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Developing New Ontario.

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Toronto, March 27.—The councit of the board or trade at its meeting yesterday approved of the government assisting the opening up or roads that would benefit the problems of the product that would benefit the problems in the problems of the properties the council, one the report of the railway and transportation committee railway and transportation committee in reterence to the New Ontario colonization Railway, which it is proposed shall run north from Port Arthur. The committee reported they had not evidence before them to justify any particular project, but felt that the country which would be traversed by the road possessed resources that must prove beneficial to the odder sections of the proper connections, and not allow proper connections, and not allow proper connections, and not allow

rosa possessed resources that must prove beneficial to the older sections of the province, if care is taken to secure proper connections, and not allow trade to be diverted eastward. It approved, therefore, of the Ontato government their province, therefore, of the Ontato government the control of the Manitoulin and North Shore Railway, which is asking a subsidy from the provincial legislature. J. M. Clark, K. C., W. D. McPherson and John McKay appeared before the council to advocate the claims of the read.

A. E. Ames and J. F. Ellis were appointed to draw up a resolution will be presented to the premier. The resolution states that the council is scheme for further the council of the Ontario government the importance of the fullest inquiry included in the Ontario government the importance of the fullest inquiry included in the Ontario government the object in view. It was resolved, moreover, that the western part of Old ontario is handicapped by the dearth of transportation facilities connecting in with the rich country at the north, and the government would be thoroughly justified in voting public moneys to assist such projects as after investigation commend themselves to their judgment.

Roston Shoe Market.

The Boston correspondent of Hist and Leather, of Chicago, reviews the trade in boots and shoes at that inspiration centre, as follows:—
"It is currently reported and generally believed that we are on the verse of a decided upward movement in the boot and shoe market, caused by a natural expansion of trade in our own and foreign countries by the adoption of more modern business methods, based on the present condition of general wage-earning prosperity.

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"To-day there is in progress a good volume of business. The large manufacturers have booked large contracts for fail, and many of them have hurry orders that will keep their factories running to their full capacity for at least two months before they will be able to settle down to filling their real fail orders that are booked for July, August and September shipments.

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waiting for fall orders to come along"It is claimed that the tendency of
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Seed Grains.

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It seems likely that the farmers of this province will have difficulty this spring in securing suitable seed for the grain crops which all expect them to sow. The wheat of last year was not up to the usual good quality of Manitoba wheat and it would be well if it could be changed for seeding purposes, but the farmers have not the means at their command with which to buy other seed. The oats were also a poor crop and are not fit for seed at all. Many farmers who could afford to have bought Northern Alberta casts for seed. Barley was a very short crop and for the moat part a poor sample also, which means that much of the seed used will be poor. Flax was about the poorest crop this country ever produced so that unless millers make arrangements as they sometimes have in other years to furnish farmers with good seed there will be some pretty poor flax sown in Manitoba this year. These are the four pincipal field products of Manitoba and in none of them are the farmers will prepared as regards the quality of the seed, which was damaged by the excessive rains of last fall. Of course a favorable growing season will do much to improve the grain grown from inferior seed. will do much to improve grown from inferior seed.

Civil Service Exemption.

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In the House of Commons at Ottwa on Wednesday Mr. Fortin moved a resolution to the effect that "in the offinion of the House the salaries of public officers and government employees should be attachable like those of ordinary citizens." The business element will certainly hope for the adoption of this resolution. It is supposed to be necessary to uphold the dignity of the crown, that salaries of the employees of the government must not be attached for debt. Business people who are made to suffer at the hands of deadbeat civil service employees, how ever, cannot view the matter in this light.

More Railway Aid.

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On Wednesday in the Manitoba legislature Mr. Rogers introduced a bill to grant further aid to railways. It is proposed to grant aid by guaranteeding the bonds to the amount of \$3,000 per mile on 110 miles of railway to be built within the province by the Canadian Northern. Information as to the location of the proposed line is withseld. This, it is stated is not altorether a new guarantee, but is a transfer of aid from one proposed line 2 another.

Bonusing.

Belleville. Ontario, has had a dear lesson upon the evil of bonusing intuitial concerns. The Abbot-Mithell Rolling Mills, at that place, for theh a bonus of \$55,000 was voted

two years ago, have already collapsed, and the company is being wound up. Industries which are bolstered up by the aid of bonuses, very often turn out in that way. In most cases it would be better not to call an industry into existence than to found it on a bonus basis.

Yukon Mines.

Dawson, Yukon, correspondence Seattle Post Intelligencer, March 6.— The last ten days has seen the greaxest revival in mining in the Klondike since the big rush in 1898. Hundreds of claims have been staked here the last ten days, and during that time a small army of 400 men have taken out free miner's licenses. The activity continues, and men who were thinking seriously of going to new camps on the Yukon, or perhaps returning to the outside, have renewed their hazards in the country, and have taken properties and settled down to steady prospecting and development.

office. The last ten days has seen the offices crowded all day. Twenty clerks are employed in the office, and from morning until evening it is one feverish rush to sweep away the fast accumulating duties. A night crew is also at work.

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The new order in council from Ottawa, permitting the abandonment of a claim and the staking of another on the same creek in its stead, is expected to greatly encourage the prospector, it being no longer necessary for him to remain idle on that stream if he finds no pay in the claim he first tests there. The other new privilege of staking one claim on any river, creek, bench or guich, makes it possible for the prospector, be he Britisher or foreigner, to own hundreds, if not thousands of claims in the district.

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However, the fact that it costs \$15 to record every claim staked, besides the first \$10 for a miner's dicease for a year, will in itself make wholesale staking too great a luxury for the ordinary miner. Further, he will likely not want to stake more claims at a

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increase the activity and prosperity of this region.

The refusal to grant the concessions applied for for scores of hydraulic mining schemes on the many creeks, rivers and guiches of the territory, is considered by the individual miners as greatly widening the range given them in prospecting and to be a liberal policy.

Pending these applications thousands of acres of land on gold bearing creeks have been closed against prospecting. The blight is now off. Many of these concessions contain thousands of acres alone, and extend in many single instances miles up and down creeks. They were like great prohibitive blankets, but now over fifty are romoved, and it is promised more will meet the same fate. The applicants in many cases, it is considered, were not men of capital, and merely wanted the land on speculation.

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With the opening of all of this new mining property and the advent of the spring clean-up, and the fact that the greater number of Klondike streams are turning into summer propositions, it is expected the Klondike will see a prosperous summer this year, and that trade will be good and money plentiful. The spring working on old creeks is already beginning, and there is more demand for labor than during the winter. The number of idle men is not so great as during the early part of winter, but there are still not a few looking for work, and it is not safe to advise laborers to rush in from the coast seeking work. The camp will no doubt be a live one from now on till next fail, but there is not the least feeling that it will be necessary to call for more labor than is now available or likely to accumulate through the natural incoming of men.

Wages range on the average from \$1.50 to \$4 or \$5 a day and board, with the lower figures more often quoted. T. S. Lippy, of 16 Eldorado, the Scattle Klondiker, pays the biggest wages in the camp, namely \$1 an hour. The next best is paid by Stanley & Worden, on the same creek, \$0 cents an hour. Lippy and his manager, J. J. Putraw, are among the most liked in a general way in the camp, nobably because of the liberal wages they allow. Forty men are working on the Lippy claim.

Dominion particularly is experiencing an awakening just now. There has not been much work on that stream of late. On Gold run heavy work has been done.

The chief operators on Gold run, and perhaps the heaviest operators in the camp, are Chute & Wills. They employ 150 men, and have three camps. They operate eight bollers in thawing and receive on their claims seventy cotes of wood a day. So extensively does this firm have to engage in wood hauling that it employs two men to sprinkle water on the trail where the wood teams travel in order to keep it covered with ice.

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In a phase the Klondike has renewed its magnetism. The cause of this renewal may be attributed to three important new government innovations made within the last ten days, and initiated during the winter.

The more important of the innovations of the dast few days are: The throwing open of all crown claims and fractions in the territory, save a few for compensation in litigation, amounting to thousands of properties; the refusal of the government to grant applications for fifty or more hydraulic leases on many of the principal creeks of the district; the issuance of an order from Ottawa dust surveying to the amount of \$100 be allowed to apply on representation on quartz: another sweeping order in the council from Ottawa is that hereafter the restrictions of districts in the Yukon, confining a miner to one claim to the several subdistricts be abolished, and that the be allowed to stake at least one claim on every beach, guich or river in the territory, and another order that a man may at any time abandon a claim that does not pay and stake a second claim on the same creek on proper proof of no pay on the abandoned property.

This avaianche of innovations and new ruings has precipitated a rush of business at the gold commissioner's

time than he can work. Heretofore the Klondike country was divided into six districts, and a miner could stake but one claim in each district. Now there is no time save one to each bench,

one claim in each district. Now there is no limit save one to each bench, river or creek.

The orders on the whole are looked upon as being designed to encourage digging; in other words, prospecting and development, and raising the output of the ground of the region to the maximum. Everywhere the new laws are commented on as most liberai.

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The crown properties just thrown open to staking are the last, with the exception of a few kept for compensa-tion in cases of Hilgation, that the gov-ernment has reserved, and practically clears out the government's stock of mines in the Yukon. The choice prop-erties were sold at auction during the winter. Hereafter no reservations of mining property are to be made in the territory, or, more plainly speaking, to the unacquainted, in the British Yukon country.

country.

It is the common belief that the evident intention of the government is now to expand the mining industry in the Yukon to its maximum capacity, and let the prospector and the working miner have the widest latitude possible, so that he may help

Goose or Macaroni Wheat.

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Considerable interest is being taken in experiments in the United States with macaroni wheat, with a view of capturing some of the trade which Canadian exporters have worked up with some European countries in that excellent variety of macaroni wheat known in Ontario as goose wheat, which has met with such favor among macaroni manufacturers abroad. The Cincinnati Frice Current prints a dispatch from a point in South Dakota which says that the wheat has been grown in that state for the past twenty-five years by the German-Russians near Tripp, the original seed having been brought by them from Russia at the time they emigrated from that country. The same source of information gives these faots: American macaroni manufacturers and others wishing to engage in the business were anxious to have the question investigated why macaroni made in America sold at a price greatly inferior to the imported article. It was evident that Italy and France got better raw material than the United States did. If the recent samples of the macaroni wheat brought from Russia for trial in the western states gives no better results than those already tried, it is evident that Ontario goose wheat will not have any serious opposition from western Ontario farmers.—Toronto Globe. Globe.

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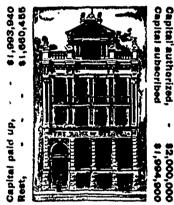
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Along the Main Line West

Notes of a Trip by a Commercial Representative

The towns in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories are, with few exceptions, situated on some line of having, as a general rule, come into existence after the construction of the rallway and location of the station. These stations are usually placed at a distance of from

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secon to twelve miles apart, and it is a noticeable fact that in most parts of the country there is a town of considerable importance at every second station, the intermediate one having only one or possibly two stores and a few dwellings. This rule, however, does not hold good on the main line of the canadian Pacific Railway, as at most of the stations there is a very fairsteal town with one at irregular intervals of much larger dimensions. This may be accounted for by the fact that the country tributary to the main line was the first to develop and the smaller towns have kept pace with the growth in the surrounding country.

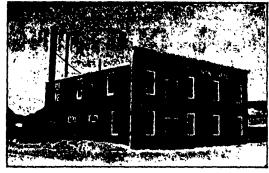
Poplar Point and High Bluff are the only towns between Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie. These are both small places, but show signs of growth. Mention has been made of Portage la Prairie in a previous Issue. West of this town Burnside and Bagot, are the next stations reached. These must shallons reached among the smaller places along this line.

MacGregor, the next station, is a very good business point. All the different kinds of goods required by the farmer are to be had here, there being two or more dealers in most lines. Several changes in ownership have occurred in the last year. Thos. Stinson, fruits and confectionery, sold out to James Plerce; P. W. Markin bought the general stock of Little Bros.: H. Dunbar now owns the blacksmith business formerly belonging to John Little; E. E. Turner opened a butcher shop, B. A. Rose, of Douglas, bought the bakery business from Mrs. George Rogers, and James Martin started in bots, shoes and groceries in a skand which he had fitted up for the purpose, while there are large quantities of wheat grown in this district most of the farmers have also some cattle to sell each year, and one authority estimates that there were at least 1,000 heal sold from these parts last second. Quite a number of these were young cittle which were sold partly on account of lack of feed and also to make up for the shortage in the crop. Another source of revenue to the sc

John McElrea Block, Sidney, Man.

by the proceeds received from the sale of the wood taken off their land when clearing it for cropping.

Sidney is also in a mixed farming district and, like MacGregor and Austin, ships out a lot of firewood each year. This business has fallen off somewhat this last year owing to the extension of the Canadian Pacific Railway branch from MacGregor, which runs through part of this district and shortens the haul for the farmer considerably. A station, known as Elrans, has been opened just north of Sidney, but as there has been only one general store opened there the merchants of Sidney still receive the most of the business it is quite probable that other stores will be started at this new town and secure their share of the trade, but as Sidney is surrounded by a good district which is becoming better settled each year it is not likely that any decrease in the volume of business will result. Two new stores were opened last year and some buildings creeted. John Mc-Elrea, grocer and hardware merchant, erected a substantial brick block, the front portion of which is occupied by Arkell's drug store, started last fail, and the rear portion by Mr. McElrea for storage purposes. On the upper flat is a large hall, seating 300 persons.



Jas. White's Planing Mill, Carberry, Man.

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planting of additional trees, such as white spruce, Banksian pine, Scotch fir, etc., as soon as feasible.

Mention has already been made of C. J. Hurt's flour mill. This was built a little over a year ago and is equipped with the latest improved machinery of the universal boiling system. This makes a cleaner and better flour than the old style, economizes space, and uses very little power. The mill is lighted with electricity and has a power holst connecting the different floors. This year a wheat drying machine was added.

The planting mill started two years ago by White & Parrott is now owned by Jas. White. He manufactures all

G. R. Kerr, harness maker, has sold out to W. Rabe, who also handles boots, shoes and men's clothing. A. F. Elliott, general merchant, is retiring from business and H. Higgins has opened out with a stock of groceries, and will shortly add clothing and the other lines belonging to a general stock. W. Dickson, general merchant, has been here for many years and has worked up a good business. W. Goldsmith handles agricultural implements and D. A. McIlquhan has a hardware store and also sells farm implements, while J. Birtles takes charge of the fresh meat supply for the town and district. The farmers' clevator at this point was burned last fall, leaving still two clevators and a flat grain warehouse. warehouse.
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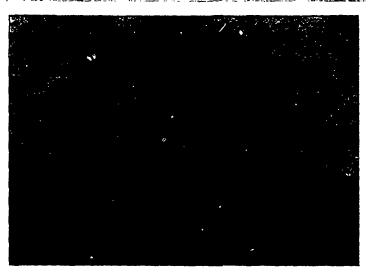
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Griswold has long been known favorably among business men. It is surrounded by a good farming country and the business done each year by the merchants here represents a large sum of money. It has four elevators which go to prove that a large amount of grain is raised, although the crop was a light one this last year in common with other parts of the country. The A. E. Hill Co., Ltd., H. A. Scarth and Speers & Paul have general stores, each carrying a large stock, and J. G. Humphrey has a furniture warehouse. Alex. Speer bought out the butcher business of A. H. Speer, but with the exception of this change the merchants now in business here are the same as at the time of our visit a year ago.

Oak Lake is somewhat larger than the last two places. It has one strong drawing card in the flour mill of Leitch Bros., which is among the inest in this western country. This is 1200 barrels duity capacity and turns out a very fine grade of flour, "Anchor Brand" being well known to the trade. The crop yield last season averaged probably about tweive bushels to the acre, and even with this short crop about 400,000 bushels were marketed here. There are four elevators and the mill to handle this crop. The country to the south of the town is sandy, and while there are some high ridges of fair farming land, this portion is, on the whole, best suited to mixed farming as there is a great deal of hay land; the northern portion, however, is a very fine farming section and no further proof of this need be shown than the handsome and substantial buildings of the farmers. The weekly "News" is now occupying new quarters and the Pressoyterian congregation erected last year a brick veneer church at a cost of about \$4,000, 12cluding the furnishings, which comprise seats for nearly 400. The cut we show of this church was loaned by the "News." A number of very good farm houses were built last summer and a brick church erected about eight miles north of the town by the Methodist congregation.

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The district from which the town of Virden draws its support is rolling prairie land, best suited for mixed farming. Within a radius of about four miles of the town the soil is sandy, but beyond that it is heavy and admirably suited for wheat growing. While most of the farmers own some cattle, they have not as yet many to sell, but each year they are increasing in number, recognizing the fact that mixed farming is the surest and most profitable. There are four clevators and a mill here, which shows that this is a good grain market, but the amount of wheat shipped out this year was far short of the ordinary output. This decrease is due to the The district from which the town of



Flour Milling Plant of C. J. Hurt, Carberry, Man.

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A. Gillis also built a two story brick block, which is occupied by H. E. Hamikton, implement dealer, and John Bolton, who started a bakery and confectionery business tast summer. The flour mill of Geo. Rogers has been purchased by C. J. Hurt, of Carberry.

Carberry is the largest and most important point between Portage la Prairie and Brandon and comes well to the top of the list of business places in Manitoba. It has many fine building, both business and residential, and is a clean, bright and attractive looking town of about 1,200 of a population. It has many large stores filled with the newest goods, offering a wide range from which to select. The country tributary to this point is one of the choice wheat sections of Manitoba, and an idea of the quantity of grain raised may be formed from the fact thet there are eight elevators here as well as a flour mill of 180 barrels daily capacity. In addition to the grain, nearly every farmer has some stock, and in certain sections stock rai-ing is gone into quite extensively. There are several cattle buyers at this point and one of these estimates last year's shipments at from eight to ten thousand head, but many of these, no doubt. one of these estimates last year's shipments at from eight to ten thousand head, but many of these, no doubt, were brought in from points nearer some other station. About six miles to the south of Carberry is a district known as the Sand Hill region, which is covered with spruce trees, and is little or no use for settlement. The Forestry association are petitioning the department of the interfor at Ottawa to reserve this land as a central Maniloba park, and to undertake the

lines of goods required for buildings in the way of sash, doors, mouldings, etc., and has worked up a good business.

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Some business changes have occurred during the year. J. Slemon bought out C. N. Des Forges, butcher; the firm of Smale & Treavor, butchers, is now Treavor & Lee; Beck & Stacey opened a restaurant and confectionery stand last year and report having done a good business.

Douglas is the next town reached. There are several stores here but it is hardly likely that this will ever become a large town as it is too close to Carberry and Brandon.

Brandon has already been mentioned in this journal recently. It is the second city in importance in Manitoba and from its rallway connection is likely to assume importance in the not very distant future as a distributing point.

Still proceeding westward along the main line Alexander is next reached. The district surrounding this town is best adapted to grain growing, although most of the farmers keep some stock and have a few head of cattle to sell each year. The crops in this section last season averaged about six or seven bushels to the acre, but this low average is due not alone to the section last season averaged about six or seven bushels to the acre, but this low average is due not alone to the unfavorable season, as a dastructive hail storm swept a portion about two miles wide and six or seven miles long. Jas. Forman, hardware and lumber merchant, reports a good business in lumber during the year, a number of good buildings having been erected through the country.

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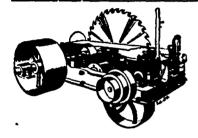
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universal c.op shortage and also to a hall storm which extended over nearly half of the territory tributary to this town, doing a great deal of damage though not de stroying the entire crop. This town has a population of about 1,300 and has many very fine buildings among which are the school and Episcopal church, which are of native stone, and the frehall and Fresbyterian church of bilck. During the last year the C. P. R. Co. completed a station here of very handsome design. The wails are of native stone and the interior finish also shows good workmanship. Several business changes have occurred during the last year. H. Waddup bought the flour and feed business of Alex. Madill; N. Rosen has taken over the general stock of Chapman & Co.. Adams Bros. sold their harness shop to J. R. Duke and W. J. Kenned, & Co., implement dealers, sold out to R. Langtry.

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At Fleming we enter the territory of Assinibola. The country here is much like that around Elkhorn, being mostly open rolling prairie suitable to mixed farming. There are three elevators at this point which shipped last year about 75,000 bushels of grain as against nearly 250,000 the previous year. Each season the farmers are getting more land under cultivation and others are taking up farms, so that Fleming is growing in previous year. Each season that the cets are getting more land under cultivation and others are taking up farms, so that Fleming is growing in importance as a business point. Last year several settlers located here, some of them having considerable money to start with. Land here sells for from 5.10 ts per acre. G. J. Jupp, barness, boot and shoe dealer, was burned out last year, but has now replaced his old stand by a frame building, 21x10 feet. The Methodist church here, of which we show a cut, is a preity little stone building, which was built some six or eight years ago. There are two general stores, a hardware, harness shop, lumber yard, butcher shop, three implement ware-bouses, etc. her shop, louses, etc.

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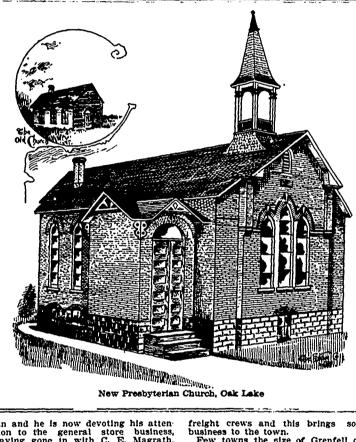
The town of Moosomin has a population of about 1,500 and is therefore one of the largest towns in Assimbola. From the number and size of the stores it is quite evident that a very large business is transacted. For a few miles surrounding the town the country is quite scrubby, but beyond that it is open rolling prairie. To the north of the town in some localities the farmers go in entirely for grain raising, but with these few exceptions the district is a mixed farming one and it is claimed that last year there were about 4,000 head of cattle sold, a lot of these being stockers bought by dealers from the United States. The ow of five large elevators show that his is also an important grain centre. Several changes among the merchants are occurred during the last year. Adms. Bros have taken over the harses shop of J. Smithers; John McCulri has acquired the general store usiness of F. G. Lewin: Scott & Hender on: Hunk & Smith, of the "Spectator" are dissolved partnership, A. H.

