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WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 7, 1896.

Manitoba.

Peter Reimer, general storekeeper, Greenfeldt, has assigned.

Roid & Morris, flour mill, of Lauder, have dissolved. James Morris continues.

The annual meeting of the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition association will be held on December 10.

Mr. Bethune, of J. W. Peck & Co., wholesale merchants, Winnipeg, left last Tuesday for the Pacific coast on a short trip.

The Winnipeg office and sample room of the McClary Manufacturing Co. has been moved to 192 Bannatyne street.

J. A. Kerr, of Manitou, has purchased the stock, and business of the estate of M. Hughes & Sons, undertakers, Winnipeg, and will continue the business. He will also continue his Manitou business for the present.

Alex Calder, employment agent, Winnipeg, states that there is a good demand for bush laborers at the present time. Over two hundred men are required, but the supply is poor. Experienced bushmen are wanted, but those who have worked in the bush are scarce or unwilling to go out.

Assiniboia.

A. C. Hawthorn is opening a general store at Medicine Hat, where he has resided for some time acting as clerk.

Alberta.

Minister Tarte, when at Calgary recently, was presented with an address by the city council. The address requested the establishment of an experimental irrigation farm, erection of a jail and insane asylum at Calgary, the extension of the Calgary and Edmonton railway to the United States boundary, and the building of the Crow's Nest pass railway.

A telegram from Lethbridge on Dec. 2 says: The severe tension to cattlemen since the cold spell began shows signs of relief. Last night the thermometer registered fourteen below zero, this morning a chinook sprang up and at 10 o'clock the temperature rose to thirty-four above. As there are two feet of snow on the level it will take the chinook at least two days to remove it.

Monthly Trade Returns.

Transactions at the Dominion Government Savings' Bank, Winnipeg, during the month of November were as follows: Withdrawals, \$24,999.12; deposits, \$21,818; withdrawals exceed deposits by \$3,651.12.

The inland revenue collections for the Winnipeg division for the month of November was as under:

Spirits.....	\$10,092 68
Tobacco.....	14,165 87
Malt.....	1,865 70
Cigars.....	950 60
Methylated spirit.....	283 14
Petroleum inspection fees.....	177 50
	\$37,514 94

The following statement shows the value of goods exported and entered for consumption with duty collected thereon during the month of November, 1896, compared with the same month, 1895:

Description	Value 1895	Value 1896
Exported.....	\$38,119 00	\$91,278 00
Entered for consumption, dutiable....	150,183 00	134,242 00
Entered for consumption, free.....	63,052 00	72,858 00
Total for consumption.....	218,235 00	206,595 00
Duty collected....	52,725 98	47,868 67

Fur Trade Notes.

The New York Fur Trade Review says: Buyers of raw furs in writing their shippers should discourage trapping as far as possible. A small catch would be better, for all concerned, than a large one this season. Letting the animals care for themselves another year will be cheaper than carrying their skins in cold storage.

The next regular sale of salted fur seals will be held by C. M. Lamson & Co., on December 9, 1896. The offerings will comprise: 7,500 Alaskas; 14,400 Copper Island; 20,000 Northwest coast; 2,400 Cape of Good Hope, Cape Horn, etc. Culverwell, Brooks & Co., will offer on December 9: 2,500, salted, Northwest coast seals, 2,000, dressed, Northwest coast seals,

Grocery Trade Notes.

The rice market continues strong. A Montreal firm here asked for a quotation from Liverpool on a grade of Patna rice that cost them 11s 3d some time ago. The response was a request for an advance of 3s, 14s 3d being now asked for the same grade. If this strength continues abroad it seems inevitable that domestic mill prices, which were put up 25c recently will again advance.

The quality of the Malaga raisins this year is said to be exceptionally fine as compared with that of several seasons past, on the average quality of the stock received before buyers began to give preference to the California fruit.

Two deputations, one representing the wholesale and the other the retail grocery trade of Hamilton, Ontario, have asked the tariff commission for substantial reductions on articles on food of general consumption. Complaint was made by them that in some lines of goods they were reduced from the position of merchants to that of agents of monopolies, which were in a condition to impose practically any condition they chose as to sales price of their products.

Freight Rates and Traffic Matter.

The railway companies announce that from the 5th to 31st December, the \$10 Canadian excursion tickets will be on sale daily at all Manitoba ticket offices, giving parties going to Eastern Canada an opportunity to visit their friends at Christmas.

The agreement entered into by all the great trans-Atlantic steamship companies went into effect on Dec. 1, and as a consequence passenger rates are advanced from \$10 to \$15.

Dairy Trade Notes.

The Montreal Gazette of Nov. 26 says: "The butter market continues easy and it seems certain now that the balance of the October and November make will not less money to the factorymen. They sold most of it around 19½ to 19c, but for what is left will have to accept 18½ to 18¾c, which were the best bids today.

Reports from Ontario, especially around Brookville, would indicate that the make of winter creamery will be larger than it was last year. Many of the cheese factories have put in butter making machinery.

British Columbia Coast Mines.

Seaboard mines and mines operated from the seaboard are now engaging the principal attention of the mining world in the coast cities of British Columbia. The Shoal Bay mining district a dozen miles from Vancouver has come rapidly to the front of late. The rich Taxada Island claims have already more than a Provincial reputation and coming still nearer to Vancouver, the Albion groups of claims on Bowen Island, Howe Sound, are now just coming before the public. There are 12 claims in all extending two miles across the Island. An open cut has been made from the water's edge extending 90 feet along the course of the lead at which distance it shows a face of forty feet in depth, here the vein is five feet through and a tunnel has been driven in 70 feet. Along this tunnel assays have been made running from 60 to 87 ounces in silver and some gold. The company are now selling some 50,000 shares for development work, 20,000 shares were applied for before the scrip could be issued, showing the faith of Vancouverites in home mines.

The demand for Manitoba flour from Australia still continues. The Lake of the Woods Milling Company on Monday placed another round lot of 2,500 barrels for shipment in January via Vancouver.

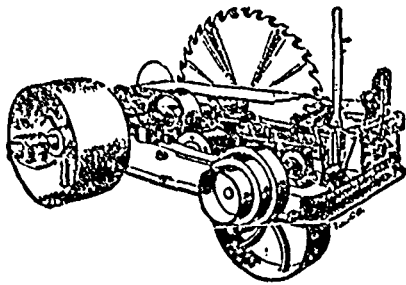
The first calendar to come to hand this season is from J. Y. Griffin & Co., Winnipeg. It shows the yachts which engaged in the international race over which there was such a rumpus some time ago.

A couple of plow manufacturers appeared before the tariff commission at Brantford, and urged that the taxation on raw material was excessive. Cockshutt, of the Cockshutt Plow Company, said with free trade, including raw material, he would be satisfied.

A Toronto report of Nov. 27 says of poultry: The market is glutted and most of the offerings are in a bad condition. Chickens and geese are especially poor; ducks remain firm and scarce. Chickens sell at 20 to 30c, and occasionally as low as 15c per pair. Ducks bring 40 to 55c; geese 4 to 4½c, and turkeys 6 to 6½c.

Oats were about a cent lower at Toronto on Nov. 27, and mixed were quoted north and west points in Ontario at 19c and white at 20c.

At Montreal on Nov. 27 the feeling in the market for oatmeal was strong and prices have scored another advance with sales of rolled oats at \$3.75 per barrel.

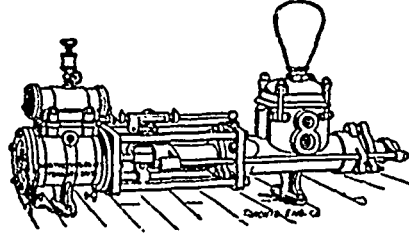


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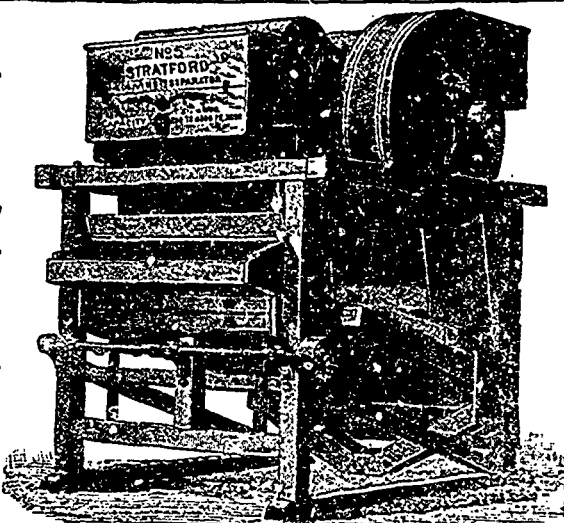
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THE HOG INDUSTRY.

The pork-packing industry is a business which has made considerable progress in Canada during recent years, and what is equally gratifying is the fact that the hogs are being raised at home. Within five to ten years the number of hogs annually raised in Canada has vastly increased. In fact it is only during the past few years that the hog-raising industry has become an important interest in Canada. Up to the year 1886, the annual pack of hogs in Canada, at all principal packing points, was under 200,000 hogs. Since then, however, it has steadily increased, until last year it reached over 600,000 hogs. The most rapid increase has been during the past three years. These figures only include hogs packed at principal points, in the larger factories. A great many hogs are packed in a small way which are not reported.

Formerly we imported our cured hog products, principally from the United States. Six or seven years ago we imported about 65,000,000 pounds of hog products, including lard, from the United States, while last year we only imported something over 17,000,000 pounds of such products. This will indicate what importance the hog-raising and packing industry has assumed in Canada within a few years. It is also pleasing to know that the West has shared largely in the growth of this industry, and we have to-day one of the largest factories in Canada located in Winnipeg, besides other smaller packing industries in this city and at other points throughout the West.

The hog-raising industry is not an exotic growth in Canada. It is an industry which is perfectly natural to the country, and the wonder is that it did not develop to a position of importance some years ago. There are few if there are any other industries which are more suited to the country and which can be made more profitable to the farmer than raising hogs. It is an industry which works in well with dairying, and wherever dairy factories can be carried on to advantage (and where can dairy manufacturing be carried on to better advantage than in Canada) there can hog-raising be made specially profitable. In the western states they can raise heavy, corn-fed hogs to advantage, but the class of hog which is in favor is the lighter bacon hog, raised on mixed feed. This is why Canadian bacon has gained such a high reputation in British markets, where it is now readily taken in preference to the United States product, and at a higher price.

Hog raising is not only profitable to the farmer, but it has led to the establishment of an important industry at home, giving room for the employment of capital and labor in the packing houses which have been established throughout the country. In this respect it is a more important interest than raising cattle and sheep, as these animals are exported alive, or we may say, they are ship-

ped away as raw material, while the hogs are sent abroad in the manufactured form.

In the coming tariff revision it is to be hoped that the importance of the hog-raising and packing industry of the country will be duly considered, and no changes made which will injure the industry. The industry, though one which is well adapted to the country, has only assumed importance, as we have shown, during the past three years. It is therefore yet in its infancy, and will no doubt go on rapidly developing for some years to come under the present conditions. It is also worthy of note that farmers in Canada are receiving better prices for their hogs than are being paid at principal packing markets in the United States.

THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

On December 15 the municipal elections will take place in Winnipeg and throughout Manitoba. In the city there appears to be less than the usual interest in civic affairs, judging from the slim attendance at meetings held recently to discuss important matters concerning the city. This is very much to be regretted. Winnipeg is very much in need of an awakening. Important questions of vital interest to the city have been allowed to drag along from year to year, "and nobody seems to care." It is really time that something were done to stir the people up to make a combined effort to place municipal affairs in a better position. It would perhaps not be a wise thing for any local association to take up the question of civic government alone. If the Retail association should take up the matter, it would at once be alleged that the retailers wanted to "run" the city and forthwith opposition would be aroused to the movement. If the board of trade, or jobbers' union, or labor association or any other organization should take up the matter, the same cry would be raised. Perhaps it would be a good idea to organize a new association for the special purpose of stirring up interest in municipal affairs and securing a better system of civic government. Through this association meetings could be held and literature circulated, with the object of bringing about the desired reforms. At the present time the city is urgently in need of a system of water works, street improvements and other important public works. The by-laws to be submitted to the electors to provide funds for carrying out some of these works, will likely be defeated, not because the citizens do not want the improvements, but because there is a lack of confidence in our municipal system. It is feared that the undertakings could not be carried out successfully under our present municipal system. And yet in the very face of this fact there appears to be less interest shown than ever on the part of the citizens, in the affairs of the city. It is too late to make any changes this year. The only thing that can be done now is to endeavor to secure the election of the best men on Dec. 15th. The men who are most prominently identified with the interests of the city, who have the largest interests at stake in the city, and who are known to be successful in their private affairs, can

most safely be trusted to look after the interests of the city.

THE CIVIC BY-LAW.

On December 15, the citizens of Winnipeg will be called upon to endorse or reject three by-laws, to provide for the raising of sums of money for civic improvements. One of these by-laws provides for raising \$650,000 for a system of water-works. Another asks for \$300,000 to establish gas works, and the third asks the citizens to provide \$75,000 for an electric light plant. The Commercial has already expressed itself upon the water-works question. The Commercial has for years urged the establishment of a municipal system of water-works at the earliest possible moment. This is something which is urgently required by the city, and it is furthermore something which, if properly carried out would be a source of profit as well as comfort to the citizens. Instead of increasing taxation it should reduce it, even after greatly reducing the water rates to the citizens, as compared with the cost of water supplied by the present private company. The sanitary condition of Winnipeg is bad. In fact it is at times so bad as to be a disgrace to the city. To remedy this state of affairs we must have an efficient system of water-works owned by the city. There has been much talk about street improvements of late. Goodness knows these improvements are badly needed, but there is no use undertaking any system of street improvements until the water-works question is settled.

As regards the gas by-law, this is not nearly so urgent a matter as the water-works question. Besides this, there is a possibility that almost before the gas works could be completed, gas as an illuminant might be out of date. Gas has already been superseded to a considerable extent by other illuminants, and in Winnipeg to-day the use of gas is probably less than it was some years ago. If gas continues to hold its position as an illuminant, it would certainly be a profitable investment for the city to establish gas works. The only question is the possibility of its being superseded by some other system, or by the cheapening and improvement of some system of electric lighting. At present gas can more than hold its own with electricity, and it is a better light. If we are to have gas works, the mains should be put down before any comprehensive system of street improvements is undertaken.

Regarding the proposed electric light plant, the city should no doubt control a system of electric street lighting, and a saving could be made as compared with the present cost of street lighting by contract. There is no reason why the city should not also find it a profitable investment to establish a general system of electric lighting for private use. The only question is the cost of the steam plant for the electric system. In view of the possible development of our water-powers at an early date, the necessary power could be supplied very much more cheaply than by steam.

Flour is being held at comparatively high prices in the markets of the Pacific coast states.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

It is very gratifying to note that Manitoba millers are securing such a large share of the Australian flour trade. This week two full train loads of flour left Winnipeg for Vancouver, on route to Australia. Previous to this a number of shipments were made from the mills at Portage la Prairie, Winnipeg and Keewatin, and the two large Manitoba milling companies have now orders in hand which will take all the surplus flour they can produce over domestic requirements for some time in the future. It is still more gratifying to note, as The Commercial has been reliably informed, that good prices are being obtained for the flour which is going to Australia, in some cases the figure obtained being equal, we are told, to the price obtained for similar grades from the domestic trade. It speaks very highly for the Manitoba flour that our millers are able to compete so successfully with the millers of the Pacific coast states, handicapped as our millers are by the long railway haul from here to the Pacific ports.

It is reported from Ottawa that a movement is on foot to secure the passage of very strict laws to deal with tramps. It is to be hoped the movement will be entirely successful. The horde of tramps who wander through this country, committing all sorts of crime from petty thieving to murder and outrages upon women and children, should be vigorously dealt with. A great many of these vagabonds are not Canadians. They invade the country each summer from the United States, and go south again in the winter. It is an invasion which should be repelled as vigorously as if it were an incursion of an armed band of freebooters. The tramp nuisance should be vigorously dealt with, and probably nothing would prove so efficacious in this connection as a liberal application of the cat.

Owing to the higher prices obtainable in Manitoba this year for oats, in consequence of the light crop of this cereal, it is likely that a much larger quantity of millstuffs will be consumed than was taken during the past year. While oats are much higher here than they were a year ago, millstuffs are lower. A year ago oats were worth 15 to 16 cents per bushel of 34 pounds in the Winnipeg market for home consumption and bran was quoted at the same time at \$9 per ton. Now a sample of oats equal to the average quality of last year's crop is worth 25 to 26 cents per bushel here, while bran is worth \$6 to \$7 per ton. Thus for about 12 cents 34 pounds of bran can be obtained, or a quantity equal in weight to a bushel of oats. Of course for some purposes the oats are worth the difference for feed, but bran is also a valuable feed and at present prices it is a very cheap feed. It would no doubt pay farmers to sell a part of their oat crop and buy bran. We have quoted Winnipeg prices for oats, and of course farmers at country points cannot get these prices, as local freight and cost of handling would have to be deducted, but millstuffs are also being sold cheaper at many country points than in the city, so that the

relative value of the two commodities would be about the same at country points as in the city. Owing to the low price of bran and shorts in Eastern Canada, Manitoba millers cannot ship millstuffs east. The present price of bran in Montreal and Toronto would only about pay the freight and commission, leaving nothing for the shipper, on the basis of all rail freights. Even at lake and rail rates there was no money in shipping bran East, and this accounts for the low prices of the product in Manitoba.

The Winnipeg Tribune makes a demand for "free agricultural implements, free twine, free barbed wire, free lumber, free nails, free fruit and the tariff reduced on a great many other articles," in the interest of Western Canada. Why does not the Tribune include refined petroleum in this list. We do not know of anything in need of a tariff reduction more urgently than coal oil. Some of the articles enumerated by the Tribune, are not sold materially lower south of the boundary than they are in Manitoba, but in the case of coal oil, the difference in prices in Manitoba, as compared with points in the United States just south of the boundary, is so great as to surprise one. Even after allowing for the difference in the measure, the United States gallon being one-fifth smaller than ours, the price of coal oil at Pembina, just south of the boundary, in Dakota, is not far from one half the price charged in Winnipeg. Canada is paying an enormous tax to keep up our oil industry, and it is a tax which weighs exceedingly heavy on the West. Last year it is said we imported about 6,500,000 gallons of oil from the United States, valued at \$114,000, on which the duty was \$357,000 or over 90 per cent. The consumption of Canadian oil amounted to 11,000,000 gallons, and this no doubt cost consumers an increased price in proportion to the duty. As an exchange remark, it would at this rate pay the government to buy up the vested interests in our oil territory and set fire to the wells.

The proposal alleged to be under consideration at Washington, to settle the Cuban question by the purchase of the independence of the island, would appear to be an eminently satisfactory plan for the settlement of this long-standing sore. The plan is said to be a tripartite agreement whereby Great Britain is to furnish the money to buy the independence of the island, on Cuban bonds guaranteed by the United States. Spain's assent it is said, has already been practically assured. The commission which is to perfect the plans and see that they are carried out is to be composed of three members representing the countries interested. If any such proposal is really under consideration, we should fancy that Spain would be wise in quickly accepting it. Cuba will never be anything but a source of weakness to Spain, and soon or later must become independent. The purchase of the independence of the island in this way, would provide an easy means for Spain to escape from an awkward situation, and at the same time would greatly help to restore Spanish finances to a healthy condition. Great Britain, as a strong American power, is interested in the Cuban question almost as

closely as the United States, and it is in the interest of both countries that the Cuban question should be permanently settled. In guaranteeing the bonds for the purchase of Cuban independence, the United States would practically be pledged to maintain law and order in the country in case the Cubans failed to prove equal to the task of self-government. This would dispose of the claim that if Spain withdrew from the country it would be left in a state of anarchy.

HIS GRACE ARCHBISHOP LANGEVIN, the head of the Roman Catholic church in Manitoba, has refused to accept the settlement of the Manitoba school question, and he has declared for a continuance of the agitation of the question. How the matter will be taken up in the Roman Catholic sections of Eastern Canada, remains to be seen. Judging from the remarks of Liberal leaders, however, they seem to have no fear of the result. Perhaps the Quebec Liberals have been emboldened by the great victory which they achieved last June, over the combined power of the clergy and the Conservative party. At any rate, it looks as if they intended to carry the war into Africa. There is evidently a struggle coming in Quebec, if it has not already begun, in which the clergy will be for the first time on the defensive. The gauntlet which Premier Laurier threw down to the bishops, in his remarkable speech on the remedial bill, during the last session of Parliament under the Tupper Government, has evidently not yet been withdrawn. If the utterances of Mr. Tarte and other leading Liberals count for anything, no truce has been agreed to between the clericals and the Liberals in Quebec. While the clerical organ in Winnipeg speaks of the "iniquitous fusion of Protestant and Catholic children" under the school laws in Manitoba, Hon. Mr. Tarte boldly declares that he is anxious to see Catholic and Protestant children educated together. In Quebec province itself a movement has been started for the reform of the educational system of the province. Mr. Marchand, leader of the Opposition in the Quebec Legislature, has declared that Quebec is away behind in its educational matters, and that the system must be reformed. In the coming provincial elections in Quebec, the school question there will be an important factor, and the result of the elections will no doubt indicate the feeling of the electors upon the Manitoba school question. It would be peculiar if the Manitoba school question should be the means of leading to a change in the school situation in Quebec, but stranger things than this have happened. The position of the clergy in Quebec has undoubtedly been greatly weakened by the overwhelming defeat administered to them in June last. If French Canadian liberalism is imbued to any great extent with the spirit displayed by Mr. Tarte, we might look for a movement against clerical influences in political, educational and state matters generally. If the Quebec Liberals could overcome the clergy with the Dominion Government at their back, what may they not attempt

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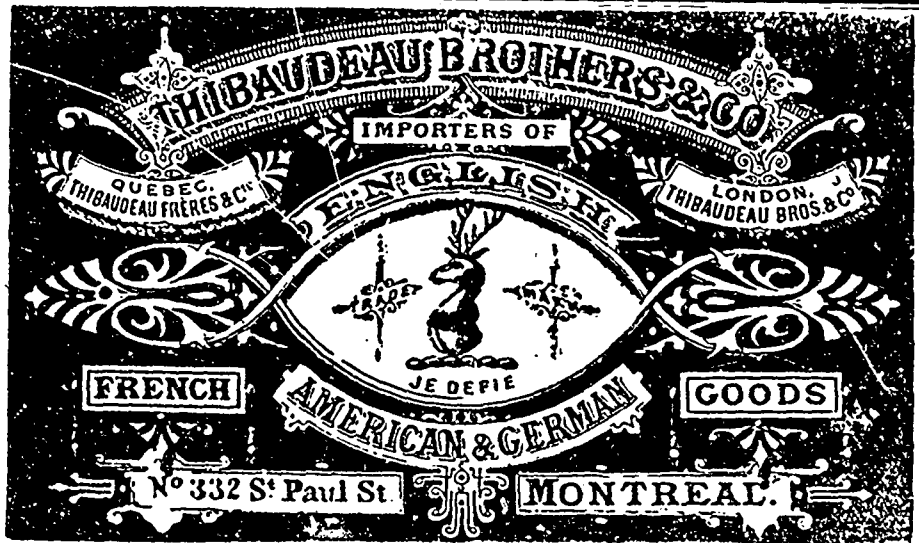
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Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

The prices below are board of trade quotations for Chicago No. 2 wheat, No. 2 oats and No. 2 corn, per bushel. Pork is quoted per barrel and lard and short ribs per 100 pounds.

