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WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 22, 1890.

Manitoba.

Capt. Helgasson has opened a general store at Selkirk.

Portage's population is estimated at between 4,000 and 5,000.

Messrs. Shaw contemplate opening a store at Lake Dauphin.

John Hamilton, hotelkeeper, Winnipeg, contemplates selling out.

The track-layers on the C. P. R. Souris branch, have reached Hartney.

J. Smith & Co., general merchants, Crystal City, contemplate moving to Balder.

Francis, of Headingly, has bought out J. W. Sparling, general dealer of High Bluff.

Mrs. Geo Easton has opened out in the stationery and fancy goods line at Morden.

Peebles & Braden, butchers, Winnipeg, have sold out their market business to Braden Bros.

Dr. J. Y. McLachlan, of Toronto, has decided to locate at Carberry for the practice of his profession.

Andrew Malcolm, cheesemaker, Lake Dauphin, has assigned in trust to P. J. McDermott, of Minnedosa.

The Manitoba & Northwestern Railway Company have opened the extension of the road to Yorkton for traffic.

J. F. Jardine, formerly in the livery and feed business at Carberry, has rented the Commercial hotel, at Neepawa.

The Portage fire brigade is to reorganize, with paid men. This is decidedly a wise move on the part of the civic authorities.

Tenders are being called for the supplies next year for the Deaf and Dumb Institute at

Winnipeg, including groceries, flour, meats, bread, etc.

The secretary treasurer of the Winnipeg General Hospital acknowledges with thanks the receipt of \$25 donation from the Northwest Commercial Travellers Association.

A. Pearson, clothing merchant, Winnipeg, for the past fifteen years, who has just been elected to fill the mayoralty chair for a second term, is going out of business on February 1st.

The Portage *Liberal* says that Mr. Noble, one of the creditors of the town who was hanging back from a settlement, has at last come into the arrangement and thus completes the circle.

Johnson & Barclay, millers and flour and feed dealers, Portage, have dissolved partnership. D. Johnston will carry on the work of building the new oatmeal mill to replace the one burned recently.

A large quantity of fire wood is being delivered along the line of the Northern Pacific Brandon branch, north of Swan Lake. The wood is being shipped to Brandon principally, and is proving a great advantage to the wheat city.

The Manitoba Dairy Association will meet at Portage la Prairie on January 15. Manitoba has much to expect from a better development of her resources in this line, and the efforts of the dairy association are worthy of every encouragement.

H. H. Stovel, superintendent at Winnipeg of the London Life Insurance Company, died suddenly in the railway depot at West Lynne last week. A few minutes before he was apparently in good health. Mr. Stovel was well known and a respected citizen of Winnipeg.

The exhibition by-law was voted upon and carried in Winnipeg on Tuesday last. This inures to Winnipeg and to Manitoba an exhibition worthy of the province. The sum granted by the city in aid of the exhibition is \$30,000, to be invested in grounds and buildings. There were 917 votes for and 30 against the by-law.

A writ has been issued by Charlebois against the Great Northwest Central railway to obtain payment of \$5,123. Charlebois says that legal action has been taken, as a matter of form, to decide the question as to whom the money shall be paid. The amount involved is part of the cost of construction of fifty miles of the road for which Charlebois was contractor. It has been agreed, he says, to settle the dispute by arbitration.

The report of the last season's operations at the Manitou cheese factory furnishes a pretty good exhibit. It is as follows: Total amount of milk furnished by patrons, 296,691 pounds; total amount of cheese made, 29,536 1/2 pounds; average price of milk for season per 100 pound, 70 cents; total gross receipts, \$2,909 80; total expenses, \$851.74; net proceeds, \$2,058 06; number of cheese made, 469; average weight per cheese, 63 pounds.

THE COMMERCIAL has repeatedly referred to the injustice of the mail service supplied the important town of Emerson. The Emerson Times has the following to say on the same matter: "We most humbly submit that this district is being wantonly neglected and retarded in progress in many ways by the treatment we receive from the Dominion Govern-

ment. We desire just now to draw attention to the fact that, although a regular express train leaves Winnipeg every morning and passes through the town of Emerson about 1 p.m., our mails are sent away over to Gretna by another road and arrive here by stage at about 4.30 or 5 o'clock."

Although the improvements made at Pilot Mound this season, says the *Sentinel*, have not been as great as was expected, yet some progress has been made. The large new roller flour mill and oatmeal mill have been great additions to the business establishments of the town and bid fair to be of immense value to the district. The large new store erected and occupied by McLean Bros. adds much to the appearance of the important corner on which the building stands. The new structure added to the Queen's Hotel, by Mr. Crotheis, largely increases the accommodation required for the travelling public. The new curling rink in course of construction will be useful as well as ornamental and when the curling season is over will make an excellent hall in which to hold the agricultural exhibitions. The building will be erected in the corner of the ground belonging to the society and will be planned in order that it may be suitable for the annual shows. Some new dwellings and additions have been erected during the year.

The Chicago *Commercial Advertiser*, now the *Industrial World*, published the first write-up of Manitoba, which appeared in 1877. It was a very full one, and was afterwards re-published on a large scale, in pamphlet form, on the order of the Dominion Government. In recalling this fact *The Industrial World* said, recently: "Until that time, the province had been a sort of *terra incognita*—a wilderness region without attractions for the outside world; but the pictures of its multifarious advantages, scattered broadcast, created an interest which led to inquiry, and then to an influx of industrious and enterprising people seeking cheap homes. Since that vigorous start, Manitoba has grown rapidly in population, and in the elements of wealth and prosperity. Now that railway extension and its attendant lines of telegraph have brought the province into industrial and commercial touch with distant communities, a still higher grade of development is rendered practicable. This journal may well feel proud of the influential part which it took in helping to set on foot the beginnings of so much progress."

Saskatchewan.

A. S. Stewart, of Prince Albert, has been appointed agent for the Massey Co.

Lee, harness maker of Indian Head, contemplates opening business at Prince Albert.

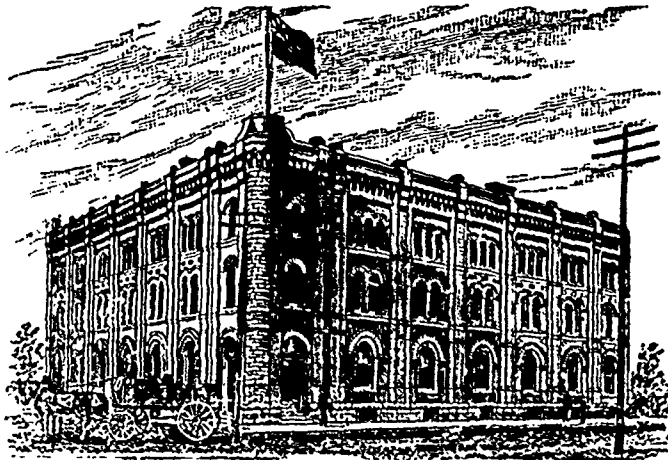
Chester Thompson has re-opened his blacksmith shop in the east end, Prince Albert.

An electric light company has secured a ten-years' franchise for Prince Albert, and the plant is arriving.

Some new machinery is being added to the H. Co.'s flour mill at Prince Albert. Considerable wheat has been taken in at the mill.

The appointment of Stephen Brewster to the vacant office of registrar of East Saskatchewan gives satisfaction. Mr. Brewster is the senior partner in the law firm of Brewster & McKay.

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SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Vancouver, December 8.—

Real estate is weekly becoming more active. In this the experience of every previous winter has been verified. There are several reasons for the rainy season having this effect. One is that the laborers and mechanics are investing their summer's earnings, while there are a number of loggers and miners who spend their winters in the cities, who have considerable money to spend. Another reason is that people generally having less to do in their regular lines are more inclined to be speculative. Whatever be the cause, the fact remains. Allied with real estate is building activity and operations in it continue to an unusual degree at this season. This is due to the open and mild character of the weather. Rain has fallen copiously, but otherwise, excepting a few days fog, it has not been disagreeable and only one slight frost has been experienced so far.

Business in the mercantile lines is good. Never was better. Collections are very satisfactory. The reports given currency in the eastern papers and having their origin in Winnipeg apparently, about hundreds rushing into Vancouver daily, for which there is no employment, is utterly false. It is true that the immigration of all classes for the past few months has been greater than for a long time, but there never was a time when so many could find employment, and when there were so many industrial employments open.

So far as butter, eggs, cheese, etc., are concerned there is little change in the situation from last week. The market is fairly well supplied but all lines are in good demand. First quality eggs are hard to get. There is an excellent market for choice cheese and canned goods, fruits and vegetables. Creamery butter brings from 23 to 23c, according to quality and quantity. Dairy is scarce at from 20 to 22c.

Hay and potatoes continue steady, although the potato market is very uncertain and prices likely to take a jump if the weather stiffens. It is hard to keep potatoes during this mild weather. Quotations are as follows:—Potatoes, \$20 to \$22.50 per ton; hay, \$16 per ton; oats, \$30 per ton; shorts, \$27;

chopped feed, \$35; bran \$24; wheat, \$35; rolled oats, \$3.50 per sack; cornmeal, \$3.15. Flour: Manitoba patents, \$6.25; bakers, \$6; Portland, \$5.25; Dayton, \$5.10; 2 star, \$5.40; onions, (B.C.), \$3 per cwt.; (Spanish), \$8; eggs, Ontario pickled, 24 to 25c; American, 22 to 23c.

Fish and fresh meats are fairly plentiful, of good quality and high in price. A good deal of Northwest mutton for Christmas is being sold here. It is preferable to the imported American stock. The market is well supplied with vegetables of the very best quality. There are plenty of native apples coming in, and the choice consignments sell well, but there is so much inferior stock poorly packed and all that that dealers almost prefer importing from Portland. This is the fault of the growers themselves, for there is no difficulty handling good stock at from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per box when sent in. Cooking pears are worth \$1.75 per box; grapes, 15 to 30c per pound; oranges, \$4 to \$5 per box. Game has risen in price. Grouse 75 to 85c a brace; ducks, ditto; wild geese \$1 each. Poultry: Chickens, \$8.50 to \$7.50 per dozen; domestic ducks, \$7 to \$9; turkeys, \$2.75 each; geese, \$2.50 to \$2.75.

Dried meats have declined slightly: Dry salt pork, 11c; roll bacon, 12½c; breakfast bacon, 14c; hams, 14½c; lard, 11½ to 12½c; salt salmon \$9.50 for 20½ pounds barrel; canned salmon, \$4 to \$4.50 a case. Sugar is steady from 6½ to 7½ for yellow and granulated respectively.

Raw Furs.

The Toronto *Empire* says of furs: "The market continues steady and prices are unchanged. Buying prices are as follows: Beaver, per pound, \$4.50 to \$5.25; bear, per skin, \$10 to \$25; bear, cub, per skin, \$5 to \$12; mink, \$3.50 to \$5; fox, red, \$1 to \$5; fox, cross, \$2 to \$5; lynx, \$1.50 to \$2.50; marten, 75 to 90c; mink, dark, 75c to \$1.25; muskrat, fall, 12c, winter, 15c; otter, \$8 to \$13; raccoon, 25 to 30c; skunk, \$1.25."

The Montreal *Gazette* quotes furs as follows: "Beaver, per pound, \$4 to \$4.50; bear, large, per skin, \$10 to \$15, cub, per skin, \$5 to \$8; fisher, per skin, \$3.50 to \$5; fox, red, per skin, \$1 to \$1.25, fox, cross, per

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Assiniboia.

O'Neil & Co. have bought the business of J. O'Neil at Broadview.

J. N. McDonald, of the *Moose Jaw Times*, is now editor of the *Letabridge News*.

Wm. Hunt is opening a tailoring establishment at Regina, where he was formerly in the same line.

O. Smith, publisher of the *Moosomin Courier*, Moosomin, has added stationery and books to his establishment.

Alex. Boyce, blacksmith, Qu'Appelle, has bought the business of Jas. McEwen in the same line at the same place.

Dr. C. E. Carthew has purchased the drug stock of the Qu'Appelle Medical Hall, and added it to his drug store at the same place.

