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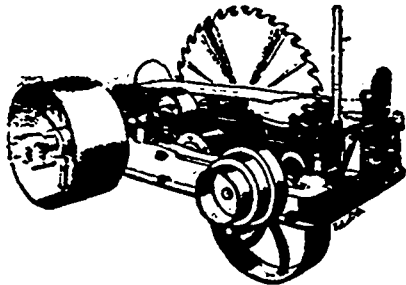
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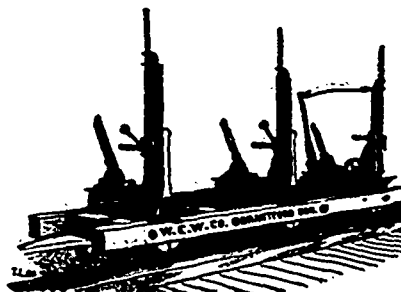
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ASSINIBOINE RIVER WATER POWER.

Last week we referred at length to the action now being taken by the Dominion government to lower the level of Lake Manitoba, and the advantage it would be to have the cut made from the lake to the Assiniboine river, instead of increasing the outlet capacity at the northern end of the lake. Some years ago great interest was taken in the proposal to utilize the waterpower of the Assiniboine river at Winnipeg. A thorough investigation was made at the time and it was then considered that the work would prove of great advantage to the city. A complete survey of the proposed work was made by the city engineer, who estimated that a water power, at the lowest stage of the river in a dry year, could be developed of 3,219 horse-power. By making a cut from Lake Manitoba to the Assiniboine river it was estimated that the power could be increased to 15,000 horse-power per day of fourteen hours. In order to verify the finding of the city engineer, J. T. Fanning, an expert hydraulic engineer, was brought here from the United States, and in the main he fully endorsed the report of City Engineer Ruttan. There is set at rest any doubt as to the feasibility of the work, the approximate cost of the same, and the

value which the development of the power would be to the city.

Latterly, all attention seems to have been directed toward the improvement of navigation on the Red river, so much so that the development of the waterpower within the city limits has been almost forgotten. While it is very important that navigation should be opened on the Red river to Lake Winnipeg, in many respects the development of the Assiniboine river water power within the city limits, particularly in connection with the canal to Lake Manitoba, is of even greater importance.

It is estimated that at the present cost of fuel, steam power will cost in Winnipeg about \$90 per annum per horse power, or 29 cents per day for each working day in the year. This applies to steam power used on a large scale, for twenty-four hours steady running. Used in a small way the cost would be greater, ranging as high as \$300 or more per horsepower per year. After allowing very liberally for the cost of developing and maintaining the Assiniboine water-power, the rental of only 2,500 horse power at an average of \$10 per year would pay an interest of 5 per cent on the outlay and cost of maintenance. The cost of construction is estimated for canals, dams, etc., of a capacity of 10,000 horse power. If the cost of the work were estimated on a basis of the minimum, low water power of something over 3,000 horse power, the percentage of interest would be much greater. But even at the outside estimate of cost of construction, we would have the cost of motive power in Winnipeg reduced from \$90 or more per horse power per annum to \$10 per horse power per annum, besides securing a liberal return by way of interest on the investment. What this reduction would mean in the direction of encouraging the location of factories here, is beyond comprehension. The present total steam capacity of the city is estimated at about 3,000 horse power, or something less than the minimum power which the Assiniboine river would furnish at lowest water, without the Lake Manitoba connection. This 3,000 horse power represents an expenditure estimated at an average cost of \$100 per horse power per year, of \$300,000 per annum. This 3,000 horse power if obtained from the Assiniboine river and rented at \$10 per annum, would represent an annual saving of \$270,000, after paying expenses of maintenance and allowing for a liberal interest on the first cost. As stated, this first cost is estimated on the work necessary to develop 10,000 horse power, though the river does not furnish this amount of power all the year around. Work required to develop the minimum

power would cost much less, and would therefore represent a much greater saving than is apparent on the present steam power capacity of the city.

It is also stated by competent authority that by carrying out this work, a portion of the water could be used for flushing the sewers of the city, on the principle of natural gravitation, and therefore without any cost of pumping. Now that the city is going in for municipal ownership of water works, electric lighting plant, etc., the great need of developing the water power should become more urgent. When the city has the new water works and the proposed electric lighting plant in operation, a maximum of about 800 horse power will be required. The saving on 800 horse power, by the development of the Assiniboine water power, would be \$64,000 per year, on the basis of \$10 per year per horse power for the water power. The actual saving should be considerably greater, as the charge for water power would allow a larger interest on investment than the city would have to pay for money, providing the work were done by the city.

This much has been said with reference to the Assiniboine water power at Winnipeg alone, without the Lake Manitoba connection. If the Dominion Government could be induced to make the cut from the lake to the Assiniboine river, instead of at Fairford, as shown in the map printed in The Commercial last week, the value of the water power at Winnipeg would be increased by almost the multiple of 5, as the horse power thus made available would be increased by about this proportion. It would, therefore seem worth while making a strong effort to induce the Dominion Government to bring the surplus water of Lake Manitoba this way. It would make possible the development of 15,000 horse power within the city limits of Winnipeg, and this would be of vastly more importance to the city than any other enterprise now in view, including the St. Andrew's rapids improvements.

In another article we shall deal with the great possibilities of commercial expansion and development by the opening of a canal to Lake Manitoba.

HEAVY EXPENDITURE PROPOSED.

On December 20 Winnipeg rate-payers will be asked to vote upon three debenture by-laws. One of these by-laws calls for the appropriation of \$20,000 for the purpose of erecting a free public library. Another asks for the sum of \$13,000 for the purpose of establishing a crematory for burning garbage. The third is to legalize an issue of debentures to the

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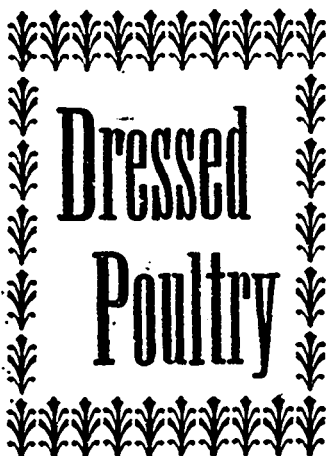
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amount of \$50,000, for the purpose of establishing electrical works and plant for lighting our streets and civic buildings. These by-laws, with the already authorized issue of debentures for the waterworks, and the extensive street improvements recently inaugurated, on the frontage tax system, make the civic expenditure, proposed or otherwise, very heavy.

As to the first mentioned of these three by-laws, The Commercial is entirely opposed to the proposed expenditure. It is very doubtful if it is the duty of the municipality to furnish reading matter for a portion of the citizens. Public libraries became recognized at a time when books were rare and costly. In our day literature is within the reach of all. Only a limited section of the community makes any use of the free public library, and that mainly the novel-reading section. At best the public library is a luxury, and Winnipeg is

western outskirts of the city, would probably consider the statement not too strong. The disposal of Winnipeg garbage has been an excessively expensive matter for many years, and after all this expenditure large portions of the city are in a chronic state of filthiness. There seems to be altogether too much garbage hauling. Some of this should be done at the expense of citizens who create the garbage. A great deal of this production of garbage for removal by the city is unnecessary. When we have our new waterworks system in operation, there should be less garbage to remove. Citizens who refuse to use the water, should be taxed full water rates, the same as those who use water, and a special tax should also be placed upon all above ground or cess-pool closets, within the area served by the water mains. This would have the effect of materially cleansing the unwholesomeness of the

looked into the matter, know well where the weakness lies. Our system of municipal government may be suitable for a country village or rural town, but it is an extravagant system for a city. With the disadvantages of our civic government machine so generally recognized, it does seem strange that nothing can be done to bring order out of chaos and place our affairs on a better business basis.

TREE PLANTING.

The Commercial publishes an article this week in another column on "Tree Planting in Manitoba," written by A. P. Stevenson, of Nelson. This is not strictly a commercial article, but it treats of a subject which should be of great interest in Manitoba, and it is a matter which The Commercial has frequently discussed, with the object of encouraging tree planting. It is in a sense a commercial question,



MANITOBA FARM HOMES—Residence of A. P. Stevenson, Nelson, Man.

not in a position to indulge in luxuries. Our municipal taxation is already over 2 cents on the dollar, and that on an inflated assessment, while in addition to this there are heavy frontage tax charges, which make the burden of taxation very grievous, amounting in some cases to practically the rental value of the property. Under such circumstances the free public library proposal can well afford to stand over.

Regarding the establishment of the proposed crematory, if handled properly, this institution should be a saving to the city. The Commercial said some years ago, and more recently repeated the statement, that "the greatest waste of labor on the North American continent was probably in connection with the disposal of Winnipeg garbage." This is a strong statement; but any citizen who has witnessed the efforts to haul this garbage, in wet weather, to the nuisance ground on the

city under the present conditions.

Regarding the electric lighting by-law, The Commercial is in favor of all such plant being owned and operated by the city, though municipal ownership is less urgent in this case than in regard to the waterworks. The expenditure, however, should prove a profitable investment for the city, providing that reasonable energy and business ability is given to the management of the work. Just here is where the difficulty comes in. Under our present system of municipal government, good business management is not looked for. Just at the present time a little more than the usual interest is being taken in civic affairs, and much criticism is heard as to the handling of the city's business. It is an easy matter to find fault and point out mistakes after they have been made, but after all, the system of civic government, rather than the individual is principally to blame. Business men who have

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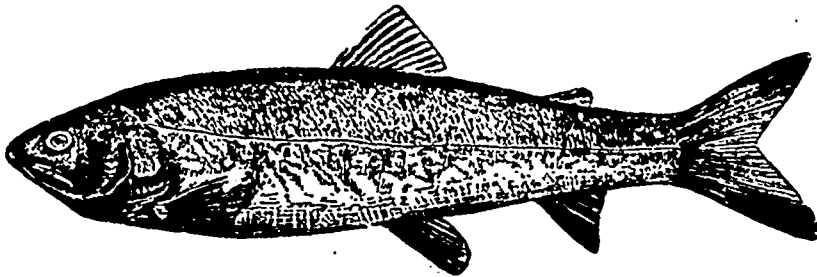
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In fact the scarcity seems almost more acute at present than in the past. There seems to be the same dislike among young women here, as in other cities, to accept positions in families as servants. They will accept positions in offices, stores and factories at smaller pay when board is considered, in preference to undertaking kitchen or general house work, notwithstanding that the office, store or factory is often less healthful employment than household work. Young men are being crowded out of positions by the tendency among young women to seek employment other than that of a domestic nature, while tempting wages and immediate employment is readily obtainable by any clever young woman who is willing to undertake domestic service. Competent girls who will act as servants in private families receive as high as \$16 a month and board, or as much as a man can get in the east. Dining room girls get \$18 a month, cooks \$20 to \$25, kitchen girls \$12 to \$15, laundresses \$15 to \$20, chambermaids \$12 to \$15, servants in private families \$8 to \$10. In all cases these wages include board. There is certainly room for immigration work in the direction of bringing in good domestic help.

DAILY MAIL WANTED.

One of the objections made by the Dominion Government to the granting of a daily mail service on the Deloraine branch railway in Manitoba was, that the daily train service might not be continued. This seems rather an unlikely contingency. The daily train service has now been in effect for some time, and the new winter time table of the railway company shows that the daily train is to be continued. It would be a decided step backward to reduce the number of trains on this important branch road. Besides this, the volume of trade and travel over this line is expanding all the time, and with this increasing traffic there would seem to be little probability of a reduction in the number of trains on the line. The number of towns along the Deloraine branch and their importance as business centres is such, that the people have good reason to demand a daily mail. With a daily passenger train service over the line, there seems to be no just reason for refusing the demand.

Tree Planting in Manitoba.

Written for The Commercial.

Many years of life upon the prairies of Manitoba have deepened an early conviction that every man who seeks to make a home there should pay much attention to the growing of trees about his home buildings. It is

a matter of surprise to observers of the average prairie farmer to see how neglectful he has been of this first great work. There is many a house with its outbuildings that are as unprotected as they were ten or fifteen years ago, when the first stroke was made to turn the prairie into a home. The buildings are weatherbeaten, the surroundings are not homelike and there is nothing about the premises to invite the eye or give one a sense of pleasure. On the other hand, where the farmer has planted trees that are now shelter belts they in many cases have grown to be more valuable to the farm than all the buildings he has been able to put upon it. It is a comparatively easy matter for a man without much capital to soon add to the value of his land. A value greater than could be added to it by many hundred dollars invested in lumber and labor bills.

There is another matter of great importance and that is the failure of many who have attempted to grow trees. There is every evidence that they desired to have their protection and value. They have spent much labor and considerable money, but to result in what may be called a "dismal failure." One of the most unpleasant sights upon the prairies is the wrecks of groves, as pathetic as shipwrecks at sea. They advertise their failure, more plainly than a half finished building left to rot. They discourage from attempting anything more in that line. They leave the impression upon a stranger that the growing of trees upon our prairies is both difficult and doubtful. But all these conclusions are wrong; trees can be grown with as great assurance of success as wheat can.

In a brief way I will now outline some of the things that I have found to be helpful and necessary to a good grove in Manitoba. In the first place thoroughly cultivate the land, break the sod, grow one or two crops then plow it deeply in the fall, say six inches. In the following spring mark the land at such distances as one may want trees. I like to have the rows at least six feet apart and let the young trees be put at least three feet apart in the row. Hood crops can be grown between the rows for a year or two or until the ground gets too much shaded by the trees. As to varieties of trees, the willow is the first tree that should be planted on the outside of the grove. The gray has done well with us. I think it would be well to give some of the Russian willows a trial. Voronish and cutleaved are rapid growers, and with us have so far proved hardy. Plant willows in two rows about the plantation. Let the rows be six feet apart and the trees eighteen inches apart in the row, planting cuttings of course. The willows are of great value in catching the snow in the winter and preventing the drifts from breaking down the trees that may be planted within. Let there be a space of two rods or more kept under cultivation or seeded down inside the willow rows for the drift to form on, so gathering the snow and preventing the drifts from breaking the limbs of the young trees. There are at the present time but very few that might be called standard trees for the prairies. The following are a few of the most desirable: Ash, elm, box elder, cottonwood and Russian poplar. In planting mix the varieties, it will add to the appearance of the grove by so doing, and

it has also been found that a more vigorous growth is obtained. Evergreens. It is probably a fact that during the past season more evergreens have been planted than during any single season in our history. In order to meet with certain success there are only a few rules to be observed; in fact only one that is of vital importance, and every time we write or talk about evergreens we should repeat it, hence I insert it here. The roots of evergreens will not bear exposure to wind or sun, but should at all times be covered, from the moment they are lifted from the earth until they are again planted out. This is done by covering the roots with mud or wet moss or both. Properly handled and packed they can be moved a long distance with absolute safety and as large a per cent made to grow as can be done with the cottonwood and willow tree. The kinds to plant are rather limited with us here. The following varieties can, however, be said to be fully tested with us and found to be perfectly hardy at Nelson: Scotch pine, balsam fir, white spruce, native spruce, and arbor vitae. Every variety on the above list we have growing on our own grounds, ranging from two to thirty feet high. I desire to make special mention of our native spruce. Like the other spruces its growth the first few years after transplanting is slow, but its growth is rapid after becoming established. It does not seem to be affected by extremes of heat and cold. Plant trees two to three feet high, tramp the earth firmly around the roots. Allow no grass to grow within three feet. Give them good cultivation and plenty of room to grow in and they will in a few years develop into trees that for rich color, stately form and beauty, are in my opinion not surpassed by any tree that grows. By all means select cloudy and moist days for planting, afterwards care for them much and protect and you can save twenty-five to a hundred per cent. It is a slow and skillful operation growing evergreens from seed, and to the unlearned would be an unprofitable experience. I now wish your attention concerning one of the most important things in this matter of tree growing and it is a thing that will be most likely to be neglected and that is thorough cultivation. Start with clean land; never let the weeds go to seed, and if the cultivation be thorough then there is always preserved that looseness of the top soil that will prevent evaporation of subsoil moisture. This is one of the greatest factors in success. I don't pretend to say how many times in a season the land should be cultivated. It is not a matter of times but the amount of cultivation necessary to keep the weeds down and keep the top surface loose. It will be a matter of surprise how little labor it takes to keep the land clean if you start with clean land and keep after the weeds. They must have a starting point in some seeds and if we do not let the weeds mature seeds the succeeding weeds are very scarce. And, finally, let us remember when planting a tree that investment grows from the start and that as tree growers we want to know our friends among the trees are like some folk, failures from the start to the finish. And there are others that have success in them and they are the ones we want to tie to. We like a tree that is both hardy and graceful, but would rather have a homely tree than no tree at all, and finally I would say that to some are given various

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Statistical Wheat Reports.

WHEAT IN CANADA

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

Montreal	48,000
Toronto	125,000
Kingston	50,000
Winnipeg	840,000
Manitoba elevators	4,900,000
Port William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	1,490,000

Total December 3 6,953,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains as reported by Bradstreet's on Dec. 3, were 45,914,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 50,312,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on Dec. 1 were 6,296,000 bushels, compared with 6,944,000 bushels a year ago.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains for the week ended December 11, was 26,738,000 bushels, being an increase of 2,623,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 34,744,000 bushels, two years ago 54,284,000 bushels, three years ago 66,834,000 bushels.

