50 to \$3; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$4 to \$5; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur flour, \$4.50 to \$5; sulphur roll, \$4.50 to \$5; American blue vitriol, 8 to 10c.

DRIED FRUITS.

Valencia raisins hold strong, and some look for advances in prices. Currents are firm, with outside prices quoted higher. Quotations here are as follows: California London layer raisins, \$3.25 per box, do, 3/4 boxes, \$1.00; Valencia raisins, \$2.25 box; new currants, 6 1/2c pound; dried apples 6 1/2c to 7 1/2c per pound, evaporated apples, 12 1/2c; Figs in 10 lb. boxes, per lb., 15c to 16c; choice new season figs 18c lb; Fancy Eleme layer figs, 28 lb boxes, 25c lb; figs in 1 lb. cartoons, per doz., \$1.75; Golden dates, in 50 lb. boxes, per lb, 9c; California evaporated fruit—apricots, per lb., 18c to 20c; fancy peeled peaches, per lb., 24c to 27c; pitted plums, 12 1/2c; raspberries, 3 1/2c; French prunes, 12 1/2c per lb; Nectarines, 15c.

FISH AND OYSTERS.

Quotations are oysters: \$2.25 per gallon for standards and \$2.50 for selects, for good stock. Cans are quoted at 50c for standard, 55c for selects, and 60c for extras. Finnen haddies are offering at 11 to 11 1/2c per pound.

Yarmouth blotters, smoked per box of 100 fish, \$3.25. Fresh whitefish, 6c per pound.

GREEN FRUITS AND NUTS.

There is little change to note in this market, prices being steady. The only new thing in is Jersey cranberries, which sell in one-third barrel boxes at \$3 60 per box. Quotations are: Lemons, Messinas, 360 count, \$7 to \$7 25 per box, do, Malaga, \$6.50 per box; Jamaica oranges, \$6.00, box, Florida oranges, \$5.50 to \$6.00; southern apples, \$1 00 to \$4.25, choice eastern Canada apples, \$4.50 per barrel; California pears, \$4.00 per box; Concord grapes, 85c per basket of 8 to 9 lbs; Almeria grapes, \$8 to \$8.50 per keg; choice Cape Cod cranberries, \$10.25 to \$10 50 per barrel; Bell & Cherry cranberries, \$10.25 per barrel; onions—Southern, \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; Spanish onions, \$1.25 crate; Cider, per gal., 35c; comb honey, in 14 lb. boxes, 25c per pound. Nuts—S. S. Taragona almonds, 20c per lb; Grenoble walnuts, 18c; Sicilian, filberts, extra large, 16c; peanuts, white Virginia, green, 15c; roasted, 17c; cocoanuts, per hundred \$9.00

HARDWARE.

Firmness in every line is the situation here, but without further changes in quotations, business being quiet. Were the demand brisk a sharper upward movement in prices would likely follow, but as it is, with prices in many lines not much more than nominal, there is not the same disposition to advance quotations. However, dealers would not care to contract ahead, except at strong prices. The pig iron markets in Great Britain continue excited, and with frequent fluctuations in prices, but with a general upward tendency, and any declines are not long in coming up again. Stocks are still on the decrease. The only large stocks of pig iron now held are in Connals' stores, Glasgow, and these are now being drawn upon. Mid-dleshro' stocks are very light, and quotations at the latter place are several shillings higher than Scotch. Manufactured iron is very firm, further advances being reported in British markets. Large orders for steel for ship-building have been given, and in some cases it is said works are booked for fully six months ahead. Steel rails have advanced in British markets to £6 15s to £7. There is a great difficulty in getting work in steel lines, so busy are the establishments. Brass and copper manufacturers are reported dearer, and tin plates are a turn stronger in British markets. A. G. Kielston & Co., of Glasgow, in their last circular say: "The condition of affairs in the iron and steel market is thoroughly sound, with a steady upward movement all along the line. We see no reason to alter our good opinion of the situation. The business doing is on a scale that is taxing the production of all countries to the very utmost, and the demand shows no signs of abatement." From Eastern Canada markets, advances are reported in pig lead, ingot copper and tin plates. The latter advanced 25c per box at Toronto. Prices here are as follows: Cut nails, 10d, and upwards, \$3.40; I. C. tin plates, \$6 to \$6.50 as to grade; I. C. tin plates double, \$11.50 to \$12.00; Canada plates, \$4.15 to \$4.25; sheet iron, \$4.00 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, net pieces, 1 inch, 10 1/2c; 1 1/4 inch, 13 1/2c; 1 1/2 inch, 17c; 2 inch, 26c per foot; ingot tin, 32c per lb.; bar tin, 33c per pound; sheet zinc, 8c per lb.; galvanized iron, 28 gauge, 8 1/2 to 9c lb; bar iron, \$3.60 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6 1/2 to 6 3/4; per lb.; tarred felt \$2.40 to \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6 1/2c nett.

GROCERIES.

Sugars continue to show a firm tone in eastern markets, and low grades especially show a strong tendency. Further gains have been made at New York in prices, and Canadian refiners are firm in their views. Willett & Hamlen, New York, in their weekly circular say: "Raw advanced 1/4 to 7-16c. Refined unchanged. The market during the week has continued strong. We learned that a very considerable quantity had changed hands on private terms, consequently the importers' stock is reduced to only 10,841 tons, which is the smallest stock known for many years. The refiners' stock has been cut down to 18,404 tons. Receipts have been very light, and meltings continue on a large scale. The stock in all hands is 29,248 tons, being hardly more than one week's supply. Buyers of refined have evidently become satisfied that the bottom has finally been reached, and have come into the market for large supplies. This necessitated heavy meltings, and refiners have found the quantity of available sugars uncomfortably small. Confidence seems to be restored once more and we may now look for a continued good demand, with a steady and improving business." Advances were reported at domestic canneries on corn, peas and tomatoes, 2 1/2c each. Prices here are: Sugars, yellow, 6 1/2 to 7 1/4c, as to quality; granulated, 8 1/2c; lumps, 10c. Coffees—Rios, from 22 to 25c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 47 1/2c; Honeyuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunotto Solace, 12s, 48c. McAlpine Tobacco Co's plug tobacco: Old Crow, 47c; Woodcock, 52c; Beaver, 63c; Jubilee, 60c; Anchor, 59c; cut tobacco: Silver Ash, 65c; Cut Cavendish, 70c; Senator 80c; Standard Kentucky, light, 85c; do dark, 80c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40, Terrier, \$30 per 1000. Lion "L" brand mixed pickles, in kegs, are quoted: Three gallons, \$2.50; do. five gallons, \$3.50; do. 10 gallon kegs, \$6.50.

HIDES AND SKINS.

The situation in eastern markets, according to all advices, is still weak. There is scarcely any demand, owing to large stocks of leather on hand, and further declines in prices have been reported. Winnipeg quotations according to grade are now as high as Montreal and Toronto, on hides and calf skins. Prices are maintained here through local competition. Country frozen hides were being bought on the market here last week at 3 1/2 to 4c per pound, and for green city butchers' hides 4 to 5c as being paid, with country butchers' taken at 3 1/2 to 4c. By grade prices are quoted as follows: Hides, Winnipeg inspected No. 1, 3 1/2 to 4c; No. 2, 2 1/2 to 3c; No. 3, 2 to 2 1/2c per lb. Calf skins are quoted at 5c for No. 1 and 4c for No. 2 and kip are taken at 4 to 5c per pound. Sheep and lambskins are worth about 50 to 65c each for fresh killed skins. Tallow quoted: Rough, 2 1/2 to 3c. rendered 4 1/2 to 5c.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Trade in this branch is rather dull. Quotations are as follows: Spanish sole, 26 to 30c; slaughter sole, 26 to 30c; French calf, first choice \$1.25 to \$1.50; Canadian calf, 75c to \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, \$5 to 90c; Bourdon kip, 70c; slaughter kip,

55 to 65c; No. 1, wax upper, 40 to 45c; grain upper, 50c; harness leather, 26 to 29c for plump stock. English oak butts, 60c; buffalo, 17 to 21c a foot; cordovan, 17 to 21c; pebble, 21c; colored linings, 12c; shoe uppers, from \$1.25 to \$2.75.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Glass holds very firm, in consequence of the strength abroad. The *Montreal Trade Bulletin* speaks as follows of the situation in that market: "Owing to the strong advices from abroad on glass the tone of the market here has been stronger, and prices have advanced 5c to 10c on first and second break, with prospects of a further rise in the near future. The demand for this article on spot keeps fair, and a fairly active business has been done, with sales of some round lots of first break reported at \$1.50 and second do. at \$1.60." Prices here are: Turpentine in barrels, inscribed gages, 85c per gallon; turpentine, in barrels, guaranteed measurement, or in 5 gallon cans, 90c gallon; linsced oil in barrels, raw 72c; boiled 75c; benzine and gasoline, 50c; pure oxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar \$6 a barrel; Portland cement, \$4.75 a barrel; Michigan plaster, \$3.40 a barrel, putty, in bladders, 3½c a pound, bulk in barrels, 3c; whitening in barrels, \$1.50 a cwt; Crown pure white lead, \$7.50; Royal Charter, \$7.00; Railroad, \$6.50; Alabastine, \$7.50 per case of 20 packages. Window Glass, first break, \$2.10 to 2.20.