Wheat opened firm on Monday, influenced by strong cables, then declined, but again advanced and closed about $\frac{3}{8}$ c over Saturday. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May
Wheat.....	81 $\frac{1}{2}$	81 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	81 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn.....	—	—	—	26 $\frac{3}{4}$
Oats.....	—	—	—	21 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mess Pork..	—	7 00	7 92 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 27 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lard.....	—	8 95	4 15	4 87 $\frac{1}{2}$
Short Ribs.	—	8 97 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 05	4 22 $\frac{1}{2}$

On Tuesday wheat was weak most of the day, with only slight rallies, influenced by low cables and local selling. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May
Wheat.....	—	80 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	83 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn.....	—	—	—	26 $\frac{3}{4}$
Oats.....	—	—	—	21 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mess Pork..	—	6 80	7 62 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 97 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lard.....	—	8 77 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 97 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 20
Short Ribs.	—	8 80	8 85	4 02 $\frac{1}{2}$

On Wednesday wheat was firm at the opening, influenced by firm cables, but declined on speculative liquidation, and prospects of larger receipts. Closing prices were:

	Dec.	Jan.	May	July
Wheat.....	79 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{4}$	—	82 $\frac{1}{2}$	76 $\frac{3}{4}$
Corn.....	—	—	26 $\frac{3}{4}$	—
Oats.....	—	—	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Mess Pork..	6 85	7 70	8 02 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Lard.....	8 77 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 95	4 17 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Short Ribs.	8 85	8 90	4 07 $\frac{1}{2}$	—

On Thursday wheat was irregular, starting lower on weak cables, but advanced on unfavorable Argentine crop news, and buying in California. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May
Wheat.....	—	80 $\frac{3}{8}$	—	80 $\frac{3}{8}$ -7
Corn.....	—	23	—	26 $\frac{3}{4}$
Oats.....	—	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	21 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mess Pork..	—	6 95	7 72 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 07 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lard.....	—	8 82 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	4 17 $\frac{1}{2}$
Short Ribs.	—	8 87 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 95	4 10

On Friday wheat was weak all the way through, influenced by lower cables, foreign selling and local liquidation. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May
Wheat.....	—	77 $\frac{3}{4}$	80 $\frac{3}{8}$ -81	—
Corn.....	—	23	—	26 $\frac{3}{4}$
Oats.....	—	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	21 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mess Pork..	—	6 99	7 60	7 92 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lard.....	—	8 75	8 91	4 10
Short Ribs.	—	8 82 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 87 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 00

On Saturday, Dec. 6, prices closed as follows:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May
Wheat.....	—	79 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	82 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{4}$
Corn.....	—	23	—	26 $\frac{3}{4}$
Oats.....	—	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	21 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mess Pork..	—	—	7 52 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 87 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lard.....	—	—	8 82 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Short Ribs.	—	—	8 82 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Flax Seed..	—	—	—	—

A week ago Dec. wheat closed at 80 $\frac{3}{8}$ c and a year ago at 57 $\frac{3}{4}$ c and two years ago at 51 $\frac{1}{2}$ c and three years ago at —.

New York Wheat.

On Saturday, December 5, December, delivery closed at 89 $\frac{1}{2}$ c and May option at 88 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. A week ago May option closed at 89 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

P. Ni'son & Co. have opened a grocery store in Winnipeg.

Minneapolis Wheat.

On Saturday, December 5, No. 1 Northern wheat closed as follows: December at 79 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, and May at 87 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. A week ago December wheat closed at 80 $\frac{3}{8}$ c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

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

Monday—Dec. 81 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, May 81c.
 Tuesday—Dec. 81 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, May 81c.
 Wednesday—Dec. 80 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, May 83 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.
 Thursday—Dec. 81 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, May 81 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.
 Friday—Dec. 79 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, May 81c.
 Saturday—Dec. 80 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, May 83 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

A week ago December delivery closed at 80 $\frac{3}{8}$ c. A year ago December delivery closed at 51 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Two years ago Dec. closed at 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ c and three years ago at 60 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

To-day, December 5, cash No. 1 hard closed at 81 $\frac{1}{2}$ c and cash No. 1 northern at 80 $\frac{3}{8}$ c.

Minneapolis Markets.

The Market Record of Dec. 3, reports the market quiet and featureless. Prices are as follows, in bbls, f.o.b.: First patents, \$1.40 to \$1.60; Second patents, \$1.20 to \$1.25. First clears, \$3.65 to \$3.75; second clear, \$3.30, Export bakers', \$3.50 to \$3.60; second export bakers' \$3.20 to \$3.30. Red Dog, per ton, 140 for lbs. jute, \$10 to \$10.50. These prices are 15 to 20c higher than a week ago for patents and 10c higher for clears. Other brands are unchanged.

Millstuffs—Bran in bulk, \$5.00 to \$5.50; bran in sacks, 20 lbs. \$1.00 to \$1.25; bran in sacks, 100 lbs. \$5.50 to \$3.75; shorts, \$6 to \$1.25; middlings, fine, \$7.00 to \$7.20. The prices are the same as a week ago.

Oats—Range at 1c for light up to 15c.

Barley—Quoted at 20 to 25c per bushel as to grade.

Flax—Quoted at 73c per bushel, being the same as a week ago.

Hay—Prairie, \$3.50 to \$7.00 per ton, as to quality—Market Record, December 3.

Montreal Grain and Produce Market.

Grain.—No 2 oats, 26 to 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; malting barley, 45 to 47c; barley: feed, 31c.

Flour.—Winter wheat, \$1.75 to \$3; spring wheat, patents, \$3.20 to \$3.30; straight roller, \$1.25 to \$1.50; straight roller, bags, \$2.10 to \$2.25; extra bags, \$1.75 to \$1.85; Manitoba strong bakers, \$1.50 to \$5.

Oatmeal—The feeling in rolled oats is easier, and sales have been made at \$3.60 to \$3.70 in wood. Standard bris, \$3.65 to \$3.75, granulated, bris, \$3.70 to \$3.80; rolled oats, per bag, \$1.80 to \$1.85.

Feed.—Bran, \$9.50 to \$10.50; shorts, \$11 to \$12.

Hay.—The market was quiet and prices are unchanged at \$10.50 to \$11 for No. 1, and No. 2, at \$9 to \$1.50 per ton in car lots.

Cheese.—10 to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, nominal.

Butter.—The butter market continues heavy. Holders are urgent sellers at 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ c for creamery, and it looks though prices were going over lower.

Eggs.—The feature of the egg market was the easy feeling. New laid sold at 20 to 22c, choice candled and Montreal limed at 11 to 15c, Western limed at 13 to 14c.

Poultry.—Some turkeys a little off in color sold at 6 to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, but good stock sold slow at 7 to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; chickens, 6 to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; ducks, 7 to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, and geese, 5 to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb.

Dressed Hogs.—Several cars were placed at 4.65 to \$4.85 for future delivery, and in a jobbing way 4.75 to \$5 per 100 lbs. was realized.—Gazette, Dec. 2.

Toronto Grain and Produce Markets.

Wheat—Red was offered west to-day at 86c and white is quoted at 87c. Manitoba No. 1 hard sold yesterday at 96c. Montreal freights; it is quoted Toronto and west to-day at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, at 92c, Midland, at 97c grinding in transit, and \$1 all rail Point Edward or North Bay.

Flour—Cars of straight roller are quoted at \$1 bid west.

Millfeed—Is easier, the city mills are offering ton lots delivered at \$10 for shorts and 9 for bran.

Barley—Is easier, a few cars of No. 1 extra sold outside to-day at 86c; No. 1 is quoted at 82 to 83c and No. 2 at 28 to 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ c outside.

Oats—Are dull and easy, mixed are quoted west at 19c and white at 20c.

Oatmeal—Steady at \$3.50 for cars of bris here and \$3.40 in bags.

Butter—Large dairy rolls, 12c to 13c; dairy pound rolls, 15c; dairy tubs, 12, to 13c; creamery prints, 19c; creamery tubs, 18c.

Eggs—Fresh and new laid, 16 to 20c; cold stored, 13 to 14c, and limed 14c.

Poultry—Chickens, 20 to 80c per pair, ducks, 40 to 50c; Geese, 4 to 5c; turkeys, 6c lb.

Baled hay—No. 1 hay is worth \$10.50; second and low grade range from \$9 up.

Dressed Hogs—Prices seem to be firmer, although there is no quotable change. Light hogs range from \$1.50 to \$1.75, and heavy as low as \$1 for cars on track here—Globe, Dec. 2.

British Columbia Business Review.

Vancouver, Dec. 1, 1896.

Trains are still much delayed on the Canadian Pacific railway, causing to some extent an unsettled state in trade. The continued cold weather has also had an injurious effect. There are numerous changes in the market. The demand for turkeys could not be supplied for Thanksgiving day, owing to no consignments arriving from the East. From now until after New Year's the demand for fowls will be steadily increasing, and realising this other shippers besides the Manitoba shippers will aim to supply the demand. Heretofore the Manitoba article has been second in demand, owing to the indifferent way the fowls have been packed. A word of warning now may save shippers the annoyance of receiving inadequate results from their outside sales. See that your stock for the outside market is strictly first-class, is drawn and nicely dressed and packed in boxes, not less than 200 pounds to the box. Turkey sold during thanksgiving week at 25 cents a pound.

Live Stock Items.

The MacLeod Gazette of Nov. 26 says. "There does not seem to be any indication of a break in the weather, which has now been continuously cold and stormy for some three weeks. Last night the thermometer registered 80 below zero. The snow is very deep on the prairie, and as there has been scarcely any wind, there are no bare places for cattle to feed. Cattlemen are naturally anxious, and unless there is a break soon, matters will begin to look serious. Cattle were, however, as a rule, in splendid condition when the storm came, and could hold out a considerable time. Perhaps the greatest danger will be their reduced condition for the rest of the winter. Undoubtedly this is the most severe weather for the time of the year in the history of the country."

A good many range cattle have been killed on the railway tracks in the west recently. On account of the cold weather and deep snow, the cattle collect on the railway tracks and they are a great nuisance to trainmen.

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THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

WINNIPEG, Saturday, Dec. 5.

Wholesale trade has quieted down, as usual at this season of the year. In some branches, such as stationery and fancy goods, crockery, etc., a good many parcels for the holiday trade are going out, and in textile branches a fair parcel trade is doing. The grain trade has flattened out almost completely, the close of navigation having stopped business in round lots, and bad roads on account of the unusual depth of snow, has reduced business in country markets. There is a good demand for Manitoba flour from Australia. Two train loads left Winnipeg this week for Australia, via Vancouver. Navigation is closed at our Lake Superior ports. The last boat cleared from Port Arthur on Dec. 4, with wheat for Prescott. Four steamers which arrived at Fort William to load wheat were frozen in there on December 3. Bank clearings at Winnipeg for November show a considerable increase over November, 1895, and a very large increase over November, 1891.

Failures for the week were 379 in the United States, against 324 last year; and in Canada 55, against 62 last year.

At New York yesterday money on call was easy at 1 to 2 per cent; prime mercantile paper 4 to 5 per cent; bar silver 65½; silver certificates 65½ to 65; Mexican dollars 50½.

In the United States Bradstreet says: "No business revival is now expected this year. The situation in iron and steel is less satisfactory, with unsettling rumors as to the success of the steel pool. The weakness in hides continues, and prices are lower, though this far without effect on quotations for leather. Petroleum prices have reacted, and quotations are lower for coffee, lard, oats and corn."

WINNIPEG MARKETS.

WINNIPEG, SATURDAY AFTERNOON, DEC. 5.

[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.]

COAL.—Locally there has been a large demand for coal, owing to the severe weather. The western mines are turning out more than ever before. There is no change in prices. Prices here are as follows: Pennsylvania anthracite \$10.00; western anthracite, \$9.50 per ton. Souris coal \$1.50 ton, Lettbridge \$2.50. These prices are delivered to consumers in Winnipeg. Car lots on track of Souris coal are held at \$3.85 to \$3.90 per ton.

