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WINNIPEG, AUGUST 22, 1887.

SUTCLIFF has opened a butcher's shop at Birtle

J. W. MANBEY will open a law office at Rapid City, Man.

B. HODGES will open a blacksmith shop at Lethbridge, Alberta.

A. LLOYD will open a grocery and fruit store at Port Arthur, Ont.

Miss McQUEEN has opened a millinery store at Shoal Lake, Man.

J. B. DAVIS has opened his new store at Norman, near Rat Portage.

FENWICK & Co., painters and paper hangers, Winnipeg, have given up business.

MICHAEL RUBY has opened a general store at Hun's Valley, north of Minnedosa, Man.

R. BOGUE, hardware and groceries, Moose Jaw, Assa., is reported to be selling out his stock at a reduction, with a view to moving east.

S. JOHNS, lately of Pilot Mound, Man., has leased the Grand Central hotel, at Brandon.

W. JOHNSTON, agricultural implement dealer, Brandon, has added wholesale oils to his business.

JOHN DUNOON will open a merchant tailoring store at Rapid City, Man., about the first of September.

GEO. W. IRONSIDE, of the firm of Russell & Ironside, live stock dealers, died at Brandon on Saturday, 13th.

THE store and hotel at Binscarth Farm, Man., of the Scottish Ontario and Manitoba Land Company, has been closed.

WRIGHT & DONOGH, gents' furnishings and clothing, Winnipeg, have dissolved and business continued by J. A. Wright.

W. A. McDONALD and T. Rigney, keepers of the Queen's hotel, Rat Portage, have dissolved partnership, T. Rigney continues.

W. J. O'CONNOR, St. Nicholas Hotel Winnipeg, has admitted H. Herrick into partnership, under style of O'Connor & Herrick.

MURRAY & BROOKS, general merchants, Indian Head, Assa., have dissolved partnership. G. P. Murray, will continue the business.

MR. SMITH, representing Smith & Fudger, wholesale fancy goods and woodenware, Toronto, has opened a sample room in Winnipeg.

JARRETT & CUSHING, sash and door manufacturers, etc., Calgary, have dissolved partnership. W. H. Cushing assumes and continues the business.

C. D. BUSH has been appointed agent at Winnipeg for Libby, McNeill & Libby, canned meats, Chicago; N. K. Fairbank & Co., lard and soaps, Chicago; and the Anglo-American Provision Co., of Chicago.

WOODLER & NEUMEYER, brewers, Brandon have admitted into partnership H. W. Pares, a practical man at the business. It is understood that the new firm has made an offer for the purchase of the old brewery near First street bridge and if the offer is not accepted another establishment will be put up in the western part of the city with a greater capacity than the old one.

MUNS & STINTON will open a hardware store at Carberry, Man.

GROVER & Co. have commenced business at Morden, Man., in boots and shoes, stationery, etc.

A NEW firm has been established at Brandon, under the name of Smart, Stewart & Co. It is understood the business of the house will mainly be jobbing in hardware.

G. M. FRANCIS has assumed the boarding and dining department of the Continental hotel, Port Arthur. He will retain the proprietorship of the Belmont.

A DEBENTURE by-law will be voted on at Brandon to raise \$1,500 to purchase the 18th street bridge, and a further \$1,500 as a loan to D. P. McLaurin, at 6 per cent. to assist him in re-building his elevator.

MARTIN & CURTIS, barristers and solicitors, Portage la Prairie, have decided to open a law office in Winnipeg. They have taken into partnership H. A. McLean, and the firm will hereafter be known as Martin, Curtis & McLean. Mr. Martin and Mr. McLean will attend to the Winnipeg business, while Mr. Curtis remains at Portage.

A GOOD deal of interest has been taken during the last few days in the report that the C.P.R. Company is building a spur track near Morris, with the object of blocking the construction of the Red River Valley road. Rumors of injunctions have also been in the air. However, it is not thought likely these means will be successful in hindering the construction of the road. The grading on the southernmost contract has been completed to the boundary.

THE following statement shows the financial standing of the Regina Board of Trade, as presented at a late meeting:

Cash on hand.....	\$ 13 55
Grant N. W. M. P.....	300 00
Grant Lt. Governor.....	119 00
O. E. Hughes.....	200 00
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Indebtedness.....	\$632 55
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Members' arrears.....	\$393 67
	50 00
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Business East.**ONTARIO.**

Geo. S. Booth, grocer, Parkdale, has sold out.
 W. T. Parrish, hardware, Port Perry, is dead.
 Wm. Osborn, dry goods, Toronto, has sold out.
 A. Campbell, baker, St. George, was burned out.
 J. J. Elliott, tins, St. George, was burned out.
 McLean & Co., tailors, Parkdale, have dissolved.
 J. W. Drury, clothing, Belleville, has assigned.
 Munro & Co., dry goods, Belleville, have assigned.
 Leger Honore, shoe dealer, Ottawa, has assigned.
 Robt. Wilson, hotelkeeper, Brampton, has sold out.
 Edward Walsh, shoe dealer, Pembroke, has assigned.
 Job Cousins, pump dealer, London, was burned out.
 J. G. Begg, general storekeeper, Melbourne, has sold out.
 Wm. Gosnell, general storekeeper, Fargo, has sold out.
 Halloran Bros., carriage materials, Hamilton, have dissolved.
 Jos. Edmonds, groceries and liquors, Toronto, has sold out.
 Alex. Robertson, shoe dealer, Toronto, has given up business.
 Wm. Gibson, hotelkeeper, Nipissing, has removed to Powassan.
 E. Labelle & Co., general storekeepers, Casselman have assigned.
 G. M. Weber & Co., manufacturers of pianos, Kingston, have assigned.
 Robt. Stark, druggist, Woodstock, is succeeded by Dr. W. C. Perks.
 W. H. Broughton, carriages, Galt,—stock advertised for sale by tender.
 J. Richardson & Co., general storekeepers, St. George, were damaged by fire.
 J. C. DeHarnois, gents' furnishings, Windsor, foreclosed under chattel mortgage.
 Estate of Alvin Watson, general storekeeper, Wheatly, was sold out to Harry Scott.
 London Crockeryware Manufacturing Co., London, have called a meeting of creditors.
 Sutherland Bros., general storekeepers, Newmarket, is compromising at 60c in the \$.
 F. Dignum, tailor, Parkdale, has formed a partnership with J. W. Isaacs; style now Isaacs & Dignum.
 Excelsior Straw Works, Toronto, have dissolved; Fred. Swannell retires and Chas. Brasier continues under same style.
 O. D. Glasgow, fruit dealer, Toronto, has formed a partnership with John Willis, fruit dealer, under style Willis & Glasgow.

QUEBEC.

H. Leduc, tailor, Montreal, has assigned.
 Chas. Jutras, grocer, Montreal, was burned out.
 E. Charette, grocer, Montreal, was burned out.
 J. L. Gaudette, shoe dealer, Montreal, has assigned.

N. Fournier, general storekeeper, Scottstown, has assigned.

Frederick Keasey, grocer, St. Gabriel Village, has assigned.

F. X. Paquette, grocer, Montreal, was damaged by fire and water.

Cobban & Co., wholesale mouldings, etc., Montreal, have sold out to F. J. Phillips.

NOVA SCOTIA.

J. A. Beck, grocer, etc., Halifax, is dead.

Wm. McDowell, tobacco, etc., Lockeport, is dead.

S. P. Clements, general storekeeper, Liverpool, is dead.

Leithead Bros., saw mill, West River Station, have assigned.

J. P. Wambolt, grocer, Halifax,—style now Wambolt & Wentzell.

W. C. Chisholm & Co., general storekeepers, Hetherton, have dissolved.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

P. Gratton, general storekeeper, Buctouche, is dead.

Tohn Maltby, liquor dealer, Newcastle, has assigned.

Arthur Everitt, dry goods, St. John, has suspended payment.

D. J. Buckley, general storekeeper, Rogerville, has assigned.

Jas. Collins, boots and shoes, Portland, has assigned and gone away.

Foreign Crops.

The Illinois State Board of Agriculture estimates that there was a reduction of 33 points in the condition of corn in the northern part of the state during the month of July, of 37 points in the central division, and about as much in the southern division.