G. H. V. Bulyea, of Qu'Appelle, has been nominated to run in South Qu'Appelle as a prohibition candidate for the Local Assembly.

B. C. McCurd and J. O'Brien, says the *Medicine Hat Times*, are opening out a coal mine on the river bank about two miles up the river. O'Brien has had experience in mining in England. The coal will be sold at four dollars per ton.

The Moosomin branch of Le Jeune, Smith & Co.'s banking establishment has been taken over by the Union Bank of Canada. The branch will be conducted under the same management as heretofore. This will give Moosomin its first chartered bank, which will be welcomed by the merchants.

The *Regina Journal* will change hands on January 1st, 1891, and will after that date be under the control of a joint stock company. Mr. Atkinson, the late proprietor, will go to Toronto, where he will engage in the publication of Sunday School literature. It is reported the politics of the paper are to be changed over to the Conservative side, which will give Regina two Conservative papers, and leave the Liberal party unrepresented.

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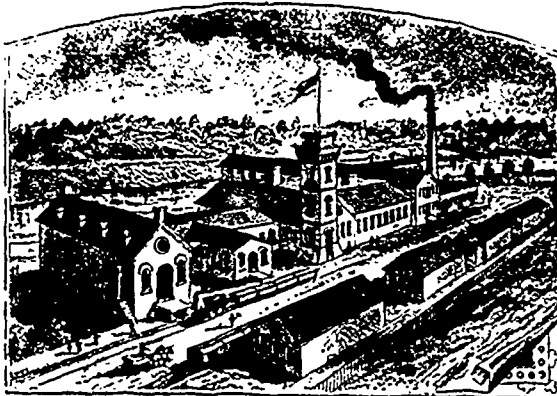
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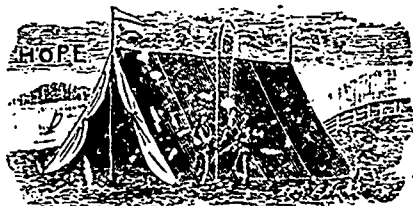
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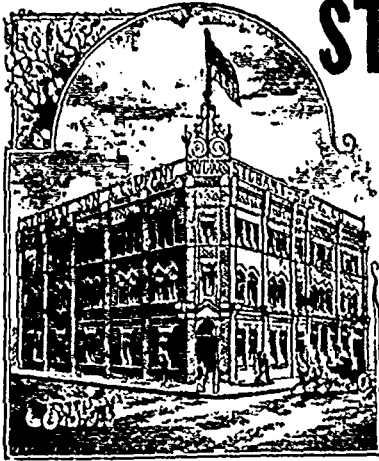
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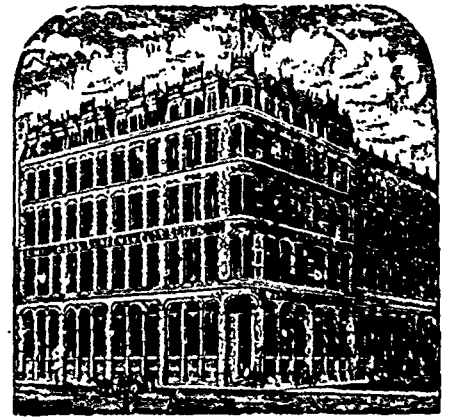
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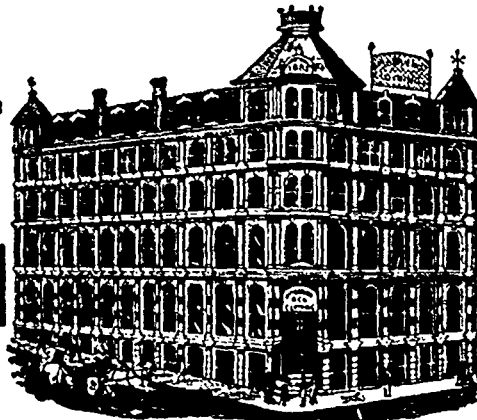
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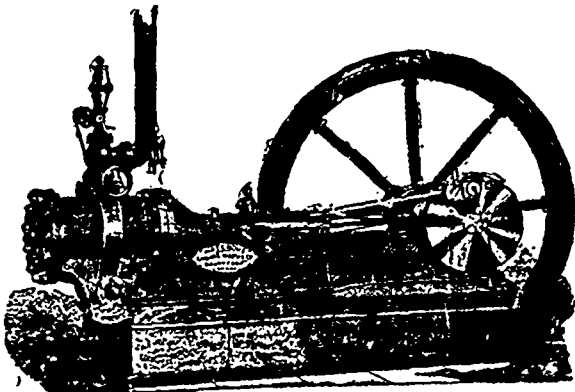
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THE SITUATION.

It is vaguely understood that the disturbed financial situation is the cause of the ills affecting the business world. In Manitoba we have felt the effects of the financial pressure in the low prices which have ruled for wheat. Why this is the case, and what has led to this disturbed condition of the great money markets of the world, probably very few here in the west understand.

Seasons of financial depression come we might say periodically. The world has passed through many seasons of financial panic. The cause can generally be defined after, and often before the calamity comes in full force. To define the cause which leads to financial panic, it may be given in one word—speculation. But every business undertaking partakes of the nature of speculation, and further explanation is therefore necessary. Speculation carried to extremes and resulting unprofitably, will give a better definition of the cause of periods of depression. Periods of active speculation often run to inflation, and in the end a crash must come, for just so sure as day succeeds night, there will be a reaction. And when the reaction comes, values are likely to go not only to, but considerably below par. The degrees of depression following the collapse of inflation, may be gauged by the extreme of inflation previously reached. Manitoba has only recently passed through a crisis of this nature, which affected all Canada more or less. The cause was speculation in real estate principally, and the craze was carried through its full phases. There was a gradual rise of the speculative fever until extreme inflation was reached, then the sudden collapse and shrinkage of values away below reasonable limit, followed by a tedious recovery and tardy return of confidence.

In legitimate business transactions, which are carried on profitably, these extreme conditions are not likely to result. In the exchange of commodities, both the seller and the buyer are benefited. Changing conditions may in time turn a profitable industry into an unprofitable one; but such changes are generally accomplished so gradually that circumstances are altered to suit the changing conditions, and thus panic is avoided. With inflated speculation the collapse is sudden, for it is like a castle upon stilts. There is little or no foundation to rest upon.

The world's great financial panics have resulted from the collapse of inflated credit. The majority of our readers will know something of the bursting of the South Sea bubble, which brought the blackness of despair over the civilized world. Here was speculation run mad, and credit inflated to an extent almost beyond comprehension.

The period of depression through which the world is now passing, may again be traced to reckless speculation in a South America republic and to inflated credit, which rendered possible such an extreme state of speculation. Without this inflated credit, the money would

not have been forthcoming to have enabled it to be carried on so long, consequently the collapse would have come earlier, if at all, and would have been less serious.

The Argentine Republic of South America, with a population under 4,000,000, has succeeded within a few years in borrowing about \$1,000,000,000. This vast sum of money poured into that country led to an extreme state of inflation. The amount was vastly beyond the legitimate credit of the country to carry. A collapse became inevitable. This has now occurred. A vast amount of capital has been drawn from legitimate commerce and sunk in the Argentine Republic. We say sunk, for the British and other investors are not likely to get much back. The great house of Barings, which was the principal British concern engaged in floating South American securities, has gone down in the crash. This is probably the greatest failure the world has ever experienced. Few people realize the critical nature of the times we have just passed through. Had not the Bank of England, assisted by other British financial institutions and the Bank of France, stepped into the breach, every financial centre in the world would probably have been shaken to the core, and wide spread disaster and despair would have spread over the globe. What the total loss will be cannot be reckoned. The Argentine Republic will gain little from the investment of this vast sum of money, even should it repudiate its entire obligations connected therewith, for no doubt the bulk of the money has been squandered in an unprofitable way.

Now it can be seen how the collapse of speculation affects commerce generally. Commerce and speculation are bound up together to some extent. The money sunk in speculation or in worthless securities, is capital drawn from the support of legitimate trade. At the first sign of danger capital becomes timid. Confidence is shaken. Money—the blood which supplies the great body of trade, is drawn from the veins of commerce. Interest rates advance to such an extent that it is unprofitable to do business. Then follows stagnation, during which the value of commodities is certain to decline. This is the situation at present affecting the wheat markets, the result of which is felt in Manitoba. In the face of a financial panic, commerce is paralyzed, and confidence can only be restored when the smoke of the catastrophe has cleared away. In the general shrinkage of values, heavy losses are made by houses in no way connected with the immediate cause of the trouble. Thus one failure leads to another, and a general state of insecurity prevails.

THE PRICE OF WHEAT.

A great deal of dissatisfaction exists throughout Manitoba on account of the low price of wheat. Nor can we feel surprised at this. The farmers have toiled the season through, under special disadvantages, and just as they begin to market their wheat freely, expecting good prices, values have declined to a very low level. The prospects at the outset were favorable to good, if not high prices for wheat this year. According to the laws of supply and

demand, wheat should be worth considerably more than it now is, in the markets of the world. The world has experienced two light crops in succession, and with reserve stocks very low at the commencement of the crop year, there were no doubts in the minds of those conversant with the situation, but that prices would be very satisfactory for growers.

Those who counted upon high prices, looked at the wheat situation alone. They did not take into account a financial pressure amounting to a panic in leading money centres, and almost resulting in a general crash. Breadstuffs have suffered more from these financial troubles than any other commodities. How the financial situation affects wheat, we have shown in another article in this issue of THE COMMERCIAL. The stringency in money markets came at a time when the wheat crop is moving forward in heavy volume. It requires a pile of money to handle the wheat crop. Grain shippers handle but a very small amount on their own capital. It is done on bank accommodation, and with the extreme stringency in money markets, this accommodation was not forthcoming at all, or on such high rates as to be prohibitory. Prices were, therefore, forced down. At such times as the present, business must be done on a wider margin than usual.

In Manitoba, the wheat movement had just nicely started on a large scale when the trouble commenced. The season was very backward, and payments were slow. Farmers could not meet their obligations to the storekeepers until they could market their grain, and the storekeepers in turn were forced to ask renewals from the wholesale trade until they could collect in their accounts. Thus all the way from the consumer up, there was a waiting for the grain movement. When this finally set in at a later date than usual, it was nipped in the bud by the drop in prices, for the farmers would not market their wheat at such low values, and we cannot blame them for so doing. Thus the commercial fabric all through has been inconvenienced. Some farmers have been almost forced to market their grain for what it would bring, to meet pressing financial obligations, while others have borrowed money on chattel security, at high rates of interest, instead of selling their produce. But while the farmers have suffered, business men are in the same condition.

One thing with the farmer, he is liable to blame the local grain men for low prices. As a consequence of the present situation, a great many hard things have been said about the grain men, not only by farmers, but even by business men. The situation of the grain dealers is just exactly this: They buy to sell again, and they must have some margin. When prices decline generally in outside markets, they must decline here correspondingly. Manitoba grain shippers had bought heavily just before the decline in prices, and when the drop came they found themselves loaded with wheat which they could not sell except at a loss. Loaded in this way, they could not continue buying except at prices in keeping with the general decline in values. Besides, the banks would not advance money to them to buy grain above its value at the time. They

must have some margin to show the banks. A dealer with unlimited capital could go into the market and buy wheat above its present value, on the expectation of a future advance. But dealers were already loaded with wheat which was not worth as much as they had paid for it, and they were not in a position to launch out further in the same direction.

As a result of low prices the agitation has been revived in some sections of Manitoba that the farmers should combine to handle their own grain. It is difficult to see how they would be benefitted in the present situation by this course. They would be powerless to cause an advance in prices, just the same as they are now. As to the question of farmers' elevators, the farmers have just as good a right to erect an elevator at a railway siding as they have to build a granary on their own farm. For storage purposes an elevator would be an advantage to this extent, that farmers would be able to keep right on hauling in their wheat, and when prices advanced to suit them, they would be in a position to put their grain on the market in a lump. In the meantime they could get an advance upon their warehouse receipts. But we do not believe the farmer has anything to gain by becoming his own shipper, as he certainly cannot handle the grain to as good advantage as the regular dealer.