WHEAT STOCKS AT U.S. POINTS.

Chicago	2,662,000	bushels
Duluth	2,330,000	"
Minneapolis	2,543,000	"
New York	4,211,000	"
Buffalo	4,121,000	"

STOCK OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 5,361,000 bushels, compared with 14,349,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 17,846,000 bushels, compared with 39,680,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in the United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe, on Dec. 1, for a series of years, were as follows, Bradstreet's report: Dec. 1, 1898, 109,810,000; Dec. 1, 1897, 127,503,000; Dec. 1, 1896, 172,181,000; Dec. 1, 1895, 185,364,000.

CROP MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States spring wheat markets from the beginning of the crop year, August 1, 1898, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This Crop	Last Crop
Minneapolis	41,451,290	40,597,670
Milwaukee	6,775,985	4,986,755
Duluth	50,233,413	30,219,509
Chicago	20,078,192	20,135,075

Total 119,538,880 95,939,609

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States winter wheat markets from the beginning of the crop movement, July 1, 1898, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This Crop	Last Crop
Toledo	9,859,499	8,480,542
St. Louis	10,663,002	8,816,179
Detroit	3,029,294	3,576,433
Kansas City	18,378,780	21,580,350

Total 41,931,475 42,453,804

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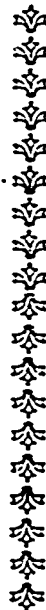
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Manitoba Crop Report.

Bulletin No. 57 of the department of agriculture was issued yesterday. It is the final one for this year and contains information as to the actual yield of the various kinds of grain, and the conditions generally existing during harvest and fall, compiled from the returns received from regular correspondents of the department made under date of December 1, which is the most accurate received from any source. The information in all items is satisfactory and in many highly so. The total yield of wheat is 25,313,745 bushels, as compared with 18,261,950 bushels last year, an increase of 7,051,795 bushels. The area sown is increased 167,350 acres; and what is even more gratifying, the average yield jumped from 14.14 to 17.01 bushels per acre. Of oats 17,308,252 bushels have been raised, 6,676,739 in excess of last year; the average yield was 33.9 bushels compared with 22.7. Barley, flax, rye, and peas, potatoes and other roots are in excess of last year. The dairy industry has suffered from the good prices for wheat which prevailed last season, as has also hog raising. The following tables give a summary of the yields of the various crops of the province:

WHEAT.			
District.	Area in Acres.	Yield per acre bushels.	Total yield bushels.
North Western	122,600	19.3	2,366,180
South Western	595,134	13.5	8,034,309
North Central	305,224	19.6	5,982,390
South Central	374,614	19.1	7,117,666
Eastern	90,660	20.	1,813,200
Province	1,488,232	17.01	25,313,745
OATS.			
North Western	83,162	34.7	2,885,721
South Western	108,882	28.8	4,861,801
North Central	89,155	37.7	3,361,143
South Central	113,000	35.8	4,045,400
Eastern	60,625	35.5	2,152,787
Province	514,824	33.6	17,308,252
BARLEY.			
North Western	15,400	26.	400,400
South Western	32,454	22.5	730,215
North Central	31,302	28.	876,456
South Central	51,331	29.2	1,498,952
Eastern	27,568	28.	771,904
Province	158,058	27.06	4,277,927
POTATOES.			
North Western	2,200	177	389,400
South Western	5,400	144	777,600
North Central	3,880	205	795,400
South Central	3,750	152	570,000
Eastern	4,561	158	720,638
Province	19,791	165	3,253,038
ROOTS.			
North Western	1,400	364	509,600
South Western	2,240	311	698,640
North Central	608	369	223,245
South Central	2,022	235	475,170
Eastern	2,181	260	567,060
Province	8,448	292	2,471,715
FLAX, RYE AND PEAS.			
Flax			350,000
Rye			63,860
Peas			31,880
Total grain crop of the province			47,345,664

COMMENT.

In the August bulletin the estimated wheat yield was 25,913,153 bushels; that is, about 600,000 bushels in excess of the actual yield now given. There is no doubt that if the season for harvesting and threshing had been favorable, the actual yield would have considerably exceeded the yield estimated in August, for the conditions of the crop improved from the 1st August until harvesting com-

menced. The unfavorable weather for stacking and threshing, so exceptional in this province, continued for a month, and in some parts of the province for six weeks. This was during the last ten days of September and nearly all of October. The wheat yield suffered loss in extra handling of stacks to dry the same, in taking down stacks that were damp when stacked, in discarding wet or damp sheaves from top of stacks, and it is well known that for a month or six weeks, when but little progress was made in stacking or threshing, farmers fed hogs and poultry on wheat chaffs, as feed was scarce and the threshing season long overdue.

Present returns indicate the wheat actually threshed for export, seed or feed. The damage to wheat on account of wet weather is variously estimated from 1 per cent to 33 per cent of the crop. The majority of reports from the northwestern district indicate that there was but little damage, not exceeding 5 per cent depreciation of the whole crop. Much of the grain in this district grades No. 1 hard. In the southwestern north central and south central districts, the damage is estimated at from 1 per cent to 10 per cent, averaging 7 per cent of the value of the crop. The Eastern district suffered the greatest damage. Reports estimate a depreciation in value of from two per cent to thirty-three per cent, average twenty per cent. The Eastern district was delayed in threshing after reasonable weather set in on account of the land being soaked with water, so as to render moving of threshing machines almost impossible until ground was frozen; in other parts of the province this difficulty was not so great. Considering the season, it is pleasing to note that a considerable quantity of wheat will grade No. 1 hard. Grain that was subjected to continued rains for four or five weeks in stack and some of the stacks, is generally reported as losing a grade, and in some cases two grades. The report of damage done, current during the critical period when stacking and threshing were delayed for weeks, were based no doubt upon the uncertainty as to whether favorable weather would come so late in the year to enable farmers to clear up their summer's work before winter set in, but to the many erratic conditions of the weather during this exceptional season was added a few fine weeks in November, which enabled farmers to complete their threshing, with the result that a favorable showing is, after all, made for the year. It is hardly necessary to say that those who are acquainted with all the facts, will never for a moment attribute the failure to secure crop at the usual time to the indolence or want of enterprise on the part of farmers. The delay was solely on account of the unfavorable weather.

LIVE STOCK.

Cattle—The number of beef cattle exported from the province this season was 12,525, of which number over 7,500 came from the northwestern part of the province, tributary to the line of the M. and N. W. railway. There were 9,500 stockers shipped to the Northwest Territories to be fattened and 20,000 shipped to the United States.

Hogs—The number of hogs shipped to British Columbia by the C. P. R. was 5,100. The number received by Winnipeg butchers and packers was

18,000. Total, 23,100. Customs returns show that 1,919,784 pounds of pork were imported to Winnipeg from the United States to supply the demand of markets supplied from Winnipeg.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

The season has been a favorable one for all parties engaged in the manufacture of cheese and butter. In many places very high prices were paid for dairy butter, in trade, some have been known to pay 16c and sell the same at 12c. This is a serious mistake on the part of the merchants, as it has a tendency to increase the output of dairy butter which is not wanted in large quantities. The prices this year have been exceptionally good. While it shows a decrease in the amount of creamery butter made, the price is such that brings the value to an increase over last year. The cheese output, so far as figures have come in, has decreased. Fully a million of dollars of farm produce will be brought into this country from other provinces, every dollar of which Manitoba farmers should produce. Of creamery butter 565,024 lbs. were made, which brought an average price of 18.6c, making a total value of \$179,194.46. Of dairy butter 1,151,620 lbs. were produced for which a total of \$610,593.52 was received, the average price being 13.94 cents. The total amount of butter produced was 2,116,644 pounds and it brought \$340,987.98. A total of 800,034 lbs. of cheese was made, which brought \$60,367.28, at an average price of 8.67. The total value of dairy products was \$409,455.26.

NOTES.

Over 5,000 farm laborers were brought from Ontario and all secured employment and before harvest and threshing were completed it was impossible to supply the demand for men.

The total area of fall plowing is 607,720 acres. From the August bulletin the area of breaking is reported as 134,905 acres and the summer fallowing as 268,830 acres. This makes a grand total of 1,011,455 acres prepared for the crop of 1899. This shows a decrease of over 300,000 acres, from the figures of last year.

Over 40 per cent of the reports received state that the amount of hay secured is not sufficient to meet the requirements of the coming winter. This means a general shortage throughout the province. In the majority of cases the reason given for the short hay crop is the excessive rainfall, which flooded the hay meadows and made it impossible to secure the usual supply.

The amount of poultry disposed of by farmers during the past year shows a marked decrease. The number sold was 31,455 turkeys, 13,010 geese and 127,660 chickens. It is evident from the quantities of poultry now being brought into the province from the east that this branch of farming is being neglected for the time being in Manitoba.

From the last revised assessment returns by municipal clerk, the following statement of the amount of stock in the province is compiled: Number of horses, 101,836; cattle, 227,097; sheep, 32,053; swine, 69,648. The number of horses increased 1,562 during the year, and the number of cattle increased 5,322, but the number of sheep decreased 3,500 and the number of swine decreased 5,300.

The estimated expenditure on farm buildings for the year is \$1,469,740. In 1897 the expenditure was \$935,-

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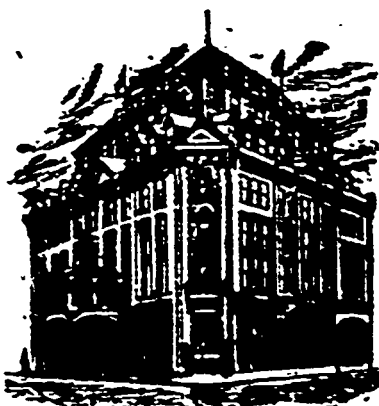
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Note by the Editor—This official report refers to the province of Manitoba alone. Other crop estimates and statistical reports relating to live stock, etc., usually include Manitoba and the Territories together. This will explain the wide divergence which would seem apparent to those who might not understand the circumstances.

Fur-Trade Notes.

London fur sales for 1899 will be held as follows: C. M. Lampson & Co., January 16 to 20; March 13 to 24; June 13 to 15; October 17 to 19. Hudson's Bay Company, January 16; March 13 to 16.

The New York Fur Trade Review says: This is to be a fur season. Not only are capes, collarettes scarfs, Eton coats and jackets in great demand, but dressmakers are using fur extensively. The most elegant gowns, both for evening and day wear, have bands of fur on the waist, sleeves and skirts. The collection of raw furs, owing to favorable weather for trapping, ought to be up to the average in quantity; such being the fact, and other business conditions being considered, present prices should rule moderate on all articles to insure shippers a fair season.

The New York Press says: Some of the muffs carried are of gigantic size, like the muffs of Galunboro's beauties. It is not even pretended that they are used for warming the hands. The weather has made it unnecessary to consider other hand-coverings than gloves. But muffs have been in common use and for the sole purpose of adding further picturesqueness to my lady's toilet. Contrast of big muff and small waist has helped to produce the desired lithe effect. Sable and chinchilla are the popular furs with the "swells." Not all their muffs are large, but none are small. Mink is liked too. Furs for the neck oftenest are half cape and half boa, the front of the cape finishing in long ends, which sometimes comes to the skirt bottom. Little neck boas of marten and mink are worn, too, by the women of the world. Just such as every girl has in her closet, remaining from the fad of three years ago, but these boas are made more smart by a band of mink or sable worn around a velvet toque, which finishes the afternoon costume of the woman of fashion.

Dry Goods Trade.

Eastern clothiers report an improving demand for the better grades of clothing and that the demand for woolens is gradually working up to the finer goods.

A report from Lyons, France, shows no expansion in the demand in the market for silks, there being apparently little inclination on the part of buyers to anticipate future requirements. A more settled political outlook would, it is argued, considering the statistical position, be likely to find instant expression in a decided revival of activity in the Lyons market, and an upward movement of prices.

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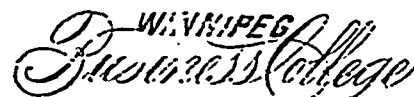
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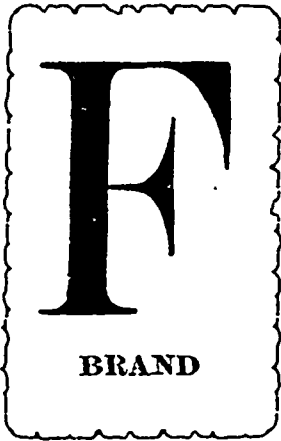
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Insurance Items.

Mr. Kyle, agent of the Great West Life Co., at Rat Portage, Ont., is the winner of the \$150 gold watch offered by the company to the agent who secured the most new business during the three summer months of this year.

Literary Notes.

Self Culture for December is another notable advance over the previous issues of this excellent magazine both in appearance and in the character of its contents. The cover of this number is especially chaste and beautiful, the illustration being a reproduction of an entirely new picture of the Madonna. Every article is timely and well written. The magazine may be obtained of all newsdealers, or

ordered directly from the publishers, The Werner Co., of Akron, O. We understand that sample copies will be cheerfully mailed to all who are not acquainted with the publication.

The December number of Self Culture is in circulation and is of sufficiently high merit to well repay any reader's perusal of it. The articles on current topics are well written and present a very large amount of interesting and useful information.

The Bole Drug Company, Winnipeg, have issued a neat little almanac for 1899, for the use of its numerous patrons and friends. The matter pertaining to the days, seasons, weather, etc., has been compiled so as to apply to Western Canada, and no doubt the almanac will be highly appreciated on this account.

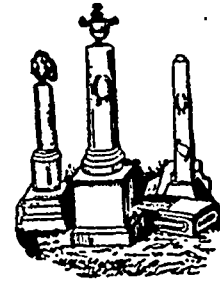
The Christmas numbers of magazines and periodicals have come to be regarded as the first heralds of the near approach of the great Christian holiday season. The first one of Canadian origin to reach The Commercial this year is that of The Mail and Empire, of Toronto. This is of special interest to Canadians, because it is home production throughout. The pictures are the work of Canadian artists, the literary matter is from the pens of The Mail and Empire staff, the engravings, the paper and printing are all Canadian.

"What do I fear?" is a question worth asking by each man or woman. Perhaps without recognizing it the reader of this paragraph is being influenced in his or her daily life by groundless fears that are ruinous to character. The Cosmopolitan Magazine has taken up this subject and is obtaining the views of a great many prominent people, where they are willing to open their minds frankly. A great many other prominent people have refused The Cosmopolitan's request, being afraid to tell the public what they fear—perhaps even afraid to confess to themselves what they fear. The December issue includes statements from Wm. Dean Howells, Richard Croker, Admiral Gherardi, Chauncey M. Depew, Viola Allen, Mme. Janauschek and Ella Wheeler Wilcox. The second series will, it is promised, be even more interesting.

The Christmas number of The Canadian Magazine frontispiece is a reproduction in colours of the famous picture, "The Berry Pickers," by G. A. Reid. Grant Allen contributes a very good Christmas story, which is freely illustrated. "Kit" writes another entitled "Holy Saint Claus. Eva Hamilton Young tells something about the origin of Christmas carols, Christmas boxes, and other customs peculiar to the Anglo-Saxon. W. L. Edmonds gives the origin of the dried fruits which we use at this season in our Christmas puddings and other delicacies. Capt. Bell continues his story of Lord Wolseley's expedition. Julian Durham describes the twelve-year-old-city of Vancouver. Florence Hamilton Randal gives the history of Rideau Hall. Altogether the number is an attractive one of 190 pages within the artistic cover.

A Dolge's felt shoe, No. 14 size, specially ordered for a customer, was shown in a Winnipeg store this week. It was fourteen inches long, five inches wide, and quite a shapely piece of footwear. One would not like, for obvious reasons, to offend the wearer.

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Winnipeg Clearing House.

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

Week ended Dec. 15, 1895 \$2,331,289
Corresponding week, 1897 2,153,412
1898 1,816,863

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

	1898.	1897.	1896.
Jan. ...	6,347,168	5,009,819	4,977,200
Feb. ...	5,517,000	3,851,000	4,052,000
March ...	5,968,000	4,289,000	4,286,000
April ...	6,240,000	4,162,000	4,032,000
May ...	8,683,364	5,014,786	4,246,201
June ...	7,396,000	5,531,000	4,094,000
July ...	6,316,238	5,616,603	4,961,277
Aug. ...	6,180,385	6,298,574	4,046,959
Sept. ...	6,414,551	8,035,201	4,630,706
Oct. ...	9,347,692	12,291,879	7,583,472
Nov. ...	11,553,669	13,530,761	8,895,175

Savings Bank Humor.

In connection with the savings bank report, the Westminster Gazette recalls that many depositors every year lose or mislay their books, and the explanations given are sometimes curious. "Through falling out with my wife, she tore the bank book; I enclose the relics," wrote one. "My wife burnt it in a temper." "I dropped the book," wrote another, "when I was milking the cow in the shed, and when I found it the cow had it all chewed up, it was a mangled condition." An illiterate depositor on one occasion pleaded that she wanted her money because "our brother died on 10 of January here in Belfast. We feel so lonely know we Berric in cemetery in the Deer Park. He went of like a sheep. His sickness was New Ammonia." One depositor, required to give her "occupation," described herself as "Alas! an idler." Another, who had received an incorrect acknowledgment for a deposit, dropped into poetry, finishing up a quaintly worded letter as follows:

Over this mistake, Sir, do I sadly sigh;
Do not let it Pass unheeded by;
On it cast your Educated Eye,
And Please to send me a Quick Reply,
Which will End my grief and stop
my Cry.

