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Manitoba.

John Klassen has opened a harness shop at Rosenfeld.

P. Hamm has started in the lumber and implement business at Rosenfeld.

C. F. Turner, of Noepawa, was at Lake Dauphin recently looking over the pros-pects for a hardware and tinshop.

H. W. Gerhardt of Neepawa has secured a position at traveller for the dry goods firm of Kyle, Cheesbrough & Co., of Montreal. His territory to be from Fort William west to the Coast.

The Martin, Bole Wynne company, Winnipeg, have decided to put in the foundation for their new warehouse this fall, and complete the structure in 1897.

The annual summer fair of the Brandon society was opened on Tuesday last. The attendance was large and the exhibits good. The fair was voted a great success.

The general committee of the Winnipeg union have arranged for the tenth annual excursion and picnic of the union, to be held at Portage la Prairie on Thursday, August 6.

Jas. Hall & Co., Winnipeg, dealers in gloves, moccasins, etc., have sold out their gents furnishing department, with the exception of men's braces, which line they will continue to handle, as they control some specialties in this class of goods.

A. Patterson, proprietor of the Victoria House, Virden, will take over the Balmoral Hotel of the same place, Stove white retiring. Huston Bres. will continue the Victoria House.

Alberta.

Voting took place at Calgary on July 28, on the by-laws to loan \$5,000 each to the general hospital and to the agricultural society. To carry the by-laws required twothirds of a majority. Both by-laws were defeated.

Assinibola.

Angus McKaig has opened a general blacksmith shop at Ellisboro.

The Oxbow hotel has been opened by W.

The stock-in-trade and real estate of A. Roberts & Co., general merchants, of Wapella, will be sold by ipublic auction at a rate on

the dollar on Tuesday, August 4th, at the office of S. A. D. Bertrand, Winnipeg. Stock amounts to \$3,329. The real estate consists of lot 5, in block 7, in Wapella, on which is situated a hotel and a drug store.

Northwest Ontario.

John A. Paterson, a Toronto lawyer has purchased on behalf of an English syndicate, the Mikado gold mine, raying for it \$25,000 cash near Rat Portage.

Wm. McGinnis of Ottawa a goo-logical surveyor for the Dominion Government arrived at Fort Francis recently. He has made several trips through this north west section and bespeaks for it a bright and golden futuro.

J. C. Foley, president of the Mill and Gold Mining Co., *accompanied by John Mc-Aulaffe, E-q., and C. Maskell of Duluth, D. M. Tracey, Chicago, and E. M. Hoshee of Detroit, arrived at Fort Frances on the 11th on their way to the mining camp on Sheal Lake where Mr. Foley will push the work of opening and developing their very rich property on A. L. 7w. A 20 stamp mill will be erected at once and such other improvements as will be found necessary to place it amongst the paying ones of this section at as early a date as possible. Whilst awaiting transportation up the Seine they visited the Little American Gold Mine near Rainy Lake City now being operated by Mr. O. A. Watzke of West Superior, Wis, who is pushing the work of sinking and drifting and expects in the near future to have the stamp mill pounding out gold bricks of a dividend paying size. Mr. Foley and party returned to Fort Frances and left later on the Maple Leaf for camp on Shoal Lake near Mine Center.

A Slaght, of Waterford, Ontario, mining inspector for this district visited the Seine River gold field, making the purchase of a property near the Wilgard mine, he was very much pleased with the formation and will return in about two weeks to put men at work to develop his claim. He left for Ret. Portago later in company with A. Brull and A. Blum of Paris, France who arrived here on the 9th and made the tour of the different properties on Sein River expressing themselves as well pleased with what they saw, and expect to return soon to secure some of the numerous rich properties they inspected. They were accompany by Supt. R. H. Ahn, of the Rat Portage Reduction Works who has had large experience in handling gold bearing quartz and who expressed himself as well satisfied with what he saw. Fort Francis also had a visit from H. R. Palmer of Cleveland who passed through here the 27th of June, he speaks well of what he has seen of the country and its prospect.

Financial and Insurance Notes.

The Bank of Hamilton will open a branch in Winnipeg on Monday, August 3, under the management of Benjamin Wilson, late agent of the bank at Wingham, Ont. The premises to be occupied at present by the new bank are those formerly occupied by the Union Bank at 335 Main Street. This is the first branch of the Bank of Hamiltion for the wast.

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Wheat Stocks.

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended July 25, 1896, shows an increase of 899,000 bushels, against a decrease of 1,251,000 for the corresponding week last year, an increase of 8,878,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago, and an increase of 446,000 bushels three years ago.

The following table shows the total visible supply of wheat at the end of the first trade week of each month for four years, as compiled by the Chicago board of trade and includes stocks at most important points of accumulation in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains. There are some important points not covered by this statement:

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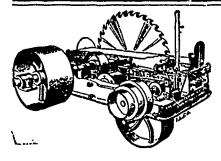
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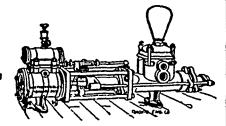
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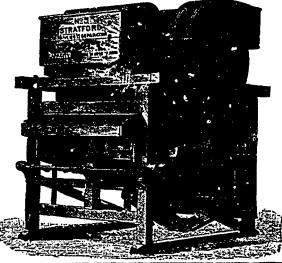
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THE SITUATION IN THE UNITED STATES.

The Populist party in the United States, as was expected, has endorsed the nomination of Bryan for the presidency. They refused, however, to endorse the Democratic nominee for vice-president, and nominated a candidate of their own for the second position. This gives the Chicago Democratic nominee for president the support of the Populists.

The gold Democrats are still talking of holding a convention to nominate candidates, but no doubt a strong effort will be made to unite the gold Democrats with the Republicans. The difficulty in the way of the latter move is the tariff policy of the Republican panty. The gold Democrats are also tariff reformers and opposed to McKinleyism in tariff matters,

Altogether the situation is sadly mixed, and what the outcome may be is a very grave matter. If the Republicans would make some concessions on the tariff question, they could probably effect a junction with the gold Democrats. It is a strange picture, anyway, which the political situation in the United States presents at the present time. We see a sound money policy combined with extreme protectionist views, and on the other hand a rational tariff policy associated with a wild-cat financial platform. A strange mixture this to be sure.

The people of the United States have long hugged an economic delusion in their tariff policy. They have been long trained to unsound theories of political economy, and this free silver craze is the natural evolution, on the declining plane, of the vicious tariff policy long followed by the United States. The marvel is, that the party which fought for tariff reform, should be the first to be overcome by the new delusion.

The situation is certainly one of great mistrust for the future. The present movement is nothing less than a revolution against the honor and integrity of the country. Its aim is repudiation. Some of the British papers have gone so far as to predict civil war as an outcome of the free silver movement. This is perhaps taking a very serious view of the case, but scarcely more serious than is taken by some of the leading papers in the United States, as witness the following excerpt from an article in the Minneapolis Northwestern Miller on the free silver question. The Miller says:

It is now merely a question of the preservation of the government of the United States, threatened by an enemy who attacks it by ballot first, being perfectly willing to follow with the bullet, if the occasion demands; or, rather, having tried the bullet and failed, seeks the ballot for success.

