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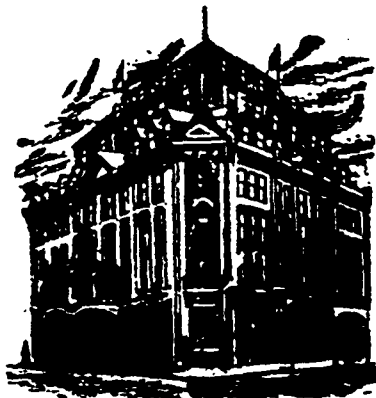
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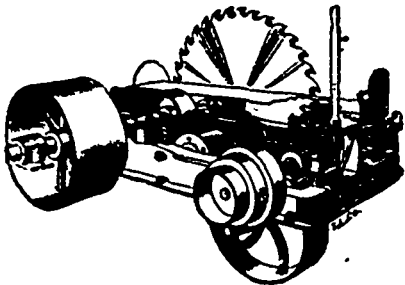
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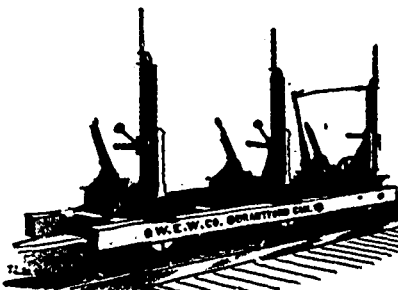
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PLANTING TREES.

It is reported from Ottawa that the department of the interior will introduce a plan designed to encourage and assist the cultivation of trees and shrubs in the west. It would certainly be a great advantage to our treeless prairie farms to have the cultivation of trees carried on to some extent. There is no way in which the value of a farm can be more largely increased at a slight expense than by planting and cultivating trees. The whole nature of the country could be completely changed for the better within a few years, if each farmer could be induced to plant, cultivate and protect a few trees. There need be no difficulty about obtaining suitable trees, as there are a number of varieties of native trees which do well on the open prairie. These trees can be secured from the bluffs and wooded sections, which are within easy reach of almost every settled district. The experimental farms have already done a great deal of good work in encouraging the cultivation of trees, and any further efforts of the government in this direction will be welcomed. At the same time, it should not require government assistance to induce the farmers to enter upon this work. The additional value added to their farms by the cultivation of trees should alone be sufficient inducement to them to make some effort in this direction. Aside from this, the beautifying of their surroundings is a work which it should not be difficult to interest one in.

The C. P. R. land sales for the month of November amounted to 42,680 acres, and the sum realized \$140,400. Last year for the same month 25,979 acres were sold for \$82,918.

Prospects for the Next Raw Fur Season.

Wm. Eisenhauer & Co., review the prospects for raw furs as follows in the last number of the New York Fur Trade Review:

Bear were amongst those articles which met with a rather indifferent sale, both here and abroad, particularly, though, the coarsely furred and common kinds, and we consider it quite doubtful if these grades will find a better outlet next season.

For well-furred and thin-pelted bear a somewhat better feeling has been created, though, of late, and we are, therefore, inclined to think that they at least will not sustain a further shrinkage in value, while the prospects of the other grades, referred to remain rather uncertain until later reports show us to what extent the robe trade has helped us in their consumption.

Otter met with a ready sale throughout the entire year, the lower kinds and all those skins which were suitable for use in the natural state being in steady request by the coat manufacturers, while such otter which are more adapted for plucking passed into the hands of those manufacturers who intended to work them up into ladies' fur, and we have just reason to believe that last winter's quotations will be fully sustained, especially as the present holdings of this fur appear to be everywhere quite small.

Beaver have borne out the expectation which we placed in them already at the beginning of last season, and if we had received better support from the European markets, the advance in their value would have been still more pronounced. At the same time, any owner of such beaver which were bought during recent years had no cause to find fault with his sales, and as the supply of this beautiful and durable fur is constantly decreasing we continue to think favorably of its future as long as its price remains a fairly reasonable one.

In reference to color, we may add, that dark beaver are still preferred by the Canadian and export trade, while American manufacturers rather take hold of the medium and paler shades, such as we generally get from the Western and Northwestern States.

Mink were in strong demand, both here and on the continent, in spite of the steadily advancing prices right from the beginning of the season, and are yet looked upon with favor by the fur trade, but it must be admitted that already during the summer months manufacturers were somewhat reluctant in replenishing their stocks unless at a slight concession from former prices, and, temporarily at least, only finer skins of good color are actively inquired for.

Of these, as is generally known, the supply is but a limited one, and while it is quite possible that all kinds of mink will command better figures again at a later date, we can hardly recommend anybody to speculate on this possibility, as the time is not far distant when the new collection begins to arrive, and, on account of its superior color, threatens to handicap the sale of the old stock very materially. How large the latter is at present, in both the raw and the dressed material, we hesitate to estimate, but surely it is not excessive, and consists, for reasons given before, mainly of medium and lower grades from all sections, such as are mostly received during the late winter and early spring months.

Muskrat, it was thought, would also be benefited by the general improvement in the fur business; but in regard to this article the expectations of the trade were not realized, and the result of the different London sales clearly demonstrates that a still lower range of prices has to be established for muskrat before we can hope to handle them to advantage.

Similarly to last year, the spring collection proved to be the most unprofitable one for exporters, which is, however, easily explained, as this particular class of skins was used very extensively during former years in the plucked and dyed state; but since then the sheared and dyed coneys have proved to be a still better and comparatively cheaper substitute of seal, with the promise of remaining equally popular in the future.

As far as can be learned from the most reliable sources, the stock of muskrat in Europe is still quite large, which fact alone will involve a pressure upon the market, and while we consider the early catch of skins less risky to handle than the mid-winter and spring collection, a sensible restriction in the opening quotations should certainly be observed under the prevailing circumstances.

Skunk of all kinds and sections, we are pleased to report, have been and are still in excellent demand, particularly though by our home trade, and it is many years since the visible supply of this fur was as small at this period of the year as what it is today. Considerably many skins which had been placed in the London and Leipzig markets have been ordered back to our side with good results, and unless something quite unforeseen should happen the early collection of skunk will be eagerly competed for, until it becomes too late to work up the skins for this season's use.

The inevitable result of this sharp competition will be decidedly strained prices, but after the expected demand has fallen off, and the supply increased, it will be advisable to hold speculative tendencies in check, as it is an open question whether skunk will be in equally good request during the approaching year.

It should also be considered by all buyers of early caught skunk that only such kinds of broad-striped and white skins, on which the fur was of sufficient depth for dyeing shared in the favorable sales of the higher grades which are worked up in the natural color, while the blue pelted and stagey skins of that description sold to much less advantage, with a poor promise of finding a better outlet later on.

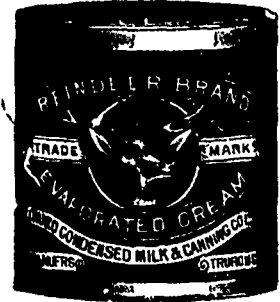
Raccoon moved in about the same channels as last year, selling well on both sides of the ocean until quite recently, and present stocks are, here at least, much depleted. In the expectation of finding an active demand for their goods—which expectation has already been partly realized—the coat manufacturers laid in an unusually large stock of raccoon, consisting principally of the medium and lower grades, but during recent conversations with some of the larger manufacturers the latter informed us that the high price of the raw material had made it quite difficult for them to obtain a reasonable profit on their productions, and that they were compelled to be more conservative in their purchases of fresh skins, even if the general prosperity of the country should continue.

This statement confirms our own impression that the present high value of raccoon threatens to hurt

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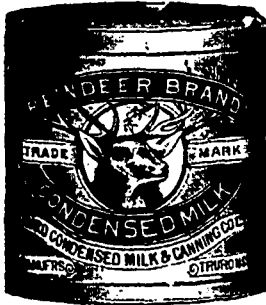
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the popularity of this serviceable fur in America, and we must not lose sight of the fact that its consumption in Europe is not sufficiently large to sustain a weakening home market, especially in reference to those grades we just referred to and which constitute the bulk of the collection.

Raccoon of particularly dark color, as well as heavy furred northern skins, suitable for dyeing, are yet in most favor on the continent, but there is a possibility, that the use of the latter may also increase in this country, if skunk continues to rule high, as they make a very good imitation of skunk after they are dyed black.

Opossum found right from the start, a strong support, were actively competed for in each London sale, and in consequence thereof scored a very heavy advance.

There were yet some other causes for this favorable result, but it must chiefly be attributed to the fact that dyed opossum are generally in good demand when the price of skunk rules high, serving as a fair substitute of the latter and being in particular request by the cloak trade, which is always on the lookout for cheaper imitations, although we do not mean to assert that this trade does not work up finer goods as well.

It is, therefore, justified to reason that opossum will continue to sell well as long as skunk remain a favored article, but it is a matter of doubt whether present extreme prices can be sustained much longer, and we certainly do not advise anybody to hold opossum on speculation, as any contraction in their use would quickly reflect itself in a yielding market.

Red fox were up to last year justly considered a very deceptive fur to handle, as their value was almost exclusively regulated by the continental buyers and fluctuated considerably; but since then the demands for these skins has extended to our side as well, and a great many of them were worked up into ladies neckwear and muffs, in both dyed and natural state. As only well-furred foxes, and particularly those from northern and western sections, are adapted for this purpose the collection of inferior and low-furred skins was chiefly sent to Europe, where, together with the better kinds, they found an equally good outlet and paid their owners a handsome profit.

According to present indications, the extended use of red fox will last yet awhile, and as the new collection will strike an almost bare market, it is reasonable to assume that they will sell at high prices.

Gray fox started dull, rose rapidly in the January and March sales, owing to the actions of some speculators (who were evidently under the impression that they could favorably introduce them under a different color as a cheap imitation of a more valuable article), fell off again to one-half of what they brought before, during the June sales, although the offering was not such an excessive one at that time, and have since, on our side at least, moved quite slowly.

That the very limited quantity of gray fox, which were offered this week in London, could be placed again at better prices than those obtained in the June sales, we are pleased to report, but do not attach too much importance to this new improvement, as we believe it was chiefly caused by the remarkable sale of other foxes,

and we, therefore, deem it advisable that they be handled carefully until a new basis of value is established.

Marten, which like mink, were eagerly competed for in spite of their high value, both articles being used for similar purposes, have now reached a point which hardly admits of further speculation, and while it is surely not our object to criticize the opinion of others, it is nevertheless our impression that anybody who handles marten in larger quantities should not hesitate to part with his stock, even if the profit which he realizes on his investment should prove to be a rather meagre one.

Lynx have finally rewarded those who had the patience to hold on to the purchases which they effected during the long period of extreme depression, and while their value rose quicker than we liked to see it, we do not consider the present level of prices at all a fictitious one, because lynx certainly class amongst our most beautiful furs and used to sell in former times at still higher figures than those which recent events have dictated.

While the stock of raw lynx cannot be closely estimated on account of being so much distributed, it is certainly yet quite large in some of the more important fur centres, but in view of a restricted supply during the next few years, hardly large enough to cause any uneasiness to their owners, as another sudden and radical change of fashion is not apt to occur so very soon.

Wild cat naturally benefited from the good sale of lynx, as the long furred skins can be used as a very fair substitute, while all short-haired wild cat, such as we obtain mostly in the southern and southwestern States, are more adapted for the robe and coat manufacturers. The latter, however, did not look upon them with much favor, although the prices were moderate, and it remains to be seen to what extent such low-furred skins will be drawn in the general advance.

Silver, cross and white fox scored such phenomenal advances that we are really at a loss what to say about them, but no sensible observer of the market will deny that the ridiculously high prices at which they are now quoted cannot be sustained for any length of time. The risk in handling these three articles is yet further increased by the fact that they are principally bought by the European trade, the dolings of which it is frequently difficult for us exporters to follow or to explain, and we believe we can offer no better advice to those shippers of ours who handle such foxes than to use the utmost care in their purchases.

Wolf have also improved during the summer, as certain grades of them make, in the dyed state, a fair and cheap imitation of other more expensive long-haired skins, and we think that they will fully hold their own next year, because the robe trade is also willing to take a fair share of the receipts whenever the same are offered at any reasonable prices.

Sea otter, fisher and wolverine arc, of course, always used in our country to some extent, and the consumption of the two last named articles has even materially increased during recent seasons; but as a rule, their value, like that of civet cat, house cat, and other furs of minor importance, is regulated by the London sales, the result of which should consequently serve as the best guide for future investments.

Dominion Customs Returns.

Ottawa, Dec. 5.—The department of customs has just finished the figures for year ending June 30 for the annual report, which is in the hands of the printer. The aggregate trade for the year shows an increase of over \$17,000,000 compared with 1898. The details are as follows:

Imports, 1898, \$140,828,053; 1899, \$162,764,308.
Exports, 1898, \$164,152,683; 1899, \$158,896,905.
Totals, 1898, \$304,475,736; 1899, \$321,661,213.
Increase, \$17,185,477.
Total revenue, 1898, \$22,157,886; 1899, \$25,734,775.
Increase, \$3,576,889.

Total imports from Great Britain entered for consumption were \$27,521,508. Of this amount \$2,607,428 was entered under the general tariff and \$22,850,080 under the preferential tariff. Last year the total imports from Great Britain were \$22,556,479, of this amount \$2,004,984 was under the general tariff and \$19,651,495 under the preferential tariff, where was, therefore, an increase of over three millions of goods under the preferential tariff year and about \$8,000,000 under the general tariff.

Revenue collected from Great Britain under the general tariff was \$2,278,506 and under the preferential tariff \$5,049,685. For 1898 the revenue collected under general tariff was \$1,547,168 and under the reciprocal tariff \$5,192,260; total duty from Great Britain was \$7,328,192 as compared with \$6,649,428 in 1898. It should be remembered that this year there was a reduction of 25 per cent. on the general tariff while last year there was only half that amount of reduction or one-eighth of the general tariff.

Total goods entered for consumption from United States is \$44,471,824 as against \$38,063,960 for 1898 or an increase of over \$6,000,000. The duty collected was \$11,719,858 as against \$9,941,665. Of the total imports \$82,833,780 came under the general tariff and \$26,597,744 under the preferential tariff. Duty collected under general tariff was \$19,848,936 and under preferential tariff \$5,885,529. Notwithstanding the predictions that the trade with Germany would fall off, the year's figures shown an increase in both imports and exports.

Monthly Trade Returns.

The customs returns for the Winnipeg office for the month of November were as follows:—

	1898.	1899.
Goods exported ...	\$105,654	\$68,582
Goods entered for consumption,—		
Dutiable	\$219,736	\$306,602
Free	154,273	175,378
Total	\$374,009	\$482,940
Duty collected	\$73,436	\$99,562
The inland revenue collections for the month of November, 1899, in the Winnipeg district were as follows:—		
Spirits	\$32,067.32	
Malt	2,575.70	
Tobacco	17,912.26	
Raw leaf and cigars	3,925.50	
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Increase	\$7,393.00	

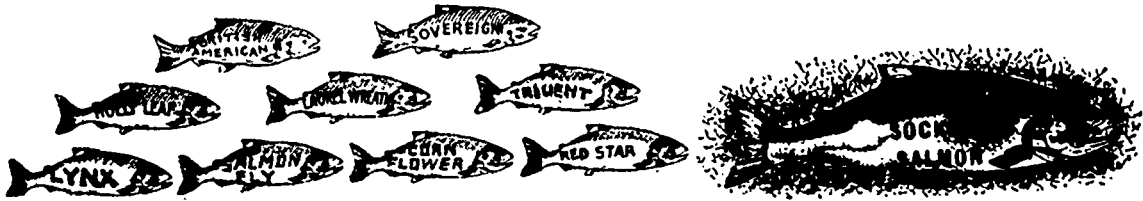
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Statistical Wheat Report.