Smith continuing. The World, a new weekly newspaper was started about n vear ago.

At Wapella there was quite a lot of building done last year. Several dwelling houses were erected, the Lake of the Woods Milling Co. built an elevator, making now four at this point, and a couple of stores were also erected. J. W. Sutherland, who now owns the hardware business formerly carried on by Thompson & Sutherland, built a two-storey stone block, 30x74 feet, which he is now occupying. At the rear is the tinsmithing department 30x14 feet, which leaves store space the rear is the tinsmithing department 30x14 feet, which leaves store space of 30x60 feet. This is a very good stand. A 26 foot lot intervened between this new block and the general store premises of J. Franks. On this lot Mr. Franks built a two storey addition, 60x26 feet, which now gives him very extensive premises. The three buildings are of stone and have the appearance of being one large block, and as they face the station they add a great deal to the appearance of the town. G. E. Nugent has sold his implement business to Kidd & Clements, and his interest in the lumber yard is being taken by W. L. Mar-

taken C. S. Barker in as a partner, the business now being transacted un-der the firm name of Hawkes & Bar-ker. This firm has now very commod-lous premises as an addition was built lous premises as an addition was built last season, giving floor space of 50x80 feet. This addition was of solid brick and the old building will be brick-veneered. There are four general stores here, hardware, flour mill, drug stores, in fact nearly every line of business is represented by two or more firms.

Broadview is a smaller town, having only two general stores, which are kept by A. R. Colquhoun and Thorburn & Sons, a butcher shop, harness shop, and a couple of implement warehouses. The business which should be done here is very much curtailed by an Indian reservation which commences about half a mile from the track and extends for 25 miles north and about sixteen miles on either side of the town. To the south, however, the land is open for settlement and can be bought for \$3 an acre. T. Miskiman has sold his butcher shop to J. Gathercole, which is the only business change during the year. Broadview is a railway divisional point for



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tin and he is now devoting his attention to the general store business, having gone in with C. E. Magrath, under the firm name of F. E. Nugent & Co. The country surrounding this town is rolling prairie with considerable scrub land and is, therefore, well suited to mixed farming. A great deal of damage was done to the crops last season by a hall storm.

The country tributary to Whitewood is, perhaps, better suited to stock raising and dairying, although it is also a good grain section. It is estimated that the government creamery here made about 40,000 lbs. of butter last year. The land is mostly rolling and covered with bush and scrub and in some districts there is still a lot of vacant land and some homesteads still not taken up. Beyond the Pipestone river, which is about seven miles south of the town, there is some very little grain, other than feed oats, is raised, but, instead, cattle, horses and sheep are bred in large numbers. Whitewood is the chief shipping point for the west end of the Moose Mountain district and as a result the shipments of stock figure up to a goodly number. Last season there were 1.405 cattle, 345 horses and 950 sheep shipped by train and in addition a large number of young stocker cattle were driven out. There are several small settlements of foreigners in this locality who are said to be doing well. J. A. Hawkes, general merchant, has

freight crews and this brings some business to the town.

Few towns the size of Grenfell can show so many good buildings. There are several handsome stone blocks and many of the dwellings are either stone or brick. All the different lines of business are well represented here. Here also we find mixed farming the rule in the surrounding country. While nearly all the farmers have large herds of cattle, some of them also go in for wheat raising very extensively, cropping each season 200 or 300 acres of land. There are two elevators and a mill here, which handle each year about 150,000 bushels of grain, although for the last year the flipments would hardly total to dail that amount. N. Hobson, cattle dealer, estimates that the cattle shipments from this station last year would amount to about 1,600 or 1,800 head and that about 700 will be shipped this spring. A large proportion of these were etockers, shipped to Alberta points. There is still a fot of vacant land around here and a good choice of homesteads is to be had, especially to the south of the track, where, it is understood, there is a large extent of good land, commencing about eight miles from the station, on which there is almost no settlement as yet. To the north, for about eight miles, the land is open prairie and thinly settled, but theyond this it becomes bluffy and is better settled. About twenty miles to the north there is a settlement of Galicians, Germans, etc. The business community has undergone very little change in the last



Methodist Church, Fleming, Assa.

few years. R. Kirk, now owns the soda water factory which was started here about six years ago. This has a piant capable of turning out 100 dozen bottles of "soft drinks" dally.

At Wolseley there are four general stores owned by Burbury Bros., Itanson Bros., Bray & Co., and The Dill & Hill Co., Ltd., carrying good stocks; there are also two hardware stores, Hurbert & Balfour and A. G. Thompson, furniture and meat shop, Magee & Thompson, a second butcher shop kept by J. Hunt, drug store, two harness shops, two flour and feed stores, lumber yard and private bank kept by R. W. Gibson, jewellry store, confectionery, etc. Norris & Lawrence's butcher business has been taken over by Magee & Thompson and Hurlburt & Balfour now carry on the hardware business formerly run by J. A. Balfour. The flour mill belonging to the Wolseley Milling Co. was burned last August, but it is understood that arrangements will probably be made to rebuild this year. The land surrounding this town is mostly rolling and covered with brush, which makes it a good mixed farming district. The Qu'Appelle valley is about eight miles north and beyond it the country is more open and level and is a very good grain section. The farmers here, realizing the uncertainty of wheat growing, are as quickly as possible collecting some cattle, and, at a result of this, the business transacted at Wolseley has been on a much better basis than at many points where cattle are not kept. Datrying has been rerelying a great deal of attention and the local merchants last year shipped out a large amount of butter.

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Sintaluta, nine miles west of Wolseley, is one of the youngest towns on this line, as nearly all the business places and other buildings to be seen here now were erected during the last two or three years. This is one of the most important grain markets on the main line, as it has five large elevators, which fact bears testimony to the excellence of the surrounding country as a wheat producer. There are two hardware stores here, three general stores, a jewellry and one harness shop, drug store, bakery, lumber yard, implement warehouses, etc. During the last year J. E. Black opened a jewellry shop. W. R. Trench bought the drug business from W. M. Wright, and E. J. Brooks sold his general store to Smith & Shea.

Greater New York has more money invested in waterworks than any officer dity upon the face of the earth. The boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx have \$100,000,000 of public money invested in their water works—aqueduots, reservoirs, pumping stations, mains and water sheds. The borough of Brooklyn has a like investment of about \$25,000,000, and the water supply of both New York county and Kings county is being constantly improved and extended, at new cost, as the greater needs of the city in business and population requires. The revenue of the city from water tax is about \$6,000,000 per annum. Comparison with other cities of the country will show the magnitude of the greater New York plants. Chicago has more than \$30,000,000 invested in its water system; Boston, \$15,000,000; Baltimore, \$18,000,000; Cincinnati, \$10,000,000; St. Louis \$20,000,000; Philadelphia, \$35,000,000; Pittsburg, \$8,000,000; Newark, \$19,000,000; Milwaukee, \$5,000,000; Cleveland, \$10,000,000; New Orleans, \$5,000,000; Providence, \$6,000,000.



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BRITISH COLUMBIA

Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, M. roh 25, 1901.

The feature of the week is the advaning price of cured meats owing to the high price of hogs in the Chicago market. Dealers say that prices will lik by rule higher nert week. In the butter market dairy is weaker, as it is in abundant supply. Owing to the agreement of Easter eggs are steadying in price and likely to advance in spite of the sanay mid weather. The only feature in the flour and feed market is the buoyancy of outs which is to be expected at this time of year. The hardware market is featureless. Business is reported dull in all lines and money tight. and money tight.

British Columbia Market

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1: IICES AT VANCOUVER.

(By wire to The Commercial).

Oats are higher at \$2 per ton advance.

By is deater. Australian frozen mutton

for our Dreased pork is 34 per in higher.

Iterakfast bacon is 1/61/3/c lower. Local

cres are offering in great abundance.

Not oranges are 25c per case lower.

(IRAIN-Outs, \$33 per ton; wheat, \$28.

FLOUR-Delivered B. C. points—Mant
tola patent, per barrel, \$5.00, strong bak
cits, \$1.01; Oregon, \$4.50 per barrel; Emder
tol, batent, per barrel, \$5.00, strong bak
cits, \$1.01; Oregon, \$4.50 per barrel; Emder
by, B. C. patents, \$5.00.

FEED-National mills chops, \$24 per

ton; bran, \$20; shorts, \$22; oil cake meal,

\$35 ton, fub. Vancouver, including duty

paid on importer stuff.

HAY-Shibwarp, double pressed, \$22 per

ton. France liver valley, \$18 per ton.

MEAL-Holled oats, 1000 sack, \$3.00;

tro 45th sacks, \$3.10; four 22/4/b sacks,

\$3.30; ten 7th sacks, \$2.50; oatmeal in

10th sacks, per 100th, \$3.25; in 50th sacks,

\$3.00 per 100th.

HIDES AND WOOL — Sound heavy

sieers, 1/4c per ib.; medium, 6/4c; light

covs, 8/4c; sheep pelts, November killed,

20c each; deer skins, green, 8c lb.; deer

skins, dry, 20c lb.; wool, 0/610c lb.

LIVE NTOK-Steers, \$0.00 per 100th;

BRESSED MEATS—Beef, 0/60/4c; mut-

PAC.

BRESSUD MEATS—Beef, OffOMe: muton, 11412c; pork, 7Me; venl, 10411c.

OYSTERS—Cans, Ooc dozen; shells, 35c

oren.
CURED MFATS—Hams, 141/4115c breaksat baron 151/416c; backs, 14c; long clear
24c; rolls, 14c; smoked sides, 13c.
LARD—Tins, 13c per lb; palls, 121/c;

s. 124c. UTTER—Local creamery, fresh. 25c; lifornia. 23c. GGS—Fresh local, 20c; California eggs.

EGGS-Frosh local, 20c; Cantorna eggs, 10c.
CHEESE—Maniloba, 114/4124/c.
Verstables—Asheroft potators, \$23; Fraser liver valley potators, \$18,006,320,00 per ton; caulinower, \$1 per dozen; cumbers, \$2.75 per dozen; peas, 15c; California potators, \$2.06(\$22 per ton; silver sila onions, 4c; locat onions, 34/c fb; California potators, \$2.00 iox, asparagus, 15c.
FISH—Flounders, 3c; smelts, 5c; seabas, 4c; whitting, 5c; soles, 5c; hailbut, cis sulmon, 10c; cad, 6c per fb; crabs, 69c per dozen; smoked salmon, 10c; smicked hailbut, 10c; smoked herring, 6c; shirings, 20c.

hillout, 10c; smoked herring, be; snrimps, 20c.

OREEN FRUITS—California navel ofsages, \$2,006,82.59; Oregon apples, \$1.756;

B. C. apples, 00D gross boxes, \$1.75;

lemons, \$2,006,82.50; grupe fruit, \$3 case,
NUTS—Almonds, 156,916c; diberts, 12½c;

peanuts, 14c; Brasil, 18c; walnuts,
14c; Brasil, 18c; walnuts,
14c; Brasil, 18c; walnuts,
14c; per b; cocoanuts, 90c,631 per dozen,
20c Paris lump, 6½c; granulated, 5½c;

crits C. 4½c; fancy yellows, 4½c; yellow,
4½c per b,

NKUPS—30 gal, bairels, 2½c b; 10 gal,
kers, 2½c; 5 gal, tine, \$1.75 each; 1 gal,
line, \$4.50 case of 10; ½ gal, tine, \$5.25

case of 20.

tins, \$1.50 case of 10; ½ gal. tins, \$5.25 case of 30.

TEAS—Congo, fair, 11½c; good, 18c; choice, 29c; Ceylon and Indis, fair, 20c.

BICE—Chinese rice, \$74 ton; Japan rice, 830s; tou; taploen, 5c; sago, 5c.

CANNED GOODS—Corn, \$1.00; peas, \$1.03; beans, \$1.25.

HARDWARE—Bar fron—Base, \$1.27.

Horse aboe nalls, discount, 40 per cent; bore shoer, kegs, \$5.00. Wire nalls—Base price, \$3.75, cut \$3.25. Rope, Mnils, 13½c, Holied oll, 95c. White lead \$5.25.

Polity, \$3.50. Barbed wire, \$4.75 pt = 100 b. Glass, first break, \$4.75.

PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

Special to The Commercial
Nelson, March 30.
Butter—Creamery, 24½ to 25½Eggs—Fanoy fresh, 24c; case eggs,
21 cents,
Cheese—12½c.
Oats—Per son 292

Oats-Per ton, \$28. Millfred-Bran, \$20; shorts, \$22 per

fon.
Flour-Manitoba patent, \$6.40.
Hay-Per ton, \$23.
Potatoes-Per ton, \$26.

Special trains are now arriving from the east over the C. P. R., bringing large numbers of settlers for the

British Columbia Notes.

Mark A. Black, grocer, Vancouver, as assigned.

Geo. S. Timms, printer, Vancouver, has assigned.

Kirkpatrick & Wilson, grocers, Nelson, have sold out their business.

The Grand Forks Stationery and News Company has dissolved. R. F. Petrie will continue the business.

Work has been started on the erection of a large iron foundry at Lady-smith, to be operated by a Victoria

Garrett Keefe and C. Donohue, hotel keepers, Rossland, have dissolved partnership, Keefe continuing the bus-

The Shuswap Milling Company's sawmill at Kamloops was destroyed by the last week, loss about \$10,000, with insurance of \$2,000.

It is reported that, a marine slip and shipbullding industry is to be estab-lished at Victoria, giving employment to between sixty and seventy men.

The partnership between R. M. Mc-Entire, Thomas McDonnell and James Kerr, carrying on a real estate and mining business at Greenwood, has been dissolved.

been dissolved.

A contract has been let for an addition to the plant of the Grunby smelter at Grand Forks. When this is installed the smelter will treat 1,-200 tons daily.

The Thistle Gold Mining and Milling Company, Limited, has been incorportate, and the Canada Cycle and Motor Company, Limited, registered as an extra provincial company.

The C. P. R. Folght department has

extra provincial company.

The C P R, freight department has issued a new traiff of rates on vegetables, fruits, etc., between the Okanagan valley and Kootenay points. As result of this a large business will probably be worked up in these products.

Toronto Grocery Prices.

SUGARS—Granulated delivered Toronto, 54.584(54.63; yellows, from 53.784(54.63; yellows, from 53.784(54.63; yellows, from 53.784(54.64; special bright, 35642c.

MOLASSES—West India, barrels, 326, 45c; New Orleans, 236(30c for medium, 236(35c) for bright.

COFFEE—Rio, green, 94/613c; Mocha, 236(35c; Jan, 236(35c)

TIAS—Japans, low grade, 13/636c firsts, 25/636c; Indian, 186(56c; Congous, low krad—114/416c; medium, 22/625c; finest, 44/405c; cylons 17/635c; formosa oolongs 23/636c.

CANNED GOODS—Tomatoes, 70/636(51.28); 50/636c; sitted selected peas, \$1.05(61.28);

CANNED GOODS— Tomntoes, 70 & 90c; peas, 75(189c; cott., 75c; beans, 50695c; sifted selected peas, \$1.05(\$1.20; sounskins, 80c; raspherries, 7z, \$1.756(\$2; peaches, 2s, \$1.80(\$2; 3s, \$2.50(\$32.65; spples, 2s, \$5.80(\$32.65; spples, 2s, \$6.80(\$32.65; sppl

pounu, logioc; pepper, pure white, 236
30c.
DRIBD FRUITS-Raisins, Valencia, selected, 74436; off stalk, 644746; California 3-crown loose Muscatels, 34476; Fillatras currants, 94471046; Fatras, 11412c;
Vostizzas, 13415c; California deled truits
Apricots, 11413c; peaches, 8414c; princs,
70s to 80s, 14646; 50's to 90s, 544754c;
1978 to 100's, 434654c; Sultanas, 944124c;
Hallowee dates, 445c,
PPEL, — Orange, 12413c; lemon, 1044
12c; eltron, 17420c.

NUTS-Shelled Valencia almonds.
35c;

**: cuton, 17420c.

NUTS—Shelted Valencia almonds, 35c; shelted Jordan almonds, 42½c; Bordeaux wahnuts, 104114c; shelted trainuts, 25425c; Grenobles, 124413c; Sielty fiberts 1144124c.

Toronto Hardware Prices.

Toronto, March 30.

ANTIMONY-11@11½c per in for Cookson's.

BARBED WIRE-Car lots, f.o.b. Coreland, \$2.706(\$2.82½; Toronto, \$5.05 per 100
llis.

BARL IRON-Price for common, \$1.70@
\$1.75 per 100lb.

BINDER TWINE- Pure Manila, 10¾c
per ii; mixed, 8½c; sisal, 7¾c.
BIACK SHEETS-28 gauge, \$3.30.

BOLTS AND NUTS-Norway bolts, full
square, 70 per cent; commou carriage
bolts, all sizes, 65 per cent; machine
bolts, all sizes, 65 per cent; machine
bolts, all sizes, 65 per cent; cone
screws, 75 per cent; sleigh had bolts, 75 per cent;
blank bolts, 65 per at; bolt cuds, 65 per
cent; nuts, square, 4c off; nuts, hexagon,
4%c off; thre bolts, 07½ per cent; slove
bolts, 67½ per cent; plough bolts, 60 per
cent; slove rods, 0008c.

BRASS-Sheet and rod, discount 15 per
cent.

HUILDING PAPER—Three-ply, \$1.65 per square; do. 2-ply, \$1.40 per square, f.o.b. Toronto, Hamilton and London.
CANADA PLATES—All duli, \$3.00 per 100 per hait-polished, \$3.15; and all bright \$3.05(483.75.
CEMENT—Canadian Portland, \$2.404(8); English do., \$2.854(3); Belgian, \$2.304 at \$2.75; Canadian hydraulic cements, \$1.25 4(\$1.50; culcined plaster, \$2.00; asbestos cement, \$2.50 per barrel.
COIL CHAIN—Per 1007b, ¼ in., \$40.848.95; 5.16 in., \$4.354.84.85; 7.16 in., \$4.354.85; 7.16 in., \$4.354.84.85; 7.16 in

(223)c. CUT NAILS-12.33 per keg f.o.b. To-onto, Hamilton and London. FENCE WIRD-75 per cent. GALVANIZED HON — Queen's Head

GALVANIZED 180N - Queen's Head brand \$1.00 per 100th, and \$4.50 for Ameri-

brand \$4.60 per 100b, and \$4.50 for American.

GALVANIZED WHIE—Nos. 6, 7, and 8, 23.50(\$2.55; No. 9, \$2.85(\$3.15; No. 10, \$3.806(\$3.55; No. 11, \$3.70(\$3.10; No. 12, \$3.06(\$3.30; No. 13, \$3.10(\$33.40; No. 14, \$3.10(\$33.40; No. 14, \$4.10(\$43.60; No. 15, \$4.00(\$3.70; No. 10, \$4.10(\$43.50; No. 15, \$4.00(\$3.70; No. 10, \$4.80(\$5.35; 10, \$4.80(\$5.35; 10, \$4.80(\$5.35; 10, \$4.80(\$5.35; 10, \$6.10; No. 10, \$4.75; 51 to 40 in., \$5; 91 to 70 in., \$9.55; 10 to 70 in., \$5; 91 to 70 in., \$9.55; 10 to 10 in., \$9.55; 11 to 70 in., \$9.55; 10 to 10 in., \$9.55; 11 to 70 in., \$9.25; 11 to 70

HARVEST TOOLS-50, 10 and 5 per

dry bones, 40650c per 10010.
PIG IRON—Canadian pig, \$17 for 100 ton lots.
POULTRY NETTING—Discount of 50 and 10 per cent: iron burrs, 55 per cent; copper rivets, 35 and 5 per cent; copper rivets, 35 and 5 per cent.
ROPE—Sisal, 10c; pure Manlla, 1334c.
SCHEWS—Flat head, bright, 8734 and 10 per cent off list; round head, bright, 8734 and 10 per cent; from head brass, 76 and 10 per cent; found head brass, 76 and 10 per cent; found head bronze, 65 per cent; round head bronze, 65 per cent; SHEET ZINC—04,67c for cask lots 77714c for part casks.
SHOT—Common, \$0.50 per 1000D; chilled.
\$1; bull seal and ball, \$7.50; discount, 7 per cent.
SNOOTH STEEL, WIRE—Nos. 6 to S.

per cent.
SMOOTH SCHEL WIRD-Nos. 6 to S.
\$2100; No. 9, \$280; No. 10, \$287; No. 11,
\$200.
SPADES AND SHOVELS-40 and 5 per

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SPELTER—660%c per lb.

SCLDER—Half and half, 18c; refined, 17%c; wiping, 17c.

STEEL—Hoop steel, \$3.10; sleighshoe steel, \$2 base.

STOVES AND FURNACES—Discounts—Stoves and ranges, 45 and 5 per cent.; registers 60 per cent.

ZERNE PLATES—I. C., \$3.50; I. X., \$10.50.

TIN PLATES—Usuai sizes, I. C., \$4.15; special sizes, base, \$4.50; 20128, \$3.50.

TINNED SHEI, 'S—28 gauge, \$60%c.

VIRE NAILS—Base price, \$2.756\$2.55 f.o.b. Toronto, Hamston and London.

PAINTS AND OILS.

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CASTOR OIL—East India, in cases, 10 Gibbs per b, and 10 gible for single tins.

GUM SHELLAC — In cases, 22c; these than cases, 25c.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, 1 to 4 barrels. 62c; boiled, 72c.

LIQUID PAINTS — Pure, \$1,2031.30 per gailon; No. 1 quality, \$1 per gailon.

PARIS WHITE—90031.00.

PARIS GREEN-Barrels, 16%c; kegs. 17c; drums, 50 to 100 b, 17%c; drums, 25h 18c; then, 1b, 19%c; package, 1b, 18%c.

PLASTER PARIS— New Brunswick, 100 per barrel, 100 per barrel, 100 per barrel, 100 per barrels, 100 per barrel, 200; in loss and 8c per b in barrels, 220; lindders, in 200 be kegs, \$2.30; bulk in barrels, \$200, in less quantities, \$2.18.

RED LEAD—Genuine, in casks of 500 b, \$5.50; ditto, in kegs of 1000 b, \$5.75; No. 1 in casks of 500b, \$5.38\$.20; do. kegs of 1000. £5.38\$.30.