While we hope for the best, the situation is one fraught with grave danger. A spirit of insurrection against the existing order of things seems largely to prevail, and it is hard to say to what extremes it may go. The industrial element is on the move, and

the agricultural interest of the West and South. oppressed by low prices, monopolies, trusts and tariff taxation, is ready to join in any movement, with a vague hope of bringing a change for the better. With such a strange mixture of sound and unsound economic theories, and with commercial and industrial conditions favorable to an upheaval among the people, it seems by no means certain that the sound money people will be able to carry the day in the coming political contest. What triumphant free silver would mean is hard to predict, but the tendency would be in the direction of further excesses for a time at least, rather than toward a return to industrial and commercial peace and stable government. How far unsound theories of political economy, which have been encouraged so much in the United States in the past, are accountable for the present dangerous situation will never be known.

OPTION TRADING.

Gambling in products, otherwise known as option trading, is a matter which has attracted much attention of late. While many staple products, such as sugar, coffee, wool, pork, etc., are subjects for option trading, there is no commodity which serves for this purpose to such an extent as wheat. Many people can be found who attribute the low price of wheat in late years to option trading, and more or less agitation has been going on for some years in favor of the legal suppression of option trading of any class.

In the United States efforts have been made, heretofore unsuccessful, to secure the passing of prohibitory laws. In Great Britain a movement is now being worked up with the same object in view. In Germany the opponents of option trading have been more successful. A law has been passed in that country which will come into force on the 1st of January next, which prevents option trading in wheat and millers' produce.

It is worthy of note in this connection that option trading is a German invention. The business, if it may be called such, was first started in Berlin, and it has become wide-spread within the past twenty years. Chicago, New York, Liverprol and London are the greatest seats of gambling of this class, but the evil, for such it undoubtedly is, is not confined to these and other large commercial centres. The baneful influence of option trading reaches even to small towns, and many a business failure in remote country towns could be traced to this pernicious practice.

The claim that option trading is responsible for the low price of wheat in recent years is of course an overdrawn picture. At times this class of speculative trading has no doubt had the effect of lowering prices. At other times it has assisted in advancing prices. Only the extremists in opposition to the system go so far as to attribute the low price of products to option trading. There are two sides to the option market, the one working against the other, and influencing prices either up or down, as the case may be, though possibly the greater influence may be in favor of lower prices in the aggregate. There are other causes for the low price of

wheat, of greater importance than option trading.

It is not necessary to search for proof that gambling in products is the cause of low prices to find reason for condemning the practice. Even if this charge were perfectly clear, there are other and better reasons for condemning this class of gambling. Gambling is generally recognized as an evil from the commercial as well as from the moral point of view. Option trading is simply a form of gambling which is very largely indulged in at the present day. Therefore option trading can be condemned on the broad ground that as a form of gambling it is an evil. All that can be said against gambling in general can be applied to option trading, and it is therefore not necessary to follow the matter up any further on this line.

Another very apparent evil as a result of option trading is the rapid and frequent fluctuations in the price of staple commodities. Why should the price of wheat vary daily from a fraction of a cent to one, two, three, and in extreme cases to even five or more cents per bushel? There is no legitimate reason why this should de the case. It is due mainly to illegitimate speculation in the commodity. This rapid fluctuation in values of such an important commodity as wheat, is a source of inconvenience, to say the least, to a great many. It is an annovance to the grain man, a source of mistrust and often of loss to the miller, and a cause of bewilderment to the farmer who produces the product.

Here are two good reasons for condemning option trading, aside from the claim that it reduces prices to an unprofitable price for the producer. Option trading is further an unrecessary adjunct to legitimate business. It frequently leads to the manipulation of the markets, which is always an injury to legitimate business. It creates an artificial condition of the market and leads to continuous kaleidoscopic changes which are betwildering to legitimate traders. It destroys that confidence in the market which would be felt were prices not subject to continual manipulation and fictitious trading.

Without this gambling element, changes in prices would be comparatively of infrequent occurrence, and there would be a feeling of confidence in legitimate business circles which cannot now be realized. Open to constant manipulation, and under the influence of the wildest outbursts . the gambling spirit, the price of wheat is never certain for an hour ahead. Thus legitimate traders in those commodities which are subject to the influences of option trading, are kept in a constant state of anxiety. Though they may not engage in option gambling themselves, they are forced unwillingly to submit to the unnatural excitement of the gambling spirit thus let loose. It opens avenues for the formation of combines or syndicates for the purpose of manipulating the markets. It is a menace to the public, because it encourages the gambling spirit, leads thousands of men in other lines of business to dabble in the option market, often bringing losses upon themselves, causing numerous business failures and finally resulting in heavy losses to the creditors of those who have become ensuared by the option fiend,

This is a sufficiently strong indictment we think to call for the placing of the ban upon, this form of gambling. Of course there is a difficulty in distinguishing legally between option trading and legitimate sales for future delivery. It is perfectly legitimate to sell a block of wheat for delivery three months hence, and also legitimate to buy it in the same way. This is a different form of speculation, which is distinct from the enormous trading in wind of the option market, where no delivery of the commodity dealt in is ever intended or contemplatel.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

By THE recent sale at Duluth, Minnesota, of the Duluth and Winnipeg railway, it is said that the read now becomes the property of Canadian Pacific railway people. This will no doubt mean the speedy extension of the road through to Winnipeg, thus giving Winnipeg a more direct route to Duluth than is now enjoyed.

MR. LAURIER has given another assurance that there will be no hurried attempt to overhaul the tariff. In a speech at St John's Quebec, recently, he said there would be no legislation during the coming short session regarding the tariff. They would vote the budget and nothing more. Changes in the tariff would be deferred until next session. "Meantime the government would communicate with the managers of industries, manufacturers, etc., and he trusted to be able to elaborate a fiscal policy which would lighten the burden of taxes on the country. The interests of the agricultural community would be specially considered. Increased facilities would be given for the sale of products in European markets, and special attention would be paid to the development of the West."

THE QUESTION has arisen, that in the event of the adoption of the free silver policy in the United States, what would be the sit ation of Canadian policy holders in United States companies? If Canadian claims could be paid in United States silver currency, under free silver, it would be equal to a payment at the present ratio of silver to gold, of a little better than 50 per cent of the claim. Dominion inspector of insurance, Fitzgerald, states his belief that United States companies will take steps to assure their policy holders in Canada that their policies will be paid in the lawful money of this country, in case of the adoption of free silver in the United States.

An Opinion on Wheat.