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

Montreal	52,000
Toronto	45,000
Kingston	64,000
Depot Harbor, Ont.	416,000
Coteau, Que.	18,000
Winnipeg	289,000
Manitoba elevators	4,800,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	2,238,000

Total Nov. 25 7,952,000
Total a year ago 6,779,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's on November 25, were 83,327,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 45,993,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on Nov. 1 were 11,085,000 bushels, compared with 5,621,000 bushels a year ago.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Dec. 2 was 56,778,000 bushels, being a decrease of 158,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 24,115,000 bushels, two years ago 34,845,000 bushels, three years ago 56,213,000 bushels, and four years ago 61,50,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 6,311,000 bushels, compared with 5,566,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 11,712,000 bushels compared with 22,283,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

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

	Bushels.
1899	154,180,000
1898	86,551,000
1897	111,660,000
1896	162,899,000
1895	178,449,000

CROP MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States spring wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, Aug. 1, 1899, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Minneapolis	36,120,270	37,370,470
Milwaukee	4,939,072	5,988,835
Duluth	20,676,765	46,344,057
Chicago	14,032,528	18,594,861

Total 86,768,635 108,277,723

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States winter wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, July 1, 1899, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Toledo	9,814,028	9,547,729
St. Louis	6,687,430	10,316,508
Detroit	2,750,556	2,928,998
Kansas City	9,542,790	17,665,880

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Oats—Per bushel, car lots lead oats on track, Winnipeg, 24 to 25c.

Flaxseed—Per bushel at country points, 65c.

Barley—Carlots on track, Winnipeg, 28c per bushel for feed grades, and 30 to 35c for malting.

Butter—Dairy, jobbers' prices, 14 to 15c; fresh creamery, 22 to 23c at factories.

Cheese—9 1-2 to 10c per pound at factories.

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Hay—Baled, \$3 to \$8.50 per ton on cars. Loose hay worth \$7 to \$8.50 per ton.

Potatoes—New potatoes, 35 to 40c per bushel on the street.

Poultry—Turkeys, 10 to 12 1-2c per lb., live weight; dressed chickens, 8 to 9c per lb.; ducks and geese, 9 to 10c per lb.

Game—Rabbits, 8 1-2c each.
Dressed meats—Fresh killed beef, city dressed, 5c; country frozen beef, 4 to 4 1-2c; mutton, 6 1-2 to 7c; hogs, 5 1-2 to 6 1-4c for dressed; veal, 5 1-2 to 7c.

Live Stock—Cattle, 21-2 to 2c for butchers' stock, hogs, on cars, 5c per lb. for best bacon hogs; sheep, 31-4 to 3 1-2c off cars; lambs, 31-2 to 4c.

Farming in the North.

A distance of some 350 miles north of Edmonton, at Fort Vermilion, in the Peace river country, E. J. Lawrence has carried on farming successfully for a number of years. This is interesting as indicating that the area adapted to successful farming extends hundreds of miles north of the present limit of settlement. Mr. Lawrence went in this distant region, far beyond the present limits of regular settlement, twenty years ago. This year he had 100 acres in crop, yielding 3,000 bushels of grain, including wheat, oats and barley. The season was an unusually wet one, but nevertheless his crop matured and was successfully harvested.

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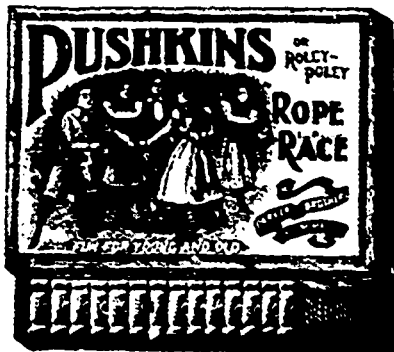
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mentioned they have acquired a considerable number of very valuable mineral claims, ores from some of which have been assayed, and found to be rich in gold, silver, copper, etc., while two of these claims contain large deposits of corundum, better known as emery.

The Canadian Pacific Railway recognizing the importance of this enterprise some time ago sent engineers and bush men to examine into the resources of the Lac du Bonnet region, with the result that they are now constructing a branch line from a point near Molson direct to the new brick works. This line will be completed and ready for traffic early next spring, which will put the district directly in touch with Winnipeg. A small steamer is to be put on Lac du Bonnet next summer, which will enable visitors to readily visit any part of the company's property or other parts of the district. The Dominion government have made a reserve of these waters from commercial fishing thereby protecting them for the enjoyment of sportsmen and the public generally. Lands have also been set aside in this locality for a provincial park, so that this charming district with its rivers teeming with fish, its sand beaches and beautiful wooded shores should soon become an attractive summer resort for Winnipeggers and excursions will no doubt in time be run to it from all parts of Manitoba. Activity and the hum of numerous industries created by man will soon take the place of the former occupants of this secluded spot, the moose, cariboo, beaver, silver fox, etc.

The Lac du Bonnet Co. is a home company which instead of looking for far away fields to explore and develop have delved right into the riches at their own doorway and are opening up through their enterprise a part of the province that was practically until now unknown, but which is bound to become one of Manitoba's richest possessions once it is opened by



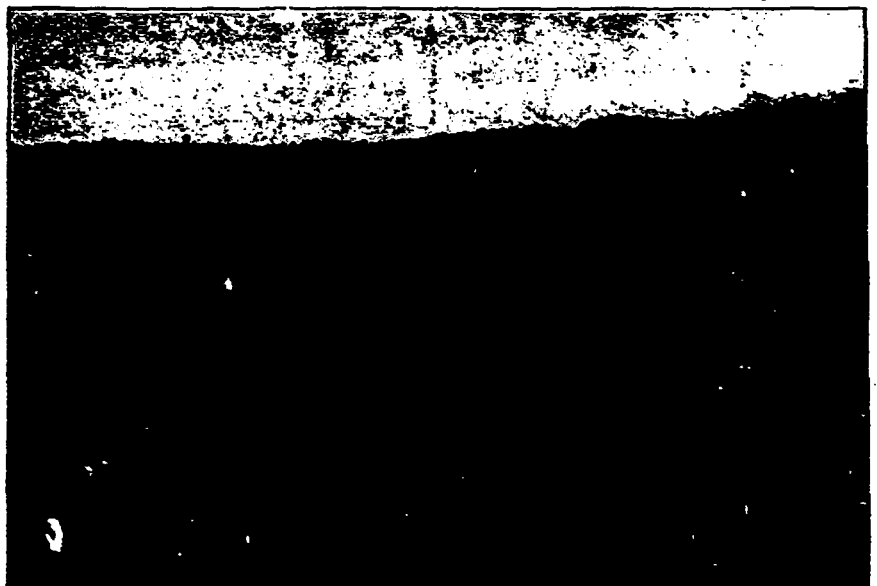
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suited to make good quality of marketable lumber, also large groves of very fine poplar suitable for the manufacture of paper pulp which is so much in demand at present all over America, as well as an unlimited supply of fuel and when cleared the land being equal to the finest prairie. However, such is the case in the Lac du Bonnet district which lies in the northeast of the province of Manitoba, along the Winnipeg river from where the Whitemouth river empties its waters into the mingled waters of the Winnipeg and English rivers and from there down to Fort Alexander.

A number of Winnipeg gentlemen have formed a company known as the Lac du Bonnet Mining, Developing and Manufacturing Co., Ltd., to operate in this district, and are starting brick works on a very large scale. Having secured an immense deposit of the finest clay suitable for the manufacture of dry, pressed and vitrified brick, terra cotta, sewer pipe, drain tile and like material they immediately sent men to cut the timber and clear and prepare sufficient land to erect such buildings as they would require. Suitable buildings were put on for the accommodation of men and horses, a sawmill was built to cut the lumber for the main buildings, dry sheds, engine and other necessary houses. In the meantime the company sent orders to Eastern Canada and the United States for such machinery as would be required for a first-class dry pressed brick plant and on its arrival at Whitemouth, a station on the C. P. R., a dozen or more teams were engaged to haul it through the woods a distance of about twenty-five miles to the buildings being constructed for it. The task was not an easy one as the company had most of the road to cut out and it was, of course, not in the best of condition, but eventually all the machinery was safely landed and put in running order, and men of experience in the working of clay were engaged, with the result that the company are now

and draw the arc also shown and a variety of small articles.

This industry is not confined to the manufacture of clay products alone. In addition to the clay lands, the company have secured large wood and timber limits in close proximity to their saw mill and brick plant and as these latter are situated on the banks of the Winnipeg river with a fine sheltered harbor free from current and wind, saw logs can be safely



EMERY BAY, LAC DU BONNET.

boomed at the mill until such time as they can be cut into lumber. The company have also secured a valuable water power at the outlet of Lac du Bonnet and contemplate developing and making use of it. It may also be noted that in close proximity to the Lac du Bonnet Co.'s lands already

railway to the Winnipeg river or Lac du Bonnet.

The Lac du Bonnet company have contracted for thirty-five hundred cords of wood, to be delivered in their yard before the 10th of April next for their use in making brick, etc. They have also contracted for the cutting

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Until now the Lac du Bonnet company has been practically a close corporation the shareholders most closely identified with its management being: Dr. Gray, president, W. A. Duckler, vice-president; and R. R. Scott, treasurer. The other directors are Jas. McDairmid, Wm. Brydon, Hon. Robert Watson, H. Carstons, W. M. McLeod and G. C. Mills, who is also manager of the company. A. N. McPherson is secretary and solicitor for the company.

ness this season. Altogether the mills of Northwestern Ontario have shipped 78,000,000 feet of lumber to Manitoba this year 50,000,000 feet being cut at the Rat Portage mills alone. Probably about half of the logs cut on the Lake of the Woods come from the United States side of the international boundary as marked by Rainy river. The increase of cut at these Ontario mills this year amounts to 25 per cent over 1898 and preparations are being made to very largely increase the output again next year. Over 900 men will be employed all winter getting out logs by one concern alone.

Figures showing the amount of British Columbia lumber consumed in this province are not obtainable at the moment and the importations from the United States are not yet made public, but it is safe to say that both of these items amount to considerable, the British Columbia sales having been particular-

ous as there are extensive spruce and pine forests along the Winnipeg river and in the territory east of Lake Winnipeg, which have as yet barely been touched and which are ample to supply the province with lumber for many years to come.

The expansion of Manitoba's lumber trade represented by this year's total consumption of 150,000,000 feet indicates that building operations are going on rapidly and that the primitive log buildings so much in evidence a few years ago must be rapidly disappearing. In fact it is everywhere apparent that an era of better, and more commodious dwellings and business blocks has commenced. During the past two years a great many of the farmers throughout the province have erected modern dwelling houses and farm buildings in the best style and with every available convenience. And these new buildings are not all wooden ones either, as some have been able to afford brick and stone build-



SPIRIT FALLS, OUTLET OF LAC DU BONNET

We understand that it is now proposed to place stock of the company in the market for sale.

THE LUMBER TRADE.

THE SEASON'S LUMBER TRADE.

This has been a year of expansion in the lumber trade of Manitoba. Altogether about 150,000,000 feet of lumber have been sold during the year ending 31st October. During the year ending 31st October last, as against 125,000,000 in 1897-98 and 90,000,000 in 1896-97, an increase over each of these years of 25,000,000 and 60,000,000 feet respectively.

Manitoba has four sources of supplies from which are drawn the stocks of lumber annually consumed in the province. These are Northwestern Ontario, British Columbia, the United States and domestic mills. By far the largest share of these supplies comes from the mills of Northwestern Ontario where white pine lumber is cut almost exclusively. These mills are located at Keewatin, Rat Portage, Savanne and Fort William, the Graham and Horne mill at the latter place having resumed operation under its old ownership after some years of idle-

ness satisfactory, showing in a rough estimate an increase of about 50 per cent over last year. Higher prices and increased home demand may have cut down southern imports to some extent or at least kept them stationary.

Perhaps the most interesting returns available at date are those relating to the output of mills cutting lumber in Manitoba. It is well known that there are in various parts of the province, especially the northern sections, a number of small mills cutting timber from government lands which annually saw a considerable amount to the total consumption of lumber. Two or three of these mills should hardly be termed small ones either as their capacity runs up into the millions of feet and they have this year worked to their full extent. The total cut of Manitoba mills during the period under review was 25,000,000 feet board measure, an increase of 10,000,000 over the previous year. This lumber consists almost entirely of pine and spruce. It may be well to say here too in this connection that the commonly held opinion that about all the timber fit for manufacture in Manitoba is exhausted is quite erro-

neous. In addition to this increase in farm building operations a great deal has been done in the building line in town and city. The up-springing of a number of new towns on the newly constructed railway branches has necessitated quite an amount of additional building.

As regards the immediate future of the lumber trade this much may be said, that there will be for at least another year fully as great a degree of expansion, as this season has shown. Preparations are being made for an active building season next summer. A number of large buildings are already projected in Winnipeg, notably the C. P. R. hotel which will, of course, take a large quantity of lumber. Prices are likely to be higher in the spring owing to the increased cost of labor, etc. It is costing the Northwestern Ontario mills from \$6 to \$10 per man more for labor this winter than last and summer wages are likely to be proportionately higher. This is no doubt also true of mills in all other parts from which Manitoba derives her supplies. A large increase in the provincial cut may also be confidently looked for in the near future as the opening of the Southeastern railway to Winnipeg has carried with

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it assurances from the Rat Portage Lumber Company that they will shortly erect a large mill at Winnipeg to cut logs brought in by rail from the forest country through which this road passes.

LUMBER TRADE NOTES.

City lumber dealers report business remarkably good for the time of year.

Two United States companies are said to be seeking sites for saw mills at Vancouver. One is said to be one of the wealthiest lumber corporations in the States.

Lumber manufacturers from all parts of the United States will meet at St. Louis on December 12 at the invitation of the Southern Lumber Association to discuss matters concerning the trade.

Timber Inspector Murray, of British Columbia, has secured a mammoth tree to be sent to the Paris exposition. When trimmed and ready for shipment it will be eight feet and a half across the cut and the block will be made four feet long.

The Keewauk Lumber and Manufacturing Company will make some alterations and improvements in their plant during the present winter. A new band saw of the latest manufacture is to be put in and the power capacity of the mill increased.

T. A. Cuddy, of Minnedosa, was in the city this week on his way to British Columbia. Mr. Cuddy has disposed of his lumber yard at Minnedosa, in this province, and will form one of a company who have purchased a saw-mill property at Harrison, B. C. It is the intention of the company to erect a new mill at the Harrison property.

The Ontario crown lands department has received a statement to the effect that the amount of lumber cut in Rat Portage district and manufactured by the mills there this year has been fully 25 per cent larger than in any previous season. During the season the amount of lumber cut in northern Minnesota and floated down the Rainy river was 36,000,000 feet, and on the Canadian side 45,000,000 feet. All this was dressed in Rat Portage, and of the 81,000,000 feet, 77,000,000 feet has been disposed of.