CORDWOOD.—Prices are not any lower yet, but supplies will increase, as the supplies in the woods are now being brought out, as sleighing is good. The demand is good. Tamarac of last winter's cutting is generally held at \$1.50 per cord, but real dry, choice tamarac will bring \$1.75. Prices for car lots on track here are quoted at \$1.50 to \$1.75 for tamarac as to quality. Pine \$3.75 to \$4.25, as to quality; poplar \$2.75.

DRUGS.—Prices here for parcel lots are as follows, with liberal reductions for large orders: Alum per pound, 3½ to 4½c; alcohol, \$5.25 gallon; bic ching powder per pound; 6 to 8c; bluestone, 5 to 7c; borax 11 to 13 cents; bromide potash, 65 to 75c; camphur, 85 to 95c; camphor, ounces 90 to 1.00; carbolic acid, 40 to 65c; castor oil, 11 to 15c; chlorate potash, 25 to 35c; citric acid, 65 to 65c; copperas 3½ to 4c; cocaine, per oz., \$6.50 to \$7.00; cream

tartar, per pound, 80 to 85c; cloves, 20 to 25c; epsom salts, 8½ to 4c; extract logwood, hulk, 14 to 18c; do., boxes, 18 to 20c; German quinine, 40 to 50c; glycerine, per pound, 80 to 85c; ginger, Jamaica, 90 to 95c; do., African, 20 to 25c; Howard's quinine, per ounce, 45 to 55c; iodine, \$5.50 to 6.00; insect powder, 35 to 40c; morphia sul., \$1.90 to \$2.25. Onium, \$1.50 to \$5.00; oil, olive, \$1.25 to \$1.40; oil, U. S. salad, \$1.25 to \$1.40; oil, lemon, super \$2.75 to 3.25; oil, peppermint, \$1.00 to \$1.50; oil, cod liver, \$2.50 to \$4 per gallon as to brand; oxalica acid, 18 to 16c; potass iodide, \$1.25 to 1.50; paris green, 18 to 20c lb; saltpetre; 10 to 12c; sal rochelle, 80 to 85c; shellac, 45 to 50c; sulphur flowers, 8½ to 5c; sulphur roll, per keg, 3½ to 5c; soda bicarb per keg of 112 pounds, \$3.75 to \$4.25; sal su. \$2 to \$3; tartaric acid, per lb., 45 to 55c; strychnine, pure crystals 80c to \$1.00 per oz.

FLUID BEEF, ETC.—Following are prices of the goods put up by the Johnston Fluid Beef Company of Montreal.—Johnstons Fluid Beef—No. 1, 2-oz. tins, per dozen, \$2.70; No. 2 4oz., \$1.50; No. 3, 8oz., \$7.88; No. 4, 1 lb., \$12.88; No. 5, 2 lb., \$24.80. Staminol—2oz. bottles, per dozen, \$2.55; do, 4oz, \$5.10.

FISH.—Prices are lower for haddies: Finnan Haddies, 7 to 8c per lb., the lower quotation only in large lots; Whitefish, 6c; Lake Superior trout, 9c; Pickerel, 4c; salmon, 12c halibut, 12½c; Cod, 10c; Haddock, 10c per lb; smelt, 10c; Oysters, \$1.80 per gallon for standards and \$2.00 for selects; shell oysters, \$8 to \$50 barrel; smoked salmon, 15c lb.; bloaters, \$1.50 b x; rod herrings, 20c box; pickled trout, \$7.50 per barrel of 100 lbs; pickled whitefish, \$5 per barrel; salt herrings \$1.50 per barrel.

FURS RAW.—Very few furs are coming in, only a few trifling parcels having been offered yet.

GREEN FRUITS.—There is no change this week. Prices are as follows: Apples \$2 to \$2.50 per barrel as to quality. The regular dealers are holding good stock at \$2.25 to \$2.50, and up to \$3 for choice spies and suows, California licious \$6 per box; Mexican oranges \$5.50 to \$6; Cape Cod cranberries \$3 per barrel; Washington pears \$2.50 box; Malaga grapes, \$3 to \$3.50 per keg, as to size of keg and quality. Sweet potatoes \$1.50 to \$5 per barrel.

HARDWARE.—Business is quiet, as usual at this season. Prices are as follows:

TIN, lamb and 56 and 28 lb. ingots, per lb. 19 to 20c.

TIN PLATES.—Charcoal plates, I. C., 10 by 14, 12 by 12 and 14 by 20, per box, \$1.50 to \$1.75; I. X., same sizes, per box, \$5.75 to \$6; I. C., charcoal, 20 by 28, 112 sheets to box, \$3.50 to 9.00; I. X., per box, 20 by 28, 112 sheets to box, \$10.50 to 11.00.

TERNE PLATES.—I. C., 20 by 28, \$8.00 to 8.50.

IRON AND STEEL.—Bar iron, per 100 lbs. base price, \$2.35 to \$2.50; band iron, per 100 lbs., \$2.85 to 3.00; Swedish iron, per 100 lbs.; \$5.25 to 6; sleigh shoe steel, \$3.00 to 3.25; best cast tool steel, per lb, 11 to 12c; Russian sheet, per lb, 12 to 13c.

SHEET IRON.—10 to 20 gauge, \$3.00; 22 to 24 and 26 gauge, \$3.25; 28 gauge, \$3.50.

CANADA PLATES.—Garth and Blaina, \$3.10

GALVANIZED IRON.—Queen's Head, 22 to 24 gauge, per lb., 4½c; 26 gauge, per lb., 4¾c; 28 gauge, per lb., 5c.

IRON PIPE.—5 to per 60 cent. off list.

LEAD.—Pig, per lb., 4½c.

SHEET ZINC.—In casks, 5.75 lb., broken lots, 6.00.

SOLDER.—Half and half (guar) per lb, 14 to 16c.

AMMUNITION.—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American, discount, 40 per cent.; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 60 and 5; rim fire military, American, not list; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent.; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 80 per cent.; shot shells, 12 guage, \$6 to 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 5½c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 6c.

WIRE.—Galvanized barb wire, plain twist—ed wire and staples, \$3.25 per 100 lbs.

ROPE.—Sisal, per lb., 7½ to 8c base; manilla, per lb., 9½ to 10½c base; cotton, 4 to 4½ inch ar l larger, 15c lb.

AXES.—Per box, \$6.00 to 9.00.

NAILS.—Cut, per keg, base price, \$3 16 for 60 d with usual extras; common steel wire nails, 5 to 6 inch, \$3 60 per keg, 3 to 4 inch, \$3.91 keg; 2½ inch, \$1.22 keg.

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

NUTS.—New nuts are now coming to hand, and we quote as follows: Tarragona almonds, 16c; Sicily filberts, large, 15c, filberts ordinary, 12c. peanuts, roasted, 12c; paan-nuts, green, 9c. Ontario Chestnuts 12c. Ontario butternuts 9c. New Grenoble walnut, will not be in until about the first to this 15th of December.

PAINTS, OILS, ETC.—There is next to nothing doing in this branch now except in burning oils.

PREPARED PAINTS.—Pure liquid colors, per gallon, \$1.15 to \$1.25.

DRY COLORS.—White lead, per lb., 7c; red lead, kegs 5½c; yellow ocre in barrel lots, 2½c; less than barrels, 3c; golden ocre, barrels, 3½c; less than barrels 4c; Venetian, red, barrels, 3c; less than barrels, 3½c; American vermilion, 15c; English vermilion, \$1 per lb., Paris green, 18 to 19c; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots 2½c; less than barrel lots, 3c; English purple oxides, 100 lb. kegs, 4c; less, than kegs, 4½c lb.

VARNISHES.—No. 1 furniture, per gal., \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.50 to \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$1.50 to \$1.75; hard oil finish, 1.50 to \$2; brown Japan, \$1; goldsize Japan, \$1.50; No. 1, orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.

SUNDRIES.—Glue, S.S., in sheets, per lb., 12½ to 15c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 15 to 18c. Stove gasoline, per case, \$4.00; benzine, per case, \$4.00; benzine and gasoline, per gallon, 50c. Axle grease, Imperial per case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, per case, \$8.75; diamond, do, \$2.25 per case. Coal tar, per barrel, \$8; Portland cement, per barrel, \$4.00; plaster, per barrel, \$3.10; plaster's hair, P.P. 90c per bale; putty, in bladders, barrel lots 2½c per lb., for less than barrels per lb., 2¾c.

WINDOW GLASS.—1st break is quoted at \$1.75 per box of 50 feet and \$2 for second break.

LINSEED OIL.—Raw, per gal., 55c; boiled, per gal., 58c in barrels; less than barrels 55c per gallon extra, with additional charges for cans.

TURPENTINE.—Pure spirits, in barrels, per gallon, 58c; less than barrels, per gallon, 55c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

OILS.—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25 to 30c per gallon; clear machine oils, 35 to 40c; cylinder oil, 50 to 75c, as to quality; castor oil, 10c per lb.; lard oil, 70c per gal.; tanner's or harness oil, 65c; neatfoot oil, \$1.20; steara refined seal oil, 55c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 per gallon,

REFINED PETROLEUM.—Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 21½c; crescent, 24½c; oleophano, 26½c in barrels. In car lots 2c per gallon discount is allowed off prices in barrels, United States oils in barrels are quoted at 31c for cocene and 27c for sunlight.

WHEAT—GENERAL SITUATION.—Prices have been irregular this week. The decline last Saturday was more than recovered on Monday, but prices declined on Tuesday and Wednesday, they gained about 1c on Thursday, but made a quite a heavy slump yesterday again. European markets have been more irregular this week, and this has influenced the situation in American markets. There have been reports of damage to the Argentine crop, but no very definite news has come to hand from that source. Rains in India have benefitted the crops there. It is expected the next American visible supply statement will show a large increase. The Chicago visible supply statement this week, of stocks in the United States and Canada east of the mountains, showed a decrease of over 1,000,000 bushels. Pacific coast stocks are light. The decrease on both coasts last week, in stocks, was 2,670,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's statement. Bradstreet's report of stocks in the United States and Canada shows a total of 78,433,000 bushels, compared with about 83,000,000 bushels a year ago. The strong feature is the large export of wheat from this continent on this crop and the available surplus has been reduced to very small dimensions in comparison with the volume of exports. Exports have already been over 80,000,000 bushels on the crop, and seven months of the crop year are to run yet, while the surplus remaining is estimated at about 30,000,000. At the present rate of exports the surplus will disappear in about ten weeks, and if estimates are correct there will be a scarcity of wheat in America before another crop is harvested. Exports of wheat for the week from both coasts of the United States, flour included as wheat, amount to 3,653,163 bushels as compared with 3,753,000 bushels for last week, 3,156,000 bushels in first week of December, 1895, 3,011,000 bushels in the week two years ago, and as compared with 4,404,000 bushels in corresponding week of 1892.

WHEAT—LOCAL SITUATION.—There has been scarcely anything doing since the big storm of last week, in Manitoba country markets, as the roads are in bad shape, and farmers are pretty well sold out anyway. Navigation is closed at our lake ports. The Algouquin, the last steamer of the season, cleared on December 4, from Port Arthur. This and four other steamers intended loading wheat at Fort William this week, but the other steamers were frozen in the river at the latter place and have laid up for the winter. The Algouquin left the river and loaded at Port Arthur as stated. A feature of the season has been the low lake rates to Buffalo, 3½c being about the highest paid, and charters were made within a few weeks at lower rates. Prices have been irregular. The advance in Manitoba country markets at the end of last week was maintained up to yesterday, prices to farmers ranging from 65 to 68c for No. 1 hard. Yesterday morning prices were advanced 2c at a number of country points to 70c at 18c freight rate points, but this morning prices were dropped again to 66c at 18c freight rate points, for No. 1 hard wheat, to farmers. In round lots there is scarcely any business and prices are uncertain and lower. Yesterday No. 2 hard sold at 77c afloat, Fort William basis, but this was to fill a contract, and was above the general idea of values. We quote No. 1 hard afloat Fort William basis at 75 to 79c, No. 2 hard about 2½c under No. 1. These prices are almost nominal. A few car lots

will likely be selling for all rail shipment east. No. 1 hard sold for this purpose at 68½c on the 47 cent rate.