Chas. E. Lewis & Co., brokers, Minneapolis, write as follows on wheat on July 27: "The price of wheat has been so low for such a long time and about all bearish influences have been worked for all they were worth and have now petered out, and we are now receiving reports of crop damage from all over the country where the crop has not been harvested, and where they have harvested the crop and threshed, the grain while of a good quality is of a small yield and in the best of demand. The winter wheat crop is much below the average in yield and following last year's small crop, leaves the winter milling section with but little to look forward

to unless prices for this grain advance onough to bring it out from the farmers' hands. Farmers in the winter wheat sections are holding their crop for better prices, only selling what they actually have to to meet expenses. Last Friday receiving houses in Chicago sent out over 200 bids for this wheat at 2c over September, and did not get a single car. The better stock market and improvement in the political aspect of the country also had a good deal to do with the advance in the market. India, Argentina and other experting wheat countries with the exception of the United States and Russia are about out of the market as experting wheat, their stocks being so small that they will need all they have for home requirements, leaving only the United States and Russia to supply the foreign demand for wheat. Clearances the past week have been larger than for a 1y time for several months past and foreigners' bids are now but a fraction lower than our markets. If the country trade had been a little heavier, the market would have shown a greater a lvance during the past week than it did, but there is a lack of confidence on the part of the country buyers, and for that reason the advance has been slow, but as market advances and the country sees the bear news had been discounted and with only bull news he cafter they will gain confidence and come into the market. The rains during the past week in the winter wheat country has greatly damaged the wheat in shock, and England reports too much rain for the good of the crop. In the spring wheat country rust is appearing in nearly every section and the prospects are for only a very small average crop, probably only 125,000,000 bushels for the Northwest. We think that prices during the next 80 days will show an advance of five to ten cents per bushel and advise buying this wheat at present prices and on every little decline that is caused by realization by long holders, who will again come into the market when the market does not break enough to allow them to get in lower down.

Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

The Montreal Trade Billetin of July 21 says: "During the past few days some heavy freight engagements of grain have been made for United Kingdom ports, amounting to between 500,000 and 700 000 bushels. A good deal of Liverpool space has been engaged at 18 9d and 1s 10 3d, with ship agents now firm at 2s London room is firm at 2s 8d, and Glasgow 2s. Bristol is quoted at 2s 3d to 2s 6d. An outside vessel of about 8,000 tons with coal to this port has been engaged for grain to a United Kingdom port. Other outside tonnage is seeking Montreal for grain. To Hamburg and Autwerp the rate on grain is 2s 3d, on provisions 17c per 100 lbs., and on flour 18s 9d. Sack flour freights are dull at 10s to Liverpool, 12s 6d to Glasgow, and 13s 9d to London. Pro-risions 12s 6d to Liverpool, 12s 6d to 15s London and Glasgow. Cattle freights are quiet at 40s to 42s 6d. Cheese 25s Glasgow and Bristol, and 20s Liverpool and London. A considerable quantity of wheat has been engaged at Fort William for Montreal at 54c per bushel, which shows a decline of ac since our last report. Engagements have also been made at 21c corn from Chicago to Kingston, but subsequent charters are reported at 2ge, and to Present 2ge corn and 2e cats. The rate from Chicago to Buffalo is 1c corn, and from Buffalo to New York 81c corn, but there is a better feeling at the close.

The Santa Fe railway announced on July 27 that it would nake a 9-cent flat rate on grain shipments from Kansas City to Chicago, the rate to become effective as soon as it is authorized by the interstate commission. The rate is the lowest yet made on grain from the west to Chicago. The Chicago

ago Great Western has a 9 cent rate in effect, but it is a proportional rate, and applicable only to shipments destined to points beyond Chicago. The rate of the Santa Fe applies on shipments to and boy and Chicago without reference to derivation,

Composition of Parliament.

The Toronto Globe says: "There are in the new house of commons 62 lawyers, 83 farmers, 26 merchants, 21 physicians, 19 gentlemen, 12 manufacturers. 10 journalists, 6 mill owners, 8 contractors, 8 real estate agents, 2 surveyors, 1 vetericary surgeon, 1 township clerk, 2 distillers, 1 financial agent, 1 insurance manager, 1 banker, 1 ship owner, 1 rancher, 1 oil refiner, 1 printer, and 1 civil engineer. The lawyers and gentlemen combined form nearly two-fifths of the house.

Toronto Wool Market.

There are quite a number of country lots offering, but are held higher than the situation warrants exporters in paying. There is no domand for export and the market is fully to per 1b lower. Owing to the absence of any demand for export, local dealers quote 18c for farmer's lots, and 19c for selected country lots. For pulled wools, the demand is slow, and the market is dull. Supers are quoted at 19c to 20c and extras at 20s to 21c.—Globe.

Mr. Fraser, traveller for Jas. Hall & Co., Winnipeg, who has been in the East for the past four months, returned to Winnipeg last week.

A statistician who has been interesting himself in the population of the earth says that 82,214,000 die annually; that is, an average of 98,810 a day, 4020 an hour, and 67 a minute. The annual number of births on the other hand is estimated at 36,792,000.

The August number of The Delineator is called the midsummer number. The fine colored lithographic plates of dress modes and millinery, begun in the July issue, again form a feature. The quality of the general matter of The Delineator is attested by articles from such well-known writers as Prof. Xaver Scharwenko, Julia Magruder and Mary Cadwalder Jones. The first-named discusses Music; Miss Magruder's novelette, "The Serpent and the Dove," is brought to a satisfactory conclusion, while Mrs. Jones writes entertainingly on the Virtue of Simplicity. Pref. C. A. Von Ramdohr has a say on the Medical Aspects of Bioycling, and several other good papers. The departments devoted to Sea-onable Cookery, Tea-table Chat, Summer Reading, Knitting, Tatting, Crocheting, etc., are excellent. The Delineator Publishing Co. Ltd., Toronto, Ont.

A form of ocean vessel, which has a direct bearing on deep water navigation through our great lakes, is coming into vogue. The first whaleback seen in New York harbor came the other day from the Cape of Good Hope. She was built at Greenock, Scotland, and is described as capable of riding any sea, owing to the bulging form of her sides, which extend to within 20 feet of the stern. Her formation prevents her shipping seas. She is of 2,570 tons, has four masts, and is square rigged. The criginal home of the whaleback was the upper St. Lawrence lakes. This form of vessel, from its size, is ab'e to carry freight cheaper than the smaller vessels of ancient build, on the lakes. They are too large to pass the Welland Canal, and their plying on the upper lakes enables the Erie to compete with the large Canadian canals. If we ever get our canals deepened so as to admit the average whaleback, the problem of combined lake and ocean navigation will be solved by vessels of the style of the "Ancona," seen the other day in New York harbor,

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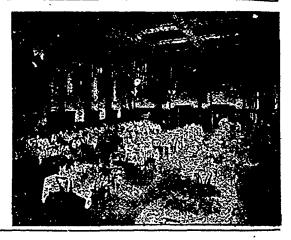
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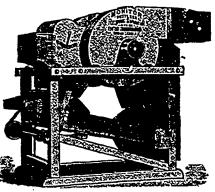
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British Columbia.

Jos. G. Halipenny, saw mill, Beaver Crook, was burnt out.

Wm. McFarlane, hotel, Central Park, is giving up business.

I. O. Mills & Sons, hotel, Kamloops, have moved to Stoveston.

Russell & Herod, hotel, Karalcops, is succeeding I. C. Mills & Sons.

Trail Bottling Works, Trail, is succeeded by Wm. Fluhrer.

J. D. Hoey, grocer, Vancouver, has assigned to McMillan & Hamilton.

Beckwith & Co., stoves, Victoria, have sold out to A. J. Clyde.

Wallenstein & Owen, upholsterers, Victoria, have dissolved; C. N. Owen continues.

The stock of Andrew Woods, manufacturers of brooms, etc., is advertised for sale by auction.

C. Marker, of the dairy branch of the Dominion Agricultural Department, is in British Columbia. Prof. Ruddick of the same department is on his way hero. These gentlemen will visit the several districts in the province in which dairy cows are kept, and give object lessons on improved dairy methods.