THE HARDWARE TRADE

TYPICAL STOVE TRADE INCIDENT.

A California exchange gives the following account of an incident which occurred in that state, which is so characteristic of the trade generally that we give it:

"Sitting idly in one of the hardware stores of this city yesterday the Tribune scribe heard a conversation which clearly displayed the peculiar ideas held by some people upon the methods which govern among business men. A farmer up the coast came into the store to buy a stove, and the obliging proprietor began to explain to him the merits of the various stoves which he had to sell. All went well until it came to a question of prices, and then came the trouble and the lesson that was learned. It is well known that iron and articles made of that material have advanced very greatly in price in the markets of the country over that of last year. The intending purchaser wanted to know why it was that \$33 was asked as the price of a stove which a year or so ago was sold for probably \$25, and more particularly when the very stove

in question had been in stock since the \$25 price was the quotation. "Do you mean to tell me," said the man, "that you want me to pay \$33 for that stove when you placed it in your stock a year ago with the intention of selling it for \$25, and would make a profit at that figure?" This was the line of argument advanced by the man until he left the store, apparently considerably ruffled at what he no doubt thought decidedly wrong business methods on the part of the proprietor. But the man was decidedly wrong. Here is the line of argument that leads to a correct conclusion and justifies the proprietor in asking \$33 for the stove. True it is that when he placed the stove in stock he would make a profit in selling it for \$25, but the price of iron has gone up greatly since then, and consequently the prices of stoves are much higher, and though goods were bought at a low figure a year ago they must be sold at a higher figure now."

HARDWARE TRADE NOTES.

The base price of high grade Bessemer ore of United States production for 1899 will be \$5.50, as against \$2.95 in 1898 and \$2.75 in 1897. Non-Bessemer Mesaba ores will be sold at \$4.25. These prices were fixed at a meeting held last week at Cleveland, O.

Dry Goods Trade Notes.

The prices of buckskin and mocha leather gloves have advanced at New York to the extent of 20 per cent.

The movement to advance wages in cotton mill centres has become general throughout the New England states.

Winnipeg overall manufacturers have recently been importing some lines of denims from the United States, which they say show as good value as domestic manufactures and are if anything better finished.

All the cotton manufactories at Fall River, Mass., represented in the association have decided to grant their employees an advance of 10 per cent instead of 5 per cent in wages, beginning Monday, Dec. 11. In all about 28,000 hands will benefit by the raise.

There is a good demand for Canadian blankets this season, and they are already costing somewhat higher, with a strong likelihood of still higher prices being established for next season. This is the result of the good demand for wool and the advance in wool prices.

The New York situation in raw silk is one of intense interest. Radical advances have placed raw stock on a pedestal on which is focussed the anxious glances, not alone of importers and dealers, but of manufacturers whose business it is to manipulate that precious skein into marketable commodities. Raw silk is said to have reached the unusual price of \$6 or thereabouts in the Yokohama market during the past week.

The sale of 1,000,000 pounds of wool in Ontario last week for export to the United States has awakened some comment. The Dingley bill of the United States government placed what was at the time practically a prohibitory duty on Canadian wool. Previous to its passage very large quantities were imported by consuming concerns there. It is estimated that these stocks are now becoming exhausted, and the sharp advances in wool this year have made further importations possible.

Recent advices to the Toronto Globe from Bradford report an advance in

the price of cross-bred yarns of 25 per cent. This is made of a heavyweight wool of medium quality, which is employed in the manufacture of serges and similar goods. Formerly a fine grade of wool was used for these goods, but since the advance and the great scarcity in the fine wool markets the manufacturers appear to have been driven into the use of cross-bred yarns, with the result that that grade, too, is feeling the effects of the increased demand. The advance of 25 per cent. is a large one, and will make some difference in the prices of goods sent on repeat orders for next year, and it looks now as if the Bradford manufacturers were about to follow the example of the French makers of dress goods and insist on higher prices in order to place themselves in a strong position in reference to the markets for raw materials.

Dairy Trade Notes.

The total shipments of cheese from Montreal during the season 1898 have been 1,852,273 boxes, compared with 1,887,435 boxes a year ago.

The Manitoba government dairy school in Winnipeg will open with a home dairy course on January 8, and continue until February 3. The second course will begin on February 5, and continue until March 31. The third course will begin on March 31. The butter and cheese makers' courses will begin February 5, and continue until March 31.

The output of the twenty creameries in the Northwest Territories controlled by the Dominion department of agriculture totalled for the season just closed over half a million pounds of butter of the value of \$105,383. During 1897 there were sixteen creameries in operation, producing 473,903 pounds of the value of \$95,264. In 1898 sixteen creameries operated, yielded 484,984 pounds of value of \$98,740. Twenty creameries in operation in 1899 produced 501,824 pounds of butter of a value of \$105,383.

Live Stock News.

The Montreal Gazette correspondent at Liverpool writes as follows of the market there to a recent date: "Short supplies and high prices for only middling class cattle and sheep, seems to be the general feature of the trade, both home and foreign. At Birkenhead all the good cattle were taken for London, and country buyers were grumbling, at the (comparatively) high price they were obliged to pay for the 'leavings.' The upward tendency in prices of home stock is getting more pronounced and the probabilities point to very dear beef and mutton during the next three months, especially best qualities, though secondary descriptions will, of course, benefit in a smaller degree."

Now is the time to commence laying plans for Christmas trade which promises to be larger than usual this year and the merchants who plan some special attractions for the season will get the major part of the trade.

At a recent general meeting of the Toronto board of trade, resolution was passed urging the adoption by the various parts of the British empire of a commercial policy based upon the principle of mutual benefit, whereby each component part of the empire would receive substantial advantages in trade.

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Grocery Trade Notes.

Currants are casier in primary markets.

Cable advices from London are to the effect that a further advance in the price of dates is expected there. The market is reported very active.

Prices of apples have advanced at Liverpool as follows: Baldwins, 15s to 21s; Greenings, 10s to 22s; Splis, 13s to 17s; Kings, 16s to 26s; various, 13s to 18s. Nova Scotians, Kings, 18s to 24s; Bleahems, 13s to 18s; Ribstons, 15s to 16s 9d.

The strong situation of coffee is exciting considerable interest in grocery circles at present. There has been a steady pressure in an upward direction on prices for some weeks past and the total gain at New York now amounts to about 15-cs per pound on green Rio coffees.

Tenders.

Tenders are asked for the purchase of a quantity of binder twine, held in store at Moose Jaw, Assa.

Tenders will be received at the office of the department of public works, Winnipeg, up to Wednesday, December 20, for the delivery at the Asylum for the Insane, Selkirk, of 1,000 cords of wood; tender to state quality.

Tenders are called for by the Winnipeg police commissioners for the supply of twenty-two otter caps, wedge shaped, for the Winnipeg police force, a sample cup to accompany each tender. Tenders to be in by 4 o'clock Tuesday, Dec. 12.

Tenders, addressed to the chairman of the committee on works, Winnipeg, will be received up to Wednesday, December 13, for the construction of the following works, viz.: Sewer on Maryland street, from Preston avenue to Broadway. Boulevarding, from sidewalks to the macadam curbs on both sides of Elgin avenue, from Adelaide street to Nena street.

Tenders will be received at the office of the department of public works, parliament buildings, Winnipeg, up to Wednesday, December 20, for the supply of, and delivery, at the Asylum for the Insane, Selkirk, and the Deaf and Dumb Institute, Winnipeg, for and ending the year 1900, commencing on the first day of January next, of the articles following: 1. General groceries. 2. Flour, oatmeal, cornmeal, bran and oats, etc. 3. Meats of the various kinds. 4. Butter and eggs. 5. Bread.

Tenders will be received at the office of the department of public works, Winnipeg, up to Wednesday, December 20, for the delivery of the following wood: Dry tamarac or jack pine, green cut, as follows: Old court house, Winnipeg, 200 cords; new court house, 8 cords; jail, Winnipeg, 170 cords; land titles office, 6 cords; carpenter shop, 13 cords; parliament buildings, 200 cords; Deaf and Dumb Institute, 25 cords; greenhouse, government house, 10 cords; all wood must be 4 feet long, and not less than 3 inches in diameter.

Railway and Traffic Matters.

On the Waskada branch of the C. P. R., two new towns, Goodlands and Waskada, have been opened and on the Snowflake branch the towns of Persons and Snowflake have been located. No townsites have yet been established on the new Pipestone extension.

A train service will be put on the

newly opened Waskada and Snowflake branches of the C. P. R. at once.

Northern Pacific directors meet December 13th, to take action on dividends. It is semi-officially announced that the directors will declare an extra dividend on the common stock at that time.

The grading outfit of G. H. Strevet left Winnipeg last week to commence work on the extension of the line above Dauphin on the Canadian Northern. Strevet had just returned from completing his contracts on the Pipestone branch.

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The Baldur Gazette has issued a neatly illustrated supplement dealing with Argyle municipality and towns.

A new block is to be erected by Gull-bault & Cote, in St. Bonifacio to replace the premises they lost in the recent fire.

H. A. Wise has purchased the stock in trade and prescriptions together with the good will of the drug business lately carried on by J. F. Howard & Co., Winnipeg.

F. H. Stewart, who has been for a number of years identified with the mercantile agency of R. G. Dun & Co., at Winnipeg, has been promoted to a responsible position at Montreal.

The business heretofore carried on by Stevenson & Clare, general merchants, at Neepawa, has been sold to Fisher & Stevenson. The members of this new firm are J. T. Fisher and John Stevenson.

Parkin & Moore's general store at Hartney was destroyed by fire on Tuesday night. The loss on building and stock is estimated at between \$9,000 and \$10,000 with insurance amounting to \$5,000.

The stock of T. W. Dodds, general store keeper, Oak Lake, who recently assigned, was sold at 56c on the dollar. The value of the stock was given as \$2,200, while the liabilities were \$13,427.17.

Old Trinity church building, Winnipeg, was burned on Wednesday night. The building was occupied by A. H. Pulford as an auction room and storehouse. Damage to stock has been estimated at \$2,000.

Upwards of 1,000 excursionists arrived in Winnipeg on Monday from the Portage and Northwestern extension of the Northern Pacific railway taking advantage of the free trip provided by the railway company to celebrate the opening of this new branch.

Letters patent have been issued incorporating Thomas Jobin, Philip Marrin, Alice Jobin, Amelia Marrin and John Joseph Tomlinson as the John-Marrin Co., Winnipeg, for the purpose of carrying on a wholesale grocery business. The company has a capital stock of \$60,000 divided into shares of \$100 each.

The fire residence of S. A. D. Bertrand, at St. Bonifacio, and stables, barns and outbuildings, were totally destroyed by fire on Thursday evening. Mr. Bertrand who is well known as assignee of estates had just been elected to a seat in the Manitoba legislature, and there is some suspicion that the fire was the work of an incendiary growing out of ill-feeling engendered in the contest.

A regular meeting of the Winnipeg Retail Clerks' union, No. 1, was held this week with a good attendance of members. It was decided to circulate a petition to all the merchants of the city for signatures asking the city council to amend the by-law relating to the closing of stores by substituting "6 o'clock on week days and 10 o'clock p. m. on Saturdays," instead of "7 o'clock on week days and midnight on Saturdays." The report of the concert held in Oddfellows' hall on Nov. 29 was read, and showed the affair to have been a grand success. Fifty new members were initiated.

H. J. Boyd, of London, Ontario, arrived in Winnipeg this week, and will open business here as manufacturers' agent and commission dealer in crockery, glassware, etc., Mr. Boyd has

located sample rooms in the Ashdown block and made other preparations for embarking in business here. He will return to London to close up his affairs there and be back about the first of the year to regularly begin operations here. Mr. Boyd was buyer and manager for the crockery house of Pigot & Bryan, of London. He has secured agencies for a number of United States and British manufacturers in the crockery and glassware trade.

Assinibola.

Peter Fair has sold out his blacksmith shop at Grenfell to Rosborough.

Geo. Wrightson has bought the furniture business of Geo. E. Nugent, at Wapella.

Jno. Simington has purchased the undertaking business of Jno. Rowell, at Wapella, and intends combining the undertaking with his present contracting business.

Northwest Ontario.

At a meeting of citizens of Port Arthur, held last week, an agreement was reached with Mackenzie & Mann whereby all the terminals of the Ontario and Rainy River railway are to be built in that town.

A bonus for a blast furnace at Fort William will likely be voted on shortly. Several years ago the people voted a bonus of \$50,000, a free site and exemption from taxes for a blast furnace. It is the intention to ask the people to re-vote the same.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There were 1,796,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William and Port Arthur on Dec. 2. Receipts for the week were 712,848 bushels, and shipments were 768,869 bushels. Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior country points were estimated approximately at 7,300,000 bushels, compared with about 6,650,000 bushels a year ago.

Winnipeg Grain Inspection.

For the week ending Dec. 2, there were 1,301 cars of grain inspected, grading as follows:

Wheat—1 hard, 835, 2 hard, 214; 1 northern, 19, 2 northern, 5; 3 hard, 98; 1 frosted, 17; 2 frosted, 10; 1 rejected, 33, 2 rejected, 29; no grade, 18; 3 northern, 2; condemned, 1; rejected 8 cars.

Oats—2 white, 6; 2 mixed, 6; No. 3, 1; feed, 3 cars.

Barley—No. 3, 1; feed, 1 car.

Flax seed—No. 2, 1; rejected, 2 cars.

Grain and Milling Notes.

A syndicate of United States and Canadian capitalists has secured elevator privileges at Montreal and are making active preparations to take part in the grain trade of 1901. The large sum of \$1,500,000 is to be spent in the construction of steel elevators and an additional \$2,000,000 on vessels to navigate the waters of the great lakes carrying grain.

At Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta, William Simmons threshed from forty acres over 1,640 bushels of No. 1 wheat, an average of over forty bushels to the acre. David Simmons of the same place threshed 3,200 bushels of wheat and 1,600 bushels of oats. Two acres of new land yielded 150 bushels of oats to the acre.

Some threshing is yet to be done in the Territories, but throughout Man-

itoba there is very little unthreshed grain.

The crop of Thos. Barry, of Marlborough, may be taken as the average of that settlement as regards the yield per acre, says the Moose Jaw Times. Off ninety acres of wheat he threshed 2,300 bushels. Half of this was summerfallow and yielded him thirty bushels per acre. His oats tipped eighty bushels per acre. Wm. Watson has this year reaped an average of thirty bushels off 145 acres of wheat or in all about 4,400 bushels of No. 1 hard. Thirty acres of oats yielded an average of seventy-three bushels, and fifteen acres of barley yielded an average of forty bushels.

The Montreal harbor commissioners have considered the proposition of the O'Connor's syndicate of Buffalo for the construction of an extensive elevator system for the harbor of Montreal. It was decided to grant the syndicate sites at Windmill point and at the east end of the harbor for elevators. The acceptance by the Montreal harbor commissioners of the proposals of the O'Connor's syndicate, is expected to lead to great results toward diverting the western grain trade from the Buffalo and New York route to Montreal. The syndicate in addition to building large elevators at Montreal, will build and equip a fleet of steam and tow barges to carry grain to Montreal.