RAW FURS.

There is still little business doing yet, and the bulk of skins so far offered have not been prime. They have been early caught, and some hardly worth sending to market. A good deal of rubbish in the way of unprime bear, red fox, skunk, wolf, etc., has been offered, and there seems to be a great necessity for protecting our fur bearing animals. There seems to be a great slaughter of these animals at a time when their belts are of little or no value, and which amounts almost to wilful destruction of wealth. Some action should be taken to prevent the killing of at least some kinds of these animals out of season. The outlook for prices is uncertain, but we give the following range of quotations for prime skins only:

Skunk, large.....	60 to 80
" small.....	40 to 60
" broad stripe.....	30 to 50
Fox, red.....	75 to 1 75
" silver, as to color.....	20 00 to 75 00
" cross, as to color.....	2 00 to 6 50
Marten, dark.....	3 50 to 5 00
" pale.....	1 25 to 1 75
Mink.....	40 to 1 00
Muskrat, winter.....	08 to 15
" fall.....	4 to 12
Fisher, as to size and color.....	2 50 to 8 50
Otter.....	6 00 to 10 00
Wolf, prairie, as to size.....	9 75 to 1 50
" timber.....	2 00 to 3 50
Badger.....	0 25 to 1 00

WINES AND LIQUORS.

Prices in this branch are given as follows:— Canadian rye whiskey, five year old, \$2.40; seven year old, \$3; old rye, \$1.75; Jules Rohin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet Debonche & Co., \$4.50; Martel, vintage 1885, \$6.50; vintage 1880, \$7.50; Hennessy, \$6.50 to \$7.50, for vintage 1885 to 1880; DeKuyper gin, \$3.50; Port wine, \$2.50 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$4 to \$4 50

DeKuyper red gin, \$10.50 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$8 00 per case; Tom gin, \$9.00 to \$10.00; Martel and Hennessy's brandy, one star, \$15.00 per case of 12 bottles; v. c., \$20 00; v. s. o. p., \$22 50.

GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT

There was very little variation in wheat prices at leading outside markets during the first few days of last week. Grading was fairly good, but it was done on a very steady basis of prices. On Friday, however, there was quite a slump in prices at Chicago, under heavy selling.

The visible supply figures on Monday last showed an increase of 1,706,000 bushels. The total visible supply is now 33,178,394 bushels, against 36,590,015 last year.

Total receipt of spring wheat at leading points in the United States since the commencement of the crop year have been 58,140,000 bushels, against 39,678,000 bushels to the same date a year ago. Receipts of winter wheat on this crop have amounted to 22,057,000 bushels against 25,638,000 bushels a year ago.

The grand total of winter and spring wheat received on this crop is 80,197,000 bushels, against 65,316,000 bushels received up to the same date last year. Exports of wheat and flour for the week ended Saturday, Dec. 7, footed up to 1,285,000 bushels.

Receipts of wheat at Minneapolis and Duluth commenced to fall off last week, but the big movement has held out far too long to suit the bulls, who have been growing very impatient of late. Receipts at the two points named got down to 454 cars on Tuesday, and to 316 cars on Thursday. The big movement at these points, which has been so long such a load for the bulls, may now be considered over for this crop. Exports from Atlantic ports are promising better. Charters for over 900,000 bushels to go forward this month were reported from New York on Tuesday last. Available supply of wheat on Dec. 1888, in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, and including flour and wheat on passage for United Kingdom and continent, were 60,250,015 bushels, against 56,324,182 bushels for the corresponding period in 1887.

Locally wheat has been characterized by continued strength in prices, due to light deliveries and keen competition among millers. It is now about concluded that millers will take all the wheat yet remaining in the country to be marketed, and consequently shipments by grain dealers are practically over the season. Deliveries at country points appear to be steadily on the decline, and all indications seem to lead to the conclusion that there is very little wheat left in farmers' hands. What is still held will be doled out in little dribbets for the next few months, and as stated will be practically all taken by millers, so that there will be practically nothing for shipment by grain men. The competition among millers has led to higher prices than can be paid by shippers, so that the latter are practically out of the field, and wheat bought being usually turned over to millers on track here. The receipts of Manitoba wheat at Lake Superior elevators for the week ending Dec. 7 were only 38,782 bushels. Shipments for the same time were 100,812 bushels,

leaving only 239,675 bushels in store, which is only about one half the quantity in store at the commencement of the crop movement this season. These figures should give strength to the situation, so far as Manitoba is concerned. The facts are, the crop movement is spent, visible stocks are trifling, and millers are picking up the few straggling loads now being marketed at prices above a shipping basis. Following were prices paid on Friday last to farmers at Manitoba country points, for average samples. Treherne, Holland, Cypress River, Glenboro, Carman, Gretna, Morden, Manitou, Killarney, Boissevain, Deloraine, Plum Coulee, Portage la Prairie, Carberry, Virden, 65c. Thornhill, Griswold, 66c. McGregor, Oak Lake, 67c. Emerson, LaRiviere, Moosomin, 68c. Stonewall, Brandon, 70c. Alexander, 72c. Pilot Mound, 75c.

FLOUR.

There has been no further change in flour, prices remaining firm at the advance last noted. The strong local tendency in wheat is expected to keep flour firm. Prices are delivered in the city, or free on board cars in broken lots as follows per 100 pounds to the local trade: Patents, \$2.55; strong bakers, \$2 35; second bakers, \$1.70; XXXX, \$1.30; superfine, \$1.10; Graham flour, \$2 35; middlings, \$2.55 per 100 pounds.

MILLSTUFFS AND FEED.

Prices hold firm at last quotations. There is a large demand for feed and millstuffs, owing to high prices of oats, and prices are therefore well maintained. Bran is held at \$14 per ton, and shorts at \$15 per ton. Ground feed sells, delivered in the city, at \$26 per ton.

MEALS, POT BARLEY, ETC.

Prices are steady at last quotations, and are as follows: Standard, \$2.40; granulated, \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; rolled oats, \$2.40 per sack of 80 lbs. Cornmeal is held at \$1.65 per 100 lbs.; pot barley, \$2.75, and pearl barley, \$3.25 per 100 lbs.

OATS

Prices have not materially changed. Lots to the trade sell at 45c per bushel, delivered in the city, with small retail quantities selling at 50c per bushel. Very little offered on the market, and not much doing in car lots.

RUTTER.

Very little can be added to our remarks last week as to the situation in this commodity, the features then described being still noticeable. Some sales of fair to good have been made at about 15 to 16c. Dealers still quote up to 18c, and sometimes even higher, but very little is moving at these outside prices.

CHEESE.

Moving slowly in jobbing lots at 12 to 12½ stocks light.

EGGS.

Stocks are now reported to be light. Lined have been selling from store at 20 to 22c per dozen in case lots, and it is claimed that stocks of these held are much lighter than usual. A small lot of fresh was brought in from Minnesota, and sold at 32c here.

CURED MEATS.

Business quiet. Prices are steady as follows: Dry salt, 9 to 9½c; spiced rolls, 11c to 11½c; breakfast bacon, 13; hams, 13 to 13½c per pound; bologna sausage, 7c per pound; fresh pork sausage, 8c per pound; pickled pigs feet, \$1.50 per kit of about 20 lbs.; dried beef, 12½c per lb.

LARD.

Lard is held in 20 pound pails at \$2 per pail. Three pound tins 40c each.

DRESSED MEATS.

Dressed farmers' beef continues to be offered freely on the market, but a good deal is rather light and thin. When of good quality it brings from 4 to 5c per pound for sides, the

latter price only for very choice. Poor stuff is slow sale at any price. Butcher's city dressed beef sells at 5c for good ordinary, but for choice there is a firmer tendency, choice western rancho steers selling as high as 6c by the carcass. Nothing much has been done in Christmas beef yet, but for really fancy for dressing stalls, it is expected that prices will reach as high as 7c per pound. A good many dressed hogs have been coming in, but they are averaging very small and light, and few are fit for packing. They mostly run in weight from 80 to 150 pounds each, and as a rule are poorly fattened, not being over half fattened. This poor quality of hogs has a tendency to keep up prices for good packing animals. Lots all round as they come in are taken at 6c per pound. The light condition of the animals coming in would look as though farmers were shipping everything in with the intention of going out of raising hogs. Packers are talking of importing dressed hogs from the south. They can be bought at 4c and 4½c in Minnesota, which means that they can be laid down here at about 5½c per pound. Mutton holds at 8c, and lamb at 8c to 9c, veal 5c to 5½.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes are selling from store to the trade at 70c per bushel. Few off red on the market, weather being too cold. The variety of vegetables in the market is getting narrowed down. Quotations are as follows: Carrots \$1; parsnips \$1 to \$1.25 per bushel, beets, 90c per bushel, turnips 50c per bushel, onions \$1.50 per bushel, cabbage \$2.25 per hundred; celery 40c to 60c per dozen; sweet potatoes, 5c lb., or \$6.50 per barrel; Spanish onions, \$1.20 per crate; southern red, do, \$2.50 per 100 pounds.