131/Alde in barrels; Sarnia prime 141/Alice in barrels.

SEAL OIL-54c per gallon, and yellow seal at 46c.

TURPENTINE-In single barrels, 58c; 2 to 4 barrel lots, 57c.

WHITING-70c per 100m; gilders' whither 50c. WHITEME -100 per 2000, ing. 800.
WHITE LEAD--Ex-Toronto, pure white lead, 86.60; No. 1, 86.121/2; No. 2, \$5.75; No. 3, \$5.371/2, No. 4, \$5.00; dry white lead, in casks, \$0.00.

Western Business Items.

R. W. McKinnell has opened a drug store at Ponoka, Alta.

Geo. H. Bean has purchased Arkell's drug store at MacGregor, Man. J. Henderson has started in the lumber business at Ell, Man.

The Alberta Planing mill, Calgary, Alta., has been opened for business.

Geo. Le Caine 's opening a black-smit's and tinsmith shop at Pheasant Forks, Assa.

Hull Bros., of Calgary, will open a pork factory and butcher shop at Wetaskiwin, Alta.

M. McIntyre & Co. have re-opened the grocery store formerly kept by M. E. Herrick & Co. at Strathcona, Alta.

C. D. McPherson, who has been manager of the Manitoba Liberal, Portage la Prairie, for two years, has now purchased the business.

Wm. Couzens, boot and shoe dealer, of Baldur, Man., has moved to Cypress River, Man., where he will engage in the same line: C. Couzens takes over the Baldur business.

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The sale of the stock and book accounts of the Neepawa Trading Co., Ltd., which was to have been held on the 27th inst., has been postponed until some day next week to allow of a fresh inventory being taken.

W. G. Lock, of Lock Bros., fruit and produce, Winnipeg, returned this week from a prolonged trip to Montreal and other eastern cities on business and pleasure combined. While away he disposed of a large block of Manitoba butter to eastern buyers, at a good profit to his firm, and got into touch with business in the east in a way that will prove useful to his firm in the future. It was rumored shortly before Mr. Lock's return that he was not coming back alone, but had taken in a partner to share his domestic loys, but this proves to have been untrue or at least premature.

BAKING POWDER LEGISLATION. Most of the bills introduced in legis-latures, this winter to attempt to pro-

latures, this winter to attempt to pro-hibit the manufacture and sale of baking powder containing aium have met a very peaceful death, says the New York Commercial. The bills were all similar, and were fathered by the cream of tartar baking powder manufacturers, who are in a combin-

manufacturers, who are in a communation.

There bills were introduced in the legislatures of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Tennessee, West Virginia, Michigan, Illinois, Kansas, Arkansas, Texas, Utah, Idaho and Washington. All are now dead, or practically so, except the Massachusetts and New York

now dead, or practically so, except the Massachusetts and New York measures.

In Massachusetts the committee, it is said, has decided upon a substitute measure, which provides that the caus shall be marked with the names of the substances from which the powder is made. In New York the bill revising the pure food laws so as to place their enforcement in the hands of the agricultural instead of the health department was drafted without reference to baking powder. he governor said he considered it a good bill. In senate committee, however, a section was tacked on hitting at alum baking powder. The senate sent it back, but the committee again indorsed the amendment.

Attorney Boardman, of Tracs, Boardman & Platt, appeared before the committee to talk against alum baking powder. He said he had been engaged to do so by Mr. Kelley, who said he represented the "National Health Association." In other states lobbyists have said they were employed by this same association. The alum baking powder people claim the "National Health Association" is a mask used by the baking powder combine.

Owing to increase in business the

Owing to increase in business the Bell Organ & Plano Co. find that their present factory at Guelph is too small and there is some talk of moving to Toronto or Hamilton.

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Winnipeg Raw Fur Prices.

Following is a list of the prices now being paid by responsible fur buyers in Winnipeg for consignments of fur from all parts of the west;

Bear, black, middling 8.00	120
Bear, black, large 12.00	2000
Bear, brown, small 3.(k)	500
Bear, brown, middling 8.00	1200
Bear, brown, large 12(0)	15.00
Beaver, large 5.00	7.50
Beaver, middling 3.(8)	310
Beaver, small 1.50	
Fisher, according to size	
and color 4.50	500
Fox, silver, according to	•••
size and color 50.00	15000
Fox, cross, according to	10
size and color 5.(K)	15(0
Fox. red, according to size	
and color 1.(#)	***
Lynx, according to size and	-44
color 1.(N)	400
Marten, large, dark 5.00	10.00
And the same of the same of the same.	

Marten, large, dark 5.00 inm
Marten, large, brown 4.50 70
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STRATHCONA, ALBERTA

We have been reading a great deal lately about United States competition in old country iron and steel markets. The following is a paragraph giving the other side of that story:—The Glasgow Daily Mail is of opinion that Mr. Morgan and his allies will in due time find themselves checked by a reduction of the American tariff on steel and iron if they endeavor to "slaughter" their goods in foreign markets. They can only follow this policy by making undue profits out of American consumers. But they cannot even count with certainty upon a slaughter market while the high duties remain, unless the quality of their product is such as to win on its own merits. "It is notorious," says The

Mail, "that at the Paris exhibition last year the United States cut a very poor figure in the matter of Iron and steel manufactures, and especially engineering, as compared with several other nations. We know also that the experiment of introducing American locomotives into this country has been a failure. The quality of Ameri-can iron and steel manufactures has can iron and steel manufactures as been deteriorating for some time, simply because the manufacturers sacrifice everything to the making of money as quickly as possible. We are now offered inferior and half-finished articles, which whi not find buyers

An eastern railroad has notified the farmers living along the line that it

will lend them thoroughbred poultry will lend them thoroughders product and cattle for a long enough period to start an improvement in the breed of their stock. While this plan is not without merit, it suggests the thought that the first duty of the railroads in this line is to the general public.

There is considerable emigration There is considerable emigration just now among the Mennonites in Manitoha to Rosthern, Saskatchewan, and Didsbury, Alberta. A carload of Manitoha Mennonites left their reserve last Saturday for Rosthern and a considerable movement is expected into that point from the older settlements. A party of 25 families are going to Didsbury from the Manitoba reserves.

Manitoba.

ur. McCulloch is opening a harness ship at Elkhorn.

J. P. Shier, Elgin, has sold his con-tonery business to T. Stanlake.

The Eigin Banner succeeds Public Opinion as the newspaper of Eigin,

J. H. Black, Headingly, has sold his size and lumber yard to Mr. Compt. . Whinipeg.

J. Wilson has purchased the k of lumber, etc., from T. A. Patł. re Blgin.

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Partridge, Newdule, has sold his ismith business to J. Livingstone, of Minnedosa.

W. H. Bull has purchased the livery be-mess lately carried on by T. H. Hepkins, at Elgin.

c. C. Castle, warehouse com-missioner, has already issued 526 licenses for elevators and warehouses. The salt wells in the vicinity of Lake Winnipegosts will be worked this summer, according to the report of the Swan River Star.

The stock of the Winniper Station-ery and Book company will be offered for sale by tender, up to noon on April 10th.

It is said that an eastern firm pro-pose establishing a furniture business at Brandon as soon as suitable prem-ies can be found.

D. A. McQuarry, who has been for some time in the employ of Hoover & company, and K. C. Greenshaw, of Hobinson & Co., Winnipeg, will open in the store business for themselves at Beaver Mills, on the Rainy River.

J. C. Callander and Thos. Hopkins have formed a partnership and purchased the confectionery and bakery business of D. Sutherland, of Hartney, and will add dry goods, boots and shors, etc.

The business of R. M. Chester, deater in seeds, Winnipeg, has been merged with the Winnipeg Produce Co, and will be carried on as a department of the latter company's busi-

ness.
Cameron & Riley, tailors, Winnipeg, have dissolved: Riley retiring. H. Jennings has taken an interest in the business, which will be continued by Cameron & Jennings.

It was rumored in Winnipeg this week that the C. P. It. shops are to be removed to the east side of the Red river to make room for more yard accommodation in the present west yard, where the shops are located.

At a meeting of St. Boniface town council held last evening the office of mayor was declared vacant, and the secretary treasurer was ordered to prepare for a new election. J. A. Seneral, the deposed mayor, was absent without leave for six weeks, thus forfeiting office.

thus forfeiting office.

The Moore Printing Company, Limited, Winnipeg, successors to the Judd-Moore Printing Company, announce themselves as being ready for business. They will carry on a general job printing business and will also engage in the business of manufacturing rubber stamps. The president of the new company is F. Vosper, who comes here from Neche, North Dakota, and will take up the outside work of the company.

A motion has been introduced in the

work of the company.

A motion has been introduced in the local legislature to ask the Dominion externment to extend the boundaries of this province westward as far into Asianbola as it is convenient to do so and northward to the Hudson's Bay.

D. B. McLeod, manager at Winnieg for the J. I. Case Threshing Machine Company, has severed his concertion with that concern and has been succeeded by J. F. Templeton, formerly traveller for the company.

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formerly traveller for the company.

The De Laval Cream Separator Co.
have moved into new premises on MeDermot street, Winnipes, in the building formerly occupied by J Y Griffin
& Co. The Winipeg business is now
a branch of the De Laval stream
Separa or Co., of New York, and is in
charge of F. J. Weed, who came here
a short time ago from the food office
a short time ago from the food office
bearing the management here assume the management here-ormer's the Winnipeg business was busen of the Montreal office, but it is now directly connected with the

is now directly connected with the heal office, Ratter & Co. will start in the implement husiness at Solsgirth, handling the Frost & Wood Co., and Mc-laughin Carriage Co.'s goods. It is the intention of D. S. Macdonald, of Portage in Prairie, to hold a proble auction sale in Winnipes every

Thursday, Parties having horses, thursday, Parties having norses, cattle, implements, etc., may bring them to Ryan & Fares' stables, where the sale will be held. It is also the intention of Ryan & Fares to hold weekly auction sales of horses, etc., conducted by Macdonald.

conducted by Macdonald.

E. E. Greenshaw, who has been in business at Shoal Lake under the firm name of C. H. Greenshaw, is giving up the hardware and implement lines, but will continue the lumber and undertaking departments. Eakins & Griffin, of Winnipeg, are succeeding him in the hardware, and W. B. Martin takes the implement business.

Assinibola.

The new flour mill at Indian Head is now working full time.

F. Colbourne sold out the Aberdeen hotel and livery stable at Lumsden to J. Mair.

The Medicine Hat Stock Growers' association will hold their annual meeting on the 20th April.

Frost & Wood have opened their large warehouse at Indian Head. A. Munro, who is known to many in the Territories and British Columbia, is the agent.

W. A. Wilson, manager of the creamery at Moosomin, has been pro-moted to the position of superinten-dent of creameries for the Northwest

The Medicine Hat agricultural soci-The Medicine Hat agricultural society has decided to purchase a piece of lan1 for exhibition purposes and a joint stock company will be organized to be known as the Medicine Hat Exhibition association with a capital of \$10,000.

of \$19,000.

A board of trade is in course of formation at indian Head, and some 25 business men of the town have atready signified their intention of joining. Provisional officers have been chosen as follows: President, H. B. Shaw, vice-president, G. Thompson; secretary, H. H. Campkin; treasurer, J. Conn; council, F. L. McKay, W. M. P. Starr, Wm. Wilson, A. Walker, A. M. Fraser, T. E. Donnelly.

A largely attended meeting of the

M. Fraser, T. E. Donnelly.

A largely attended meeting of the ratepayers of Indian Head was held in the town hall on Friday evening last to discuss the advisability of procuring fire protection. At the close of a lengthy discussion a committee was appointed, composed of the following gentlemen: F. L. Mc-Kay, H. H. Campkin, James Conn, Joseph Glenn and J. B. Swift, to obtain reliable information as to price and relative merits of the various fire engines now in use and to report at a meeting to be held in the near future. future.

Alberta.

The Wetaskiwin Breeze has appear-l. R. C. Edwards is the editor.

McKenzie & Co., butchers, Calgary, have sold their business to Mr. Riddens, of Indian Head, and have bought out Olmstead & Sherbino.

The first issue of the Wetaskiwin Times is to hand. This promises to be a bright and newsy weekly. V. C. French is the editor and proprietor.

Voting at Edmonton on the school by-law to raise \$30,000 for the erection of a new public school resulted in a walkover for the by-law, the vote being \$0 to 5 against.

vote being 80 to 5 against.

At a meeting of the Calgary board of trade last week the project of a long distance telephone to Edmonton was discussed as well as the distributing of immigration literature. A resolution was passed favoring the establishment of a most packing house at Calgary by a United States firm.

Live Stock TradeNotes.

J Williamson, of Liverpeol, one of the largest live stock dealers in the world, was in Winnipeg this week. Before returning to England he will pay a visit to some of the ranches in the west.

W. H. Fares, of Gordon, Ironsides &

Fares, has returned from a visit to the ranges of South Alberta and re-ports the cattle herds in first class condition. The past winter has been mild and admirably adapted to cattle-

mild and numerous many many grazing.

A carload of fat hogs was shipped from Ninette, Man., about the middle of this month Farmers are going more into pork raising than formerly, the failure of last season's crop warning them that wheat raising alone

Tenders.

Tenders addressed to the Chairman,

Tenders addressed to the Chairman, Parks and Boulevard Committee, Winnipeg, for the construction of boulevards, will be received up to 4 p. m., on Tuesday, April 10.
David McGregor, 304 Main street. Winnipeg, and Richard Tew, 23 Scott street, Toronto, are advertising for tenders for the purchase of the stock of the Winnipeg Stationery and Book Co.; tenders to be in by April 10th.
Sealed tenders, addressed to the chairman committee on works, for the supply of lumber, hardware, cement and other supplies required, will be received at the office of C. J. Brown, city clerk, Winnipeg, up to 8,30 p. m., on Thursday, April 18th, 1901. Specifications may be seen and forms of tender obtained at the office of the city engineer.

The board of directors of the Winnipers of the streets.

The board of directors of the Winnipeg general hospital will receive separate tenders for the supply of the following articles required for the hospital for the year beginning 1st May next: Meat, bread, fish, ice, butter, groceries, drugs and medicines, Tenders to be addressed to the honorary secretary-treasurer, and to be delivered at the hospital not later than noon on Monday, the 8th day of April next, 1901. ty engineer. The board of directors of the Win-



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MINING MATTERS.

N. W. ONTARIO MINING.

The Lower Neepawa mine in the Maniton has been sold to New York

The Cross Lake Gold Mining Co., of St. Paul, has let a contract for sink-ing a shaft 100 feet on G 160, situated on Cross Lake, south of the Lower Neepawa.

It is reported that the Olympia, situ-

ated on Shoal Lake, will soon be among the operating mines. This claim has one vein 40 feet wide with good surface showing. Assays aver-age \$5.30 in gold.

British Columbia Mining.

The monthly dividend of 1 per cent, payable April 1, has been declared by the Centre Star Company.
The second quarterly dividend of 3

The monthly dividend of I per cent, payable April I, has been declared by the Centre Star Company.

The second quarterly dividend of 3 per cent on the St. Eugene paid-up capital stock has been declared payable April I. The transfer books will be closed on March 25.

It is estimated that the returns from the Athabasea for this month were about \$25,000. Work has been hand-leapped on account of searchly of water due to cold weather.

The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. have ordered from the Robb Engineering Co., Amherst, N. S., a 250 horse power engine for their mine at Fernic. This is the second engine of this size supplied them within a few months.

The Kootenay boards of trade are working up a monster deputation of mining men and men interested in mining, to wait upon the government at Otawa and impress upon ministers the necessity of taking measures to encourage the lead mining industry in British Columbia. The Americans across the border have a smelter tract, and just now Canadian lead once are being boycotted. A Canadian section of the collection of the collect

J. M. Platt, warden of the Kingston penitentiary, is advertising binder twine for sale to farmers at the following prices, cash on delivery: Beaver, 84c per pound; Sisal, 7c per Ib.; New Zealand, 64c per Ib.; Monarch, 84c per Ib.; pure Manila, 666 feet to pound), 10c per pound.

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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Saturday, March 30

The weather continues favorable for business and is daily growing milder Reports from country districts say that the roads are breaking up and vehicular traffic is now more difficult which has a ken lency to shut of a cortain amount of business from the Farmers are busy getting stores. ready for spring seeding. Implements trade is booming for the time being. country dealers being prossed hard for spring machinery deliveries, which in turn is reacting upon the wholesale trade here. The influx of new sectlers, furm laborers, etc., continues Building operations are commencing to be quite active, especially in the elty, and there are already a number new residences and other buildings nearing completion. Building mechanies are all finding employment with the advance of spring conditions. Values at Winnipeg in a wholesale way continue stondy and there have been but few changes this week None of the leading commodities have changed in price. Jobbing houses unished their spring shipments to country and are now turning their assention Bank clearings to the sorting trade. continue to show expansion, the re-port for the week ending. Thursday showing about \$24,000 increase the previous week and about \$150,000 over the same week last year

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Saturday, March 50. DRY GOODS

This week has brought what is practically the close of the active shipping season for spring goods and the bulk of the placing orders may now be said to have been shipped. The business has been large, much more so than the trade anticipated when the travellers first set out for orders, and wholesale irist set out for orders, and wholesale merchants are correspondingly well pleased with results. Travellers are now on the read for sorting orders and with fall underwear. Attention will now be devoted to the serting trade and if results are as good as they have been with the placing business there will be no complaints heard so far as sales are concerned. Collections are still very slow and it is with this part of the business that merchants are grumbling. They find k difficult to get any money at all on many accounts and even some of the best ones are slow. Values seem to be holding steady so far as this market is concerned.

DRUGS.

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Demand is steady and prices here show very few changes. Iodine is lower the inside quotation here now being \$1.50 per ounce as against \$5.25 before the drop Oil of peppermint has advanced 70c per ounce owing to a new ruling of the customs officials which places this commodity under spirits classification which makes a great difference in the duty. Pruggists claim that the pure oil of commerce is wholly free of alcohol but that attempts are sometimes made to adulterate it with alcohol. Winnipeg drug prices will be found on page 718.

The Lenten demand still keeps the fish market in an active state and we note a good business being done by note a good business being done by local dealers. Fresh spring salmen from the Pacific coast is now in the market. We quote prices as follows Whitefish, 5½ to 6½; jee jeund plok crel, 3½ to 4½, julke, 2½; front 10 fresh spring salmon, 14½ per li salmon, 12½c. Lake Superity herring, 2½c per doz. salt col. 6½c. Labrador herring, per bar rel, \$1,60, salt macker-l, \$2,25 per klt. shad, labils \$7,50; Digby chicks, 18c box; boneless cod, 7½c lb. boneless fish 5½c. The finnan habilies. 7½c per pound; fresh see cod, big, 7c per fit; tompy cod, 5½c flounders, 5½c smelts, 7½c mackerel, 13c shad, 10c, hass, 13c; cols, 10c; oysters, selects, \$2,15 per gallon; standard, \$2,00.

GREEN FRUITS.

The demand for green fruits conthues to expand and there is now a good trade being done at local warshouses. Apples are becoming increasingly scarce and practically the only at the offering here now are som-that have been brought in from Min-mapolis. These are being jobbed at \$6.00 per barrel, an advance of 5th on \$0.00 per barrel, an advance of 500 on previous quotations. California naviorances have been unsettled as the market was filled up for a few days with heap stock, which was sent hereform Minneapolis to relieve the situation there and prices for this fruit were lower while it lasted. Next week an advance of 25c per box is looked for as the fruit has now to be brought in in feed cars. Tangarines are now in the market at urless given brought in in leed cars. Tangarines are now in the market at prices given below. Also grape fruit. Strawberries are lower. Frozen cranberries are nes are lower. Frozen cranberries are out. Lemons remain unchanges. Maple sugar and syrup are expected in soon. We quote. Apples, \$6 perbarrel. California navel oranges, perbox, \$1,500 to \$5.75; bitter oranges, \$6.50 per case; lemons, per box, \$4,50 tangarines, half boxes, \$3,50, grapfruit \$5 per box, bananas, per bunca, \$3 Wisconsin cranberries, per burrel, \$10, cranberries, in boxes, \$3,50 per 40-pound box, strawberries, per box, 40 cems, figs, \$1.25 per 10-hbox, ontons, per b. 23c, nince meat in 25-pound palls, 10c per pound; cartoon dates, per package of 1-pound 10c, new dates, 6c; cider in kegs or barrels, 35c per gallon; honey, 1-pound jars, \$2,50 a dozen, maple sugar, 12c, maple syrup, 2-pound tins, per dozen, \$2.25, half gallon tins, \$6,50 per dozen, gallons, \$12,00.

GROCERIES.

Demand is moderately large and the situation without special feature. Col-ctions are poor. Canned goods re-main unchanged. Cereals unchanged. Cured fish unchanged. Dried currants are a little easier although good stock is really worth as much as ever owing to its scarcity. There is, howare a little easier although good stock is really worth as much as ever owing to its scarcity. There is, however, an easier feeling in prices for ordinary stock and we have reduced our quotations le all around, which seems to be about the amount of the decline. There is still a wide range in the quotations for Valencia raisins and those can be bought here 450-day anywhere from \$2.00 to \$2.75 per box. This is due to the unusual variety of stock and the prices about represent the difference in quality. California muscatel raisins are somewhat caster and prices have been marked down 14 per pound. Dried apples around firm at 6c to 62c, and evaporated show corresponding strength. California dried fruits are practically unchanged, although there is a slightly easier feeling in apricots and we quote these 14c, lower than last slightly easier feeling in apricots and we quote these $\frac{1}{4}c$ bower than last week. Small prunes, which have been selling so cheap, are becoming scarre and have advanced $\frac{1}{4}c$ per pound. It books as if the crop has been pretty well cleaned up. The stock of salt in store here appears to have become about exhausted, and there are prospected in aborture before paying that ects of a shortage before navi pens. Winnipeg prices will be navigation on page 718.

HARDWARE.

There is a good demand for shelf and hoavy hardware for spring sale and shipments to country points are now going forward. Building hardware is in particularly good demand and the prespects are for a busy year in this line.