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Apples, preserved, 3s, 2 doz.	3 00
Apples, gallons (per doz.)	3 30
Black or Lawton berries, 2s, 2 doz.	3 25
Beans, 2s, 2 doz.	2 00
Corn, 2s, 2 doz.	2 30
Cherries, red, pitted 2s, 2 doz.	4 00
Peas, Marrowfat, 2s, 2 doz.	1 85
Peas, sifted, 2s, 2 doz.	2 25
Pears, Bartlett, 2s, 7 doz.	3 25
Pears, California, 2 1/2 s, 2 doz.	4 75
Pears, Bartlett, 3s, 2 doz.	5 00
Pineapple, 2s, 2 doz.	4 50
Pineapple, imported, 2s, 2 doz.	5 00
Peaches, 2s, 2 doz.	3 00
Peaches, California, 2 1/2 s, 2 doz.	5 00
Peaches, Canadian, 3s, 2 doz.	6 50
Plums, 2s, 2 doz.	2 75
Plums, California, 2 1/2 s, 2 doz.	4 50
Pumpkins, 3s, 2 doz.	2 25
Raspberries, 2s, 2 doz.	3 00
Strawberries, 2s, 2 doz.	3 00
Tomatoes, 3s, 2 doz.	2 25
Salmon, talls, 1s, 4 doz.	5 25
Salmon, Cohoes talls, 1s, 4 doz.	7 50

Sardines, domestic 1/2 s	Per tin
Sardines, domestic 1/2 s	0 45
Sardines, imported, 1/2 s	0 45
Sardines, imported, 1/2 s	1 25
Sardines, imp. 1/2 s, boneless	30
Sardines, Dom., mustard 1/2 s	10

Imported Fresh Herring, 1s, 1 doz.	Per doz.
Imp. Kippered Herrings, 1s, 1 doz.	1 85
Imp. Herrings, Tom. Sauce 1st	1 00
Imp. " Anch. Sauce 1st	1 50
Imp. " Shrimp Sauce 1st	2 00

Canned Meats	Per case
Corn Beef, 1s, 2 doz.	3 00
Corn Beef, 2s, 1 doz.	2 50
Lunch Beef, 2s, 1 doz.	2 00
Lunch Tongue, 1s, 2 doz.	6 00
Lunch Tongue, U.S. 2s, 1 doz.	6 75
Lunch Tongue, Can. 2s, 1 doz.	6 00
Brown, 2s, 1 doz.	3 00
Pigs Feet, 1s 2 doz.	2 50
Roast Beef, 2s, 1 doz.	2 75

Chicken, Duck or Turkey, 1s 2 doz.	Per doz.
Potted Ham, 1/2 s	65
Devilled Ham, 1/2 s	65
Potted Tongue, 1/2 s	65
Potted Ham, 1/2 s	30
Devilled Ham, 1/2 s	30
Potted Tongue, 1/2 s	30

Coffee	Per pound
Green Rio	9 9/16
Inferior grades	8 1/2

Cereals	Per sack
Split Peas, sack 98	2 50
Pot Barley, sack 98	3 30
Pearl Barley, sack 98	3 75
Roll'd Oatmeal, sack 80	1 70
Standard Oatmeal, sack 98	2 25
Granulated Oatmeal, sack 98	1 25
Beans (per bushel)	1 50
Cornmeal, sack 98	1 00
Cornmeal, 1/2 sac 49 (per 1/2 sac)	0 65

Rice, B.	Per pound
Pattia	4 1/2
Rice, Japan	3 1/2
Sago	4 1/2
Tapioca	5 1/2

Cigarettes	Per M
Old Judge	\$7 50
Athlete	8 50
Sweet Cavalor	8 50
Sweet Sixteen	5 50
Derby	6 30
T. & B.	8 20

Cured Fish	Per lb.
Boneless Hake, per lb.	05
Codfish, whole cases, 100 lbs.	6 50
Codfish, Pure per lb.	7 1/2
Herrings, in half-barrels.	4 00
Digby chicks	15

Dried Fruits

Raisins, Val., fine, off stalk	Per pound
Raisins, Selected, off stalk	2 00
Raisins, Val. Layers, per box	2 30
Loose Muscatels, 4 crown	3 85
Loose Muscatels, 3 crown	3 1/2
Loose Muscatels, 4 crown	9
London Layers, 20 lb Boxes	1 00
Apples, Dried	8 8 1/2
Kvap Apples, finest quality	0 9 1/2

California Evaporated Fruits	Per pound
Peaches, Peeled	17 1/2
Peaches, unpeeled	11 1/2
Pears	12 1/2
Apricots	17 1/2
Pitted Plums	10 1/2
Nectarines	12 1/2
Prunes, 100 to 100	5 5 1/2
Prunes, 90 to 100	5 1/2
Prunes, 80 to 90	6 1/2
Prunes, 70 to 80	7 1/2
Prunes, 60 to 70	8 1/2
Prunes, 40 to 50	10

Matches	Per case
Telegraph	\$4 15
Telephone	4 00
Tiger	3 90
Parlor Matches, Eagle	1 75

Nuts	Per pound
Brazils	11 12 1/2
Taragona Almonds	14 15
Peanuts, roasted	11 11 1/2
Peanuts, green	9 10
Grenoble Walnuts	14 15
French Walnuts	12 13
Sicily Filberts	10 11
Shelled Almonds	30 35

Syrup	Per lb.
Extra Bright, per lb.	3 1/2
Medium, per lb.	2 1/2
Maple, case 1 doz. 1/2 gal. tins	6 75
Molasses, per gal. (New Or.)	3 1/2
Porto Rico	4 50
Barbadoes	4 50

Sugar	Per pound
Extra Standard Grain	5 10
German Granulated	5 00
Extra Ground	6 75
Powdered	6 1/2
Lumps	5 1/2
Bright Yellow Sugar	4 1/2
American	4 1/2
Maple Sugar	13 1/2

Salt	Per pound
Rock Salt	1 1/2
Common, fine	2 00
Common, coarse	2 00
Dairy, 100-3	3 25
Dairy, 60-5	3 15

Spices	Per doz.
Assorted Herbs, 1/2 lb tins	75 90
Allspice, whole	18 20
Allspice, pure ground	18 22
Allspice, compound	18 18
Cassia, whole	18 20
Cassia, pure ground	20 25
Cassia, compound	13 18
Cloves, whole	17 20
Cloves, pure ground	25 30
Cloves, compound	18 20
Pepper, black, whole	14 15
Pepper, black, pure ground	16 18
Pepper, black, compound	10 13
Pepper, white, whole	23 25
Pepper, white, pure ground	23 30
Pepper, white, compound	18 20
Pepper, Cayenne	25 30
Ginger, whole, Jamaica	25 30
Ginger, whole, Cochin	20 25
Ginger, pure ground	23 25
Ginger, compound	15 25
Nutmegs, (per pound)	55 80
Mace (per pound)	1 00

Teas	Per pound
China Blacks—	
Choice	35 40
Medium	25 35
Common	15 20
Indian and Ceylon—	
Choice	32 40
Medium	25 32
Common	15 22
Young Hysons—	
Choice	35 45
Medium	25 35
Common	22 30
Japan—	
Finest May Picking	35 40
Choice	30 35
Fine	25 30
Good Medium	20 25
Common	15 20

Tobacco

T. & B., 3s, 4s, and 9s Cads.	Per pound
Lily, 8s, cuds	00 61
Crescent, 8s, cuds	00 58
T. & B. Black Chewing, 8s or 10s	00 6 1/2
T. & B. Mahogany Chewing, 8s or 10s	00 6 1/2
T. & B. 1-12 pkg, cut	00 85
T. & B. 1-5 pkg, cut	00 85
T. & B. in pouches, 1-4	00 86
T. & B. in 1-5 tins	00 86
T. & B. in 1/2 tins	00 86
T. & B. in 1s tins	00 83
Orinoco, 1-12 pkg	00 81
Orinoco, 1-5 tins	00 80
Orinoco, 1/2 tins	00 86
Tucketts Cherub Cigarette	
Brier, 8s, cuds	00 63
Derby, 3s and 4s, cuds	00 65
Derby 3s, cuds	00 65
P. & W. Chewing, Cads.	00 65
P. & W. Chewing, Butts	00 65
Tonka, 1/2 tins	00 80
Tonka, 1-12 pkg	00 88
Canadian Leaf, 50 lb bales, very bright	21
Lower grades	12 1/2 15

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BRIGHT CHEWING PLUG.	Per pound
Pomnery, 3 1/2 s	72
Smoak, 1/2 lb. Bars	62
Holly, 3 s	55
Holly, 3 s	58

BRIGHT SMOKING PLUG.

Virgin Gold, 4 s.	72
Marigold, 3 s.	55
Monarch, 3 1/2 s	59
Clover, Double Thick, 8 s.	54

Wooden Ware

Pails, 2 hoop clear.	Per doz.
Pails, wire hoop	1 60
Pails, Star fibre	2 00
Tubs, No. 0 common	3 50
Tubs, No. 1 common	10 50
Tubs, No. 2 common	9 00
Tubs, No. 3 common	7 00
Tubs, No. 3 common	6 00

CURED MEATS AND LARD

Lard, pure leaf, kettle rend.	Per lb.
Lard, pure leaf, steam rend.	1 60
Lard, pure, in 3, 5 and 10 lb. tins, per case of 60 lbs	5 50
Lard, pure, Tierces, per lb.	07
Lard, 50lb tubs	03
Lard, Compound, 20 lb pails	35 40
Lard, Compound, 3 and 5 lb. tins, case 60 lbs.	4 50

Dry Salt Meats

Long clear bacon	Per lb.
Shoulders	8 1/2
Short Clear	8 1/2
Backs	9
Barrel Pork	
Heavy mess	16 00
Short cut	16 50
Meat Sundries	
Fresh pork sausage, lb	8
Bologna sausage, lb	7
Pickled pigs feet, kits.	1 00
Sausage casings, lb	30

FISH

Whitefish, frozen, lb.	Per lb.
Pickrel, lb.	06 1/2
Trout, lb.	3 1/2
Pike, lb.	09
Salmon, lb.	03
B.C. halibut, lb.	12 1/2
Smoked goldeyes, doz	30
Salt Whitefish, per 1/2 bbl	6 50
Haddis	07
Salt Cod	07
Boneless Cod 1 to 2 lb bricks.	07 1/2
Labrador Herring, in 1/2 bbls.	3 85
Oysters, standards, bulk	2 00
Oysters, selects.	2 25

DRUGS

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

Alum, lb	5 25
Alcohol, gal.	5 50
Bleaching Powder, lb	05 07
Buabstone, lb.	09 10
Borax	09 10
Bromide Potash	75 80
Camphor, ounces	70 75
Carbolic Acid	75 80
Castor Oil	35 60
Chlorate Potash	13 20
Citric Acid	18 20
Coppers	65 70
Cocaine, oz.	03 04
Cream Tartar, lb	8 00
Croves	25 32
Epsom Salts	20 25
Extract Logwood, bulk	03 04
Extract Logwood, boxes	12 14
German Quinine	17 20
Glycerine, lb.	40 45
Ginger, Jamaica	20 25
Ginger, African	30 35
Howard's Quinine, oz.	15 20
Iodine	50 55
Insect Powder	4 75
Morphia, sul.	30 35
Opium	1 90
Oil, olive, Pure	4 50
Oil, U.S. Salad	2 10
Oil, lemon, super	1 00
Oil, peppermint	1 60
Oil, cod liver, gal.	1 80
Oxalic Acid	1 25
Potass Iodide	14 16
Paris Green, lb	3 75
Saltpetre	20 22
Sol Rochelle	03 10
Shellac	28 32
Sulphur Flowers	32 34
Sulphur Hott, keg.	3 1/2
Soda Bicarb, keg of 112 lbs	2 75
Salt Soda	3 00
Tartaric Acid, lb.	25 30
Strychnine, pure crystals, oz.	85 1 00

LEATHER

Harness, oak	Per pound
Harness, union oak No. 1	41
Harness, union oak No. 1 R.	35
Harness, hemlock No. 1, anchor brand	34
Harness, hemlock No. 1 R, anchor brand	35
Harness, hemlock country tannage, No. 1 R	34
Black collar leather	33
American Oak Sole	36
Sole, union oak	40
Listow, U. sole	28
Pentagon, sole	28
Acton Sole	28
B. F. French calf	25 30
H. F. French kip	1 25
Canada calf	95 1 15
Canada Calf, Niagara	65 80
Niagara Brand Kip	80 90
Wax upper	65 75
Grain upper per foot	42 46
Kangaroo, per foot	20
Dolgora, per foot	30 50
Dolgora, bright	25 40
Bag sheepskins, per doz.	3 00

COAL

Retail prices, delivered to consumers in the city.

Pennsylvania anthracite—	
Steve, nut or lump	10 00
Pea size	10 25
Canadian anthracite, stove	9 50
Canadian anthracite, nut	7 50
Leithbridge bituminous	7 50
Crow's Nest bituminous	8 25
H. S. bituminous	7 50
Souris Lignite	4 40
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Smithing	9 00



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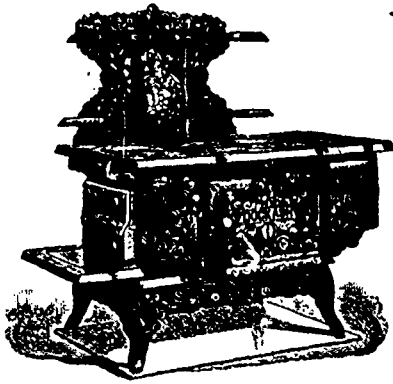
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 AXES—Bench, 40 per cent; chopping axes, per dozen, \$3 to \$12; double bit, per dozen, \$11 to \$18.
 BELLOWS—20-24, \$4.50; 26, \$4.95; 28, \$5.40; 30, \$5.85; 32, \$6.30; 34, \$7.25; 36, \$8.10; 38, \$9; 40, \$10.85.
 BELTING—Agricultural, 55 to 60 per cent; No. 1, 50 to 55 and 10 per cent; extra 30 to 35 per cent.
 BITS, AUGER—American, 50 per cent; Jennings' Excelsior, 45 per cent.
 BOLTS—Carriage, 12 1-2 per cent; machine, 45 per cent; plow, 40 per cent; sleigh shoe, 65 per cent; stove, 55 per cent; tire, 55 per cent.
 BUTTS—Cast, loose pin, com. 60 per cent; Peterboro', 33 1-3 per cent wrought steel, narrow, 60 per cent; loose pin, 60 per cent; bronze, 45c up.
 CATERPILERS—Kilm fire, Am. discount, 40 per cent; Dom. 50 and 5 per cent; per cent; centre fire, pistol, Am. discount 10 per cent, Dom. discount 30 per cent; military and sporting, Am. net list, Dom. 15 per cent.
 CEMENT—Portland, barrel, \$1.25 to \$4.50.
 CHAIN—Coil, proved, 3-18 in. per 160 lbs., \$8; do. 1-4 in. \$7.50; do. 5-16 in. \$6; do 3-8 in. \$5.75; do. 7-16 in. \$5.50; do. 1-2 in. and up, \$5.00. Jack, iron, single per dozen yards, 15 to 75c; double, per dozen yards, 25 to \$1. Trace, per dozen pairs, \$3.75 to \$5.50.
 COPPER—Tinned sheets, 50c; planished, 35c; boiler and 1 K pitta, plain tinned, per lb., 29c; spun, 33c.
 FILES—Com. 70 per cent; Nicholson's and Black Diamond, 60 per cent.
 GLUE—Sheets, 15c lb.; broken, 12 1-2c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 18 to 25c.
 GREASE, AXLE—Fraser's, per case, \$3.75; Diamond, light \$1.50 case; dark, \$2; Mica, \$3.35.
 HAIR—Plasterers', 90c bale.
 HARVEST TOOLS—55 and 5 per cent off 1900 list.
 HORSESHOES—Iron shoes, keg, 0 and 1, \$4.70; 2 and larger, \$4.45. Less than full kegs, 25c extra. Steel shoes, 0 and 1 \$5.00; 2 and larger, \$4.75.
 HINGES—Heavy T and strap, per 100 lbs., \$5.75 to \$6.75; light do., 60 per cent; screw hook and hinge, 6 to 10 in. 5c per lb.; 12 in. up, per lb., 4c.
 IRON—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$3.00. Band iron, 100 lbs., \$3.30 base. Swedish iron, 100 lbs., \$5.00 base. Sheet, black, 16 to 20 gauge, \$3.50; 22 to 26 gauge, \$3.75; 28 gauge, \$4.00. Galvanized, American, 16 gauge, \$4.25; 18 to 22, \$4.50; 24 gauge, \$4.75; 26 gauge, \$5.00; 28 gauge, \$5.25 per 100 lbs; Queen's head, 25c advance on Am. prices. Canada plates, Garth and Blana \$3.25. Imitation Russian sheets, 7 to 8c; genuine Russian sheets, lb. 12 to 13c.
 LEAD—Pig, per lb. 6c; sheet, 6 1-2c.
 NAILS—Cut—50d up, \$3.15; 20d, \$3.20; 10d, \$3.25; 8d, \$3.30; 6d, \$3.45; 4d, \$3.55;