DRESSED POULTRY.

There has been a firmer tendency in dressed poultry. Local receipts being somewhat light last week. Some imported have been brought in, but prices have advanced rather than declined in the face of imports. Chickens brought 8c to 9c, the latter price for nicely dressed, plump birds. Turkeys sold at 13c to 14c toward the close of the week, the top price having been paid for choice dressed. Ducks and geese sold at 11c per pound.

Eastern Grain Markets

The grain market was quiet to-day with a few small transactions on local account only. There were some enquiries for No. 1 hard to-day, for which 98c was asked, but no sales were effected. We quote: No. 1 hard Manitoba, 96 to 97c; No. 2 do. 94 to 95c; peas, 68 to 70c per 66 lbs in store; oats, 30 to 31c; barley, 48 to 50c.—*Montreal Gazette*, Dec. 11.

Wheat—The demand was less active and values were easier. No. 2 white sold at 85c on track, and 86c was bid for No. 2 red. No. 2 white sold on the Northern at 80c and choice spring at 81c on the Midland. The value of Manitoba hard is still uncertain. It was given out that No. 1 hard had sold for \$1, but no more than one car seems to have changed hands at this figure. The general impression was that this sale was made for the purpose of making a quotation. A lot of No. 1 sold at 96c, and 10,000 bushels were offered for January delivery at 98c, Toronto freights, but no one would accept the offer.

Oats—Firm and in good demand. There were several sales of choice heavy white outside at 27 to 27½c for export. On spot sales were made at 30½c.—*Toronto Empire*, Dec. 11.

Toronto Produce Market.

Flour—Extra sold at \$3.60, Toronto freights. Straight roller is held at \$3.85.

Bran—Steady at \$10.50 on track in cat lots.

Eggs—Market at 22 to 23c for fresh. Lined

are plentiful, and are selling at 16 to 17c for ordinary stock and at 18c for choice.

Poultry—Continue weak and plentiful. Chickens sold at 25 to 40c a pair, and ducks at 40 to 70c; geese at 5½ to 6c per pound and turkeys at 7 to 8c per pound in case lots.

Hogs—Packers paid \$5.25 to \$5.60 per cwt.

Butter—The demand for butter was fair, but the supply of choice continues light and prices firm. Really good tubs, suitable for table use, sold at 16 to 17c, but ordinary were slow at 12 to 14c. Large rolls sold mostly at 14 to 16c. Creameries dull at 22 to 24c.

Cheese—The factories show more inclination to sell, and in consequence several thousand boxes Septembers and Octobers have changed hands at 10½c outside.

Provisions were quoted—Mess pork, per barrel \$13.50 to \$14; bacon, long clear per lb, 7½ to 8c; lard, tubs and pails, 8½ to 9½c; hams, per lb, 11½ to 12c; bellies, per lb, 11½ to 12c; rolls, per lb, 9½ to 9¾c; backs, per lb, 11 to 12c.

Montreal Produce Prices.

BUTTER.—Creamery, 22 to 23c, townships, 15 to 21c; western, 12 to 16c per pound.

EGGS—Firm at 26 to 27c for fresh new laid; old fresh 16 to 22c; lined 15 to 18c per dozen.

POULTRY.—Chickens 7c, ducks 9c, turkeys 8½ to 9½c, geese 7c per pound.

DRESSED HOGS.—Easy at \$6 to \$6.25 per 100 pounds.

PROVISIONS.—Hams, 11½ to 13c; bacon, 12 to 13c; lard, 8½ to 10c; tallow, 6½ to 6¾c.

Far Trade Notes.

Battleford Herald: Since the snow fell large numbers of foxes have been taken in this neighborhood. They are more numerous than they have been for some years past.

The Kamloops *Sentinel* calls attention to the deplorable and outrageous fact that deer are being indiscriminately slaughtered in the interior of British Columbia, for their hides alone, and cites an instance of thirty-eight being killed in one day by a white man and an Indian for this purpose. The *Sentinel* also learns that many of the dealers have in store large consignments of deer hides obtained in this way. The *Sentinel* wants more stringent legislation to protect the deer.

Capt. Bergman, a navigator of Lake Winnipeg, says the slaughter of moose on the wooded shores of the lake in the winter season is simply shameful. Travellers come across carcasses after carcasses of these large animals, untouched, excepting that the hide has been removed. Bergman knew two hunters who killed fifty moose last winter, and eight of these were left to decay in the bush. The principal hunting has been done on the west side of the lake between Fisher river and Icelandic river.

A. LAURENS, general merchant, Rapid City, Manitoba, has sold out to P. A. Campbell and A. W. Lesieur, who will continue the business.

THE cars seized for taxes at Port Arthur have been released on payment of \$11,807, by C. P. R. Superintendent Whyte.

THE Victoria, B.C., *Times* says it is understood that the effort to remove the rice mills to Vancouver is being renewed with some prospect of success. It was learned from Mr. Ross, who arrived from Montreal a few days ago, that the matter was under "serious considera-

tion" in view of the inducements which the direct steamers from China are prepared to in the carriage of paddy.

At the last market day at Ingersoll, Ontario, there was no cheese boarded. One lot sold at 10½ to 10¾c. Buyers were not eager to do business.

J. T. GORDON, of Pilot Mound, Man., will ship two cars of fat cattle to Winnipeg. The animals are intended for Christmas beef, and have been fed specially for the occasion.

J. T. SMITH will establish a cheese factory at Wapella, Assa., if a sufficient number of cows can be secured within ten miles. He wants a guarantee of 250 cows.

J. M. Macdonald has secured the agency for Manitoba, the Territories and British Columbia for McInyre & Co., dry goods, Montreal, and leaves to-day for the East for samples.

THE Department of the Interior has created a new land district in British Columbia out of the New Westminster district, which is to be known as the Kamloops district. E. M. Boville, who has been assistant in the office of the Dominion lands agent at Victoria, has been appointed agent for the new district with headquarters at Kamloops. The district will include all the section of country within the railway belt lying between Salmon river and tributary to the Columbia and the summit of the Rockies.

THE failure of O. S. Dingman, boot and shoe dealer, of Mordun, Man., is producing some sensational developments, says the *Morden Monitor*. The estate was assigned to T. H. Nixon, of Winnipeg, to whom Dingman owed \$140; but a legal flaw was found in this proceeding, and immediately on this becoming known another creditor turns up—McPherson, of Hamilton—who possessed a prior claim on a chattel mortgage for \$1,300. C. Locke, who represented this firm, put in a man over the agent of Mr. Nixon, and for some days the two representatives were watching each other. On Saturday last the debtor had repaired the legal flaw, for only about fifteen minutes before the arrival of the Winnipeg express, C. Locke received a telegram that a party representing the official assignee, was on the train to seize the goods, and telling him to remove them instantly. He gathered a force of men and teams, and got everything out of the store and had the goods conveyed to Stewart's empty store. A law suit between the two creditors is now in order to test their priority of claim. McPherson has since removed the goods to Winnipeg.

General Notes.

Mullarky & Co., boot and shoe makers, Montreal, have suspended, with liabilities of about \$200,000.

Joseph Martin & Sons, proprietors of the Harrison river saw mills, British Columbia, have commenced building a new tug to be used on Harrison Lake, in connection with their mills, for towing purposes.

The newly formed Wholesale Dry Goods Association at Montreal for the protection of trade and to ensure united action, held its first annual meeting recently. The following officers were elected: President, J. G. Cleg-horn; vice-president, J. Slessor; treasurer, J. A. Robertson, A. Leclair, F. May, G. Sumner, and R. L. Gault were appointed directors.