IMPLEMENTS. Local wholesale houses are bus, shipping. The demand for spring lines has been larger than it was thought could be possible when the year open-

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS

Trade is active and prices here un-changed. Another decline in linseed oil prices is expected as the English market is weaker and it seems certain market is weaker and it seems certain that as toon as navigation opens and imports can be made that prices here will go down to a basis corresponding with prices in the old country Stocks of Manitolia oil are becoming very much re-luced. Winnipeg quotations will be found on another page.

LUMBER.

Building operations have commenced on a more active scale and consequently there is a good demand for number. Wholesale men here report a good demand from all parts of the country. Price lists for 1901 have not yet been published.

*LEATHER.

The demand for leather and kindred The demand for feather and kindred these here is good and the prospects are for an active season's trade. Prices have not changed this week but we note a firmer feeling in the market and the chances seem to be in favor of higher prices in the early future

SCRAP

There is a fairly good demand for scrap iron and prices for this and other old materials rule steady as follows. No. 1 cast iron, free from tron. No. 2, \$4,00 to \$5 per ton: wrought and maticable, \$12 to \$13 per ton. No. 2, \$4,00 to \$5 per ton: wrought iron scrap, \$7,00 per ton. heavy copper 10 to 12c per pound, ted b.ass, 10c per pound. Ight brass, 6c to 6c per pound; lead pipe or tea lead, 2 to 2½c per pound; rags, country mixed, 50c per 100 pounds, rubbers, free from rivets, buckles and arctics, 5c per pound; light scrap ic per pound; bones, clean, lry and bleached, \$5 to \$6 ton; bottles, quarts, 20c per dozen; pints, 12½c per dozen. There is a fairly good demand for per dozen.

RUBBER GOODS

This week has marked the opening of the 1901 season and travellers have of the 1901 season and travellers have been busy in all parts of the country taking orders for summer and fall lines. A very large amount of business has already been booked here the orders exceeding in number and volume anything ever done before by Winnipeg houses. This was due partly to the favorable prices offered, but more to the increased requirements of the country. Prices have been maintained by manufacturers at the level of last year so far as the list is concerned, but the discounts have been increased so as to enable buyers to secure in some cases as much as 2½ per cent, off last year's prices. This has helped buying to some extent, especially cash buying.

STONE AND LIME.

Building material is in better demand now and the mayement is becoming quite active. Prices remain as follows: Rubble stone, \$4.00 per cord. follows: Rubble stone, \$4.00 per cord. footings, \$5.50 per cord. broken stone, \$1.25 per cubic yard, white lime, 20c per bushel; grey lime, 15 to 16c per bushel. Veneer brick, \$12 per thousand, kiin run, \$11 per thousand.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—Without showing any active demand there has been an understone of strength in the wheat markets during the past week which has held prices up and even caused a shade of advance in the face of generally bearish surroundings. The American speculative markets have been quite inactive and have worked in a very narrow range of fluctuation from day to day, but at the close of the week they show an advance of \$\frac{1}{2}\cdot 0.5\cdot 5\cdot 5\cd WHEAT-Without showing any accontinue to leave North America for Europe, and Argentina is only shipping about half as much as last year, but with a full supply from Australia and fair quantities from Russia and Southeastern Europe the weekly ship ments to European importing countries fully cover weekly requirements, and there is no anxiety shown as to future supply. The American visible supply decreased 405,000 bushels last week, compared to a decrease of 753,000 bushels the previous week, and an increase of 182,000 bushels for same week last year. The world's shipments increase of 182,000 bushels for same week hast year. The world's shipments were 7,631,000 bushels, against 7,188, 000 bushels previous week and 8,381, 000 bushels last year. The world's visible supply according to Brad-street's, decreased 23,000 bushels, compared to a decrease of 773,000

bushels the previous week and a crease of 765,000 bushels same w k linst year. There is still no change in the

ation as regards Manitoba wheat movement of cars from the couation as regards Manitoba wheat movement of cars from the count to Fort William shows some entainent, but trade is inactive. However, are firm and buyers indifferent. Mare from an architecture for the operation of lake navigation to lead to account here. Prices are about the samewer ago—1 hard St. 2 hard 75 hard (3844, 3 northern 65, 50 hard (3844, 3 northern 65, 50 hard (3844, 3 northern 65, 50 hard (3844, 50 hard 65, 50 hard 6

Alberta, 34.13, analyses, and the pounds.

MILLFEED—Demand is large and the supply decidedly insidequate foral is quoted at \$15 per ton and shorte at \$17.00 per ton delivered.

GROUND FEED—Ground feed is scarce owing to the small supplies of the scarce owing to the small supplies of higher at \$21.50 per ton.

COUNTRY WHEAT — The country wheat market is dull. The top tortest market is dull. The top tortest grades of wheat, and treat for best grades of wheat, and treat that prices range down to 50, cooling to quality of grain and coording to quality of gr

of freight.

OATS-The market holds about the twas last week. There is still all demand for feed qualities here where it was last week. There is, steady demand for feed qualities less and from the country there is a good demand for better grades for soil demand for better grades for soil purposes. The supply of Edmonterists is running short and some or tarbo cats have had to be brought into supply the demand for soil. It is stated that many of the farmers is country districts are not able to be seed outs for want of money and the feature of the manufcipalities will come to the aid by advancing the seed against the farmers' notes. We quote Manufola due per bushel. Some higher is the than these have been asked this verifor Manifelm outs, but not as position of the purification of the purification of the sales being made at the bulk of the sales being made at the Bartley—There is no barley offer.

BARLEY-There is no barlet see-

HARLEY—There is no barlet offering in this market, so that priors are not obtainable.

CORN Corn is degree this work at 49 to 500 to an advance of 10 to 10

DRESSED MEATS—Beef is convend prices here held firm and to assuming incline to advance. Force stock is out of the market. Val is steady and unchanged. Muster is a abundant supply, and the market had declined to The per pound for each drop of be from last week. Hose hold firm at unchanged prices quote. Reef, fresh, Gb to To per pound year To be pound year To be pound the market market. It is not to the proposition of the per pound free market. It is the proposition of the per pound, hose of the per pound.

on, it to He per pound, here has con, it to He per pound, here by the per pound.

HUTTER.—Creamery—The market be in a nominal condition as there is accreamery butter offering from furnands. Dealers are selling from sink at about 22c per pound.

RUTTER.—Driry—The market be weaker and we shear of chinched by the first being brought here yesterday in a sink being brought here pound not be the city are reported to be quite the choice table butter is so any hard co get. Most of the simple here now are second grade as we have choice dairy butter in the pound.

The chief dairy butter in the pound, or a simple pound.

CHEESE-Manholm cheese 1 July 14-26 sold to the retail trade her per pound and is not meeter much demand at that figure

EGGS-The market has to-

try, and we quote a decline of 1 to 2c per dozen in fresh case eggs. Dealers are now paying 12c per dozen net, deusered here

verel here verel here verel 40 to 45c per bus., carrots, 50 to a per bushel, beets, 45c per ashel turnips 20 to 25c per bushel; it tadaud bashel, turnips 20 to the per busnet; be snips, 3e per nound, onions, \$1.50 to \$2 per bushel, cabbage, 2½ to 3e pound, celery, imported, 30 to \$1 p dozen parsley, 30c per dozen to hes, lettuce, 40c per dozen

h whes.

AIDES—The market is still weak and 5c is now the best price here for No 1 hides. Frozen hides are about out of the market. We quote No 1 hies, 5c per pound; No, 2, 4c No 3, 3c frozen hides, 44c; kips same as hides, sheep and lambskins, 40 to 70c each, slunks, 25 to 35c.

WOOL—None offering. Value about

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WOOL—None offering. Value about 8 to 8½c per pound for unwashed

TALLOW—Dealers are paying for to, 1 tallow at 4c per pound. No. 2 is oorth 3c per pound.

SENECA ROOT—None offering. The best price that would be paid here now for clean, dry root is 27 to 30c per

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE-Receipts of fat cattled a been a little larger this week the reason being that many April cattled have been marketed owing to the good prices prevailing. Stockers are beginning to move more freely, and besides the shipments from Manitoba there have been some shipments beasing through here from Ontario bounts to the ranches of the west. We quote Best grades beef cattle, 4½ her its here; good, 4 to 44¢c inferior stock, 3½ to 4c. Stockers, yearlings, 112 to \$16 per head; two year olds, \$18 to \$22.

SHEEP-Market nominal.

HOGS Best hogs are worth \$5.50-per 100 pounds, inferior lots are rui-ing at \$4.50 to \$5.25.

MILCH COWS — The demand for cows has improved, Prices range from \$50 to \$40.

130 to 140.

HORSES — Medium weight horses for working purposes are in demand at from \$125 to \$200 each, according to weight and quality. Drivers are selling at from \$100 to \$175.

Winnipog Prices, Paints, Oils Glass, Etc.

Alakastine— Cases of 20 packages, Site: Muralo, do., 26,50

Bity Col.Ors.—White lead. D. The red dead lega, Te: yellow ochre in barrel lots 25c. less than barrel lots, 3c; golden ochre lartels, 315c; leas than barrel lots, 3c; golden ochre lartels, 315c; leas than barrel lots, 25c; less than barrels, 35c, less than barrels, 35c; less than lartels, 35c; less quantitles, 4c h.

GASOLINI—Store, per case, 83; naphins, 250;

Glass Glubert, 3250; 25 to 40, 22,73 for 70 feet hore; 40 to 50, 26; 51 to 60, 26; 50 to 10, 27, 75 for 10 feet hores; 10 to 50, 26; 51 to 60, 26; 51 to 60; 62; 61 to 60, 26; 61 to

TURPENTINE—Pure spirits in barrels, Se less than barrels, 73c per gal. An ad-diffusi charge for packages of small-stantifies.

dilonal charge for packages of small essantilies.

FARNISHES—No. 1 furniture, per gal., il. cutta furniture, \$1.35; pale oak. \$1.30; each cak. \$1.35; have painters \$1.30; have oak. \$1.30; have six have old fluish. \$1.30; \$2; brown alpine \$1, house painters gold size Japan \$1.50; coach painters do., \$260; pure orange shere, \$2.25;

NULLY TEAL SAME \$2.00; pure orange shere, \$2.25;

WHITE TEAD-Pure, \$7.00 per 1800.

WIIITING- \$1.25 per 100m

licewiter- I am told that your trusted cashler has left the bank?

Rank President-Did he? Thank havens we have the building to start with sgain!—Ohio State Journal.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

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There were 1,922,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on March 25. Receipts for the week were 140,000 bushels and shipments were 33,000 bushels. A year ago stocks in store at Fort William were 3,538,000 bushels. Stocks in store at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior points are estimated approximately at 5,205,000 bushels, compared with 9,000,000 bushels a year ago, 8,250,000 bushels two years ago and 3,300,000 three years ago.

New Line of Rubber Footwear.

The Berlin Rubber Co of Berlin. Ont., a new concern established about two years ago in the rubber footwear rade, has decided to extend its business to the West H G Middleton & Bro.. Winnipeg will have the exclusive handling of the goods of this company in Manitoba and the Territories, and east to Fort Arthur. Ont. The company manufactures all kinds of rubber footwear, their brands being Daisy and America, the former being first quality. H. G sliddleton & Bro. have already received several carloads of the goods, and the samples appear fully up to the standard of the best Canadian made rubber footwear. Int., a new concern established about

The Commercial Men.

W. J. Tanne left Thursday for Vancouver.

Walter S. Crone, of Toronto, and his son, Nelso this week. Nelson J. Crone, are in the city

R. McLennan, western representa-tive of L. Gnaedinger & Co., returned this week from a visit to headquarters at Montreal, with new season samples.

S. M. James, western representative of E. Bolsseau & Co., Toronto, has re-turned from a trip to headquarters with his new season samples, which he says are unusually good value. which

Walter H. Decks, who represents E. Holsseau & Co., in British Columbia, passed through on his way west this week, returning from a visit to his firm's headquarters at Toronto, for the purpose of securing new season

A R. King, traveller for J. M. Perkins, wholesale and retail seed merchant, Winnipeg, has just returned from a most successful trip through Manitoba and as far into the Territories as Moose Jaw. This is the first year that this house has had a regular traveller on the road and the results have been most encouraging A very large amount of seed was sold to merchants in all parts of the country, and a good connection established for future trade.

T. Homer. Middleton arrived in

ed for future trade.

T Homer Middleton arrived in Winnipes from Toronto yesterday and will take an active interest in the business of H. G. Middleton & Bro. wholesale boots and shoes, etc. Though Mr. Middleton has had an interest in this business for some time he has not been actively associated with it in the past. T H. Middleton is well known throughout the west as a commercial traveller, having travelled here for a number of years. Recently his connection with the silk cently his connection with the silk firm of S. C. Davidge & Co. has kent him in the east most of the time. He will now take the road here in the interest of the Winnipeg shoe house.

Important Business Change.

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The fruit and produce dustness which has been carried on for some few years in Winnipeg under the name of The Anderson Produce Co., has been purchased by a new company which has recently been incorporated under the laws of Manitoba. The new company, which has been incorporated under the laws of Manitoba. The new company, which has been incorporated under the name of the imperial Fruit and Produce Co., has purchased the stock-in-trade and business of the Anderson Company outright, and will continue the business in the same premises taking possession on April 1. The members of the new company are R. B. Wiseman, manager, A. E. Sinelser, Goo. E. Reits, L. H. Rennett all of Winnipeg, and B. Gammell, of Montreal None of the members of the new company, which latter company will now be wound up at once. The new company will corry on a general fruit and produce husiness, and will pay cash for consignments of produce.

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The Anderson Produce Co was first established as a private produce inst-ness by J. H. Anderson. Later the business was incorporated under this



name, and through Mr. Anderson has not been connected with the business for the part year or two, the old name was retained. Now that the company has been bought out by new parties, it was thought advisable to adopt a new

Northwestern Ontario.

NORTHWEST ONTARIO NOTES.

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The butcher business of Almack & Melennan, at Whilgoon, has been taken over by the Waligoon Meat and Produce Co.
The Rainy River district is being rapidly filled up with incoming settlers. During the past few days nineteen cars of settlers' effects have been sent in and numerous enquiries for land have been received at the Canadian Northern railway offices.

Montreal Hurdware Market.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 30, 1901

Montreal, March 30, 1301
Fig. Iron—Canadian pilg iron is worth
\$18,006,818,250, and Summeries \$20,006
\$20,250.
Har from—Hulling price \$1,756,81,75.
Black Sheets—\$2,80 for \$5 to 10 gauge.
Gairannaed Iron—No. 28 Queen's Read,
\$54,85,10. Apollo, 10% oz. \$24,85,10. Comet
No. 28, \$4,50, with 25c allowance in caseloss.

ingot Tin—Lamb and Flag, 316722c per

lots.
Ingot Tin-Lamb and Flag. 316000 per lib.
Lead-\$4.65.
Lead Pipe-7c for ordinary and 75% for composition waste, with 15 per cent off.
Iros Pose-Black pipe, 14 53 per 100 ft., 3, 53; 74, 55, 54, 54, 55, 51 in., \$4.50; 15, 54, 60; 2, 54, 60; 2, 54, 60; 2, 11., 51.50; 1 in., \$4.50; 2, 54, 60; 2, 54, 60; 2, 11., \$1.50; 1 in., \$1.50; 1 i

Canada Plate-32's, \$2.90; to's, \$3, 77's, \$2.10, full pollshed, \$3.75, and galvanized, \$4.00.

Tool Steel-Black Diamond, Sc. less ip z. 13c. Sicel-- Wo quote: Sieighshoe, \$1.35; tire. \$1.95; spring. \$2.75; machinery, \$2.75, and toe-calk \$2.50.

Burb Wire—\$1.05 f.o.b. Montreal in less

tire. \$1.05; spring. \$2.75. machinery. \$2.75, and too-calk \$2.50.

Barth Wire-Si.Co. Lo.b. Montreal in less than carlots.

Horseshoes — from shoes, dight and medium pattern. No. 2 and arger. \$3.59. No. 1 and smaller. \$4.75; Indiagon. \$1.50; No. 1 and smaller. \$4.75; Indiagon. \$1.50; Indiag

in a to 1 latrels. Ie less, 10 to 20 latrel lots.

Turpentine—Single barrels one. 2 to 4 harrols. See: 5 latrels and over, open letms.

Alixed paints—\$1.226(\$1.45 per gal. Scrap Metals—Heavy copper and wire. Isolially per 10. light copper, 12c heavy irans 12c, heavy yellow. \$1450cc light hrass, 6450cc; lead, 2460cc per 10; xinc. 124622cc; iron. No. 1 wrought, \$1556434 per gross ion: No. 1 east, \$155(\$14, store plate, 56636; light iron. No. 2, \$4 a ton; mailed light and steel, \$4.

Petroleum—Silver Siar, 14466154cc: Imperial, Acme. 106(17c; \$C. Acme. 186(19c, and Irant's Astral, 1556(195)c.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE. Special to The Commercial, Toronto, March 30,

Dry Goods—Orders are fairly numerous but the weather is interfering with trade. Low grade cottons are scarce. Canadian mills being behind on deliveries. Linens are very firm. One repeat order for here was refused that made are the scarce at 12th contents. this week, except at 12½ per cent, advance, which was gladly paid.

Hap-lware—Business is brisker in shelf and heavy lines.

Prices of

screws, bar iron, and iron pipe show an a lyancing tendency. Canada plates are easier. Copper is firmer. Groceries—Trade is better. Sugars

Graceries—Trade, is better. Sugars are selling more freely in expectation of an advance. Canned vegetables arin better demand and steady. Peas and tomatoes are quoted at 75 to 80c and corn at 70 to 80c. Indian Ceylon teas are firmer.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE. Special to The Commercial.

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Toronto, March 3:

Grain deliveries have been light owing to bad roads. Wheat is firmer at fire for red and white, an advance of the over quotations of early in the week. On a low freight rate to New York (8%) to has been bid. Manitoba wheat is steady. Oats are firmer at an advance of the The export demand for flour is slow. Butter receipts have been liberal. Dairy shows an easier feeling and dealers expect lower prices. Creamery is steadler Eggs scarcer and dearer. Potatoes 1 to 2c lower. Pouttry receipts light. Choice young fat chickens are selling at 60 to 10c.

No. Flour Flour — Manitoba Patent, \$4.20 . Manitoba bakers, \$5.90 for carlots at Toronro, Ontario patent, \$2.58 per barrel for 90 per cent, patents, middle

Wheat -Ontarlo winter wheat, 676 Wheat -Ontarlo winter wheat. Or middle freights. for red and white; Ontarlo spring, 68½ to 69c. No. 1 land, 48%; No. 2 hard, 95c; No. 3, 81½c, grinding in transit. Onta-No. 1 white, 39c cust, 2 white, 29½, middle freights.

Barley-42c for No. 3 extra at countary of the strain of th

try points west.

Milifeeds—Shorts, \$15.50 per ton for cars west, bran, \$14.50.

Oatmeal—\$3.25 for cars of bags, and \$3.35 in wood for carlots, Toronto.

Hay—Carlots on track \$9 to \$10.50

-13 to 131₂c for fresh, in case

Eggs—10 to m. 1. lots. 151 gc: pound rolls, 151 to 161 gc. low grades, 12 to 14c; creamery packages, 19 to 26c prints, 21 to 25c. Cheese—9c to 16c for job lots of call cheese.

Cheese—Se to fee for jou lots of fall cheese.

Hides—the for No. 1 cows: No. 1 heavy steers, 74c; country hides, 4c under these prices, calfskins, 9c for No. 1, and 8c for No. 2; sheepskins, \$1.00 each; tallow, 5c to 54cc.

Wood—Washed theree, 14 to 15c unvested 98.

washed, 9c.
Beans-\$1.00 to \$1.70 per bushel for

washed, 5c.

Beans—\$1.00 to \$1.70 per busine.

Bandpicked, job lots.

Dried Apples—3% to 4½c for round lots, evaporated, 5½c.

Honey—10 to 10½c per pound.

Poultry—Chickens, 50 to 8½c per pair, turkeys, 11 to 12c per pound ducks, 75 to \$1 per pair; geese 7c to 8c per pound.

quers, 45 to \$4 per pair; geese 60 to \$6 per pound.

Potations—250 per bushel for carlots. Seeds—Alsike at \$6.70 to \$8.50, according to sample, red clover is steady at \$6.75 to \$7.80, according to sample, timothy is nominal at \$2.40.

HOGS AND HOG PRODUCTS.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 30.

Hog products are in good demand and firm in sympathy with Tucsday's advance in two hogs. Land is firmer. Dressed hogs are steady on the street at \$7.45 to \$825. Cariots continue scarce and light are quoted nominally at \$7.45 on track here.

Pork—Canada short cut. \$20 heavy mess, \$10, shoulder mess, \$1050 to \$17.

Smoked and dry salted meats—Long clear tons and cases, 10c, breakfast bacon, 14c, hams, 124c to 13c, rolls, 10g to 11c, shoulders, 10 to 104c, backs, 14c to 15c; green meats out of pickle are quoted at le less than smoked.

Lard—Tierces 104c, tubs, 104c, and palls 104c.

TORINTO LIVE STOCK MARKET

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Special to The Comercial
Toronto, March 27.
Receipts at the stock yards yesterday were SI carloads including 1438 cattle, 210 shoop and lambs, and that hors.

Export Cattle-The export trade

Export Cattle—The export trade is only moderately active, and prices barely maintained, except for really prime stuff, and for the latter up to oc per pound is paid, while for light to good shippers the price ranges from 41, to 43c per found.

Butchers' Cattle—The price of butcher cattle was well maintained in spite of the larger receipts. The best selections sold from 4 to 44cc per lb; good to choice cattle sold at from 3½ to 4c per lb, and ordinary to medium at from 3 to 3%c per lb For inferior butcher cattle there is a slightly downward tendency.

Stockers—We had a light supply of stockers here; prices were easy and the enquiry slow at 2% to 3½c.

Lambs—There was a good market for grain-fed lambs, which sold at from 4½ to 5c, and for extra choice a fraction, over five was several times paid.

Sheen—Good export sheep are worth

Sheep-Good export sheep are worth

paid.

Sheep—Good export sheep are worth from 3 to 3½ per ib.

Hogs—Hogs have advanced. Choice are now quoted at 6½ to 6½c, light at 6c and heavies 6c.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, March 30.