Wheat, winter and spring, area sown, 1,372,028 acres, a decrease of 28 per cent; area harvested, 774,526 acres, about 56 per cent of the area sown, the remaining 44 per cent being abandoned on account of damage by drought and chinch bugs. The estimated product for the state is 7,470,375 bushels, which precludes the possibility of any surplus over and above the needs of the people of the state for seed and bread. The corn crop has dwindled from a condition of from 100 to 150 per cent at the date of last month's report to less than 50 per cent of the annual product for five years. The continued dry weather and the chinch bug have combined to destroy what seemed a month ago to be the largest crop of corn Kansas ever produced.—*Kansas State Agricultural Report for August.*

The London, *England Post* reports the crops as follows: On the better land the wheat crop will be excellent, and it is believed above an average. But on poorer soil the crop will be bad. The crop may be put down, on the whole, as 10 per cent over the average of the last ten years. This is so far as yield is concerned. The area is, of course, much below the average for this period, while the market prices for the grain are sure to be low. Barley promises to be above the average in the quality of the grain, and to be quite an average for yield on the best barley soils of the west of England, but a report from barley growing Norfolk thinks

that the yield will be deficient. Oats, beans and peas are all decidedly poor, and range from 10 per cent to 30 per cent below an average. But the greatest disaster of the year is the almost entire failure of the feeding crops. Turnips and swedes have been entirely destroyed by drouth and fly in many cases. Coupled with this there is a short hay crop—quite 15 or 20 per cent below an average. With roots a failure, and hay and straw short, next winter will be looked forward to with something like dismay by all stock owners. Even now, when the pastures should supply plenty of keep, the grasses are burnt up, and a diminishing supply of milk can only be maintained at a great cost for feeding and watering.

The August crop report of the United States department of agriculture says: The condition of spring wheat, is not improved in the August returns, but has fallen off, the general average being 78.8, two points less than the August returns of last year. Dakota has made a slight gain and stands highest in condition. The average for Wisconsin is 73; Minnesota, 74; Iowa, 72; Nebraska, 77; Dakota, 88. In the extreme east and on the Pacific coast the condition of spring wheat is high. Corn in all states of the Atlantic coasts is of very high promise. In the central corn regions, however, in the valleys of the Ohio and Missouri, where two-thirds of the crop is grown and the commercial supply is procured, a very heavy reduction has taken place, which has made the national average 80 per cent, instead of 97 per cent last month. The cause is long continued drouth, which has been severest in Kansas, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan. Nebraska has been scorched on the southern border. The seven corn surplus states stand as follows: Ohio, 82; Indiana, 64; Illinois, 65; Iowa, 90; Missouri, 80; Kansas, 60; Nebraska, 75. Oats, 85.6, which indicates a crop slightly under the average. The average for barley is 86.2, indicating nearly an average crop. Potatoes—There is a great reduction since the first of July in the condition of potatoes, the result of drouth. Fruit—The fruit crop is very poor. There will be few apples outside of New England and New York. Hay—The hay crop is also greatly reduced in the west. The general average is 80. Tobacco—The tobacco crop is in high condition in the seed leaf states, averaging nearly 100 except in Wisconsin.

A deputation of the Winnipeg board of trade interviewed the Postmaster General during his recent visit and discussed the question of the mail service between Winnipeg and Brandon on Wednesdays and Thursdays. At present, although a local train runs west to Brandon on Wednesday and returns on Thursday, no mails whatever are carried, causing delay and inconveniencing the business community very much. The board of trade memorialized the post office department last March, but no change was made in the service. The deputation was successful in securing a mail on each of the local trains to and from Brandon, Mr. McLellan going into the matter fully and expressing his desire to grant every possible facility. As soon as arrangements can be made with the C. P. R., the service will commence.

A correspondent at Birtle, Man., over the signature of "A Sufferer," writes to THE COMMERCIAL as follows: "Your review of the C.P.R. rates in THE COMMERCIAL of the 8th is a very interesting article. An addendum might be considered when the M. & N.W. Railway acts in partnership. One thousand (1000) brick from Winnipeg were delivered here last week—freight charges, seventeen and 60/100 dollars (\$17.60). This ought to be emphasized."

A Brandon despatch says: "A telegram was received from Portage la Prairie, asking for a delegation to go from here to co-operate with one sent from that place, to wait upon the Local Government, asking that a bonus of \$200,000 be granted, to assist in making a western connection for the Red River Valley Railway. The board of trade appointed Messrs. A. C. Larkin, C. A. Moore and J. C. Robinson, and Mayor Adams and Messrs. Hughes, Smart and Kirchoffer will also attend. Rapid City will be represented by Mayor Head.

Another crop bulletin has been issued by the Manitoba provincial board of agriculture. The wheat harvest was expected to be general during the second week in August, if favorable ripening weather ensued. Gophers are doing some damage, but not apparently so much as in 1886. Indications all point to a very large return; the approximate yields reported by correspondents give an average of 25.6 bushels per acre over the province. In the eastern group of counties the average is approximated at 24.8 bushels per acre; in the southwestern, 24.6; in the central, 25.8, and in the northwestern, 27.1. The averages in the different counties range from 19.4 to 28.6 bushels per acre.

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DISCUSSING COMMERCIAL UNION.

Those who attended the lecture by Professor Goldwin Smith, in Trinity Hall, Winnipeg, on Tuesday evening last, must have gone away greatly disappointed. The lecture could hardly be considered as a full and practical discussion of the Commercial Union question, such as was no doubt expected by the majority present. The erudite professor certainly gave much more attention in his discourse to the question of protection than to the practical consideration of Commercial Union. Indeed, the lecture might with justice be termed an attack upon the protective policy of the present Dominion Government. Against this policy the professor brought out clearly many strong points, and the applause with which his arguments were greeted showed that he had touched the right chord in the estimation of almost the entire audience.

The great majority of the people of the Northwest would thoroughly agree with the reasonings of Prof. Smith regarding protection, and his remarks in this connection were certainly appreciated, but as to Commercial Union, it is doubtful if the audience really went away with any clearer perception of this important question. No new arguments were adduced, and even the old ones were not presented in a new light. Some of the more important points of a practical nature, such, for instance, as the question of revenue, were not even hinted at, whilst, on the other hand, the professor took up a considerable portion of his time in discussing side issues of really no practical importance from a commercial point of view. The sentimental question of British connection was dealt with at length, and the professor strenuously endeavored to prove that Commercial Union, once accomplished, would not lead to annexation. It must, however, have been somewhat amusing to the audience when, later on in his remarks, the professor had to acknowledge his belief in and desire for the ultimate political union of all the English-speaking people of the American continent.

Reference was also made to the opposition to Commercial Union which the professor expects from the French clergy of Quebec, and the well-known pessimistic

views of the professor regarding the future of Canada were also given another airing. These straw men were set up and vigorously pounded with sledge-hammer arguments, whilst more practical issues were referred to but briefly or altogether neglected. Other and more practical objections to Commercial Union were not dealt with. It is not intended to represent here that the lecture was not at all to the point, but it is certain that the discourse was not such as to give the audience a clear idea of what is meant by Commercial Union, or even to enable them to grasp the more important features of the question.

Professor Smith's attempt to confound Commercial Union with Reciprocity was not at all satisfactory. It requires only ordinary intelligence to discover that Reciprocity, or the free interchange of certain commodities between two countries is quite a different thing from the formation of a Zollverein, which, whilst allowing a free interchange of commodities between the parties thereto, provides a common tariff wall of protection against imports from all other countries. Reciprocity would not necessitate any change in the Canadian tariff; Commercial Union would call for an increase in our duties to bring them up to correspond with the customs tariff of the United States, now very much higher than ours. Commercial Union means that for the privilege of trading with the United States, Canada must exclude all other countries from her markets. To exclude other countries from our markets would, in the natural course of events, mean the exclusion of Canadian commodities from such countries. For instance, ships carrying Canadian produce to Great Britain, and having no return cargoes, would be compelled to charge a much higher freight rate, thus placing a heavy tax upon Canadian exports, against which it would be found impossible to compete with other exporting countries. We are largely at the mercy of Great Britain for a market for our principal exports, the United States also producing a surplus of almost everything we have to export, therefore it would be unwise to provoke Great Britain to any act hostile to Canada, which might result from the formation of a compact with the United States necessitating a discrimination against imports of British goods. Canadians should certainly be desirous of encouraging commercial intercourse with the United States, but only

in a legitimate manner, and not by entering into a compact of discrimination against all other countries with whom we should also be anxious to do business. The statement of the professor that the tendency in the United States is toward a lower tariff, is not borne out by the facts. At the last elections the fair traders—those who were in favor of lower duties—were almost annihilated, and the Democratic party has shown no desire to bring any of their fair trade principles into practice. It is therefore clear that there is no hope of obtaining Commercial Union on a basis of a reduction in the tariff of the United States.

It was admitted at the meeting by avowed Commercial Unionists that, so far as the Northwest is concerned, we have very little which we could export to the United States. The only gain to this country from Commercial Union would be in imports. Certainly we import many things upon which we are compelled to pay exorbitant duties, but we also import a considerable amount of goods from Great Britain and other countries. Commercial Union would allow of the importation free of such goods as come from the United States, but it would increase the cost of goods coming from other countries. We would still be obliged to export our surplus agricultural products elsewhere than to the United States, though at a greater disadvantage, from the fact that in Eastern Canada and British Columbia markets, which are now largely controlled and supplied by Manitoba produce, the United States would be our active competitor under Commercial Union.