Gold quartz has been discovered near Phillip's Arm, close to Vancouver. Niue claims have been staked.

D. D. Men has received word of the total loss of his now steamer, the Rustler, on the Kootenay river. She was carrying ore from Mr. Mann's North Star mine to Jennings. and had a cargo of ore valued at \$1,000. In the canyon, above Jennings, the steamer ran on a rock in the river, and in a short time was a total loss. An effort will possibly be made to get the ore at low water.

Bush fires are reported raging in the interior.

A mone'er petition to the federal government, praying for the further restrictions of Chinese immigration to Canada is being circulated at Vancouver. The petition will contain over 10,000 names when it is sent to Ottawa. The petition recites that Chinese labor is driving out the white working men; that the United States realizing this, has excluded the Mougoliaw coolies, and that Canada should adopt means to keep them cut. It urges that a tax of \$500 be levied upon each Chinamau entering the Dominion.

Sunday morning the hastings shingle mill, owned by E. H. Heaps, and leased by J. and D. McNair, was totally destroyed by fire. The dry kiln and boarding house were saved. The loss is estimated at \$10,000. The insurance is \$2,500.

Harry Arkell, of Vancouver, who handles considerable Manitoba products at the coast, was in Winnipog last week looking up some wheat deals in which he is interested. He says that Vancouver is progressing steaduly. He will visit the Kootenay country on his way west, with the possible object of locating in business in one of the Kootenay towns.

An excursion for members of the bard of trade to British Columbia, has been arranged at Toronto. The date is August 10, and the fare will be \$100 to Revelstoke and return. If a large number of business men take advantage of the opportunity to inspect the British Columbia gold fields, the fare will be reduced. It is a pity the excursion could no be extended to the coast.

Montreal Grain and Produce Market.

Grain—No. 2 oats, per 31 lbs., 253 to 26c, out of store; barley, feed, 31 to 311c.

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Food.—Bran, \$11 to \$12; shorts, \$1' to \$13.

Cheese—The most striking fact in the market is the positive refusal of the legitimate demand over the cable to respond to the bulge that set in in the country last week, and still continues. The only inference from the situation is that the move is due to the short sales of last half June cheese and to speculation. With first cost in view, a seller could not part with finest Ontario for less than 7½c, and buyers' ideas did not go higher than 6½ to 7c. On Quebec makes they ranged from 6½c to 6¾c.

Butter—The steady feeling in butter continues, and for finest creamery demand is maintained at 16 c. The stock of seconds is large and this fact is the week point in the market. Buyers' ideas on goods grading under finest range all the way from 16c down to 15c, according to quality.

Eggs—Choice candled stock sold at 9c to 9gc, culls at 8c to 8gc, and new laid at 11c to 12c per dezen.—Gazette, July 29.

Toronto Grain and Produce Market

Wheat—Cars of red are quoted west at 64 to 65c and white at 65 to 66c. Manitoba wheat, No. 1 hard, sold Midland at 64c; it is quoted at 68c Toronto and west and at 69c Montreal freights.

Flour—Holders have advanced their prices owing to the advance in the price of wheat. Local dealers are asking 10c more for Manitoba grades at \$5.85 for patents and \$3 45 for

strong bakers'.

Millfeed—Cars of shorts are quoted at \$11 and bran at 39 to \$10 west. The city mills are selling ton lots of shorts at \$11 and bran

Barley—Nominal, 35c for No. 1, 82c for No. 2 and 25c for feed outside.

Oats—Are steady at 17½ to 18c asked for mixed and 19c for white west.

Butter—Values are easy and dulness is manifested all along the line. We quote.—Tub butter, 10 to 12c; medium tubs, 8 to 9c; low grade dairy tubs, 6 to 7c; creamery, 15 to 164c.

Eggs—The market is easy and dull, very good boiling eggs can be bought at 90, and less is received for large orders.—Globe July

To Develop Souris Coal.

The Roche Percee Coal Co, which has acquired one of the very best coal properties in the Souris coal region, at Roche Percee, has received its charter of incorporation, and the

organization is now being completed, with the object of pushing business in time for the eming coal season. A meeting was held last week in Winnipeg, when officers were appointed, and it was arranged to open a permanent office in the city. Office premises have been secured on Main street, three or four doors north of the post office. Wm. Nicholl, recently of Souris, but who was formerly a resident of Winnipeg, and is well known in the city, has been appointed general manager of the company. H. W. Gocher, of Souris, will be secretary-treasurer. It is the intention of the company to push the business actively in developing their property and supplying the city and country towns with their coal.

Manitoba Crop butlook.

The weather has continued favorable this week and corresports are somew' at improved, compared with two or three weeks ago, but the general condition is comparatively the same as noted last week in our more extended report. There are some very fine crops in some districts, and other sections will average a small yield. In about ten days with favorable weather, a few early patches of grain will be ready to cut in some districts. We have heard of one or two patches of rye or barley having been cut this week, but they may have been cut for feed, as has been the case with some extra early cutting in past years. At any rate, the harvest will not begin for two or three weeks yet.

The Labor Market.

There is a good demand for men to go to the country, although harvest has not begin yet. The supply of men who are willing to engage in farm work seems to be limited this season, and most of those who are willing to go to the country have been engaged for railway work. The agencies in the city have quite a number of applications in from various parts of the province for farm help, and they report their inability to get men to fill them nearly as fast as they are wanted. Wages offered vary from \$15 to \$30 per month including board, of course.

A very destructive hail storm swapt over South Dakota of Thursday, covering a strip of country 60 miles long, and wiping out all crops in its path, besides damaging buildings severely.

The Commercial intimated recently that the bicycle industry appeared to be already overdone. On Thursday no less than two failures of bicycle factories were reported, these being the Queen City Cycle Co., of Buffalo, N. Y., and the Jenkins Cycle Co., of Chicago.

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THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

WINNIPEG, Saturday, August 1, 1895. The weather has been favorable this week and the crop prospect is a little improved, but light crops are counted upon from some districts. A few cancellations of orders for fall goods have been made, owing to unfavorable crop outlook in some sections. The outlook for prices has improved for wheat and oats and a reasonable increase in values is looked for. There is a good demand for farm help at present, and this will increase during the next few weeks. Mercantile collections are a little slow. Bank clearings at Winnipeg show an increase this week of 17.8 per cent, as compared with the like week of 1895, but clearings for all Canadian cities show an aggregate decrease of 1.7 per cent. this week.

In the United States the political uncertainty is a serious matter for the business interests. Bradstreet's report for this week says: "Among manufacturers of iron and steel it is regarded as serious, owing to the surprising falling off in demand. Production of pig is further curtailed, yet stocks increase. The outlook is for a further declire in iron and steel prices. Curtailment of production of cotton fabrics continues, yet fall purchases of prints are of small volume and fail to sustain quotations.

The stock markets have recovered considerably from the recent scare in Europe and America. Failures for the week have been 281 in the United States, against 261 last year, and 40 in Canada, against 28 last year. Money on call at New York, 11 to 8 per cent; prime mercautile vaper, 6 to 7, yesterday, bar silver closed L. 388c yesterday.

WINNIPEG MARKETS.

WINNIPEG, SATURDAY AFTERNOON, Aug. 1.