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Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

On Monday December 9, wheat opened fractionally lower, except December option, which started 3/4c higher. December opened at 78 3/4c, and ranged from 78 3/4c to 78 3/4c. May opened 3/4c lower at 83c, and ranged from 82 3/4c to 83 3/4c. July wheat opened at 81 3/4c, and closed at 81 3/4c. Business was fairly active, but prices averaged lower. Provisions were steady closing prices for futures were :

	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	May.
Wheat.....	78 3/4	78 1/2	—	82 1/2
Corn.....	32	31 1/2	31 1/2	33 1/2
Oats.....	20 1/2	20 1/2	—	22 1/2
Pork.....	—	9.40	9.45	9.72 1/2
Lard.....	—	5.90	5.92 1/2	6.10
Short Ribs..	—	4.77 1/2	4.82 1/2	4.97 1/2

On Tuesday wheat opened steady and had a narrow range in prices. December ranging from 78 3/4c to 78 3/4c, and May from 82 3/4c to 83 3/4c. July opened at 81 3/4c, and closed at 81 3/4c. Closing prices for futures were :

	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	May.
Wheat.....	78 1/2	79	—	83 1/2
Corn.....	32 1/2	31 3/4	31 3/4	33 3/4
Oats.....	20 1/2	21	—	22 1/2
Pork.....	—	9.40	9.45	9.75
Lard.....	5.90	5.92 1/2	5.97 1/2	6.12 1/2
Short Ribs..	—	4.77 1/2	4.82 1/2	5.02 1/2

On Wednesday wheat had a very narrow range in prices, December selling between 78 3/4c and 78 3/4c, and May from 83 1/2 to 83 3/4c. July wheat opened at 81 1/2 and moved up one notch, closing at 81 3/4c.

The nominal ranges for No. 2 spring wheat was 78 1/2 to 78 3/4c, with limited sales at the former figure, and closing at the latter. No. 3 was in demand and sold at 67c for the ordinary in store grade and 71c for choice hard. No. 3 white spring wheat sold at 66 to 67c. Spring wheat by sample was in better demand to-day, especially for good to choice wheat, and values were somewhat higher. Poor wheat was rather slow of sale. On track and switched lots ranged as follows : No. 2 at 80 1/4c for hard. No. 3 at 67 to 68c for fair; 70 to 71c for good; 73 to 74c for hard. No. 4 white at 59 to 63c for choice; No. 4 at 45c for poor; 48 to 50c for fair; 52 to 55c for good; 58 to 60 for choice. Closing prices for futures were :

	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	May.
Wheat.....	78 1/2	79 1/2	—	83 1/2
Corn.....	32 1/2	31 1/2	—	33 1/2
Oats.....	20 1/2	20 1/2	—	22 1/2
Pork.....	—	9.35	9.42 1/2	9.72 1/2
Lard.....	5.90	5.90	5.92 1/2	6.10
Short Ribs..	—	4.75	4.80	4.97 1/2

Wheat was firmer on Thursday, on lighter receipts and prices advanced about 3/4c, but heavy selling reduced prices to about opening figures. Provisions were easier on large receipts of hogs Closing prices for futures were :—

	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	May.
Wheat.....	78 1/2	78 3/4	—	83
Corn.....	31 1/2	31 1/2	—	33 1/2
Oats.....	20 1/2	20 1/2	—	22 1/2
Pork.....	9.95	9.80	9.37 1/2	9.67 1/2
Lard.....	5.87 1/2	5.87 1/2	5.90-92 1/2	6.07 1/2
Short Ribs..	4.75 1/2	4.72 1/2-75	4.77 1/2	4.95

Wheat opened fairly firm on Friday, but soon had a sharp decline under heavy selling, closing as follows :—

	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	May.
Wheat.....	77 1/2	77 1/2	—	82 1/2
Corn.....	31 1/2	31 1/2	—	33 1/2
Oats.....	20 1/2	20 1/2	—	22 1/2
Pork.....	8.65	9.80	9.40	9.70
Lard.....	5.87 1/2	5.90	5.95	6.07-10
Short Ribs..	—	—	4.72 1/2	4.95

Duluth Wheat Market.

Closing prices for No. 1 hard at Duluth on Friday, Dec. 13, were as follows : Cash No 1 hard 77 3/4c; Cash No 1 Northern 74 3/4c; Cash No 2 Northern 70c; No 1 hard December option 78c; May, 83 3/4c.

Minneapolis Markets.

Closing quotations for wheat in store on Dec. 13 were :

	Dec.	Jan.	May.	On track
No 1 hard.....	77 1/2	78 1/2	82 1/2	78
No. 1 northern.....	74 1/2	74 1/2	80 1/2	76 1/2
No 2.....	72	72 1/2	77 1/2	72-74

The Market Record says of the flour market : "The flour market was very quiet, with considerable inquiry, however, as stocks in the hands of jobbers and retailers are in none too large quantities to carry them along, even with frequent replenishing. Without it they are soon out of stock and so the inquiry is good even with quite moderate transactions. There is considerable demand for all descriptions from abroad, but for patents the bids are too low to take away more than the surplus, above domestic supply.

Patents, sacks, to local dealers.....	\$4 80 to \$5 00
Patents, to ship, sacks, car lots.....	4 30 to 4 50
In barrels.....	4 50 to 4 70
Delivered at New England points.....	5 30 to 5 40
New York points.....	5 20 to 5 30
Delivered at Philadelphia and Baltimore.....	5 15 to 5 25
Bakers here.....	3 25 to 3 60
Superfine.....	1 70 to 2 25
Red dog, sacks.....	1 10 to 1 25
Red dog, barrels.....	1 35 to 1 50

Bran and shorts—Market quiet with moderate demand, \$5.75 to \$6 for bran with some asking \$6.25 for choice. Shorts ranged from \$7 to \$7.50.

Oats—Offering full with moderate demand and sales inclined to drag. Demand hardly equalling the offerings and quotations ranged from 19 to 21 1/2c.

The Flour Duties.

At a meeting of the Winnipeg board of trade last week, the breadstuffs duties come up for discussion, resulting in the passing of the following preamble and resolution :—

"Whereas the customs duty on flour imported into Canada is 50 cents per barrel and the duty on 4 1/2 bushels of wheat, which, as per the the government standard, is required to manufacture one barrel of flour, is 71 1/2 cents, thus presenting the case of the raw material being taxed a greater amount than the manufactured article, the product of that raw material :

And whereas, the policy of the Dominion Government is that of protection to home industries :

And whereas, while, as petitioners, we directly refrain from expressing an opinion as to the merits or demerits of the general protection policy now ruling, we strongly hold that the effects of that policy, so long as it be in force, should be harmonious and evenly distributed.

Therefore, be it resolved, that this Board, in view of the anomaly presented petition the Dominion Government to equalize the duty on flour with that on wheat imported into Canada, so that Canadian millers be not handicapped by the bonus now practically granted to foreign competitors."

In the preamble it will be seen that the board endeavors to guard against expressing a direct opinion either in favor of or against the present protective policy. At the same time the board

asks for an increase in the tax upon bread, for the request that the duty upon flour be equalized with that on wheat, cannot be accepted as anything else but a demand for an increased bread tax. Tariff advocates will interpret it in this way, and they will be justified in so doing. When further oppressive duties are asked for, which will add to the burden of tariff taxation now pressing upon Western Canada, the Winnipeg board of trade, to be consistent must refrain from opposing, if it does not even support such demands. It can be said that Manitoba has asked for a tax upon breadstuffs, and this will certainly be used as an argument why Manitoba should submit to further taxation in the interest of eastern protectionists. In this resolution the Winnipeg board of trade has placed itself upon record in favor of protection, even to the the taxing of the bread of the masses.

The Insurance Bureau Scheme.

S. A. D. Bertrand returned from the east last week, where he had been presenting the Manitoba and Northwest insurance bureau scheme to the wholesale trade. He reports having been very successful in his efforts, having secured the co-operation of about all the principal wholesale houses doing business in the west. His gratifying success in the east puts the enterprise in good shape for complete organization, the wholesale houses here having previously given their support to the scheme. The work now remaining is to interview the retail trade throughout Manitoba and the Territories, with the object of acquiring the information required. This work will be undertaken by John Macdonald, who starts at once on a trip through the country, with a view to personally interviewing retail merchants. Mr. Macdonald is well qualified to do this work, and it is hoped he will meet with a favorable reception from the trade. The intention is to make the enterprise useful alike to wholesale and retail dealers, and its success in this respect will depend largely upon the reception given the representative of the undertaking by country dealers. If the information required is freely furnished, it will enable the projectors to carry out their efforts in securing better rates and fuller terms of insurance to the trade. This can only be accomplished by the co-operation of wholesalers and retailers.