It surely should be plain to everyone that Commercial Union is not the remedy for excessive duties. The regulation of the duties the people of Canada have in their own hands. If they are excessive, remedy the matter at the polls; though, of course, the revenue must be considered. The great movement described by Prof. Smith among the Ontario farmers in favor of Commercial Union, is most likely the effects of reaction from the protectionist wave. The farmers see that protection has not greatly altered their condition, and they are now ready to be allured by another glittering bauble. So far as the Northwest is concerned, any general movement in favor of Commercial Union would be brought about (as was clearly evident from the feeling of the meeting last week) solely by a desire to get rid of

the oppressive duties, which bear more heavily upon the Northwest than upon any other part of Canada, though the people here are the least able to bear the burden. However desirous it may be that the burden of oppressive duties should be alleviated, the people of this country should consider very carefully before falling in with a movement which might prove to them the truth of the saying, "out of the frying-pan into the fire."

WESTERN CONNECTION.

Undoubtedly the most important phase of the railway situation in Manitoba at present is the question of western connection. Work has progressed so steadily and without interruption upon the Red River Valley road to the boundary that the people now begin to look upon it as an accomplished fact. It is at once recognized, however, both by the citizens of Winnipeg and those of the outlying portions of the province, that unless railway competition can be extended throughout the province, the usefulness of the Red River Valley road will be very largely lost. After expending wealth and energy in breaking the C. P. R. monopoly to the south and east, it would be an ill-advised policy which would urge that no further efforts should be made to extend the blessings of railway competition to all parts of the province. It is certainly not the policy of the business men of Winnipeg that the efforts to destroy railway monopoly should cease with the completion of the Red River road. On the contrary, the very first outlines of a scheme for the speedy extension of railway competition to the western portions of the province, were considered and detailed at a meeting of the Winnipeg Board of Trade.

The people of the city and the province at large being practically a unit in the desire for the extension of railway competition westward, the next thing to consider is how to speedily and effectually bring this about. The scheme outlined by the Board of Trade, referred to above, is that a line of railway should be constructed from the terminus of the Red River Valley road at Winnipeg to Portage la Prairie, to connect at the latter place with the Manitoba & Northwestern. Thus by the construction of a short connecting link, railway competition would be at once introduced to a large portion of the province. The Winnipeg Board of Trade further favored the extension of

the Saskatchewan & Western Railway from its present terminus at Rapid City to Brandon, thereby giving the latter important distributing point the benefit of competition. This is about all which could be accomplished during the present season, and, if carried out a vast benefit would accrue to the province.

At the last meeting of the Local Legislature the Winnipeg & Western Railway Company was chartered for the purpose of constructing the connecting link between Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie. This company has made a proposition to the Government to at once construct the line provided a bonus be granted in aid of the work to the amount of \$200,000.

Another proposition has been made to the effect that a portion of the Hudson's Bay Railway, now constructed to a point beyond Shoal Lake, should be utilized in reaching Portage la Prairie, or some other point on the Manitoba & Northwestern. By utilizing a portion of the Hudson's Bay road only about thirty-five miles of new road would require to be constructed to complete the link, but the route would be considerably longer than the proposed Winnipeg and Western, and also longer than the C.P.R.

So far as can be learned, public opinion both in Winnipeg and the western towns, is strongly in favor of the construction of the Winnipeg and Western, in preference to the connection via the Hudson's Bay road, and many strong arguments can be adduced in favor of the former route. In the first place it is known that the Winnipeg and Western would be more direct than the C.P.R., which latter route is ten miles shorter than the proposed route via the Hudson's Bay road, thus giving it exceptional advantages for competing with the C. P. R. The Winnipeg and Western would also open up a new country on the south side of the Assiniboine river, now but slightly settled, owing to lack of railway facilities. These are not the only advantages in favor of the direct line to Portage la Prairie, on the south side of the Assiniboine, though they are of sufficient importance to warrant a decision in its favor. The offer of the promoters of the Winnipeg and Western is a reasonable one, and they are moreover willing to build the line at once, merely upon receiving the assurance that the Government will advise the House at its next meeting, in favor of granting the aid asked for.

The question of bridging the Assi-

boine river has been made one of the important points in connection with the different proposals. Those urging the adoption of the northern route have endeavored to make it appear that the Winnipeg and Western Company would have difficulty in crossing the river, as the Dominion Government, which has control over navigable streams, would throw obstacles in the way. It is claimed that the Hudson's Bay Railway Company would have power to bridge the river under its Dominion charter, and thus a point is made in favor of the northern route. Investigation, however, shows clearly that there is really nothing in the contention. There has been no hint at the disallowance by the Dominion Government of the charter of the Winnipeg and Western, and under that charter the Company would have equal power with the Hudson's Bay Company. Besides, there are other ways to get over the difficulty, though it is not at all likely that the Dominion would adopt such an arbitrary course as to endeavor to obstruct the building of a bridge. So far as the eastern terminus of the road is concerned, the Winnipeg City Council could probably be prevailed upon to allow the use of one of the bridges now constructed, should other means fail, though it would be less likely to grant the same privilege to the tortuous northern route.

Though no formal announcement of the policy of the Government regarding western connection has yet been made, it would nevertheless seem that some movement is on foot in Government circles in favor of the route via the Hudson's Bay line. What the understanding is, if such exists, it is difficult to learn, but there is certainly something in the air, as indicated by the action of the Government organ at Winnipeg, which has suddenly come out as a strong advocate of the longer route. It is further intimated that the Government has decided upon a general policy in the matter. It will be a matter for regret if the Government have decided upon assisting the longer route, against the almost unanimous wishes of the people interested. It will be a further matter for regret should it be learned that the Government have privately determined upon a line of action in such an important matter, without taking the public into its confidence. Such a course would certainly be taken as indicating something in the nature of a job, and at any rate would be an unwise line of action to follow.

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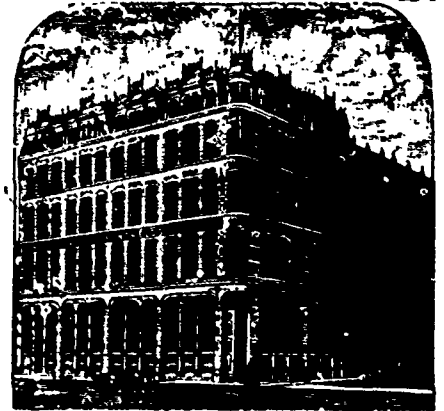
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WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

The situation in financial circles remains quiet and about as close as ever, the general complaint being that remittances come in very slowly. This state of things is of course expected at this season of the year, but this year presents even more stringent features than is usual for the very closest seasons. However, a change is now looked for in the course of about six weeks, when the grain commences to move. At the banks loans are obtained at the usual rates, according to the nature of security.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

Last week continued about as quiet, if not more so, than the previous one. Farmers are now taken up too much with the harvest to think of buying goods, and in the city the people seem to have given themselves up entirely to pic-nicing and excursioning or camping out. Trade is therefore very quiet all around in the city, both in the wholesale and retail departments. The city retail trade is probably quieter than it has been for a year, and the country trade is evidently in the same shape. In the wholesale trade there was scarcely anything doing in many branches. Shipments of fall stocks are now going out.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

Advices report glycerine and opium as strong and higher and carbolic acid easier. Prices are as follows: Howard's quinine, 75 to 90c; German quinine, 65 to 75c; opium, \$5.50 to \$6; morphia, \$2.50 to \$3; iodine, \$4.25 to \$4.50; bromide potassium, 65 to 75c; American camphor, 40 to 45c; English camphor, 45 to 50c; glycerine, 30 to 40c; tartaric acid, 70 to 75c; cream of tartar 35 to 40c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$8 to \$10; bicarb soda, \$4.50 to \$5; sal soda, \$2.25 to \$2.50; soda ash, \$3 to \$3.25; chlorate potash, 25c to 30c; alum, \$3 to \$3.75; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur, flour, \$4 to \$4.50; sulphur, roll, \$4 to \$5.25; American blue vitrol, 6 to 8c.

DRY GOODS.

In this branch the week has been featureless, unless extreme dullness could be considered a feature. There is but little movement for present demand. The work of shipping out fall goods will probably go on more actively this week in the dry goods and clothing branches, the harvest being now about assured. The recent conference of cotton manufacturers at Montreal has been one of the most important events to the trade. The general result has been that prices will be maintained. Fourteen Canadian mills were represented. It was decided to maintain the present price of yarn. Prices of colored cottons will also be maintained, notwithstanding the decline in the raw material, which should give mills a chance to make money. Ticking was advanced one cent per pound. Grey cottons were advanced one-half cent per pound. Prices for white cotton will be maintained. Some mills wanted an advance of two cents on low grade grey cottons. The only reduction in prices was made in colored ducks of some grades, which was rendered necessary, owing to competition from United States mills.

FRUITS—GREEN, VEGETABLES, ETC.