As for the future of wheat, there is every prospect of better prices. The position of wheat is such, that it only requires a return of confidence in the financial situation, and easier money markets, to allow the cereal to advance in price to a figure something in keeping with its value, viewed from a standpoint of supply and demand. But how long the financial stringency may continue, it is impossible to say, though it is hoped the worst is over.

DISCRIMINATING RATES.

The investigation which has been going on of late in the United States, in the matter of discriminating rates granted by railroad companies to favored shippers, has attracted much attention from shippers in Canada. In the grain trade especially, this interest has been aroused. Grain is handled on such a small margin, that if a shipper can work a railway company for a special rate, he has an immense advantage over his competitors. In some lines of business a lower rate granted one or more parties, would not be seriously felt by others in the same trade. But to the grain shipper everything depends upon rates. A lower rate granted by a railway company to one or more shippers in this trade would seriously hamper the operations of others in the same line, if it would not drive them entirely out of business. The seriousness of the case is therefore made apparent. Say two firms are handling grain along the same line of railway. Each has invested several hundred thousand dollars in elevators and other plant along this road. Finally one firm secures a special cut rate, and it is enabled to buy at such prices as will compel the other firm to abandon the business, thus rendering valueless its large investment along the railway. In a business done on such close margins as grain shipping, it is quite possible for a favored firm to get such a cut in

freight rates as will enable it to crush out competitors. In fact this is exactly the situation which has been brought to light in the United States, and this was done in the face of the most stringent laws against discriminating rates.

It is a matter for genuine satisfaction that the offence has been brought home to those guilty of it. Those who have violated the law will justly merit the punishment which they will receive, and no false sympathy will be wasted upon them. The only pity is that cases of this nature cannot be more readily traced up and punished. The practice of giving discriminating rates cannot be too severely condemned. It is such a serious offence that it should be made a crime meriting even heavier penalties than those provided, that if possible the custom could be entirely stamped out. In this matter of rates, the railways have it in their power to build up one man through the ruin of another, and where they are disposed to resort to such monstrous practice, they cannot be too severely punished when detected in the offence.

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Considerable dissatisfaction exists among grain shippers regarding the question of shortages. Several complaints of this nature have been made to us recently, by Manitoba shippers, who have been put to a good deal of annoyance and loss on account of claims of shortage. This is a matter which comes up so frequently, that it seems to call for some way of overcoming the difficulty. A car of wheat supposed to contain a certain weight is shipped to a dealer or miller say in Ontario. On arrival at its destination a claim for shortage in weight is made. The shipper here has nothing official to show as to the weight of the car as shipped, and there is nothing to do but to accept the claim of shortage. These claims are made so frequently, that the totals, though small in individual cases, amount to quite a serious loss to shippers. A way out of this difficulty would be to have an official weighmaster stationed at Winnipeg, who would give a certificate of the weight of cars, as they passed through. The shipper here would then have something authoritative to show, when presented with a claim of shortage. It is said that this system is in vogue at some points in the United States, and is found to work well.

LOW RATE FOR FEED.

It would certainly be a great advantage to Manitoba if the railway companies could arrange to give a low rate for the shipment eastward of wheat only fit for feed. There is quite a quantity of this damaged stuff in the country, and as many farmers have not stock to feed it to, they must sell for some price. In a previous year a low rate was given on damaged wheat, and it is claimed that considerable wheat shipped from Manitoba for "feed purposes," eventually found its way to Ontario flour mills, and no doubt later appeared on the market as choice Manitoba flour. To obviate this difficulty it might be provided that the wheat should be crushed before shipment. At the present price in Manitoba of damaged wheat, it could be laid down in Montreal at about \$20

to \$21 per ton and under, which is about the value of shorts in that market. In British Columbia markets ground feed is quoted at \$35 per ton. Though the market is limited in that quarter, yet no doubt quite a number of car loads of our damaged wheat feed might be shipped to the coast at a profit.

Souris Coal.

In township 1, range 6, west of the second meridian, Manitoba, on the shores of the Souris, there are two openings into the coal, which crops out for many miles along the river. One opening is in charge of Mr. Price; the other is claimed by Mr. Hazzard. The excavations extend into the bank nearly a hundred feet and the beds are about eight feet thick. When the coal is removed the space left is about as high as the ceiling of an ordinary room, making the mines very convenient to work in. The earth is kept from falling from above by wooden arches, one each pit. The timbers are placed something like the rafters of a house but close together, the lower ends rest firmly against a groove made near the upper edge of the coal formation. The shaft is nearly on a level and wagons, one at a time, are drawn in backwards, a single ox is used to do this work, the ox is then driven back past the wagon and the coal is loaded on. The horses are then attached to the wagon and the load is drawn out. The charge for the use of either pits is one dollar a load of about a ton, or as much as the horses can haul. The coal is of excellent quality and the supply inexhaustible. It is also known that there is a second and more valuable coal bed below the first. Settlers from great distances go to the mines for supplies. In two places the coal deposit is on fire and smoke and steam can be noticed issuing from the ground. It is evident that there has been fire in the coal, along the river, in former years and the light colored has fallen down where the coal has been consumed. It would be of immense benefit to the people of the whole province and to many others if a railway were extended to this great source of national wealth. A plentiful supply of cheap coal would encourage manufacturers, would encourage immigration, and would encourage those who have already settled in the country. The Souris coal so conveniently situated, so easily obtained, so inexhaustible in quantity, could be made the root on which a hundred new industries would grow.—Pilot Mound Sentinel.

Grain and Milling.

The annual meeting of the Ogilvie Milling company was held recently at Winnipeg. The following officers were elected: President, W. W. Ogilvie; vice president, Shirley Ogilvie; general manager, F. H. Thompson; secretary, W. A. Black.

The machinery for the grist mill to be established in the Lake Dauphin settlement, Manitoba, has arrived, the owners Messrs. Shaw also intend going into the mercantile business.

Sunday morning a car at the mill, Shoal Lake, Man., was broken into and twenty-eight hundred of flour stolen. There were several concerned in the theft. Traces were plain for some distance but were lost on the beaten road.

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WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

City monetary affairs have not changed much in aspect since our last report, unless it be that there is considerably more smoothness in the movement, which is more due to the outlook for the balance of the winter, than to any immediate improvement that has either taken place or is looked for. The stringency in the east is in no way eased up, and there is still the feeling here in sympathy with the east. The panic feeling, however, is over there, and the sympathetic one here is consequently pressing less. Another circumstance adds materially in making matters run smoothly, and that is, that bankers and business men generally are beginning to see clearly the different state of affairs existing now compared with a year ago. At the close of 1939 this province had practically exported its entire surplus of grain, and the outlook indicated that in several agricultural products considerable importing would be imperative to carry the country through the spring and summer. The current year will close with three-fifths of the exports of this country still in the hands of farmers and others and with no possible prospect of any necessity for importing what we consider our staple products. In fact the most superficial enquiry shows that farmers still hold more grain and other products than were produced in the crop of 1899, and that the balance of exports from this crop will exceed in value the total exports from that of the preceding year. There is, therefore, no prospect of the financial starvation in the early part of 1891, such as the country passed through in the first part of 1890. On the contrary, the province will gradually lighten its load as the year advances. It is this prospect which makes the monetary affairs of the city and province run smoothly notwithstanding the pressure of eastern stringency, and the still comparatively limited circulation of funds throughout the west. Banks see a safe prospect ahead, and their customers although presently kept at tension, see an easing up before spring fairly opens. The actual present situation has improved a little also since our last report. There has been an increase in the volume of grain movement, and there would doubtless be a further increase if snow and sleighing would come. The bulk of the farmers still holding grain are not pressed to sell, but would sell a portion of their holdings if they had good sleighing to haul to market. With the situation as above stated, there is at present an effort on all sides to make matters run as smoothly as possible, until the natural course of events brings relief from any pressure which may exist temporarily. As one local banker aptly put it to a COMMERCIAL representative, Manitoba closes the year with empty pockets, but with a big balance to her credit. There is as yet no change in discount rates, nor is there any prospect of a change being brought about by local circumstances. The best trade paper is taken at 7 per cent., and the ordinary run at 8, but there are no funds available for promiscuous discounts or loans, or in fact anything outside of the demands of regular customers. In real estate mortgage loans the situation is even more directly affected by the situation. Payments both of principal and interest are behind what they ought to be at this time of the year, but it is well known that the aggregate for the year will be a liberal one, although it may be

spring before an average can be calculated. Now business is held back for similar causes, and at this time when the year is closing, there is no effort being made to increase business. The interest rate on farm loans is nominal at 8 per cent., and there is no city loans going through from which reliable rates could be taken. About 7 per cent., however, is the quotation, although that figure could be shaded on a first class loan.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

There is very little to be said about the wholesale trade of the city at present, as in view of the holiday time efforts to push business have settled down to a temporary lull. In season staple lines there is practically nothing doing, except when stock taking is not finished, and in lines dependant on building and outdoor operations the feeling is equally dead, even the straggling city business in such goods having died away. The only movement has been in fruit and fancy lines for holiday trade, and even that hectic flush was almost dead about the close of the past week. In short, matters have settled down to the holiday lull, and for two weeks more, business will be at a standstill, and, unless in grain and farm products, market quotations will be purely nominal. The feeling among wholesalers is better than it was a few weeks ago, and all are satisfied with the prospect for the coming year. Cash returns from the country show a slow but steady improvement, but it is now fixed in the minds of all that the lost ground in this respect will only be gradually recovered, and that spring will be reached before a satisfactory evening up financially is reached. That it will be reached then scarcely any one doubts.

BURNING OILS.

No change in prices reported. Quotations are: Water White, 31c; Eocene, 33c; Sunlight, 29c; Naptha, per case, \$3.50; deodorized gasoline, \$3.50.

DRUGS.

Sales are reported heavy, but collections are rather slow. Prices are unchanged as follows: Howard's quinine, 55 to 65c; German quinine, 45 to 55c; morphia, \$2.25 to \$2.50; iodide of potassium, \$1.25 to \$1.75; bromide potassium, 60 to 70; English camphor, 80 to 90c; glycerine, 30 to 40c; tartaric acid, 65 to 75c; cream of tartar, 35 to 40c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$6 to \$8; bicarb soda, \$3.75 to \$4.50; sal soda, \$2.50 to \$3; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$1 to \$5; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur flour, \$4.50 to \$5; sulphur roll, \$4.50 to \$5; American blue vitrol, 10 to 12c.

DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, ETC.

There is literally nothing doing at present, and the past week has been spent in finishing up stock taking. Travellers are all in from the road, and are not likely to start out again until after New Year holidays, when spring and summer samples will be general over the country. Collections are reported a little improved, but still rather slow.

DRIED FRUITS.

The demand seemed to fall off near the close of the past week, and a light movement is looked for during the next few weeks. Dried apples are again on the market at the high figure of ten cents per pound. Other goods are steady, and quoted as follows: Valencia raisins, \$2.20 to \$2.40 per box;

London layer raisins, \$3.75 per box; currants, 7 cents per pound; choice new Elmo figs in 10 lb. boxes, 16c per lb.; choice figs, 13c per lb.; fancy Elmo layer figs, 20 lb boxes, 18c per lb.; figs in 1 lb cartons, per doz., \$1.75; golden dates, in 50 lb. boxes, 9c per lb.; California evaporated fruit—apricots, 22 to 24c per lb.; peeled peaches, 27 to 30c per lb.; pitted plums, 18c; raspberries, 35c; prunes, 9 to 11c per lb. as to quality, the higher quotation for choice of best varieties; nectarines, 21 to 23c.

FUEL.

There has been no movement to speak of, and considerable complaining is heard. Prices are unchanged, although holders of wood are a little nervous. Quotations here are as follows: Anthracite coal delivered, \$9.25; bituminous, \$8; Galt, at \$7.50. Tamarac wood in car lots on track, \$1.25 to \$1.50; poplar \$2.60 to \$3.10; oak, \$6; maple, \$6.50.

FISH AND OYSTERS.