Financial Notes.

The highest price ever paid for a seat on the Montreal stock exchange was \$6,750, yet \$8,000 was offered on Saturday last for a seat, but those who are willing to sell ask no less than \$10,000.

A dispatch from Ottawa says: The department of customs has completed arrangements for placing all officers handling money under fidelity bonds to be furnished by trust companies. In the past personal bonds have been accepted, but in case of default, it has been found difficult, and in some cases impossible to realize upon them."

D. H. Downie, for the past two years of the staff in the Winnipeg branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, has been transferred to the Fernie, B. C., branch to relieve T. R. Billett, of that branch, who has been transferred to Dawson City. Before leav-

ing Mr. Downie was presented with a very handsome travelling bag by the other members of the staff. R. G. McCosh, of the Belleville branch, will take his place in the Winnipeg branch.

Mining Notes.

The Klondyke Hydraulic Company, Limited, of London, England, one of the many companies formed in England last year for the purpose of carrying on mining operations in the Yukon country, is winding up its affairs, the shareholders having satisfied themselves after going to considerable expense that their scheme was of no value.

The Canadian Pacific Railway company had a smelter expert examining the Boundary Creek district, British Columbia, to decide on a location for the new smelter to be erected by the company in that locality next year.

It is stated that a rich find has been made at the Mikado mine, Rat Portage district, the ore milling from this special pay break as high as \$20,000 to the ton.

The Hall Mines company announce the result of the smelting operations for the period ending December 2, in all eighteen days and seven hours work, at 2,207 tons of ore, which contained approximately 53 tons of copper and 45,960 ounces of silver.

Rosslund, B. C., Dec. 11.—The shipments from the mines of the Rosslund camp for the week ending December 10 were as follows: Le Roi 1,320, War Eagle 1,000, Iron Mask 40; total 2,460. Shipments for the same week last year were 637 tons; total shipments since January 1st, 1898, 121,431 tons. In the winze at the 250 foot level of the Iron Mask a splendid body of ore has been opened up averaging \$80 per ton in value. The ore chute is as rich as any uncovered in the Rosslund camp. Drifting will be commenced on this ore immediately. Ore of good value has been struck in the new workings of the Josic. The Mascot compressor is ready for operation. Stopping will shortly be commenced in the White Bear. Elaborate preparations continue for the Rosslund mid-winter carnival. The first shipment of Fernie coke has been made to the Trail smelter. The Rosslund excursionists to East Kootenay and the a most enjoyable trip.

T. H. Holland has returned from a protracted business trip through the Boundary country. He brings very interesting data and encouraging news of the mine. The Penticton railway makes mining possible where it was hitherto impossible, and will enable thousands of men to live in the country who would not under other circumstances be able to keep body and soul together. At present freight is hauled by wagon from Bossburg, Washington state, and costs for delivery at Greenwood and Grand Forks from 11-2c to 2c per pound. To give another illustration, when Grand Fork put in a waterworks system the freight on the boiler from Bossburg was over \$2,000. Holland says that Nob Hill mine will be a second Le Roi. It is one of the biggest propositions ever heard of. The vein is from 150 to 300 feet wide, and the ore runs from \$25 to \$100 per ton. This mine and the Iron Sides is situated about ten miles from Grand Forks. Propositions are being considered now which will lead to the erection of a smelter at Grand Forks within a year. The B. C. mine looks well. The company have 4,000 tons of ore on

the dump which is said to average \$60 per ton. The Winnipeg, owned by Mackenzie & Mann, is spoken well of; work is being pushed upon it. Numerous other properties show immense bodies of ore—everything is on a large scale in the Boundary country—the ore however, is low grade.

The Lumber Trade.

The Genelle sawmills at Genelle Sidling, Nakusp and Kwant, and the lumber yard at Kamloops, have been purchased by the Columbia River Lumber company, whose head office is at Golden.

D. C. Cameron, president of the Rat Portage Lumber company, states that his company will this winter cut one-third more logs than they did last season in the Rat River district.

The Lumbermen's association of Ontario is protesting against what is regarded as a discrimination by the railroad companies in the freight rates on hardwood lumber as compared with pine. It is claimed that this discrimination amounts to from one to two and a half cents per hundred-weight.

A conference of Pacific coast lumbermen, including the British Columbia mills, was held in San Francisco recently for the purpose of forming an alliance to secure better prices. The growing scarcity of logs in limits convenient to the mills and the greater distance over which supplies have to be brought has increased the cost of finished lumber to a point which makes the prevailing prices unremunerative, hence this conference for the purpose of raising prices.

Tenders.

Tenders for 2,300 feet of sewer pipe for Winnipeg civic work, are called.

The provincial government is asking for tenders for 356 cords of firewood, for various provincial institutions in Winnipeg.

The provincial public works department is asking for tenders for general supplies for the asylum at Selkirk and the deaf and dumb institute, Winnipeg.

A recent post office department circular says: The attention of postmasters and the public is called to the fact that no parcel can be sent from Canada to any other country by parcel post unless it bears a customs declaration setting forth the nature of its contents and its value. As the acceptance by a postmaster of a parcel addressed to any other country, and not provided with a customs declaration will result in its being sent to the dead letter office, postmasters are specially directed not to accept such parcels without the customs declaration.

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Manitoba

Baldur wants a dentist.

Birnlo & Co., have opened a photograph gallery at Holland.

M. Finkelstein has bought out the stock of Richards at Dauphin.

F. S. Moule, general merchant, Killarney, is opening a branch at Dunrae.

George Treleaven's handsome new block at Killarney is nearing completion.

A Huggins, formerly of Carberry, will open up a bakery at Portage la Prairie.

T. J. Lawlor, general merchant, of Killarney, will open a branch at Dunrea, the new Northern Pacific town near Killarney.

The new Northern Pacific and Manitoba Railway company's coal sheds and engine house at Belmont were destroyed by fire on the 8th inst.

Sigurdson Bros., store and contents at Hnansa, on Lake Winnipeg, were completely destroyed by fire on Friday, Dec. 9th. Loss about \$2,000; insurance \$1,700.

It is stated that the Dauphin railway will be extended to the North Saskatchewan river next summer, and a couple of years later it will be completed to Hudson Bay, with a branch to Prince Albert.

C. W. Maloan, hardware merchant, Carberry, has sold out his business at that point to Shannon, of Tara, Ont., and will move to the Narrows of Lake Manitoba, where he intends engaging in the business of stone quarrying.

The citizens of Portage la Prairie have forwarded a numerously signed petition to the Hudson's Bay authorities requesting that James Robertson be continued as manager of the company's stores at that place.

D. W. Mills, of Carman, arrived in Winnipeg on Wednesday with a shipment of fat Christmas cattle for P. Gallagher & Sons. One two year old steer in the lot turns the scales at 1,600 pounds.

C. C. Macdonald, provincial dairy commissioner, has reported that the conditions are not favorable for the establishing of a creamery at Dauphin as yet, but he thinks a cheese factory would pay at St. Rose, in that district.

A new enterprise in the retail line in Winnipeg is the concern known as Bayley's Fair, owned and operated by Geo. Bayley, formerly of Ontario. The principal lines handled are dry goods, fancy goods and toys. A novel feature is the method of buying goods which the proprietor, in company with 24 other merchants in various parts of Eastern Canada, has adopted. The buying for the whole 25 stores is done en bloc, the merchants meeting twice a year for that purpose in London, Ontario. Mr. Bayley states that he has come to Winnipeg to stay.

Alberta.

Armstrong Bros., general merchants, Edmonton, have dissolved. W. M. Armstrong assumes the obligations of the the business.

The store known as the London and Liverpool at MacLeod, has been purchased by Schofield & Co., of Pincher Creek, and will be conducted by them in future.

Dowling & Ottewell, of Clover Bar, contemplate erecting a 100-barrel flour mill at Edmonton. It has not

yet been decided on which side of the river the mill will be located.

The farmers of the Edmonton district held a meeting recently. The two questions discussed were the freight rates to the Kootenay and a farmers' mill. A resolution was passed to support the board of trade in its efforts to secure such reduction in railway rates as will enable Edmonton to compete on fair terms with Manitoba in the Kootenay market. A committee of prominent farmers from different parts of the district was appointed to meet on Dec. 27th to consider the flour mill question in all its bearings.

Assiniboia.

E. A. Walker, of Winnipeg, has purchased the hardware business of James Franks at Grenfell.

John Secord, Q. C., Regina, died on Dec. 10, of pleurisy, after only three days' illness. Deceased was of U. E. Loyalists descent, and was born near Niagara in 1850.

Grain and Milling News.

The new drying machinery in the Northern elevator, Winnipeg, is now in operation and is working satisfactorily.

This is moving week among Winnipeg grain men, who are moving into the handsome new grain exchange building.

The Western Milling company's (of Regina) elevator, at Pense, Assa., containing about 15,000 bushels of wheat, was burned on Dec. 15. The origin of the fire is unknown.

The shareholders of the Reston Farmers' Elevator Co., Reston, Man., held a meeting recently and re-endorsed the payment of a 15 per cent. dividend for last year. The affairs of the company are in a very prosperous state.

Following shows the number of cars of wheat inspected under the jurisdiction of the Winnipeg inspector for last week: One hard 66 cars, two hard 23 cars, one northern 115, two northern 15, three hard 3, one spring 34 rejected 16, no grade 79; total 348 cars.

Customs Changes.

The following general regulations in regard to invoices and entries of goods under the customs laws of Canada:

15. When any bill of sight or provisional or imperfect entry is perfected, or post entry made, or refund claim certified, the collector in every such case shall carefully note on the invoice or on the prime entry the numbers of the perfect entry, post entry or refund claim.

All perfecting and post entries and refund claims shall have marked thereon for reference the numbers of the prime or sight entries affected by such perfecting or post entries or refund claims.

16. Bills of sight taken at any port shall be filed and numbered consecutively with entries for consumption and the sums collected upon sight entries shall be deposited in the same manner and at the same time as ordinary collections.

17. Except in the case of "small collections," entries of goods for home consumption shall be made by bills of sight, when the goods are subject to

an ad valorem duty and when a certified invoice thereof cannot be produced.

Sight entries may also be used if desired by the importer in the case of goods subject to specific duties, when certified invoices thereof cannot be produced.

Collectors may allow a reasonable time for perfecting sight entries, but not exceeding six months from the date of such entry, without the consent of the customs department.

18. Importations not exceeding ten dollars in value may be entered on appraisement as heretofore: Provided, however, that invoices shall be required to be produced for all goods being merchandise for sale.

19. Pro forma invoices are not to be accepted with bills of entry when certified invoices can be produced.

20. In the absence or illness of the importer, invoices may be subscribed on his behalf by his local manager or employee duly authorized thereunto, or the collector may in such cases, in his discretion dispense with the requirement: Provided, that in all cases the invoice shall be subscribed by the person making the entry.

21. The actual purchase price as shown on the invoice is to be stated in the entry under the heading, "Invoice value in currency of invoice" and the proper value for duty is to be stated in the entry under the heading "Value for duty in dollars," whether the value for duty is the same as the invoice price or not.

22. Goods admitted free or at a lower rate of duty, for use only for manufacturing purposes, shall be separately entered "for home consumption," without other goods on the same entry, and the special oath (Amended Form 4) as to the exclusive use of the goods, shall be made and subscribed on the bill of entry in addition to the oath usually taken on the entry of imported goods.

23. In order to provide for a proper examination and appraisement of goods it is directed that at least one package out of every invoice (and not less than one in ten when there are several packages on the invoice) be taken and delivered for the examination of the appraiser or officer acting as such wherever practicable, and especially in the case of packed goods.

The Commercial Men.

Jas. Mundie, of the Sanford Manufacturing Co., left Monday on a western trip.

H. Kite, of the W. E. Sanford Co., returned east on Tuesday after several months spent in the west.

A. E. Forde, traveller of the Ogilvie company, left for Ottawa on Thursday. Before his return he will wed an Ottawa lady.

F. Clare, of Clare Bros., iron founders, of Preston, Ont., returned east Wednesday after a business trip to the west.

Correction.

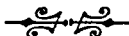
In our article on the lowering of Lake Manitoba in The Commercial last week the words "a continuous navigable channel from Winnipeg to Edmonton via Lake Winnipeg" should have read, "a continuous navigable channel from Winnipeg to Edmonton via lakes Manitoba and Winnipegosis." The similarity in the names of the lakes led to a typographical error, which went through unnoticed.

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Winnipeg Hardware and Metal Prices.

Tin—Lamb and Flagg, 56 and 28 lb ingots, per lb 21@22c.

Tin Plates—Charcoal plates, I C, 10 x 14, 12 x 12 and 14 x 20, \$4.50@4.75; I X, same size box, \$5.75@6; I C charcoal, 20 x 28, 112 sheets to box, \$8.00@ \$8.50; I X, box, 20x28, 112 sheets, \$9.50@ \$10.

Terne Plates—I C, 20x28, \$8@ \$9.50. Iron and Steel—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$2.05 band iron, 100 lbs., \$2.05@2.75; Swedish iron, 100 lbs, \$5.25 @6; sleigh shoe steel, 2.50@2.75; best cast tool steel, lb., 9@11c; imitation Russian sheet, 7@8c; genuine Russian sheet, lb., 12@13c.

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

Canada Plates—Garth and Blaina, 8.00 @ \$3.15.

Galvanized Iron—American, 20 guage, \$3.50; 22 and 24 guage, \$3.75; 28 guage, \$4.00; 28 guage, \$1.25 100 lbs.

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

Lead—Pig, per lb., 4 1/2 to 5c.

Sheet Zinc—In casks, \$7.00 lb., broken lots \$7.25.

Solder—Half and half (guar) per lb., 14@16c.

Ammunition—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American discount 40 per cent; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5; rim fire military, American, net list; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent, shot shells, 12 guage, \$6 @ 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 6 1/2 c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 6 1/2 c. Robin Hood powder, 17 lb kegs, \$10; 1/2 kegs, 4 1/2 lbs, \$3; Canister, 9 oz., 60c. Loaded shells, 12 guage, soft shot, \$20 per 1,000. No. 10 guage, \$23.00 per 1,000.

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

Wire—Galvanized barb, solid, plain, twist, \$2.40 per 100 lbs.; Plain wire and staples, \$2.90.

Axes—Per box, \$6@9.

Nails—Cut, keg, base price, \$2.15 for 20 to 60d., with new classification of extras; common steel wire nails, 4 1/2 @ 6 inch, \$2.35 per keg, with usual extras for smaller sizes.

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

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

Rope—Sisal, lb., 11c base; man-

illa, lb., 12 1/2 c base; cotton, 1/4 to 1/2 inch and larger, 15c lb.

Building Paper—Anchor brand plain 45c; do tarred 60c; Jubilee plain 57c; do tarred 73c.

Winnipeg Prices of Paints, Oils, Glass, etc.

Following are close jobbing prices, as to quantity:

White Lead—Pure, \$6.50 100 lbs; No. 1, \$5.50.

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

Dry Colors—White lead, pound, 7c; red lead, kegs, 6c; yellow ochre in barrel lots, 2 1/2 c; less than barrels, 3c; golden ochre, barrels, 3 1/2 c; less than barrels, 4c; Venetian, red, barrels, 3c; less than barrels, 3 1/2 c; American vermilion, 15c; English vermilion, \$1 per lb., Paris green, 18@20c; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots, 2 1/2 c; less than barrel lots, 3c; English purple oxides, in casks, 3 1/2 c; less quantities 4c lb.

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

Sundries—Glue, sheets, 15c lb; broken, 12 1/2 c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 20@25c. Stove gasoline, case, \$3.50; benzine, case, \$3.50. Axle grease, imperial, case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, case, \$3.75; Diamond axle grease, \$2.25 case. Coal tar, barrel, \$7. Portland cement, barrel, \$4@4.25; plaster, barrel \$3.00; plasterers' hair, P. P., 90c bale. Putty, in bladders, barrel lots, 2 1/2 c lb., do., in 100 lb kegs, 2 1/2 c., do., less than barrels, lb, 3c. Alabastine, cases of 20 pkgs., \$6.50@7.50 as to color.

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

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

Turpentine—Pure spirits in barrels, 65c; less than barrels, gallon, 70c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

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

Refined Petroleum—Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 17c; crescent, 20 1/2 c; oleophene, 21c in barrels. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 2 1/2 c for cocene and 2 1/2 c for sunlight. Straight car lots Silver Star 1c less, other brands 2c less.

Winnipeg Lumber Prices.

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

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

to 2x12, 10 ft, \$18.00. No. 2 dimension, \$2.00 less than No. 1. Dimension, 26, 28 and 30 ft, \$26.00. Timber, 26, 28 and 30 ft, \$28.00. \$1.00 per M advance on each inch over 12 inch in depth and width. Tamarac dimension same price as pine. Spruce dimension at \$2.00 per M less than pine. Cull plank, all widths at \$12.00 per M. B. C. fir dimension up to 32 feet at \$28.00 per M., 33 to 40 feet, \$30.00, 41 to 60 feet \$36.00. \$1.00 per M extra for each 2 in. over 12 in. in width or depth.