Eastern Canada apples are now arriving, of

the Red Astracan and other varieties, and prices are lower. Grapes are plentiful and in greater variety. Some blueberries arrived and sold at 7½c per pound, but the season may be considered about over for this fruit. Apricots are out. Prices are as follows: Roli oranges firm, at \$9 per box, 200 count; Messina lemons, \$7.00 to \$8.00 per box; bananas, \$3 to \$5 per bunch; cucumbers, 20c doz; watermelons, \$3.00 to \$4.50 per doz; new apples, \$5 to \$5.50 per barrel; California peaches, \$3.50 per box; California plums, \$3.50 per box; California pears, \$5.50 per box; blueberries, 7½c per lb.; Concord grapes, \$1.50 per basket of 10 lbs.; California muscat grapes, \$4.25 per crate of 20 lbs.; California Tokay grapes, \$3.50 per crate of 20 lbs.; Black native currants, 8 to 10c per lb.; tomatoes, \$5.00 per basket of 50 lbs.; southern onions, \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; Egyptian onions, \$7 per case of 100 lbs.; apple cider, \$7 per keg of 15 gallons; cabbages, 30c to 40c per dozen; cauliflower, 50c to \$1.00 per dozen; celery, 35c per pozen bunches; peas, 75c to \$1 per bushel; beans, 50c per bushel; lettuce, radishes, onions, carrots and beets, 20c per dozen bunches; rhubarb, 2c per lb.; corn, 5 to 8c per doz ears; turnips, 30c bushel; vegetable marrow squash, 75c to \$1.00 per dozen.

FRUITS—DRIED, AND NUTS.

Late advices state that shipments of foreign dried fruit from primary points would commence on the 15th inst. Prices are: Figs, Turkey, in boxes, 10 to 11c, new Elmo figs, in layers, 15c per lb., or \$2 per dozen in 1 lb. boxes; golden dates, 10c; Valencia raisins, \$2.25; London layers, \$3.50; evaporated apples, 15c; dried apples, 7½ to 8c; new Turkey prunes, 6½c to 7c. Nuts are quoted: Peanuts, roasted, 17c to 18c; peanuts, raw, 15c; walnuts 18c; almonds, 20c; filberts, 12½c; Texas pecans, 17c; coconuts, \$12.50 per 100; maple syrup, \$15 per dozen cans of 1 gal.; maple sugar, 13c per pound, in cakes, new.

FISH

British Columbia salmon are usually in good supply and quoted at 12c.

GROCERIES.

Teas are quiet, in expectation of new season soon being in the market. Sugars steady. McDonald's chewing tobacco has advanced 3c. per pound. Quotations here are as follows: Dark yellow sugar, 6½c; medium to bright, 6½c to 7c; granulated, 8c; lump sugar, 8½c to 9c. Coffees—Rios, 23c to 28c; Government Java, 33c to 35c; other Javas, 25c to 30c; Mochas, 31c to 35c. New season's teas are now quoted as follows: Japan, season 1886-7, 20c to 45c; Congous, 1886-7, 20c to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 50c. Old range Moyune gunpowder, 25 to 70c; panfried Japan 23 to 45c, basket-fired, 25 to 40c; Ping Sucey young hyson, 25 to 35c; Moyune young hyson, 25 to 50c; Season's congous, 1885-6, 20 to 55c. Syrups, corn \$2.25 to \$2.60; sugar, cane, \$2.10 to \$2.35; T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound.

CANNED GOODS.

New fruits and vegetables will soon be received and already are offering in the east. Salmon and mackerel will probably hold firm. Quotations are as follows, per dozen cans: Salmon, \$1.70; mackerel, \$1.50; lobsters, \$1.87; sardines (French), ½ tins \$1.70, ¼ tins \$2.90;

cove oysters, \$3; corn, \$1.65; peas \$2.00, tomatoes \$2.00, baked beans \$2.75, corned beef \$3 to \$3.25, lunch tongues, 2 lbs. \$7.00; 1 lb, \$3.50. Fruit in 2 lb. tins, are quoted: pears, \$2.50 to \$2.75, strawberries, \$2.60 to \$2.75; plums, \$2.25 to \$2.50, peaches, \$3.75.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

Trade remains very quiet and prices steady. Quotations are as follows: Cut nails, 10d and larger, \$3.75 to \$4.00; I. C. tin plates, \$5.50 to \$5.75; I. C. tin plates, double, \$11 to \$11.50; Canada plates, \$3.50 to \$3.75, sheet iron, \$3.50 to \$5.00, according to grade; iron pipe, 35 to 40 per cent off list prices; ingot tin, 28 to 30c per lb., according to quality; bar iron, \$3.00 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½ to 7c per lb.; tarral felt, \$2.75 to \$2.95 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 7 to 7½c.

HIDES.

Prices unchanged. Quotations are: Winnipeg inspection, No. 1, 6c; No. 2, 5c; bulls, 4c; calf, fine-haired real, 7 to 13 pound skins, No. 1, 8c; No. 2, 6c; sheep pelts, 30 to 65c; tallow, 3½ to 4c.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Prices are: Spanish sole, 28 to 32c; slaughter ole, 33 to 35c; French calf, first choice \$1.35 to \$1.50; Canadian calf, 30c to \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; slaughter kip, 55 to 75c; No 1, wax upper, 45 to 50c; grain upper, 55c; harness leather, 33 to 35c for plump stock. American oak sole, 45 to 60c; buffe, 17 to 22c a foot; cordovan, 25 to 27c; pebble, 21 to 23c; colored linings, 12c.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

Prices are as follows: Turpentine, 80c in five-gallon cans, or 75c in barrels; harness oil, \$1.25; catsfoot oil, \$1.50; linseed oil, raw, 75c per gallon; boiled, 78c in barrels or 5c advance in five-gallon lots; seal oil, steam refined, \$1; castor, 12½c per lb.; lard, No. 1, \$1.25 per gal.; olive, oil, pure, \$1.50; union salad, \$1.25; machine oils, black 25 to 40c; oleine, 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, silver star, 26c; headlight, 28c; water white, 30c. American oils, Eocene, 34c; water white, 31c; sunlight, 27c. Calcined plaster, \$3.75 per barrel; Portland cement, \$5 to \$5.50; white lead, genuine, \$7.00; No. 1 \$6.50; No. 2 \$6.00; window glass, first break, \$2.25.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

Prices do not give indication of change. Quotations are: Gooderham & Wort's five year old, \$2.40; seven year old, \$3; old rye, \$1.75; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet Debouche & Co., \$4.50; Martell, vintage 1885, \$6.50, vintage 1880, \$7.50; Hennessy, \$6.50 to \$7.50 for vintage 1885 to 1880; DeKuyper gin, \$3.50; Port wine, \$2.50 and upwards; Sherry \$2.50 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$4.00 to \$4.50; DeKuyper red gin, \$11.50 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$6.50 per case; Tom Gin, \$9.00 to \$10.00; Martel and Hennessy's brandy, one star, \$14 per case of 12 bottles; v. o., \$19; v. s. o. p., \$22.

WOOL.

Prices are: Cotswold and Leicester, washed and in merchantable condition, 12 to 15c; do. un- buality. Pure Southdown and Shropshire, washed and in good condition, 15 to 18c; do. unwashed, 10 to 12c. Montana and Oregon fine wools, unwashed, 13 to 15c, when in good condition.

THE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

Last week was favorable for harvesting operations throughout, and at the close some more advanced districts would have the grain nearly all cut. Taking Manitoba altogether, from one-half to three-quarters of the crop would probably be in stock by Saturday night. Reports continue satisfactory from all parts of the country and latest advices generally increase the estimated yield per acre for wheat, estimates running from twenty to forty bushels per acre, according to the different localities whence returns come. These estimates, of course, can only be taken as an approximation, and some allowance must be made for the enthusiasm which is likely to lead to over rather than under-rating figures; but even at a liberal discount, there is still ample room for a very large crop, with not less than 6,000,000 bushels surplus wheat for export, as the minimum estimate.

WHEAT.

Wheat still hangs doggedly about old quotations at outside wheat centres, and refuses to advance, notwithstanding large exports and small receipts. Exports from Atlantic ports of wheat and flour, announced on Monday last for the previous week, were 3,950,650 bushels. Local stocks at Chicago are very low, and the visible supply actually showed a decrease of 921,797 bushels for the week ended August 13, which makes the total 32,768,000 bushels, or about 4,500,000 less than one year ago. These figures are certainly in favor of better prices, and it is difficult to see how such features continue without influencing the market. New wheat coming into the market in the United Kingdom and Europe will probably render foreign purchasers more independent, and the new spring wheat now commencing to move in the United States no doubt acts as a check upon the bulls.

FLOUR.

Patents maintain at the recent decline, and strong bakers' gives evidence of following the downward course, whilst low grades hold firm. Strong bakers' was quoted at a range of 10c under last week's prices. Prices to the local trade were as follows: Patents, \$2.15; strong bakers', \$1.80 to \$1.90; XXXX, \$1.35 to \$1.40; superfine, scarce at \$1.15 to \$1.25.

MILLSTUFFS

Have followed the advance in low grade flour, bran and shorts both going up \$1. Prices are: Bran, \$10 per ton; shorts, \$12 per ton; ground feed, \$25 to \$30 per ton.

OATS.

New oats were offered by farmers on the market last week to some extent. About 35c to 40c was the highest price obtained, and on some days only 30c was bid. A great many communications were received by dealers, asking bids for oats for delivery this and next week. However, no bids would be given in advance, as dealers claim that when the market goes in their favor they invariably have trouble in getting the grain, and usually lose it, whilst if the market goes against them, they have to take the stuff. There is evidently going to be a rush to deliver oats before prices get down, as very low values are expected.