Sales have been about normal and prices little changed. Sprats and smelts have been on the market, but not in quantities to admit of wholesale quotations. Fresh herring are out of the market. Quotations are as follows: Whitefish 5 to 6c a pound; Finnan haddock 10½c; B. C. halibut, 15c; Bulk oysters, \$2 to \$2.20 per gallon.

GREEN FRUITS.

The movement has been heavy all last week, and promises to continue so this week. Prices are unchanged, although with cold weather higher figures are likely to be reached. Quotations are: Apples, good to fancy, \$5.00 to \$6.00; some damaged stock offering under \$5 per barrel; Messina lemons, \$8 to \$8.50 a box; Florida oranges, \$5 to \$6.50 a box, according to size and quality; bananas, \$3.50 a bunch; winter pears, \$3.50 to \$3.75 a box; cranberries in barrels, Bell and Cherry, \$11; Bell and Bugle, \$11.50; Cape Cod, \$12; Malaga grapes in 50 pound kegs, \$8 to \$8.50.

GROCERIES

Sales were during the week almost normal, with the addition of a trilling increase in demand for fancy lines for Christmas and New Year holidays. Although coffee crop reports indicate a lower range of prices soon, central markets do not as yet warrant any decline. Sugars are a shade easier. The feeling in the trade is much more hopeful than it was a month ago. Quotations are as follows: Sugars—Yellow, 6 to 6½c; Granulated 7½c; Coffees, green,—Rios, from 24 to 25c Java, 27 to 29c; Old Government, 29 to 32c; Mochas, 33 to 35c. Teas: Japan, 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. T. & B. tobacco, 56c per pound; lilly, 7s, 52c; diamond solace, 12s, 48c; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W., caddies, 47½c; Honey-suckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunnetto Solace, 12s, 48c. McAlpine Tobacco Co's plug tobacco: Old Crow, 46c; Woodcock, 52c; Beaver, 63c; Jubileo, 60c; Anchor, 59c; cut tobacco: Silver Ash, 65c; Cut Cavendish, 70c; Senator, 80c; Standard Kentucky, light, 85; do dark, 80c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Torrier, \$30 per 1000. Mauricio, \$42.50; Soudan Whips, \$40.00; Turkish Caps, \$35.00; Commercial Traveller, \$25. Special selects, \$55; Selects, \$45; Columbia, \$45; Canucks, \$40; Derby,

\$35; Sports, \$30. Lion "L" brand mixed pickles in kogs, are quoted: Three gallons, \$2.50; do five gallons, \$3.50; do 10 gallon kogs, \$6.50.

HARDWARE.

The only hopeful report from this branch is one of improved collections. Sales are down to nothing in heavy lines, and in shelf goods the movement is very light. The following quotations are not only nominal, but in a great measure ornamental for the present: Cut nails 10d, and upwards, \$3.25; I. C. tin plates \$6.00 to \$6.25 as to grade; I. C. tin plates double, \$12.00 to \$12.50; Canada plates, \$4.10 to \$4.25; sheet iron, \$4.00 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, net prices, 1 inch, 10½c; 1½ inch, \$13½c; 1¼ inch, \$16½c; 2 inch, 25½c per foot; ingot tin, 30c per lb; bar tin, 32c per pound; sheet zinc, 7½ and 8c per lb.; galvanized iron, 28 guage, 7½ to 8½c lb; bar iron, \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6 to 6½c per lb.; tarred felt \$2.30 to \$2.40 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6½ nett.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Everything is quieted down for the winter lull and six weeks of quietness is expected. During that time no business from the country is looked for, and the city demands will be limited, although one or two large undertakings are still some way from completion, and they will prevent actual deadness for a month of the time. Quotations are nominal here and are as follows: Turpentine in barrels, 76c per gallon; in 5 gallon cans, 81c gallon; linseed oil in barrels, raw 80c; boiled 83c; benzine and gasoline, 50c; pure oxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar \$6 a barrel; Portland cement, \$4.90 a barrel; Michigan plaster, \$3.25 a barrel; putty, in bladders, 3½c a pound, bulk in barrels, 3c; whitening in barrels, \$1.50 a owt; Crown pure white lead, \$7.25; Royal Charter, \$6.75; Railroad, \$6.25; Elephant pure white lead, \$7.25; Elephant No. 1. do., \$6.25; Bulls head do., \$5.75; Calsomine, \$6 per 100 pounds; Alabastine, \$7.25 per case of 20 packages. Window Glass, first break, \$2.10.

WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT

The week has been rather an uneventful one in wheat, as regards the general situation. Changes in prices in leading markets have not been important, and values are just about where they were a week ago. A larger increase than was expected in the visible supply was a weakening factor on the first day of the week. This was balanced by a better feeling financially, stronger cables and light receipts at Minneapolis and Duluth, on which day 732 cars were received, against 914 on the same day a week ago. On Tuesday the weakening features were a reported increase of 376,000 bushels in the amount on ocean passage, and rumors of further financial disturbances, including the report that the Bank of Germany had drawn \$2,500,000 gold from the Bank of England, and that the latter bank would advance its discount rate to 6 per cent. Duluth and Minneapolis got 374 cars of wheat on Tuesday, against 550 a week ago. Cables were strong. On Wednesday the increase in the amount on ocean passage was reported as 120,000 bushels more than had appeared from the telegrams on Tuesday.

Bradstreet's compilation published Wednesday of the available supply at 1,000 points in the United States east of the Rocky Mountains showed a decrease of 355,000 bushels; decrease previous week 869,000 bushels. Minneapolis and Duluth got 314 cars on Wednesday, as compared with 495 cars a week ago. The always present reports of crop damage were worked on the markets, and on Thursday damage to the growing winter wheat by the Hessian fly seemed to be the principal feature of note. Duluth and Minneapolis got between them 314 cars on Thursday, against 233 a year ago. Duluth gained 1c on Friday, which left prices about where they were a week ago, prices having declined some during the week.

In Manitoba there has not been much change in the situation, and the general disposition is to hold off, awaiting an improvement in outside markets. The slow state of outside markets, combined with the usual drag about holiday times, will probably tend to keep things quiet until 1891 has been ushered in, after which time there is likely to be a sharp improvement if the financial situation eases up at all. There was not much done on the Winnipeg exchange during the week. There were a good many more bids than transactions, bids generally being considerably below the views of holders. On Monday, 15, two cars of No. 2 hard Montreal freight sold at 97½ while No. 2 northern and No. 3 northern sold for 88c and 87½c respectively, same rate of freight. On Tuesday a consignment of No. 2 hard wheat was sold for 70c. There were no transactions on the call board of the grain exchange on Wednesday. On Thursday there were several transactions in No. 1 frosted, Toronto rate of freight at 77½c. On Friday there were no transactions. 349,361 bushels of grain was in store at Fort William on Dec 11, against 335,812 bushels on Dec. 4. In Manitoba country markets prices were unchanged at about 60 to 65c for best samples, equal to about No. 2 hard.

FLOUR.

There has been no further change to note in the price of flour. The last drop in wheat has not affected flour, as there were sharp declines in flour just previous to the drop in wheat. Quotations in jobbing lots to the local trade, per 100 pounds are as follows: Patents, \$2.60; strong bakers', \$2.40; XXXX, \$1.40; superfine, \$1.20; middlings, \$2.60; graham flour, \$2.40.

MILLSTUFFS.

Prices held firm at \$12 for bran and \$14 for shorts per ten. The local demand is not large and offerings on this market are not of an urgent nature. Millers are having a continued good shipping demand, and they are not pushing for local trade.

OATMEAL, OIL CAKE, ETC.

The local oatmeal mill is pushed to its fullest capacity to supply the local and western trade, and prices are steady. Quotations are: Oil cake in bags, \$21 a ton; oil cake meal in ton lots, \$26.50; in car lots f.o.b. \$25; Oatmeal, standard, \$2.60; granulated, \$2.70 per 100 pounds; rolled oats, \$2.70 per sack of 80 pounds; Cornmeal is held at \$1.50 per 100 lbs. Pot barley, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.

GROUND FEED.

Business is dull in feed. Best ground oats and barley feed is quoted at \$17 to \$18 per ton, and ground oats alone at \$16.

OATS.

There has been a brisk demand for oats locally for offerings by farmers in the city and prices have continued to advance, prices paid being 1 to 2c higher than at last report. Up

to 20c per bushel was paid for loads on the market, of ordinary feed oats, and ½ to 1c higher was paid for choice. Several parties are buying to store in the city, besides purchases for milling purposes, and prices have been advanced almost beyond shipping values. In Manitoba country markets 24 to 25c is about the average price to farmers. Advices from Montreal reported higher prices there for oats, with Manitoba oats held at 45c and quoted at 44 to 45c per bushel in the Montreal market.

BARLEY

Feed barley quoted at about 25 to 26c. The breweries are now pretty well stocked up with all they require, and they are not buying freely. In fact they are turning away a good deal offered, and 30c per bushel is the highest they are now paying, though earlier in the season they were paying from 35 to 48c.

FLAX SEED.

The market for this is nearly over for the season, the bulk of the crop having been bought up. Buyers at country points have been paying \$1 per bushel to growers.

BUTTER.

There is nothing new to add to the situation. Small lots of selections have been selling in the city at 17 to 20c per pound. This, however, does not give a fair idea of the value of round lots as they are received from the country, as only a portion of each lot will bring these prices, and that when sold out a package or two at a time. Ordinary lots as they arrive, poor to choice mixed, cannot be expected to net shippers over 14 to 16c. Only a good lot would net the 16c per pound.

CHEESE.

Cheese is slow sale and jobbing about 12c per pound.

EGGS.

Pickled quoted at 22c per dozen, with called fresh held at 25 to 26c, and often not any better than pickled. At Toronto eggs were quoted strong at 22 for pickled and 23 to 25c for fresh.

LARD.

Chicago compound lard in 20 pound pails held at \$2; pure \$2.20.

CURED MEATS, SAUSAGE, ETC.

There is an easier feeling in cured hog products, and prices are quotable at a lower range all around. Local packers have been working some, mostly on hogs brought in from Ontario. Quotations here are as follows: Dry salt bacon, 9½c; smoked long clear, 10½c; spiced rolls, 12c; breakfast bacon, 12½c; boneless, 13c; smoked hams, 14c. Sausage are quoted: fresh pork sausage, 10c lb.; bologna do., 8c lb.; German do., 9c lb.; ham, chicken and tongue do., 9c per ¼-lb. packet.

HIDES.

There has been considerable competition on the local market, and buyers have been paying 4c per pound for frozen country hides all round. This is considered a pretty long price on the present basis of values east. These are usually pretty rough lots, and will go over 50 per cent. No. 2, being farmers' take off Sheepskins are worth 50 to 65c each, and tallow 5 to 5½c per pound rendered.

VEGETABLES.

Vegetables are unchanged except onions, which are somewhat scarce and ½ to 1c higher. Potatoes have a higher tendency, and with cold weather offerings are lighter. On the market 30 to 35c per bushel represents the range of prices. Other vegetables are quoted: Turnips, 20c bus.; parsnips, 1½c lb.; carrots, 60c bus.; beets, 40c bus.; cabbage, 40 to 60c doz.; onions, 3 to 3½c lb.; Spanish do., \$1.60 per crate of 30 lbs. nett; celery, 25 to 50c doz. heads.

DRESSED POULTRY.

The market is well stocked with poultry from Ontario. One car which arrived last week, brought in by Bell, Simpson & McGregor, was the finest lot of poultry seen in this market for some time. They were well

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packed, clean, and very choice stock. Very little native poultry has been offered. Ontario turkeys have sold at 13 to 14c per pound, as to quality, ducks and geese at 11c and chickens at 9c. On the city market lots offered by farmers have sometimes been picked up a cent or so under these prices.

DRESSED MEATS.