Boards—1st common, red pine, \$25.00, 2nd common, \$18.50, 3rd common, \$16.50; No. 1 cull, \$18.00, No. 2 cull, \$9.00; spruce, \$16.50. \$1.00 per M extra for stock boards. \$2.00 per M less for 6 to 8 ft. and under. \$1.00 per M less for 10 ft. No. 1 box, 14 in. and up, \$30.00, No. 2 box boards, 14 in. and up, \$23.00. Extra dressing \$2.00 per M.

Siding, Flooring and Ceiling—2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch, white pine, \$36.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch white pine, \$28.00; 1st and 2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$30.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$25.00; 4th, 4, 5 and 6 inch, red and white, \$20.00; Cull siding, red and white, \$16.00; B.C. No. 1 and No. 2 edge grain flooring, 3, 4 and 6 inch, \$32.00. \$2.00 per M advance for dressing both sides.

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

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

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

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

Finisnings—1 1/2, 1 1/4 and 2 inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$65.00, 3rd clear, \$55.00, selects, \$45.00, shops, \$36.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$32.00; B.C. cedar clears, \$50.00; do., over 12 inch, \$55.00; B. C. fir edge grain No. 1 stepping, \$45.00; No. 2, \$40.00; B.C. fir, flat grain, No. 1, \$37.00; No. 2 do., \$32.50; B.C. finishing up to 12 in., \$37.50; do., over 12 inch, \$42.50. \$5 per M advance on 2 1/2 inch and thicker. One inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$55.00, 3rd clear, \$48.00, selects, B, \$38.00, selects, C, \$30.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$30.00; B.C. cedar, clear, \$50.00. B.C. fir finishing, \$37.50; do. over 12 inch, \$42.50.

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

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

WINNIPEG PRICES CURRENT

GROCERIES

Prices to retail dealers for ordinary lots, with usual discounts for cash or large lots.

Canned Goods	Per case
Apples, 3s, 2 doz	2 15 2 25
Apples, preserved, 3s, 2 doz	3 00 3 25
Apples, gallons (per doz)	3 00 3 25
Black or Lawton berries, 2s, 2 doz	3 25 3 50
Beans, 2s, 2 doz	1 55 2 00
Corn, 2s, 2 doz	2 30 2 50
Cherries, red, pitted 2s, 2 doz	3 75 4 00
Peas, Marrowfat, 2s, 2 doz	1 90 2 00
Peas, sifted, 2s, 2 doz	2 25 2 50
Pears, Bartlett, 2s, 2 doz	3 25 3 50
Pears, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz	4 50 5 00
Pears, Bartlett, 3s, 2 doz	5 00 5 50
Pineapple, 2s, 2 doz	1 50 2 00
Pineapple, imported, 2s, 2 doz	5 50 6 00
Peaches, 2s, 2 doz	3 50 3 75
Peaches, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz	4 50 5 00
Peaches, Canadian, 3s, 2 doz	5 50 6 00
Plums, 2s, 2 doz	3 00 3 25
Plums, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz	4 50 5 00
Pumpkins, 3s, 2 doz	2 00 2 25
Raspberries, 2s, 2 doz	3 25 3 50
Strawberries, 2s, 2 doz, new	3 10 3 25
Tomatoes, 3s, 2 doz	2 20 2 50
Salmon, talls, 1s, 4 doz	5 50 6 00
Salmon, Cohoes talls, 1s, 4 doz	7 50 8 00
Sardines, domestic 1/2s	05 08
Sardines, imported, 1/2s	09 15
Sardines, imported, 3/4s	15 25
Sardines, imp. 1/2s, boneless	20 33
Sardines, Dom., mustard 1/2s	10 12
Imported Fresh Herring, 1s, 1 doz	1 40 1 60
Imp. Kipper Herring, 1s, 1 doz	1 85 2 00
Imp. Herrings, Tom. Sauce 1s, 1 doz	2 00 2 00
Imp. " Anch. Sauce 1s, 1 doz	1 90 2 00
Imp. " Shrimp Sauce 1s, 1 doz	2 00 2 00
Canned Meats	Per case.
C. Beef, 1s, 2 doz	3 00 3 50
C. Beef, 2s, 1 doz	2 60 3 00
Lunch Beef, 2s, 1 doz	6 00 6 50
Lunch Tongue, 1s, 2 doz	6 00 6 50
Lunch Tongue, U.S. 2s, 1 doz	6 25 6 75
Brawn, 2s, 1 doz	2 60 3 00
Pigs Feet, 1s 2 doz	2 50 2 75
Roast Beef, 2s, 1 doz	3 00 3 50
Chicken, Duck or Turkey, 1s 2 doz	7 50 8 00
Potted Ham, 1/2s	75 75
Devilled Ham, 1/2s	75 75
Potted Tongue, 1/2s	75 75
Potted Ham, 3/4s	1 50 1 50
Devilled Ham, 3/4s	1 50 1 50
Potted Tongue, 3/4s	1 50 1 50
Coffee	Per pound.
Green Rio	9 1/2 10
Inferior grades	8 1/2 9
Cereals	Per sack
Split Peas, sack 9s	2 40 2 50
Pot Barley, sack 9s	2 35 2 40
Pearl Barley, sack 9s	4 25 4 50
Roll'd Oats, sack 5s	1 55 1 90
Standard Oatmeal, sack 9s	2 35 2 35
Granulated Oatmeal, sack 9s	2 35 2 35
Beans (per bushel)	1 40 1 45
Cornmeal, sack 9s	1 25 1 25
Cornmeal, 1/2 sack 49 (per 1/2 sack)	0 65 0 65
Rice, B.	4 1/2 4 1/2
Patna	5 1/2 6
Rice, Japan	6 6 1/2
Sago	4 1/2 4 1/2
Tapioca	1 1/2 4 1/2
Cigarettes	Per M
Old Judge	85 90
Athlete	8 90
Sweet Caporal	8 90
Sweet Sixteen	5 70
Derby	6 60
Cured Fish	
Boneless Hake, per lb	05 05 1/2
Codfish, whole cases, 100 lbs.	6 00 6 00
Codfish, Pure per lb	07 07 1/2
Herrings, in half-barrels	3 60 3 75
Dried Fruits	
Currants, new, Prov'l Bbls	05 1/2 6
Currants, Prov'l Cases	5 1/2 6 1/2
Currants, Prov'l 1/2 Barrels	05 1/2 6 1/2
Currants, Filiatria, bbls	05 1/2 6 1/2
Currants, Filiatria, cases	06 06 1/2
Currants, cleaned, cases	7 7 1/2
Dates, Cases	06 07
Figs, Elcme, about 10 lb box	20 22
Figs, Glove Box, per doz	3 30 3 60
Figs, Cooking, Sax	09 10
Figs, boxes	12 1/2 13
Prunes, Bosnia, Cases	08 09
Sultana Raisins	11 1/2 12

Dried Fruits	Per pound
Raisins, Val, fine, off stalk	1 55 1 65
Raisins, Selected, off stalk	1 70 1 80
Raisins, Val, Layers, per box	1 80 1 90
Loose Muscatels, 2 crown	05 1/2 06
Loose Muscatels, 3 crown	07 1/2 08
Loose Muscatels, 4 crown	08 1/2 09
London Layers, 20 lb Boxes	1 90 2 00
Apples, Dried	07 7 1/2
Evap Apples, finest quality	10 10 1/2
California Evaporated Fruits	
Peaches, peeled	17 18
Peaches, unpeeled	13 14
Pears	10 11
Appricots	15 16
Pitted Plums	10 11
Prunes, 100 to 120	5 1/2 6
Prunes, 90 to 100	10 11
Prunes, 80 to 100	7 7 1/2
Prunes, 70 to 80	7 7 1/2
Prunes, 60 to 70	8 8 1/2
Prunes, 40 to 50	10 11
Nutches	Per case
Telegraph	5 85
Telephone	3 65
Tiger	3 50
Nuts	Per pound
Brazils	11 12 1/2
Taragout Almonds	13 15
Peanuts, roasted	12 13
Peanuts, green	9 10
Greenble Walnuts	13 15
French Walnuts	12 13
Sicily Filberts	11 12
Shelled Almonds	30 35
Syrup	
Extra Bright, per lb	3 3 1/2
Medium, per lb	2 1/2 3
Maple, case 1 doz 1/2 gal. tins 60	6 75
Molasses, per gal. (New Or.)	35c
Porto Rico	40
Barbadoes	48
Sugar	
Extra Standard Gran.	5 1/2 5 1/2
German Granulated	5c
Extra Ground	5c
Powdered	6 1/2
Bright Yellow Sugar	4 1/2
Maple Sugar	11c 12c
Salt	Per pound
Rock Salt	1 1/2 1 1/2
Common, fine	1 90 2 00
Common, coarse	1 90 2 00
Dairy, 100 3	3 25 3 30
Dairy, 60 5	3 15 3 50
Dairy, white duck sack	00 50
Common, fine jute sack	00 45
Spices	Per doz.
Assorted Herbs, 1/2 lb tins	75 90
Allspice, whole	18 20
Allspice, pure ground	18 22
Allspice, compound	15 18
Cassia, whole	18 20
Cassia, pure ground	20 25
Cassia, compound	13 18
Cloves, whole	17 20
Cloves, pure ground	25 30
Cloves, compound	18 20
Pepper, black, whole	11 15
Pepper, black, pure ground	16 18
Pepper, black, compound	10 13
Pepper, white, whole	20 25
Pepper, white, pure ground	25 30
Pepper, white, compound	18 20
Pepper, Cayenne	25 30
Ginger, whole, Jamaica	25 30
Ginger, whole, Cochina	20 25
Ginger, pure ground	23 25
Ginger, compound	15 20
Nutmegs, (per pound)	55 60
Mace (per pound)	1 00 1 25
Teas	Per pound
China Blacks—	
Choice	35 40
Medium	25 35
Common	15 20
Indian and Ceylon—	
Choice	32 40
Medium	25 32
Common	10 22
Young Hysons—	
Choice	35 45
Medium	28 35
Common	22 30
Japan—	
Finest May Picking	35 40
Choice	30 35
Fine	25 30
Good Medium	20 25
Com.	15 20

Tobacco	Per pound
F. & B., 3s, 4s, and 9s Cuds	00 72
Lily, 8s, cuds	00 63
Crescent, 8s, cuds	00 60
T. & B. Black Chewing, Sor16s	00 64
T. & B. Mahogany Chewing, 8s or 16	00 64
T. & B. 1-12 pkg, cut	00 59
T. & B. 1-5 pkg, cut	00 91
T. & B. in pouches, 1-4	00 91
T. & B. in 1-5 tins	00 99
T. & B. in 1/2 tins	00 90
T. & B. in 1s tins	00 87
Orinoco, 1-12 pkg	00 55
Orinoco, 1-5 tins	00 91
Orinoco, 1/2 tins	00 80
Tuckett's Cherub Cigarette 1-12	00 57
Brier, 8s, cuds	00 61
Derby, 3s and 4s, cuds	00 67
Derby 8s, cuds	00 65
P. & W. Chewing, Cuds	00 66
P. & W. Chewing, Butts	00 66
Canadian Leaf, 50 lb bales	21 25
Wooden Ware	Per doz.
Pails, 2 hoop clear	1 50 1 60
Pails, wire hoop	2 25 2 30
Pails, Star fibre	4 00
Tubs, No. 0 common	9 50 10 50
Tubs, No. 1 common	5 50 6 00
Tubs, No. 2 common	6 50 7 00
Tubs, No. 3 common	5 50 6 00
Tubs, nests (3)	Per nest.
Tubs, fibre, No. 0	1 55 1 65
Tubs, fibre, No. 1	2 25 2 40
Tubs, fibre, No. 2	12 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 3	10 50
Tubs, fibre, (3)	Per nest
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (2)	45 50
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (3)	75 80

CURED MEATS AND LARD

Lard, pure, 20 lb pails	\$1 80
Lard, imported, 20 lbs	1 70
Lard, pure, in 3, 5 and 10 lb tins, per case of 60 lbs	5 75
Lard, pure, Tierces, per lb	5 75
Lard, 50 lb tubs	5 1/2
Lard, Compound, 20 lb pails	1 35
Lard, Compound, 3 and 5 lb tins, case 60 lbs	5 00
Smoked Meats	per lb.
Hams	11
Breakfast bacon, bellies	11 1/2
Breakfast bacon, backs	11
Spiced rolls	10
Shoulders	8 1/2
Long Clear	9 1/2
Dry Salt Meats	
Long clear bacon	5 1/2
Shoulders	5 1/2
Short Clear	5
Backs	9
Barrel Pork	Per barrel
Heavy mess	16 00 17 00
Short cut	16 50 17 50
Meat Sundries	
Fresh pork sausage, lb	8
Hologna sausage, lb	7
Pickled pigs feet, kits	1 40
Sausage casings, lb	25 30

FRESH FISH, OYSTERS

Whitefish, lb	05 05 1/2
Pickered, lb	04
Trout, lb	09
Pike, lb	02 1/2
Salmon, lb	12 1/2
B. C. halibut, lb	12
Smelts, lb	09
Smoked goldeyes, doz	30
Smoked haddies	08
Hloaters, per box	1 50
Salt Whitefish, per 1/2 bbl	6 50
Salt Trout, per 1/2 bbl	7 50
Oysters, selects, per gal	2 00
Oysters, standards	1 80
Oysters, cans selects, each	65
Shell Oysters, bbls	7 50

DRUGS

Following are prices for parcel lots, with usual reductions for unbroken packages.

Alum, lb	3 1/2 4 1/2
Alcohol, gal.	5 25 5 50
Bleaching Powder, lb	05 07
Bluestone, lb.	06 07
Bluestone, barrel lots	04 1/2 05
Borax	09 10
Bromide Potash	75 80
Camphor	55 65
Camphor, ounces	60 70
Carbolic Acid	35 60
Castor Oil	13 20
Chlorate Potash	18 20
Citric Acid	45 50
Copperas	03 1/2 04
Cocaine, oz.	4 50 5 00
Cream Tartar, lb	28 32
Cloves	20 25
Epsom Salts	03 04
Extract Logwood, bulk	14 18
Extract Logwood, boxes	18 20
German Quinine	30 40
Glycerine, lb.	20 25
Ginger, Jamaica	30 35
Ginger, African	20 25
Howard's Quinine, oz.	40 45
Iodine	4 75 5 00
Insect Powder	30 35
Morphia, sul.	1 90 2 00
Opium	5 00 5 50
Oil, olive	1 25 1 40
Oil, U.S. Salad	1 25 1 40
Oil, lemon, super	1 60 1 80
Oil, peppermint	2 00 2 40
Oil, cod liver, gal.	1 25 1 75
Oxalic Acid	14 16
Potass Iodide	3 75 4 00
Paris Green, lb.	20 22
Saltpetre	08 10
Salt Rochelle	30 35
Shellac	35 40
Sulphur Flowers	3 1/2 01
Sulphur Roll, keg.	3 1/2 01
Soda Bicarb, keg of 112 lbs	3 75 4 25
Sal Soda	2 00 3 00
Tartaric Acid, lb.	40 45
Strychnine, pure crystals, oz.	85 1 00

LEATHER

	Per pound
Harness, oak	39
Harness, union oak No. 1	31
Harness, union oak No. 1 R.	32
Harness, hemlock No. 1, anchor brand	32
Harness, hemlock No. 1 R, anchor brand	31
Harness, hemlock country tannage, No. 1	37
Do., No. 1 R	31
Black collar leather	30
American Oak Sole	10
Sole, union oak	33
Listowell, sole	26 28
Peuctang, sole	27 28
Acton Sole	26 29
B. F. French calf	1 25 1 30
H. F. French kip	95 1 15
Canada calf	65
Canada Calf, Horseshoe	60
Niagara Brand Kip	80
Wax upper	42 40
Grain upper	42 40
Kangaroo, per foot	30 50
Dolgon, per foot	25 40

FUEL

Coal	
These are retail prices, delivered to consumers in the city, or 50c per ton less at the yards, except western anthracite nut size, which is 40c less at the yards.	Per ton
Pennsylvania anthracite—	
Stove, nut or lump	8 00
Pea size	6 50
Canadian anthracite, stove	7 00
Canadian anthracite, nut	6 00
Lethbridge bituminous	7 50
Crow's Nest bituminous	7 50
U. S. bituminous, as to mine	7 00
Souris Lignite	4 50
Souris, car lots F.O.B. mines	1 50
Hlossburg smithing	9 50
Cordwood	
These are prices for car lots, on track	Per cord
Winnipeg	
Tamarac, good	4 25 4 50
Pine, green cut, dry	3 75 4 00
Pine, dead cut	3 75
Spruce	3 00 3 25
Poplar, green cut dry	2 40 2 60
Poplar, dead cut	2 00 2 25
Oak, green cut dry body	4 25 4 50
Oak, dead cut	3 75 4 00



FRED. W. DREWRY,
President N. W. O. T. A.

The Commercial Travellers.