3d, \$3.80; 2d, \$4.15. Wire nails, 1 1-2 in. up, \$3.80; 4 in. \$3.85; 3 in. \$3.90; 3 1-2 in. \$3.95; 2 in. \$4.10; 1 1-2 in. \$4.20; 1 1-4 in. \$4.45; 1 in. \$4.60; Horse nails, pointed, finished, oval heads, list price, No. 5, \$7.50 per box; No. 6, \$8.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box; Nos. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box; discount on these prices, 40 per cent.
 PAPER, BUILDING—Anchor brand, plain, 45c; do. tarred, 65c; Cyclone, 70c; Jubilee, plain 57c; do. tarred 70c.
 PIPE—Iron, black, per 100 feet, 1-4 inch, \$3.82 1-2; 3-8, \$3.82 1-2; 1-2, \$4.72 1-2; 3-4, \$5.17 1-2; 1 inch, \$7.42 1-2; 1 1-4, \$9.90; 1 1-2, \$12.15; 2 inch, \$16.20; larger, 45 per cent. Galvanized, 1 4 inch, \$8.80; 3 8, \$8.80; 1-2, \$9.35; 3-4, \$10.45; 1 inch, \$14.80; 1 1-4 inch, \$19.80; 1 1-2 inch, \$24.20; 2 inch, \$32.45.
 PITCH—Pine, \$4 per barrel.
 PLASTER—Per barrel, \$3.25.
 RIVETS AND BURRS—Carriage, section 37 1-2 per cent; M rivets, black and tinned, 37 1-2 per cent; copper rivets and burrs, 33 1-2c; cartons 1c per lb. extra net.
 ROPE—Cotton, 1-4 to 1-2 inch, and larger, 15c lb.; deep sea, 16 1-2c; lath yarn 11c; manila, per lb. 14 1-2c base; sisal, 12c base.
 SCREWS—F. H. Wright, discount 75, 10 per cent; R. H. discount 70; F. H. brass, discount 70; R. H. brass, discount 60 and 5 per cent. Bench, wood, per doz., \$3.75 to \$4.50; bench, iron, per doz., \$4.50 to \$6; coach screws, 37 1-2 per cent.
 SHELLS—Loaded—Eley's black, 12 gauge, per 100, soft, \$1.50, chilled, \$1.65; 10 gauge soft, \$2, chilled \$2.15; Eley's smokeless, 12 gauge soft, \$1.90, chilled \$2.05, No. 10 gauge soft \$2.40, chilled \$2.55.
 SHOT—Soft, 5 1-2c per lb.; chilled 6c; buckshot, 6 1-2c.
 SOLDER—Half and half, per lb 22c.
 SOLDIERING IRONS—Per lb. 32c.
 STEEL—Sleigh shoe, \$5.60 base; tire, steel, \$3.75 base; cast tool steel, lb. 9 to 12 1-2c.
 STEEL BOILER PLATE—3-16 inch, \$4.25 1-4, 3-8 inch and thicker, \$4.00.
 STAPLES—Galvanized, \$4.25 per 100 lbs.
 TAR—Per barrel, \$5.
 TIN—Lamb and flagg, 56 and 28 lb. ingots, per lb., 36c.
 TIN PLATES—Charcoal plates, 10, 10 x14, 12x12, and 14x20, \$5.75; 1 X same size box, \$6.75; 1 c, charcoal, 20 x28 112 sheets to box, \$11.00; 1 X box 20x28, 112 sheets, \$13.00.
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 TINWARE—Plain, 75 and 2 1-2 per cent; retinned, 70 and 10 per cent.
 TUBES—Boiler, 2 inch, 16 1 2c per foot; 2 1 2 inch, 21 1-2c; 3 inch, 23c per foot.
 VISES—B. S. Wright's 14c; Sampson, 40-50 pounds, \$6.50 to \$7 each; parallel, \$2 to \$7 each.
 WADS—Grey felt, 75c per lb.; thin card wads in boxes of 500 each, 12 and smaller gauge, 20c per lb.; thin card wads in boxes of 500 each, 10 gauge, 25c per lb. Chemically prepared black edge gray cloth wads, in boxes of 250 each, 11 and smaller gauges, 65c per

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 GASOLINE—Stove, per case, \$3.50.
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 LINSSEED OIL—Raw, gal., 70c, boiled, gal. 73c in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gal extra, with additional charges for cans and cases.
 OILS—Black oils, 25 to 30c gal.; clear machine oil, 27 to 30c; cylinder oil, 50 to 75c; as to quality; castor oil, 11c per lb.; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatfoot oil, \$1; steam refined oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2.00 gal.
 PREPARED PAINTS—Pure liquid colors, gallon, \$1.20 to \$1.60, as to shade and quality.
 PUTTY—In bladders, barrel lots, 2 1-2c lb.; in 100 lb. kegs, 2 3-4c; do. less than barrels, 3c lb.
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 TURPENTINE—Pure spirits in barrels, 81c; less than barrels, gal. 86c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.
 VARNISHES—No. 1 furniture, per gallon, \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$1.50 to \$1.75; hard oil finish, \$1.50; to \$2; brown Japan, \$1; house painters' gold size Japan, \$1.50; coach painters' do., \$2 to \$2.25; No. 1 brown shellac, \$2.25; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.
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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Saturday, Dec. 9, 1899.

Business during the past week has been somewhat quiet owing to partly to the disturbances caused by the provincial elections and partly to the bad roads and continued mild weather. The beginning of the week was marked by two quite cold days—Sunday and Monday—and there was every indication that winter had set in in earnest but the remainder of the week has been milder. There has been a steady demand throughout the week for staple lines of goods, and values continue firm with a hardening tendency in most lines. Navigation is now closed so far as business is concerned and winter rates of freight prevail. Labor is still well employed and a large number of men have been engaged to go to the bush. As soon as snow falls there should be a general improvement in business. Retail traders are beginning to prepare for the usual holiday activity. Bank clearings for the week ending Thursday, increased \$524,591 over the same week a year ago. Banks report an active demand for money and available funds are well employed. Interest rates range from 6 to 8 per cent for mercantile loans according to name. Mortgage loans mostly range from 6 to 7 per cent on Winnipeg property and farm loans from 7 to 8 per cent.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Saturday, Dec. 9, 1899.

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

DRY GOODS.

Travellers are now nearly all out with full lines of samples for spring trade. A few late ones were finishing their samples this week and will be out at once. As previously stated, some lines are being sold even for the spring trade at old prices, regardless of the sharp advances made by manufacturers. Competition appears to be very strong in this branch, and on this account jobbers who have some lines in stock that were purchased before the advance, are giving their regular customers the benefit of their good fortune. On other lines, however, which have been purchased more recently, there has been a sharp advance on prices asked for the spring trade, ranging all the way from 40 to 50 per cent, according to the class of goods. The actual advance on many lines of goods in this branch is of course hard to estimate. On many lines prices will range about the same as last season, but the quality has been depreciated. This is owing to the demand for goods at certain popular prices, so that they can be sold at even figures by retailers. For instance, nos of goods at the popular price of 37 1-2c per yard will still be offered as freely as ever, but 37 1-2c goods this year will not be as good quality as lines sold at this price last season. Of course in many cases the difference in quality could only be detected by experts, and

only then by comparison of the new samples with last year's similar lines. Advances in prices are more noticeable in domestic than in imported goods. This is not because domestic manufacturers have advanced more sharply than imported goods, but is owing to the fact that domestic goods are mostly of the more staple class, and the prices of these lines, compared with quality, are better understood. Consequently changes in prices of domestic lines are more readily detected. This week advices were received of a 1-2c advance on a standard line of shirting that formerly sold at 10 1-2c.

FUEL.

There is practically no change in the fuel situation. The mild weather which has prevailed so far this winter has greatly lessened the demand for fuel, and it is likely that there will be no actual famine for coal as was at first feared would be the case. Reports from the south indicate an easier feeling in the hard coal market, but without any weakening in price. The shortage of soft coal at western lake-ports at the close of navigation was estimated at 250,000 tons. Wood continues scarce here owing to lack of sleighing. Prices for both coal and wood are unchanged. We quote car lots of wood as follows: Tamarac per cord, \$4.75; green cut tamarac, \$4.25 to \$4.75; jackpine per cord, \$4 to \$4.25; birch, \$4.75 to \$5; United States oak, \$5; Manitoba oak, \$4.75; United States maple, \$5.25; poplar, \$3; to \$3.25; spruce, \$3.25 to \$3.50; slabs, \$2.85 per cord. Coal quotations will be found on page 437.

GREEN FRUITS.

Wholesale dealers have been busy this week receiving stocks of Christmas goods and preparing for the holiday trade. A good many Christmas orders have already been booked and shipping of some lines has been going on. Full stocks of California naval oranges, are now in and show very nice quality. Seedlings are also in the market now. Fancy Jersey cranberries are also in the market in quantity. The winter apple situation is unchanged. Auction sales of surplus stocks are still being held with the result that sales in the regular way are much curtailed. Bananas are being offered for the holiday trade at fancy figures. We quote prices as follows: California naval oranges, \$1.25 to \$4.75 per case; California seedlings, \$4; California lemons, per box, \$5 to \$5.50; bananas, per bunch, \$3.50; apples, winter, \$3.50 per barrel; Malaga grapes, in kegs, per keg, \$7.50; Cape Cod and Jersey cranberries per barrel, \$4.50; coconuts per dozen, 9c. Grenoble walnuts, 15c; Pargona almonds, 15c; filberts, 12c; pecan nuts, green, 9 to 10c; roasted, 12c; pecan nuts, 13c per lb.; chestnuts, 15c; hickory nuts, 10c per lb.; maple sugar, per lb., 11c; apple cider, 55c per gallon in barrels and half barrels; fruit cider put up in 20 and 30 gallon kegs, per gallon, 40c; figs, in boxes, 7c lb.; new California layer figs in 8 pound boxes, \$1.50; new Smyrna in grove boxes, \$2 per doz.; 10-lb. boxes \$1.75 per box, and in 30-lb. boxes 24c lb.; dates 7c per lb.; sweet potatoes, per barrel, \$5.50; honey, in 1 lb. glass jars, per dozen jars, \$2.50; Spanish onions, \$1.25 per crate; American red onions, 2c per lb.; celery, per dozen, 50c.

GROCERIES.

The grocery market has been almost devoid of special features this week. Trade continues good considering the state of country roads and there is a

growing volume of holiday business. About the only feature worth noting is a decline of 5c in the price of extra standard granulated sugar due to reduction in factory prices. Green Rio coffee is still very firm and some eastern markets report advances. There is no change here. Our quotations will be found on page 437.

HARDWARE.

The market for hardware has been fairly active for the season. Winter conditions are now prevailing. Price changes are few. Iron pipe has declined 10 per cent, and ingot tin 2c per pound. Tin plates are up 25c per box. Boiler tubes are also higher, 2 inch having advanced 2 1-2c, 2 1-2 inch 6c, and 3 inch 6c per foot.

PAINTS, OIL AND GLASS.

The market is without change. The anticipated advance in leads and prepared paints has not yet materialized, but there is a strong feeling that such advances are inevitable, and any considerable demand would lead to a rise. Demand for all lines is at present very light.

SCRAP.

There is no change in prices which we quote as follows: No. 1 cast iron free from wrought and malleable \$14 per ton; No. 1 stove plate, \$5.00 per ton; wrought iron scrap, \$3.50 per ton, heavy copper, 10c per pound, copper bottoms, 2c per pound, red brass, 8 to 8 1-2c per pound; yellow brass, heavy, 7 1-2c per pound; light brass, 4 1-2 to 5c per pound; lead pipe or tea lead, 2 1-2c per pound; zinc scrap, 1c per pound; rags, country mixed, 50c; rubber, free from rivets, buckles and articles, 3c per pound.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—After the continuous decline in price of the leading cereal during the last two months, it would seem that we have come to the turn of the road in value. During the past week a fair advance has been made and sentiment in regard to value of wheat seems changing towards the side of higher prices. The advance on the week is about 2c per bushel. The primary receipts of wheat in the States are now running daily about half what they were for corresponding days a year ago. The export shipments of wheat and flour on the other hand are comparatively liberal. The American visible supply showed a decrease last week instead of an increase, and many in the trade are of opinion that the visible has reached the maximum for the season. The world's shipments last week showed a good falling off, and the inquiry from Europe for wheat for shipment has been increasing, although owing to lowness of prices offered from the other side, very little actual business has resulted. While the recently planted crops of winter wheat in Europe are doing well, the crop in the States is in several districts infested by Hessian fly, and other insects, which is causing some apprehension as to the future of the crop. These things are for the moment at least, changing the drift of opinion from a decidedly bearish stand to one more hopeful of better values, the result being the advance stated above. It should not be lost sight of however, that supplies are ample for present requirements and are backed up by a liberal visible reserve stock to draw from. Also the Argentine and Australian crops, where harvest is now beginning, are very large, and are all but secure of their yield. The recently planted crops in the north-

ern hemisphere are doing on the whole about as well as could be expected, and the acreage of these crops so long as nothing transpires to suggest a probable shortness of supply in the more distant future, European buyers are not likely to advance prices much above present level, and without that, any advance on this side will only be of a temporary and fleeting nature. The American visible supply decreased last week 158,000 bushels, against an increase of 1,935,000 bushels the previous week, and an increase of 725,000 bushels for the same week last year. The total now stands at 55,775,000 bushels, against 24,115,000 bushels a year ago. The world's shipments were 5,800,000 bushels against 6,952,000 bushels previous week. The world's visible supply increased 1,390,000 bushels, against an increase of 1,358,000 bushels the previous week, and an increase of over 4,000,000 bushels same week last year.