BARLEY

The new barley referred to last week brought 40c. No more deliveries have followed.

OATMEAL.

Granulated held at \$2.60 per sack, and standard at \$2.45

POTATOES.

Offered plentifully and selling at 35c to 40c per bushel.

EGGS.

Prices held strong at 15c in case lots, with deliveries not up to requirements.

BUTTER.

There is a good demand from the city trade for small lots of choice, and receipts of such qualities are light. For really choice and fresh butter, about 15c could be obtained. Stocks held from earlier spring and summer receipts are slow of sale at about 10c.

CHEESE.

Factorymen are somewhat unsettled in their views as to the value of their product, owing to the "boom" in cheese at eastern markets. City dealers have advanced their bids from 9c to 9½ to 9¾, and perhaps 10c. Factorymen, however, were generally inclined to hold. Small lots to the retail trade were still going at 11c to 12c. A sale of 5,000 pounds was made for shipment to British Columbia.

LARD.

Unchanged at \$2.30 per 20-pound pail nett; 10c allowed for pail on return.

PROVISIONS.

Packers are still kept busy and are unable to get any stocks ahead, as the product is taken up as fast as turned out. Prices for home-cured are unchanged. Imported provisions are strong and have advanced. Chicago hams are quoted at 15½ to 16½, and dry salt bacon at 11½ to 12c. Quotations for the home-cured product, plain, are now as follows: Long clear, 10c; smoked breakfast bacon, 12½c; rolls, 11½c; hams, 14c; pickled shoulders, 10c; canvassed hams, bacon and rolls, 4c to 1c advance on quotations; mess pork, \$13 per barrel; mess beef \$13 per barrel; Bologna sausage, 8c.

DRESSED MEATS.

Beef sides steady, at 5 to 5½c; pork firm and higher, at 7c; mutton, 10c; veal, 7 to 8c.

LIVE STOCK.

Cattle hold at unchanged figures, 2½c being about the best price obtained at the yards here, with common to good cattle obtainable at 2 to 2½c. Hogs are scarce and firm, at 5c. One car was delivered at a cost of about 5c, and lots at the yards would be taken up readily at that figure.

Dairy Matters.

McNaught, of Rapid City, has sold milk to the Rapid City cheese factory, and has realized \$35 and a calf worth \$10 from each cow each year.

Grant & Horne, of Winnipeg, have made a shipment of 5,000 pounds of cheese—the product of the Crystal City, Man., factory—to British Columbia. A fair price was obtained.

Kirkwood & Rubidge, of Winnipeg, have forwarded Stonewall butter to British Columbia, which has been so favorably received that dealers there now ask for "Stonewall Butter" when ordering.

McKenzie & Mills, wholesale grocers, Winnipeg, purchased 10,000 lbs. of butter at Rapid City lately. Mr. Mills rates Rapid City as one of the best towns in the province for dairy-producing produce.

The Birtle Cheese Manufacturing Co. have appointed a new committee consisting of Morton, Haines, Carpenter, Morrisseau and Dutton. Farmers who have supplied milk to the factory speak highly of the success of the undertaking and the profit realized from their cows is more than hoped for.

The Birtle *Observer* is authority for the statement that the cheese makers of Manitoba pro-

pose forming an association to look after the cheese interests of the province. There is already an organization, known as the Manitoba Dairymen's Association, in existence, of which fact the *Observer* may not be aware.

Every cheese factory in Manitoba should compete for the prize offered by the Frome agricultural society, of England. Another such opportunity for gaining a name for Manitoba cheese may not occur for many years. Particulars were published in *THE COMMERCIAL* a few weeks ago. We now repeat them: The Frome district agricultural society, of Frome, Somerset, England, offer jubilee cheese prizes of £90 at their next exhibition, September 28, 1887, for the best four cheeses of not less than 28 lbs. each, of any system of make, except Stilton's, made by the exhibitors, their families or their servants, during the year 1886. Open to Her Majesty's Dominions. First prize, £50; second prize, £20; third prize, £10; fourth prize, £6; fifth prize, £4. The first prize will consist of £30 in money and a silver cup valued at £20. Last day of entry, September 14th. Entrance fee, £1. Address Wm. Pulham, Secretary, Frome, Somerset.

Professor Barre has lately inspected the Manitou cheese factory, operated by Rockett & Burrows, and reports as follows: "The milk sent here is healthy, sound and of good average richness. It is sweeter, better kept than in many other localities, owing to the fact no sour whey goes back to the farm, and the cans are washed at the factory. In consequence the cheese is of prime and uniform quality, and should command the highest price in the market. I am particularly pleased to see that the whey remains at the cheese factory. Cheese factory patrons should bear in mind that drawing sour whey in milk cans is no wise policy. In doing so they may gain from one-fourth to one-half cent per pound of cheese, but also lose from one cent to one and a half cent per pound on the sale of it. I have found sour cans and tainted cheese wherever the whey is drawn in milk cans. I am glad to state that I have found no excess of water in the Manitou milk, but I have detected two cases of partial skimming from parties sending small messes of milk.

The fitting up of the offices of the Hudson's Bay Railway Company has been completed, and the president and officers of the company may now be found at the new quarters, 620 Main street. The principal business being transacted at present is in connection with the land department. Mr. Sutherland says that there is a good inquiry for land, and already a number of settlers have been located, including a number of Icelanders. The lands of the company situated between lakes Winnipeg and Manitoba are described as well adapted to mixed farming, being well watered and with plenty of timber. The company also has the privilege of selecting lands in other districts. When desirable settlers can be secured, especially in colonies, the company will give very favorable terms, the idea being the settlers will soon make a profitable local traffic for the road. Two gentlemen are now negotiating for land with the intention of starting a horse rancho on an extensive scale.

EASTERN MARKETS.

CHICAGO

Wheat was quiet and ½c lower at the close on Monday. Corn quieter, but slightly higher. Closing prices were:

	Aug.	Sept.
Wheat	69	70½
Corn	40½	40½
Oats	24½	25½
Pork	—	—
Lard	6.55	6.55
Short Ribs	8.00	8.00

Wheat was dull and heavy on Tuesday, and fell away ½c from the opening price, on weakness in foreign markets, and lighter buying for exports. Closing prices were:

	Aug.	Sept.
Wheat	68½	69½
Corn	39½	40½
Oats	24½	25½
Pork	—	—
Lard	6.50	6.50
Short Ribs	7.95	7.95

Wheat was steadier and closed a shade firmer on Wednesday. August corn advanced ½c. Closing prices were:

	Aug.	Sept.
Wheat	68½	69½
Corn	40½	40½
Oats	24½	25½
Pork	—	—
Lard	6.42½	6.42½
Short Ribs	7.90	7.90

On Thursday wheat sold off a couple of points. Closing prices were:

	Aug.	Sept.
Wheat	67½	68½
Corn	40½	41½
Oats	24½	25½
Pork	—	—
Lard	6.40	6.40
Short Ribs	7.90	7.90

On Friday wheat was quiet, but firmer, September opening at 68½c. Corn was active and lower. Year pork quoted at \$11.95. Closing prices were:

	Aug.	Sept.
Wheat	68½	69½
Corn	41½	41½
Oats	24½	25½
Pork	6.42½	6.42½
Lard	—	—
Short Ribs	7.90	7.90

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

Closing prices for No. 1 hard on each day of the week were:

	Cash	Sept.	Oct.
Monday	72½	70½	72½
Tuesday	72½	70½	71½
Wednesday	72½	70½	71½
Thursday	—	70½	71½
Friday	—	70½	71½
Saturday	—	70	71½

MINNEAPOLIS.

WHEAT—Closing prices on Thursday, were:

	Cash	Sept.	On track
No. 1 hard	71½	72½	73
No. 1 northern	70½	71½	72
No. 2 "	69½	70	70

FLOUR—There is a good demand to get supplies before the new wheat comes into use, and quotations were as follows: Patent sacks to local dealers, \$4.00 to \$4.20; patent, to ship sacks, car lots, \$3.95 to \$4.10;

in barrels, \$4.10 to \$4.20; bakers', \$3.35 to \$3.55; superfine, \$1.75 to \$2.40; red dog, sacks, \$1.30 to \$1.45; red dog, barrels, \$1.60 to \$1.65.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

GRAIN.

Wheat was quoted 1c lower. Prices were: Manitoba No. 1 hard, 87c; Manitoba 2 hard, 85c; Manitoba 1 northern, 85c; Canada red winter wheat, 81c to 83c; white winter, 81c to 82c; Canada spring, 81c to 83c; peas, 66c per 66 lbs.; oats, 24c to 25c per 32 lbs.; rye, 50c to 55c; barley, 48 to 55c.

FLOUR.

Manitoba strong bakers' sold recly. Prices: Patent, \$4.05 to \$4.65; Canada strong bakers', \$4 to \$4.05; Manitoba do., \$4.35; American do., \$4.40 to \$4.60.