City butchers were last week commencing to fill up their shops with Christmas meats. Four car loads of cattle from a western ranch arrived during the week, and a little later these began to appear on the market in the shape of dressed beef. This is about the finest beef offered for Christmas stock, and it has sold at 7c per pound by the side or carcass. Other beef offered for holiday stock has sold at between 6 and 7c as to quality. Ordinary good every day beef holds at the old price of 5 to 5½c, with country dressed frozen beef bringing 3 to 4c as to quality. The rush of the latter class seems to be about over, as offerings were light last week. Further car lots of dressed hogs are arriving from Ontario, and cost laid down about 6½c here. Last arrivals from Ontario, sold out in jobbing lots here at 7 to 7½c, but those now on the road are expected to sell lower. Packers will pay about 7c per pound for offerings of good country hogs, and some lots are occasionally picked up a fraction lower. Mutton is steady at 10 to 11c, lamb 11 to 12c, veal 5 to 7c.

HAY.

Offering freely on the market at \$5 to \$6 per ton. Bailed on track, \$7 to \$8.50.

Encouraging Traffic (?)

People in the west have been so long accustomed to unreasonable and extortionate freight charges, that they suffer much without complaint, knowing that complaint is as a rule useless. Here is a specimen, however, which

seems beyond endurance. A sack of wheat weighing fifty pounds reached the office of this journal from Prince Albert, being brought here by the Dominion Express Company. The express charges on the same were \$3.50, and the individual who delivered the sack, with the careless independence peculiar to the servant of a monopoly, gave the alternative of refuse delivery, or down with the money. The money was paid, not on account of the value of the sack, but to save inconvenience or annoyance to the party sending it, although the correctness of the charges were questioned. This is not the first occasion on which we have felt the extortion of this Dominion Express Company, and we have for years followed the advice we now give our friends, namely, to wait for other and cheaper means of transportation, or do without many small things you would like to have in a hurry, rather than submit to the extortionate charges the company are in a position to, and never fail to enforce, where this monopoly warrants them. The opinion of some old settlers on this charge on fifty pounds of wheat have been secured, and they are unanimous in stating, that no such cheeky piece of extortion was ever heard of, even in the old days of ox cart transportation.

Movements of Commercial Men.

George Stott, of Cornell, Spera & Co., has returned from the east.

H. Mulholland, of Pettigrew & Co., left for the south last week on a business trip.

A. W. E. Thompson, late with the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., is now on the road for the spice mills.

J. D. Roberts, western representative of the Pure Gold Manufacturing Company, left for Eastern Canada last week.

Harry Galbraith says there is no use of anybody trying to sell safes in Prince Albert for a few years. He has been there recently.

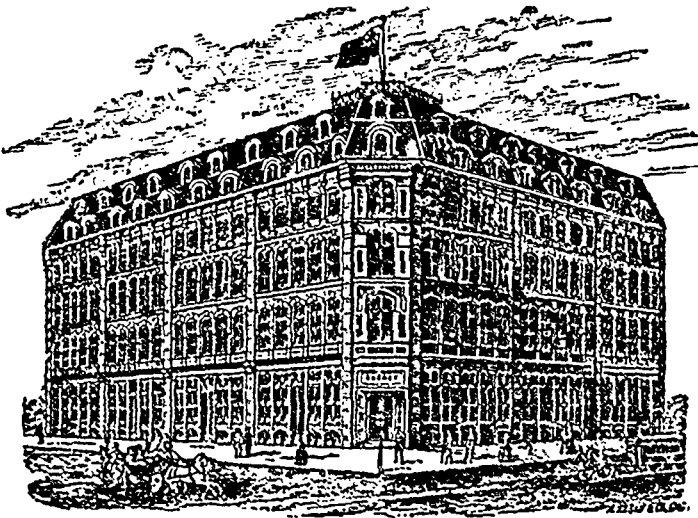
Jos. Tasse, of the popular cigar firm of Tasse, Wood & Co., was in the city again last week. Jos. is continually on the hustle for western trade, and he is no doubt getting his reward of eternal diligence.

John Haffner has resigned his position as travelling representative of the Empire Browning Company, and will be succeeded on the first of January by E. L. Thomas, who has for some time been on the road for Roberts & Co., the Winnipeg tobacco house.

Owing to the decline in leather, the second advance in the price of shoes, which was discussed at the meeting of United States shoe manufacturers in November, will not occur. Had the manufacturers not been fairly well supplied with stock when the advance in leather began, the rise in shoes would have been greater, and a decline in price would now follow. As it is, the manufacturers gave the jobbers the benefit of the supply which they had on hand, thus making the extra cost but from 10 to 15 cents per pair.

Germany was reported on Tuesday last to have withdrawn \$2,500,000 in gold from the Bank of England, and there was an unconfirmed rumor that the discount rate would be advanced on Thursday to 6 per cent. again to check the drain of gold. This weakened the wheat markets.

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Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

On Monday, Dec. 15, wheat closed slightly lower than Saturday. Prices sold up 1/4c, but declined sharply on news of an increase in the visible supply larger than expected. Closing prices were:—

Table with columns: Wheat, Corn, Oats, Pork, Lard, Short Ribs. Rows: Dec., Jan., Feb., May.

Wheat again closed lower on Tuesday, being about 3/4c lower at the close. A decline in silver, depression in Wall street, and an increase of 325,000 bushels in the amount on ocean passage, was the trouble. Closing prices were:—

Table with columns: Wheat, Corn, Oats, Pork, Lard, Short Ribs. Rows: Dec., Jan., Feb., May.

Wheat made some gain on Wednesday, and closed about 1/4c higher than Tuesday's close. The market was dull, but there was a big bulge on corn, which affected wheat favorably. December corn advanced four cents, on the belief that there is a shortage in this option. Closing prices were:—

Table with columns: Wheat, Corn, Oats, Pork, Lard, Short Ribs. Rows: Dec., Jan., Feb., May.

Wheat advanced 5/8c early in the day, but closed lower under free selling. Last prices were 1/4c lower than yesterday. Closing prices were:—

Table with columns: Wheat, Corn, Oats, Pork, Lard, Short Ribs. Rows: Dec., Jan., Feb., May.

Wheat closed on Friday 1/4c higher on strong and higher cables. There is evidently a squeeze in December corn. Closing prices were:—

Table with columns: Wheat, Corn, Oats, Pork, Lard, Short Ribs. Rows: Dec., Jan., Feb., May.

Minneapolis Market.

Following were closing wheat quotations on Thursday, December 18:—

Table with columns: No. 1 hard, No. 1 northern, No. 2 northern. Rows: Dec., Jan., May, On track.

Flour—Quoted at \$4.80 to \$5.10 for first patents; \$4.65 to \$4.80 for second patent; \$3.80 to \$4.20 for fancy and export bakers; \$1.90 to \$2.25 for low grades in bags, including red dog.

Bran and shorts.—Quoted at \$14.25 to \$14.50 for bran, \$14.50 to \$15 for shorts and \$15.50 to \$15.75 for middlings.

Oats.—Quoted at 36 to 40c by sample.

Barley.—Quoted at 45 to 55c for good to fine samples of No. 3.

Feed.—Millers held at \$20.50 to \$21 with cornmeal at \$19.50 to \$19.75.

Eggs—Pickled, 19c; storage, 20 to 21c; strictly fresh, 21c.

Potatoes—Car lots at 60 to 80c bushel. Fresh meats—Mutton, choice country, 5 to 6c per pound; lamb, 6 to 7c; hogs, \$3.75 to \$4 per hundred.

Dressed poultry—Chickens, 7 to 8c, turkeys, 8 to 11c, ducks and geese, 9c lb.—Market Record.

Minneapolis Closing Price Wheat.

At Minneapolis at noon on Saturday, Dec. 20, No. 1 northern wheat, May delivery, was quoted lower at 96 1/2c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

There was not much variation in prices during the week. No. 1 hard, December delivery, ranged between 91 and 93c per bushel. The highest price was reached at the close of the market on Friday. At the close on Saturday, Dec. 20, No. 1 hard wheat was quoted as follows: December option, 92 1/2c; May, \$10 1/4.

Montreal Stock Market

Reported by Osler, Hammond & Nanton, December 20.

Table with columns: Banks, Sellers, Buyers. Rows: Bank of Montreal, Ontario, Molson's, Toronto, Merchants, Union, Commerce, Miscellaneous, Montreal Tel, Riv. & Ont. Nav, City Pass, Ry, Montreal Gas, Canada S. W Land Co, C. P. R. (Montreal), C. P. R. (London), Money—Time, Money—In Call, Sterling 60 Days, N. Y. Postd Rate, Demand, 60 Days Montreal Rate Between Banks, Demand Montreal Rate Between Banks, New York Exchange Montreal Rate Between Banks.

Wheat Items.

The Kansas crop shows an increase in the winter wheat area of 756,000 acres.

The stocks of wheat at Odessa on Nov. 19 aggregated 6,504,000 bus., against 8,800,000 bus. in 1889, and 12,00,000 bus. in 1888.

The wheat crop of Sweden for 1890 is reported at 3,850,000 bus., against an average of the previous ten years of 3,490,000 bus.

The grain inspector at Port Arthur, up to December first, inspected 2,560 cars of Manitoba wheat, containing 1,664,00 bushels.

Shipments of flour from Minneapolis since Jan 1, 1890, to Dec. 13 aggregated 6,442,978 barrels, against 5,335,225 barrels same period last year.

Exports of wheat and flour for the week ending Dec. 13 from Atlantic ports were 1,261,200 bus., against 1,280,000 bus. for the corresponding week last year.

Kansas Farmers Alliance proposes to build elevators and advance money to farmers on grain at low rates. By holding the grain in elevators they hope to advance the price.

Shipments of wheat and flour reckoned as wheat from Duluth, during the season of lake

navigation, were equal to 26,138,000 bus. of wheat, against 23,397,081 bus. last season.

The Argentine Republic, during the first nine months of 1890, exported 11,756,350 bus. of wheat against only 568,300 bus. for same time in 1889 and 6,333,976 bus. for same time in 1888.

The amount on ocean passage increased 528,000 bushels, as per statement on Dec. 16, making the available supply 49,627,713 bushels, against 53,160,305 bushels for the corresponding date last year, and 61,324,928 bushels two years ago.

The Winnipeg Free Press stated last week, on the authority of "a gentleman from the country," that less than 3,000,000 bushels of grain had passed from Manitoba farmers hands. This is probably at least 1,600,000 bushels under the mark.

The wheat and flour supply of the United Kingdom for eight weeks ending Nov. 22, was 35,727,976, with the estimated consumption for the same time 32,490,000. This means an increase in the English stock during that time of about 3,227,976 bus.

The total of wheat stocks held on Dec. 1st at Odessa, French ports, Paris, Berlin, Danzig and Stettin, in first hands in the United Kingdom and Continent, with total of available stocks east and west of the Rockies, were 107,670,000 bus., against 117,255,000 bus. at the same time last year.

Imports into the United Kingdom during the week ended Dec. 13, aggregated 201,000 barrels of flour and 2,104,000 bushels of wheat. The visible supply for the United Kingdom increased 230,000 bushels for the week. That is the imports of wheat and flour and farmers deliveries exceeded the consumption by that amount.

The total shipments of wheat from India since April 1 were 19,600,000 bus., of which 14,220,000 bus. were to the United Kingdom and 5,380,000 bus. to the continent. The total shipments for the corresponding time last year were 18,748,000 bus., of which 13,103,000 bus. were to the United Kingdom and 5,645,000 bus. to the continent.

The net increase in the wheat visible since July 26, 1890, or about the date of the first increase on this crop, will be found below, with comparisons for last year and the year before:

Table with columns: Years—, Increase. Rows: 1890, 1889, 1888.

This shows a very small increase for this year.

The visible supply increased 619,970 bus. during the week ending Dec. 13. For the corresponding week last year the increase was 693,914 bus. The total stocks at all points enumerated in the statement aggregate 25,187,713 bus., against 33,944,305 bus. last year. Country elevator stocks in Minnesota and Dakota decreased 350,000 bus. during the week, against an increase of 391,000 bus. during the week before. The increases were: Duluth 580,000, Chicago 215,000, Minneapolis 189,000, Buffalo 188,000, Milwaukee, Montreal and Toronto 50,000 in the aggregate, making, all told, nearly a million and a quarter gain. The decreases were 153,000 at New York, 127,000 on the lakes, 100,000 on the Mississippi, 40,000 at Toledo, and 20,000 at Detroit.