[All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are whole-saie for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reduction on large quantities and to cash discounts.]

BINDER TWINE, -Owing to the crop outlook being much less favorable than last year throughout the northern spring wheat country on each side of the boundry, the quantity of twine required will not be nearly so great as last year, consequently the shortage which was talked of earlier in the season is not expected to materialize. Owing to the stocks of old twine having been much lighter than in recent past years in the United States, and also to the moderate output this year, there was some belief that there might be a scarcity of twine before the season was over. This does not now seem probable. At any rate they appear to have lots of twine in the United States, as large quantities have been bought there for this market this season. While there is no material change in prices, the tendency is easy on some brands.

DRUGS.-Glycerine is firm and higher abroad, and sulphur has advanced \$1 per ton abroad. Borax is firm. Castor oil is very firm and new importations at present quotations abroad would cost much more. to 1½c; alcohol, \$5.25gal; blocching powder, per pound; 6 to 8c; bluestone, 5 to 7c; berax 11 to 13 cents; bromide potash, 65 to 75c; camphor, 85 to 95c; camphor, 85 phor, ounces 90 to 1.00; carbolic acid, 40 to 65c; castor oil, 11 to 15c; chlorate potash, 28 to 35c; citric acid, 55 to 65c. copperas 3t to 4c; cocaine, per oz., \$6.50 to \$7.00; cream tartar, per pound, 28 to 35c; cloves, 20 to 250; epsom salts, 3½ to 4c; extract logwood, bulk, 14 to 180; do., boxes, 18 to 20c; German quinine, 40 to 50c; glycerine, per pound, 30 to 35c; gingor, Jamaica, 30 to 35c; do., African, 20 to 25c; Howard's quinine,

per ounce, 45 to 55c; iodine, \$5.50 to 6.00. insect powder, 85 to 40c; morphia sul., \$1.90 to \$2.25. Opium, \$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 8.25; oil, peppermint, \$1.00 to \$1.50; oil, cod liver, \$2.50 to \$1 pergallon as to brand; oxalice acid, 13 to 16c; potass iodide, \$1.25 to 4.50; paris green, 18 to 20c lb; saltpetre; 10 to 12c; sal rochelle, 30 to 85c; shellac, 45 to 50c; sulphur flowers, 8\(\) to 5c; sulphur roll, per keg. 3\(\) to 5c; soda bicarb, per keg of 112 pounds, \(\) 83.75 to \(\) 1.25; sal soda, \(\) 2 to \(\) 3; tartaric acid, per lb. 45 to 55c; strychnine, pure crystals 80c to \$1.00 per oz.

GREEN FRUITS-New stocks of lemons are not in yet, but new Messinas are expect i here by Monday. The quotation belo lemons is for prices this week, and new stock will likely be higher. Oranges are out of the market. California fruits are in active demand, and at current prices consumers are beginning to buy for preserving, though plums are expected to go lower yet. Southern apples of very good quality are now offering. Cherries are out of the market. Tomatoes are lower. Blueborries are offering freely and are about 1c lower. Grapes are 30 to 35c per basket lower. Bananas were scarce this week, and there were none fit to ship for some time, as most of the arrivals this week were too soft to ship for the country trade. The first car of Ontario fruit arrived yesterday, consisting of apples, pears, tomatoes and a few crabs. Prices are: Lomons, Messinas, \$5.00 to \$5.25 per box, as to quality; bananas, \$1.50 to \$3.00 per bunch as to size and quality; good shipping stock, \$2.00 to \$3.00 per banch; pine-apples \$2 to \$3.00 dozan, as to size; California peaches, \$1.85 to \$1.50 box; California plums. \$2 to \$2.50 per box as to quality and variety; California pears \$\$2.75 to 3 per box; southern apples \$3.75 to \$1 barrel; watermelons, \$1.50 per dozen; tomatoes \$1.25 per crate of four baskets; blueberries, 4 to 5c per lb; southern concord grapes, 60 to 70c per basket; apple cider, 35c per gatlon, in 80 gallon barrels; maple sugar 12s per lb; maple syrup, \$1.10 per winegallon, in gallon tius; new southern onions, \$3 per 100 lbs; cucumbers, 65c per dozen; colery, 50c per dozen bunches; cabbage, 60c per dozen.

GROCERIES. -Sugars hold steady. There was another 1-16c decline at New York for raws, but holders would not sell at the decline. The canned goods market is in quite a demoralized state, very low prices being quoted on some lines, and the outlook is very unsatisfactory from the packers' point of view. The local market has been influenced some by the throwing on the market of some old goods held here. Cables received recently from Bordeaux indicate that French prunes will open about is per cwt. lower than last season. Offers to arrive at Montreal, have been made at figures which are equivalent to 43c to 5c per pound for ordinary French prunes. Last year these goods opened at 5 to 53c. The improvement in the crop is the cause given for the modified views of sellers. The first offers on new crop California raisins are now being made and to the surprise of many in the trade, considering the talk of a short and late crop on the Coast, they are 1 to 1c per lb. lower than the first offers last season. Based on the offers in question 2-crown would cost 5c, 8-crown 51c, and 4-crowe 6c, laid down duty paid here.

LUMBER.-Prices are as follows:

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\text{No. 2 dimension \$2 less than No. 1.} 25

Dimension, 26ft., 28ft., 30ft., \$26. Timber, 26ft., 28ft., 30ft., \$28. \$1 per M. advance on each inch over 12 in depth and Tamarac dimension same price as pine. Sprucedimension at \$2 per M. less than pine. Cull Plank, all widths at \$12 per M. B. C. Fir dimension up to 32 feet at \$30 per M. 32 to 40 ft., \$33; 40 to 60ft., \$36. \$1 per M. extra for each 2 in. over 12 in. in width or depth.

Buards.—1st. common boards, red pine \$25; 2nd. common boards, \$18; 8rd. common boards, \$16; No. 1 cull boards, \$12; No. 2 cull boards, \$8; Spruce boards, \$16; \$1 per M. extra for stock boards. \$2 per M. less for 10 ft. and under. No. 1 box boards, 14 in. and up, \$30; No. 2, box boards, 14 in and up. \$26. Extra dressing per M. \$1.50.

Siding. Flooring and Ceiling .- 2nd 4, 5 and Siding. Flooring and Ceiling.—2nd 4, 5 and 6 inch, white pine \$38.00; 3rd 4, 5 and 6 inch white pine \$23.50; 1st 4 5 and 6 inch red pine \$32.00; 2nd 4 5 and 6 inch red pine \$32.00; 3rd 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine \$32.00; 4th 5 and 6 inch red and white \$20.00, B. C. No. 1 fir \$36.00; B. C. No. 2 fir \$32.00; B. C. No. 3 fir \$28.00; B. C. spruce \$35.00, 4, 5 and 6 inch spruce native \$20.00: 8 and 10 inch pine \$25.00. No. native \$20.00; 8 and 10 inch pine \$25.00; No. 1 cedar siding and ceiling \$9.00; No. 2 cedar siding and ceiling \$38.00; \(\frac{1}{2}\) inch cedar or fir siding and ceiling \$28.00; \$1.00 per M. advance for dressed both sides.

Bavil Siding .- No. 1 white pine \$26.00; No. 2 red and white \$23,00.