FLOUR.—The feature of the flour market is the continued demand from Australia for Manitoba flour. Every few days new orders are booked for round lots for Australia, and the large mills have orders ahead for some time. Good prices are being obtained for this trade, which gives a firm tone to the market. The Australian trade has assumed much larger proportions than was counted upon when the first shipments were made some months ago. Flour in the Pacific coast states markets is held very firm at comparatively high prices, enabling Manitoba millers to compete to better advantage than is usually the case for the British Columbia trade, as well as for Australia. The Lake of the Woods Milling Co. have 10,000 barrels to go forward from Vancouver on January 3 for Australia direct, and 7,500 barrels to go via Hong Kong on January 4. They have also orders for 10,000 barrels for shipment in February, and like quantity for March shipment. The Ogilvie company shipped two train loads, as noted, from Winnipeg this week, aggregating 7,000 barrels, and they will send two more trains about the middle of the month. The Australian trade is taking patents and bakers grades. Prices are 5c higher on the inside this week. The extreme range of quotations in the local market is from \$2.50 net for patents up to \$2.45, and \$2.10 net for bakers to \$2.25. XXXX \$1.50, second bakers \$1.75. There are prices delivered to retail dealers in the city.

MILLSTUFFS.—There is no change in bran and shorts. City mills are selling at \$7 per ton for bran and \$9 for shorts, delivered in the city, in small lots. These prices do not include sacks. Larger orders have been filled at \$6 and \$8 per ton.

BARLEY.—For feed barley 20c per bushel of 48 pounds is paid for the small quantity that is offered here by farmers, and no car lots are moving. City brewers are paying 25c for malting samples to farmers here, and 27 to 28c on track here for car lots.

OATS.—Prices are steady at about the same as quoted last week. Car lots on track here have been quoted from 24c per bushel of 34 pounds for feed quality up to 27c for choice. New oats are generally held at about 24 to 25c, and old at 26 to 27c. In Manitoba country markets prices are higher, as high as 25c being paid for choice quality at some points. The street price in Winnipeg ranges from 20 to 22c as to quality, to farmers. In Eastern Canada markets oats are low and the supply large.

FLAX SEED.—The prices paid to farmers at Manitoba points is still 45 to 50c per bushel for good milling seed.

GROUND FEED.—Prices range from \$10 to \$15 per ton, as to quality, the top price for rolled oat feed. Ordinary mixed mill feed is held at \$12 to \$13 per ton. Anything under \$12 would be damaged wheat and mixed grains.

OATMEAL.—Following are prices in large lots, with small lots to retail dealers held about 15c more. Rolled oatmeal in 80 lb sacks \$1.50 per sack; standard, \$1.55 and granulated \$1.60 in 98 lb sacks. Rolled wheat, 80 lbs, \$1.60. Pot barley, \$1.70 in round lots.

OIL CAKE.—Oil cake holds at \$16 per ton, including bags, for nutted or ground meal.

BEANS.—Round lots to jobbers held at about \$1.10 per bushel.

BUTTER.—The market is rather easier. For nice lots of dairy, in special cases, as high as 19c has been paid. This, however, is regarded as an extreme price for a round lot, and as the feeling is now it would be hard to get this price repeated, owing to the declining tendency of eastern markets. We

quote 14 to 15c for fair to choice lots of dairy. Small lots in a jobbing way bring 1 to 2c more.

CHEESE.—Quiet. We quote the jobbing price at 8½ to 9½c as to quality.

EGGS.—Dealers are still paying 20c per dozen here for receipts.

POULTRY.—A few small lots of Ontario poultry have been received, but no car lots are in yet, though some are on the way. The supply of Manitoba poultry is moderate. There is a good demand. Prices are: chickens, 6 to 7c per lb; turkeys, 11 to 12c per lb; ducks and geese 8 to 9c per lb. Jobbing prices are about 1c higher than these quotations.

LARD.—Prices are lower and there has been some sharp cutting on round lots. Prices are: Pure \$1.50 for 20 lb. pails, and \$3.75 for 50 lb. pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$5.75 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 7½c pound; cases of 80, one lb. tins, \$3.00.

CURED MEATS.—Smoked meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 11½c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 11c; do., backs, 10c; short spiced rolls, 7½c shoulders, 7c smoked long clear, 8 cents; Fancy clear, 8½ cents; Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 6½c per lb; shoulders, 6½c; backs, 8c; barrel pork, clear mess \$13.00; short cut, \$15.00; rolled shoulders, \$14 per barrel. Pork sundries; fresh sausage, 8c; bologna sausage, 6c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 3c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 25 to 30c lb.

DRESSED MEATS.—The quantity of frozen country beef offering is not large. There is a good demand for beef for shipment to the lumber woods. The quantity required for this trade will bring 3 to 3½c. Country frozen beef sells at 3 to 4c as to quality, with some rubbish selling at under 3c. There is a good demand. City dressed beef brings 4 to 4½c for fair to good and ½ to ¾c more for choice. There is a good demand for dressed hogs from packers, at 1c for heavy hogs up to 4½c, and a few fancy hogs bring 5c for family use. Mutton is quoted at 5½ to 6c 5½c being the usual price. Dressed lambs, 5½ to 6c.

HIDES.—Prices are about the same. Few are offering and the feeling is easy, 5c is the general price for country frozen hides, and a fraction more for best lots. We quote: Hides, green, 5c; calf, 8 to 15c lb. skins, 4 to 6c per lb; dekins 10 to 20c each; kips, 5 to 5½; sheepskins range from 40 to 50c according to quality, and as high as 55c has been paid Horsehides, 75c to \$1.25.

WOOL.—Nothing doing here and prices nominal at 7 to 9½c.

TALLOW.—Dealers are paying 4c for No. 1 tallow and 2½ to 3c for undergrades. Rough tallow 2c.

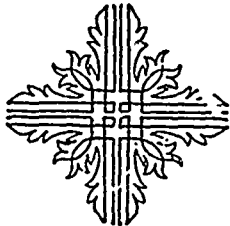
GENEVA ROOT.—Prices have declined 1 to 1½c in the leading markets. We quote 20c per lb for dry root.

HAY.—Held at about \$5 per ton for baled prairie on track here. Demand very slow. Loose offering very freely and selling at \$2 to \$3 per load. Higher prices than these were obtained temporarily on account of the bad roads caused by recent rough weather.

VEGETABLES.—Prices are firmer. Prices are: Potatoes, 25c bushel, some sold 2 to 3c lower. Onions, 1c lb; carrots, 25c bushel; beets, 25c bushel; turnips, 15c; parsnips, 60c bushel; celery, 25c dozen; cabbage, 20c dozen. These are prices dealers buy at from market gardeners.

LIVE STOCK.—The export season is about wound up. Two train loads of cattle left the latter part of last week, for export via Boston, and two more trains left the first of this week, to go via St. John, all shipped by Grand & Ironside. This firm have four more

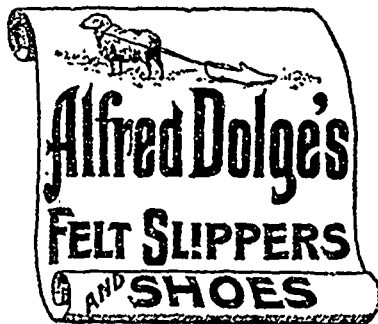
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train loads of range cattle to go forward yet, from Strathmore, and these are expected at the yards here any time, but they will be held here for some days before being forwarded east. After a long spell of severe weather, a chinook wind started in the range country on Thursday, and it is hoped it will take off the snow. As regards severity of the weather and amount of snow, November has been one of the worst months ever experienced in the range country.

CATTLE—There are not many cattle moving for the local trade. A few loads of butcher's cattle have sold at equal to about 2½c off cars here. There is some demand for bulls and rough cattle to slaughter for the works, and for this class 1½ to 1¾c would be paid.

SHEEP—About 1000 head are at the yards here, shipped from the west to local butchers, but they have been refused owing to quality. 400 head of these have been slaughtered on a count of shipper. As high as 8½c has been paid for a few fancy sheep for the holiday trade, but the general run is from 2½ to 2¾c off cars here. Choice lambs are not too plentiful and a real good bunch would bring 8c.

HOGS—A few cars came in. There is no change in prices. We quote: Good bacon stock weighing 150 to 300 pounds 8½c. Sows and heavy hogs 2½ to 3½c, according to quality. Stags 1½ to 2½c, off cars here.

The Live Stock Markets.

At London on November 30 there was a decided improvement in the cattle trade. For choice stock prices advanced ½ to ¾c per lb. Choice States sold at 1½c and choice Canadian at 9½c. The sheep trade was steady at 10c.

At the East End Abattoir market, Montreal, on Nov. 30, the supply of cattle was excessive and a large number were left over. Prices were ¾c lower. Good to choice sold at 8c to 9½c; common to fair, 2½ to 2¾c, and inferior, 1½ to 2c per lb. There was a good demand for sheep for shipment, and all suitable stock sold at 2½c per lb. while butchers paid \$2 to \$2.25 each for culls. The demand for lambs continued active at 8½ to 4c per lb. At the Point St. Charles market the same day there were 300 hogs in, for which the demand was good, at \$3.75 to \$3.95 per 100 lbs.

At Chicago on December 4 hogs were 5 per cent. lower. Trade was brisk at the decline, with sales largely at \$4.25 to \$3.85; car e haves sold around \$3 to \$3.30. Choice drives brought \$3.10 to \$3.45.

At the semi-weekly markets at Toronto on December 1, export cattle were slow at \$1.70 to \$3.90 per 100 pounds. Butchers' cattle were slow, with a lot of poor left over, but choice were scarce. Prices ranged from 2c for common up to 2¾c to 3c for choice. Sheep, export, 2½ to 3c, and a few at 9½c. Lambs, 8½ to 9½c. Butcher's sheep, \$2.50 to 2.75 each. Hogs were in good demand and firm. The best sold at \$3.75 to 3.85, weighed off cars. Thick fat sold at \$3.25 to \$3.50 per cwt. For one or two lots of fancy \$3.87½ per cwt. was paid.

Advance in Prunes.

Cable advices from primary markets note a sharp advance in the larger sizes of French prunes. The jump makes the total rise from 10s to 12s from the opening in the six-run-ning from 95's to 86's. This is equivalent to a rise of 2½c to 4c per lb., and will practically prohibit future importations of these larger sized French prunes. Importations of them, so far have been very light; in fact, no sizes above 45's to 50's are noted on this market, and as a consequence the market is very firm. In what larger sized there is here, prices

running from 5s on the small sized to 15c and 16c on large sized French goods. The absence of consignments of California fruit is another firm point in the prune situation, and California prunes are equally as strong as French; in fact stronger. Prices range from 7c to 8c for 70's to 80's up to 11 to 12c for 40's to 50's. Austrian prunes are in sympathy with the others. They were cabled 2s higher, or an advance of ¾c per pound, and are held firm here at 5½c to 7c.—Montreal Gazette.

British Columbia Items

The continued frost has done much damage in the upper country. Stock in some instances has suffered very badly. On one ranch in the Big Bend country twenty five pack horses were shot because feed could not be got to them in time to keep them from starving to death.

There are 15 vessels loading in British Columbia, which is two more than last week.

L. Schmitz, baker, Nanaimo, is burned out; insurance \$330.

Sick & Heiber, brewers, Trail, have dissolved; Louis Heiber has sold his interest in the business to Kane & Barrett.

Hutchison Bros., flour and feed, Revelstoke, are succeeded by Hutchison & McCregor.