The annual meeting of the Northwest Commercial Travellers' Association will be held this (Saturday) evening, in the board of trade rooms, Grain Exchange building, Winnipeg. The election of a board of directors and the reception of the annual reports will be the principal business. There will be no contest for any of the offices this year, all the officers having been elected by acclamation at a recent meeting.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

Following is the annual report, which will be submitted at the meeting this evening:

To the Members of the Northwest Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada:

Dear Sirs,—

It is with much pleasure your board of directors present to you the sixteenth annual report of the association.

The progress that has been made during the year, ending November 30th, 1898, has marked it as one of the best years in its history.

Our membership is the highest that we have yet attained, being 512, a



F. J. C. OOX,
Second Vice-President N.W.O.T.A.

gain over last year of 80 members or about 20 per cent.

In accordance with the recommendation made in the president's last annual report on the matter of mortuary benefit, this was taken up for consideration early in the year. A complete statement, giving the names of each member, with the years of membership, ages and amount to the credit of each account, was prepared and submitted to Mr. J. H. Brock, for an actuary report to be made thereon.

On Jan. 7th Mr. Brock reported that, to meet the liability at the end of last year, there should be set aside to the credit of this account \$4,299.76, with a nett premium for 1897, of \$1,221.11.

He also drew the attention of the board to the fact that there is one element of uncertainty with the valuation of our policies, and that is—we do not require a medical examination or, in other words, the lives are not called selected lives. Taking this into consideration he has placed the reserves on a stronger basis.

A further report was submitted on Nov. 19th last, showing that the maximum amount of the mortuary benefit could be increased, if \$7.50 to \$8.00 per member would be set aside an-



JOHN M. O'LOUGHLIN,
Secretary N. W. O. T. A.

nually as a reserve fund; such being the case your board thought it unadvisable at the present time to increase the maximum amount, but recommended an increase in the minimum, which is set forth in the proposed amendments to the mortuary benefit by-law, which will this evening be submitted for your approval. (Since this report was written Mr. Brock has informed us that he will have another report to give us on the day of the annual meeting.)

The amount of mortuary benefit carried by the association is \$75,740.40.

We have to report that the claim against the Manufacturers' Accident Insurance Co., on behalf of Mrs. Garden, of Vancouver, has been satisfactorily settled.

It is with great regret that we have to report the death of three of our members this year, namely—Mr. E. H. Cameron, Mr. Arthur Harper and Mr. J. A. McLennan.

Referring to the proposed amendments of by-laws, other than mortuary benefit, the main reason your board recommend this change is in consequence of a request from the British Columbia members for better representation in the association than they have had in the past.



WM. HARGREAVES,
First Vice-President N.W.O.T.A.

Your board further recommends that British Columbia members shall be represented by—one vice-president and two directors for Vancouver; Victoria—one vice-president and one director; New Westminster—one director; and Kootenay—one director. The above to be elected by the whole association.

In order to carry out this recommendation it is first necessary to pass the amendments to the by-laws as placed before you; also to authorize an application to the legislature of Manitoba for any amendments to our charter.

Your board has pleasure in stating that Mr. G. L. Courtney, traffic manager of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway company, has agreed to extend to the members of this association the same privileges as other Canadian Railway companies on their steamer from Vancouver to Nanaimo and on their railway line from Victoria to Nanaimo and intermediate points, to take effect January 1st, 1899.

On June 17th a circular was sent from this office to all members, regarding storage of baggage, and we trust that the request of the C. P.



L. C. McINTYRE,
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SOLE AGENTS
IN CANADA

R. company to relieve them of baggage as speedily as possible has been complied with to the best of every member's ability.

Numerous complaints having been made that baggage was being somewhat indifferently handled by the railway company, a deputation from this association, with delegates from Montreal, Hamilton and Toronto associations, waited on the manager of the C. P. R. company here requesting relief, which, we are pleased to report, has been cheerfully granted by supplying the baggage car with a skid or plank, which must facilitate the handling of heavy baggage. We trust that the members will see that these appliances are used. We shall be glad if any member will report to the secretary the failure to use such appliance when necessary.

Your board having found it a very difficult matter to secure satisfactory investments for the funds of the association, and the funds on hand being a considerable amount, an arrangement was made with the Manitoba Trust Co. and \$11,000 placed with them for investment at a guaranteed rate of interest for 5 years at 4-1/2 per cent. The other mortgages carried by the association have been also handed over to the company for collection at a small commission, and have much pleasure in reporting that both arrangements have proved very satisfactory.

Our contract with the Manufacturers' Accident Insurance Co. has not yet been renewed for the year 1899, for the reason that the board would first like to receive the expression of opinion of the association asked for on the post cards sent to each member. This matter is, therefore, open for your consideration this evening.

Your board has much pleasure in stating they have secured a permanent board room in the Sawford block, where the secretary can be found during business hours.

A vote was taken at the general meeting held in November, and it was decided to hold the annual celebration on December 25th next in the form of a conversation at the Manitoba hotel, and we trust all the members of the association will take an active interest in this matter, as it is really the only opportunity the whole membership have to meet in a social way.

Your retiring officers and directors cannot close this report without congratulating the association on the exceedingly prosperous year just ended, and we trust that each year will show the same speedy increase.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. MUNDIE,

J. M. O'LOUGHLIN,

Secretary.

President.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Gentlemen:—It is with considerable pleasure that I have to report the financial success of our association during the past year. Our gross income being \$5,993.99, showing an increase over last year's income of \$1,126.09 or nearly 25 per cent.

It is very gratifying to note the continued steady increase in our funds. The balance at the end of this year amounted to \$22,454.66 in assets, showing an increase over the balance of last year of \$3,555.32. There have been three claims upon the mortuary benefit fund this year, amounting to \$196.67. The interest collected during the year past amounted to \$916.99. There are no unpaid accounts. The books and vouchers have

been duly audited, and the auditors' report is submitted with statement. During the year our association received the final dividend from the Commercial Bank of Manitoba, which pays the interest in full on the original claim.

I have to thank you, gentlemen, very sincerely for the honor conferred upon me by re-election for the coming year, and I trust that at the end of the year 1899 we shall be able to report as favorably of the success of the association as at the present time. I am, yours respectfully,

L. C. McINTYRE,
Treasurer.

British Columbia Items.

John Gillis, butcher, is opening at Ashcroft.

D. R. Taylor, hotel, Nelson, is applying for a license.

Henry Clay, baker and confectioner, Victoria, is deceased.

Miss Fowls, millinery, Victoria, is offering her stock for sale.

Turner, Hart & Co., insurance etc., New Westminster, have dissolved.

Alix Lipsky, "Gem" restaurant, Victoria, has sold out to Edgar G. Walker.

Wallace & Miller, clothing, Nelson, have opened a branch at Cascade City.

Mrs. T. Haughton, dry goods, Trill, is closing out and going back to Victoria.

Earsman, Hardie & Co., commission, Victoria, are about to establish a branch at Vancouver.

The agricultural resources of the Grand Forks district need special mention. The Kettle River valley, 20 miles long and three and a half wide, is an ideal fruit-country section. The climate is equable. It is not cold in winter or hot in summer and the fruit has a flavor like the eastern article. A farmer named Cobart owns 300 acres here. He has irrigated it, but the cost was small. He has 20 acres in fruit of all kinds, three years old, which returned him \$4,000 cash this summer.

The opening of the East Kootenay by the Crow's Nest Pass line is being quickly followed by a rush of capital to the towns that are springing up along the road, says the Nelson Miner. At every siding building operations are being rushed through, a whole army of builders being busy erecting business blocks and residences. Merchants and hotel men are taking advantage of the opportunities the new country affords and all branches of the mercantile trade will shortly be represented in the towns. Hotels—the advance guards of settlement—will soon be scattered all along the line. At present two applications have been received for licenses for hotels at Sidsar, which was formerly the eighth siding. The applicants are V. C.

Sackliff and Robert Meehan. A. W. Swajwell is opening a grocery and clothing store at Sidsar and Geo. Foster a restaurant. At Fernie, G. C. Henderson is opening up as a publisher. Several other business men are now looking over the district with the intention of opening mercantile establishments. In both Kootenays business is flourishing and new places are being opened nearly every day. No less than five hotels have just been opened at Niagara, Kraut and LePage, Frank Oliver, Starell & Co., Kemp & Kockhart, Gormaa and Sweeney and J. P. Wisher, being the proprietors. At Silverton, P. Burns & Co., purchased the business of Bill Conrad, butcher. Two general stores are being opened at Camp McKenny by W. M. Law & Co. and the other by Coscus Bros. These are the changes that have been reported in the city within the past few days and give but a slight indication of the activity in the mercantile business throughout the district.

Manitoba Country Markets.

The deliveries of wheat at C. P. R. points on Friday were uniform with preceding days no very large receipts reported. Indian Head led as usual with 5,000 bushels, La Riviere 3,500. The price ranged between 46 and 48 cents, although 52 cents was paid at Douglas and Portage la Prairie. The lowest was 40 cents at Rosthern. Prices at each point were:

Main line—Poplar Point 48, High Bluff 48, Portage la Prairie 52, McGregor 48, Austin 50, Sidney 46, Carberry 50, Sewell 48, Douglas 52, Brandon 48, Alexander 48, Griswold 47, Oak Lake 47, Virden 49, Elkhorn 47, Fleming 50, Moosomin 51, Wapella 49, Whitewood 48, Broadview 48, Grenfell 47, Wolseley 47, Sintaluta 44, Indian Head 46, Qu'Appelle 46, Balgonie 45, Regina 46, Moose Jaw 46.

Prince Albert branch—Lumsden 46, Rosthern 40, Wascana 46.

Souris branch—Souris 50, Hartney 48, Elva 48, Pierson 48, Carleton 47, Carnduff 50, Oxbow 47.

Southwestern branch—Alameda 46, Carman 50, Rathwell 48, Treherne 47, Holland 48, Cypress River 48, Glenboro 50, Methven 49, Nesbitt 48, Carroll 50, Pipestone 48, Roston 48.

Pembina branch—Rosenfeld 46, Grétna 48, Winkler 46, Morden 50, Thornhill 48, Manitou 48, La Riviere 48, Pilot Mound 48, Crystal City 46, Holmfild 50, Killarney 48, Nianga 49, Bolsevalin 51, Deloraine 49.

Stonewall branch—Stonewall 48, Emerson branch—Emerson 48, Dominion City 46, Otterburne 48.

The Manitoba Dairy Ranch Co. Ltd., Winnipeg, is applying for incorporation.

Waghorn's Guide for December contains the official time cards of railways, as recently re-arranged. Also new county court sittings, and important changes in general business tables to date.

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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, Saturday, Dec. 17.

Business is about over with the wholesale houses for this year, except in a few lines. Orders for spring delivery of clothing, hats and caps and boots and shoes are now about all in and travellers who have completed their trips report very satisfactory success. Altogether the orders booked for spring delivery are reported to be satisfactory to jobbers in these lines.

The wheat movement to the loss of navigation shows a reduction of more than one-third as compared with last year, though the quantity of grain to be moved is much greater than last year. This indicates that there will be a heavy traffic in moving grain when navigation opens next spring, as no doubt the bulk of the crop will be held until then, though a considerable all rail movement is expected to set in after the holiday season is over. A little all rail business is now doing. Much, however, will depend on prices, and continued low prices will tend to keep the wheat at home until navigation opens. Of the new crop over 6,000,000 bushels of wheat have been shipped out via Fort William and Port Arthur and 1,500,000 bushels have gone out via Duluth. About 4,000,000 bushels are held in store at points west of Winnipeg and 1,500,000 bushels more are held at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin and Winnipeg, including wheat turned into flour by the mills, making a total of 13,000,000 bushels of the new crop which has come to market to date. Considerable of the wheat held in store, however, is still owned by the growers, who are carrying it for a higher market.

Bulk clearings at Winnipeg this week continue to show a gain over the corresponding week of last and previous years, as will be seen by the statement on another page.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Saturday, Dec. 17

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

DRY GOODS.

Wholesale houses are experiencing an unusually good business in letter and sorting orders and the volume of December business promises to exceed most previous years. Business generally is of a highly pleasing nature and the outlook bright. Last year trade dropped flat in December, and nothing like the volume of business was done that has developed so far this month. Men's goods as usual have met with large demand this year and some special lines have met with unexpected favor. For instance flocc-lined underwear have had extraordinary sale and the demand has far

exceeded the supply. One house alone states that fully one thousand dozen more could have been sold had the stock been equal to it. Special lines of corsets have also had a very large run this season.

FUEL.

The consumption of fuel has not been heavy so far this season, owing to mild weather. The temperature this week has been very moderate. The new Manitoba Southeastern railway has opened a new source of wood fuel supply for this market, and a large quantity of wood will be cut in the timber country tributary to the new railway this winter. The railway company expects to haul about 1,000 cars of wood to Winnipeg this winter. There is no change in coal prices, which hold at quotations given on another page. The tendency of prices on wood fuel is easier and the supply is more liberal.

GROCERIES.

The market has been steady this week, the only change in prices locally is a fractional advance on sugars in sympathy with the late advance at the refineries east. New dates are in the market, and also a limited supply of new walnuts and almonds, which are selling at high prices. The general tendency remains firm on dried fruits, but the local market does not respond quickly to changes in outside markets. Our telegrams this morning report a drop of 10c per 100 pounds in sugars, so that the advance noted here will not likely be held.

GREEN FRUITS.

As usual at this season of the year, there is not much change in the situation. New dates have been received in limited quantities, and the price is lower than it was expected new fruit would sell at this season. New almonds and walnuts have been received, and as previously reported, the cost of these is very high. California lemons are out and ditto winter pears. Apples are very firm and are quoted about 25c higher this week. Prices are: California navel oranges, \$5.10 to \$5.50, as to size. Mexican oranges, \$4 to \$4.50 box; bananas, per bunch, \$3 to \$2.50, as to size; Messina lemons, \$4.50 to \$5 box; Ontario apples, ordinary winter stock, \$3.50 to \$4, as to quality; fancy stock, \$4 to \$4.50 per barrel. Almeria grapes, \$8 a keg; cranberries, Cape Cod, \$8 per barrel; sweet potatoes, \$5 per barrel; coconuts, \$1 a dozen; Sicily filberts, large 11 to 12c per pound; Grenoble walnuts, 16c; Tarragona almonds, 16c; peanuts, green, 10c; roasted, 12c; shelled walnuts, 24-2 to 26c per pound; strained honey, \$1-2 to 9c per pound; maple sugar, 11 to 12c; apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels. California figs, in boxes of ten bricks, \$2 per box; dates, 7-2 to 5c per pound; celery, 40c per dozen bunches.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—The last three days of the week have witnessed a sharp advance in the wheat market. The prime cause for this is the unfavorable weather being experienced in Argentina, who more or less large surplus from current crop, was expected to almost flood the European market in the early months of 1899. Continuous rains are interfering with the harvest there—already about three weeks late—and very considerable damage is apprehended as well as further delay. In some districts hail storms

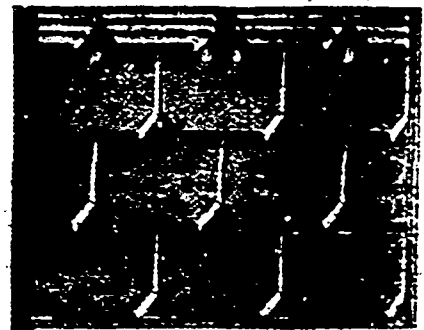
have also prevailed recently, destroying some crop. This state of matters has caused the short interest in the speculative markets, to make a rush to cover their short lines and in doing so the prices have been freely advanced in the markets. The European markets have been very slow to respond to the advances on this side of the water. On one or two days recently, Liverpool even declined slightly in face of the advance on this side. Yesterday, however, Liverpool, made an advance of 1-81 to 2-1-8d per cental, equal to about 11-2c per bushels. The receipts at primary points in the United States have shown some signs of slackening, though still very large. The demand for consumption and export continues large, though not so urgent as previously. Some very large sales of flour have been made at Minneapolis this week. The American visible supply increased last week 2,623,000 bushels. The world's visible increased 3,500,000 bushels. Growing winter wheat crop in Europe and America continue to be favorably reported of. The winter wheat acreage in the United States is stated to be increased 15 per cent over last year, and the condition of the crop at this time is much in advance of same time last year.

The local market has for the most part been dull during the week, with very little business doing. At the beginning of the week the value of 1 hard was nominally 63c per bushel in store Fort William, December delivery and remained so till Wednesday, when the price went up to 64c, and our buyer took on a large lot at that figure, for immediate shipment to St. John for export. On Thursday with continued firmness, an advance in American markets, holders of Manitoba wheat were higher in their views and held firmly at about 65c for 1 hard. Fort William, December delivery. There were some small sales at 64-1-2c in the early part of the day, and 1 hard May sold at 69c.

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THOS. BLACK, WINNIPEG AGENT

YESTERDAY—There were buyers at 65c, and sellers at 65 1-2c, 1 hard Fort William, December delivery, but there was very little trading. May delivery was offered at 70c, 1 hard Fort William early in the day, but later 69 1-2c was asked. The spread between 1 hard 2 hard and 1 northern is now 3 1-2c per bush. 3 hard 2 northern and 1 spring sell at 7c under 1 hard. There is practically nothing doing in tough or damp wheat, buyers for it being scarce, and prices quoted or offered are very irregular. Yesterday 55c was offered for tough 2 hard in store Fort Arthur, and 51c for tough 2 northern, but only a few odd cars would find a buyer.