Receipts at the semi-weekly markets yesterday were 39 cars, including 700 sheep and lambs, 1,200 hogs.

Export cattle were unchanged and firm Butchers' cattle, supply fine castern stuff, large and liberal offerings caused an easier feeling. Finest tots brought \$1.50; choice \$2.80 to \$4.25 Good export bulls brought \$4.50 to \$4.25 Good export bulls brought \$4.50 to \$4.25 Good lambs \$4 to \$4.50 per cwt. For good lambs \$4 to \$4.50 per cwt. was paid. Hogs steady at Tuesday's prices.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK MARKET

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 26.

At the East End abbatoir yesterday receipts were 450 cattle and 50 sheep

and lambs. and lambs.

There was no important change in the market for cattle. The supply was a trifle larger than on Thursday last, but this was offset by the increase in the demand, consequently trade was active, and prices ruled fairly firm. Choice steers sold at 4½ to 4½, good at 4 to 4½c, fair at 3½ to 35½c, and common at 2½ to 35 per pound. The trade in sheep and lambs was quiet on account of the small offerings. Sheep sold at 3½ to 4c, and lambs at 4½ to 55 per pound. The demand for spring lambs was fair, and sales were made at \$4 to \$5.50 each. Receipts of live hogs were small, for which the demand was good, and prices were thrmer at 6½c per pound, weighed off cars.

Ocean freight space was in good demand. London space 4s worth 50s. was no important change in

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, March 29.

Receipts of live stock at the East End abbatotr on Thursday were 500 cattle and 50 sheep and lambs, and 15 spring lambs.

There being only two more market days before Easter some of the most enterprising dealers thought they would steal a march on the trade to some extent, and braught forward some fancy stock for the Easter trade enterprising dealers thought they would steal a march on the trade to some extent, and bunight forward some fancy stock for the Easter trade and as there were quite a few buyers from Ottawa, Quebec and other nearby towns for the purpose of buying their Easter supplies, there was a very fair demand from local butchers for such was slow, as they were held for higher prices than buyers felt disposed to pay. The result was that most of the extra choice and fancy stock was held over. The trade in ordinary cattle was firm, but buyers as a rule only took sufficient to fill actual wants. One pair of fancy steers, weighing 3. 100 pounds, sold at 6c per pound, and one extra heavy buil was held at 6½ to built of the sales of extra choice cattle were made at 5c to 5½ per pound. Choice stock, 4½ to 4%, good, 4 to 4½, lower grazies, 2½ to 10 account of the small offernment, string lambs met a good demand at \$1.50 cach, levelpis of live hogs were small, and as the competition between buyers for the same was keen the tone of the market was stronger, and prices advanced by weighted off cars, at 6½ to 6% per pound.

The C P R land sales have been much larger to date than for the same

MONTREAL GRAIN & PRODUCE.

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Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 30.

The grain trade is puict, offerings being small and prices firmly held.
Oats are stronger. Barley has advanced it. Flour is quiet and steady.
Oatmeal is 5c higher. Feed scarze and firm. Demand for hay is good and prices firm. Cheese is moving quietly. Butter is weak and 4c lower. Eggs stronger and 1c higher. Receipts of eggs are small and demand active. Potatoes are fairly active and steady. Onlons firm. Meats quiet.

Wheat—No. 1 spring wheat, 76½ to 77c for May delivery affoat.

Barley—Sates No. 2 affoat May at 49½c.

Oats No. 1 oats are offering at 34% to 35c; No. 2, 34c to 34% affoat, May, and 32% for spot car

iots.
Flour—In fair demand and firm.
Mamitoba patent, \$4.30. Mamitoba
Strong Bakers, \$1.00; straight rollers,
\$3.30 to \$3.40.

Rolled Oatmeal—\$3.40 to \$3.45 per

Rolled Oatmeal—\$3.40 to \$3.45 per barrel.
Feed—Market firm, good demand.
Manitoba bran, bags, \$18, shorts, \$19.
Baled Hay—Choice, \$10.50 to \$11;
No. 2, \$9.50 to \$10.
Chepse—White, 9½ to 9½c; colored, 9½, to 9½c.
Butter—Finest creamery, 21½c; seconds, 18½ to 19c, dairy 14½ to 15½c
Manitoba dairy, 13½ to 14c.
Fresh Eggs—14c to 15c.
Maple Syrup—6½, to 7c in wood, tins, 50 to 75c; sugar, 7 to 8c.
Honey—White clover, comb, 13½ to 14½c; buckwheat comb, 10 to 12c; extracted, 7 to 8c.
Hides—No. 1, 7c; No. 2, 6 cents; No. 3, 5 cents; calfskins, 8 and 6c; lambskins, 90c for good fresh skins.
Vegetables—Pointoes, carlots, 38 to 40c; onlons, \$3.25 to \$2.50 per barrel.
Poultry—Turkeys, 8c to 10c; chickens, 8 to 10c; fowls, 4 to 6c; ducks, 7 to 9c; geese, 5 to 7c.
Meats—Beef hinds, 5c to 8c; fores, 3 to 5c; veal, 3 to 7c; lambs, 3c to 5c; Mutton, 3 to 4½c.

MONTREAL HOG AND HOG PRODUCTS MARKET.

PRODUCTS MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 30.

Receipts of dressed hogs have been small and prices are firmer. Fresh kill d are quoted at \$8.75 to \$9.00 for best weights. Manitoba frozen, \$8.65 to \$8.70; Ontario, \$8 to \$8.25. The demand for hams and bacon is improving. Lard is firm and pork quiet. Quotations are: Pork, \$10 to \$21 lard, pure, 114 to 124c; hams, 13 to 14c; bacon, 14 to 15c.

BRITISH LIVE STOCK MARKET.

London, March 25.—A much stronger feeling has developed in the market during the past week and prices show an advance of Ic, choice States cattle selling to-day at 131-c. Ameri-

cattle seiling to-my and unchanged at 15c.

Liverpool, March 2.5.—The market for Canadian cattle was strong and prices show an advance of 3c. The trade was firm and choice stock sold at 124c. There was no sheep on the market.

GLASGOW CATTLE MARKET. Special to The Commercial.

According to cable advers from Glasgow the lead in United States and Canadian cattle was somewhat firmer, as compared with a week aga, and shippers stated the prices realized would leave a balance on the right side. Montreal, March 30.

LONDON SUGAR MARKET. Special to The Commercial. London, March 20.

March sugar is quoted steady at 98

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.
Liverpool, March 29.
The cattle market is higher. Quotations range from 12 to 1312 per pound, dressed weights.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.
Liverpool, March 29.
Cheese quoted at 41s to 6d to 48s for both white and colored.

The first call of 12½ per cent, of the subscribed stock of the new United States steel trust has been made and involves a cash transfer of \$25,000,

SEEDING STARTING.

The Massey-Harris Co., Winnip of received a letter from Stirling, Sourcern Alberta, dated March 22, saying that seeding and plowing was in blast" in that section. In the cast sections of the prairie region no sering has been done yet, but the wear and the hose home yet, but the wear and the hose home yet. er, which has been very fine, is qualified to-day and no doubt seeding commence next week in some particular of Manitoba.

THE WOOL SALES.

London, March 26.—The offerings of the wool auction sales to-day amount of 10,076 bales. The offerings of good quality and jurchasing general. America bought good group at ton pulses maying from the sales of the the general. America bought good grossy at top prices, paying from lid to is 43d. Scoureds were bought freely in France and Germany. Cross-book were in good demand at steady prices Cape of Good Hope and Natal creaken by the home trade and the them. Following are the sales New South Wales—500 bales; grossy 44 to 1953.

to 9%d. Queonsland—300 bales; scoured, 10-

Gueenskand—Soo Bales; scoured; 10-1/2d to 18-50; greasy, nll. Victoria—500 bales, scoured, 5/4 to 18-30; greasy, 6d to 6/2d. South Australia—400 bales; greasy 5d to 9d.

od to 9d. West Australia—300 bales, greasy 5½ to 8½d. New Zealand—3,000 bales, scoured 6d to 1s 2d; greasy, 3d to 9½d. Cape of Good Hope and Natal-1200 bales, greasy, 4½d to 6½d. Buenos Ayres—100 bales, greasy 4½d to 5d. Italian—100 bales.

Italian-100 bales; greasy, ld to

WESTERN BUSINESS ITEMS

The Manitoba legislature was prorogued yesterday.

Jos. Rinn has purchased R. McKinney's stock of lumber at Elm Creek Man.

T. D. M. Osborne will open a Steam-fring business on 9th street, Bra-don, Man.

A new paper, the Maple Leaf, whi make its appearance at Gilbert Plans, Man., next week.

W. F. Hartwell, of Wawanesa, Man as opened a branch general store as has opened a bra Swan Lake, Man.

D. C. Fleming, butcher, Shoal Lake, Man., has sold out to James Bake, and W. S. Hayes.

Geo. Hunt is erecting an implement warehouse in Bagot, Man., and will handle Cockshutt implements.

The Manitoba Farmers' Hedge and Wire Fence Co. has opened an office in the Fleming block, Brandon, Man.

A. M. Frasor & Co., sash and bor manufacturers, Indian Head. Assa. are opening a branch shop at Ros thern, Sask.
A. Johnson and Geo. Gorley have purchased the house of Amos. Hicks, Ninga, Man., and are having it titled up for a hardware store.

commencel

Frost & Wood have comm work on their new implement house, at Gilbert Plains, Man. Gordon will not as their agent Geo. N. Hart has purchased the tailor shop and business of G. J. Mur-man, at Portage la Prairie, Man, and will take over the business on April 1.

After several years uncertainty the siding between Regina and Lunsder on the Prince Albert section of the Canadian Pacific rallway, has been definitely christened Condie, the name Wascana having been abandoned

The general stock of Normal Holmes, of McGregor, Man., will t-sold by auction in Winnipes, on April 9, at the offices of Newton & Datison. Stock amounts to \$10.11° including shop fixtures and chattels Book accounts, \$1.430.

The annual meeting of the Granfell The annual meeting of the Grafes Butter and Cheese Manufacturing at sociation was held last week Throutput of butter for the pay year amounted to 49,817 pounds J R. Mitchell was elected president J. S. Dickson vice-president and W. H. Thompson secretary-treasurer

The Mossomin board of tratbeen re-organized. Following are the officers for the ensuing year dent, W. Millar; vice-president Sherical Control of the con dent, W. Mindt, Vicepresident and Murphy: sec-treasurer, A. Whyle executive—O. Neff, J. McCurdy E. L. Elwood, J. McGuirl, W. Pennando A. H. Smith, R. D. McNaughe n. J. Anderson, R. A. Pease, Geo campbell, Dr. McLoughry and E. A. " Mc

MONTREAL GROCERY TRADE. Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 30

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Montrent, March 30

ugar active and unchanged. Mois as stendy. Large trade is doing
Harbadoes at Island, at its. Valis raisins Ic lower. Off stalk is
4. ited at 5 to 5½c, tine at ite; selected
diffee, and layers at 7c. Demand for
med vegetables is good. Teas are
diet and itra. The steamship Jacota
h sailed from Messina direct to
Montreal with a cargo of 57,000 packdes of oranges and lemons and the
steamship Bellom is now loading at
Mossina. The steamship Tiverton
some from Sorrento March 27 direct
for here, with a cargo consisting of
mod boxes of Messina lemons, 2,500
Mosina oranges, 1,300 Sorrento fruit,
principally oranges. Quotations here
are as follows.

Sugar, granulated, \$4.45 per 100 lbs.;
yellows, \$3.60 to \$4.25; molasses, jobbing at 34 to 35c. Valencia raisins, of
stalk, 5 to 5½c; fine, 6c; selectel 6½; layers, 7c, currants,
Syc to 9c; canned goods, tomatoes, 85 to 87%c; peas, 80 to 85c;
corn, 85 to 90c; salmon, \$6 to \$6.75 per
case; Japan teas, old crop 14½ to 16½;
new crop, 16 to 22c; Ceylons, 11½ to
15c; greens, 15 to 18c.

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OCEAN GRAIN FREIGHT RATES. Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 30.

Ocean grain freights are quiet due to low rates from Boston and New York, as compared with those asked here. Tone of the market is very steady with considerable May space offering. Manchester, Antwerp, Hamburg and Leith freight all engaged for May. Rates to Liverpool is 4½d to 1s 6d, London 2s 1½d, Glasgow, is 3d; Avonmouth, 2s 1½d, May; Manchester, 1s 7½d, June; Antwerp, 2s 1½d, June; Hamburg, 2s 3d, June; Leith, 2s 6d, June; Dublin and Belfast, 2s to 2s ½d, May; Merdeen, 3s; Cardiff, 2s.

ADDITIONAL TENDERS.

Sealed tenders addressed to the chairman of the market, license and health committee. Winnipeg, for the collection of night soil and garbage from the whole city or portions thereof, will be received up to \$30 p. m., on Tuesday, April 2.

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Saled tenders, addressed to W. H.
Shillinglaw, Brandon, will be received
up to noon of April 18, for the erection of a Presbyterian church in
Mose Jaw. Building to be solid brick,
with a seating capacity of 600.

Tenders are wanted for painting the
German Lutheran Trinity church,
Winnings.

German Winnipeg.

SEED OATS.

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The results of the germinated tests of seed oats which have been made recently suder the direction of the officials of the department of agriculture, were made public Friday. They show that Manitoba and untario grain is much superior in germinating qualities than that from the Territories. Following are the percentages of germination: Sboal Lake, Main. St. Flot Mound, 91; Ontario, 90. Alberta samples—Edmonton, A. 17; It, 12; Lacombe 25; Innustail, 12; Calgary, 40; Holland, 40; Penhold, S. Leduc, 43; Wetaskiwin, 40. The samples were sown March 21. The first sample to appear above the ground was that of the Shoal Lake oats, on March 22, with the above results.

The figures represent the number of plants which had appeared above the ground on that date; where the germination was weak the growth was weak.

Simples were also given to Mr. Alston, but were not sown until the 21rd linst. These samples are not far enough advanced to give report, though the seed from Shoal Lake, Filot Mound and Ontario is well up, showing a proportion of germination similar to the above report, while only a few grains from the other districts are showing.

showing.

It is only necessary to say that it would be folk for farmers to sow oats that will sol Erminste. No doubt partial cop failures in the past have in many cases been on second of the poor seed sown. Farmers should at once test all kinds of seed to be sown this year.

CHICAGO MARKET REVIEW.

Watson & Co.'s telegraphic re-iew of the markets of Friday reads follows:

as follows:
Chicago, March 29.—Wheat was dull but firm. The strength in corn being the principal sustaining factor, although late an improvement in export demand helped prices; 384,000 bu, reported taken. Covering by shorts and lack of commission house trade were the featuren. The weather continues favorable: Primary receipts

were over last year's. Liverpool was steady. Continental markets were unclumged Argentine shipments were lighter at 1,300,000 bu. Clearances for the day were about 600,000 bu. and for the week 4,494,000 bu. World's shipments will be in the neighborhood of 7,500,000 bu Cash people report a better inquiry for wheat, 84,000 bu. sold here. The market continues narrow and featureless, but maintains a firm tone. With the resumption of quotations and the activity in corn, the chances are in favor of better prices, especially so if crop conditions change.

change.
There was a further advance in corn to-day and a new price recorded, May and July selling at 44 cents. At opening the leading long interest was a seller, but on an effort on the part of the bear leaders to cover they turned buyers and prices advanced sharply. There was scattered profit taking from time to time by commission bouses. buyers and prices advanced sharply. There was scattered profit taking from time to time by commission houses, but there was enough new outside trade to absorb these offerings. From the action of the market we believe there is still a large short interest outstanding, the situation daily growing stronger, and we look for still higher prices. Bids sent to the country last night were 3-4c higher than any yet submitted, but acceptances were very small Primary receipts aggregated only 320,000 bu. Clearances for the week were 3,256,000 bu. Argentine shipments, 88,000. Today's receipts were 211 cars, with 230 estimated for to-morrow.

Oats were active and very strong. Cash sales for shipment and exports this week amounting to 2,000,000 bu, started general buying of futures by both shippers and shorts, the strength in corn was also a factor. Local buils were aggressive and added heavily to their long lines. July oats were not as strong as May, but were heavily bought for outside account. Today's carlots were 211, with 285 estimated for to-morrow.

Under rather free realizing sales by May longs in pork and ribs, provi-

mated for to-morrow.

Under rather free realizing sales by May longs in pork and ribs, provisions ruled easy early. Packers supported the market at the decline, and on the rally that followed causing a strong closing at substantial gains all around, except for pork. There was an improvement in the cash demand for meats and the trade in lard was good. Estimated, 17,000 hogs for to-morrow. morrow.

CLOSING PRICES.

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Friday's markets closed as follows:
Minneapolis—May, 74 5-8; July, 76
1-4b; puts, 74 1-2 to 5-8; calls, 74
5-8b; curb, 74 1-2a to 5-8.

New York—May, 81a; July, 81 1-4.

Duluth—May, 76 5-8a to 3-4; July, 78 3-4b; No. 1 hard, 76 5-8; No. 1

Nor. 74 5-8.

Chicago — March, 75 1-8 to
1-4; May, 76 1-4; July, 76
5-8a; May corn, 43 7-8a; May
oats, 25 3-4b; May pork, \$15.30a; May
lard, \$8.07 1-2a to 10; May ribs, \$8.00.

Liverpol closed unchanged to 1-8d.

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Liverpool closed. May, 6s. ld., July,

Gs. 1d.
Paris closed unchanged. Antwerp closed unchanged. Berlin closed 1-Sc higher. Buda Pesth closed 7-Sc lower. Primary receipts, 563,000; last year,

Primary shipments, 319,000; last year, 323,000. Clearances, wheat and flour, 576,000; corn, 467,000.

A witty clergyman in Brooklyn of Irish birth, has lived so long in the country as to be to all intents and purposes an American. His own view of the matter he expressed at a church dinner the other night, when he responded to the toast of good-fellowship. "I'm a good American," he declared gravely, "I'm even a better one than any of you native-born. I had a sult of clothes when I came into this country, and you didn't even bring that much."

bring that much."

The position which the Pierpont Morgan organization holds with reference to the business and political world is discussed by Mr. John Brisben Walker in the April Cosmopolitan under the title, "The World's Greatest Revolution. Familiar with the business world and a student of afairs, Mr. Walker has, while approving of the general idea of concentration which makes for good organization and public economy, drawn a picture of the power now exercised which will be a surprise to the great majority who have not given this subject thoughtful attention.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Chicago, March 25.—Wheat, May opened 70%, high 76%, low 75%, close 75% a Corn, May open 41% of X, high 42%, low a 44%, close 42% Cars, May open 25%, high 25%, low 25, close 25% a Pork, May open \$15.35, high \$15.75, low \$15.35, close \$15.70, Lard, May open \$7.85, high \$7.90, Ribs, May open \$7.82.

Ribe, May open \$5.32.

Chicago, March 25 — Wheat, May opened 55% high 55%, tow 75%, close 75%(e.g. n Corn, May open 42%, high 42%, low 42%, close 42%(e.g. n Corn, May open 25%(s. close 42%), close 55% a. Pork, May open \$15.80, high \$15.80, low \$15.50, close \$15.70. Lard, May open \$8.05, high \$8.07%, close \$8.07%, Flax, cash \$1.55.

\$3.07%; Flax, Cash \$1.55.

Chicago, March 27.—Wheat, May opened 75%, high 76, low 75%, close 75%,676c.

Corn, May open 42%, high 42%, low 42%, close 42%, close 42%, close 42%, close 95% a. Pork, May open \$15.75, high \$15.75, low \$15.00, close \$15.72 Lard, May open \$15.75, high \$15.75, low \$15.00, close \$15.72 Lard, May open \$15.75, high \$15.75, low \$15.00, close \$1.57%, lard, May open \$15.75, ligh \$15.75,

Chleago, March 28.—Wheat, May opened 75%, high 76, low 75%, close 76%,676c. Corn, May open 22%, high 43, low 42%, close 42% a. O.1x, May open 25, close 25% b. Pork, May open \$15.70, high at \$15.70, low \$15.47, close \$15.47, Lard, May open \$8.07, close \$8.02 Hibs, May open \$8, close \$7.92.

Chicago, March 29.—Wheat, May opened 75%, high 76%, low 75%, close 76% a Corn, May opened 42%, close 45%, a. Oats, May opened at 25%, low 25%, low 25%, close 25% b Lard, May opened 777, close \$8.678.88 in Pork, May opened \$15.20, high \$15.45, low \$15.10, close \$15.30, Ribs, May open \$7.85, close \$5.68.88 in Pork, May opened \$15.20, high \$15.45, low \$15.10, close \$15.30, Ribs, May open \$7.85, close \$5.

Chicago, March 30. — May wheat opened at 70½ and ranged fram 76c to 765c. Closing prices were Wheat—March 55½c. April 75½c.

Wheat—March 151/1c,
Wheat—March 151/1c,
May 761/2c,
Corn—March 435/2c, May 441/2-5/2c,
Oats—March 261/4c, April 261/4c, May
\$15,35, May \$15,50.

26'sc. Pork-March \$15.35, May \$15.50. Lard-March \$8.32, May \$8.22. Ribs-March \$8.12. May \$8.12. A week ago May wheat closed at 761-Sc. A year ago May wheat closed at 68.5-Sc; two years ago at 5.74c, three years ago at \$1.05; for years ago at 70.3-Sc; five years ago at 61.3-4c, six years ago at 55.1-4c.

New York Wheat.

New York, March 25.—Wheat, May open SOS, b, high SoS, low SOS, close SOS, e b. New York, March 26.—Wheat, May open SOS, b, high SOS, b, low SOS, close SOS lid.

New York, March 27.—Wheat, May open 80% b, high 80½ low 80%, close 80% b. New York, March 23.—Wheat, May open 80% b, high 80% b, low 80% close 80% a. New York, March 29.—Wheat, May open 80%, high 51, low 80%, close Sic a.

New York, March 30.—Wheat closed

at Sle for May option.

Minneapolis Wheat.

Minneapolis, March 25.—Wheat, May op-ened 14%, high 14%, low 74%, close 14%c, Minneapolis, March 25.—Wheat, May op-ened 74%, high 74%, row 74, close 74%c, Minneapolis, March 27.—Wheat, May opommusipolis, March 27.—Wheat, May opened 74%(t), high 74%, low 74 b, close close 74%(t)%c.