The local market has been quiet and easy, and the demand extremely light. Although the weather is mild and the water is open, lake navigation has practically closed, owing to the difficulty or impossibility of getting lake insurance after the 31st inst. Consequently shippers are out of the market, and trading in the meantime is left to investment buying, which is only on a very small scale. The price of 1 hard spot Fort William left off a week ago at 61c. Since then there has been a gradual increase in value, until yesterday 66c was paid for 1 hard in store Fort William, spot or December delivery, 2 hard and 1 northern are worth 23-26 to 3c under 1 hard, but they are difficult of sale, as buyers prefer getting straight 1 hard. 3 hard is 6c under 1 hard. 1 frosted 55c, 2 frosted 50c, all in store Fort William.

FLOUR—Prices as follows: Ogilvie's Hungarian patent, \$1.90; Genora, \$1.70; Manitoba Strong Bakers, \$1.50; XXXA, \$1.15; Lake of the Woods patent, \$1.90; Strong Bakers, \$1.70; Medora, \$1.50, XXXA, \$1.30 per sack of 56 pounds delivered in Winnipeg.

MILLELED—A decline of \$1 per ton is the feature of this market this week. The close of navigation has made eastern shipments subject to the all rail freight rate and mills are consequently more willing to sell here than when high eastern prices could be obtained. We quote bran \$10.50 to \$11.00 per ton and shorts \$12.50 to \$13.00 per ton as to mill with \$1 off for large lots and to dealers.

GROUND FEED—Oat chop, \$2.0 per ton; for best. Mixed feed of barley and oats, \$18 per ton; barley chop, \$16 per ton. Oil cake advanced \$1 to \$28 per ton.

CATS—Liveries of cats are not very liberal and there is a good demand for an offerings, especially for milling grades. We quote: No. 1 white cats, in carlots on track Winnipeg, 25c per bushel; No. 2, 27c; feed grades and No. 2 mixed, 25 to 26c; street cats, 25 to 26c, and carlots at country points 20 to 22c.

BAKLEY—The movement is very light. Maiting grades are worth 28 to 32c per bushel in cars here and feed grades 26 to 28c.

CORN—There is a fair demand for corn for food purposes. Some people who got into the habit of using it when oats were scarce have become partial to corn and continue to ask for it. The price declined 1c here this week in sympathy with United States markets. No. 3 corn which is the

grade most used is now worth 40 to 41c per bushel on track Winnipeg.

WHEAT—Wheat seems to be steadily declining. The close of navigation which is not now far off, has led to lower prices at country points this week. Farmers loads are realizing from 48 to 52c per bushel in the country according to quality and point of shipment. This is a decline of 2c from the top price of a week ago.

FLAXSEED—The opinion is generally held that about all the Manitoba crop has been marketed. Buyers are still quoting \$1.20 per bushel for farmers loads in the country.

OATMEAL—Jobbing concerns are asking \$1.70 for 50 pound sack of domestic and imported meals to the retail trade.

HAY—Wind hay, baled, is worth \$5.50 to \$6.50 per ton; timothy, baled, \$7.50, and loose hay on the street, \$5 to \$6.

BUTTER—Creamery—business is over for season. Nominal value 21c per pound.

BUTTER—Dairy—Choice dairy grades remain scarce and the market has not been so well supplied this week. Finest dairy, put up in brick form, will bring from 20 to 22c per pound delivered at Winnipeg, and in tubs from 18 to 20c. Second grades are worth from 14 to 16c and lower grades 10 to 12c.

CHEESE—Dealers are asking 13c for Manitoba cheese and 13 1-2c for Ontario. About 11 1-2 or 12c will be paid for choice lots of Manitoba make delivered Winnipeg.

EGGS—Receipts are light. Dealers are buying on a basis of 18c delivered at Winnipeg. Strictly fresh eggs would bring 20c per dozen.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes are firmer at 5c advance on last week's quotations. Deliveries remain very light. Trade generally is quiet. We quote: Potatoes, farmers' loads, 40 to 45c per bushel, carrots, 30 to 35c at country points; carrots, 35 to 40c per bushel; turnips, 20 to 25c per bushel; leeks, 30 to 40c per bushel; parsnips, 11-4 to 11-2c per lb.; city onions, 75c to \$1 per bushel; cabbage 5-4 to 1c per lb.; celery, 30c per dozen bunches; green house lettuce, 35 to 40c per dozen bunches; green house parsley, 30c per dozen bunches.

HIDES—Offering continues light. We quote prices as follows. No. 1, 75-4c. No. 2, 63-1c, No. 3, 53-4c, Branded hided grade No. 2 and bulls, No. 3; kip, 7c; calf, 5 to 51-2c; deakin skins, 25 to 35c each; sheep skins, fresh killed, 50c each; country sheep 40c; lambs 25c to 30c each; horsehides, 50c to 75c each.

WOOL—Unwashed Manitoba fleeces is worth 7 to 8c per pound. None offering.

SENECA—37c per pound. None offering.

DRESSED MEATS—Cooler weather this week improved the condition of winter stocks somewhat, but there is still nervousness among butchers on this account and killing has been held back as much as possible. Prices remain unchanged at date, but may be expected to rise lower when really cold weather sets in. Packers report receipts of hogs fairly liberal. We quote prices as follows: No. 1, 5 to 6c per lb., mutton, 9c per lb., lambs, 9 to 10c; veal, 7 to 8c; hogs 51-2 to 6c, packers' price. Notes: butchers are in some cases paying slightly more for choice carcasses.

CURED MEATS—There is a easier tendency in the market for domestic

product and we quote breakfast bacon backs 1c lower at 10c per pound; shoulders 1-2c lower at 91-2c and picnic hams 1-2c lower at 10c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Turkey, choice, will bring 12c per pound, and range from 11 to 12c. Geese, and ducks are worth 9c per pound, chickens 9 to 10c.

TALLOW—Dealers are paying \$1-2c per pound for No. 1 country tallow delivered at Winnipeg; No. 2 is worth 2 1-2c.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—The last shipment of exporters went forward last week and consisted of about 300 head of fat steers. Butchers cattle are now worth 21-1c and common grades 21-2 to 3c per pound.

SHEEP—No movement. We quote 7c per pound for choice grades of sheep and 4 to 5c for lambs.

HOGS—Receipts fair and demand good. Buyers are quoting 13-4c per pound for choice weights, ranging from 15c to 25c pounds, and 11-2c for second grades.

MILK COWS—Business very slow. Worth, from \$25 to \$35 as to quality.

HORSES—Good heavy animals weighing not less than 1,400 pounds are worth from \$125 to \$175 each. Lighter horses for delivery or road purposes are worth from \$110 to \$140 each.

Manitoba Elections.

The feeling prevalent to a considerable extent before the elections, that the government was likely to get quite a shaking up, has been fully borne out by the result. From the small minority of only five or six in the last house, the Opposition has succeeded in carrying a majority of the seats in the new legislature. This shows a wonderful change in public sentiment since four years ago, when the Greenway government made almost a clean sweep of the province. The railway question seems to have been the principal factor in deciding the contest. Both parties made advances in the direction of favoring government railways, but the opposition were the first to make proposals of this nature, and their programme was more radical than their opponents. Besides, the government had their past record, in the matter of railways, which weighed against them, in any professions favoring government ownership. From an economic point of view, the principal deduction to be taken from the result of the vote, is the favor with which the radical proposals of government ownership have been received by the people. It is also claimed that the disaffection among certain Liberals regarding the Dominion government's policy in relation to railways and the tariff, assisted in the defeat of the local government. It is quite possible that some disaffected Liberals have taken this way of showing their disapproval of the actions of the federal government, with which the local government was supposed to be at least in sympathy. Then, again, the weakness of the opposition was regarded by some as a source of danger, and without desiring the defeat of the government, some have probably favored a movement to secure a stronger opposition. There remains still the feeling that it is not good to maintain any government in power for a very long period, and as the Greenway government had already enjoyed three terms in office, that sentiment no doubt had its influence in securing the defeat of the administration.

FINANCIAL

WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.

The Winnipeg clearing house returns for the week ending Thursday, compared with the corresponding week in previous years show as follows:

Week ending, Dec. 7, 1899	\$3,458,617
Corresponding week, 1898	...	2,934,076
Corresponding week, 1897	...	2,489,308

The monthly clearings at Winnipeg for a series of years show as follows:

	1898.	1897.	1896.
Jan.	\$0,347,368	\$5,009,918	\$4,977,209
Feb.	5,517,000	3,851,000	4,052,000
Mar.	5,908,000	4,289,000	4,286,000
April	6,210,000	4,161,962	4,022,000
May	8,683,264	5,014,786	4,216,201
June	7,396,799	5,531,140	4,094,000
July	6,316,238	5,6108,603	4,961,277
Aug.	6,180,385	6,298,574	4,646,959
Sept.	6,414,651	8,035,201	4,030,706
Oct.	9,347,692	13,291,679	7,585,472
Nov.	11,553,669	13,559,761	8,895,179
Dec.	10,708,731	9,784,498	7,780,945

Year	90,672,798	83,435,121	64,143,935
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Jan.	7,683,062
Feb.	6,209,471
March	6,766,094
April	6,916,431
May	7,472,855
June	8,211,716
July	8,169,595
Aug.	7,995,291
Sept.	6,281,159
Oct.	12,683,000
Nov.	14,435,219

FINANCIAL.

T. A. Thorburn, of the British Canadian Permanent Loan and Savings Co., has arrived in the city to take charge of the company's interests in this direction.

President Wm. Weir, of the defunct Ville Marie bank, has been sentenced to two years in jail for submitting false returns to the government.

At a civic meeting in Winnipeg this week some interesting details regarding the working of the penny savings bank in the North Central school, which has now been in operation three months, were given. The number of depositors was 175 and the amount deposited to date \$337.10. The parents as well as the children were interesting themselves in the matter. The Bank of Commerce, with which the school board had made arrangements for the placing of the deposits, had agreed to allow the current rates of interest on sums of \$3 and upwards.

14,000,000 Bushels of Wheat.

Inspection returns for the three months of September, October and November (the first three months of the new crop year), show 16,759 cars of wheat inspected, equal to about 17,909,370 bushels. Besides wheat, there were 241 cars of oats, equal to about 290,400 bushels; 29 cars of barley or about 28,000 bushels, and 67 cars of flax seed, or about 56,950 bushels. This makes a grand total of all kinds of grain of 17,095 cars, or about 14,285,320 bushels.

The quality of the wheat will be shown by the number of cars of each grade inspected, as follows: No. 1 hard, 12,677; 2 hard, 2,079; 1 northern, 478; 2 northern, 49; 1 spring, 12; hard, 593; 3 northern, 9; 1 frost-damaged, 594; 2 rejected, 145; no grade, 158; condemned, 4.

It may be added, that much of the no grade was old wheat, shipped in September.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF THE COMMERCIAL

British Columbia Markets.

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PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

By wire to The Commercial.

Vancouver, Dec. 9.

In the dairy market prices are steady except for fresh grass Australian butter, which is held 2 to 3¢ higher. Our elements are lower for hams and bacon. Other products steady.

BUTTER—Local creamery, 30 to 35¢; Australian fresh grass butter, 28¢; Manitoba creamery, 24 1-2 to 25¢; Manitoba dairy, 19 to 20¢.

EGGS—Fresh local, 50 to 60¢ per dozen, as to quality; eastern case eggs, 19 to 20¢; pickled eggs, 19 to 20¢.

CHEESE—16¢.

GREEN FRUIT—Oranges, navel, \$4.75 seedlings, \$3.75; California lemons, \$1 to \$1.25; apples, \$1.00 to \$1.75 per box pears, \$2; bananas, \$2.50. Local apples, 90¢ to \$1.25 per box, local pears, \$1.50 per box; grapes, \$1.75; Japan oranges, 65¢ per box. Eastern apples \$6.25 per barrel. Cranberries, \$10 per barrel, local cranberries, \$7 per bushel.

MEAL—Rolled oats, 90 lb. sack, \$2.50; two 45 lb. sacks, \$2.60; four 22 1-2 lb. sacks, \$2.60; ten 7 lb. sacks, \$2.50; oatmeal, in 10 lb. sacks, per 100 lbs. \$3.25, in 50 lb. sacks, \$3 per 100 lbs.

FLOUR—Delivered B.O. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.60; strong bakers, \$4.70; Oregon, \$4.50 per barrel.

GRAIN—Oats, \$24 to \$25 per ton; wheat, \$25.

CURED MEATS—Hams, 14 to 15¢ breakfast bacon, 13 to 15 1-2¢; backs, 12 1-2¢; long clear, 10¢; short rolls, 12 to 12 1-2¢; smoked sides, 11¢.

LARD—Tins, 10¢ per lb.; in pails and tubs, 9 1-2¢.

FISH—Flounders, 2¢; smelts, 5¢; sea bass, 4¢; whiting, 5¢; soles, 6¢; smoked 10¢; fresh halibut 6¢; salmon 6¢; hatters 8 1-2¢; cod 6¢ per lb.; crabs, 60¢ dozen.

GAME—Mallards, 60¢; pintail 40¢; teal 25¢; widgeon 40¢ per pair; venison 7¢; bear 6¢ lb.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, \$15 to \$10 per ton; Ashcroft potatoes, \$19 to \$20 ton; cabbage, 1-2¢ per lb.; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12 per ton; red onions, 1¢ per lb.; silverskins, 2¢; tomatoes, \$2 per box; cucumbers, \$2 per box.

FEED—National mills chop, \$25 per ton; shorts, \$23 ton; bran, \$21; oil cake meal, \$25 ton; L.O.V. Vancouver, including duty paid on imported stuff.

HAY—Per ton, \$15.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef, 8 to 8 1-2¢ mutton, 10 to 11¢; pork, 9 to 9 1-2¢; veal, 10 1-2 to 11¢ lb.

LIVE STOCK—Steers, \$1.50 to \$3.75 per 100 lbs.; cows, \$3.25; sheep, \$5.50 per 100 lbs.; hogs, 5¢ per lb.

DRIED FRUITS—Apricots, 17¢; peaches 10 to 12¢; pitted plums, 12¢; prunes, French 5 to 7 1-2¢ per lb.; London layer raisins, \$2 box; Italian prunes, 6 to 8 1-2¢ lb.; Muscatel raisins, 2 crown 6¢, 3 crown 8 1-2¢, 4 crown 9¢; dates 9¢; black figs, 6¢; white figs, 9 1-2¢; layer figs, 10 lb. box \$1.45; silver prunes, 9 1-2¢; quartered pears, 11 1-2¢; half pears, 12 1-2¢; nectarines, 15 1-2¢; Valencia raisins, 7 1-2¢; sultanas, 11 to 14¢; blackberries, 16¢; raspberries, 25¢; seed-ed raisins, 9 1-2¢.

NUTS—Almonds, 16¢; filberts, 12 1-2¢; peanuts, 9¢; Brazil, 12 1-2¢; walnuts, 12¢ lb.

SUGARS—Powdered, icing and bar, 6 3-4¢; Paris lump 6 1-4¢; granulated 5 1-4¢; extra C, 4 5-8¢; fancy yellows 4 1-2¢; yellow 4 3-8¢ lb.