FLOUR—Prices are unchanged this week. The market is rather firmer. A fair demand is reported. Prices here to retail dealers are as follows: \$1.45 for patent, \$1.75 for strong bakers, \$1.35 to \$1.45 for second bakers as to brand, and \$1.05 to \$1.15 for XXXX as to brand per sack of 98 pounds. Discount of 5c per sack is allowed for cash.

MILLFEED—Prices continue firm. There is a good demand, which continues to absorb the supply. Bran is quoted at \$10 and shorts at \$12 per ton delivered to city dealers.

GROUND FEED—The supply is not large. Prices vary from \$12 to \$19 a ton, as to quality. Good oat chop is quoted at \$18 to \$19 per ton; mixed barley and oats, \$16 to \$17, and wheat mixtures \$12 to \$14. A little local mill oil cake is now offering at \$23 per ton.

OATMEAL—Prices are the same. The supply is still very small and local millers have so far not been able to fill the demand. Rolled oatmeal is quoted at \$1.90 to retail dealers. Car lots have been quoted at about \$1.60 per sack on track here.

OATS—Deliveries of oats have been light at country points and prices have been firm, particularly for good milling samples. The most of the oats offering have been poor quality, in consequence of which comparatively high prices are being offered for good milling samples, 15 to 18c being paid for ordinary grades and as high as 20 to 25c for choice samples. At some country markets, per bushel of 54 pounds. In the Winnipeg market prices for car lots are about the same as last week, ranging from 24 to 26c as to quality, the latter price for good No. 2 white for milling purposes and a couple of cents higher would be paid for No. 1 white. On the street market here 23 to 26c has been paid to farmers, as to quality, for loads, the usual price for feed oats being 24 to 25c. For milling oats 26 to 30c is offered as to quality, but there are scarcely any that will bring over 26c.

BARLEY—The market is weaker. From 25 to 30c was paid earlier here for feed barley, but now 26c to 27c is the best that is offered for feed qualities. These are prices to farmers. No car lot business is doing in feed barley. Maltine barley easier at 30 to 35c as to quality.

WHEAT—Local street market.—The mills are paying 52c here for No. 1 hard, delivered at the mills by farmers. There is an over supply of low grade wheat offering for chicken feed, etc., at 25 to 35c per bushel of 60 lbs.

FLAX SEED—In Manitoba country markets 65c per bushel is being paid to farmers.

CORN—A little corn is coming in from the States. Car lots on track here would cost about 40 to 41c per bushel of 56 lbs.

BUTTER—Creamery.—The market is

steady, at about the same prices as quoted last week. Jobbers are quoting 22 to 23c as to quantity and quality.

BUTTER—Dairy.—The market continues to have an easier tendency and holders are obliged to take lower prices than were paid a short time ago. Buyers are offering 13 1-2 to 14 1-2c here for lots, as to quality, and 15c is an outside quotation for choice goods.

CHEESE—The market is quoted the same as last week. Jobbers quote 9 1-2c for large and 10c for small sizes.

EGGS—Held fresh, mostly Ontario stock, are selling at 18 to 20c as to quality, and lived at 16 to 17c. There are absolutely no fresh Manitoba eggs coming in. New laid only obtainable in a small way from producers at 35 to 40c per dozen.

POULTRY—Stocks of Christmas poultry are now in the market. Both Manitoba and Ontario turkeys are being offered in considerable quantities and the market is pretty well supplied, notwithstanding the active demand from other parts. One firm alone has three carloads of Ontario turkeys. Compared with previous years it is said that the quality of the poultry being offered is all that could be desired. We have heard of some poor stuff being offered by small trucking concerns. Jobbers' prices this week are unchanged as follows: Chickens, mixed lots, 8 to 9c per pound; straight lots spring chickens 1c more; turkeys, 16 to 12 1-2c, and ducks and geese, 8 to 10c.

GAME—Rabbits are plentiful at 5 1-2c each or 3 for 25c. Dealers will pay 20c per pair for pigeons.

DRESSED MEATS—Outside of the activity in Christmas meat the market is quiet. Farmers are bringing in a little frozen, but not nearly as much as in previous years at this season. A little farmers' pork and mutton is also offering. Hogs continue scarce, although a few have been picked up by packers. Importation of Ontario hogs are being made continually and at present quotations in the east these can be laid down in Winnipeg for about \$5.80 per cwt. The highest price offered for best Manitoba hogs is \$6.25. Prices in all lines are as follows: Beef ordinary unfrozen, 5c; choice 5 1-2c, extra Christmas beef, 6c; country frozen beef, 4 to 5c; mutton, 6 1-2 to 7c; lamb, 7 1-2 to 8c; veal, 5 1-2 to 7c; pork, 5 3-4 to 6 1-4c, as to weight and quality.

VEGETABLES—What few potatoes are offering are selling at quotations given below. The vegetable market is very quiet and with the exception of an advance of about 10c on celery prices are unchanged. We quote as follows: Potatoes, 35 to 40c per bushel, turnips, 20 to 20c bushel; parsnips, 1 1-2c per lb.; carrots, 35 to 40c; beets, 35 to 40c per bushel, celery, 40c per dozen; cabbage, 1 to 1 1-2c per pound as to quality; onions, 90c to \$1 per bushel; Spanish onions, \$2 per crate; pumpkins, 1 1-2 to 2c per pound.

SENECA ROOT—Nominal at 21c.

HIDES—Frozen hides are quoted at 6c here flat rate for all grades, 5 lbs. tare. Inspected hides are as follows: No. 1, 6 1-2c. No. 2, 5 1-2c, No. 3 4 1-2c. Branded hides grade No. 2, and bulls No. 3; kip, 6c to 6 1-2c; calf 5c; deacon, skins, 15c to 25c each; sheepskins and lambskins 40 to 55c; horsehides 75c to \$1.50 each.

HAY—Baléd is quoted at \$8 to \$8.50 on track here and loose on the street market at \$7 to \$8.50 as to quality.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—With the exception of a few lots of fancy beef cattle for the Christmas market there has been no movement in live stock. One fine lot of these came in from Pilot Mound for a leading firm of butchers and other shipments from the western ranges made up the total. These latter are for the general holiday trade, and are selling at 6c dressed weight. Stocker cattle are nominal at 2 to 2 1-2.

HOGS—Practically there are none in the market. Quoted at 4 3-4 to 5c off cars, for selected weights.

SHEEP—Some fancy lots have been killed this week by the city butchers for their holiday trade. Otherwise the situation is unchanged. Prices nominal at 3 1-4 to 3 1-2c off cars here. Lambs dull at 3 1-2 to 4c.

MILCH COWS—Prices range from \$25 to \$40. Those offering are not of the best quality.

HORSES—There has been no movement at all in horses, a shipment which was expected from the south having failed to arrive. It is estimated that not more than a dozen sales have been effected during the week in all the city stables. There is some demand for heavy horses for general purposes.

Grocery Trade Notes.

An advance in prices has been decided upon by the manufacturers of washboards of from 3 to 13 per cent.

The lower quotations on currants made early in the week do not seem to have stimulated the demand and the market closes dull.—New York Journal of Commerce.

Easterly importers have received their Grenoble walnuts. They are costing importers, 2 1-2c per pound more than they did last year, and 13 to 14c is the idea as to price to the retailer.

A cable received in Toronto recently noted a further advance of 1 1-2c per pound in the price of Valencia shelled almonds. This means an advance of 3c per pound. The new crop came upon a bare market.

Willott & Gray says of sugar: "The contract with the refiners for the sugars produced on the Hawaiian Islands covers the crops of the years 1899, 1900 and 1901. Next year's crop is estimated at 250,000 tons, and of this about 100,000 tons will be shipped to the California refineries. The balance will go to the New York and Philadelphia refineries via San Francisco and Southern Pacific railroad and by rail around Cape Horn. A large number of ships have recently been chartered for this purpose and shipments will begin in January."

Northwest Ontario.

W. L. Hanna, confectionery, Fort William, have dissolved partnership.

W. Coates, barber, Rat Portage, is succeeded by Thos. Davison.

The Kennedy house at Wabigoon was burned on Friday, Dec. 9th. The building was valued at about \$4,000, and was insured for \$1,800 in the National company, and for a like amount with the Imperial Fire Insurance company. Thomas A. Kennedy was the owner.

The Lacombe Co-Operative Association, Lacombe, Alberta, is applying for incorporation.

British Columbia Markets.

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

By WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.

Vancouver, Dec. 17, 1898

There have been no changes whatever in prices this week. City retail trade is very active. There is a big demand for poultry, and a fair trade in other lines.

Butter—Creamery, jobbers price, 23c for August and 23½@24c for September make; choice dairy, jobbers price, 18c; Off grade or cooking 16@16½c.

Eggs—Local, 50c; Eastern eggs, jobbers prices, 19@19½c.

Cheese—Ontario, 11@12c, jobbers price.

Cured Meats—Hams 12½@13c; breakfast bacon 12½@13c; backs 12@12½c; short clear 10½c; short rolls 10½c; smoked sides 11 @ 12½c; Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 10½c per lb, in pails and tubs 9½c lb.

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

Vegetables—Potatoes, \$10@11 per ton, Ashcroft's, \$16 @ 17c, California silver skin onions, 1½c; cabbage 2c lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12.00 a ton; local onions, \$20 per ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons, \$4.50 @5 box; grapes, \$1.50@1.60; pears, 60c @1.50 box; apples, 65c per 50 lb. box; valencia oranges, \$3.25; Japanese oranges 65c.

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

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$5.30; strong bakers \$4.70; Oregon, jobbers price, \$4.75.

Grain—Oats, 17.00 @ \$19.00 per ton; wheat, 23.00@25.00 per ton;

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$23.00 per ton; shorts \$20 ton; bran \$18; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

Hay—\$8 to \$10 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef, 7@7½c; mutton 8 @ 8½c; pork 7@8c; veal 10 @ 10½c; Pemican 40c lb.

Live Stock—Steers, \$3.50 per 100 lbs; sheep, \$4.00 per 100 lbs; hogs, \$7.00 per 100 lbs; cows, 3.00 per 100 lbs live weight.

Poultry—Chickens, \$4 @ \$6 dozen.

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

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

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

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

Teas—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good 18c; choice 29c. Ceylon: Fair, 25c; good 30c; choice, 35c lb.

B. T. Rogers, manager of the Vancouver sugar refinery, was in Winnipeg this week on his way home from the east.

Toronto Hardware Market.

Toronto, Dec. 17.

Pig Iron—Canadian, \$14.00.

Bar Iron—Base price, \$1.35 @ 1.45; band iron, \$1.65@1.75 for Canadian and \$2.00 for imported; hoop iron \$2.

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

Galvanized Iron—16-gauge, \$3.75; 18 @24, \$4.00; 26, \$4.25 and 28 at \$4.50.

Lead—Fig, 3½ @ 4c, sheet, 4½ @ 4½c per lb; shot, Can., dis. 7½ per cent; pipe, ordinary, 7c; composition waste, 7½c with dis. 25 per cent.

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

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

Sheet Zinc—7½@7½c per lb.

Antimony—10½@11c; solder 13@14c.

Ingot Copper—13@13½c per lb.

Ingot Tin—22@23c.

Canada plates—Half-polished. 52-sheet boxes, \$2.35; do, 60-sheet boxes, \$2.40; dull 75-sheet boxes, \$2.25; all-bright "Garth," \$2.85 per box; do, "alaska," \$3.00.

Tin Plates—Prices unchanged at \$4.75 @ \$5.00 for I.C., \$6.00@ \$6.25 for I.X. and \$7.25 to \$7.50 for I.X.X.

Iron Pipe—Black pipe, per 100 ft., ½ to ¾ inch, \$2.25@ \$2.30; 1 inch, \$2.30@2.35; 1 ¼ inch, \$2.80; 1 in, \$3.35; 1 ½ in, \$5.20; 1 ¾ inch, \$6.75; 2 inch, \$9.10; Galvanized, 1 ½ inch, \$3.90; 2 inch, \$4.80; 1 inch, \$6.75; 1 ¼ inch, \$7.15; 1 ½ inch, \$11.75; 2 inch, \$16.00.

Barb Wire—\$1.75 f.o.b. Cleveland and \$1.85 from stock Toronto. Terms, 30 days or 2 per cent. 10 days.

Fence Wire—Annealed, oiled and annealed, 37½ per cent; galvanized, 30 per cent; terms 4 months or 3 per cent. 30 days. Bright wire 35 per cent.

Nails, Wire—Base price, \$1.75.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Glass—First break in 50-foot boxes, \$1.90, and in 100-foot boxes, \$3.50; double diamond, under 25 united inches, \$6.00. Toronto, 4 months, or 3 per cent 30 days.

Green Wirecloth—\$1.20 per 100 square feet; terms, 4 months or 3 per cent for 30 days.

Spades and Shovels—Discounts 40 and 10@45 and 2½ per cent.

Rope—Sisal, 7-16 in. and larger, 9½c; 7 in., 10c; ½ and 5-16 in., 10½c; Manila, 7-16 and larger, 10½c; ¾, 11c; ½ and 5-16, 11½.

Toronto Grocery Market.

Toronto, Dec. 17.

Sugar—Standard granulated sugar, 4.65c; yellows, 3.93@4.43c.

Syrup and Molasses—Syrup medium, 26c@30c; special bright, 35c@42c. Molasses—West Indian, b-1s, 32c@45c, New Orleans, 20@30c, for medium and 35c@47c for bright.

Teas—Japans, low grade, 16c@20c per lb; Young Hysons, seconds 16c@19c; firsts, 25@45c; Indian, 18@50c; Congous, low grades, 10c@15c; mediums, 22@25c, and Fues, 40c @55c; Ceylons, 17 @ 25c; Formosa Oolongs, 25 @ 65c.

Coffees—Green, Rio, 7½@11½c; Mocha, 23c@28c; Java, 30c@32c.

Canned goods—Tomatoes, 87½@95c; peas, 80c@ \$1; sifted peas, \$1.05@1.20; corn, 95c@ \$1; beans, 80@90c; pumpkins, 70@75c; strawberries, 2's, \$1.50 @ 1.80, raspberries, 2's, \$1.60@1.75; peaches, 2's, \$1.55@1.65; 3's, \$2.50@2.65. Cohoe salmon, \$1.15@1.20; sock-eyes, \$1.50@1.60; lobsters, halves, \$1.75 @ 1.80; tall lbs, \$2.80; flats, \$3.10.

Nuts—Marbets, 11½c; filberts, Sicily, 9c, Grenoble Walnuts, 12½@13c.

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

Dried Fruits—Raisins, Valencias, off-stalk 4½c; fine off-stalk, 4½@5c; selected, 5½@5½c; layers, 6@6½c; Provincial, currants 4½@5c; Filiatras, 4½@5½c; Patras, 6c; Vostizas, 6½@8c. California evaporated fruits—Apricots, 17 @ 18c; pears, 9c @ 10c; prunes, 70's to 80's 7½ @ 7½c; 80's to 90's 6½@7c; 90's to 100's, 5½@ 6c. Bosnia prunes, 5½@6½c; Sultanas, 11c@13c. Peel—Orange, 12c @ 13c per lb; citron, 17c @ 20c; lemon 10½c @13c. Hallowee dates, 6@6½c. Malaga, London layers, \$1.75@1.90 per box; black baskets, \$2.40; blue baskets, \$2.50; royal clusters, \$4.00; quarter flats, London layers, 65c; black baskets, 75c; blue baskets, 85c; Dehesia, clusters \$1.25.

Spices—Ginger, Jamaica, 25c; Cochin 20c; cloves, Zanzibar, 15 @ 18c; Amboyna, 18@25c; allspice, 20c; nutmegs, 50c@ \$1; cream tartar, pure, 25@28c, and 18@25c for compound.

PROVISIONS.

Mess Pork—\$15.00 for Canada mess; short cut, \$16.50; clear mess, \$14.00.

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

Smoked Meats—Breakfast bacon, 10½c; hams, large 10c and 10½c for medium; rolls, 8½c; green meats out of pickle are quoted 1c less than smoked, dry salt bacon, car lots, 7½c; case lots, 7½c.

Lard—Tubs, 6½@7c

Thos. Lee, proprietor of the Western Cigar factory, Winnipeg, has favored his patrons with copies of a very handsome hanger calendar showing Ellen Terry, the famous actress, in one of her finest stage costumes.

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Irrigation in the West.

Lethbridge, Alta., Dec. 1. — The agreeable spectacle of tree-lined and flower-fringed streams of water flowing through the streets of Lethbridge may at present appear like an iridescent dream, yet within two years it may be an accomplished fact. The return of Mr. E. T. Galt, president of the Alberta Irrigation company, from the east, as also the engineers from the field of active operations, has revived the interest in irrigation matters considerably, and the magnitude of the undertaking is now beginning to dawn upon the inhabitants of this district. The idea of conducting water artificially for a distance of sixty miles may be somewhat of a novelty in Canada, yet it has been the making of several states immediately south of the international boundary.