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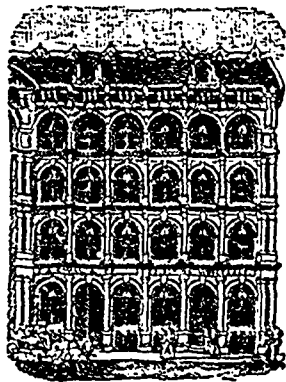
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Regina.

Any person who was acquainted with Regina as it was two years ago or less, and who would now pay a visit to the place, would certainly be surprised to find the change that has been made on every side. Regina has made a splendid showing in building improvements within the last year. Probably no other town in Canada of the same population can show a better record. Substantial business blocks have been erected to take the place of the light frame structures which have done duty since the town was first established, and many fine residences also attest the solid progress the town is making. In the summer of 1882 there were no buildings to obstruct the view about the open plain for miles around, and the only sign of the coming tide of civilization and settlement was the construction work going on upon the railway, which was then being extended rapidly across the uninhabited prairie. Now Regina looms up upon this plain—a town possessing fine brick and stone business blocks, comfortable residences, fine schools, churches of the leading denominations, electric lighting, etc.

Of the principal buildings put up this year we will first mention the fine solid stone and brick warehouse erected by the Smith & Ferguson Company. The size of this building is 56 feet frontage, by 90 feet deep, three storeys high, with basement. This building is first class throughout. It has been constructed with a view to furnishing the greatest convenience, combined with elegance. The interior finishing is of British Columbia lumber done in oil. The ground floor, which is divided into two stores, has a fifteen feet ceiling, with fine plate glass windows. One store on the ground floor is used for the retail hardware department of the Smith & Ferguson Company, and it makes one of the finest stores in Canada. Winnipeg has nothing approaching it in appearance in this line of trade. The store is furnished with a railway ladder on each side, for reaching the upper shelves, patent tool rack, exhibition folding show cases, and many other conveniences. Stained glass windows mellow the light and add to the appearance of the store. The manufacturing department and wholesale sample rooms are on the first floor, which is reached by the elevator, and the third floor is used for light storage, and a portion for a society lodge room. The building is heated by furnace.

P. Lamont, books, stationery, music and fancy goods, occupies the other ground floor in the Smith & Ferguson block, and he also has the basement in this portion of the block. The description of the block already given will make it evident that Mr. Lamont has a very fine store. The store is now filled up with holiday stock, and presents an inviting appearance.

Another new structure is the Williams & Ferguson block, a two storey solid brick building, with basement. This block is divided into two stores, one apartment having a frontage of 27 feet by 85 deep. This portion is now occupied by R. H. Williams, proprietor of the Glasgow House, with a large stock of general merchandise. T. H. Miller is in charge of this business. The other portion of the block has a frontage of 27 feet, by 60 feet deep. This portion has just been taken possession of by L. C. Rogers, who commenced in-business in Regina last spring, and has now found it

necessary to occupy larger quarters. Mr. Rogers carries boots and shoes, clothing, furnishings, etc.

Another building erected this season is that put up by C. H. Black, and now occupied by himself for his book and stationery business. Mr. Black was burned out in the fire last March. This fire, it may be said, led to the erection of some of the new buildings in Regina this year, but a number of them were planned before the fire occurred. Mr. Black's store is a fine, two storey solid brick structure, and in it he carries a large stock in his line, including also musical instruments, fancy lines, etc.

J. F. Mowat, dealer in furnishings, boots and shoes, etc., who was also burned out in the fire of last spring, now occupies a fine store in the new Palmer house block—size, 25 by 54 feet. Mr. Mowat lost heavily by the fire, his entire stock having been destroyed, but this did not discourage him. He at once put in a new stock, and he now carries about everything in men's furnishings.

The new Palmer house building is now completed and occupied by the proprietors, E. & J. Smith. This building has been erected on the corner site of the old Palmer house, which was destroyed by the fire of last spring. The new structure is a great improvement on the old one. It is a two storey brick building, having a frontage of 92 feet on one street and 54 feet on the other. It is all used for the hotel, with the exception of the ground floor portion occupied by J. F. Mowat. This corner, being opposite the railway depot, is a fine one for a hotel. The house has 38 bed rooms.

Another fine building is the Martin & Eddy block on Scarth street, the buildings previously mentioned all being on South Railway street. This block is three storeys high, with basement, and divided into two stores on the ground floor. The Y.M.C.A. occupy quarters on one of the upper floors in this block.

The new Lansdowne hotel building is another important addition to the business structures of Regina. This building was erected in the summer of 1889, but it was not completed and occupied till last spring. It has a frontage of 100 feet on Scarth street and 50 feet on South Railway street, three storeys high, with basement. The house is in charge of F. Arnold, who was also proprietor of the old Lansdowne hotel, which has been established in Regina for years. The building is owned by J. D. Sibbald. The house is nicely furnished throughout, with parlors on each floor, has large airy rooms, with high ceiling, electric lighting, furnace heating, etc. The building is kept clean and comfortable, and all the rooms are warm. Fine commercial sample rooms are a special feature of the house. There are 75 rooms. So long as Regina has anything equal to the Lansdowne, there need be no complaint about the hotel accommodation of the place.

In addition to the brick and stone business places, a number of other buildings have been erected. Massey & Co. erected a large implement warehouse at Regina last spring. This is a frame building sheathed with iron. C. J. McCusker is the local manager for Massey & Co., and he reports having had a good season's trade. D. J. Robertson, furniture dealer, started business last spring in a new frame building on Scarth street. E. G. Collier, who started in the grocery and confectionery trade about a year ago, erected a new frame store the past

summer. Jas. Duncan, general dealer, who also started in business about a year ago, has erected a new frame store on Broad street, into which he has recently moved. Lo Juno, Smith & Co., have a brick building in course of completion, which they will occupy soon. In addition to the buildings named, a good many private residences have been erected the past season.

This is a good record for Regina, and speaks well for the stability of the place, as the buildings have about all been put up by resident business men. In fact, Regina business men have been successful as a rule. Since the town was established there have been few failures. The failures of late years have been of parties who came in without capital, and who only held out for a short time. The old firms, that have been in business for a length of time, have done well, and they show their faith in the future of the place by investing their capital in permanent improvements.

Altogether, 1890 is the best year Regina has ever had in the matter of substantial building improvements. Buildings erected in previous years were not of as substantial a character. Several of the blocks put up this year were to replace what may be termed the temporary quarters occupied by the business men who started in the early days of the town. Next year there is a prospect of continued activity in the building line. The Bank of Montreal have already the foundation down for a new bank building, and the superstructure will be erected next year. The location of this building is on Scarth street. It is to be completed by October next. The building will be solid brick, three and a half stories above ground, and will be occupied by the bank alone. The present location of the bank is some distance from the business portion of the town, and the change to the new location will be welcomed by the business men. The Bank of Montreal is doing a good business at Regina, and J. A. Paddon, the sociable manager, is popular with the patrons of the bank. A registry office, land office and new depot building are among the probable buildings to be erected next season.

J. D. Sibbald, the leading grain dealer, estimates that about 200,000 bushels of wheat will be marketed at Regina from this crop, besides oats and barley, which will be about 40 per cent. more than last year. Unfortunately the Regina roller flour mill was burned last summer, but the elevator close by was saved and is now being operated by Mr. Sibbald, who also does a produce and commission business, handling goods in car lots. His large brick warehouse, extended some this year, is now 157 feet long by 27 wide, two storeys and basement.

The planing mill, operated by J. R. Reilly & Co., has had a busy season, on account of the amount of building going on, and future prospects are good.

Wm. Cruickshank, general merchant, one of the old-timers of Regina, has recently made a change in his business by admitting a partner in the person of Thos. Ptolmy. Style now Wm. Cruickshank & Co.

Tinning & Hoskins occupy a fine brick store on the corner of Scarth and South Railway streets, erected in 1889. They carry a fine stock of general merchandise.

R. B. Ferguson, who is also one of the old timers of Regina, is working up a fine trade in

the furniture line. He carries a large stock of goods, and in addition to his local retail trade, has worked up quite a jobbing business with outside points.

Robert Martin, who succeeded to the retail business of Dawson, Bjo & Co., at Regina, is also doing a good trade. He occupies a double store, one side with his drug business, and the other with tobaccos, cigars, etc. E. J. Hill & Co. carry on business in dry goods, clothing, shoes, etc., and carry a large stock in their store on Scarth street, with Hill Bros as managers. Burton Bros., merchant tailors, have succeeded in establishing a good trade since they located in Regina, and the practice of sending east for ordered clothing is dying out. In the meat line there are three or four shops, Childs & Gallagher and Jos. Jackson, being the old stand-bys. L. Mussen started in the meat line in Regina last August, and will handle poultry, produce, etc. In the flour and feed business, J. S. Donohue has been on the ground for years, and continues to do a good trade. J. Williams is the principal fruit dealer of the place, and Wm. Slin the baker. A new business recently established is the stationery store of Robert Mitchell, on Scarth street. Mr. Mitchell also handles the Singer sewing machine and Doherty organ, and he is bringing in a plant for the manufacture of steusel and rubber stamp work.

J. A. MacCaul, lumber merchant, who is mayor of the town this year, stated that the financial position of Regina is exceptionally good. The present debenture debt of the town is only \$12,000. Next year it is likely that a loan of about \$30,000 will be asked for, for local improvements, providing better fire protection, drainage, etc. A system of electric lighting for houses has recently been put in operation, and the streets will also soon be lighted.

Real estate is not very high in Regina yet. The ordinary value of a good business lot is about \$1,000 for a frontage of 25 feet. A corner business lot sold for \$1,600, which is the highest price reached yet. Residence lots range from \$30 to \$250. The only loan company doing business is the Canada Permanent, represented by Mr. Marsh.

The colony of German settlers, near Regina, has done well. They pay cash largely for their goods, and put all their money to practical use, instead of spending it freely as some settlers do, in things which they could get along without. They are evidently the people to work their way up in a new country. About 50 families of these people were added to the settlement this year. The land department of the C. P. R. has recently sent one of these settlers home, to work up further immigration of these people.

British Columbia Letter.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Vancouver, December 16.—

Outside of the regular lines of business dealt with in this column, there are several matters connected with the development of the province worthy of reference.

It is reported in the *Denver, Col., News* that a Capt. Brandon Kirby, one of the cattle kings of New Mexico, has decided to transport some 40,000 cattle from his rancho there to the Chilcote district, B. C., an extensive grazing country hitherto almost unknown and un-

developed. The paper in question says that a representative of the above capitalist was in British Columbia last summer and purchased 400,000 acres. Nothing is known of it in this province, but if it be true the importance cannot be overestimated and it is to be hoped that the transportation of such an immense cargo of live stock may be not only practicable but successful.

A. St. Geo. Hamorsloy, a prominent barrister in this city, is now at Ottawa in conference with some English capitalists there in reference to an extensive dry dock and harbor scheme at Vancouver, which will involve an expenditure of a sum in the millions. This has been under consideration for some time and seems to be just now taking a shape which augurs for its success.

In the same connection it may be stated that application has been made for the incorporation of the Imperial Steamship Co., with headquarters at Vancouver. The capital is not large, but probably sufficient for the scope of business in contemplation.

But by far the most important move that has been made for some time is the consummation of a scheme for the reclamation of the Pitt Meadows. This is a tract of overflowed prairie land in the Westminster district about 30 miles from Vancouver, at the junction of the Pitt and Fraser rivers, containing about 30,000 acres more or less. A company is being formed for the purpose of reclaiming this land, as rich as any under the sun by dredging and dyking.

All the retailers are well stocked for Xmas and comparatively little goods is being sold. The saw mills are experiencing the usual quiet season, and the vessels are about all loaded. Case eggs are of very poor quality though plentiful and fresh eggs are now retailing at 75c a dozen. Butter is in good supply and steady in price. In potatoes and hay, oats, etc., prices are stiff, farmers holding for a rise. Vegetables are in good supply and steady in price. The last of the California grapes have been received, but the dealers are still well supplied with them. Oranges are coming in more freely and apples are plentiful. Small fish are scarce; no salmon; good halibut and black cod are obtainable at from 7 to 10c per lb. Game has been scarce but is now plentiful. There will be plenty of poultry from the east for Christmas. Business generally in a retail way seems to be lively, and especially is the improvement in the dry goods trade noticeable over a few months ago, when dealers were complaining a good deal.