Robert Dixon, dry goods, Rossland, has sold out to H. R. Dunlop.

The Kootenay Brewing, Malting and Distilling Co., Rossland, has been incorporated.

Haverty & Son, brewers, Vernon, have assigned.

J. J. Hart & Co., curios, Victoria, are out of business.

The transfer of the repair shops of the Canadian Pacific railway from Donald to Revelstoke is proposed.

The provincial government has decided to move its offices from Donald to Golden.

A board of trade has been organized at Rossland.

Nelson's saw mill at Trail was totally destroyed by fire on Nov. 27. All the sawn lumber, with the exception of about 5000 feet, was saved, but the buildings and plant were destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$5,000, and no insurance.

London Fur Sales for 1897.

January 13 to 15—the Hudson's Bay Company will offer salted Northwest coast seal-skins, 36,000, and dressed skins, 4,000.

On January 18, the Hudson's Bay Company will offer beaver, musquash and rabbit.

On January 18, C. M. Lampson & Co.'s regular sale of furs will be held.

On January 18 to 22, minor sales, by various brokers.

On March 17 to 19, the Hudson's Bay Company's regular sale of sundry furs.

On March 22 to 25, C. M. Lampson & Co. will offer 7,500 Alaska salted fur seals in connection with their regular sale of sundry furs.

On March 22 to April 2, minor sales, by various brokers.

On June 16 to 18, C. M. Lampson & Co.'s regular sale of sundry furs.

On June 21 to 25, minor sales, by various brokers.

On October 21 to 22, C. M. Lampson & Co.'s regular sale of sundry furs.

On October 26 to 28, C. M. Lampson & Co. will offer the balance (15,000) Alaska fur seals, salted, in November.

Nuts.

A Montreal report says: "The Christmas demand for nuts has commenced. Sorting orders being more numerous this week. Filberts are a feature of the demand, and

have advanced 1c per pound; 9 to 9½ being asked for them this week. Stocks in jobber's hands are light, and as the first shipments of new crop are not expected before the 15th, what old stock there is is very fully husbanded and firmly held. The first receipts of new crop Tarragona almonds came to hand this week and are selling at 9½ to 10c.

Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for the week ending Dec. 3 were 2,151,899; balances, 831,937. For the previous week clearings were 1,837,467. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were 1,873,870 and for the week two years ago, were 1,595,270. Clearings for the month of Nov. were \$8,995,175, compared with \$9,503,272 for Nov. 1895, and \$1,607,493 for Nov. 1891. Clearances for all Canadian cities the week ended December 3 were as follows:

Montreal	\$13,882,625
Toronto	8,899,000
Halifax	1,174,316
Winnipeg	2,151,899
Hamilton	709,571
St. John	517,591

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

The following shows the number of cars of wheat inspected at *Winnipeg for the weeks ended on the dates named, compared with the number of cars inspected for the corresponding weeks a year ago, as reported by Inspector Horn to the Board of Trade:

Grade.	0	1	17	Oct 21	Oct 31	Nov 7	Nov 14
Extra Man Hd	7	27	60	16	29		
No. 1 hard	375	315	395	178	199		
No. 2 hard	12	121	111	89	79		
No. 3 hard	34	61	62	45	55		
No. 1 North'n	28	13	11	10	12		
No. 2 North'n	0	4	2	3	9		
No. 3 North'n	0	0	0	0	0		
No. 1 white fyte	0	3	1	0	4		
No. 2 white fyte	0	2	0	2	0		
No. 1 Spring	0	1	0	0	1		
No. 2 Spring	0	2	0	0	0		
No. 1 frosted	11	12	18	24	27		
No. 2 frosted	5	9	16	31	33		
No. 3 Frosted	7	1	4	3	7		
No. 1 Rejected	11	9	11	6	7		
No. 2 Rejected	3	7	10	4	9		
No. 3 Rejected	0	2	3	5	1		
Condemned	0	3	1	1	0		
Total	610	591	611	430	451		
Same week last year	426	335	224	401	306		

*Wheat inspected at Emerson going out via the Northern Pacific to Duluth, is included in Winnipeg returns. A considerable portion of the wheat moving is inspected at Fort William, and does not show in these figures.

The Martin, Bole & Wynne Co., wholesale drug, Winnipeg, have leased the large block on the corner of Market and Princess streets, and will move into it in the spring. This fine block is comparatively new, and is very substantially built. It will give them four floors, size 60 by 100 feet.

Owing to the large accumulation of blue books and other publications at the rooms of the Winnipeg board of trade, Secretary Bell has had a number of new cases put in to allow of the convenient arrangement of the books for reference. He is gradually accumulating quite a valuable reference library, which is available for members of the board.

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The Dry Goods Trade.

Before the tariff commission at Hamilton, Dec. 1, Senator Sanford exhibited two overcoats, one United States manufacture, the other Canadian. The Canadian was made of wool and sold wholesale at \$8 75 and would last three years. The other would sell wholesale at \$1 30; it was made of cotton and bagging and would last only 60 days. The Senator argued that it was the duty of the government to protect the public against such trash as this coat represented. Senator Sanford said he employed about 3,100 people, mostly at piece work, and paid wages of about \$300,000 annually. He told the ministers the large mills in Canada had not declared a dividend in years. Mr Sanford exhibited two tunics made by him for the Canadian militia. These compared favorably with an English sample which had been procured three years ago. He said he would be prepared to clothe the British army but admitted that it would be difficult if England imposed a duty of 50 per cent. He added he was afraid Hamilton would not be large enough to hold him if he proposed to offer his people the wages paid in England. They would read the riot act to him and drive him out of the town.

Climate of Alaska.

The popular idea of Alaska is that it is icebound during nine months in the year, and that only the miner and the fisherman are attracted to it. One of the returned California prospectors who had poor luck, describes the Cook Inlet country as a grass region as good for cattle and sheep as Montana. He says (in Harper's) "that he saw thousands of acres of meadow covered with red-top grass as high as his head, and these river meadows are so level that a mowing machine could be run all over them. The climate he found no severer than that of Idaho or Montana, where cattle run on the range all winter. At Kudink Island he found horses and cattle which had fattened on the rich grasses. What he saw led Mr. Bowers to predict that a few years would see Southern Alaska one of the great live-stock districts in this country, thus aiding to make true that glowing picture of the magnificent destiny of the great northern territory which Seward painted over thirty years ago."

A Toronto report of Nov. 27 says of poultry: The market is glutted and most of the offerings are in a bad condition. Chickens and geese are especially poor; ducks remain firm and scarce. Chickens sell at 20 to 30c, and occasionally as low as 15c per pair. Ducks bring 40 to 55c; geese 4 to 4½c, and turkeys, 6 to 6½c.

Oats were about a cent lower at Toronto on Nov. 27, and mixed were quoted north, and west points in Ontario at 19c and white at 20c.

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Vancouver, December 5, 1898.

Butter.—Manitoba Dairy butter, 18c; Manitoba creamery, 25c; eastern creamery, 25c; local creamery, 28c; Manitoba cheese, 11c; local cheese, 11c.

Cured Meats.—Hams 18½ cents; breakfast bacon 12½; backs 11c; long, clear 8c; short rolls 9½; trolde; smoked sides 9½. Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 9½; per pound; in casks and tubs 8½c.

Game.—Mallard, 25c; wildau, 25c; teal, 20c; grouse, 80c; quail, 75c to \$1.25; Venison, 4c; saut, 1.35c.

Fish.—Prices per ton: Flounders 3c; smelt 4c; sea bass 4c; rock cod 6c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; t. e. ay cod 4c; herring 4c; spring salmon 1½; whitefish 6c; sole 6c; smoked halibut, 10c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c; salt salmon, 25 and 50 lb. kits \$3.75 and \$3.50; smoked salmon 10c.

Vegetables.—Potatoes, \$20.00 per ton; onions, silver skins, 1c per pound; California onion 1½; cabbages, 10 lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$7.50 a ton.

Eggs.—Ranch 22 to 25c; Local, 40; Eastern eggs, 23c.

Fruits.—Fruit is sold by box unless otherwise quoted. Standard American boxes measure one foot ten and a half inches by eleven and a half inches with depth of eleven inches, inside measurement, and contain from 23 to 30 lemons, from 125 to 300 seedling oranges, or from 12 to 150 naval oranges. Japanese oranges 6 to 7 doz. in box, 60 cts. California

lemons, \$3.75 to \$4; California oranges, \$1 to \$1.25; California apples, 50 lb. box, \$1.35; British Columbia apples, 50 lb. box 75c to \$1; Eastern apples \$3.75 to \$1.00 barrel.

Evaporated Fruits.—Apricots 11c per lb; peaches 7½c; plum 9 to 10c; peaches, French, 1½c to 7c; loose Mission raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.65 box; Italian prunes, 6 to 7½c.

Nuts.—Almonds, 18c; filberts, 12½c; pecans, 10c; Brazil, 12½c; walnuts, 10 to 16c lb.

Meal.—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$1.10; 45 pound sacks, \$1.10; 22½ pound sacks, \$1.20; 10.7 sacks, \$2.00; Oatmeal, 19-1½, \$3.25; 2-5½, \$3.00. O.F. grades, 9) lb, \$2.7).

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Grain.—Local wheat, \$35. Oats, \$20 per ton.

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Hay.—\$14.00 per ton.

Dressed Meats.—Beef, 6 to 7c; mutton, 6 to 7c; pork, 6 to 6½c; veal, 7 to 8c.

Live Stock.—Steers, \$1.00 to \$3.50; per hundred lbs.; sheep, \$1.25 to \$3.50 per 100 lb; hogs, \$1.50 to \$1.75 per 100 lbs; lamb \$2.75 to \$3 per head.

Poultry.—Chickens, \$3.50 to \$4.50; ducks, \$5 per dozen.

Sugars.—Powdered and icing, 6½c; Paris lump, 8c; granulated, 5c; extra C, 5½c; fancy yellows 4½c; yellow 4c per lb.

Syrups.—30 gallon barrels, 1½c per pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2½c; 5 gallon kegs, \$1.50 each; 1 gallon tins, \$1 per case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$1.75 per case of 20.

Teas.—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good, 18c, choice 26c. Ceylons: Fair 25c; good 30c; choice 35c per lb.

Navigation Closing.

On December 1 the inner harbor at Port Arthur was frozen over and the river at Fort William was frozen over to the lower end of the coal docks. Two tugs were trying to open a passage to the elevators, as some steamers had arrived at the mouth of the river to load grain. The steamer Sauber was frozen in at one of the elevators and with little prospect of getting out this year.

On December 2 a Fort William report said: The steamer Sauber is still fast and preparing to lay up for the winter. Steamers Algonquin, Minola, Oglesbay, and Gratwick are in the river as far as the coal docks, but it is evidently impossible to get to the elevators. Tugs are powerless to assist.

A later report on December 2 said the Algonquin had gone to Port Arthur to load at Marks, King & Co.'s elevator for Prescott.

A telegram on December 3 said: Last night's frost was too much for the steamers Minola, Oglesbay and Gratwick. They are solidly frozen up in the Kaminisiquia at Fort William to-day and cannot move either way. The captain has commenced to lay up their boats and leave them here till spring. The Algonquin, which left the river yesterday, loaded at Port Arthur to-day and cleared for Prescott to-night.

The last boat cleared from Fort William last year on December 5, with wheat for Buffalo. In 1891 the last boat cleared on December 2.

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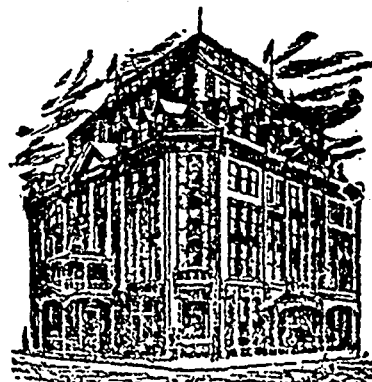
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EDITORIAL NOTES

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now that they are in power. Of course any struggle in Quebec over educational matters would be in provincial politics, but it would have the sympathy and support of federal politicians. It is fortunate for Canada that at this juncture we have a Roman Catholic at the head of the nation.