R. ROLLINS, general merchant, Crystal City, Manitoba, advertises having sold out his business to Smith & Co.

J. B. HENDERSON, general merchant, Carberry, Manitoba, advertises retiring from business; is selling off stock.

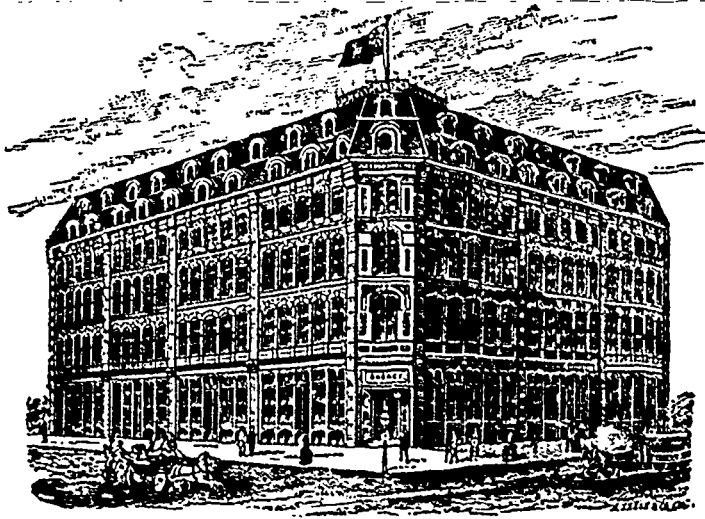
CALL loans at Montreal last week were 5 to 6. Best mercantile paper quoted at 6 to 7, according to name and standing.

McKNIGHT Bros., general storekeepers, Bois-savain, have dissolved partnership. The business will be conducted by A. McKnight.

Minnedosa Tribune. Eight car loads of cattle went through Minnedosa bound for the Montreal market on Thursday evening last. S. L. Head with them.

It is said to be the intention of the Manitoba Pharmaceutical Association to proceed against all who are carrying on business as druggists, or acting as drug clerks illegally. It is said there are quite a number of such in Manitoba.

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Fur Trade at Leipzig.

The Leipzig correspondent of the New York *Fur Trade Review* writes that journal as follows:

The trade here is anxiously awaiting wintry weather. The small orders we have been accustomed to receive from German furriers in autumn have been limited. After the Michaelmas Fair a few Russian and Roumanian dealers purchased goods; some dealers from Russia, late arrivals, have been the principal buyers of American furs; they took lower sorts of musquash, and different grades of raccoon, mainly cheaper sorts; some red fox, beaver, and very fair parcels of good raw, blue Australian opossum. The Russian dealers all complain of slow sales in furs at home, some of them complaining that they have so little to do that they prefer to spend the time in Leipzig. One buyer found fault on account of the scarcity at Leipzig of American furs he required, and was quite right, as for some time past low sorts of musquash, and raccoon, which are generally wanted, are not offered here in quantity; in red fox there has only been a moderate supply of the good colored skins that Russians require. Beaver is still offered in sufficient quantity, and prices are too high, and would-be buyers say they can wait until spring, when they hope to see lower rates. Russian buyers have neglected superior articles, such as fisher, silver and cross-fox, pale otter, etc, which they say must be 30 to 40 per cent cheaper in the spring on account of very poor sales in Russia; they have also sold less sea otter than they expected to move. Skunk should also be cheaper, as we cannot do much with the article in France and Germany at prevailing rates. Black dyed skunk sells slowly, and consequently views for white skins are unfavorable. Black dyed raccoon is in very limited demand; brown dyed skins sell somewhat better; and the beaver and sea otter imitations sell very well; the latter imitation in raccoon is now produced in Russia. Transactions in cheaper grades of mink have been noted; but last spring prices cannot be realized. A good parcel has been taken for Roumanie. Nutria is still scarce and dear; it is rumored that the next supplies will be larger than those of this year—and it is hoped that prices will be lower. Plucked musquash skins, seal color, sell steadily, but are not so eagerly demanded as in former years, owing to advanced prices; unless large, prime raw skins are lower in the spring, seal colored musquash will be neglected.

Buyers of fancy colors have had a satisfactory business in nearly all colors; some good parcels of lynx-hares have been taken for American account. Important quantities of Russian grebe have been sent out for work by Berlin houses; this article may come into fashion again for sets, but more likely for feather novelties.

The wholesale trade in dressed squirrels has been quiet; some black linings and new belly linings have been taken for German account. Parcels of raw squirrels which have been in stock here for Russian account since spring are now offered at less than cost; they may be still lower within a short time.

There is a brisk demand for black dyed flat Astrakhan lamb skins for France and the United States, at good prices; rough skins, as usual, sell well for Canada, and natural skins have become dear in Russia. Important quantities of black dyed Persian lamb skins

have been purchased for France, the United States, England, Belgium and Russia; prices are advancing. There is a fair amount of speculation in raw skins in Russia. Gray kimmer lambs, of small fine curls, have been taken for dressing for German consumption; parcels of large curl skins have been sent to the United States and Canada. There has been but little call for European furs; foxes are too dear for Russia; but few skins are offered; stonemarten remains unsold; fitch maintains spring prices; the cheaper sorts are rather scarce. Black cats sell slowly; mantle manufactures show a good demand for hamster linings, lowest sorts being preferred. The Lissa rabbit industry is quite active on good orders. Fox-tail boas are made up here in quantities for the English trade.

California Raisins.

California is beginning to outstrip Spain in the production of raisins. Consul Marston of Malaga, indeed, makes the significant statement that the Spanish vine-dressers who have suffered of late years from the phylloxera have replaced vines that have been destroyed by American stock. In 1882 the crop of raisins produced in Malaga reached 1,900,000 boxes, of which there were shipped to the United States nearly 1,000,000 boxes. Since that time shipments to the United States have been gradually but steadily decreasing. In 1888, when the total production amounted to about 700,000 boxes, only 112,000 were exported to this country. Mr. Marston adds that many Spaniards predict that the vintage of 1889 will reduce still further the purchases made for exportation to the United States, and that in a few years Malaga raisins will be replaced even for consumption in Spain by those produced in California.—*Bradstreets.*

Money.

There has been a slightly easier tone to the money market, but loans on call have not been so readily obtainable as was at one time expected, and the opinion of some of our leading bankers is that money will be as scarce as ever by the 15th of the present month. Of course the payment of bank dividends and the lending of bank reserves which always takes place at the beginning of the month, have tended to create a temporary increase in available funds, but the supplies from these sources appear to have been absorbed with greater promptitude than was anticipated. Call loans were effected on the 2nd and 3rd of the month at 5 to 6 per cent. Mercantile paper is discounted at 6 per cent. for gilt edge, and at 7 to 8 per cent. for less desirable lines.—*Montreal Trade Bulletin.*

BUILDING prospects at Regina for next season are good. The town evidently feels the stimulus of railway construction on the new northern road from that place. Mayor Smith has decided to erect on the corner of South Railway and Rose streets, a three story brick block. The building will be 27x70, solid brick, and building operations will commence early next spring. Major Montgomery also contemplates erecting a similar block on the lots immediately west of Smith's site.

CAMERON has opened a tailor shop at Moose Jaw, Assa.

Personals.

J. J. Ryan, representing Michel Lefebvre & Co., pickle manufacturers, etc, Montreal, returned to Winnipeg from a trip west last week, and reports having found business fairly good.

Alex. Fraser, who looks after the western interests of R. C. Macfie & Co., hats and caps, etc, London, Ont., returned to Winnipeg last week from a western trip. Mr. Fraser was appointed assignee for the estate of John Campbell, at Kamloops, white out west, and after getting everything ready for the sale, he discovered that there was no auctioneer in the district. Like the enterprising Scotchman that he is, Sandie did not allow this to upset his arrangements, but just procured an auctioneer's license himself and run off the stock at 64 cents in the \$.

W. W. Ogilvie, of the Ogilvie Milling company, arrived in Winnipeg last week, and will go through to the Pacific coast.

R. J. Whitla, wholesale dry goods, Winnipeg, returned last week from a trip across the Atlantic. Mr. Whitla reports business active in Britain, especially in woolen goods. He says there has not been such a "boom" in trade there for years.

Mr. Joss, of Stobart, Sons & Co., wholesale dry goods, Winnipeg, returned last week from a trans Atlantic business trip.

Prices in British Columbia.

In domestic products the principal changes are in eggs, apples and onions. Imported eggs row quote at 27½c per dozen; apples at \$1.75 per box; and onions at \$1.75 per 100 pounds. Potatoes still remain steady at \$25 per ton, although a new price will probably be struck this week consequent upon the putting of the stored supply upon the market.

Flour, Manitoba and local, has experienced a slight depression, and new quotations generally are expected next week. Oats have gone up, and the demand is now strong at \$30 per ton. Vegetables, fish and game are plentiful, in variety and at fair prices.—Victoria Colonist.