Shiplan.-6 inch 18.00; 8 and 10 inch \$20.00; Spruce, 8 and 10 inch 19.00; Spruce, 6 inch \$18.00.

Shingles.-B. C. cedar per M. No. 1 \$3.00; B. C. cedar per M. No. 2 \$2.50; B. C. cedar dimension shingles \$1.00; B. C. cedar shingles band sawed \$5.00; No. 1 pine, per M. \$2.75; No. 2 pine per M. \$2.25; No. 3 pine per M.

Lath.—Pine lath, per M \$3.00.

Finishing—11 inch, 11 inch and 2 inch. White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$65.00; white white pine, 150 and 2nd cieff, 505.00; white pine, 3rd clear, \$55; white pine, selects, \$15; white pine, shops, \$36.00; red pine, clear, \$10.00; red pine, selects, \$32.00; B. C. ceder clears, \$55.00; B C. fir clears and stepping, \$15.00. \$5.00 per M, advance on 2½ inch any thicker.

One inch. White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$69.00; white pine, 3rd clear, \$18.00; white pine, selects, No. 1, \$39; white pine, selects, No. 2 (extra 1st com.) \$30; red pine, clear, \$10; red pine, selects, \$30; B.C. cedar, clear,

Oak, red and white-1st and 2nd, 855 to \$65; Common, \$10.

Mouldings and Base—Parting strips, per 100 feet lineal, 60c; lattice, ½x1½ per 100 feet lineal, 75c; lattice, ½x1½ per 100 ft. lineal, 85c; window and door stop, 1½ inch lineal, \$1.25; window and door stop, 2 inch lineal, \$1.50; ½ round and ½ cove, 75c; 1½ round mould, \$1.50; 2 round mould, \$1.75; 2½ round mould, \$2.00; 3 round mould, \$2.25; 3½ round mould, \$2.50; 4 round mould, \$2.75; 4½ round mould, \$3.00; 5 round mould, \$3.25; 6 round mould, \$1.00; 5 round window stool, 1½ \$1.50; 6 round window stool, Mouldings and Base-Parting strips, dow stool, 1½ \$1.50; 6 round window stool, 1½ \$1.50; 6 round window stool, 1½, \$5.25; 4 round casings, \$2.50; 5 round casings, \$2.75; 6 round casings, \$3.25; 8 round base, \$1.50; 10 round base, \$5.50; 12 round base, \$7.00; hand rail, 2x1, \$5.00; wainscot cap, 2½ inch, \$2.35; wainscot cap, 8 inch, \$2.75; paper mould, 75c.

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PAINTS, OILS, ETC-The weakness in linsood Still another decline of le is oil continues. Still another decline of 1c is reported from Montreal, but there has been no further change here, local crushers having maintained prices. Jobbing prices continue maintained prices. Jouoing prices continue to be out very fine, and are irregular, oil being sold on a margin all the way from 1c to 5c. Glass is firm. An advance of 10 per cent is expected, all around, and some are now asking 50 more, or \$1.80 for first break, per 50 feet. White glue is 1 to 2c higher. Turrentine is easier.

WHITE LEADS.—Pure, ground in oil, association guarantee, 5.75 to 36 per 100-lb; white lead, assorted 1 to 5-lb. tins, per lb., 9c.

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

DRY COLORS.—White lead, per lb., 8c; red lead, kegs 54c; yellow ocre in barrel lots, 24c; lead, Regs 3gc; yellow ocre in barrel 10ts, 2gc; less than barrels, 3c; golden ocre, barrels, 3gc, less than barrels 4c; Venetian, red, barrels, 3c; less than barrels, 3gc; American vermillion, 15c; English vermillion, \$1 per lb., Paris green, 18 to 19c; Canadian metalic oxides, barrel lots 2gc; less than barrel lots, 3c; English vermillion, \$1 per lb., Paris green, 18 to 19c; Canadian metalic oxides, barrel lots 2gc; less than barrel lots, 3c; English vermile oxides, 100 lb., least Act less English purple oxides, 100 lb. kegs, 40; less, than kegs, 4c lb.

VARNISHES.—No. 1 furniture, per gal., \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50, elastic oak, \$1.50 to \$17.5; No. 1 carriage, \$1.50 to \$1.75; hard oil finish, 1.50 to \$2; brown Japan, \$1; goldsize Japan, \$1.50; No. shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.

SUNDRIES.-Glue, S.S., in sheets, per 1b., SUNDRIES.—Glue, S.S., in sheets, per lb., 121 to 15c; glue, white. for kalsomining, 18 to 20c. Stove gasoline, per case, \$1.00; benzine, per case, \$1.00; benzine and gasoline, per gallon, 50c. Axle grease, Imperial per case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, per case, \$3.75; diamond, do, \$2.25 per case. Coal tar, per barrel, \$8; Portland cement, per barrel, \$4.00; plaster, per barrel, \$3.10; plasterer's hair, P.P. \$1 per bale; putty. in bladders. barrel lots 27c per lb., for putty, in bladders, barrel lots 29c per lb., for less than barrels per lb., Sc.

WINDOW GLASS .- 1st break is quoted at \$1.75 per box of 50 feet.

LINSEED OIL.—Raw, per gal., 56c; boiled, per gal., 59c in barrels, less than barrels 3c per gallon extra.

TURPENTINE.—Pure spirits, in barrels, per gallon, 55c; less than barrels, per gallon, 60c. An additional charge for packages for 60c. small quantities.

OILS.—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25 to 30c per gallon; clear machino oils, 33 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; neatsfoot oil, \$1.00; steam refined seal oil, 85c; pure winter blesched sperm oil, \$2 per gallon.

REFINED PETROLEUM.—There is no change in burning oils. Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 24½c; crescent, 27½c; oleophene, 29½c in barrels. In car lots 2c per gallon discount is allowed off prices in barrels United States oils in barrels are quoted at 34c for cocene and 80c for sunlight.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT-GENERAL SITUATION .- The genoral feeling in wheat is firm. There has been a good deal of speculative selling in wheat this week, which has kept prices down, but the outlook is decidedly stronger. Prices have been well maintained this week, but not materially changed. We look for a moderate advance in wheat, and the conditions cer-tainly seem favorable for a realization soon of considerably better values than have ruled of late. The great drawback is the political state of unrest in the United States. In the hard spring wheat territory on both sides of the boundary the aggre, ato crop will be much less than last year, and this should bring hard spring wheat up to a full premium over winter varieties. The Minneapolis this week of importance to note, prices being

Market Record says: "From correspondence and extensive inquiries concerning the wheat erop of North Dakuta, facts seem to bear out the previous reports of a very generally poor outlook, although the cool weather of last week was most beneficial to heading and filling." Exports of wheat, flour included as wheat, from both ceasts of the United States and from Montreal this week amounted to 2,618,000 bustiels, as compared with 3,073,000 bushels last week; 1.460.000 bushels in the week one year ago, 2,977.000 bushels in week two years ago, and with 5,622,000 hushels three years ago.