BUTTER.

This product continues to advance. Prices were: Creamery, 20½c to 23½c; townships, 17c to 21½c; western, 15c to 18½c; low grades, 8c to 12c.

CHEESE.

Cheese has held strong, and again shows advanced prices. Sales at factories throughout Ontario have been made at from 11 to 12c, and contracts have been made for future months at 12½c and even up to 12¾c. Some factories are holding for 12½ to 13½c. Quotations here were as follows: Finest white, 12½ to 12¾c; finest colored, 12½ to 12¾c; medium to fine, 10½c to 11¾c.

PROVISIONS.

Prices were: Mess pork, \$17 to \$18; hams, 11½ to 13c; bacon, 10½ to 11½c; shoulders 10 to 10½; lard, 9 to 9½c; eggs, 13½ to 15c.

PRICES paid farmers at Brandon last week were: Oats, 30 to 35c; potatoes, 30c; butter, 12½c; eggs, 12½ to 15c.

EDMONTON *Bulletin* says: F. Fraser Tims, late general merchant of Swift Current, arrived from Battleford lately. Mr. Tims and his brother, who accompanied him to Beaver Lake, will go into the cattle industry there.

THE last *Crop Bulletin* issued by the local agricultural department, says that the area of land broken this season is much greater than up to the same date last year. The total area of new land broken is placed at 87,444 acres, against 66,414 acres in 1896.

THE Washburn & Moen Manufacturing Company, owners of the Glidder patent on barbed wire, have instituted proceedings against James Robertson and David Maxwell, and seek to procure an injunction restraining them from the manufacture of barbed wire at Winnipeg, and from selling any but what is manufactured under the plaintiffs' license.

THE *Dominion Mechanical and Milling News* for August is really a handsome publication. Among the most interesting feature is a large, original engraving of the Ogilvie's Winnipeg flour mill, with a letter press description of the business of the company here. The paper is also profusely illustrated with cuts of leading Canadian millers. Those interested in milling and mechanical pursuits should not fail to see the number. The paper is published at Toronto, by G. Mortimer.

At the meeting of the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba railway, held last week, Sir George Stephen and Sir Donald Smith were

succeeded as directors by D. C. Sheppard and Greenleaf Clarke, of St. Paul, and F. P. Alcott, of New York. The change places the entire control of the road in the hands of J. J. Hill, the transfer of stock having been made some time ago. This may lead to the adoption by the road of a new policy concerning Manitoba business.

It is estimated that about 800,000 bushels of wheat will be marketed at Gretna, Man., this fall and winter. About 75,000 bushels of flax will also be marketed. Poly & Noakes, of the linseed oil mills at Winnipeg, will probably build a flax warehouse there.

Lumber Cuttings.

John White, of Belleville, Ont., was at Calgary last week, on his road north to the timber belt.

Lumbermen are having much difficulty in getting their rafts down the North Saskatchewan this season.

W. H. Cushing continues the business of Jarrett & Cushing, sash and door manufacturers, Calgary, Alberta, the partnership having been dissolved.

Half a million feet of saw logs have arrived at Edmonton, Alberta, for Fraser & Co. The remainder of the cut, about a million feet, will be brought down and sawed this season.

At Vancouver, B.C., a very healthy demand has existed for all kinds of lumber, doors, sashes and mouldings, and the mills and factories are kept extremely busy filling orders.

The C.P.R. saw mill, a short distance east of Donald, B.C., has been burned, together with a large quantity of lumber. The mill was engaged in cutting lumber for the snow sheds.

W. B. Fotheringham will build a grist and saw mill on the Rainy River, about half way between Fort Francis and the Lake of the Woods. The mill will be ready for the machinery in the spring, and about 1,000,000 feet of logs will be taken out this winter.

THE Regina *Leader* says: "Several correspondents have written us complaining of the unsatisfactory manner in which goods are delivered here from Winnipeg. At present our merchants receive goods quicker from Montreal than from Manitoba's capital, and should things continue as they are, we fear we must deal direct with Montreal or Toronto firms."

A deputation of the Winnipeg board of trade interviewed the Postmaster General during his recent visit and discussed the question of the mail service between Winnipeg and Brandon on Wednesdays and Thursdays. At present, although a local train runs west to Brandon on Wednesday and returns on Thursday, no mails whatever are carried, causing delay and inconveniencing the business community very much. The board of trade memorialized the post office department last March, but no change was made in the service. The deputation was successful in securing a mail on each of the local trains to and from Brandon, Mr. McLelan going into the matter fully and expressing his desire to grant every possible facility. As soon as arrangements can be made with the C.P.R., the service will commence.

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Snow fences will be erected along the Galt railway.

A hotel is being established at the Beaver mine, near Port Arthur.

British Columbia mares are being imported into Manitoba to some extent.

Port Arthur is claimed to be one of the healthiest towns on the continent.

The Hamilton Powder Company intend erecting a magazine at Rat Portage at once.

Goldsmid, Flindt & Rendell are occupying their commodious new store at Binscarth, Man.

Oxhart, rancher, Maple Creek, Assa., has arrived at Brandon with a car of horses for sale.

The Shoal Lake agricultural society will hold its fall show at Shoal Lake, Man., on October 11th.

A carload of choice cattle was shipped to Winnipeg recently by John Wake, of Minnedosa.

The annual Manitoba & Northwestern picnic will be held on the 25th inst., at McArthur's Landing.

The heavy rains of a week ago or so have flooded low meadows in some parts of the province.

A late arrival from the Lake Dauphin district says that coal of good quality has been discovered there.

Coal from the Banff anthracite mines is being distributed to points along the railway eastward from the mines.

McCallum & Vaughan, butchers, Rapid City, Man., have received an order from Winnipeg for two car loads of live hogs.

James T. Gordon, of Pilot Mound, Man., recently shipped another mixed car of cattle, hogs and lambs to Winnipeg.

At the late annual meeting of the Calgary agricultural society it was decided to hold the fall fair on the 23rd and 29th of September.

The Tremont House at Pilot Mound is being thoroughly overhauled and repaired, and it is said George Wood, a farmer of the district, has made arrangements for leasing the hotel.

Merrill's new hotel at Port Arthur is to be three stories high and to have all modern improvements. The brick work has been commenced by Hill & Chambers, the contractors.

A by-law will be submitted at Birtle for prohibiting tavern licenses in that town. It will be voted on by the property owners on the 10th of September. The ladies of the place originated the movement.

The Beaver Mine Company, Port Arthur, have shipped or have ready for shipment \$100,000 worth of concentrates and \$75,000 worth of smelting ore, making 100 barrels of concentrates and 75 barrels of smelting ore.

On Saturday, the 31st of August, the special car with samples of the products of Manitoba, intended for the Dominion Exhibition, will leave Winnipeg for Toronto. Mr. R. Waugh, of the *Northwest Farmer*, has charge of the collection.

A meeting called by the mayor was held at Rapid City, Man., lately, to consider the finan-

cial position of the town. The result was that a committee consisting of Messrs. Head and Hampton was appointed to wait upon the government in the matter.

A special general meeting of the shareholders of the Northwest Navigation Company (Limited) will be held at Winnipeg on Thursday, the 15th of September, at 4:30 o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of altering the by laws of the company.

A number of settlers located at Lee's Creek, Macleod, Alberta district, last spring. Some eighteen families in all went in, and more are coming. Their crops are reported to be good. George Farrel will open a store in the settlement, and application has been made for a post office. The settlers are mostly English.

Birtle Observer. The abundance and excellence of the vacant lands, the beautiful groves of trees which dot the prairies in all directions for hundreds of miles and the fine timber north in the mountains, within easy reach, makes this portion of the province particularly attractive to men from Ontario who do not love a country without trees.

The Eighteenth street bridge at Brandon is likely to be opened for traffic, free of tolls. The owners want \$3,000 for it, and think the government can be induced to pay half the amount. Cornwallis municipality has voted \$100 towards the purchase, Elton has voted \$200, and doubtless Daly will give \$200 more, leaving \$1,000 for Brandon city to raise.

It is known that the wild geese of Manitoba are very easily domesticated. The *Birtle Observer* says: Last spring a young man of Solsgirth discovered the nest of a wild goose, and removing the eggs he placed them under a domestic bird. The result is a small flock of wild geese without the wild character. The birds are quite tame and large and beautiful.

James McLenaghan of Portage la Prairie recently interviewed Howell & McArthur, the solicitors on behalf of the creditors of that town, as to what terms they would give for a settlement of the municipal debt difficulty. Mr. McLenaghan said they laid before him certain schemes which he proposes bringing up for discussion at the next meeting of the citizens' committee, but he preferred to maintain silence in regard to them until then.

A quarterly meeting of the Regina Board of Trade was held recently. Mr. Carss reported on state of Saskatoon trail, and several further repairs were authorized. The board not feeling it advisable to act upon suggestions of the C. P. R. re stock yards, it was decided to accept the company's offer to build a chute for the convenience of local stock shippers. Other matters of importance were discussed. The resignation of F. J. Hunter as president of the board was accepted, and first vice president D. W. Bole will act as president until the annual election.