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Several of those who sent in replies to the circular sent out by the Winnipeg board of trade regarding the proposed business men's convention to be held in Winnipeg in February, suggested the tariff question as a subject for discussion at the convention. This is perhaps a difficult question to take up at a convention of this kind, but owing to the special circumstances of the times, it might be advisable to discuss the tariff question. The government is now seeking information upon this question, with a view to undertaking a revision of the tariff at an early date. It is important that the interest of Western Canada should be strongly placed before the government, on the question of tariff revision, and no better way to do this could be devised than by resolutions emanating from a convention of business men, representing all parts of Western Canada. The only thing necessary for a careful discussion of the question will be for those taking part in it to divest themselves for the time being of the belief that the tariff is a party question. If the convention can take up the matter and consider the tariff simply in the interest of Western Canada, and not as a party question, then by all means let it be discussed, and let us inform the government, through the convention, what we desire in the way of tariff revision in the interest of the West.

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T. T. W. BREADY, a Winnipeg grain man who recently made a trip through Manitoba and the Dakotas with the object of looking into the grain trade in those states, says that in Manitoba the farmers have received ten to twelve cents per bushel more for their wheat this year than has been paid to the farmers in the states to the south of us. It is a well known fact that this season all the way through the prices paid to Manitoba farmers have averaged far above values in United States markets. Without inquiring at present how the grain men and millers who have paid these high prices will come out at the end of the season, it is very gratifying to know that our farmers have received full value and more than value for their wheat. We are frequently told here that the farmers are cheated out of one, two or three cents per bushel in selling their wheat, through various tricks of the trade. One person will try to prove that the farmers are cheated to the extent of three cents per bushel owing to the system of grading in vogue here, and another will try to demonstrate that another three cents per bushel is knocked off the price of the farmer's wheat by the mixing process, and yet all the time the farmers are getting more than the wheat could be sold for for export. What a strange thing this wheat business is anyway?

It is to be hoped that the crop outlook in India has been greatly benefitted by the recent rains. In a country like Canada, with its sparse population, and the prosperous condition of its people, a crop failure can be tided over without causing more than what we would call "close times." But in India, with its dense population, millions of whom are barely able to provide for their immediate wants in ordinary seasons, a crop failure means intense distress. A few years ago a crop failure in India meant death to thousands and millions of human beings. Now that railways have been constructed by the government throughout the country, the means are at hand for bringing in food supplies in case of crop failure in portions of the country. The government is also in better position to render great assistance to the people in case of crop failure, than was the case years ago. But even with the improvements which have taken place in India under British rule, a crop failure over any considerable area would produce a condition of distress such as could hardly be realized by Canadians. Some people here might feel inclined to hope for a failure of the Indian crop, owing to the tendency it would have to advance wheat prices. Very few however, would wish to profit by such a catastrophe. Even should the growing crop in India be vastly benefitted by the recent rains, that country will have no wheat to export for at least another year. Wheat is only one crop which suffers along with others. Wheat is a winter crop in India. The present distress in portions of India is caused by the failure or partial failure of the summer crop in some districts last season, particularly the rice crop, which is a leading foodstuff in that country.

Grain and Milling Notes.

The Duluth News Tribune of Dec. 1 says: The quite remarkable condition of no wheat rate out of Duluth in the closing weeks of navigation now exists. Boats were offered at 2 cents Saturday, but there was little or no business done. All the wheat that is now going forward is covered by contracts made some time ago. The reason for the present stagnation is due to the fact that shipments this fall have been unusually heavy and the crop a short one. It is regarded as not surprising that only 8 and 8½ cents were paid as the maximum for transporting wheat to Buffalo.

Advices from Bulawayo, South Africa, under date of Oct. 3rd, to W. W. Ogilvie, say: You have no doubt, heard of the extreme price flour is fetching here, and it is perfectly correct; in fact, I myself, during the past week, paid £15 per bag of 100 lbs. Mr. Ogilvie also sold for shipment to the above place in December 2,000 barrels.

Recent inspection returns at Winnipeg show a little more frosted wheat than earlier in the crop movement, but the average quality of the crop continues very fine, the great bulk going into the high grades. The inspection returns continue to show a very small percentage of smutted grain.

The last exports of grain from Montreal for the season of 1896 were on Nov. 21 and that port may be considered closed. The season's exports include a total of 6,935,702 bushels of wheat and 6,481,420 bushels of corn.

On Nov. 23 a boat left Fort William for Buffalo with 156,000 bushels of wheat. This was the largest cargo that ever left that port.

Bierbohm estimates that Europe will want 72,000,000 bushels of American wheat in the next seven months. The Corn Trade News estimates the European requirements from America at 109,000,000 bushels. Some statisticians claim that America has no such surplus. It was estimated that America would have about 110,000,000 bushels to export on the last crop, and already 80,000,000 bushels have been exported, which leaves about 30,000,000 to be exported.

The receipts of wheat at Duluth for November were 5,127,518 bushels, which is less than one-half those of November last year and just about one-half of the October receipts. The total receipts of wheat for the four months since August 1 were 80,713,000 bushels as compared with 92,509,000 bushels last year.

Two train loads of flour were shipped from the Ogilvie mill, Winnipeg, last week, for Australia, via Vancouver. The trains were decorated with flags and streamers. The mill has orders from Australia for about 75 car loads in hand.

The Lake of the Woods Milling Co. on Nov. 28 placed another round lot of 5,000 barrels of flour for January shipment to Australia.

Hardware and Paint Trade.

The manufacturers of wire nails, at a meeting held at Montreal recently, decided upon a reduction in prices as a consequence of the complications which have arisen between makers across the line, where the price of wire nails has receded as low as \$1.25 and the agreement on a uniform price, though nominally in force, is practically non-existent. Fearing probably United States competition, which might arise out of this, Canadian makers decided to increase their trade discounts on wire nails. The new basis is equivalent to a reduction of considerably over 5 per cent in the net cost price. The discounts are:—Province of Quebec, new discount, 75, 10 and 2½ f.o.b. Montreal, and freights equalized on Montreal. This replaces a discount of 70, 10 and 5. Province of Ontario, 75 and 10, and freight prepaid, whose rate does not exceed 25c per 100 lbs.; which replaces a discount of 70 and 12½ per cent. Maritime Provinces, 75 and 7½ per cent, replacing 70 and 12½. British Columbia, 75, 10 and 2½ per cent, f.o.b., factory freight equalized on the cheapest factory point, the old discount being 70 and 12½. Winnipeg 70 and 5 delivered; freight shall not be prepaid, but the carload rate shall be deducted off the face of the invoice. The old discount in this district was 67½ and 5 per cent.

Wool, Hides, Etc.

Prices for territory wools at Boston were firm at 83c to 86c., scoured, for fine medium and fine, and about 80c for medium. Fleeces wools were held very firm, but offerings were moderate and the present demand is light. Medium fleeces firm for both washed and unwashed lots. Puled wools firm and in good demand. Carpet wools are quiet but firm.

The present series of London wool sales have indicated a strong market. On Nov. 25 prices for greasy merinos were 7½ per cent. higher than at the previous sales. On Nov. 26, Australian greasy merinos were as much as 10 per cent. higher and lambs wool 4d higher. On November 27 the prices were maintained, and on Nov. 28 up to 15 per cent. advance over the close of the last sales was reached. Americans have been liberal buyers at this series of sales. On Nov. 80 prices were a shade easier.

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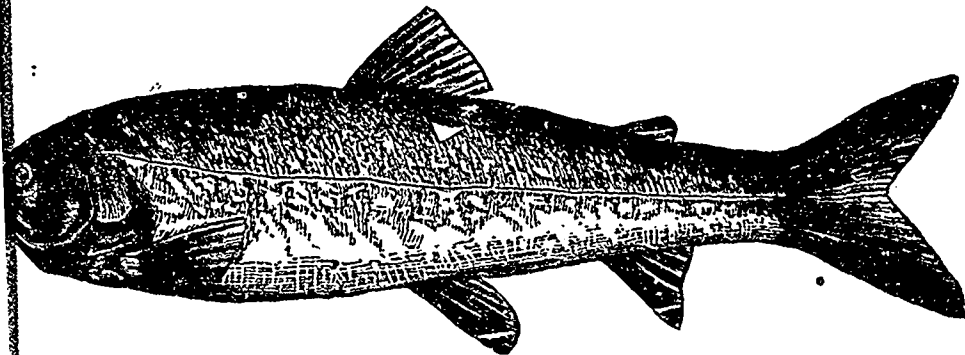
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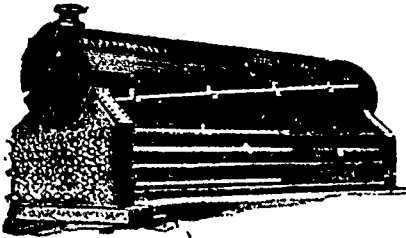
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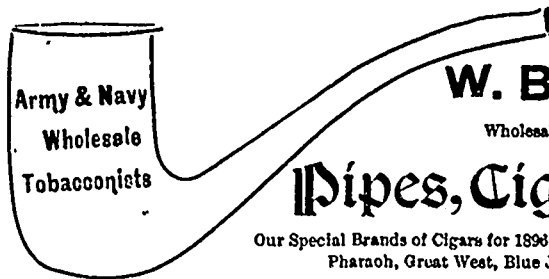
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The Dry Goods Trade.

Before the tariff commission at Hamilton, Dec. 1, Senator Sanford exhibited two overcoats, one United States manufacture, the other Canadian. The Canadian was made of wool and sold wholesale at \$3.75 and would last three years. The other would sell wholesale at \$1.80; it was made of cotton and bagging and would last only 60 days. The Senator argued that it was the duty of the government to protect the public against such trash as this coat represented. Senator Sanford said he employed about 3,100 people, mostly at piece work, and paid wages of about \$600,000 annually. He told the ministers the large mills in Canada had not declared a dividend in years. Mr. Sanford exhibited two tunics made by him for the Canadian militia. These compared favorably with an English sample which had been procured three years ago. He said he would be prepared to clothe the British army but admitted that it would be difficult if England imposed a duty of 50 per cent. He added he was afraid Hamilton would not be large enough to hold him if he proposed to offer his people the wages paid in England. They would read the riot act to him and drive him out of the town.

British Columbia Mining News.

The local stock market has been very active all week. The sensation of the week being the purchase and transfer of a claim which for advertising purposes has been called the Golden Eagle extension. This claim was purchased by a syndicate of citizens for speculative purposes and so far owing to the popularity of the Golden Eagle mine the so-called extension at once became a craze in the market and in two or three days \$100 interests were transferred at four times that amount. The name of the claim is the Excelsior, it has not been proved and very little is known of it except that it is said to be on the same ledge as the world famous Golden Cache claims.

Chann has been very active all week owing to the purchase of a number of claims situated on Philip's Arm by the Grant Goan syndicate for \$110,000. Channe which could be purchased in the market the week before at 15 cents, rose in some six days to 25 cents and is daily becoming stronger on the supposition that the Channe Company will declare a dividend.

Golden Cache is easy at \$1.75 and \$1.80 after its phenomenal rise and probably will not advance much higher until crushing commences about March next.

Athabaska is becoming more popular and the market is very largely held by British Columbians. The Athabaska claims are in

the Nelson mining district, and are among the most promising claims in British Columbia. The stock has advanced from 15 to 25 cents.

About 21 tons of rich ore from the Two Friends mine in Slovan district, went forward recently. It was the same class of rich ore previously sent.