SYRUPS—30 gallon barrels, 2 1-4¢ lb.; 10 gallon kegs 2 3-4¢; 5 gallon tins \$1.75 each; 1 gallon tins \$4.50 case of 10; 1 1-2 gallon tins \$5.25 case of 20.

TEAS—Congo, Fair, 11 1-2¢; good, 18¢; choice, 29¢; Ceylon and India, fair 20¢.

HARDWARE—Bar iron—Base, \$8.50. Horse shoe nails, discount, 40 per cent; horse shoe, keg, \$5. Wire nails—Base

price, \$4.50; cut, \$3.75. Rope, Manila, 10¢. Balled oil, 75¢. White lead, \$7.50. Putty, \$3.50. Barbed wire, \$4.75 per 100 lbs. Glass, 1st break, \$5.

British Columbia Items.

W. H. Flewin, saloon, Victoria, is dead.

Henry Harris, saloon, Victoria, is succeeded by W. Roberts.

George Johnston, saloon, Wellington, has sold out to S. Waters.

J. F. Henry, confectionery, Victoria, has sold out to Miss Mabel Godson.

Mott, Son & Co., lumber dealers, Macleod, have bought an interest in the Fernie Lumber Company, of Fernie.

Two carloads containing 300 barrels of apples from Ontario were condemned at Vancouver because they were afflicted with Codlin moth. This makes three carloads of bad fruit burned last week.

Canniff, Hose & Deacon are opening in the hardware business at Phoenix. The partnership consists of F. Canniff, J. Hose and T. R. Deacon, all of whom have been in business at Rat Portage, Ontario. Canniff assumes the management in the meantime.

The following extra-provincial companies are registered: The Imperial Oil Co., of Sarnia; capital, \$1,000,000; provincial office, Vancouver; H. D. Averill, attorney. The Equitable Savings Loan & Building Association of Canada, of Toronto; capital, \$5,000,000; provincial office, Vancouver; Geo. H. Cowan; attorney.

The Canadian Pacific Railway free excursion left Vancouver for the Boundary Creek country this week. Many leading merchants of Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster accepted the invitation of the company and will be its guests for a week. Greenwood and Grand Forks have both arranged to banquet the merchant visitors.

In the Vancouver market eggs are selling at cost, much to the disgust of produce houses. The jobbers' association recently met and arranged to establish living prices for all commodities. All went well for a while, until large retailers commenced to import themselves, in quantities, and undercut the jobbers. The association held an emergency meeting and decided "for the present" to allow matters to drift back to the old unsatisfactory basis until the retailers got tired or could be brought to reason, thus eggs are again being sold for the fun of the thing.

British Live Stock Trade.

London, Dec. 4.—The trade in cattle to-day was slow, but the market for choice United States and Canadian stock was strong, and prices were fully 1-2¢ higher than a week ago. Argentine cattle were lower. States cattle sold at 12 1-2 to 13 1-2¢, Canadians at 11 to 12¢, and Argentines at 11 1-2 to 12¢. Canadian and Argentine sheep sold at 11 1-2¢.

Liverpool, Dec. 4.—Market weaker. Prices for both Canadian cattle and sheep declined 1-2¢, to 11¢ for both sheep and cattle.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Dec. 8.
Cattle steady at 11 1-2 to 13, estimated dressed weight.

Arrivals of Manitoba butter have been a feature of the Montreal produce market this week. Prices there for this stock have ranged all the way from 14 1-2 to 15 1-2¢ as to grade.

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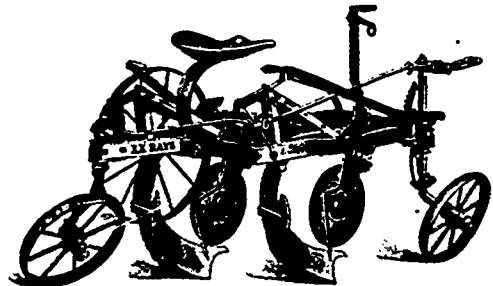
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holds in his mouth. When Mr. Badger
finds that they are all out on the
stick he opens his mouth and lets the
current drift it down stream. Then
he crawls out on land again, shakes
himself and laughs, while he listens
to the vermin floating away, sing-
ing "A Life on the Ocean Wave."

THE IMPLEMENT TRADE.

BUSINESS REVIEW.

Winnipeg jobbers say they have not experienced much difficulty in getting the advanced prices for implements rendered necessary by the increased cost of raw materials. The trade appears to have been well prepared for the advance by the numerous articles appearing in the papers for some time back relative to the upward tendency of prices. Occasionally however, a dealer has met with one who expresses surprise at the higher prices, which he professes not to have previously heard about. Such ignorance, no doubt, is more assumed than real. The mild weather and absence of snow has retarded the winter vehicle trade considerably. Collections are slow, doubtless owing to the low wheat prices and the open weather, which has retarded the marketing of grain by farmers.

IMPLEMENT TRADE NOTES.

Winnipeg dealers are beginning to manifest some anxiety as to the outcome of the season's sleigh trade. So far there has been no snow and consequently no sleighing and unless this comes soon there are likely to be some sleighs left over.

The large carriage factory at Oshawa, Ont., of the McLaughlin Carriage Co., was burned on Wednesday last. The factory was one of the largest in Canada, and the company has done a large business in the west for some years. R. McKenzie, manager of the Winnipeg branch of this company, has not yet received particulars of the disaster, but is expecting daily to get a full statement.

So far prices being quoted by Manitoba dealers for spring goods do not nearly represent the full amount of the advances in the cost of making various lines of implements. Machines of United States makes are being sold at proportionately lower figures here than on the other side, which seems to indicate that dealers and makers are determined to hold their trade even if profits have to be sacrificed in the meantime.

A combine of the threshing machine industry of the United States is alleged to have been effected, with a capitalization of \$60,000,000. Seventy per cent of the thrasher manufacturers of the United States have agreed to enter the trust. The J. I. Case Co. is said to be out of the deal. Another report says: The project for the amalgamation of the threshing machine companies of the United States is hanging fire and the probabilities are that it will have to be abandoned.

The manager of the Consumers' Cordage Company explains the apparently very large profit of the Farmers' Binder Twine Company, of Brantford, on the past year's business which was stated some weeks ago to have been 100 per cent, by stating that the profit was made not on binder twine, but on the sale of raw Manila hemp which it is well known has greatly advanced in price since the war in the Philippine Islands commenced. The Farmers' company happened to hold a large stock of hemp and when the price advanced closed down its factory and took the profit on the raw material.

A. G. Watson, of the Watson Manufacturing Co., returned to Winnipeg this week from a trip through the province. He reports that farmers were plowing everywhere up to the first of December and there was no

snow anywhere. This has made the trade in winter vehicles very backward. He made particular inquiries at each point visited, of the quantity of wheat yet to be marketed, and the replies indicated that fully half the crop is yet held by farmers, who have held their grain back on account of the open weather and bad roads. This accounts for the slow collections in the implement and other branches of trade.

Some dealers at country points are said to be holding back their orders, on account of the higher prices asked for the spring trade. There is no probability, however, that there can be any let up in prices, as the prices asked do not cover the full increase in the cost, on the basis of the higher prices of raw material. In fact implements for the spring trade are being sold at closer prices, compared with the cost of manufacture, than they were on the basis of old prices, before the big advances in raw material. The mild weather and absence of snow probably also has the effect of causing dealers to hold off placing spring orders, owing to the slow sales of winter vehicles.

While some lines of steel have recently been quoted at slightly lower prices, such lines as are used to the largest extent in farm implement manufacture are higher. Pig iron has also advanced about \$1 per ton the past week, and other materials are up. In view of the fact that the purchases of implement manufacturers are not adequate to their needs, and of the further fact that the advances thus far made have no more than covered the increased cost, the manufacturers will, doubtless, be compelled to make still further advances in the prices of their products in the near future. While this is not an absolute certainty, the condition of the metal markets makes it a strong probability.—Farm Implement News, Chicago.

Early Closing Movement.

The following is the Hudson's Bay commissioner's reply to the secretary of the Retail Clerk's association, in the matter of the early closing movement:

Winnipeg, 5th December, 1899.

Dear Sir,—With reference to your inquiries regarding the views of the Hudson's Bay Company concerning the early closing movement, I write to say that the company has always endeavored to keep in view the welfare of their employees, and will be heartily in favor of any arrangement for the benefit of the employees consistent with the necessities of business.

Looking to the fact that so many who have to purchase do not leave their offices and places of business until 6 o'clock, it is not thought that closing the stores before half-past 6 o'clock would be found satisfactory to the general public.

It has been found advisable in other cities of the importance to which Winnipeg now attains to give some holiday during the course of the week. I would therefore suggest that all retail stores be closed on each Thursday afternoon, from 15th May to 15th October at not later than 4 p. m. For the remaining days of the week I would recommend in accordance with the above suggestion, that all retail stores be closed at 6.30 p. m. with the exception of Saturday and evenings preceding public holidays, when stores would remain open until 9 o'clock.

I am, yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) C. G. CHIPMAN.

THE COMMERCIAL MEN.

A. S. BINNS.

The subject of our photo-engraving this week is A. S. Binns, traveller and foreign buyer for W. J. Whitla & Co., wholesale dry goods merchants, Winnipeg. Mr. Binns devotes his attention to the dress goods and woollen



A. S. BINNS.

departments more particularly, and makes a trip to European manufacturing centres once a year to replenish stocks of these. At other times he takes the road as one of the regular travellers of the house. Mr. Binns came to Winnipeg from Montreal 12 years ago, and has been with W. J. Whitla & Co ever since. He has always taken an active interest in the affairs of the Northwest Commercial Travellers' association, and has, besides holding office as director for some years, been once elected to the vice-presidency, and once to the presidency of the association. The latter office he held in 1895.

ON THE ROAD.

L. A. Godbolt left Monday for Toronto.

H. W. Gerhardt and Geo. E. Wilroy went east this week to Montreal.

R. H. Clinie expects to start out Monday with full lines of spring trade samples.

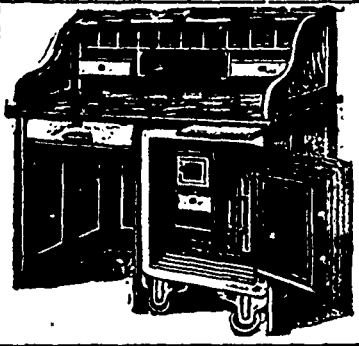
J. N. Newton returned this week from a trip as far east as Lake Superior ports.

W. G. Rickert, of Jas. Coristine & Co., was in the city this week returning from a western trip. He left for Montreal on Wednesday.

Thos. Clearhuc, glove manufacturer of Brockville, Ont., is in the city this week, returning from a western trip. He expects to go east about the end of the week.

The DeLoraine flour mill is being turned over to the Ontario Milling & Manufacturing Co., and it is intended to enlarge the mill by an addition of 40 by 35 feet, to put in additional new machinery and to increase the capacity to 150 bbls. per day.

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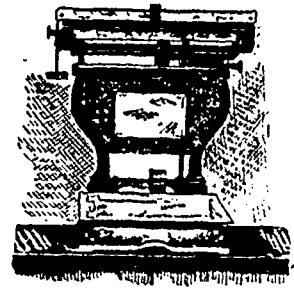
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TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Dec. 9.

Dry goods—Colder weather has caused a more active demand for heavy goods this week. The movement of holiday goods is large. Spring orders are also increasing. Values are firm. There are advances to report on Dominion mills sheetings of 1-4 to 1-2c per yard. Also the same advance on flannellets, gingham, napped sheetings, donlms, awnings, cottonades, tickings, shirtings, Galateas, Oxford, cotton blankets, and springs. Most large retailers have already placed their orders, and the advance will only affect repeats for next season's trade. Canadian turkey linings and colored reeds are 1-4c to 1-2c per yard higher. Colored cotton flannels 1-2c yard higher.

Hardware—All reasonable lines are active and prices are firm all round. Smooth steel wire is 10c per 100 lbs. higher and is now quoted at \$3.45 base. Factory milk cans have advanced 1/2 per cent. Discount now 40 per cent. Wire nails are firm and may advance soon. An agreement is being made by Canadian jobbers on barbed wire. Soft pine is 5 to 10 per cent dearer. Shot has advanced forty to fifty per cent. Ordinary is now quoted at \$5.25 here and chilled \$5.50. Metals are firm. Scrap copper 1-2c to 1c lower. Agricultural scrap is 5c higher at 70c.

Groceries are more active and values are steady. Sugars are quiet at Monday's decline. Coffees are firm. Teas easier. Molasses stronger. Canned goods firmer. Corn 5 to 10c dearer. Tomatoes 95c to \$1. Peas 30c and upward. Nuts firmer on probability of shortage of supplies.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Dec. 9.

Grain deliveries are small, owing to low prices. Farmers will not sell freely at present prices. Ontario wheat is steady. Oats are easier. Dressed hogs are firmer, as the colder weather is enabling country shippers to hold stocks longer.

Four—Manitoba patents, \$4.20; Manitoba bakers, \$3.70; Ontario straight roller, \$2.80 per barrel for carlots at country mills.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, 65c for cars at country points; Ontario spring, 64 to 65c; No. 1 hard, 77 1-2c, grinding in transit.

Oats—Now oats, 25 to 28c at country points for car lots.

Barley—No. 2, 38 to 39c, country points.

Millfeed—Shorts, \$14 to \$14.50 ton, bran, \$12 to \$12.50 per ton for cars at country mills.

Oatmeal—\$3.25 in bags per barrel, and \$3.35 in wood for car lots, Toronto.

Eggs—Choice fresh, 18c; No. 1 hmed, 15 1-2c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, choice fresh 17 to 18c, poor to medium, 10 to 16c; creamery, tubs and boxes, 21 to 21 1-2c.

Cheese—12c for job lots to the local trade.

Hides—9 1-2 for No. 1 cows; No. 1 heavy steers, 10c; cured cows, 10c. Sheepskins and lambskins, 75 to 90c; calfskins, 10c and 9c for No. 1 and No. 2; tallow, 5 to 5 1-4c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 17 to 18c; unwashed, 9 to 10c.

Beans—\$1.40 to \$1.50 per bushel for hand picked.

Dried Apples—6 to 6 1-2c for round lots; evaporated, 8 1-2 to 9c.

Honey—9 to 10c in bulk.

Poultry—Chickens, 30c to 40c per

pair, turkeys, 8c to 9c per pound; geese, 5 1-2 to 6c.

Potatoes—Steady at 40c per bag for car lots.

Hogs—Dressed hogs, \$5 to \$5.25 per 100 pounds, the top price only for selected weights.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Dec. 5.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 600 cattle, \$10 sheep and lambs, and 2,720 hogs.

Export cattle—In fair demand and higher. Choice lots sold at \$4.50 to \$4.80 per cwt. and lighter cattle at \$4.15 to \$4.40 per cwt.

Butchers cattle—Trade active. Good butchers cattle sold at \$3.50 to \$3.90 per cwt; choice lots, at \$4 to \$4.25 per cwt., and common to medium cattle from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per cwt.

Feeders—\$3.50 to \$3.80 per cwt; light weights, \$3.25 to \$3.40 per cwt.