Minnerpolis, March 28.—Wheat, May opened 74% b, high 74%, low 74%, close 74% (£½c.

Minneapolis, March 29.—Wheat, May opened 74½, high 74½, low 74½, close 74½c.

Minneapolis, March 30.—Wheat closed at 74½-%c for May option. Cash
No. 1 hard wheat closed at 77½; No.

1 northern at 75½c.

Duluth Wheat,

Duluth, March 25.—Wheat, May open at 76% b, high 76%, low 76%, close 76%c. Plax, cash \$1.85 b. No. 1 hard 76% o. northern 74%c.

Duluth, March 20.—Wheat, May open at 76% No. 1 northern 74c. No. 1 hard 76c. No. 1 northern 74c.

Duluth, March 27.—Wheat, May open at 76 b, high 76% low 75% close 76%c. No. 1 hard 76%c. No. 1 northern 74%c.

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Dunuth, March 22.—Wheat, May opened 70%, high 70%, low 70%, close 70%. No. 1 hard 70%. No. 1 northern 74%. Duluth, March 22.—Wheat, May opened 70%, high 70%, low 70%, close 70%, 2. No. 1 hard 76%. No. 1 northern 74%.

No. 1 hard 70%. No. 1 northern 74%c. Duluth, March 30.—May option closed at 70%c for No. 1 northern wheat. Cash No. 1 hard closed to-day at 76%c and cash No. 1 northern at 74%c. A week ago May option closed at 761-2c. A year ago May wheat closed at 67c; two years ago at 713-4c; three years ago at 183-4c; four years ago at 71c; five years ago at 62 7-8c; six years ago at 60 7-8c.

Snider Bros, will open a store at Kawende, Man.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT PRICES.

The mark't closed dull and inactive at 68% for No 3 hard, Fort William.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

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Liverpool, March 30.-Wheat closed to-day 15c to 14c higher at 6s 115d per cental for May wheat.

BRITISH STOCKS.

London, March 25 -4 p.m -Consols for money 95 4146; do for the account 95 45 46, Atchbon 627, C. P. R. 95 4, St. 2ani 45 46, Atchbon 627, C. P. R. 95 4, St. 2ani 45 46, Atchbon 627, C. P. R. 95 4, St. 2ani 45 4, P. pfd. 873; N. Y. C. 1509; Erle 367, Pennsylvania 7854, Reading 18, Erl. 1st pfd. 70 4; N. P. pfd. 959; G. T. I. SN, Amaconda 99,

Free Seed Wheat.

Collector of Customs Scott has re-ceived the following circular of in-structions from Ottawa authorizing the free admission of seed wheat into Manicoba and the Northwest Territor-les from March 25 to June 1, 1901

les from March 25 to June 1, 1901.

I meer the authority of an order-in council, passed in March, 1901, whent for use as seed by bona fide farmers in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories may be imported into Canada without customs duty until June 1, 1901, subject to the following conditions, viz.:

1. A declaration in the form of "A" herein, to be written on the face of the customs entry, shall be subscribed and artested to by the importer of the seed wheat.

tested to by the importer wheat.

2 Certificates in the form of "B" herein, signed by each bona fide farmer of Manifolia or the Northwest Territories ordering the wheat for seed, shall be annexed to the customs free entry of the wheat, or the importer's claim for refund of duty in the event of duty being paid by the importer after this date (March 25, 1901), and before obtaining the furners' certificates.

Form "A" importer's deciaration on curry.—1, the undersigned importer of the seed wheat described in this entry do soleannly declare that the said wheat is submorted in good faith for use wholly as seed in Manitoba this year by bona fide farmers, whose certificates are hereto annoted.

Armors, whose certificates are hereto annexed.

(Importer's signature).

Sworn or affirmed, before the Collector.

Form "R" farmer's seed wheat certificate—Referring to seed wheat for importation by during this season. I, the undersigned farmer, do softennly declare that the season which is the season which is the season of the season o

Farmer's signature,

Collectors and sub-collectors of customs are requested to use their best endeavors to ensure that wheat admitted free under the above provisions shall be for use only as seed by bona die farmers in Manifola or the Northwest Territories.

NOTES.

The Imperial Bank of Canada has subscribed \$100 for a grain prize in he coming Winnipeg Industrial exhi-

One of the Armour's has succeeded in running a corner in the Chicago in running a corner in the Chicago polk market. If the scheme works he will make \$1,000,000 at least.

will make \$1.000,000 at least.

1V. W. Colpitts, assistant to Mr Tic, coastruction agent of the C. P. R. at V innipeg, and formerly chief clerk to one president, has been appointed assistant to the chief engineer in charge of the construction of the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient railroad with hendquarters at Kansas City. This is a new road 1,400 miles in length, in course of construction from Kansas City to the Guif of Mexico.

Doctor—Why have you deducted a quarter from my bill?

* Patient—That is for the six cigars you broke when you thumped my chest.—Ohlo State Journal.

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arge lots.	Imperial, Cabmets 2 60 2 65 Connoisseurs, Clusters 2 85 2 90	Crescent, Ss. cade 00 50	with usual reductions for unlinke packages.
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Plums, 2s, 2 doz	Prines, 40 to 50 1014 11	Tonks, 1-12 pkg 00 88 Canadian Leaf, 50 lb bales,	
Pumpkins, 3s, a doz	Mutches Fercase Telegraph \$3.85	very bright 21	Glycerine, lb
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teewherries 2s. 2d02. SYIVD. 3 05 l	Tiger 3 65 Parlor Matches, Eagle 75	Dominion Tobacco Co.'s List.	fodine
	Lancer, Swedish, voo in box.	BRIGHT CHEWING PLUG.	fodine
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	Taragona Almonda	Carainel, Bars, 7s	Oil, lemon, super 1 to
Sardines, domestic \(\)	Peanuts, green 9 10	Black Chrwing PLUG.	Oil, cod liver, val.
Sardines, imported, 35. 30 33 Sardines, imp. 18s, boneless 20 33 Sardines, Dom., mustard 18s, 10 12	French Walnuts	Black Bass, 6 s and 8 s 43	Oil, emon, super 1 to 15 Oil, peppermint 2 5 5 50 Oil, cod liver, gal. 14 Oxsile Acid 17 Potas Iodide 375 4to Paria Green, lb. 22 Satractre 25
Sardines, Dom., mustard 188. 10 12	Sleily Filberts 13 13%	Virgin Gold, 31/3	Paris Green, Ib.
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Canned Meats Per case. Corn Beef, 1s, 2 doz	Molasses, pergal, (New Orl.) 350 38c	Golden Plug. 3s	Sulphur Roll, keg 334 of 354 of 355 o
Corn Beef, 3s, 1 doz 3 90	Molasses, pergal, (New Orl.) 35c 38c " Porto Rico	Royal Oak, 3s	Struchnine, pure crystals, oz. 76 6
Lunch Beef, 28, 1 doz 3 00	Sugar	Something Good, 5s 49 CHEWING.	
Lunch Tongue, 18, 2 doz6 50 6 75 Lunch Tongue, U.S. 28, 1doz 6 75 Lunch Tongue, Can. 28, 1doz 6 75 Lunch Tongue, Can. 28, 1 doz 6 50 6 75	Extra Standard Gran 5 40	Currency, Bars, 10Ks 40	LEATHER Per pond
Lunch Tongue, Can. J., 1 dez6 50 6 75	Extra Ground 656	Currency, 64 40	Harness, oak Kentucky
Brawn, 28, 1 doz	Lumps 61/2 61/2 61/2 61/2 61/2 61/2 61/2 61/2	Pay Roll, Barr, 45 Bobs, 56 37	Harness, union oak No. 1
Roast Beef, 28, 1 doz2 90 3 00	Lumps 6½ 6% Bright Yellow Sugar 13½ 6 50 Maple Sugar 13½ 6 150	Wooden Ware Perdoz.	Harness, hemlock No. 1, an-
Chicken, Duck or Turkey, 182 40 2 45	Rock Salt Per pound	Pails, a hoop clear 95 2 00	Chor brand
Potted Ham, %s 65 70 Devilled Ham, %s 65 70	Rock Salt	Pails, wire hoop	l anchorbound .
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Potted Ham, Ks	Common, coarse 3 00 Dairy, 100 3	Tubs, No. 1 common	Russet collar leather, per foot American Oak Sole
Potted Tongue, 130 1 40	Dairy, 100 3	Tubs, No. 3 common 6 75 7 25	Sole, union oak
Coffee Perpound.	Dairy, white duck sack 00 48	Tube, nests (2) 1 90 2 00	Listowell, sole
Green Rio	Common, fine jute sack 00 43	Tubs, wire hoop (1) 2 35 2 40	Acton Sole 47 &
	Spices: Perdoc.	Tuhs, fibre, No. 0	Acton Sole
Split Peas, sack 98	Assorted Herbs, Kib tins 75 90 Per pound	Tubs, fibre, No. 1	Canada calf
Pearl Harley, sack 95 3 75 4 000 Rolled Oatmeal, sack So 1 99	Allspice, whole	Tube Chee Man	Canada Calf
Standard Calmeat. Sack Co 2.50	Allspice, compound 15 13	Tube Chee (a)	Wax upper
Granulated Oatmeal, sack 98 2 30 Beans (per bushel) 2 10 2 25	Cassia, whole	Butter Tuhs, wire hoop (a) 57	Kangaroo, per foot 30 (c
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Sago 4-	Penper, black, compound 10 13	Lard, 20 lo pails, pure stim.ren. \$ 2 35	
Cigarettes Per M	Pepper, white, whole	Lard, pure, in 3, 5 and to 1b.	These are retail prices, delivered in
Old Judge \$7 50	Pepper, white, compound 18 20	Lard, pure, Tierces, per lb 11	consumers in the city, or 50c per toe
Athlete \$ 50	Pepper, Cayanne	Lard, 50th tabs	less at the yards.
Sweet Sixteen 5 50	Ginger, whole, Jamaica	• - •	Pennsylvania anthracite-
Derby 6 30	Ginger, compound 15 35		Stove, nut or lump \$10 1100
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Raisins, Val., fine, off stalk 2 to 2 5	Common	Saparte Cadings Ip 30	Slabs to 25
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THE MONEY MARKET.

THE MONEY MARKET.

Money is in good demand here at the banks and the difficulty seems to be to hold loans down to the actual necessities of trade. Banks are pursuing a conservative policy in regard to loans and are holding rates firm at 6 to 8 per cent., according to name. Mortgage companies are putting through quite a lot of business on both farm and city account. Farm loans are taken at 7 to 8 per cent, and the rate for city loans is 6 to 7 per cent.

BANK OF BRITISH NORTH AM-ERICA.

ERICA.

The annual statement of this bank shows that a profitable business has been done during the year. The net profit for the half year ended Dec. 31 was 254,855. Of this sum £25,000 was added to reserve and small sums were added to officers' life insurance fund; officers' widows and orphans' fund, and £3,000 was reserved to meet expenditure on premises' account, leaving about £35,000 available for April dividend, etc. It has been decided to discontinue the half yearly Sentioner with the Canadian lank of Commerce the Bank of British North America, in the only Canadian financial institution of the kind which we not boiled the contract of the co mannical institution because the bank has branches in nearly all parts of Canada, though its head office is in England. The bank has twenty-three branches in Canada, seven of which are 4n British Columbia, two in Mani-toba and one at Dawson City, Yukon district. district.

THE C. P. AND W. C. M. C.

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The first annual meeting of the shareholders of the Canada Permanent and Western Canada Mortgage Corporation was held in the Freehold building, Toronto, on Thuraday, the 28th February.

This company was organized on the the 11th April, 1890, by the union of the Canada Permanent, Western and and Freehold Loan and Savings companies and the London and Canada and Freehold Loan and Savings companies and the London and Canada and Freehold Loan and Savings companies and the London and Canada and Freehold Loan and Savings companies that were parties to the amalgamation agreements which took effect on the 1st January, 1890.

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The election of directors resulting in the revelection of Measura. Geo. Goodnesser. J. Herebert Mason. W. H. Beasty, Ralph K. Burgess, George F. Gast. Winnipeg), Alfred Gooderham, C. H. Gooderham, W. G. Gooderham, George W. Lewis, W. D. Matthews, George W. Monk, S. Northelmer. R. T. Riley (Winnipeg), J. M. Robinson (St. John, N. B.), and Frederick Wyld. At a subsequent meeting of the Soard the following officers were reelected: President, George Gooderham; Second vice-president, W. H. Boatty. The financial statement shows that the smalleramated companies have assets of \$22.188,1881, of which over \$21.690,000 is invested in real estate more against the properties of the control of

moregages.

The chairman said throughout the year the demand for money has been good at somewhat higher rates of sherest, in sympathy with the higher rates prevailing in Great Britain. The funds of the cornoration were kept well employed throughout the year.

SILVER

A slightly weaker tone was shown in the London silver market this week, says Bradstreets, prices being shaded off in the absence of eastern demands. The reports of friction between Great Britain and Russia in China had an unfavorable influence. At New York the decline of London quotations had its usual reflection in the market for commercial silver. Prices were: March 22, London, 27%[4]: March 22, New York, 60%[5].

FINANCIAL NOTES.

Jas. Irvine, of the Bank of Mon-treal staff, Winnipeg, left last week on a three months' trip to England. Rupert Moore, of the Bank of Ottawa, at Rat Portage, has been transferred to the branch at Portage la Prairie.

Frairle.

G. E. Kingsford, of the Guelph branch of the Dominion bank, has been transferred to a position in the Winnipeg branch.

Winnipeg branch.

M. Bogert, accountant in the Dominion bank, at Winnipeg, who has been transferred to Toronto, left for that city on Saturday last, accompanied by Mrs. Bogert.

Geo. Spalding. of the Bank branch, at Gladetone, Man., has absconded, taking with him about \$500 of 'the bank's money. It is understood that he has been gambling of late. He was arrested at Medicine Hat on Tuesday.

W. H. Fisher, manager at Winnipeg for the Canada Permanent and Western Canada Mortgage Corporation, has returned from a trip east. Mr. Fisher was present at the annual meeting of the company, held in Toronto recently.

INSURANCE MATTERS.

MUTUAL LIFE OF NEW YORK.

MUTUAL LIFE OF NEW YORK. The fifty-eighth annual report of The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York shows that this company leads all other life insurance companies in the world with assets aggregating \$252,753,1525,1 an increase for the year of \$25,898,614,89. The receipts for the year were \$40,582,892,491. The Mutual Life, after placing \$283,191,181,265 to the credit, of the reserve fund and other Habilities, in accordance with the requirements of the New York Insurance Department, has a contingent guarantee fund of \$54,122,022,25, in addition to the dividends to be apportioned this year which amount to \$2,440,000,00. In 1990 the claims paid arising from the death policyholders amounted to \$15,625,052,292, and in addition to this the company paid during the twelve months \$11,369,210,91 on second of endowments, dividends, etc. The general business of The Mutual Life in months \$11,309,210,91 on account of endowments, dividends, etc. The general business of The Mutual Life in 1000, when compared with the results during the previous year, is highly estiffactory. The insurance in force December 31, 1899, amounted to \$1, 052,905,211. On December 31, 1890, the business in force aggregated in amount \$1,141,407,898,02. Since its organisation, in 1843, the company has paid to its policy-holders \$340,479,500.

FEDERAL LIFE.

The annual meeting of the Federal Life Assurance Co. was held in Ham-ilton on March 7.

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The new business of the year consisted of fourteen hundred and forty-two aplications for insurance, aggregating \$2,084,735, of which thirteen hundred and ninety applications, for \$11,886,1885, were accepted.

The assets of the mpany have been increased by \$211,430,12, and have now reached \$1,271,240,02. Policies on sixty-five lives exceed the claim of \$104,500,180, of the control of \$104,500,180, of the control of \$104,500,180, of the control of \$104,500,180, of the companies. Including to the reduction of premium and \$104,000, of the companies. Including the cotal payments to policholders amounted to \$170,813,580.

It having been decided to increase the guarantee or subscribed capital to \$1,000,000, the directors issued on \$104,000,000, the directors issued on \$104,000,

INSURANCE NOTES.

The report that the Lancashire Insurance Company, of Manchester, has been purchased by the Royal Insurance company, of Liverpool, is confirmed. The purchase does not apply to Canada alone, as stated, but to business all over the world. In Great Britain, however, the two companies will be run separately.

In the Manticha legislature on Mon-

will be run separately. In the Manitoba legislature on Monday a bill was introduced by one of the government supporters to raise \$300,000 per pear by direct tanation upon rateable land for the purpose of creating a fund to be used in compessating farmers for losses to their crops by hall. The taxation provided for in this bill is to apply to property in cities and towns as well as in the rural districts. The bill received its escond reading.

THE LUMBER TRADE.

WHITE PINE ON THE LAKES.

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While there has been on the whole a steady market in cargo iots of white pine at great lake manufacturing points, the last two or three weeks have been the first to demonstrate a positive and marked advance in the price of lumber, says the American Lumberman. Now et is stated that in the Ashkund and Duluth districts actual selling prices are from \$1 too \$1.50 higher than last fail, therry justifying the owners of these stocks in the policy they adopted of the holding their lumber rather than sacrifice anything in price. This \$1.50 annly repays them for their investment and risk and carrying thanges.

This actual advance in values comes This actual advance in value of as a result of a long period of steady though rather quiet buying which has pretty nearly cleaned out the available stocks on Lake Superior and at other points and has made which has pretty resulty treated when he available stocks on Lake Superior and at other points and has made great inroads on the product of the incoming sawing season. Buyers have awakened to the fact that dry lumber is practically out of the market and that the field for buying operations hereafter has been deckdedly narrowed by the heavy purchases and contracts that have been made. Within the last two or three weeks a number of complete cuts have been contracted, for the most part by people who want the lumber and will not put it on the market in round lots, except possibly as to certain portions which they may not need. In this advance the lower grades have been the chief gainers and even mitt cuts have steadily gained in value.

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LUMBER TRADE NOTES.

J. D. McArthur has returned from a visit to his lumber camps in the Lac du Bonnet district, Eastern Man-lioba, where he inspected the entire winter's operations. His large tie-contract is now nearly completed and Lac du Bonnet district, Eastern Manitoba, where he inspected the entire winter's operations. His large the contract is now nearly completed and the camps will suspend operations at once. An immense number of logs have been cut and Mr. McArthur has decided to erect at Lac du Bonnet one of the most up-to-date saw mills in Manitoba. As soon as possible now he will proceed with the Selkirk extension work and anticipates an unusually busy season in rallroading. In view of the advance of fully 65 per cent. In the price of window glass in the United States since the first of the year door and window manufacturers south of the line have been obliged to put up their prices for glassed lines and they now announce

an advance equal to 121-2 per cent. on windows and of 5 per cent. on

on windows and of o per cent. on on wednesday a resolution was presented to the following effect: "That in the opinion of this House dusahould be levied upon lumber imported into Canada, corresponding wind those now existing upon lumber entering the United States." The contention of the mover was that Unite States lumber and the States lumber in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, and he desired to see this market and the following the United States and Northwest Territories, and he desired to see this market ordered for the lumber manufacturers of British Columbia and Northwestern Ontario. The Manitoba and Northwest members who spoke on the resolution opposed it. The decade was not concluded when the House rose.

resolution opposed it. The debate was not concluded when the House rose From a sash and door standpolinat least, the spring trade is fairly on it may be that buyers of sash and doors anticipate the spring and summer demand to a greater extent than do the purchasers of other sorts of building material, but they have had an especial stimulus in buying lately in the prospect of a still further advance in prices. Besides reports to the effect that the talk of building and the number of operations actually under way is more general this season than the lumber dealers have known it to be for a decade. There is aparently nothing that can prevent the consumption of a big volume of mill work throughout the country this year and dealers generally are getting prepared for it, in addition to having an excellent demand for immediate needs. — American Lumberman.

Movements of Business Men.

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Geo. Craig, dry goods merchant,
Winnipeg, has returned from a buying trip to the leading textile markets
of Great Britain. He found the old
country manufacturers very busy, as
usual, and yet very glad to have the
orders of dealers in other parts of
the empire, and he succeeded in securing a fine range of goods for next
fall and winter trade. Mr. Craig was
in London for the Queen's funeral,
and says that the pageant was the
greatest he has ever seen or expects
to see. Over four million people were
in London for the event, besides its
six million inhabitants.
Jas. Porter, of Porter & Co., crock-

in London for the event, besides its six million inhabitants.

Jas. Porter, of Porter & Co., crockery and gissaware dealers, Winnipes, has returned from a two month's tip to the old country, including all states. The country including all states are supported by the old country including all states. He could all the country including all states are supported by the state of the labor market, resulting from the numerous orders than they could fill. This, however, is not due to an increase in business, but to the unsettled state of the labor market, resulting from the war in South Africa. So large a proportion of the coal output has been war in South Africa. So large a proportion of the coal output has been easien by the war department, and so many men have been enlisted in the army that some of the manufactories have had to close down and the wages for nearly all kinds of labor have been materially increased. For these reasons the price of goods has been advanced, but there have been no advances to speak of during the last six months and Mr. Porter thinks that the preset prices will rule during the summer at least. In Eastern on Suntern States business is much better than in the west and manufacturers and jobbers generally report the outlook as being very good.

Navigation on Lake Eric was opened March 28 by the arrival at Cleve-land of the steemer A. Y. Gowen, from Kelly's island. Her captain reported the lake practically free from ice.

We have had experience with metal roofing, writes a Manitoba farmer. It costs about the same an the wood-ordinary carpener in less than half the time required for wooden shingles, and can be laid by any ordinary carpener in less than half the time required for wooden shingles, and they will last a Meetime; but they must be painted after they are on a while. We have had them on our house for a number of years, and they are giving perfect satisfaction, standing some very hard storm, and they are both fire and lighting proof. The roof is propared the same as for the ordinary chingies, putting the boards closer together and laying paper under the estingless for a house, but I don't think paper is needed on a barn.

NEW BARBADOES MOLASSES.