The following is an extract from the latest letter from Campbell Johnston, manager of the Bondholders claims, Ten Mile Creek, Slovan: "Am pleased to report good progress on the claims. We have come into excellent ore in a large body in the shaft showing native silver and some copper. I am having it analyzed. We have ore along the floor of the South drift 60 feet, and 60 feet down, and are blocking out large quantities of high grade ore averaging 225 ounces in silver. Work in the cross cut is progressing rapidly, men are working on three eight hour shifts. If ledge is rich when we strike it I should suggest raising price of shares to 25 cents, as the mine in its then condition would amply warrant that figure."

A City With no Taxation.

While civic taxation is yearly on the increase in Canadian cities, Glasgow seems to be in a fair way to escape taxation altogether. The Scottish American says: "The city authorities have ascertained that the whole expense of the city for the future can be borne by the incomes which will be received from public works owned by the city. Among the latter are waterworks, gas and electric light plants, sewage farms and other institutions of less magnitude all of which are paying large profits annually into the city treasury. Not only does Glasgow produce a large revenue from her public franchises but her citizens get their light, water and street car tickets at a lower rate than prevails in the cities where the taxation is the highest."

Water-Works and Other By-Laws.

A committee of the city council has submitted the following reasons for advocating the passage of the water-works, gas and electric light by-laws:

Advantages of water works—1. Abundance of good, pure water; 2. At a cost to citizens of less than one-half present charges; 3. A handsome profit to the city; 4. Better fire protection and reduction in insurance rates—estimated at \$50,000 per annum, or 25 per cent. on \$200,000; 5. Reduction in cost of fire brigade estimated \$8,000 annually; 6. Improved sanitary condition of the city.

Advantages of civic ownership of gas works—1. Reduction on cost to consumer—

present price price, \$3 (10 per cent off for cash) per thousand, city price, \$1.50 per thousand; 2. Profit to city. The promoters are satisfied that the city can make a net profit of from \$2,000 to \$10,000 per year from this enterprise besides paying for its plant in forty years; 3. Two years ago a strong company offered to supply gas at from \$1.85 to \$2.05 per thousand, and pay a proportion of same to city for the privilege. The city can borrow money much cheaper, has no expense in floating bonds, and need not pay dividends on watered stock.

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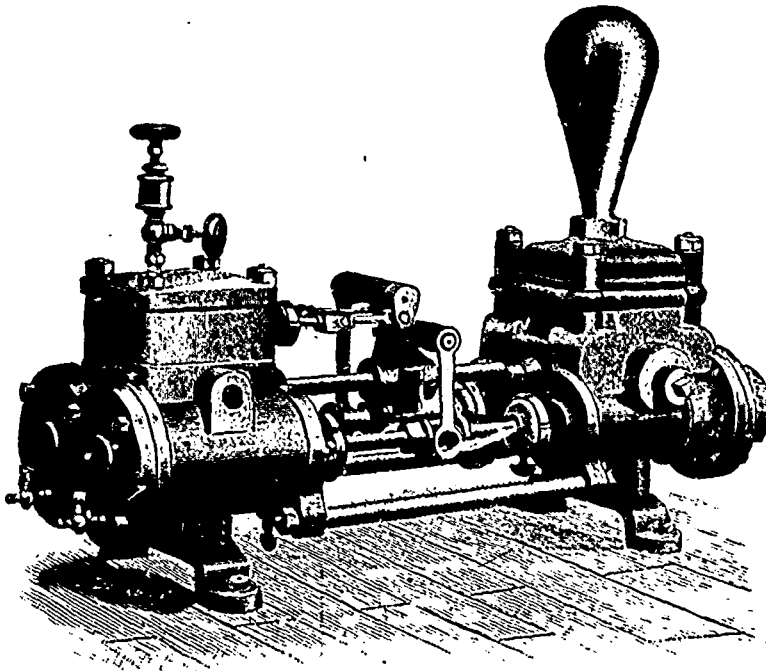
Literary Notes.

Der Nordwesten, the Winnipeg German paper, has issued its annual almanac for 1907. This will be circulated among Germans throughout Canada and elsewhere, and as it contains a lot of general information about Western Canada, it is believed that it will prove valuable as an immigration medium.

Massey's Magazine for December is out, and it is one of the best numbers yet issued of this publication. It is also a very artistic issue, containing an unusual number of fine engravings. The first article deals with Laurence Alma-Gaetna, giving illustrations of some of the works of the artist. The usual military article deals with the Second Field Battery, Ottawa, Canadian artillery. "J. Thorold writes of the late George Du Maurier. Prof. Clark continues his papers "Through Canada with Parkman." The usual number of articles of fiction are presented and the regular departments are well filled.

The December number of the Delineator is called the Christmas number, and old Santa Claus will hardly find in his budget a more welcome gift for women than is afforded by its wealth of fashion plates, descriptions of dress goods and winter millinery, and general and literary matter pertaining to the holiday season. It answers the annually recurring plaint as to the difficulty of selecting handsome and appropriate Christmas gifts for men with an article on "Men's and Boys' Garments for Lounging and Invalid Wear." The Christmas dinner receives due attention in the cookery article, and gifts for the season and a new kind of Christmas tree are described. The relationship of mother and daughter is discussed by Mary Cadwalader Jones. Mrs. A. B. Longstreet continues her sketches of women who have achieved remarkable success in business, and there are the usual entertaining tating, crocheting, etc., and several excellent literary articles.—The Delineator Publishing Co., Toronto.

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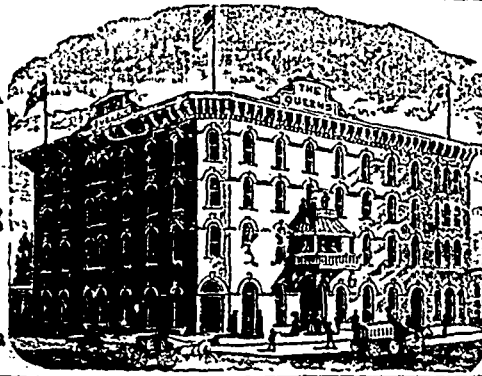
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Montreal Grocery Market.

The sugar market is without any new features since our last Cable advices on the raw article report the market quiet and steady at 9s 3d for best for November and December. In New York values have ruled steady at 8½c for crystals and granulated at \$1 11 per 100 lbs. net. Locally the demand has fallen off considerably, owing no doubt to the fact that buyers have ample supplies on hand for the present and in consequence the market has been quiet with only a small volume of business doing at steady prices. Granulated has sold at 3½c in round lots and at 4c in small quantities. Yellows continue scarce and prices range from 8½c to 9½c as to quality at the factory.

The demand for syrups is still slow and prices are unchanged at 1½c to 2½c per lb, as to quality at the factory.

In molasses business continues very quiet and the market on the whole is dull and featureless, with prices ruling easy at 26½c to 27c for Barbadoes, and at 27½c for Porto Rico.

The demand for spices continues fair as is usual at this season and the market is moderately active and firm. The following quotations are what jobbers can buy at only. Penang black pepper, 6c to 7½c, white pepper 10c to 12½c, cloves, 7½c to 9c, cassia, 5½c to 9½c, nutmeg, 6c to 9c, and Jamaica ginger, 15½c to 18½c.

The tone of the rice market is firm in sympathy with the strong advices from abroad. The famine in India has had considerable effect upon values, but they have not advanced here anything like in comparison; consequently, rice in this market is comparatively cheap as compared with abroad. Business at present is quiet, as buyers bought freely previous to the rise. We quote:—Crystal Japan, \$5.00 to \$5.25; standard B. \$3 70 Patna, \$1 50 to \$1 95, Carolina, \$1.75 to \$1.72, choice Bermuda, 5½, and Java kinds \$1.25.

The tea market during the past week has been inactive, and little business of importance has been transacted owing to the fact that buyers seem to have ample supplies on hand. The tone, however, is firm, and holders show no disposition to share prices in order to force sales, believing that that the teas will be wanted later on.

With no Valencia raisins in first hands and wholesale grocers' stocks not by any means well assorted, firmness in these fruits is quite natural, especially as prices for now importation entail an advanced cost. As a result of this jobbing houses here are very firm sellers of what they have. A few small lots are on the way via New York, but they will not have any influence on spot prices, which are quite apt to go higher in the near future, and at this writing values are held. Ordinary off-stock, 5½c to 5¾c; fine 5¾c to 6c; selected, 6c to 6½c and layers, 6½c to 7c.

Buyers find it difficult to place orders for California raisins, and it would cost this week fully 8½c to lay down 2 crown fruit. With small supplies in hand here and no large quantity on the way, values are strong.—2-crown, 6½c; 3-crown, 7c to 7½c, and 4-crown, 8c to 8½c.

Sultana raisins are steady at 8c to 12c according to grade.

Fine Malaga table cluster fruit continue steady, also ranging from \$1.40 to \$1.00 per box, according to brand. The advance in California loose muscat raisins this fall has induced a new department in Malaga fruit, viz. the importation of Malaga loose Muscates, some specimens of which are now on the way. They are wanted with some interest in order to compare them with the Californian fruit.

Currents are quiet and unchanged here though cables from Patras are easy. We quote provincials and Filiatras bris. 4c; half bris. 4½c, saacs, 4½c, half cases, 4½c. Fine provincials are worth about ½ of a cent a penny more; Patras, 5½c to 6c, and Vostizsas, 6½c to 8c.

Among the recent arrivals were some high grade French plums for which jobbers ask up to 15c. We quote: prunes, French, 5c to 15c. Austrian, 5½c to 7c and Californians, 10c to 11c for 40 to 50's, 9c to 10c for 50 to 60's, 8c to 9c for 60 to 70's; and 7c to 8c for 70 to 80's.

The only new nuts of 1896 crop on the market are Valencia shelled almonds which job out at 18c to 20c. The first shipment of Grenoble walnuts, shelled walnuts, Marbots and Cornes are expected here about the 15th of December.—Gazette, Nov. 27.

A Successful Creamery.

The success which may be attended in manufacturing butter in Manitoba and the Territories is exemplified by the results attained at the Moose Jaw factory. This factory is under the control of the Dominion Government dairy department. The following from the Moose Jaw Times tells what has been accomplished at this creamery:

On Nov. 14, the Moose Jaw creamery ceased operations for this year, having run since May. It is now three years since the creamery was first started in Moose Jaw, and the progress made in that time has been, to say the least, remarkable.

During the six months operations the output has totalled 75 000 lbs. In May, 10 000 lbs. were manufactured; in June, 15 000; in July, 15 000; in August, 12 000; in September, 12 000; in October, 8 000, and for the two weeks in November, 3 000. This represents the butter made from the milk of 800 cows, owned by about 70 patrons. In 1894 the output totalled 23 000 lbs.; in 1895 it was 53 000 lbs and this year it reached 75 000 lbs. thus more than tripling in the three years.

For this butter the patrons have advanced 10 cents per pound, which means that this industry has brought about \$7,500 to the district in the course of a few months. When the butter is sold, and the cost of manufacturing, freight, etc., deducted from the proceeds, there will be still a balance of about 5 cents per pound coming to the patrons. In fact it has been shipped to the British market and is nearly all sold now, and as far as we have been able to learn a good figure has been obtained. Last week Mr. Moorehouse, the manager, disposed of what he had on hand, viz. 5,000 lbs. to the Canadian Pacific Railway company and 2,000 lbs. on the local market, realizing 22½c per pound. The Territorial demand has been very good the past season, and during the past few weeks large orders from the west have had to be cancelled owing to there being none on hand.

For the 75,000 lbs. of butter made, the Government deducted 4 cents per pound to defray the expenses of manufacturing it. This sum totalled \$3 000. Of this amount \$1 900 was for running expenses; \$700 was expended on a new boiler and engine; and the balance, \$400, went for purchasing new vats, and improvements on the building. Still further improvements will be made next year for it is anticipated there will be at least 100 patrons with no less than 1,200 cows patronising the station by that time.

At the Central Experimental farm, Ottawa, a series of experiments has been started in feeding cattle for beef. It is proposed to test the fattening properties of several classes of fodder, and the results will be published for the information of stock raisers.

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