Stockers—Stockers weighing 500 to 700 lbs. sold at \$2.25 to \$2.75 and 700 to 900 lbs., at \$3 to \$3.25.

Sheep and lambs—Trade brisk. Lambs ranged from \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt. and export ewes at \$3 to \$3.25 per cwt.

Hogs—Choice lots, weighing 160 to 200 lbs. natural weight, sold 1-8c higher at \$4.37 1-2 per cwt.; light fats advanced to \$4 per cwt.; heavy fats were steady at \$4 per cwt.

FRIDAY'S MARKET.

Toronto, Dec. 9.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 600 head of cattle, 2,300 sheep and lambs, and 1,300 hogs.

There was a better demand for butchers cattle, and fair to choice sold at \$3.50 to \$4.00 per 100 lbs. Stockers were 5c lower than on Tuesday. Hogs the same as at Tuesday's market.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 5.

At the East End Abattoir market yesterday the offerings of live stock were 600 cattle and 1,100 sheep and lambs.

Demand good and an active trade was done. Prices were fully maintained. Good to choice stock were scarce, in fact there was none of the latter to be had, and the top price paid was 4 1-4c for a few head of fairly good stock. Fair cattle sold at 3 1-2c to 4c, and lower grades at from 2 1-4 to 3 1-4c per lb., live weight. Sheep met with a good demand from shippers, and all suitable stock was taken at 3c, while the culls sold at 2 1-4 to 2 3-4c. Lambs sold at 3 1-2 to 4c for good to choice, and 5 to 3 1-4c for common.

At the Grand Trunk stock yards at Point St. Charles a fair supply of hogs offered, for which there was a good demand, and prices ruled steady at 4c to 4 1-4c per lb., for straight lots weighed off cars.

The demand for freight space from winter ports was fair.

THURSDAY'S MARKET.

Montreal, Dec. 8.

At the East End Abattoir yesterday receipts were 500 cattle and 300 sheep and lambs.

The demand for cattle was brisk. No prime steers offered. The best to be had realized 4 1-4 to 4 1-2c; fair to good, 3 1-2 to 4c, and common grades 2 1-4 to 3c. Sheep and lambs remained unchanged from Monday. Hogs sold at 4 to 4 1-4c off cars.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 9.

Oats steady and quiet with no change in prices. Flour fairly active and prices unchanged. Feed active. Oatmeal remains unchanged. Hides are stronger and 1-2c higher, stocks on hand being light. Eggs are in fair enquiry and candied stock is 1-2 to 1c lower. Butter is firmer at an advance of 1c. on both dairy and creamery. Cheese holds strong and 1-4c higher for western. Beans are 2 1-2c per bushel higher. Potatoes are active and easier at a straight quotation of 45c as against 45 to 50c a week ago. Poultry have improved and stocks are lighter. Chickens are 1c higher.

Oats—80 1-2c in store. Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.60 to \$3.70. Manitoba patents, \$4.00 to \$4.15.

Millfeed—Bran, \$14.75 to \$15.00 per ton; shorts, \$16.00 to \$17.00, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Roiled oats, \$3.50 per barrel on track and \$1.70 per sack.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 10 1-2c; No. 2, 9 1-2c, No. 3 8 1-2c; calfskins, No. 1, 11c; No. 2, 9c; lambskins 85c; tallow 4 to 4 1-2c.

Eggs—Strictly fresh, 20 to 22c; candied, 17 1-2 to 19c; second grade, 14 to 16c.

Butter—Choice fresh dairy, 17 to 18c. Butter—Choice creamery, 21 to 22c.

Cheese—Western finest, 12 1-2 to 12 3-4c., eastern, 11 1-2 to 11 3-4c.

Beans—\$1.42 1-2 to \$1.47 1-2 per bushel, as to quality.

Potatoes 45c per bag on track.

Dressed Poultry—Turkeys, \$1-2 to 9c; ducks 7 1-2 to 8c; geese, 6c; chickens, 7 to 8c per lb.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 9.

A weaker feeling has developed in sugar. Refiners have reduced prices on all grades, 5c per 100 pounds, granulated now being quoted at \$4.40, and yellows at \$3.60 to \$4.20 per 100 pounds, as to quality at the factory. Decline is due to the competition of United States refiners chiefly at western Ontario points. Molasses and syrup are steady. Other lines of groceries are quiet and firm.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 9.

Hardware, paints, oils and glass are firm and strong and prices unchanged.

SUGAR.

Special to The Commercial.

London, Dec. 8.—Beet steady. December 8s 3-4d; January 9s 2 1-4d.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Dec. 8.

Quotations are strong at 57s 6d to 58s for white and colored.

The Russell Banner, of Russell, Man., has issued a special harvest number which contains considerable information of value regarding the growth and progress of Russell county.

There was an advance of one per cent. in the Bank of England rate last week. This was not unexpected. The rate is now higher than it has been for many years. The advance did not make much impression on the prices of stocks.

New York Wheat.

New York, Dec. 4.—Wheat, Dec. opened 70 5-8 to 3-4c, closed 71 1-4c a. May opened 73 1-2 to 5-8c, closed 74c a.

New York, Dec. 5.—Dec. opened 71 3-8c, closed 72c a. May opened 74 1-8c, closed 71 5-8c b. March opened 75 1-2c.

New York, Dec. 6.—Wheat, Dec. opened 72 1-2c closed 72 1-8c a. May opened 74 7-8c, closed 74 1-4c b.

New York, Dec. 7.—Wheat, Dec. opened 72 1-8c, closed 72 1-2c. May opened 74 1-4 to 3-8c, closed 74 7-8c.

New York, Dec. 8.—Wheat, Dec. opened 72 7-8c, closed 73 a. May opened 75 1-8c, closed 73 1-4c b.

New York, Dec. 9.—Wheat closed to-day at 72 7-8c for December option and 75 1-8c for May.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Wheat, Dec. closed 64 5-8. May opened 69 to 1-8c, July closed 69 1-2c. Corn closed 29 5-8c for Dec. Oats Dec. closed 22 1-4c. Pork, Dec. closed \$8.47 1-2. Lard, Dec. closed \$4.95. Ribs, Dec. closed \$5. Flax, cash, \$1.38 1-4.

Chicago, Dec. 5.—Wheat, Dec. opened 64 5-8c, closed 64 3-8 to 1-2c. May opened 69 1-8c, closed 69 5-8 to 1-4c b. July opened 69 5-8 to 1-4c, closed 70 3-8 a. Corn, Dec. opened 30 to 1-8c, 3-8c a. Corn, Dec. opened 29 5-8c, closed 30 to 1-8c. Jan. opened 30 to 1-8c, closed 30 2-8c b. May opened 32 1-8c, closed 32 5-8c a. Oats, Dec. opened 22 1-4c, closed 22 to 3-8c b. May opened 23 7-8c, closed 24c a. Pork, Dec. opened \$8.42 1-2c a, closed \$8.50. June opened \$9.55, closed \$9.60. May opened \$9.72 1-2, closed \$9.85. Lard, May opened \$5.25, closed \$5.30 a. Ribs, Dec. opened \$5.05, closed \$5.05 a. May opened \$5.15, closed \$5.15 a. Flax, cash

Chicago, Dec. 6.—Wheat, Dec. opened 65 1-2c, closed 65 1-2c a. May opened 69 7-8 to 3-4c, closed 69 1-8 to 1-4c b. July opened 70 3-8 to 1-2c, closed 69 3-4. Corn, Dec. opened 30 1-4c, closed 29 7-8c a. Jan. opened 30 1-2c a, closed 30 1-4c. May opened 32 3-4c, closed 32 3-8c a. Oats, Dec. opened 22 1-2c, closed 22 1-4c. May opened 21 1-8, closed 21 7-8c. Pork, Dec. opened \$8.62 1-2, closed \$8.55. Jan. opened \$9.72 1-2, closed \$9.67 1-2. May opened \$9.90 to \$9.95, closed \$9.82 1-2. Lard, Dec. opened \$5.05 a, closed \$5.05. Jan. opened \$5.05, closed \$5.27. Flax, cash \$1.39. Dec. \$1.38. May \$1.34 3-4.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Wheat, Dec. opened 67 7-8c, closed 66c. May opened 69 1-4, closed 69 3-4c a. July opened 69 7-8 to 70c, closed 70 1-4 to 3-8c a. Corn, Dec. opened 29 7-8 to 30c, closed 31 1-4c a. Jan. opened 30 3-8c, closed 30 1-2c b. May opened 32 5-8 to 1-4c, closed 32 5-8 b. Oats, Dec. opened 22 1-4c, closed 22 3-8 to 1-2c. May opened 23 7-8c, closed 24 to 1-8c. Pork, Dec. opened \$8.50, closed \$8.50. Jan. opened \$9.60, closed \$9.57 1-2. May opened \$9.77 1-2, closed \$9.80. Lard, Dec. opened \$5.05 1-2, closed \$5.02 1-2 a. Jan. opened \$5.27 1-2, closed \$5.25. Ribs, Dec. opened \$5.07 1-2 a, closed \$5.10 a. Jan. opened \$5.10 a, closed \$5.12 1-2 a. Flax, cash \$1.41. Dec. \$1.41. May \$1.38.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Wheat, Dec. opened 66 1-2c, closed 66 5-8c. May opened 69 7-8c, closed 70 1-8 to 1-4c a. July opened 70 1-2, closed 70 3-4 to 7-8c. Corn, Dec. opened 30 3-8c, closed 30 3-4c a. Jan. opened 30 1-2c, closed 31c b. May opened 32 5-8 to 3-4c, closed 33c a. Oats, Dec. opened 22 1-2c, closed 22 1-2. May opened 24 1-8c, closed 24 1-8c. Pork, Dec. opened \$8.55, closed \$8.60. Jan. opened \$9.65, closed \$9.75. May opened \$9.85, closed \$10. Lard, Dec. opened \$5.05 a, closed \$5.10 a. Jan. opened \$5.27 1-2, closed \$5.35. Ribs, Dec. opened \$5.10, closed \$5.17 1-2. Jan. opened \$5.12 1-2, closed \$5.20. Flax, cash, \$1.44. Dec. \$1.43 1-2. May \$1.39 1-2c a.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—May wheat opened at 70 1-4c, and ranged from 69 7-8 to 70 1-4c. Closing prices were as follows:

Wheat—Dec. 66 1-2c, May 70c.

Corn—Dec. 30 7-8c, May 38c.

Oats—Dec. 22 3-8c, May 24c.

Pork—Dec. \$8.70.

Lard—Dec. \$5.17 1-2c.

Ribs—Dec. \$5.22 1-2.

A week ago December option closed at 64 1-8c. A year ago December wheat closed at 51 1-8c; two years ago at \$1.04 1-2; three years ago at 79c; four years ago at 56 1-8c; five years ago at 51 3-8c.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

No. 1 northern wheat at Duluth closed as follows on each day of the week:

Monday—Dec. 63 5-8c, May 67 5-8c.

Tuesday—Dec. 64 3-4c, May 68 3-8c.

Wednesday—Dec. 64c, May 68 1-8c.

Thursday—Dec. 64 1-2c, May 68 1-2c.

Friday—Dec. 64 7-8c, May 68 7-8c.

Saturday—Dec. 64 3-4c, May, \$8 7-8c.

Cash, No. 1 hard closed on Friday at 63 1-4c and cash No. 1 northern at 64 1-4c.

A week ago December wheat closed at 62 7-8c. A year ago December wheat closed at 62 1-8c, two years ago at 80 3-4c; three years ago at 78 1-2c; four years ago at 53 5-8c, five years ago at 58 3-8c, and six years ago at 60 1-4c.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Minneapolis, Dec. 9.—No. 1 northern wheat closed to-day at 63 1-2 for December. May closed at 67c. Cash 1 northern closed at 64 3-4c and cash 1 hard at 66 1-4c.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT.

Liverpool, Dec. 9.—Wheat closed 1-14 higher.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

Wheat stores dull at 66c for No. 1 hard, in store Fort William. There is no ice yet to prevent water shipments via the lakes, but boats cannot be obtained, consequently nothing is doing in lake shipments. Some all rail business is doing, but the regular rate is too high to permit of business on all rail freight basis.

WESTERN BUSINESS ITEMS.

S. Wages has opened a butcher shop at Lumsden.

J. W. Ogden, hotel Gainsboro, Assa., has sold out to C. Ogden.

The C. P. R. round house at Napinka, Man., has been destroyed by fire.

Tinning & Givroy, general store, Regina, Assa., creditors' meeting called for Dec. 12.

Bashford & Co., hardware and implements, Rosthern, are succeeded by Bashford & Fisher.

Miss L. J. Corbitt, dry goods and grocery, Dauphin, Man., has assigned to H. W. Whitla.

Norris & Lawrence have bought out Magee's butcher business at Wolsley and will take possession this week.

The Printers Litho. & Engraving Co. Ltd., Winnipeg, has sold out to the Winnipeg Engraving & Electrotyping Co.

Mr. Bonnycastle, of Indian Head, has purchased the McCormick machine shop at Lumsden from Mr. Blair, in which he will open a hardware and implement business, selling Deering machinery.

WOOL MARKETS.

At the London sales on Monday and Tuesday of this week offerings of wool were fairly liberal, especially merinos,

and the attendance of buyers large. Merinos met with an active demand from both British and American buyers. American buyers wanted fine greasy combings and secured a fair share. They also purchased deep grown, austrous, greasy crossbreds at an advance of 1d. European buyers operated heavily in scoureds on Tuesday. New crop South Australias were purchased on French account. Fine lambs realized 10 per cent. and inferior stock 15 per cent. advance. Merinos advanced 1-2d on Tuesday from the opening price.

The Ontario wool market of this week is reviewed as follows by The Globe: "The reports of large sales of wool last week naturally excited the market and holders of lots through the province put up their prices out of reach of buyers in the expectation that there would be a further advance. The hurry in the market last week was a phase of the situation incident to the excitement attending the rise in the prices of colonial wools at the opening sales in London, and exporters here say that it has passed and that they do not believe the American buyers would now pay as high prices as they gave for the wool last month, as the transactions were made in anticipation of the advance in values at the colonial wool sales and on the spur of the moment, in the belief that there would be a very marked advance in values. That phase of the situation has passed now, and the excitement is over for the present at least. There are a number of lots of 30,000 to 100,000 lbs held through the province, some of which has been carried over from the clip of 1896, aggregating 300,000 to 400,000 lbs, and some of the holders of this wool are asking as high as 25c, while local dealers are only bidding 20c for lots suitable for export. Those who sold their wool recently for export and obtained the advance are apparently well satisfied to have realized on it, they think it was a good business stroke to sell at the advance, which was a handsome one over the values that existed at the opening of the season, and that to hold the wool longer would have been a mere speculation, the outcome of which was uncertain. Those who are holding the wool, however, at present are seemingly satisfied that they will get more money for it than if sold at prices now current.

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Minneapolis Markets.

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents, \$3.40 to \$3.60; second patents, \$3.20 to \$3.40.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$10; bran in bulk, \$10.50; corn feed, \$11 to \$13.50 per ton as to quality.

Oats—No. 3 white, 23 1-4c.

Barley—30 to 40c.

Corn—Quoted at 27 1-2c for No. 3.

Flax seed—\$1.34 per bushel.

Eggs—1 1-2c for strictly fresh, including cases.

Butter—Creamery, 24 to 26 1-2c for