The following were the market quotations at Victoria last week:

Flour—Hungarian, \$6.00; Strong Bakers, \$5.50; Royal, \$5.50; Premier, \$5.75 to \$6; Snowflake, \$5.50. Wheat, per ton, \$35 to \$37.50. Oats, per ton, \$30. Barley, per ton, \$28. Middlings, per ton, \$28. Bran, per ton, \$25. Ground Feed, per ton, \$30. Oil Cake, per ton, \$37.50. Corn, whole, \$40; Corn, cracked, \$45. Cornmeal, per 100 lbs., Canadian, \$2.75. Oatmeal, per 100 lbs., Saanich, \$3.50. Peas for feed, per ton, \$28. Potatoes, per ton, \$25. Onions, per 100 lbs., \$1.75. Hay, baled, per ton, \$13 to \$20. Straw, per bale, \$1 to \$1.25. Apples, Gravenstein, per box 50 lbs, \$1.75. Bananas, per bunch, \$4. Pears, choice Bartlett, per box, \$2. Grapes, Muscattelle, 25 lbs, \$1.50. Cocoanuts, per 100, \$11. Eggs, per dozen, 60c; imported, per dozen, 27½c. Butter, roll, per lb, 35; tub or firkin, creamery, 27½ to 30c; dairy, 15 to 25c. Cheese, local, per lb, 15c; Canadian, 12½ to 15c; Californian, 17 to 18c. Ham, local, per lb, 15c; imported, 17 to 18c. Bacon, local, breakfast, per lb, 14 to 16c; imported, per lb, 16½c; Rolled, per lb, 14c. Shoulder, per lb, 12½c. Lard, per lb, 12½c.

Meats—Beef, per lb, 8c; Mutton, per lb, 10c; Pork, fresh, per lb, 12½c; Venal, dressed, per lb, 12½ to 15c; Tallow, per lb, 2½c; Venison, per lb, 10c; Duck, per pair, \$1.50; Grouse, per pair, \$1; Chickens, each, 75c. Wool, per lb, —. Hides, per lb, 4 to 7½c. Skins, sheep, each, 25 to 35c. Fish—Salmon, per lb, 10c; Halibut, per lb, 10c; Skate, per lb, 10c.

Montreal Leather Market.

There is nothing doing in this branch of trade but the different houses are getting ready for the business which is expected sometime after the 10th. Prospecting is going on both here and in Quebec and the indications, on the whole, are fairly satisfactory. Prices are nominal. We quote:—

	c	c
Spanish sole B A No 1.....	20 00	22 00
Spanish sole B A No 2.....	17½ to	18
Spanish sole, ordinary No 1.	18½ to	19
Spanish sole, ordinary No 2.	16 to	17
China sole No 1.....	00 to	18
China sole No 2.....	30 to	16½
Slaughter sole No 1.....	22 to	25
English oak sole.....	40 to	44
Rough, light.....	18 to	20
Harness.....	20 to	25
Harness, extra finish.....	25 to	28
Upper, waxed light.....	25 to	26
Upper, waxed, med & heavy	23 to	25
Upper, grained long.....	25 to	27
Upper, Scotch grained.....	28 to	32
Buff.....	10 to	12
Pebbled cow.....	9½ to	12
Glazed cow.....	10 to	12
Splits, medium.....	14 to	18
Splits, junior.....	12 to	14
Splits, calf.....	32 to	35
Calfskins, light.....	40 to	45
Calfskins, heavy.....	45 to	50
Calfskins, French.....	1 05 to	1 35
Kipskins, English.....	60 to	70
Parent, cow.....	15 to	16
Kid, French.....	10 00 to	20 00

The Metal Markets.

Iron and steel quotations are very firm in all markets. Most mill managers seem to be deferring the placing of large orders until after the holidays. Foundrymen, as a rule, are pretty fairly supplied for the next few weeks. Bessemer irons have advanced still further, especially in western markets, and one or two exceptionally large transactions have just been closed at a price which may be a surprise. Little new business is being done in southern irons, because of the oversold condition of southern furnaces and the maintenance of outside figures by makers. The movement of the cotton crop is seriously interfering with pig-iron movements, and to some extent, therefore, with sales for future delivery. The finished iron market is comparatively quiet, but capacity is oversold from three to six weeks. Structural and plate iron requirements are heavy. Steel blooms, billets and slabs, spiegel and ferro-manganese are in active demand at outside figures. Steel rails are quoted at \$34 to \$35, according to size of order. Barbed wire rules firm in western markets. Nails are creeping upward, owing to increased cost of raw material. Large orders for track supplies are reaching the mills.—Bradstreet.

Grain and Milling.

G. M. Leishman has been appointed representative in British Columbia for the Ogilvie Milling company, of Winnipeg. Mr. Leishman recently represented a Montreal wholesale house in the west.

Following are the returns of wheat inpec. ed at Winnipeg:

Extra Manitoba hard.....	8 cars
No. 1 hard.....	67 cars
No. 2 hard.....	31 cars
No. 2 Northern.....	12 cars
No. 3 Northern.....	2 cars
No. 1 White Fyfe.....	2 cars
No. 1 rejected.....	6 cars
Rejected.....	12 cars
Total.....	140 cars

The new Imperial mill at Duluth put out 1,096 barrels of flour one day recently. This is the heaviest day yet for the mill. The product is being sent east as fast as ground. A letter was received a day or two ago by the owners of the mill asking for an option on it, at a remunerative figure, for an English syndicate. The officers of the company replied that the mill was not for sale. The letter said that it was the custom of English investors to require a statement of the business of a concern they wanted, for five years past, and that they wished to invest only in such undertakings as would return a profit of 17 per cent; but that as the Imperial was a new mill, just under way, they would be satisfied with a statement of what it had done since starting up, with the stockholders' expectations of the future.

The Minneapolis Northwestern Miller says: "For fear that some of our readers may not be aware of the fact, we announce our intention of publishing, about the twentieth of this month, our regular holiday number, which will be sent free to all subscribers of the Miller. Other less fortunate individuals will have to pay at the rate of half a dollar per copy if they wish to obtain it, and in order to keep abreast of the trade and know what the milling world in all its various branches is thinking and doing, it will be desirable for all those either directly or remotely interested in flour making to have a copy of it." To this THE COMMERCIAL can add that the annual number of the Northwestern Miller is the finest thing of the kind published, and it is a marvel how it can be prepared even at the price named per copy, much less given away to subscribers.

On December 2 Duluth had 2,550,710 bushels of wheat in store, of which 1,456,636 were No 1 hard and \$13,274 No. 1 northern. Receipts and shipments to date on this crop at Duluth, as compared with other years are as follows:

	Receipts, bus.	Shipments, bus.
September.....	2,848,039	2,066,538
October.....	4,879,544	3,608,358
November.....	5,389,027	4,506,668
Total for 3 months, 1889.....	13,117,200	10,271,507
Same months, 1888.....	2,336,303	2,931,626
Same months, 1887.....	7,951,083	6,901,585
Same months, 1886.....	13,413,183	7,639,884

The receipts so far on this crop, it will be seen, are nearly six times as heavy as last year, and only a little smaller than in 1886.

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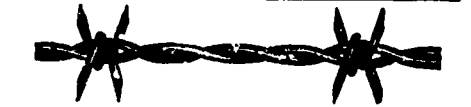
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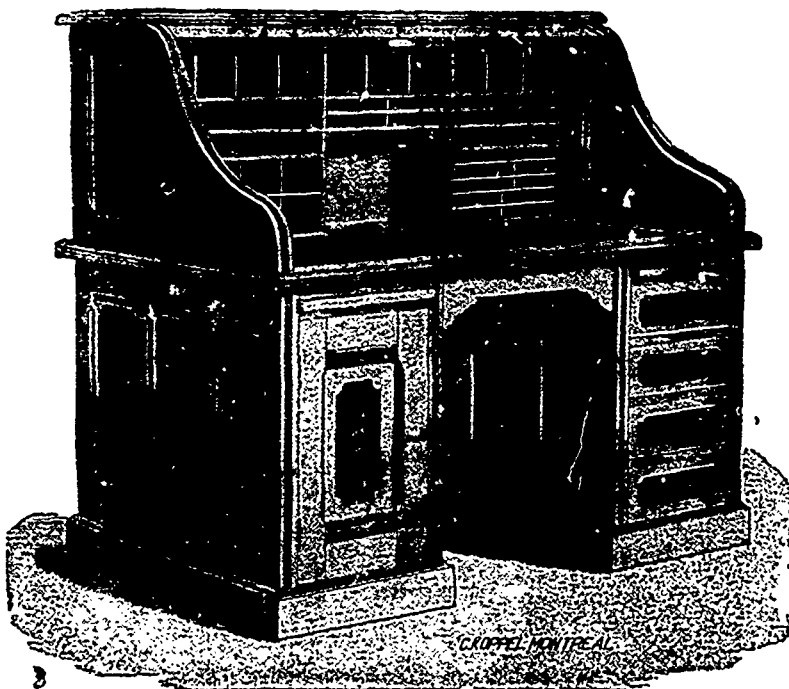
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Canned Goods at Toronto.