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The price of Barbadoes molasses at the island was cabled on Tuesday at 9. first cost, says the Montreal Trade Balletin, but the lowest firm offer so far received here is for a lot of 2,000 pancheons at 10c first cost, equal to about 20c duty paid here. Still, a party offered to cable out a bid of 9c first cost for a lot of 1,000 or 1,500 puncheons, but his customer seemed afraid that the island people might snap at his offer. It is said that if any one had pluck enough to pick up 1,500 or 2,000 puncheons at the island at present low prices, it would start the market in an upward direction. The reason assigned for the recent drop is due to the absence of Camadian orders. Present values are the lowest ever before known at this scason of the year. In 1897, the lowest firm offer from the island was 0c, but that was at the close of the season, and a party here bought a good round quantity at 7 to 8c first cost, or about 20c to 21c laid down here duty paid. He held this lot for a year and a half, and sold it at 30c. The reason alleged for orders being so slow in going out from canada is that holders of Barbadoes desire to work of their old stocks be fore going in for the new A lot of new crop Barbadoes is offered from St. John, N. B., at 30c duty paid here, but it is said that 28c might not be turned away.

Grocery Trade Notes.

No changes occurred last week in

Granulated sugar is now selling at 16 pounds for a dollar in a retail way at Mirneapolis. Formerly the rate was 15 pounds.

The bill introduced into the Ontario legislature for the encouragement of the sugar beet industry has passed its econd reading.

Mail advices from Malaga state that constredable damage has been done to the new crop of Jordan and Valencia almonds. Prices asked are too high to admit of importation with the ent level of our market.

Cables and correspondence report a steady rice market abroad. New crop arrivals are awaited with interest, and reported business has been done in ad-The amount arrived and affoat is still far behind that of the corresponding period in 1900.

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A slight improvement in the demand for currants is noticeable on the London, England, market. The stock is almost the same as that of the corresponding period last year, the difference being that last year nearly 3,000 tons of currants had been received in London up to this date, while there is now no immediate prospects of any shipments from Greece. Market quotations are. Provincial, 28s to 31s: Amalias, 31s to 33s; Patras, 33s to 33s, Gulph, 34s to 38s; Vostizza, 35s to 42s, siftings, 34s to 30s.

The exports of tea from Shanghai and Yangtsze ports for the season 1800-1800 to February 11th, have been as follows—To Great Britain—total to date, 8,483,390 fbs. black and 3,394,957 fbs. green: corresponding date last season, 10,407,178 fbs. black and 13,619,705 fbs. green. To United States—Total to date, 10,306,043 fbs. black and 13,619,705 fbs. green. To canada—Total to date, 845,158 fbs. black and 14,373,236 fbs. green. To canada—Total to date, 845,158 fbs. black and 945,319 fbs. green, against 450,631 fbs. black and 14,373,236 fbs. green. To canada—Total to date, 845,158 fbs. black and 14,373,236 fbs. green. To canada—Total to date, 845,158 fbs. black and 14,373,236 fbs. green. gr 450,631 hs. black and 1,000,670 hs. green last season. Export of black tea to Russia direct and Russian Manchuria, 39,220,000 hs., as against 28,500,000 hs. to corresponding date last season, export of green tea to Bombay, 1,896,000 hs. as against 1,254,129 hs. last season, do. to Batoum, 4,326,600 hs. against 4,722,600 hs. last season

Writing from Malagu, under date of February 28, Frederico Gross & Co. report regarding almonds: "Our market is exceedingly firm, and for the moment nobody will sell his part of the little stock that remains here. The the fittle stock that remains here. The cause of this firmness is, as you will probably already know, that a great damage has been occasioned to the trees by the cold weather, which has been felt the last two weeks, and which in some sections has been the coldest known. From all the growing districts of this province our agents districts of this province our agents wire to us saying that they believe that nearly all the pending fruit has been lost in the mountainous growing districts, about half of the crop in

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those situated at a medium height, and that the trees situated in low grounds near the sea have not suffered any damage. The exact proportion of the loss and what remains will be clearly known in a few weeks once that practically the fruit is seen to dry and fall, and the quantity that remains in good condition pending from the trees. It is feared that the damage is heavy."

There has been no change in spices

There has been no change in spices and the market is rather quiet, as buyers in most cases have filled their wants for the present. Advices from London report an active market for neodor, with sales of Singapore black at 61-16d for fair quality, and sales to arrive at 61-4d for March-May shipment White pepper is quiet, with sellers of Singapore sorts, according to quality, at 91-16d to 93-4d, and fair Penaug, at 81-16d Dimento steady at 25-8d to 23-4d for ordinary to good quality Zanzibar cloves have ruled strong and prices have advanced with considerable business done at 47-16d to 45-8d for forward delivery.—Montreal Gazette.

The Brazilian Review says. There can now be no doubt that the present coffee crop is much larger than was expected, the lateness of the season having mislead the market as regards its true column. It is also likely that, in view of the heavy early entries expected for next crop, planters are trying to get rid of all their present holdings in anticipation of a new fall of prices. In some sections during the past week tremendous rainstorms have been general, rivers have overflowed their banks, and large cracts of land have been laid under water. Nevertheless the general belief appears to be that all kinds of cereals are flourishing, and that the coffee crop will be a bumper."

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Dumper."

The late severe decline in the prices of dried fruit has resulted in heavy losses to some in the trade, says the Montreal Trade Bulletin, currants having dropped 31-4c, per pound, from 12c down to 81-4c, at which price they are offered to-day. Sultana raisins, which cost 81-2c, are now offering at tic. In Valencia raisins, fine off-stalk, which sold at 8c, are now down to 51-2c, and layers, which sold at 9c, are now obtainable at 7c. Prunes have declined Ic from 4c to 3c. In the first place, prices were boomed on scarcity of supplies, when high cost cut off the consumption, and values at once collapsed on scarcity of demand. They are now said to be down to a reasonable basis, but nevertheless they are slow sale. slow sale.

Boot and Shoe Trade Notes.

Spring demand for boots and shoes, rubbers, etc., in the Winnipeg retail market has set in and stores are doing a fairly active business which increases each day.

The war among rubber footwear

annong rubber looked manufacturers in the United States continues and it looks as if either the "trust" or the independent factories will have to go under before peace will be secured.

will be secured.

Canadian manufacturers of rubbers opened their new season on the 25th inst., and the year will end April 10, 1902. The terms under which goods will be sold to the retail trade are as follows: Trade discount, 25 per cent, for specified orders given prior to August 1st, and to be delivered prior to Nov. 1st, special discount, 21-2 per cent Fall dating shall be from Nov. 1st, cash discount, 6 per cent, prompt, 10 days, and 5 per cent, for 30 days, interest allowed for pre-payment, 7 per cent, and charged on past due accounts, 7 per cent, per annum.

Dry Goods Trade Notes.

Wool markets both on this continent and abroad are very dull and prices weak. With the large accumulation of stocks on hand from last year and the year before and the approach of another emping season prospects for prices do not brighten any. At Minneapolis wool declined 2c last week for unwashed.

Owing to the overworked condition

Owing to the overworked condition of Canadian cotton print milis many jobbing houses in Canada have been obliged to buy prints from United States manufacturers in order to fill the demand which they have had for these goods. Canadian milis are said to be unable to catch up with their orders. Fortunately the United States makers had a surplus to dispose of which jobbers have been able to buy at prices low enough to offset the duty.

THE HARDWARE TRADE.

THE IRON SITUATION.

Reference has already been made to the effect of the new United Scates steel and iron organization on the general situation of trade in steel and iron, says the Montreal Gazette, and nothing has transpired since to necessitate any modification in these views. On the contrary, its buoyant effect becomes increasingly manifest as time passes. Advices from the different iron centrer in the States make this perfectly clear, as the forward movement which set in a month ago has expanded materially in volume during the past fortnight or ten days, and with a constant tendency towards higher prices. Figures in she Iron Age show that the weekly furnace capacity in the States has now reached within 10,000 tons of the highest total of last summer, which was also the record high figure for the United States output. Yet, in the face of this heavy increase stocks of iron on hardhave declined, while prices have appreciated, which would go to show that consumption has increased faster than production. The inference drawn from this by authorities in the trade is that the depression experienced last summer was unduly exagerated by the political uncertainty in the States, and also by the fact that consumers only bought from hand of strenuous struggle for mastery between the large manufacturing concerns. strenuous struggle for mastery be-tween the large manufacturing con-

cerns.
This conservatism was justified without question by the critical stage of affairs which existed two months ago in the United States iron industry, and which was the animus leading to the formation of the new consolidation among the companies. With the formation of the United States Skeel Corporation, comprising SD per cent of the iron and steel production, all grounds for anticipating a collapse in the iron market have disappeared. all grounds for anticipating a collapse in the iron market have disappeared. Accordingly the cautious policy pursued by buyers has given way to a sudden and urgent desire to supply requirements for a considerable period whead. This is the explanation for the rise in prices in face of the rapidly increasing production. But the main consideration to keep in mind is that the rebound has been the sharper because the previous restraint in which cause the previous restraint in which the trade was held was altogether un-

At the same time it is worthy of re-At the same time it is worthy of remark that despite the appreciation in values, current prices are away below those for the same period in 1900 A comparison of the relative level on several leading lines makes this perfectly clear. No. 1 Foundry iron at Phtsburg is now quoted at \$15.50, or \$7.50 below where it was a year ago; Ressemer pig is \$8.15 per ton below last year's level, and steel billets \$11 cheaper than they were at this time last year's level, and steel billets \$11 cheaper than they were at this time last year. In Great Britain also there is a substantial margin between the values now current and those of the same period in 1900, Scotch warrands being 20s lower, and Middlesboro iron 28s 54

being 20s tower, and analysis 20s 5d.

Local business has naturally been influenced to a certain extent by the situation across the lines, and demand has been more active of late.

Hardware Trade Notes.

United States dealers have been competing for the Canadian cement trade this spring with considerable success.

Linseed oil dropped 4c per callon at Minneapolis last week, making the price there now in a jobbing way 57c raw and 59c for boiled.

Black sheets have risen \$3 per ton in the United States Pig iron is from 25 to 50 cents higher Billets are still climbing. Steel bars are up \$1 a ton. Merchant steel has had to recognize the stringent circumstances and some lines are \$2 or \$3 higher. Old material is moving upward. is moving unward.

Some of the Toronto jobbers have been holding large stocks of fron pipe which they have been selling for less than the manufacturers figures warman ane manufacturers figures war-ranted. An understanding has now been reached and as a result prices are slightly higher, but as they are still under those quoted by the manu-facturers there may be a further ad-vance very shortly.

An advance of 1/2c per lbs. is reported from the east on manila and sisal rope. The market is firm at these prices, manufacturers stating that a further advance is not eu and

improbable and this appears all the more probable as there is now an understanding among the manufacturers. It is reported that there is a demand for hemp for binder twine purposes, and as the supply is light the price has advanced which has affected the price of rope

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Turpentine has declined 4c per gallon in Toronto and west, and 2c per gallon in Montreal and eastern Ontario and Quebec points. This drop is due to the weak feeling at primary points owing to the large crop last season. Stocks on hand at primary points are placed at 13 452 gallons as against 7.172 gallons ... 1900. Prices have been advancing since 1898 and last season the highest price in a decade was reached. During the past four months prices have experienced several slumps owing to the large crops. Buyers do not seem auxious to stock up at present prices but it is impossible to say yet whether these will be maintained or not as every thing depends upon the new crop which will begin to come in during the next three or four weeks.

Canada is now consuming annually

Canada is now consuming annually something over 20 million gallons of coal oil, practically the whole of which coal oil, practically the whole of which trade is under the control of the Standard Oil Company, a foreign corporation To further enhance the profits of this concern we tax ourselves by means of a duty on imports a large amount of which tax does not go into the Dominion treasury at all but into the profits of the men who compose the standard company as they sell us oil produced in our own country at a price which represents its cost plus their regular profit and the amount of the duty. Farmers in many parts of the United States are said to buy oil at 10c per gallon of equally good quality to that which sells in Canada at 25c per gallon.

THE IMPLEMENT TRADE.

THE TWINE MARKET

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It will be no surprise to the trade to learn that the price of twine has again been advanced. As stated last week, all conditions pointed unmistakably to another advance at an early date, for, as shown at that time the then current price did not afford even the meager margin with which the season opened, when fiber quotations were considered. This advance, together with a slight decline in sisal hemp, has brought the price up to the same re-

brought the price up to the same re-iative position it occupied at the be-ginning of the season.

The advance applies to manifa and pure manifa as well as to sisal and standard, but this is due more to scarstandard, out this is due more to scar-city of manila grades, and of good manila henp, than to the price of material. The new prices give additional intrinsic value to sisal and standard, and the sales to date embrace a greater proportion of these grades than

The advanced prices follow.

Implement Trade Notes.

Reports from Minneapolis and other centres in the Northwestern States indicate that retail business in implements is opening up there in good shape. Jobbing orders for spring are pretty well filled and now the retailer will have his turn.

will have his turn.

E. W. Rugg has received the appointment of secretary for the Western Retail Implement Dealers' Association with headquarters at Winnings. He will commence canvassing the country at once for members and hopes by Exhibition time to have every dealer in the west enrolled as members of the association.

A new drill which he attracting some

members of the association.

A new drill which is attraceling some attention here is called Steep's Patent Grain Drill. It is the invention of James Steep, of Indian Head. Assat, a machine man who has been working for some time on this invention. The Goderich Engine and Bicycle. Co., of Goderich. Ont. A few of these drills were sold in the west last year, and they seem to have given satisfaction. Some think it is the coming drill. It is a combination shoe and Coulter drill.

The Copper and Nickel Industry of Canada.

Among the mineral products of Canada during the year 1809, copper held third place and nickel fourth in point of the value of the product, the copper produced being valued at \$2,655,-319, and the nickel at \$2,067,840,

The world's nickel production in 1898 was placed at 6,110 metric tons, to which amount New Caledonia contributed 3,608 tons, the United States 5 tons and Ontario 2,503 tons; Ontario's share being 40.8 per cent of the

total.

Concerning the operations carried on in 1828, the report of the Department of Colonisation and Mines for that year says that the Capelton contains a second of the capelton contains and the capelton contains a second of the capelton contains and the capelton contains a second of the capelton contains and the capelton contains a second of operations carried that year says that the Capelton copper mines were worked regularly. The total output was 38,528 gross tons of the low grade ore in the environs of Sherbrooke, of a value at the mine of \$157,062, of which 23,728 tons were shipped to the United States while the remainder was used on the

spot.
Concerning nickel and cobalt, the Quobec Government Mining Engineer reported "The works done on Calumet Island, in the vicinity of Split Rock, do not appear to me to have yielded satisfactory results. The English Canadian Mining Co., was organized to work this deposit of which I spoke last year, but it seems to have abandoned its work after taking out a few tons of ore." tons of ore.

Four copper mining companies were in operation or in a position to work during the year. The Bureau of Mines report for Ont-

The Burcau of Mines report for Ontario for IND gives the distribution of the various forms in which the metal occurs in the province, as follows:

Native copper has been found at the following localities, among others:

O'Connor, Beaver Mine; Point Mamainse, Sparnisland, St. Ignace. This mineral occurs at numerous places in the trappean rocks on the north and east shores of Lake Superior.

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Copper pyrites occurs widely dis-tributed in the Sudbury district and in other parts of the province. Copper glance occurs at Bruce

Copper glance occurs at Bruce Mines; Gould, Barron location; Mamainse; Michipicoten Island; Parry ainse; Sound.

Copper sulphate occurs at Lake, Hastings county, and other localities. In Ontario the production of copper

Hastings county, and other localities. In Ontario the production of copper is closely associated with that of nicked of the extent of the operations in the province in recent years the report of the Bureau of Mines for 18.81, says:—

"In the eight years, 1802-99, for which complete statistics are available, the quantity of copper and nicked ores smelted and reduced to matte in the Sudbury district was 763,082 tons, and the estimated metallic contents were 30,449,000 pounds nickel and 40,338,500 pounds copper. At the selling price of matte at the furnaces, which is the form in which it is exported to the refineries, the total value of the nickel produced in the eight years was \$3,235,000 and of the copper, \$1,480,000, or a total of \$4,775,000. He total amount paid for wages in Ontario during the eight years was \$2,334,000.

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With an increase of nearly 50,000 tons in the quantity of ore smelted, the nickel contents in 1859 exceed those of 1808 by less than 100 tons, and the copper contents are actually less by 1,330 tons.

The statistics of labor show that there were employed at the mines and works last year: underground, 27d, and above ground, 536; with 25 boys under 16 years of age above ground. The total amount of wages paid for labor was \$443,879.

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labor was \$443.879.

In the course of an address on "The Nickel Question," at the annual meeting of the Canadian Mining Institute, but year, Major Leckle said:—
"The province of New Brunswick is likely to be a producer of nickel, unless the threatened fall in the price of nickel should fall from over-production. Near St. Stephen, large masses of pyrrhetite exist, which appear to be more extensive and continuous than those in Nipissing and Algoma. than those in Nipissing and Algoma.

the average in places running fully 3 per cout copper and nickel. Their location is admirable being within half a mile of the rallway and less than a mile from tidewater. Cheap labor, cheap fuel, and ample waterpower, all favor economical mining and treatment of ore.

"Fort Steele district, British Columbia, has sent good samples of nickel ore; arseniurets, yielding from 3 to 8 per cent. nickel; and from Lunenburg county, Nova Scotia, encouraging samples of sulphides have been received."

In British Columbia the exploitation In British Columbia the exploitation of copper has been steadily increasing until it now constitutes one of the mineral products of the province. In 1897, to the total of \$10,445,268, the value of the mineral products of British Columbia, copper contributed, \$266,258; in 1898, to a total of \$10,506,861, copper contributed \$\$7,781; and in 1899, to a total of \$12,356,555, copper contributed \$1,351,453.

Reviewing the situation, in so far as copper is concerned, the report of the Minister of Mines for 1856 says:
"The amount of copper produced in the province during 1890 was 7,722,501 pounds, an increase of about 6 per cent, over last year. While this increase in the actual output is comparatively which the precediate. paratively slight, the exceedingly good market prices ruling throughout the year caused the value of such pro-duction to amount to an increase of

the year caused the value of such production to amount to an increase of about 55 per cent, over that of 1898.

"As yet, the copper-producing districts are practically limited to three Hossland, Nelson, and the Coast.

"Hossland produced about 75 per cent, of our total copper output this past year, with a tonnage of 172,065 tons, an increase of some 55 per cent, over 1898. The increase in the amount of line copper produced was about 9 per cent, but the increase in the value of such production was about 58 per cent, but the increase in the value of such production was about 58 per

of such production was about to percent.

"The copper production of the Nelson Camp fell off this year some 1900, 1900 pounds in fine copper; however, the increase in the market price obtained brought the value of the 1800 product up to about the same as that

product up to about the same as that of 1898.

"Relatively, the copper production of the coast district has not as yet reached any very important figure. The output this year was some 654,-972 pounds of fine copper, produced from some 5,200 tons of ore, the product of mines on Texada Island, on Mount Sicker, on the east coast, and near Alberni, on the west coast of Vancouver Island."

Although the returns for the year 1990 have not yet been completed, an estimate prepared for the department of labor by the mines department of labor by the mines department of British Columbia places the probable copper production of the province at 10,000,000 pounds, as compared with a production of 7,722,501 pounds last year.

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Although Nova Scotta is not at present an active producer of copper, some attention is being directed to the metal there.

Almost the entire output of the Canadlan mines is exported, either in ore or in matte, for refining mainly in the Eastern United States.—The Labor Gazette.

The Mineral Production of the British Empire.

In a previous number of this Journal a summary was given of the chief mining industries of the world, statistics of the total production of the most important metals during 1808, says the Imperial Institute Journal.
The information contained therein The information contained differein may now be supplemented by briefly reviewing the figures for 1889 and considering the contributions which the British Empiremakes to the respective totals. The necessary information for this purpose is Turnished by the official report on "Mines and Quarries: Part IV—Colonial and Foreign Statistics" by Dr. Le Neve Foster, which has just been issued from the home office, containing particulars of the other home and colonial mining industries, the statistics relating to production, the number of persons engaged and accidents during 1899.

1809.
With reference to the United Kingdom itself it may be noted that in 1809 there were 4,010 mines in operation, employing a total of 704,166 persons, an increase of 8 mines and 23,041 persons over the previous year; the num-

ber of quarries under official Imspection i. e., over 20 feet deep, was 0,004, giving employment to 17,005 persons, an increase of 40 quarries, but a decrease of 30,483 persons employed, on the figures of 1808. The death rate through accitionts at all the mines was exactly the same as in 1808, viz.: 1,27 per 1,000 white that in the quarries was 1,10 per 1,000 against 1,00 per 1,000 for the previous year. The total value of the minerals obtained from all the working its given as 207,470,200, and the metals obtained by smelting she various ores raised in the country represent £18,314,750, compared with £77,415,003 and £13,717,512 respectively in 1808. The principal increases are in coal, the output of which has risen from 202,004,510 to 220,004,731 tons; in gold, of which 3,327 os. were obtained against 335 os. in 1808; and in adminiming the production of which increased from 310 to 550 tons. The increase in the coal output of this country, large though it was, did not equal that of the United States, which amounted to 30,000,000 metric dons, and for the institute the latter country became the largest producer. The large increase in the States, nearly equal in fact to the total output of France, is stated to be due to the extensive use of coal-cutting machinery, 20 per cent of the total coal being thus obtained, whereas in this country only 1,5 per cent of the total coal being thus obtained, whereas in this country only 1,5 per cent of the total coal is mined in this way.

Gold,—The gold production of the previous year, chiefly owing to the larger output from Western Australia and Canada, and formed more than one-third of the world's supply. Western Australia is move our premier gold-producing colony, the yield flaving increased at a marvellously rapid rate, in 1808 the output was 60 per cent, higher than that of 1807 and in 1809 a similar increase was recorded, the total producion being 1,643,877 oz. or 533,694 oz. more than the previous year. The most important field is that of East Coalgardie, which in 1800 on

Mine.

Silver.—Only one-minth of the world's supply of this metal was furnished by the British Empire, the chief contrib-utons being New South Wales, Tan-mania and Canada. In the former colony the output from the celebrated mines at Broken Hill was well main-

colony the output from the celebrated mines at Broken Hill was well maintained.