WHEAT- LOCAL SITUATION -The local feeling is very firm, and hollers are strong in their views. Prices asked here for lots of old wheat are generally in advance of Daluth prices for similar grades. This consequently reduces business, though some transactions have gone through. The extectation here is that in view of the light crop outlook in the Dakotas and Minnesota and part of Manitoba, that hard spring wheat will soon command a big premium over other sorts. The wheat returns from Fort William and Port Arthur elevators last week were: Receipts, 386,253 bushels, shipments, 433,039 bushels, in store 2,533,386 bushels. Prices are sharply higher 2,533,336 bushels. Prices are sharply higher here. The old bull tendency to boom price has been manifest, and values are now much above an export basis The chave been sales of No. 1 hard, Ft. William aff at, at 61c, which is the quotation to-day. Other grades have notadvanced in preportion, latest sales of No. 2 hard reported having been at 57c, and No. 3 hard at 51c, thus almost doubling the spread between No. 1 and No. 2 hard. Tho relative difference between No. 2 and No. 3 hard is the same, these grades showing an advance of 1c on the week.

FLOUR-The market is rather firmer, but without change in prices. Jobbing prices are: — \$1.75 to \$1.50 for patents and \$1.55 to \$1.60 for strong bakers per sack of 98 pounds, delivered to city retail dealers; second bakers \$1.30 to \$1.35; XXXX \$1.05 to \$1.10, delivered. Brands of country mills usually sell at 5 to 10c under these quota-

MILLSTUFFS .-- City mills are still solling at \$8 per ton for bran and \$10 for shorts, delivered in the city, in broken lots. These prices do not includo sacks.

OATS-In United States markets this week The poorer oats have held steady and firm. crop prospect has strongthened the market some, and there is hope for better prices in the future. The local market is firm and about 1c higher again, making an advance of about 2c from the bottom. No. 2 white would bring 11½c for car lots at Manitoba country points on average freights, a id even I to he mure for fine samples. We quote 11 to 12c as to grade for cars at country points. In this market cars have been offered, local freights paid, at 15 to 16c. The street price to farmers here is 15 to 16c, per bushel of 31 pounds, and 1 to 2c higher has been paid for choice milling samples.

BARLEY.—Barley is almost unsaleable. The quotation of 11 to 12c in the country for car lots is nominal.

GROUND FEED. Prices range from \$10 to \$12 per tou, as to quality, the top price for rolled out feed, and the lowest price for mixed mill feed.

OATHEAL—The following are the jobbing prices here for catineal: Rolled cats, 801b sacks, \$1 \$5; 40 lb sacks, 70c, 20 lb sacks 864c; Granulated and standard meal, 98 pound sacks \$1.55, 49 lb sacks, 80c; rolled wheat, 80 lb sacks \$1.70.

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

just about the same as quoted a week ago. If anything the outlook for dairy is slower and there is no inquiry for dairy goods at present. Dairy grades are very slow sale east. For creamery the quotations yesterday were 16 to 170 at Montreal for choice, but the disposition was to select very carefully, and anything the least off is knocked down 1 to 2e per lb, as to quality. Here 14c is still paid to factories for creamery and in some cases 14th has been paid for fine goods. In dairy butter good round lots have been taken at about 8c, and we quote good to choice dairy at 7 to 9c as to quality, the latter price for selected lots, anything not up to the requirements being thrown out.

CHEESE. -There is next to nothing doing in cheese here. From the best information available it is believed that the make of cheese in Manitoba will be much less than last year. Some factories are not operating, and others are making a very small output. The tendency is to go more into creamery butter, as the expense of gathering the milk in the thinly settled districts is very great, while for the creameries only the cream is brought in and it can be done more cheaply. Manitobe will only have a limited quantity of cheese for eastern shipment from present appearances, and the make will not likely materially exceed the requirements of the local and, western trade. Cheese is worth about 5½ to 5½c to ship east, but there has been no business done, and factories are holding at about 6c. One factory surprised a city dealer by offering its make in a very confidential way at 7c. The dealer of course confidential way at 7c. The dealer of course did not bite quickly. At Ingersoll, Ontario, on July 28, the last weekly board meeting, there were sales at 63 to 6 13-16c, and at Belleville on the same day, 63 to 7c was paid, most sales being at 6 15-16c. The quotation at Montreal yesterday was 63 to 75c for Ontario and 63c for Quebec cheese, these prices showing ic advance since a week ago.

EGGS.—The market is weak. The advance noted last week brought in larger supplies than are needed, but it is uncertain how prices will be next week. Some buyers say they will have to drop prices 1 to 2c, but others are still paying 10c for receipts, and jobting at 11 to 12c. Prices of eggs are low in the cast, and it is said some Ontario eggs have been shipped through to British Colum-

LARD .- Lard has declined 1 to 1c. Prices are: Pure \$1.60 for 20 lb. pails, and \$1.00 for 50 lb. pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$5.75 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 8c pound; cases of 30, one 1b. tins,\$3.25.

CURED MEATS.-For canvassed mosts, add le per pound to prices below. Smoked meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 11c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 11c: do., lic; Freaklast oncon, beines, lic; do, backs, 10c; short spiced rolls. 7½ shoulders, 7½ smoked long clear, 8½ cents; Fancy clear, 8¾ cents; Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 7c per lb: shoulders, 6½c; 50; backs, Sc; barrel pork, clear mess \$13.50; backs, Sc; barrel pork, clear mess \$13.50; short cut, \$16.00; rolled shoulders, \$14 per barrel. Pork sundries; fresh sausage, 7c: bologna sausage, 6c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 3c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 30c lb.

DRESSED MEATS.—Mutton has sold lower this week, at 7c per lb. Good lambs continue scarce. We quote city dressed beef steady at 5 to 5½c. Fresh mutton, 7c; dressed lambs, 10 to 11c. City dressed hogs, 5½c; country dressed 5c. Veal, easy at 5½c

POULTRY.-Chickens hold at 40 to 45 cents per pair as to quality. Spring chickens 35c per pair. Turkeys bring 9 to 10c per lb live weight. Ducks, 10c dressed weight. No gorse offering.

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HIDES:—Hides are weak. In the United States the tendency is lower, and some markets show a decline of \(\frac{1}{2} \) to \(\frac{1}{2} \)c. Here the tendency is easier, and a decline is looked for, though some dealers were still paying 5c for No. 1, others were quoting about \(\frac{1}{2} \)c lower. We quote: Hides, green cured, No. 1, \(\frac{5}{2} \)c; No. 2, 4c; No. 3, 3c; calf, 8 to 1\(\frac{5}{2} \) lb. skins, 5 to 7c per lb.; dekins 1\(\frac{5}{2} \) to 20c each kips 4 to 5c; sheep 50 to 6\(\frac{5}{2} \)c; shearlings, \(\frac{5}{2} \) to 1\(\frac{5}{2} \)c; lambskins, 10 to 20c; Horsehides, 7\(\frac{5}{2} \)e to \(\frac{5}{2} \).

Tallow.—The decline foreshadowed by The Commercial last week has taken place, prices having dropped to 3c for No. 1 rendered. Prices in the United States are very low on tallow and grease of all kinds, prices in Chicago being hardly any higher than in Winnipeg. We quote No. 1 rendered, 3c per 1b, and undergrades 2 to 2½c.