Mr. Kirchoffer, M. P. P. for West Brandon, had an interview last week with W. R. Baker, general manager of the Manitoba & Northwestern Railway, on the question of extending their line from Rapid City to Brandon. Mr. Kirchoffer urged the importance of such a line, and pointed out the advantages which would no doubt accrue to the company by its con-

struction. He suggested that in another year they would no doubt find themselves in a position to push the road on southwest to the Souris coal fields. Mr. Baker said when the company made the offer to Mr. Daly to build to Brandon they had the money and were in a position to build the road in six weeks. Mr. Daly refused their offer, and now they had no desire or intention whatever of going into Brandon.

Winnipeg Sun: "J. H. Ashdown, president of the Winnipeg Board of Trade, has returned from a western trip extending to Lethbridge and Macleod. On the return trip he addressed a meeting of the Brandon board of trade on the railroad question, and was given a very attentive hearing. He thinks that any misunderstanding that once existed on the part of the business men of that town relative to the intentions of the Local Government in the matter of securing western connection have been removed by recent explanations in the *Winnipeg press* and elsewhere. He says the crop prospects are magnificent. About one-fourth of the wheat crop has already been cut, and the work is being actively pushed ahead. Probably the greatest drawback is the absence of a sufficient supply of binding-twine.

At the last meeting of Franklin municipality, held at Dominion City, Man., Messrs. Molson, Nanton and Archibald, representing the bondholders, appeared before the council for the purpose of discussing the financial position of the municipality and its ability to pay up arrears of interest. It was agreed that the proceeds of the tax sale to be held at Dominion City on August 30th next—the aggregate amount of arrears advertised is \$8,000—should be paid to the agents of the bondholders to be applied on arrears of interest, and it was further agreed that should the coming sale not prove a success, another should be held in Winnipeg. The agents of the bondholders think if the present economical management of municipal affairs is continued the municipality will soon be in good shape financially.

A charter has been granted by the Local Governor in council to the Winnipeg Transfer Company, of Winnipeg, and at a recent meeting of the promoters, the following officers were elected: President, G. R. Crowe; vice president, Col. McMillan; directors—Alex. Moffat, C. S. Drummond, D. E. Sprague and H. N. Ruttan. Besides these there are two or three English gentlemen who are putting money into the enterprise. The capital is placed at \$50,000, but can be increased. The object of the company is to build a series of large warehouses along the river front, and to build a line of railway running to the warehouses. Another idea the company has is the connection of the railways entering the city from the north end with those at the south end. One great object to be gained would be a connecting link between the C.P.R. and R.R.V.R. The company's charter gives it power to build a bridge over the Assiniboine River and construct six miles of road, which would be sufficient to connect with the R.R.V.R., by a line running along the river front, from the mouth of the Assiniboine to the C.P.R. at Point Douglas. It is expected that active work will commence in about a month.

Homestead entries along the line of the M. & N. W. railway during the past twelve months have reached the total of 326.

A steam barge built by Lamereaux, at Battleford, Sask., made a successful trial trip on the river and left for Edmonton. If it meets the expectations of its owners it will mark a revolution in the navigation of the Saskatchewan.

At the adjourned annual meeting of the Manitoba and Northwestern Railway company, held at Winnipeg on Tuesday, Duncan MacArthur, W. R. Allan, Thomas Howard and Mr. Drummond, of Ottawa, were present. The meeting was further adjourned, to be held at the office of H. & A. Allan, in Montreal, on Friday afternoon. W. R. Allan, Thomas Howard, W. R. Baker and A. F. Eden left here Tuesday evening to attend it.

Battleford Herald: "Some weeks ago a colony of grasshoppers hatched out on the plains between the Bush and Eagle creek, on the Swift Current trail, and for the distance of about a day's travel cleaned off every green thing. But their appetites were stronger than their growth; they ate down all that was within their reach while they were yet too young to fly, and so starved to death. To-day they lie thick upon the ground, while over them is springing up a second growth of grass, such as will furnish ample food for the animals used in freighting. That swarm is past doing harm another year.

Northwest Farmer: One of the most gratifying decisions yet come to by a local municipality is that of Oaklands, for the encouragement of tree planting. The Manitoba Municipal Act, 1886, contains ample provisions for the encouragement of roadside tree planting, and for their subsequent protection, and to Oaklands belongs the honor of heading the municipalities that it is to be hoped will before long avail themselves of its provisions. They have enacted that any rate-payer who shall break and afterwards properly cultivate a strip of land from eight to eighteen feet wide for that purpose shall be allowed one day's statute labor and seed free of cost to sow two rows of trees thereon. It is said that fifty miles are already under process of preparation, and will be seeded at the earliest proper opportunity. This resolution does great credit to those who have undertaken to carry out this enterprise, which is calculated to add so much to the beauty of their district, as well as to the value of their farms.

The forthcoming council at Winnipeg of the officers of the Hudsons Bay Company promises to be of more than passing interest. The last general council was held in Prince Albert in 1883. It is reported that in addition to other matters a new set of rules and regulations for the service, adapted to the times, has been framed and will be laid before the council for consideration. The company are prepared to enter upon a vigorous, energetic policy, both in their commercial and fur trading departments, and very pronounced effects are expected. In bygone times the councils of the company were generally held at Norway House or Carleton, being the most convenient localities. The attendance at the councils in those times was but

small, being limited to the officers of the Northern department alone, the difficulties of traveling preventing a thoroughly representative gathering of the whole company. At the meeting which assembles on the 30th instant, for the first time, officers will be present from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the shores of the St. Lawrence to the Arctic circle.

Grain and Milling News.

Local dealers believe that over 1,000,000 bushels of wheat will be marketed at Brandon this year.

New machinery for the mill at Virden, Man., is said to have been ordered, and the erection of an elevator is contemplated.

The Asessippi, Man., Flouring Mill Co. have reduced the price of grinding to ten cents a bushel. Toll is taken when required.

McLaurin intends to commence the rebuilding of his elevator at Brandon at once, the city of that place having advanced \$1,500 to assist him to do so.

Stephen Nairn of the oatmeal mill was the purchaser of the first load of new oats which arrived in the Winnipeg market this season.

Rapid City, Man., wants more grain storage accommodation. It is said the storage capacity there is only sufficient for a few days receipts, aside from the mill.

The machinery for a grist mill for Chief Pankan's reserve, supplied by the Indian department, has arrived at Victoria on the North Saskatchewan River.

A change has taken place in the proprietorship of the mill at Fort Qu'Appelle, Assa., S. C. Elkington, a gentleman lately arrived from England, takes his place.

Owing to expectations that a large quantity of grain will be marketed at Dominion City, Man., this fall and winter, Geo. Agnew is increasing his grain storage capacity there.

The Ogilvie Company's elevator at Deloraine, Man., is about finished and will be ready in good time for the season's trade. It has a capacity of 25,000 bushels and will be run by horse power.

Steele Bros. & Co., seedmen, Toronto, claim to have exported the first wheat from Manitoba. Eleven years ago this firm purchased some Manitoba wheat for seed purposes, and had it shipped to Toronto.

At a meeting of the shareholders of the Portage Milling Company, Portage la Prairie, Man., the following directors were elected: Chas. Haw, H. M. Campbell, Jas. McLenaghan, F. Ogilvie, W. B. Unsworth and Jas. Bell.

Telegraphic returns to the *Winnipeg Sun*, from thirty points throughout Manitoba, including several from the territories, estimate the average yield of wheat at from 18 to 40 bushels per acre at the different places. The aggregate average for all points heard from is 27 bushels to the acre.

Northwestern Miller says bran will be bran, the coming year. It has never sold so high before at this season, and the known failure of the hay crop insures a heavy demand for all kinds of stock feed during the next ten months.

It will be a good time to increase the demand by extensive advertising of the merits of bran as the cheapest and best stock food.

A despatch from Minneapolis to the *Cincinnati Price Current*, says: "Harvest is here, and new wheat has already arrived at country elevators, though in small quantities. The reports so far received from the threshers justify all previous predictions as to a large crop, and it really looks now as though the United States Northwest would have more wheat to sell this year than she has for the past five years. The quality of the crop this year is very good, in fact it is the best milling crop raised since 1883.

The estimated available wheat export surplus, from the United States for the year 1887-88, is given by *Bradstreet's* at 115,000,000 bushels, which emphasizes the export of 20,232,000 bushels (wheat and flour), from both coasts, from July 1st to August 6th. This is nearly one-fifth of the quantity available for export shipped in one-tenth of the year. With probable continued heavy exports this week, and the decreased movement to primary markets, the visible supply report of Monday should not show much if any increase. The late enormous export of wheat and flour cannot be continued long, and their failure to stimulate prices now is somewhat significant.