The money has been raised in England, and it is proposed to expend over \$500,000 in canal construction and the purchase of lands, (now comparatively valueless, owing to insufficient rainfall), tributary to the canals.

The board of trade and town council are now considering a proposition from the irrigation company, who offer to supply the town with three and a quarter million gallons of water daily during the season—i. e., from April 15 to October 15—by bringing a canal from Stirling, one of the provisional termini, to Lethbridge, a distance of twenty miles, between which points it is proposed to irrigate 20,000 acres of excellent farming land. In return for these concessions the company asks the town for a bonus of \$50,000, in twenty year debentures.

The subject of irrigation is a very vital one in Southern Alberta, and as it may be of even general interest to other portions of our great Northwest, I append herewith the substance of an interview with Mr. Galt in to-day's News:

Mr. Galt said that for many years past the proprietors of the Alberta Railway & Canal Co. had given earnest attention to a number of irrigation projects, which had been submitted to them for the reclamation of their lands, situated between Cardston and Lethbridge, but which negotiations had come to naught, mainly owing to the inability to demonstrate where the markets would be found for the products of land under irrigation, but when the construction of the Crow's Nest Pass railway was determined upon, it seemed to his people that the time had arrived to deal with the matter; for with the completion of the railroad mentioned, large and growing markets for all kinds of agricultural products would be opened up in the mining districts of British Columbia.

The Alberta Railway & Canal Co., for financial and other reasons, found that it was impracticable for that company to further extend the field of its operations, and it was only after extreme difficulty that responsible people could be found to prosecute the work which has now been undertaken under the charter of the Alberta Irrigation company.

Mr. Geo. G. Anderson, of Denver, Colo., one of the best known and most successful irrigation engineers in the United States, has been engaged as consulting engineer to superintend the location and construction of the canal system, and since the middle of July last he has had a large survey

party in the field. It is the intention of the company, to expend \$500,000 in canal construction, and in the purchase of lands tributary to it.

THE INTAKE

of the canal will be at a point on the St. Mary's river, nine miles above Cardston and five miles north of the international boundary line, and its course will be as nearly as direct as possible to Stirling, a distance of sixty miles, a point twenty miles from Lethbridge on the line of railroad between Lethbridge and Great Falls. Stirling will be the objective point for the main canal in the initial operations of the company, but there will also be twenty miles of lateral canals constructed from various points along the main canal, so as to secure the reclamation of as much land as possible. It is intended that the canal to Stirling will be completed by the end of 1899, and the lateral canals by the end of the following year. A telephone line will be constructed along the main canal and its laterals.

The magnitude of the proposed operations of the company may be demonstrated by stating that it is intended to improve and render available for settlement under the most promising conditions 500,000 acres of land.

With regard to the construction of the works it is intended to employ settlers who will bring their families into the country and live upon the lands which they will earn in connection with the work, as their labor will be paid for partly in cash and partly in land, which should induce immigration of a satisfactory character. In the same connection, it has been arranged to bring in during this winter and the following spring, 100 families who have been accustomed to methods of irrigation, and who by their operations, will demonstrate to other settlers the practical use of irrigated lands and the advantages thereof.

THE WORK BEGUN.

There are at present 45 teams employed on the canal construction, which number will be increased to 200 early next spring. Those who know this country are well aware that both climate and soil are fully equal to, if not better, than that which is found in the states to the south of us, where irrigation has been successfully practised on a large scale for many years, and as the supply of water is ample for the purposes intended, it does not seem unreasonable to believe that it may be possible to successfully establish a large and prosperous agricultural community in this Southern Alberta, for there is no reason why all kinds of grains, root crops and grasses should not be raised in larger quantities per acre than in other agricultural districts in the Northwest, as has been proved the case elsewhere when lands under irrigation have come into competition with lands which derive their moisture from the ordinary rainfall.

This district being naturally adapted for the raising of live stock, it would seem that settlers who take advantage of the facilities offered will be placed in a most favorable position to winter live stock, for the production of grasses will be very cheap, and it will thus be practicable to have the stock in prime condition for market in the spring, at which time the ordinary range stock is in moderately poor condition.

REASONABLE TERMS.

It is intended that the selling price for land at the outset will be \$5 per acre, with water rights attached, upon easy terms of payment, and \$1

per acre per annum will be charged for the maintenance of the canal system. When it is considered that the saleable value of irrigated land in Montana, Utah and Colorado is \$49, \$81 and \$67 respectively, per acre, it will be seen that it is proposed to deal with incoming immigrants in a very liberal manner, and every effort made to assist them in making prosperous homes for themselves, and in so doing the irrigation company will not only sell their lands, but also place upon them people who will provide business for the railway and the coal mines.

The settlement of the lands being of primary importance, it is not intended to sell more than a small holding to any one family, and in no case to sell large areas to speculators.

A staff of engineers will be employed in the offices of the company this winter, preparing plans, etc., for next year's work. Mr. C. A. Magrath has been appointed superintendent and land commissioner of the company, to whom all business communications should be addressed, and who will be pleased to furnish any information that may be required by prospective settlers.

Mr. Galt, being asked the question whether it was intended to extend the canal system to the town of Lethbridge, replied that it would depend upon the extent to which the municipality would co-operate, for the company would have a vast area of agricultural land along its canal to Stirling, which canal follows the direct line of easy and economical construction, and it would not propose to expend more money upon capital account until a large portion of such land was occupied by settlers.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No 1 hard, in store Fort William, 89 to 89 1/2c.

Flour—Local price per sack unchanged at. Patent, \$2.55, bakers, \$2.35.

Bran—\$10 per ton.

Shorts—\$12 per ton.

Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, 35 to 37c.

Barley—32 to 35c for feed; malting, 35 to 40c.

Flax seed—Prices to farmers, country points, 60c per bushel.

Butter—Dairy, shippers buying at 13 to 16c; creamery, jobbers' price, 21 to 22c.

Cheese—Jobbers selling at 11c.

Eggs—Dealers selling at 20c for fresh and 17c for limed.

Beef—City dressed, 5 to 5 1/2c, country 4 to 5c, fresh, unfrozen, 6c.

Mutton—5 to 6c.

Hogs—Dressed, 5 1/2 to 6c.

Veal—5 to 6c.

Lambs—5 to 7c.

Cattle—Butchers, 23-4 to 3c.

Hogs—Live, off cars, \$4.50 per 100 lbs. for best bacon.

Sheep—3c off cars.

Seneca root—18 to 20c lb.

Hides—Green city hides, 7 to 7 1/4c for No. 1.

Hay—Baled, on track, \$6.50.

Potatoes—35 to 40c per bushel.

Poultry—Chickens, 7 to 8c per lb.; turkeys, 11 to 12c; geese, 8 to 9c; ducks, 8 to 9c.

John McLean & Co., wholesale millinery and dry goods merchants, Montreal, are in business difficulties.

Manitoba Wheat Movement.

In accordance with our usual custom, we give this week a summary of the movement of wheat to the close of navigation. Navigation closed with the last shipments made last week, the shipments from Fort William by water last week having amounted to 1,142,000 bushels. Total shipments from Fort William and Port Arthur since navigation opened last spring to December 10, the close of the season, amounted to 9,218,778 bushels compared with 17,359,127 bushels for the season of 1897. Of the shipments this season, 6,103,990 bushels were new wheat, of this year's crop and the balance old wheat. To the close of navigation last year, shipments of new wheat only from Fort William were 9,161,500 bushels, or one-third greater than this year. Navigation closed with only 388,000 bushels in store at Fort William compared with 500,000 bushels in store at the close of navigation last year. Shipments from Fort William and Port Arthur for the entire season of navigation in 1896 were 12,600,000 bushels, and for the season of 1895 they were 10,550,000 bushels.

It is estimated that about 13,000,000 bushels of the new crop this year has been delivered by farmers, but considerable wheat delivered is held in store for farmers. This 13,000,000 bushels include the 6,000,000 shipped out by water, 4,000,000 bushels in store west of Winnipeg, 1,500,000 bushels exported via Duluth and the balance stocks held at Winnipeg, Keewatin and lake ports, or turned into flour.

Notwithstanding the comparatively small shipments this year to the close of navigation, it is believed there is ample elevator accommodation in the country for all the wheat that will be marketed during the winter. The elevator accommodation along the C. P. R. lines, including lake ports, and interior points west of Fort William, amounted to about 16,000,000 bushels.

Minneapolis Markets.

Compared with a week ago the quotations given indicate an advance of 1-4c on No. 3 corn, a reduction of 2 to 3c on barley, an advance of 5 1-2c on flax seed, a decline of 1 to 1 1-2c on eggs, a decline of 1-2c on creamery butter and of 1-2 to 1c on dairy, an advance of 3 to 5c on potatoes, an advance of 1-2c on spring chickens, hens and turkeys, and of 1 1-2c on geese, a decline of 1-4c to 1-2c on hides, an advance of 1-4c on veal calf hides, an advance of 1-4c on tallow, and a decline of 50c on hay.

Flour—Prices in barrels. First patents, \$3.50 to \$3.55; second patents, \$3.25 to \$3.30.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$9.00 to \$9.50; bran in bulk \$9.50 to \$10.00; corn feed \$12.50 to \$14.00 per ton as to quality.

Corn—Quoted at 30c for No. 3 yellow, and 29 3-4c for No. 8.

Oats—Oats held at 26 3-4c for No. 3 white and 26 1-2c for No. 8.

Barley—Malting, 37 to 42c; feed quoted at 34 to 35c.

Flax seed—\$1.04 3-4 per bushel.

Eggs—18 1-2 to 19c for strictly fresh including cases; held fresh, 15 to 17 1-2c; seconds, 10c.

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

Butter—Creamery—17 1-2 to 19 1-2 for choice to extras; seconds, 15 to 15 1-2c, dairy 13 to 17c for choice to fancy; seconds 12 to 12 1-2c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 5 to 7c; lamb, 8 to 10c; veal 5 to 7 1-2c.

Potatoes—Car lots, mixed, 27 to 35c; straight varieties, 35 to 37c per bushel.

Poultry—Chickens, spring, 5 to 7 1-2c; hens, 4 1-2 to 5 1-2c; roosters, 4c; turkeys, 7c to 10c; ducks and geese 5 to 7 1-2c, all live weight.

Hides—Green salted hides, 8 1-2 for No. 1, 7 1-2c for No. 2; bulls, oxen and brands, 6 1-2 to 7 1-2c; sheepskins, 10 to 70c each; veal calf 9 1-4 to 10 3-4c; tallow 2 1-4 to 3 1-2c; seneca root, 22 to 24c.

Wool—Unwashed, fine, 11 to 12c medium, 13 to 14c; coats, 14 1-2 to 15 1-2c.

HAY—\$8.00 to \$8.50 per ton, timothy; mixed clover, \$4.50 to \$5.50.

Western Business Items.

F. Maynard intends opening a harness shop at Elgin.

H. L. Chabot, grocer, Winnipeg advertises his business for sale.

Alex. McMillan, grocer, Winnipeg, advertises giving up business.

Lethbridge Shipy Co., Lethbridge, Alberta, has been incorporated.

D. J. Hartley, publisher, Qu'Appelle, Assa., has sold out to E. Law.

C. Shillingford, hotel, Fleming, Assa., has sold out to George Cleverly.

Matheson Bros., have opened out a stock of groceries at Winnipeg.

G. Sigurdson, merchant, of Winnipeg, has assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand.

Ruttan & Fitzpatrick, Birtle, are selling groceries to their business.

The Calgary Clothing Co., Calgary, Alberta, is applying for incorporation.

A. Grant has bought out the flour and feed business of A. Madill, at Virden.

C. McKinnon, hotel, Rapid City, Man., is reported to have left that place.

J. E. Daoust, blacksmith, Winnipeg; stock and effects advertised for sale by auction.

C. L. Ford, grocer, Winnipeg, has sold out his branch business to W. Williamson.

R. F. Foster, harness, etc., Virden, who was burned out recently, is re-opening with a new stock.

The Lethbridge Co-Operative association, Lethbridge, Alberta, is applying for incorporation.

The livery business recently carried on by E. Cassidy at Newdale, Man. has been purchased by R. Dennison.

Gibson & Campbell, of Wolseley, are erecting an implement warehouse at Sinitama for the sale of the Deer Island Harvester Co.'s machinery.

Johnson & McPall have opened in the hardware business at Vanconver. The first named partner was formerly of Winnipeg, and the latter of Prince Albert.

Rock & Strachan's jewellery store, at Fort William, was entered

Wednesday night by burglars for the third time in the last six months. They carried off a lot of valuable goods.

The Winnipeg branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia will be opened for business on Tuesday, Jan. 3. The manager will be C. A. Kennedy, former manager at Yarmouth, N. S., who has been in the city for a few days completing arrangements for the opening.

T. W. Lines, manager for the Brackman & Kerr Milling Co. at South Alberta, in the city. Mr. Lines says that the South Edmonton market is a lively one at this season of the year. His company is paying from 20 to 24 cents for milling oats, and 40c per bushel for No. 1 hard wheat, prices that compare very favorably with quotations at points in Manitoba.

Toronto Wholesale Trade.

Toronto, Dec. 17.

Dry goods—An active, holiday trade has been doing, and spring orders are increasing. Large firms have completed stock taking and say the results of the year 1898 is the best in ten years. Values generally are firm.

Hardware—This branch is less active than usual at this time of year. A good deal of cutlery is selling. Rope is dull, sisal rope is 1-4c and Manila 1-2c lower. Turpentine is 2c lower. Metals unchanged and steady. A good many import orders for galvanized iron and tin plates are being booked.

Groceries—Holiday goods in fruits, nuts, peels, etc., very active. Better demand for teas. All refined sugars were reduced 10c per 100 pounds.

Kobold & Co., butchers, are sending out a novelty in the advertising line in the shape of neat little one pound sample palls of lard with greetings appropriate to the season.

W. G. Douglas, flour and feed merchant, Winnipeg, is issuing a fine hanger, showing a bunch of Highland sheep. This is a companion picture to the one of last year, showing Highland cattle.

The Winnipeg city market is beginning to take on its usual holiday appearance, and the butchers promise that when their decorations and displays are complete the market will be worth seeing. Next week The Commercial will give its readers some particulars about the display.

An Ottawa dispatch of December 8, says: "Postmaster-General Mulock, proposes to adopt in Montreal, Toronto and other cities where there is an electric car service, the utilization of the electric services for the collection and delivery of the mails, which has been used to a limited extent in Ottawa for several years past with great success. Here the mails are taken from and carried to the railway stations by special postal cars, which run into the post office yard. The special "late fee" system will, probably be utilized after the next session of parliament. That is that by paying an additional amount a letter can be mailed later than the ordinary time the regular mail closed. Legislation will be necessary for this. At all the railway stations a "late box" will be provided for extra stamped letters, so that five minutes before the train starts, the box will be cleared. A system of insurance for letters containing money valuables will also be adopted. This is a feature in other countries."

New York Wheat.

New York, Dec. 12.—Wheat — Receipts 108,225 bushels; exports 287,983 bushels. Options opened firm on steady cables, foreign buying and small world's shipments. The heavy visible supply increase soon demoralized the market, however, and weakness ensued all the afternoon, except for a slight closing rally on covering; final prices were 3-8 to 5-8c net lower. Jan. opened 71 11-16 to 3-4; March opened 72 1-2 to 73 1-2, closed 72 5-8; May opened 69 13-16 to 70 3-8, closed 70. Dec. opened 71 1-8 to 72 3-8, closed 71 1-4.

New York, Dec. 13.—Wheat — Receipts, 199,500 bus; exports, 321,076 bus. Options opened firm and ruled so all day, closing strong, 1-2 to 7-8, net advance. There was active covering of shorts on bullish foreign news, a small interior movement strength in corn and big clearances. Jan., 71 15-16 to 71 15-16; March, 72 1-2 to 73 1-2, closed 73 1-2; May, 69 15-16 to 70 3-4, closed 70 3-4, Dec., 71 1-4 to 71 3-4, closed 71 3-4.

New York, Dec. 14.—Wheat: Receipts 72,150 bushels; exports 314,427 bushels. Options firm and for half a day showed a strong undertone on continued light spring wheat receipts, local covering and big clearances. The subsequent reaction was occasioned by foreign selling and rumors of increasing Russian stocks, closed 1-4 to 1-2c net lower. March 73c to 73 3-4c, closed 73c; May 70 7-16c to 71 5-16c, closed 70 1-2c; Dec. 71 1-2c to 72 3-4c, closed 71 1-2c.

New York, Dec. 15.—Wheat, March opened 74c, closed 74 1-2c. Dec. opened 72 1-8c, closed 72 7-8c. May opened 70 3-4c, closed 71 5-8c.

New York, Dec. 16.—Wheat — Receipts 39,775 bu., exports 173,638 bu. Options opened firm and showed remarkable strength all day in response to heavy covering, particularly by foreign houses. Liverpool cables were very strong, Argentine news continued bullish and outside trade showed improvement. Closed unsettled under later realizing but 3-4 cts. 1c. net higher; March 74 5-8 to 75 3-4, closed 75 3-8c; May 71 11-16 to 73, closed 72 3-8c; Dec. 73 to 74 1-4, closed 74c.