The mining strike at the Wellington mines is still unsettled. This has a marked effect on the output of the New Vancouver Coal Co., which is now running over 2,000 tons per day, the largest in its history.

Prices are about as follows: Meats—Dry salt 11c; roll bacon, 12c; breakfast, 13c; hams 14c. Lard is firm at 12c in tins and 11c in pails. Salt salmon is worth \$9.50 for 200 pound barrel; canned salmon is still at \$4.50 per case, but little if any is offered for sale at that price. Sugar is steady: Yellow 6c; granulated 7c. The latest advices from Japan are that low grade teas have advanced 2c per lb.

Butter—Creamery is worth 25c for large lots; small lots 27 cents; while specially put up tins is worth 23 cents. Lard is out of the market. Potatoes, \$20 per ton. Hay is steady at \$16 per ton. Oats, \$30 per ton. Stocks of all

kinds of feed are very low, prices are as follows: Shorts, \$27; chopped feed, \$35; bran, \$24; wheat, \$35. Flour is steady, the following is a list of the chief brands on the market: Manitoba patents, \$6 25; Manitoba bakors, \$5; Portland, \$5.25; Dayton, \$5.10; 2 Star, \$5.40; rolled oats, \$3.50 per sack; oatmeal, \$3.50; cornmeal, \$3.15 per 100. Onions are \$3 per 100 pounds for native, and \$8 for Spanish.

Vegetables—Cabbage, 2c per pound; lettuce, 10c per dozen; radishes, 50c per dozen bunches; celloery, 60c per dozen bunches; turnips and carrots, 1 1/2c per pound; sweet potatoes, 8c; pumpkins, 2c.

Apples—\$1.25 per box, though some of the best are worth \$2.

Game—Mallard ducks, \$1 per brace; grouse, 75 to 85c; wild geese, \$1 each; venison, 8 1/2 to 9c per pound. Poultry is firm at the following prices: Chickens from \$6 50 to \$7 50 per doz; domestic ducks from \$7 to \$9; turkeys, \$2.75 each; geese, \$2.50 to \$2 75.

Alberta.

Commencing on the 1st of January, the Lethbridge News will be changed to a semi-weekly.

The *Tribune*, published at Great Falls, Montana, says:—"The Great Falls and Canada railroad, now in successful operation from this city to Lethbridge, Alberta, has proven already a successful business venture, and its owners and managers are more than pleased with the business offered and the bright prospects of the new road, which is the only connecting link of iron between the United States and Canada west of the Red river valley."

Mr. Lumsden, engineer of the Calgary & Edmonton railway, says that work has been closed down on the road for the winter, and trains have ceased running. Material has been laid on the ground for a bridge at the crossing of the Red Deer and the bridge will be built during the winter. He also reports that ties and other material will be taken out before spring for the Calgary and Fort Macleod railway, for which the contract has been let, and on which construction will begin next summer.

Lumber Cuttings.

The machinery for a shingle mill has been brought in by R. Cunningham for a mill on the Skena river, B. C.

The Davies-Sayward mill company on Kootenay Lake, B. C., has let a contract for 5,000 feet of logs to be delivered at the company's saw mill at Pilot Bay. McLean & Flager will undertake the work.

G. F. Slater, of the Vancouver Shingle Mill, is putting in saw mill machinery on a more extensive scale, for the manufacture of all kinds of lumber. Heretofore attention was directed only to the manufacture of shingles and fine cedar lumber.

The Vancouver *World* says: "Phillip Kelly and Duncan Box, timber rangers for the Canadian Pacific Lumber Company, returned on Saturday from an extended trip up the coast and inland, locating claims for that company. They met with good success and a party of surveyors will leave in a day or two for that part of the province. The company propose to erect a large saw mill at the mouth of the Amacon river, down which the logs will be floated to the mill yard. Ships can load in these waters.

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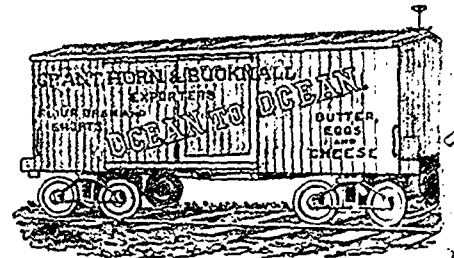
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Eastern Business Changes. ONTARIO.

Jos. Bird, hotel, Dutton, has been capiased.
Mary Dube, furniture, Ottawa, has assigned.
J. W. Proctor, grocer, Toronto, has assigned.
Jas. Crossan, foundry, etc, Cobourg, is dead.
Jos. Kilburn, builders' supplies, Stratford, is dead.
J. D. Windum, grocer, Toronto, has assigned.
P. E. Willoughby, merchant, Alvinston, has assigned.
C. H. Moore, merchant, Ashburnham, has assigned.
Wm. Newman, general store, Belwood, has assigned.
Jas. Taylor, general store, Whitevale, has assigned.
John New, wholesale woolens, Toronto, has assigned.
G. A. Smith, general store, Warwick, is out of business.
Charles Israel, cigars and billiards, Hamilton, has sold out.
T. Cole & Son, painters, etc., Stratford, — T. Cole is dead.
W. E. Strickland, sewing machine agent, etc., Galt, is dead.
H. Loch, groceries and liquors, Guelph, has sold out.
W. McKenzie, millinery, Toronto, has suspended payment.
M. Wilson's China Hall, Peterboro, has been damaged by fire.
H. E. White, baker and confectioner, Toronto has assigned.
John Cowan, general store, Sundridge, has moved to South River.
Taylor & Louis, woodenware manufacturers, Whitevale have assigned.
Byce, McMurich & Co., wholesale dry goods, Toronto, have sold out.
A. J. McClellan, general store, Alton, is advertising stock to be sold by auction.

McDonald & Brundage, general store, Sundridge, have opened a branch at South River.

The stocks of the following were damaged by fire and water at Cobourg: J. N. Campbell, dry goods; W. Giddens, grocer; G. Stephens, furniture; G. Vosper, tinsmith.

QUEBEC.

E. F. Lavoie, provisions, Quebec, has assigned.
P. & T. Ouellet, Quebec, have assigned.
J. P. Samson, shoes, Quebec, has assigned.
Cotty & Fagny, dry goods, Quebec, damaged by fire.
L. Bisson & Co., tailors, Montreal, have assigned.
J. Johnson & Co., hotel, Montreal, have assigned.
R. Gohier & Co., dry goods, Montreal, have assigned.
Ananias Renaud, merchant, St. Francois Xavier, has assigned.
M. Hayes, general store, Sheenboro, is obtaining an extension.
A. D. Damphouse, farmer and navigation, St. Timothe, has assigned.
R. T. Manley, groceries and furniture, Laclute, Mills, has assigned.
J. A. Geniron, dry goods and groceries, West Farnham, has assigned.
W. B. Craig, millinery and dry goods, Montreal, is offering a compromise.
Lamalico Bros., wholesale, fancy and dry goods, Montreal, have suspended.
Bouchard & Co., shoe manufacturers, Montreal, have dissolved; C. F. Smith continues under same style.
Ames, Holden & Co., shoes, Montreal, have dissolved; E. F. Ames & J. C. Holden continue under same style.
James McCready & Co., shoe manufacturers, Montreal, have dissolved; C. F. Smith continues under same style.
Goldschmidt, Bachrach & Co. (of New York), Paris kid glove store, Montreal, have ceased

doing business under this style, and J. T. Dunn registers as sole proprietor.

NOVA SCOTIA.

J. K. Lent, drugs, Halifax, is dead.
J. E. Best, dry goods, Kentville, has assigned.
Jas. Ramey, general store, Bridgewater, has assigned.
J. F. Cunningham, general store, Cape Island, has assigned.
Wm. Malcolm, general store, fish, etc., Port Malcolm, is dead.
John Campbell, general store, St. Peters, C. B., has assigned.
L. Coggins, general store, etc., Westport, is selling off at auction.
Anderson & Co., grocers, Halifax, co-partnership registered—Mary A. & J. H. Anderson & C. F. Mott.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

G. W. Gerow, auctioneer, St. John, has assigned.
G. N. Bulmer & Son, fulling mill, Sackville, — G. N. Bulmer is dead.
A. C. Smith & Co., produce and commission, St. John, dissolved; J. Boyd reires, C. B. Lockhart and H. C. Smith admitted partners under old name.

The Dominion Cotton Mills Company formed to control the Canadian gray cotton mills, is now complete and the first regular meeting of shareholders has been held at which A. F. Gault was elected president. The company has obtained a charter and its capital is \$5,000,000. The mills which will come under the control of the Dominion company on January 1st next number nine, the total value of which is estimated at \$4,800,000 — \$1,000,000 more than the amount paid for them by the Dominion Cotton Mills Company. The headquarters of this immense concern are in Montreal, where all the directors are located and where the capital stock is principally held.

British Columbia.

A. Crogan, fruit, etc., Victoria, is out of business.

M. Hayes is opening in fruit and groceries at Westminster.

John Draut, groceries, Victoria, is selling out by auction.

Crean & Fleming, hotel, Vancouver; now Crean & Thomas.

W. C. Anderson, hotel, Victoria, advertises retiring from business.

Martin Bros., formerly of Chilliwack, have opened a general store at Vernon.

Pomeroy & Blois, hotel, Vancouver, have dissolved; J. Blois continues alone.

The Imperial Steamship Co., Ltd., Vancouver, has applied for incorporation.

The sheriff has been in possession of the premises of Robt. McLutosh, Victoria.

J. J. Daley, fancy goods, etc., Victoria; estate bought by assignee and receiver appointed.

J. L. Browne, general merchant, Kamloops, has made an assignment to W. H. Whitaker.

J. E. Saucier is establishing an electric light system for Kamloops. The plant has arrived.

Field & Dempster, Nanaimo, have received the agency for the Sun Life Insurance Company of Montreal.

Plans are being prepared for Sir Matthew Baillie Begbie's new block, which is to be erected at Westminster.

The British bark Mennoek has cleared from Victoria for London, England, with a cargo of 30,882 cases of salmon.

A half interest in the Adderton bakery and grocery at Nanaimo has been purchased by Andrew Smith of Victoria.

The annual meeting of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association will be held at Vancouver, on January 7th and 8th.

The electric light works at Westminster will soon be in operation. The streets will be lighted by 30 lamps of 2000 candle power each.

A by-law to provide for the expenditure of \$5000 for a bonus for the construction of a drill shed was read a first time at a recent meeting of the Victoria Council.

The repairs on the collier Costa Rica, which went ashore, for which the Albion Iron Works at Victoria have secured the contract, will amount to about \$10,000.

Capt. John Grahom and J. A. Fraser have purchased the staunch steamer Emma, and will place her on the Nanaimo-Victoria route carrying freight and passengers.

The Edison Electric company has completed the contract with the New Westminster Tramway company for the whole of the electric appliances to be used on the road there.

Captain Anderson from Gloucester, Mass., has purchased the furniture and business of the Dufferine House at Vancouver, and will in the future conduct it as a temperance hotel.

New post offices have been opened at the following places: Ainsworth, E. S. Wilson, postmaster; Westholm, E. Barkley, postmaster; and Rivers Inlet, Robert Draney, postmaster.

William Sloan, who has been in the employ of J. S. Clute & Co., Vancouver, for a number of years, has concluded arrangements by which he will engage in the dry goods business on his own account at Nanaimo.

The B.C. Tanning company, of Nanaimo, has its new boot and shoe factory now in operation, which industry will be carried on in future in connection with the tannery. The work is all done with white labor, no Chinese being employed.

The safe of Wintemute Bros., Westminster, was operated upon by burglars recently and badly wrecked. Nothing of value was obtained. The safe in Henderson's store at Chilliwack was also operated upon. A hole was drilled on the top of the safe, but the burglars evidently became alarmed and gave up the job.