The *Chicago Tribune* recently outlined a magnificent project, as yet largely on paper, by which Sault Ste. Marie is to rival Minneapolis as a wheat flour manufacturing center. It describes Lake Superior as the millpond, and mentions a proposed canal around the Sault Ste. Marie locks as the source of unlimited water-power, "with 190,000 cubic feet of water tumbling over the dam every second. A syndicate has been organized with \$1,000,000 capital, which is under \$100,000 bonds to complete the canal within two years and a half. Here," it is alleged, "the wheat now ground at Minneapolis is to be ground in transit. The Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific are there to offer transit when navigation is closed. The impossibility of a lack of power at any time is dwelt upon as a basis for the belief that a chief glory of the Flour City is to be taken from her"

J. G. V. Field-Johnson, manager of the Kin-almeaky farm, Headingly, near Winnipeg, has been making some experiments in the growth of Russian or Black Sea wheat. He sowed red fyfe, blue stem from Minnesota, and Black Sea the same date. The Black Sea was ripe while the others was quite green. "This year," says Mr. Johnson, "we are growing no wheat except 'Saxonka' and 'Kubanka' varieties, and that sown on April 28 was ready for the sickle on the 1st of August, and as last year's crop matured in identically the same period of time, it is now an ascertained fact which there is no gainsaying that these two wheats require only three months from seeding to shearing when grown in Manitoba. Experience has taught many of us, to our sorrow, that red fyfe, under fair, ordinary circumstances, usually requires 120 days to bring it to maturity. Seventeen years experience of Russian wheat teaches me that the two varieties I have selected are those par excellence for general milling purposes for export to England."

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Insurance Briefs.

The Battleford, Sask., Mounted Police have received a hand engine as a protection against fire.

E. H. Jones has been appointed agent for Kamloops District, B.C., for the City of London Fire Insurance Company.

A. D. Irish, of the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Maine, is at present at Rat Portage and reports a large amount of new business.

An agency of the National Insurance Company of Ireland has been opened at Vancouver, B.C. The agents are H. A. Jones & Co.

On the 14th of September, the electors of Rat Portage will vote upon a by-law to provide \$4,800 for the purchase of a steam fire engine, hose and other necessary fire apparatus.

D. M. Radcliffe, general agent of the North American Life Company for Western Ontario, was at Rat Portage recently and took a large amount in insurance. He appointed his brother W. J. Radcliff as a traveling agent along the North Shore, and made the appointment of Coun. Kay of Norman as the resident agent at Rat Portage.

A meeting was held at Portage la Prairie lately to re-organized the fire brigade. The following officers were elected: Chief, R. Roxborough; 1st assistant chief, W. H. Ross; 2nd assistant, Sparling; sec.-treas, H. J. Woodside; captain of the hose, C. G. Woodside; captain of the hook and ladder, E. J. Sparling. A committee consisting of hon. chief, J. P. Young, chief Roxburg and sec.-treas., H. S. Woodside appointed to wait upon the representatives of the different insurance companies in town to solicit subscriptions from them toward buying a hook and ladder outfit.

The Virden Advance talks on the hail question as follows: "There is one way for the farmers to protect themselves, and that is by forming a strong Mutual Hail Insurance Co. Men insure against fire, loss of life, accident, etc., then why not insure against loss by hail.

Surely it would be to the interest of every farmer in the country to become a member of such a company, and we hope to see the matter taken in hand by our farmers themselves and carried to a successful issue before another season comes round.

British Columbia.

G. I. Wilson has opened out in the dry goods line at Vancouver.

Leamy & Kyle will establish a sash and door factory at Vancouver.

A movement is on foot at Kamloops to establish an agricultural society.

The Bank of British North America opened at Vancouver on Monday, 15th inst.

R. Attwood & Co. will open a drug store in Victoria about the 1st of September.

Jos. Coupland, general storekeeper, Donald, has disposed of his stock and gone west to look for a new location.

A store for the exclusive sale of teas and coffees will be opened at Vancouver by G. Melhuish, of London, England.

A large number of Indians have left on their annual exodus to the hop yards at Puget Sound, where they engage in hop picking.

All the crops at the Kamloops district are reported on favorably, and consequently an unusually brisk fall business is expected.

W. R. Megaw and J. L. Brown, grocers, Kamloops, have dissolved partnership. J. L. Brown will continue the business and assume the liabilities.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has made arrangements with the Vancouver Electric Light Co. for furnishing the company's wharf with twenty-two lights. This will enable ships to load and discharge cargo as easily by night as by day.

The steamship Parthia, the next vessel due at Vancouver from Asia, sailed from Yokohama on Sunday, the 8th inst., and will arrive about the 21st. Her cargo consists of 175,000 pounds of tea and 220 bales of silk for eastern points, and 190,000 pounds of tea for San Francisco. The first-class passengers number 22; second-class and steerage, 9 Japanese and a number of Chinaman.

The hotel men of New Westminster do not relish a new by law providing for the closing of their places of business on Sunday. They held a meeting and passed the following resolution: "That this association notify in writing the mayor and council that if they do not at their next meeting rescind and cancel the newly made Sunday closing by-law that both the hotel and saloon-keepers will open up and keep open our respective places of business all day Sunday, and will not close during church hours."

Vancouver News: On the opposite side of the Inlet nearly a score of people are setting out grape vines and are making extensive preparations for going into grape culture on a large scale. Mr. Hanson has just completed arrangements for the setting out of 1,000 vines this fall, and next year this number will be doubled at least. He has made a personal inspection of the situation and the quality of the soil for grape growing, and says both are all that could be desired. The Italians who have taken up land for this purpose are getting along nicely, and will have a large number of vines planted this fall, although they only commenced clearing six weeks ago. Fruit growing is one of the things British Columbia excels in, though many people are slow to believe it.

The ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of British Columbia was held in London, England, on July 27th. R. Gillespie, who presided, stated that the net profit, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts, had been £23,910, being an increase of £2,800 compared with the profit for the corresponding period of 1886. They proposed to offer the shareholders a dividend at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, and a bonus of 1 per cent for the half-year. They must not regard the bonus as a guide to what they would receive hereafter, but the directors hoped it might be possible to pay it in future. They had opened agencies at Nanaimo and Kamloops. Though he was a proprietor and a director of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, he had no doubt that the Canadian Pacific Railway was benefitting the province of British Columbia and those districts. Latest reports informed them that the crops were favorable. Within the last few weeks they had represented the Government of British Columbia in bringing out a loan, which had been a great success. They had also assisted in an issue of bonds of the city of Vancouver. He concluded by proposing the dividend and bonus recommended. James Anderson seconded the motion, which was agreed to

The Victoria Standard claims that the Indians on their return from hop picking at Puget Sound, smuggle annually about \$100,000 worth of goods into the province.

The following were burned out at Victoria: Redgrave & Ella, confectioners, loss heavy; M. R. Smith, baker, insured, Mrs. K. Whitlaw, loss covered by insurance.

W. Port & Co., Victoria, have shipped this season over the C.P.R. about 100 tons of fresh fish in ice for the eastern markets. These have all gone by express, and have been widely distributed.

Among the late departures with lumber for foreign ports were the ship Zulieka from Vancouver for Valparaiso. Her cargo consists of 837,155 feet of rough and finished lumber, valued at \$9,669.45, and the ship Hindostan, also for Valparaiso. She had on board 1,280,749 feet of lumber, valued at \$14,000.33.

Alderman Oppenheimer has given notice in the Vancouver council that he would introduce a resolution offering \$25,000 for the establishment of iron smelting works and \$10,000 for a foundry and machine shop. This is a bad business. It is to be hoped the people of Vancouver will negative these propositions, should they come to a vote.

The Kamloops Sentinel, in referring to the mineral richness of the Nicola country says: "It only wants a McKay, a Jones, or a Flood, to develop the Nicola country; and, were any such mining speculators in this vicinity, a second Comstock would, doubtless be the result. Nicola has already proved itself equal to any locality in Nevada—so far as the richness and abundance of its mineral treasures are concerned."

Vancouver News: A sheaf of wheat was left in our office by E. Bell, of Chiliwhack. The heads average about 6 inches in length although some of them are 7 inches long. We took three heads and counted the grains in each, the number of which were 83, 93 and 103 respectively. The wheat is plump and hard, and will compare favorably with any grown on the continent. Mr. Bell has a patch of 25 acres ready to cut, all of which is equal to the sample left with us, and 60 bushels to the acre is what he expects to thresh from it. How is this for wheat growing, Manitoba? Let us hear from you.

Work at Illicillewaet mines says the Victoria Standard, is being pushed with energy. G. B. Wright & Co. have over half a hundred men at work mining, and many more engaged in building trails through their mines. The mines are situated about three miles from Illicillewaet station, and about 5,000 feet above the C.P.R. track. The ore mined is chiefly silver and is very rich, some samples assaying \$2,000 to the ton. \$700 to the ton is said to be the average assay. Mules are used to pack the ore down the mountain, but Wright & Co. propose shortly putting in a wire cable road or cars at an early date. The C.P.R. company have put in a siding to the foot of the mines, and ore is being shipped daily. The crushing and other machinery recently introduced is being worked and things are booming generally. Kennedy & Corbett also have a force of men at work and are striking it rich. Prospectors are numerous, and everything points to a rich future for Illicillewaet.

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