New York, Saturday, Dec. 17.—December wheat closed 73 3-8c and May at 71 5-8c.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

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

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Wheat, Dec. opened 64 1-8c, closed 63 3-4c. May opened 65 1-2 to 5-8c, closed 65 1-8 to 1-4c. July 64c. Corn, July 34 5-8c. Dec. opened 33c, closed 33c. May opened 33 7-8c, closed 34 1-8c. Oats, Dec. 25 7-8c. May opened 26c, closed 26 to 1-8c. Ribs, Jan. opened \$4.67, closed \$4.70 to \$4.72. May opened \$4.85, closed \$4.90. Pork, Dec. \$8 17. Jan. opened \$9.37, closed \$9.47. May opened \$9.60 to \$9.62, closed \$9.70. Lard, Jan. \$5.26. May opened \$5.37, closed \$5.40.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Wheat, Dec. opened 64 5-8c, closed 64 3-8 to 1-2c. May opened 65 1-8c, closed 65 7-8 to 66c. July 64 1-2c. Corn, Dec. opened 33c, closed 33 3-8c. May opened 34 1-8c, closed 34 5-8c. Oats, Dec. opened 26c, closed 26 1-2c. Ribs, Jan. opened \$4.67, closed \$4.70 to \$4.72. May opened \$4.85, closed \$4.90. Pork, Dec. \$8 17. Jan. opened \$9.37, closed \$9.47. May opened \$9.60 to \$9.62, closed \$9.70. Lard, Jan. \$5.26. May opened \$5.37, closed \$5.40.

Ribs, Jan. \$4.65 to \$4.67. May opened \$4.87, closed \$4.87. Pork, Dec. \$8.10. Jan. opened \$9.45, closed \$9.87. Lard, Jan. opened \$5.26, closed \$5.22. May opened \$5.42 to \$5.46, closed \$5.42.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Wheat, Dec. opened 64 3-4c, closed 64 1-8c. May opened 66 1-8c, closed 65 3-4c. July opened 64 5-8c, closed 64 3-8c. Corn, Dec. opened 33 1-8c, closed 33 1-8 to 1-4c. May opened 34 1-2 to 5-8c, closed 34 3-8c. July opened 35 1-8c, closed 34 3-4c. Oats, Dec. 26 1-4 to 3-8c. May opened 26 1-2, closed 26 1-4 to 3-8c. Ribs, Jan. \$4.65. May opened \$4.82, closed \$4.82 to \$4.85. Pork, Dec. \$8.10. Jan. opened \$9.35, closed \$9.87. May opened \$9.55, closed \$9.82. Lard, Jan. \$5.17. May opened \$5.40, closed \$5.37 to \$5.40.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Wheat, Dec. opened 64 1-4c, closed 65 7-8c. May opened 66 to 1-8c, closed 66 7-8 to 67c. July opened 64 3-4c, closed 65 1-4 to 3-8c. Corn, Dec. 33 3-4c. May opened 34 3-8c, closed 7-8 to 3-8c. July opened 34 7-8c, closed 35 3-8 to 1-2c. Oats, Dec. 26 5-8c. May opened 26 3-8 to 1-2c, closed 26 3-4c. Ribs, Jan. \$4.67. May opened \$4.82, closed \$4.85. Pork, Dec. \$8.10. Jan. opened \$9.32, closed \$9.35. May opened \$9.60, closed \$9.65. Lard, Jan. \$5.17. May opened \$5.37, closed \$5.37.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Wheat, Dec. opened 66 1-8 to 1-4c, closed 66 3-8c. May opened 67 1-8c, closed 67 3-4c. July 66 1-4 to 3-8c. Corn, Dec. opened 33 3-4, closed 34 1-4c. May opened 35 to 1-8c, closed 35c. Oats, Dec. 26 3-8c. May opened 26 3-4c, closed 26 3-4c. Ribs, Jan. opened \$4.70, closed \$4.65. May opened \$4.87, closed \$4.82. Pork, Dec. \$8.05. Jan. opened \$9.37, closed \$9.35. May opened \$9.70, closed \$9.62. Lard, Jan. opened \$5.17, closed \$5.10 to \$5.12. May opened \$5.37, closed \$5.32 to \$5.35.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—May wheat opened at 67 1-2c, ranged from 66 1-2 to 67 1-8c, and closed at 66 7-8c. Closing prices were:

Wheat—Dec. 65 1-8c, May 66 7-8c, July 64 7-8c.
Corn—Dec. 34c, May 34 7-8c, July 35 1-4c.
Oats—Dec. 26c, May 26 5-8c.
Pork—Dec. \$8.10, Jan. \$9.40, May \$9.65.
Lard—Jan. \$5.12, May \$5.32 to \$5.33.
Ribs—Jan. \$4.65, May \$4.82.
A week ago December option closed at 64 1-8c. A year ago December wheat closed at 99c; two years ago at 76 5-8c, three years ago at 54 5-8c, four years ago at 58 5-8c.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

No. 1 northern wheat at Duluth closed as follows on each day of the week:
Monday—Dec. 61 3-4c; May, 64 5-8c.
Tuesday—Dec., 62 3-8c; May, 65 1-8c.
Wednesday—Dec., 62 3-8c; May, 64 7-8c.
Thursday—Dec. 63 1-4c; May, 66c.
Friday—Cash, 63 3-4c, Dec., 63 3-4c, May 66 3-8c.
Saturday—Dec. 62 7-8c; May 65 1-8c.
A year ago December wheat closed at 98c two years ago December option closed 77 3-4c, three years ago at 51 1-4c, four years ago at 59 1-4c, and five years ago at 60c.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Saturday, Dec. 17.—No. 1 northern wheat closed at 63 3-4c for December and 64 7-8 to 66 for May; Cash No. 1 northern 64c, cash No. 2 northern 62c.

CHEESE MARKETS.

Liverpool, Dec. 17.—Cheese, white, 47s; colored, 48s. This is an advance of 1s. over last week's prices.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

No. 1 hard wheat closed at 64 to 64 1-2c December delivery, May, 69 to 69 1-2c. No. 2 hard and 1 northern 61 1-2c under No. 1 hard.

TURPENTINE HIGHER.

Turpentine advanced 2c this week in the local market to 66c for barrels, and 70c for smaller lots.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, Dec. 16.—Wheat firm; corn firm. Wheat—No. 2 red western winter 6s 2d; No. 1 red northern spring 6s. Corn—American mixed spot old 3s 10 1-4d. Receipts during the past three days: Wheat, 200,000 cwt, all American; American corn, 71,500 cwt. Butter—Pinest United States 88s; do. good 86s.
Closing—Wheat—No. 1 red northern spring firm at 6s 1-2d.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT.

Liverpool, Dec. 17.—Wheat closed 3-8d lower.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Flax seed closed \$1.08 1-2 for cash and May, \$1.08. and Sat Chicago.

MONTREAL STOCKS.

Montreal, Dec. 16.—C. P. R. London 88. Commercial cable Montreal 184 7-8 and 186.

BRITISH STOCK MARKET.

London, Dec. 18.—Trade in currencies slower, but the undertone to the market was steady for cattle. Prices show no change from a week ago. Ontario Canadian and Argentines sold for 10 1-2. For sheep, prices were irregular; Canadains selling 1-2c lower at 10 1-2c; while Argentines were 1c higher at 11c. Omani lamb brought 12c.

Liverpool, Dec. 12.—A stronger feeling prevailed in Canadian cattle. Owing to the smaller supplies prices advanced 1-4c to 1-2c, choice selling at 10 1-4c.

BRITISH STOCKS.

London, Dec. 16.—1 p.m. closing—Consols for money 110 1-4; consols for the account 110 1-2; Canadian Pacific 87 7-8; Grand Trunk 7 3-4; Sar silver 27 9-16; Money 3. The rate of discount in the open market for both short and three months bills is 3 1-2.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

New York, Dec. 16.—The stock market opened strong. Atchison 19; Burlington 122 1-2; Louisville 64 3-8; Leather & Paper 69 3-4; Manhattan 98 3-8; Missouri Pacific 44 1-2; Northwest 113 1-4; Northern Pacific 41 7-8; do. preferred 77; People's Gas 109; Rock Island 110; St. Paul 116 3-8; Southern preferred 32 3-4; Union Pacific 38 1-2; do. preferred 70 3-4.

Money on call steady at 2 1-4 to 2 1-2. Prime mercantile paper 3 to 4. Sterling exchange firmer at \$4.84 for demand and at \$4.81 3-4 for sixty days. Posted rates \$4.92 1-2 and \$4.85 1-2. Commercial bills \$4.80 3-4. Silver certificates 69 1-2 to 69 1-2. Bar silver 59 5-8; Mexican dollars 47; Government bonds strong.

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MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 17.

The grain market has been rather quiet. Feed is rather easier, under liberal offerings, and the price of bran has been shaded 50c per ton. Hides steady. Tallow is stronger, 1-1c higher having been paid for best stock. Eggs are strong. Fresh laid have advanced 3c per dozen, but held stock and lined are unchanged. Dairy butter is quoted 1c lower on the outside. Cheese is quiet, but the market is very strong, the 10c mark having been reached for choice western odds, which shows a sharp advance over a week ago, amounting to 1-2c all around. Poultry is higher all around, turkeys being 1-2c higher. Vontson is quoted at 5c per car case.

Oats—No. 2 white, 30 to 30 1-2c in store.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$4 to \$4.10; Manitoba patents, \$4.30 to \$4.40.

Milfeed—Bran, \$13.50 to \$14 per ton; shorts 15, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats \$1.70 to \$1.75 per bag.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 9c; No. 2, 8c; No. 3, 7c; calfskins, 8c to 10c; sheepskins, 40c to 50c; lambskins, 70c; tallow, 3 1-2 to 4c.

Eggs—Fresh laid, 25 to 30 per dozen, candled stock, 16c per dozen.

Butter—Choice dairy, 14 to 15c; western dairy, 12 to 13c.

Butter—Creamery, in tubs, 20 1-4 to 20 1-2c.

Cheese—Choice western, 9 7-8 to 10c; eastern, 9 3-4c.

Beans—85c to 95c per bushel as to quality.

Potatoes—In car lots 50c to 55c.

Poultry—Dressed turkeys, 81-2 to 91-2c, and 10c for choice; ducks 7 to 7 1-2c; geese 5 to 6c; chickens 6 to 7c.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 13.

Receipts at the East End abattoir market yesterday were 600 cattle and 400 sheep and 700 lambs.

The quality of cattle offered did not indicate holiday trade, being only up to the average. The demand was good and the market active and firm. Choice heaves sold at 43-8c to 41-2c, good at 4c to 41-4c, fair at 31-4c to 30-4, and lower grades at from 2c to 3c. The demand for sheep was good, and all the suitable stock for shipment sold at 3c to 31-4c, and wools at 21-2c to 23-4c. The demand for lambs was good at 33-4c to 41-4c.

At the Grand Trunk stock yards there was a fair number of live hogs offered, and with a good demand prices were firm. Selected lots sold at \$4.50; heavy fat at \$4.25, light at \$4 and stags at \$2.50 per 100 pounds.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, Dec. 16.

Receipts of cattle at the semi-weekly market yesterday were 600 head and 1,000 sheep and lambs. The best cattle sold at 41-4 to 41-2c, and the general run at 3 to 4c. Sheep ranged from 3 to 31-4c, and lambs 4 to 43-8c per pound. Hogs sold at from \$4.25 to \$4.35 per 100 pounds. The market was brisk.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 17.

The advance of 5c per 100 lbs. made on sugars by refiners last week did not

hold long, and prices have now declined 10c per 100 lbs., owing to weakness in the raw market. These are the only changes reported.

Granulated sugar stands \$4.45 per 100 lbs. at refiners; yellow, 3.70 to \$4.20, molasses 31c in car lots. Syrups 2 to 21-2c as to quality, Valencia raisins 43-4 to 51-2; Valencia myers, 61-2c; currants, 51-8 to 61-2c, as to brand; coffee, Rio, 8c to 10c; Mocha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c; rice, Crystal Japan, 51-2 to 53-4c; standard B, 83-4 to 4c.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 17.

Business is quiet but steady and prices unchanged as follows: White lead, government standard, \$5.62 1-2; No. 1, \$5.25; dry white lead in kegs, 5c; red lead in kegs, 4 1-2c; linseed oil, raw, 49 to 50c; boiled, 52 to 53c; turpentine, 57c; bar iron, \$1.40 to \$1.50; tin plates, coxes, 2.75 to \$2.90; I. C. charcoal, 3.25 to \$3.75; Canada plates, 2.10 to \$2.15, tern plates, 5.95 to \$6.25; galvanized iron 41-4 to 43-4c; lead, 9.75 to \$4; iron pipe 4 to 4 1-4c; putty in bulk, 1.65; in bladders, 1.80; ingot tin, 20c. Cement, English brands, 3.30 to \$3.40. Germany, 2.45 to \$2.55, and Belgium, 1.85 to \$1.95 per barrel, ex-wharf. Rope, sisal 10 to 10 1-2c. Manila, 11 1-2 to 12 1-2c for 7-16 size and larger.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Dec. 13.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 45 carloads, including 300 sheep and lambs and 950 hogs.

The cattle offered were first class and included a number of steers which had been fed for the Christmas trade. One bunch brought as high as \$5 per cwt., the highest price paid for strictly choice cattle this year. The general tone of the trade was a little firmer, and better prices were paid for choice stock. Total receipts for week to Dec. 10 were: Cattle, 1,896; sheep and lambs, 1,122, and hogs, 5,555.

Export cattle—Only a small amount of trade was done in this line, mostly in heavy exporters. These were quoted at \$4.25 to \$4.65.

Butchers cattle—Prices were a little higher and the quality first class. Choice were quoted at \$4.25 to \$4.75 per cwt., common, \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt.

Stockers and feeders—Steady demand for stockers for Buffalo. Heavy stockers were quoted at \$3 to \$3.35 per cwt. Very few feeders offered and prices remain firm.

Sheep and lambs—Sheep for export and butchers' use were steady and sold at \$3.40 to \$3.50 per cwt. Spring lambs quoted at \$3.60 to \$4.10 per cwt.

Hogs—Offerings light. Choice selections of bacon hogs sold at \$4.25 per cwt. Light and thick fat were quoted at \$4 per cwt.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, Dec. 16.

Receipts of live stock at the market to-day were 58 car loads of all kinds, including 500 sheep and lambs and 1,800 hogs. Prices were the same all around as at Tuesday's market.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Dec. 17.

Grain deliveries have been larger, with a good export demand for wheat,

Oats are also more active, at 1c advance. Ontario flour has advanced, 10c per barrel, and Manitoba flour held 5c per barrel higher. Wheat firmer. There is a big demand for poultry, and turkeys are held 10c higher. Dressed hogs are 5c to 10c per 100 lbs lower.

Flour—Manitoba patents, \$4.15; Manitoba bakers, \$3.85. Ontario—straight roller, \$3 to \$3.15 per barrel country points, at mills.

Wheat—Ontario red and white winter wheat, 67c for cars at country points, No. 1 hard, 78c; Toronto, No. 1 northern 75c.

Oats—White, 28c for cars at country points.

Barley—No. 1, 46 to 47c at country points; No. 2, 44c.

Milfeed—Snorts, \$14 to \$16 per ton at country points. Bran, \$12 per ton.

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

Eggs—Fresh, 1c; new laid, 19 to 20c; lined, 14c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, 11c to 13 1-2c for choice fresh goods, medium grades, 9 to 10c, creamery, tubs, 19 to 19 1-2c.

Cheese—10c for choice late fall make.

Hides—No. 1 green, 81-2c; cured, 9 sheepskins and lambskins, 60 to 75c; calfskins 8 to 10c; tallow, 3 to 3 1-4c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 14 to 15c, unwashed, 9 to 10c.

Beans—75 cents to \$1 per bushel as to quality.

Dressed hogs—5 to \$5.10 per 100 pounds for car lots of mixed weights.

Dried apples—5 to 5 1-2c for round lots; evaporated 8 to 8 1-4c.

Honey—Round lots 6 to 7c.

Poultry—Turkeys 9 to 10c; chickens 5 to 45c; geese, 5 to 6c.

SUGAR.

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London, Dec. 16.—Beet sugar steady. December beet, 9s 6 3-4d. January the same.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Dec. 16.—Cattle in good demand and firm at 1-2c higher. Quoted at 11 1-2 to 12c for steers, estimated dressed weight.

LONDON WOOL SALES.

London, Dec. 13.—The present series of wool auction sales for this year closed to-day with a good attendance of buyers present. The closing tone was firm and the prices realized to-day were practically the best of the series. The number of bales carried over was 21,000; 57,000 were sold to home buyers and 80,000 to the continent.

LOW FREIGHTS.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says "Some idea of the demoralization existing in railway freight circles may be formed when it is known that large contracts have been made for the transportation of wheat all-rail from Duluth to New York at 10c per 100 lbs. or 6c per bushel. A prominent railway official has stated that the above cut was made in deference to some large shippers who have exerted unfair influence over the railway people. All the same, there's the cut, which means about 16c per bushel, through from Duluth to Liverpool." This statement is not believed by railway people here, who say they have not heard of any such rates having been offered.

F. Pace, general store, Standau, Alberta, is dead.