"It is understood," says the *Victoria Times*, "that E. C. Matthews, local manager of the Dun Wiman Commercial Agency, will be transferred to the management of the Winnipeg agency. Mr. Matthews, by his uniform courtesy and general good-naturedness, has made a large circle of friends, who will regret his departure."

Victoria Times:—"Quite a number of contracts for new sealing boats have been given to Mr. Foot. At present he has on hand a contract for six new boats for Hall & Goepel, and eight for E. H. Marvin & Co., besides seven boats repairing, which belong to the schooner E. P. Marvin, six of the Triumph and two of the *Opphiro's*."

Ex-Mayor James Fall, of Victoria, is dead. Mr. Fall was one of Victoria's best known business men. He was born in Cumberland, England, in 1820, and later was in the grocery trade at Liverpool. He commenced business in Victoria in 1862, which he has continued ever since, and which has grown to one of the largest retail grocery stores in Victoria.

"The output from the New Vancouver Coal Company's mines yesterday," says the *Nanaimo Free Press*, "was the largest output that has yet been obtained. Although 2000 tons has been a figure reached, but yesterday this amount was exceeded by 15 tons. It is estimated that in about twelve months from now the output will reach about four thousand tons per day."

The recent heavy rains on Vancouver Island have caused the low lying lands in the neighborhood of Cowichan to be flooded. The train coming to Victoria from Nanaimo had to travel for over two miles through two feet of water. Booms of logs holding over 700,000 feet are being driven down the Cowichan river, which has drifted out of its proper channel, and many logs will be lost. The bridge crossing the Cowichan river has been carried away by the flood.

The German schooner A Iela, which returned on Dec 15 from a cruise in Behring Sea and made a raid upon the Islands of St. Paul, was seized at Victoria by the collector of customs on two charges, the first for failing to enter at the custom house, the fine for which is \$400, with \$100 costs. The second charge is false clearance. When Capt. Hanson left Victoria last September he cleared for Yokohama, but instead touched at St. Paul Island. The penalty for this is \$400.

The Kamloops *Sentinel* notes the shipment of 188 head of fine cattle from the ranges of that district to the coast. "They were an exceptionally fine lot," says the *Sentinel*, "and although taken from the ranges would compare favorably with stall fed animals raised in any other part of the world. One big steer tipped the beam at 2,240 lbs., two others going

over at 2,100, while there were twenty-five of the lot which each weighed over a ton. The Douglas Lake and B. C. Cattle Companies will ship from here about as many more animals. John Wilson also has a couple of cars of fine animals ready for shipment from here."

Northwestern Ontario.

G. M. Francis, hotelkeeper, Port Arthur, has assigned to S. Thomson.

A branch of the Dominion Building and Loan Association has been established at Port Arthur.

Work is to be continued at once, says the *Journal*, on the proposed C. P. R. hotel at Fort William.

Ray, Street & Co. have opened a branch of their banking business at Fort William under the management of C. W. Jarvis.

The Fort William *Journal* has been purchased by McLaren & Rutledge, and moved from West Fort William to Fort William.

Wood has been reduced in price at Port Arthur from \$5 to \$3.75 per cord, a result of the construction of the new P. A. D. & W. railway.

The shelving in James Robertson's hardware store, Rat Portage, fell on the counter one night recently smashing the show case and many valuable articles. The damage will be considerable.

Port Arthur proposes to raise \$75,000 to build and operate an electric street railway to Fort William. The assessed value of Port Arthur is \$1,745,788, and the present debture is \$158,855.

W. Dickens, who has for some time been manager of Alloway & Champion's Rat Portage branch bank, has received the appointment of manager of the new branch of the Commercial Bank which will shortly be opened at Fort William.

The Port Arthur, Duluth & Western railway is completed for 40 miles and 8 miles more are ready for the track which will be laid before Christmas. For the remainder of the winter active operations will be pursued on the remaining thirty-five miles to Gunders, which will be finished in July.

The steamer Dixon cleared from Port Arthur for Duluth on December 17, with fish. She will be the last foreign bound steamer for 1890. The harbor and bay are clear of ice and water-winged fishing boats may be daily seen lifting their nets in front of the town. The local fish tugs are also busy, but all steamers are layed up.

The following is a statement of the trade of Fort William, for the navigation season of 1890: Two hundred and thirty vessels reported inward and cleared, of registered tonnage 157,966 tons; importations weight unloaded 107,223 tons; value of goods \$276,760. Exports 23,432 tons; value of export \$563,006; crew all told 4,234. This is exclusive of business done at Port Arthur.

H. Shorey & Co., clothiers, Montreal, are to the front this year with the finest calendar yet received at this office. It is a copyright photograph of Miss Maud Millett, entitled "The Dawn of Heavenly light." This is really a fine work of art, worthy of a place in a drawing-room.

Manitoba.

Geo. McPhail has opened in the flour and feed business at Rapid City.

Mr. Wagner, of Ossowa, has established a creamery among the farmers of Langenburg, Arsa.

H. C. Ross is negotiating for a site at the Rapid City station upon which to erect a grain warehouse.

The C. P. R. Souris branch will be opened for business to Airdrie, formerly Hartney, on Monday (to-day). Airdrie is about eighty miles from Souris.

There was a meeting of the Winnipeg grain exchange on Wednesday. It was decided to secure a charter of incorporation from the legislature at its next session.

M. Thompson, Rapid City, has severed his connection with Harris, Son & Co. He will in the future handle the Deering binder and Canadian and American plows.

The Northwest Aerated Water Company of Winnipeg has been sending around a case of its goods along with the usual Xmas calendar. This is something of a substantial "compliment of the season."

The Brandon Times, the leading conservative paper of Manitoba, is out straight against high tariff. It says: "We believe that the candidate for Dominion honors in the next election, who takes high tariff as a plank in his platform, will be defeated, and that is one reason why we advise the Conservatives who are our friends and in whom we are interested to adopt a modified tariff platform."

British Grain Trade.

The Mark Lane Express of Dec. 15, in its weekly review of the British grain trade says: "The prices of foreign wheats are against sellers, excepting for Russian, which are firm, owing to the ice blockade at the Black sea ports. Flour is steady. Corn is in increased supply. This is balanced, however, by a strong demand. Mixed American is quoted at 27s on spot and 24s 9d on the passage. At Monday's market English wheats were slow of sale at unchanged prices. Foreign wheats were steady. California was firm. Flour was firm, though the trade was limited. There was a fair trade in barley and prices were steady. The prices of corn were sustained. Canadian peas advanced 6d. Oats, rye and beans were firm."

The Car Shortage in Ontario.

Recently a report was published denying that there was any car shortage at points said to be affected. The following statement, however, does not look like a free movement of cars:— A consignment of 17,000 bushels of wheat was shipped from Winnipeg, via Beatty line of steamers and Sarnia, on Nov. 10. Drafts were made on this on Toronto. On Nov. 22 the drafts came back to Winnipeg, and the shippers could get no satisfaction from the Grand Trunk railway about the wheat. The drafts were again sent to Toronto on Nov. 29, by which time there had been a loss of 8 cents per bushel in the value of the wheat through the decline in prices. It was not until Dec. 10 that the first two cars of this wheat had been heard from as shipped from Sarnia.



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Prices at Montreal.

Hides—Last week we referred to the attempt of one dealer to buy up most of the hides on this market and it appears that he was successful. This action has had quite a strengthening effect, prices being quoted firm at 6c to 6½c to tanners for No. 1, a car load having been purchased by a Quebec tanner at 6½c. Dealers are paying 5c, 4c and 3c for Nos. 1, 2 and 3, although in a few instances it is said that these figures have been exceeded. There has also been a firmer market in Chicago hides, which are ½c to ¾c higher. Sheepskins are quoted at 85c to 90c. each

Fruits, &c.—Apples. The sale was reported of a good sized lot of choice winter varieties at \$3.80, it being pretty difficult to get \$4.00 for a round lot, and we quote \$3.50 to \$3.80 for good to choice, and \$3.10 to \$3.25 for ordinary to fair. A poor lot of Fameuse was sold at \$2.00 per bbl. Good do. are quoted at \$3.50 to \$4.00 in jobbing lots.

Evaporated Apples—There is scarcely enough business to establish quotations, but 13c would probably be paid by needy traders. The market is almost bare of dried apples and prices are firm at 7c to 9c as to quantity and quality.

Dry Goods—The principal topic of discussion in wholesale circles is the suspension of Russell, Seybold & Co., of Ottawa. Business in wholesale circles is quiet, but the recent collapse has caused quite an influx of sorting orders for heavy goods, such as flannels, blankets and men's woollen underwear. The cotton mills are still diversifying their products in order to compete with English goods. One of the latest new lines turned out by the Montreal Cotton Company is red sateen, which is acknowledged by foreign agents to equal the imported article. In colored cotton goods there has been an advance in livings in addition to the increase quoted by us.

Dressed Poultry.—Turkeys have been bought up pretty lively at 9c per pound for choice good size birds, and fancy large have realized 10c per pound, and for choice stock the market closes firm at 9c. Chickens have received a good deal of attention from buyers and sales have transpired at 6 to 7c per lb for good to choice. Geese are in fair supply and have sold all the way from 5c to 7c per lb as to quality. A fine lot of 60 lbs of geese was sold at 6½c per lb. Ducks are scarce with business at 9c to 9c per lb. One lot of 40 lbs was placed at 8c. Several sales of poor mixed lots of turkeys, chickens and geese were made at 6c per lb.

Flour.—In straight rollers a few sales have transpired at \$1.65 to \$1.70 for broken lots delivered but car lots on track could be had at \$1.60. Choice rollers of ninety per cents are quoted at \$1.75 to \$1.85. Winter wheat patents are slow of sale, and prices are quoted at \$5.10 to \$5.25. Spring patents have met with a fair local and country demand at about former quotations. Strong bakers have been sold at irregular prices, city brands being offered at \$5.40, while Manitoba millers have placed their strong bakers in this market at \$5.25, but the quality, it is said, is not up to that of city strong. Most of the old flour have been at last cleared off this market, and this, together with the fact that stocks here are about 26,000 less than those of a year ago imparts a steady feeling, and will help holders to resist any further modification of values.

Cheese.—The market evinced a better tone at the close of last week and sales of about 4,000 boxes were made on this market, finest white and colored bringing 9½ to 9½c, a fancy lot being placed at 9½c.—Trade Bulletin, Dec. 5.

It is reported that "Jim" Hall of the Great Northern has shown his business shrewdness by stepping in and making a clean \$3,000,000 out of Wall street kings. He completed favorable negotiations of a loan of \$30,000,000 a short time ago with which to complete his coast extension. This money had nearly all been paid over when the financial crisis came and Hill at once offered his money on good security at the ruling rate of interest. This brought him in a handsome sum, exceeding \$3,000,000 it is said.

A telegram from Montreal dated Dec. 9 says: "At the regular meeting of the Canadian Pacific board to-day a supplementary dividend of one per cent. was declared for the half year, to be paid with the guaranteed half yearly payment of one and one half per cent., making a total payment of two and one half per cent. for the half year. It is estimated that the surplus earnings for the year after paying the two supplementary dividends, will leave a balance of \$925,000 to be added to the dividend reserve account."



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11 00		Portage la Prairie ...	17 20
ar 12 60	58	Gledstode.....	16 30 de
do 13 00		Necipawa.....	16 20 ar
14 45	91	Minnedosa.....	15 55
15 50	117		12 28
16 45	135		11 45
ar 17 45	150	Rapid City.....	10 10 de
18 24	171	Shoal Lake.....	9 57
19 45	194	Blinscarth.....	8 55 de
20 25	211		7 55
21 55			
ar 21 05	223	A Russell B.....	7 15 de
21 32	236	c Langenburg D....	6 48
23 02		c Saltcoats D.....	5 50 de
22 30	262		
24 00			LEAVE

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21 55 De.	Lethbridge.....	Ar 1 10
22 5.	Woodpecker.....	23 45
24 25	Purple Springs.....	22 48
1 10.	Grassy Lake.....	2 40
1 48.	Cherry Coulee.....	21 22
2 25	Winnifred.....	20 57
3 2	Seven Persons.....	19 48
4 30 Ar.	Dunmore.....	De 18 45

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