The market continues quiet, with wholesale prices unchanged. Packers, however, have advanced their views on corn, peas and tomatoes, and it is said also on peaches 2½c, but there are very few selling. Wholesale dealers are asking \$1.10 to 1.20 for tomatoes and \$1.10 to \$1.25 for corn. Peaches are very firm. In fish there is a fair enquiry for lobsters, but they are scarce and firm.

Fish—

Salmon, 1's	\$1 60 to \$1 80
Lobsters, clover leaf	2 25 0 00
Lobsters, other 1's	1 65 1 90
Sardines, French ½'s	0 08 0 11
Sardines, French, ¾'s	0 14 0 22
Sardines, American ¾'s	0 06 0 08
Sardines, American ½'s	0 09 0 11

Fruits and vegetables—

Apples, 3's	0 90 1 00
Apples, gals.	2 00 2 25
Corn, 2's	1 10 1 20
Corn, cream 3's	1 75 1 80
Peaches, 2's	2 20 2 40
Peaches, pie.	1 35 1 60
Peas, 2's	1 10 1 30
Plums, greengages, 2's	2 40 2 55
Plums, blue, 2's	2 25 2 40
Strawberries, 2's	2 35 2 45
Tomatoes, 3's	1 10 1 25

—Empire.

Sugar, etc., at Montreal.

Raw sugars have been strong during the past week, and in consequence the market here is firm in tone, with a tendency towards higher values, and yellow refined have moved up fully ½c during the week. The advance is steady and permanent, sugars having strengthened everywhere. The demand has been fair, and sales been regularly made at quotations. Syrups are quiet and strong, having advanced somewhat during the week, with a quiet demand. Barbadoes molasses is quiet, with little doing at unchanged prices.

Granulated	7½ to 7¼
Yellows	5¾ to 6½
Paris lumps	0 to 0
Raw	0 to 0
Syrup	4½ to 5¼
Molasses, Barbadoes	44 to 46
Port Rico	00 to 42
Trinidad	38 to 40
Antigua	40 to 41

—Gazette.

Montreal Hide and Skin Market.

Business in hides has been quiet, owing to the limited demand, and no sales of any consequence have been made. The tone of the market remains steady, except for western packers' steers, which have ruled weak in Chicago, and values here in sympathy have declined fully ¼c to 9c to 10½c. Owing to the large stock of leather on hand at present, tanners are holding off and do not feel disposed to buy for future wants, notwithstanding the low range of prices now ruling. We quote: No. 1 Toronto's at 5½c to 6c; No. 2, do at 5½c to 6½c; No. 1 Hamilton's at 5½c to 6c; No. 2 do at 4½c to 5c. Western buff and upper No. 1 at 6c, and No. 2 at 5c. The receipts of green hides have been fair, for which the demand has been quiet and prices steady at 4½c, 3½c and 2½c for

No. 1, 2 and 3, tanners paying ½c extra. Lambskins are unchanged at 65c to 70c, and calfskins continue dull at 5c.—Trade Bulletin.

Dried Fruit and Nuts.

Valencia raisins continue to excite a great deal of attention. Prices on spot are firm at 6½ to 6¾c for No. 2 quality, and 6¾ to 7c for choice of stalk. All outside advices are strong, and the general opinion of the trade is that the present prices will be fully maintained. Malaga fruit is in good demand, London layers selling freely at \$3 to \$3.25, and black baskets at \$4 to \$4.25. Sultanas are scarce and firm at 9½ to 11½c, as to quality. Currants are unchanged. Prunes are firm here and to-day's cables quoted firm prices. Grenobles are worth 15 to 16c. Sicily filberts are selling at 10½ to 11c, and Tarragona almonds at 14 to 15c.

Currants—

Bilsand ½'s	5¼ to 5¾c
Patras	6½ 7¼
Vostizza	8½ 9½

Figs—

Natural	4 6
14-oz	8 10
Elemes	11 20
Dates	6 6½

Raisins—

Valencias	6½ to 7 c
" layers	8 9½
Sultanas	9 11½
London lay	
ers	\$3.00 \$3.35
Prunes—	
Bosnia, cs.	7¼ to 8½c
" kgs	5 5½
" bids	4½ 5

—Empire.

The Travelling Men.

At the recent meeting of the Manitoba and Northwest Commercial Travellers' Association,

At the quarterly meeting of the Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada, held at Toronto recently, A. A. Allan was re-elected president and the following were nominated as the Winnipeg board of directors: J. B. Mather, vice-president; Geo. Galt, S. Miller,

held in Winnipeg, M. R. O'Loughlin was elected president, Fred. Chilcott vice-president, and A. Strang treasurer, by acclamation. W. M. Ronald, the retiring president, would not consent to his name being put in nomination again for the presidency.

The following candidates for directors were nominated: H. Bell, L. C. McIntyre, T. A. Montgomery, J. C. McLean, J. K. Whinery, M. W. Busch, J. Lamb, H. B. Gordon, J. Holman, C. F. Church, J. C. Gillespie. The annual meeting takes place on the 21st, when the directors will be elected and reports submitted. It was decided to hold the annual dinner on the 30th inst., and committees were appointed to arrange for the event.

The order forbidding the transfer of bonded freight from Puget Sound ports to British Columbia, in United States vessels, has been suspended, pending investigation. This order created intense hostility at Victoria, as a large quantity of freight comes over the Northern Pacific from Eastern Canada, for Victoria, and the new regulation seriously handicapped the handling of this traffic.

The following were the coldest days of last winter at Edmonton, Northern Alberta, a point 1,000 miles northwest from Winnipeg, according to the *Edmonton Bulletin*:—On November 14th the thermometer went down to 4 below zero; on January 11th and 12th it was 1 below; and January 24th it was 4 below. The cold snap of the winter was between February 6th and 24th, when it got down as low as 29 below. Only once after that, on March 14th did it get

down to zero, when it went 4 below. From that date to this it has not reached zero at any time, the nearest approach to it being on the 18th of November last, when the reading was 8 above or 24 degrees of frost.

At the last meeting of the Winnipeg Board of Trade, a resolution was passed, requesting the Ottawa authorities to provide at once for connection between the C. P. R. and the N. P. & M. railways at Winnipeg. The resolution points out that the means for effecting freight transfer between the two roads have been in existence since early in August last, but so far the railway committee has failed to order a connection. A motion was also passed to petition the Department of Marine and Fisheries to extend the daily weather forecasts issued by the Canadian Signal Service Department to all telegraph stations in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. Last year when the board petitioned, the Government stated that the cost of the service would be greater than the amount of the then available fund, but it was intimated that a sufficient sum would be placed in the estimates this year.

Stock Notes.

Christie & Fares of Emerson, Man., shipped to Port Arthur, recently three cars of cattle and sheep, and one car of dressed beef.

Six more carloads of cattle were shipped from Binscarth, Man., last week, making in all eighteen cars this season.

Cattle are doing well on the western ranges. The *Macleod Gazette* says: "Cattle were never in better fix at this season of the year. The grass is thoroughly cured, and the feed said to be excellent."

Algoma Items.

The steamer *Algonquin* took on a cargo of 65,000 bushels of wheat at Fort William for the east on her last trip. She will winter at Sarnia.

There has been seven months of navigation on Lake Superior this year. The Canadian Pacific Railway boats have made thirty-two trips each. The last boat left Port Arthur on December 3.

The Port Arthur *Sentinel* of Wednesday last says: Lake Superior, as far as the eye can see from Port Arthur, is clear of ice. Thunder Bay, eighteen miles across to the Sleeping Giant, is clear of ice, and even the harbor near the town is entirely open, and a birch bark canoe could land at any place along the shore or at the docks."

Misses M. & J. MITCHELL, general merchant, Regina, have sold out to James Duncan, who will continue the business. The Misses Mitchell have moved to Medicine Hat, where they will open a store.

R. S. NORTON, who represents Cornell, Spira & Co., wholesale furnishings, etc., Winnipeg, along the main line west, has prepared a handsome holiday advice card to be sent to his customers through the west.

W. M. RUBLEE, of Rublee, Riddle & Co., wholesale fruits, etc., Winnipeg, returned last week from a trip south.

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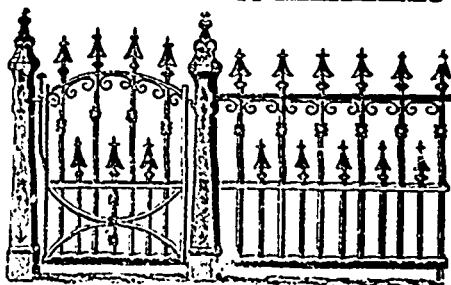
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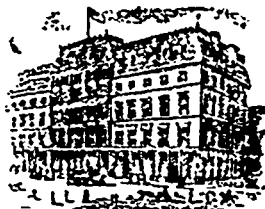
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RAILWAY

Has given a favorable opportunity to visit the Eastern Provinces of Canada through a series of Low Rate Excursions.