Coal.—Nearly one-third of the coal raised in 1839 was supplied by the British empire, though the colonies contributed but little to this result. It is interesting to note that the increase in the production of the United Kingdom during 1830 exceeds the total output of all the colonies of the present time. Many of the latter, however, possess important coal deposits, capable of much greater development. In Canada the chief coshfields are situated on the seaboards of the Atlantic and Pacific occans and are, therefore, of considerable importance. On the Atlantic side thick seams of bituminous coal of true carboniferous age are being worked at Sydney (Cape Breton). Pictou and Springhill coalfields in Nova Scotla, and thin seams also extend into New Brunswick. No coal is found between the Atlantic coast and the western prairies, where large quantities of lignite occur, but on approaching the Rocky Mountains the seams yield good bituminous or anthracite coal. In the neighborhood of the Crow's Nest Pass several very valuable seams occur, and by the construction of a railway through the district these have now been rendered available for industrial purposes. On the Pacific coast coal, generally bituminous, is obtained from Namaimo, the Pacific coast coal, generally bitum-inous, is obtained from Nanaimo, Wellington and Comox in Vancouver Island, and both anthracite and bit-

uminous coal occur in Queen Charlotor Islands. The total production in 1820 showed an increase of nearly 357,000 metric tons on the preceding year. It did also possesses immense coal year of the production for 1830 shows an increase of nearly 350,000 metric tons the production for 1830 shows an increase of nearly 350,000 metric tons about three-fourths of the outline comes from Bengal, the remainder hing obtained from the northwest produces, Assam, Burma, Central Inchithe Nizam's dominions and Baluthus the Nizam's dominions and Baluthus tan. The coal of Peninsular India is inces, Assam, Burma, Central proinces, Assam, Burma, Central indication Nizam's dominions and Baluchistan. The coal of Peninsular India to I Lower Gondwana (Permo-Triassionage, while that of Extra-Peninsular India is Cretaceous and Tertiary. In South Africa the outbreak of war at the end of 1880 interfered consider ably with the output of the minea, and finally stopped work altogether. Cape Colony, however, shows an increase of 15,000 metric tons over the output of 1898, and, but for the interruption of work, this would have been much greater. Of the amount raised Indiaproduced more than five-eighths, the rest coming from Cyphergat, Sterkstroom and Molteno. Outcrops of call have been discovered at various places on the plateau lying between the Drakensburg range and the Mati wane mountains, and along the south ern slopes of these mountains between the Ke and Uminkulu rivers. From Natal no official report for 1886 has been received, but some particulars regarding the mines and figures of the production up to the outbreak of war have been already given in this Journal (Vol. vl. p. 237). The total production of the Australian colonies shows a net increase of over 50,000 metric tons on the figures for 1888, notwith standing the fact that the output from New South Wales, by far the largest a net increase of over 50,000 metritons on the figures for 1808, notwith
standing the fact that the output from
New South Wales, by far the largest
producer, fell off by over 110,000 tons
In Western Australia several large
coal-bearing districts have been discovered, the most important at present being the Collie coalifeld, where
the production rose from 3,508 tons in
1808 to 54,336 tons in 1809, and is like
ly to to increase rapidly. New Zea
land, which had 100 collieries at work
in 1809, the largest of which are on
the west coast of Middle Island, also
shows a substantial increase in its
coal production. British Borneo also
possesses valuable deposits of coal,
which is said to be very suitable for
steamers. In Rhodesia the coal re
sources are being tested with promising results, and in the British Central
African Protectorate coal is being
worked on a small scale on the Upper
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Zambesi.
Iron.—The production of iron or iron Nambes!. Iron.—The production of iron or iron ores in the colonies is at present comparatively insignificant. Canada, however, possesses large supplies of ore in many of its provinces, and the output, though small, is steadily increasing Various ores, viz. magnetite, hematite, limonite, and claystone, occur abundantly in several districts of india, but Barraker, in Bengal, is the only place where iron-smelting is carried on by modern methods on a comparatively large scale. Here the conditions are extremely favorable, as coal, iron ore, and limestone all occur in close proximity, and in 1829 the production was 19,031 tons of pig iron. Large and very valuable deposits of red hematite occur in Newfoundiana at Bell Island, Conception Bay, which are now being mined on an extensive scale, and the ore shipped to Nova Scotla to be smelted. The amount of ore obtained increased from 103,055 tons in 1838 to 311,805 tons in 1838. For the first time Western Australia appears as a producer of iron ore, the amount being 13,058 tons. Copper.—The condition of the Brit ish empire to the world's supply of copper is small, but some of the colonies possess very promising mines.

ore, the amount being 13,058 tons. Copper.—The condition of the British empire to the world's supply of copper is small, but some of the colonies possess very promising mines, which, in view of the present price of the metal, are being vigorously worked. In Canada copper ore is mined in British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec, nearly one-half of the output being from the first-named province, in Cape Colony all the copper ore is obtained from Namaqualand, and the mines there are apparently not under official inspection. Newfoundland considerably increased its production of copper during 1859, and Tasmania, which only began to export in 1856, sent away 4,565 tons of the metal. In New South Wales and South Australia copper-mining is being carried on, and in the latter colony it is the most important mineral industry. Other Metals.—The amounts of lead and sinc furnished by the colonies is not very important. Of the first, British Columbia and Tasmania are the

chief producers, while the latter is almost exclusively obtained from New South Wales. Of tin, however, the British empire supplies nearly two-thirds of the whole supply, due chiefly to the large output from the Malay States. Tasmania is also a fairly large producer of this metal. With reference to other important minerals, it may be noted that the empire produces nearly one-fouth of the world's supply of salt, and that small quantities of petroleum are obtained from Canuda and India.

Rossland Mining News,

Rossiand, B. C., March 25.—The output for the past week owing to a temporary mishap to the big holst at the Le Rol has not equalled that of the previous week. The corrected shipments of which were 9,277 tons, instead of 9,174 tons. The correct shipments, therefore, for the year up to, and including March 10, were 78,472 tons.

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The autput for the week ending Saturday night was 8,610 tons, for the three previous weeks the shipments have averaged 0,000 tons per week. The Le Roi No. 2 has done especially well during the past week, having shipping 000 tons. This is a record week for the Prince, as the Le Roi No. 2 is called.

Following are the shipments for the week ending March 23, and for the year to date: Le Roi for the week 4,230, for the year 44,232; Centre Starfor the week 2,230, for the year 25,471; War Eagle for the week 700, for the year 8,154; Le Roi No. 2 for the week 900, for the year 4,840: Great Western for the week 350. Tor the year 1,838; Iron Mask for the week 90, for the year 1,838; Velvet for the year 563; I. X. L. for the year 92; Evening Star for the year 74; Spitzee for the year 60; Giant for the year 53; Portland for the year 87,682.

American Steel Combine from an English View-Point.

In the mind of the London Iron and Coal Trades Review "a consolidation of producers will be more likely to produce cheaply than an individual. That the steel meanufacturers of the United States will be able to produce more cheaply by their united action is more than probable. L'union fait la force. But how about the consumers? How, also, about the outside markets of the world, which it is the hardly-veiled aim of the American manufacturers to occupy to the fullest possible extent. There is not a little reason to suppose that if the schemes of American manufacturers and financiers are not defeated by internal dissensions European countries will find it more difficult to struggle against American competition with the new forces arrayed against them. It is not at all improbable that the new arrangements, resulting from these combinations will enable American manufacturers and inspections will enable American manufacturers in the competition will enable american manufacturers and manufacturers and manufacturers and manufacturers and financies are not defeated by internal dissensions. European countries will find it more difficult to struggle against them. It is not at all improbable that the new arrangements, resulting from these combinations will enable American manufacturers and an area of the competition of the competition

American competition with the new forces arrayed against them. It is not at all improbable that the new arrangements, resulting from these combinations, will enable American manufacturers to produce steed 10s per ton chesper than would otherwise be portable. One authority assigns a saving of 5s to 6s per ton to the single fact that changing rolls will now hardly be necessary. There are other obvious and more or dess considerable economies which must profoundly modify the old conditions. It, therefore, becomes worth while to consider how our own country is likely to stand in relation to this new movement. "The total quantity of pig fron produced in the United Kingdom in 1899 was over 9,300,000 tons, and the total quantity exported as pig iron, and as finished iron and steel, allowing 10 per cent, for waste and loss in commission, would probably be about 4,100,000 tons, leaving 5,200,000 tons, es pig, to be consumed in the United Kingdom. To this is to be added the imports of iron and steel into the United Kingdom, which for 1899 were about 500,000 tons in terms of that commodity. It is obvious that if the government of the day were to consent to the imposition of import duties on the same scale as those levied in the United States, the manufacturers of the latter country could not materially affect, and would not in any way be able to control, this major quantity—at least not directly. It could only be affected by competition in shore branches of manufacture into which our home consumption of iron and steel enters, such as shirs, armor, holders, engines and machinery of all kinds.

"If, therefore, the American plan of campalian were likely to drive us into

a tight place, we should unquestionably be justified in looking to the government to do something to protect our great industry from threatened ruin. But many things are likely to happen before then. We may even adopt the America system at home, and "better the instruction." If consolidation is to be the final solvent and determinant of cheap production, and the retention of foreign markets, the system need not be limited to American experience. There were strong men before Agamemnon, and Mr. Andrew Carnegle has no monopoly of astuteness and business capacity. But we prefer to believe that the latest American scheme is entirely too vast, too cumbersome, too unnatural, and too subversive of public and vested interests generally, to hold together for any length of time."

An Influx of Gold.

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Prof. N. S. Shaler, a noted geologist of Havard University, predicts that there will be an influx of gold within the next forty years which is likely to produce serious economic complications. He bases his statement on the recent improvements in mine dredges, which make it possible to work thousends of square miles of gold-bearing territory which cannot now be profitably mined. Prof. Shaler, lecturing on the subject a week since, said that, according to his certimates, there are from 4,000 to 6,000 square miles of alluvial plains in America which will bear vast quantities of gold under the new dredging system, and he stated that it was practically certain that the quantity of gold in the world would be quadrupled within the next forty years. The quantity would, he said be increased tenfold were it not for the fact that the price of labor will advance with the increase of gold and make the working of the rockbeds and more expensive mines impossible. Prof. Shaler stated that there is \$50,000. make the working of the rockbeds and more expensive mines impossible. Prof. Shaler stated that there is \$30,000,000,000,000 worth of gold to be taken from the earth within the next century. Silver, he believes, will ultimately come to express international value, as it is buried not in alluvial plains, but deep down in the earth, where it can only be mined at a given rate.—Bradstreets.

The Loss of Gold.

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"The annual loss of gold is very great. The amount of gold currency lost annually by wear and tear alone is considerable; McCulloch estimates it," says Chambers' Journal, "at 1½ per cent. of the total amount in circulation, or £7,500,000 for gold and silver combined. On this basis it may be calculated that the annual loss which actually takes place in gold alone by wear and tear is about £4,-000,000. Gold is lost in many other ways, vast quantities are hoarded (especially in foreign countries) and a large proportion of this is subsequently lost, as shown by the quantity of treasure trove which comes to the surface every year, though it probably represents but a small part of that which has been concealed, and every ship which founders at sea takes a certain amount of gold with it, which may a jount anywhere from a few years ago, when the annual production was about £24,000,000, it follows that the amount used in this way is about double that which is used as currency."

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Winnipeg 350,000
Manitoba elevators,
Total March 16
Total a year ago

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS. BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS, Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreets March 10, were 77,527,000 bushels the previous week.
Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were \$2,507,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.
Biocks of wheat at Pacific coast pows on March 1 were 0,972,000 bushels.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Hocky Mountains, for the week ended March 23 was 54.714,600 hushels, heing a decrease of 409,000 hushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 54.003,000 bushels, two years ago

30,067,000 hushels, three years ago 30,001, 000 hushels, four years ago 30,023,000 bushels, five years ago 61,048,000 hushels,

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

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The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 10,385,680 bushels, compared with 6,525,680 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 22 862,000 bushels, compared with 2,111,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in America and Europe and alloat for Europe Feb. 1 in each year, for a series of years, were as follows— Bradstreet's report:

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1901	٠		٠.	٠.		٠.	٠.			162,000,000
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CROP MOVEMENT.

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The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States spring wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, Aug. 1, 1000, to date, compared with the same period of hust year:

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Milwankee	6,691,520 14,877,825	8,249,402 41,525,504
	34,984,450	19,580,650

...116,675,115 132,405,916 The following tube gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States winter wheat markets, from the loginning of the crop movement, July 1, 1000, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

Toledo	8,081,140	10,470,524
St. Louis	2.618,236	7,947,889 3,308,639
Kansas City	31,953,317	12,315,890
Total	61,126,514	34,042,950

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this eek last year:

Wheat No. I hard closed at 673₁₀ in store Fort William.
Flour-Local price per sack: Patent, SLNMeSLS; best bakers, \$1.70.
Oatmeal-\$1.05 per 80D sack, to the retail trade.

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Oatmeal-\$1.05 per 80ID sack, to the retail trade.

Millstuffs—Brain, \$11.50 ton, shorts, \$15.50, delivered to city dealers.

Oats—Curiots on trick, 300/3/311/2c, according to quality.

Barley—32°335c per bushel for malting, and feed grades.

Country Wheat—52'05-2c per bushel, according to grade and freight rate to farmers at country points.

Corn—in carlots, 43c per bushel, Flax—\$1,25'2\$1.30 per bushel.

Butter—Dairy, 1842'20c per ID to the retail trades, creamery, 24c per ID to the retail trade.

Cheese-Regular sizes, 14Q14½c to the retail trade.

Eggs-12c for Manitola fresh, less ex-

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Hides-Country frozen hides, WithYe per pound. No. 1 inspected. 7c per pound. Wool-8d9c for unwashed fleece.

Seneca Root-25c per In Hay-Baled, \$5@\$5.00 per ton on cars. Potatos-150.00 per bushel for farmers' loads

Poultry-Turkeys, 11c per ID: colorone.

loads
Poultry—Turkeys, 11c per ID; chickens, 10c; ducks, 10c; and geere, 9c per ID.
Dressed Meats—Heef, 6a71/c; veal, 8a40c; frozen mutton, 8a40c; fresh mutton, 9a/10c per pound; hogs, 5/4/4/c, fresh mutton, 9a/10c per pound; hogs, 4/44/c off cars, according to quality.

New Cycle Warerooms.

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The National Cycle and Automobile Company, Limited, is now comfortably settled in the new warerooms which were secured a few weeks ago in the Maw building, William avenue, Winnipeg. The whole of the second floor is being used by the company for display and storage of the stock of bicycles, etc. The following well-known makes of wheel are in stock: E. & D., of Hamilton: Crescent, of Chicago; Columbia and Hartford, of Chicago; Spaulding, of Chicago, and Imperial, of Chicago, W. R. Roseborough, is managing the company's business as usual this year, With reference to the factories of the company it may be said that those in Canada are to be fitted up so that all these wheels can be made on this side of the line, thus saving the duty. The locomobile department is also to be a very prominent feature hereafter. Work is now in progress on a contract to supply the Dominion government with a number of these machines for use in the postal service gathering mail from city boxes and transferring mails to and from rail-way trains.

A BUSY FACTORY.

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One of the growing industries of Winaipeg at the present day is the carriage and sleigh wood factory of D. Ackland & Son, on Point Douglas, Winnipeg. This concern is particularly busy at present with spring orders for carriages and sleigh wood goods of all kinds. They have this year greatly increased their output particularly of wagon and carriage spokes and hubs. Most of their shipments of manufactured lines are of their own make. They also deal in imported lines of special designs and in all kinds of hardwood lumber,

A Suggestion.

The following suggestion for retailers in towns to meet departmental store competition, is made by a retailer: Let an exclusive dealer in each of the following lines, shoes, dry goods, groceries, clothing and drugs, get together and rent a building large enough to accommodate them all, each man as before to be the sole proprietor of his own business, but to all intents and purposes as far as the public is concerned, it would be a large departmental store. One advertising space divided into departments could contain the advertising for all. One space divided into departments could contain the advertising for all. One cashier office would suffice, and business should be done strictly for cash. A consolidation of this kind would greatly reduce the expenses of each, and go a long way towards solving the departmental store problems. If the people would rather make their purchases all under one roof, why not accommodate them?—Shoe and Leather Trade Journal. Leather Trade Journal.

City Council Meeting.

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The Winnipeg city council held its regular forthighly meeting on Monday evening last. The report of the finance committee recommending among other items a grant of \$5,000 to the Industrial Exhibition Association for the year 1901, was adopted. The works committee recommended acceptance of tender of W. F. Lee for construction of sewers and of T. H. Maxwell for sinking well, also that tenders be called for the construction of additional sidewalks and pavements on city streets, and further that the city proceed to expropriate the property necessary to straighten Assinibolae Avenue from Garry Street to Main. This report was adopted. A motion to exempt the new Y. M. C. A. Motion to secure an amendment of the municipal act to prevent non-residents from selling goods from railway cars and to cancel the license of auctioneers who break the city by-laws was carried. A motion to secure legislation reducing the addermanic term of office to one year was carried. A by-law to annul the by-law making the carrying of bicycle lains compulsory was carried. A deputation was present from the Cycle Path Association to ask that the city take over control of all cycle paths within the limits and provide for their malitenance by a tax of 50 cents each or cyclists.

Railway and Traile Matters.

Railway and Tratic Matters.

An act was introduced in the Manitoba legislature on Tuesday by neminister of railways to transfer the aid which was granted under section of chapter 43 of 61 Victoria to lines of railways outside the province to lines to be constructed in the province during the coming year. In 1898 the government granted aid to assist the construction of a line of railway from a point north of Sifton station to a point on the south bank of the Saskatchewan river by guaranteeing the principal and interest of first moregage bonds to the amount of \$8,000 per mile. The legislation introduced will enable the government to transfer this aid to 110 miles of railway to be constructed in the province.

The Dominion government survey

be constructed in the province.

The Dominion government survey parties which have been working along French river from Georgian Bay to North Bay on Lake Nipissing with a view to ascertaining the cost of making that channel navigable to twenty feet draughts should soon be ready to report. Two parties of engineers have been at work there for a couple of months acting for the department of public works and the work must be getting pretty well along. The idea is to establish the feasibility of that route for vessel traffic between the head of the great

lakes and the Ottawa river and Atlantic ocean. If it should be found that the way can be opened up Conda is sure of a very large share of the carrying business between and the Atlantic ocean. The project and the Atlantic ocean. The project and would enable the traffle to a bundled much cheaper than by United States route. Of course a necessary feature of its development would be the improvement of at Lawrence river navigation.

Lake Ore Freights and Traffic.

Steadiness and uniformity, which in the Iron and steel trade bld fair to displace extreme fluctuations, will per haps be exemplified this coming season in lake freights, as well as in prices of ore and of iron and steel pro-

season in lake freights, as well as in prices of ore and of iron and steel products.

The United States Steel corporation will pretty well control the ore trafe on the lakes hereafter, from all indications. Their acquisition of the Rockefeller mine and vessel interest this week practically makes them independent in every respect. The mines which they now control have a capacity of 12,000,000 tons of ore annually. The 112 vessels which they own have a carrying capacity of about 11,000,000 tons, by going up light, and their ore requirements, based on last year s business are about 12,000,000 tons, so that ore production, transportation and consumption are very even. The new vessels coming out for this s ason will have a carrying capacity of about 3,000,000 tons for the season, and the Rockefeller fleet, which in 1900 lay in ordinary most of the season, has a carrying capacity of about 3,000,000 tons. It is safe to predict that this latter fleet will be put into active and continued service this year so that the total carrying capacity will be about 6,000,000 tons in excess of that in service last year. It is not likely that the shipments of one will gain in any amount approximate thereto. Hence the prospect for the individual vessel owner in the ore trade is not exceptionally bright.

It is rumored that the transportation of a block of ore from the head of the lakes to Lake Eric has been contracted for on a basis of about 72 cents, as against \$1.25 last year. The policy of the vessel management of the corporation in regard to carrying up coal and engaging in the grain trade will perhaps be determined by the state of the ore traffic.—Iron and Steel.

Application for Incorporation.

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The following notice of application for incorporation is given in the Official Gazette: R. J. Whitia and Company (Limited), with a total capital stock of \$500,000, headquarters at the city of Winnipeg; to carry on the business of dry goods merchants and manufacturers; to deal in all manner and kind of goods, wares and merchandise, and to manufacture the same; to act as agents for merchants, traders and manufacturers; to engage in any business or transaction which may directly or indirectly inhance the value of or render valuable the company's assets, properties and rights; to lend money and take security therefor of every nature and kind: rights; to lend money and take security therefor of every nature and kind; to acquire, hold and dispose of shares in the capital stock of any other company or corporation, and to invest its founds in the purchase of any such shares; to acquire, lease, mortgage, and sell land and real estate of every description and any or curry invest. and sell land and real estate of every description and any or every interest therein. The petitioners are: Robert Jones Whitla, merchant; Danson Kerr Elliott, merchant; Richard Driscoll, salesman; Abraham Susden Binns, salesman; John M. Campbell, salesman, and James Albert Manning Alkins, barrister-at-law, all of the city of Winnipes.

Argentine trade for 1900 shows a slight set-back, which is not a matter for surprise having regard to the cholera scare at Rosario, flood lamages, the restriction of the experience of wool. The total imports amounted to \$113.485.000 gold, as against \$116.850,700 in the previous year, a drop of 2 per cent, and the experts agregated \$154.600,400, as against \$154.917,500, a decline of 16 per ent The total foreign commerce is thus \$218,085,400, as compared with \$01.768,200, showing a falling off of \$33.082,800, equal to 11 per cent.

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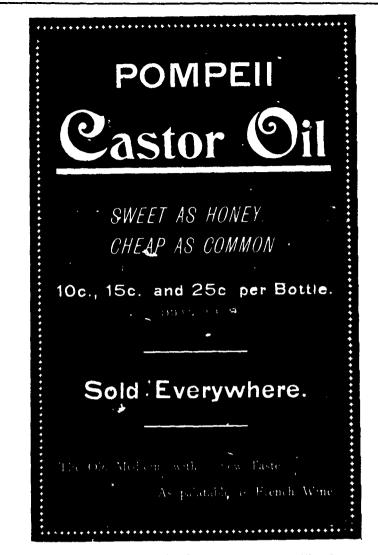
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