The following announcement is made for the present season: From Stations on its lines North of and including Winnipeg, Grand Forks and Crookston and West to Minot, tickets will be sold at Excursion Rates on the following days:

Nov. 11, 18 and 25; Dec. 2, 9, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23, 1889; Jan. 6, 7, and 8, 1890

Stop-over privileges and ninety days time will be granted on these tickets with 15 additional days time on payment of \$5, or 30 days on payment of \$10 extra. Tickets will be issued to points in Ontario and Quebec west of and including Montreal.

A choice of routes will be given through the principal cities of the continent. The "Manitoba" train service is unexcelled, and with Palace Dining and Sleeping Cars and Free Tourist Sleeping Cars the journey is back to the scenes of early days will be made over this favorite line with comfort and luxury. Call upon or address any agent of the Manitoba Railway for full particulars regarding rates, baggage, sleeping berths, etc., or write

H. G. McMICKEN, General Agent,
376 Main St., Corner Portage Avenue.

F. J. WHITNEY, Gen. Ticket and Pass. Agt., St. Paul.

THESE VESTIBULED TRAINS go in service May 15th.

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THE NORTHWESTERN LINE,
The best equipped line to

CHICAGO, OMAHA AND KANSAS CITY.

The ONLY line to Chicago running Pullman and Wagner Vestibuled Trains.

These Vestibuled Trains are limited as to time but not limited as to number of passengers. All classes of Passengers carried, with separate apartments for each class, and NO EXTRA FARE.

Trains Eastward will run as follows: Leave Minneapolis 6:30 p.m.; St. Paul 7:30 p.m. Arrive Milwaukee 7:40 a.m.; Chicago 6:50 a.m.

The Sleeping Cars on these trains have been prepared especially for this service, and together with the Vestibuled Dining Cars, Coaches and Baggage Cars are the finest equipped trains of their class in the world.

TICKETS AT LOWEST RATES, and good on these Vestibuled Trains, can be secured at the following offices: St. Paul, 159 East Third Street, Minneapolis, 13 Nicollet House Block; Duluth, 112 West Superior Street; also at St. Paul and Minneapolis Union Depots and at offices of connecting lines. Sleeping car accommodation secured in advance.

NOTE—The above advertised time is the actual running time, and the motto of the Northwestern Line is "ALWAYS ON TIME."

E. W. WINTER, General Manager.
F. B. CLARKE, General Traffic Manager
T. W. TEDDALE, General Passenger Agent

Canadians, Attention!

Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway

Albert Lea Route

In connection with the Northern Pacific and St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railways, will during the months of November, December, 1889, and January, 1890, run a series of

CHEAP EXCURSIONS

To Ontario and Quebec Points.
\$40 — FOR THE ROUND TRIP — \$40
TICKETS GOOD 90 DAYS.

Avoid delays and detentions in Chicago and other points by purchasing your tickets via the "Albert Lea Route."

For detailed information call upon your nearest railway agent or write to

C. H. HOLDRIDGE,
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Northern Pacific & Manitoba Ry.

Time Table taking effect Sept. 1, 1889.

North Bound			South Bound			
Daily Passenger	Daily except Sunday	Miles from Winnipeg	STATIONS.		Passenger	Freight
No. 53	No. 55		Central	Standard Time	No. 54	No. 56
1 30p	4 20p	0 A	Winnipeg	10 50a	4 30p	
1 25p	4 17p	1 0	Kennedy Avenue	10 53a	4 25p	
1 15p	4 12p	3 0	Portage Junction	10 57a	4 45p	
12 47p	3 9p	9 0	St. Norbert	11 11a	5 05p	
12 20p	3 45p	15 3	Cartier	11 24a	5 35p	
11 32a	3 27p	23 5	St. Agathe	11 42a	6 05p	
11 12a	3 19p	27 4	Union Point	11 50a	6 20p	
10 47a	3 07p	32 5	Silver Plains	12 02p	6 4 p	
10 11a	2 48p	40 4	Morris	12 20p	7 05p	
9 42a	2 33p	48 8	St. Jean	12 34p	7 35p	
8 58a	2 13p	56 0	Letellier	12 55p	8 12p	
8 15a	1 48p	65 0	W. Lyne	1 17p	8 50p	
7 15a	1 40p	68 1	Pembina	1 25p	9 05p	
7 00a	1 10a	268	Grand Forks	5 20p		
	5 25a		Winnipeg Junction	9 50p		
	8 35a		Minneapolis	6 35a		
	8 00p		St. Paul	7 05a		
Westward.			Eastward.			
	10 20a		Bismarck	12 35a		
	10 11p		Miles City	11 00a		
	2 50p		Helena	7 20p		
	10 50a		Spokane Falls	12 40a		
	5 40p		Passoc Junction	6 10p		
	6 45a		Portland	7 00a		
			(via R. O. & N.)			
	6 45a		Tacoma	6 45a		
			(via Cascade div.)			
	3 15p		Portland	10 00p		
			(via Cascade div.)			

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE BRANCH.

Daily ex su	STATIONS.	Daily ex su
11 10a	Winnipeg	6 45p
11 00a	Kennedy Avenue	6 49p
10 55a	Portage Junction	6 58p
1 24p	Headingley	7 31p
10 10a	Horse Plains	7 55p
9 35a	Gravel Pit Spur	8 20p
9 15a	Stettin	8 41p
8 52	Oak Hill	9 05p
8 25a	Assiniboine bridge	9 3 p
8 1a	Portage la Prairie	9 45p

Pullman Palace Sleeping Cars and Dining Cars on Nos. 53 and 54.

Passengers will be carried on all regular freight trains Nos. 53 and 54 will not stop at Kennedy Avenue.

J. M. GRAHAM, General Manager, Winnipeg.
H. SWINFORD, General Agent, Winnipeg.

Manitoba and Northwestern Ry.

CHANGE OF TIME.

PASS Tuesday Thursday and Saturday	Miles from Portage	STATIONS.	PASS Monday Wednesday and Friday
LEAVE			ARRIVE
16 15		Portage la Prairie	14 15
1 19 00	35	Gladstone	1 12 50
1 19 00	61	Nepawa	1 11 25
2 0 00	79	Minnedosa	1 10 40
2 1 00	94	Rapid City	9 15
2 1 40	115	Snoo Lake	8 45
1 23 00	158	Hirtle	1 7 45
2 3 35	185	*Bismarck	6 47
2 4 15	166	*Russell	6 10
2 4 45	180	*Langenburg	5 40
1 45	206	*Saulteaux	4 40
ARRIVE			LEAVE

Miles.

*Trains for Bismarck leave Hirtle Tuesdays and Saturdays only at 23 00, returning leave Bismarck Wednesdays and Mondays only at 6 47. For Russell leave Hirtle Tuesdays only at 23 00, returning leave Russell Wednesdays only at 6 10. For Langenburg and Saulteaux leave Hirtle Saturdays only at 23 00; returning leave Saulteaux Mondays only at 4 40. For Rapid City leave Minnedosa Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 23 10, returning leave Rapid City Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 15.

Above trains connect at Portage la Prairie with trains of the Canadian Pacific Railway to and from Winnipeg. For information as to Freight or Passenger Rates apply to A. Macdonald, Assistant General Freight and Passenger Agent, Portage la Prairie, or to W. R. BAER, General Superintendent.

16-GRAND WINTER-16 EXCURSIONS

MANITOBA TO MONTREAL

And all Points West in Ontario

Northern Pacific And Manitoba Railway.

The Only Dining Car Line between Manitoba and Ontario Points by way of St. Paul and Chicago.

Tickets for Sale on the following dates.

November 11th, 18th, 25th; December 2nd and 9th and daily from Dec. 16th to 23rd, and January 6th to 8th, inclusive.

\$40 { FARE ROUND TRIP } \$40
90 DAYS { LIMIT OF TICKETS } 90 DAYS
NINETY DAYS

Good going and returning 15 days each way, with stop-over privileges. Limit of tickets can be extended a further period of 15 days on the payment of \$5, or 30 days on the payment of \$10 by applying to agent of railroad at point of destination mentioned on ticket.

For further information, maps, time tables and tickets via the Dining Car Line, write or apply to any of the agents of the Northern Pacific & Manitoba Railway, or to

H. J. BELCH,
City Ticket Agent, 285 Main St., Winnipeg.

HERBERT SWINFORD,
General Agent, 466 Main St., Winnipeg.

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For information in reference to Lands and Townships owned by the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company, write to H. G. HAGAN, Land Commissioner, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.