Wool.—The outlook continues very poor for wool. United States markets are no better and Eastern Canada markets were about 1c lower last week. Here a little over 8c has been paid in some cases, but this has been for selected lots, heavy or dirty fleeces being thrown out and taken at a lower price, which would bring the average of most lots down to about 8c, and we quote 7 to 8c as to quality for unwashed Manitoba fleece. The western range wool is about all held yet by the rangers. An agent for a Chicago house bought about three cars around Maple Creek, but the wool was refused when it reached Chicago, and is now on the hands of the shippers. This is a warning to ranchers to exercise care in accepting offers from unknown parties. Fine Dakota wools are quoted at Minneapolis at 4 to 6c. These are a heavy shrinking class, owing to prairie dust in the fleeces.

SENECA ROOT—About 15c per lb is the best price paid for fine, well dried and clean root, and bulby and dirty 12 to 18c. The quantity offering is much less than last year.

HAY.—Dull at about \$5 per ton for baled prairie on track here.

LIVE STOCK

CATTLE.—There were quite a number of cattle in this week, approximating 1.000 head. Gordon & Ironsides shipped two train loads of range cattle from Medicine Hat, and a Manitoba & Northwestern syndicate shipped a train load of cattle from that section. The cattle are thin yet, even the range cattle being in poor condition for the time of year, owing to the grass being soft and the flies bad. Cattle generally are about six weeks longer fattoning than last year. We quote 2 to 23c here, as to quality, for butchers' stock, but very few will reach the the top quotation.

Hogs.—The price is steady at about 9gc off cars here for good packing hogs, averaging 150 to 300 pounds, heavy and light hogs 2½ to 3c. as to quality; stags 1½ to 3c. Hogs and products keep very low at Chicago,

SHEEP.—The market is still easy. We quote 23 to Sc off cars here, but 23c is about as high as can be obtained. Lambs \$2 to \$3.50 per head, as to quality.

The Live Stock Trade

At Teronto on July 28, export cattle sold at \$3.25 to \$3.60 per 100 pounds and one load went 5c better. Butchers cattle ranged from 2 to 8c, and a few at 3c. Sheep, 3 to 3c for export and 2c to 2c for butchers' stock. Lambs easier at 4c for choice. Hogs in light supply, choice selling at 4c to 4c. Heavy 3c, light fat, 3c.

At Chicago on July 31, the market for hogs was firmer and 5c higher at \$3 to \$2.25 for medium and \$3.10 to \$3.40 for light weights. Most sales were at \$2.85 to \$3.10.

At Liverpool on July 27, cattle advanced to to to 9% for choice Canadians. Sheep declined to 11% to 12c.

British Columbia Markets.

(BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.)

Vancouver, August 1, 1896.
Trade is reported much brisker this week than last, though money is still very scarce. Wheat is scarce. New hay is commencing to come in, bran and shorts are plentiful, cats remain firm, but the new crop will scon be in, and a drop will take place. The fruit market is still active, bananas and Australian apples are out of the market. Small fruits are in demand for preserving. Vegetables are holding firm, owing to the continued drought. Manitoba butter is not in demand at prices to encourage shippers.

Butter.—Man. Dairy butter, 14c; Manitoba creamery, 17 to 18c; local creamery, 20c; Manitoba cheese, new, 9½c.

Cured Meats.—Hams 12c to 12½c; breakfast bacon 12 to 12½c; backs 12 to 12½c; long, clear 8½c; shortrolls 9½ to 10c; smoked sides 9½c. Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 10c per pound; in rails and tubs 9½c. Mess pork \$14; short cut \$16.

Fish.—Prices are: Flounders 8c; smelt 4c; sea bass 4c; black cod 6c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 4c; herring 4c; spring salmon 7c; sockeyes, 7c; whiting 6c; soles 6c; steel heads, 6c; cra:s 60c dozen; smoked halibut, 10c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c; salt colachan, 25 and 50 lb. kits \$3.75 and \$3.50; *moked salmon 124c.

Vegetables—New potatoes, \$1.40 per 100 pounds; onions silver skins, 1½c lb.; sweet potatoes \$2.25 per 100 lbs.; cabbago, 1½c lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$10 a ton.

Eggs.—Ranch, 20c. Manitoba, 15 to 16c.

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 280 to 360 lemons, from 125 to 300 seedling oranges, or from 125 to 150 naval oranges. California lemons. \$3.75 to \$4; Australian oranges, \$3.25; Cherries, (10 lb box), local 70c; Peaches, 20 lb boxes \$1.50; Plums 20 lb boxes \$1.50; Apricots 20 lb boxes \$1.10; Raspberries, 24 lb box, \$1.50; Tomatoes, \$3.25.

Evaporated Fruits.—Apricots 11c per lb; peaches 72c; plums 7c; prunes, French, 4c; loss Muscatel raisins 4c; London layer raisins \$1.65 box.

Nuts.—Almonds, 18c; filberts, 12tc; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12tc; walnuts, 10 to 16c lb.

Meal.—National mills rolled cats. 90 lb sacks, \$3.00; 45 pound sacks, \$3.10; 22½ pound sacks, \$2.60; 10.7 sacks, \$2.00. Oatmeal, 10-10's, \$3.25; 2-50's, \$3.00. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.25; 2-45s, \$2.35. Manitoba Rolled Oats, 90's, \$2,25 45's \$2.35.

Flour.—Manitoba patent, per bbl., \$4.30; strong bakers, \$3.80; Oregon, \$1.20; Oak Lake patent \$4.30; do. strong bakers \$3.85.

Grain.—Washington State wheat \$25.00 per ton f. o. b. Vaucouver, duty paid. Oats \$20.00 per ton.

Ground Feed.—National mills chop, \$21 to \$28 per ton; ground barley, \$22 ton; shorts, \$15.00 ton; bran \$14.00; oil cake meal, \$26 ton: F.O.B. Vancouver, including duty paid on import stuff.

Hay.-Nominal at \$8 per ton.

Dressed Meats.—Beef, 6 to 7c; mutton, 6½ to 7½c; pork, 6 to 7c; veal, 7c.

Live Stock.—Steers, \$3.00 to \$3.50; per hundred lbs.; sheep, \$3.10 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs; hogs, \$5.50 to \$5.75 per 100 lbs; lamb \$2.75 to \$3 per head.

Sugars.—Powdered and icing, 64c; Paris lump, 6c; granulated, 5c; extra C, 54c; ancy yellows 44c; yellow 4c per lb.

Poultry.—Chickens, \$1.00; ducks, \$5 per

Syrups.—80 gallon barrels, 13e per pound; 10 gallon kegs, 23e; 5gallon kegs, \$1.50 each; 1 gallon tins, \$1 per case of 10; 3 gallon tins, \$4.75 per case of 20.

Teas.—Congo: Fair. 111e; good, 18c. choice 26c. Coylons: Fair 25c; good 80c; choice 85c per lb.

British Columbia Business Review.

Vancouver, July 28, 1896.

The lumber trade continues active. Laterly many ship loads of lumber have gone to China. This week the American Barkentine Quickstep and the American ship Benjamin Sewell have sailed with lumber cargoes for China valued at \$18,000. The forest first which have been raging for the past ten days in British Columbia have burnt many valuable timber limits, destroying houses and barns, burnt up crops and swept away mining and logging camps and drove settlers from their locations.

Farmers throughout the province are complaining bitterly of the continued drought particularly at Comox where the high scorching wind has almost destroyed all growing crops of grain, vegetables and fruit.

British Columbia Mining News.

The finincial loss to the Duke of York Mining company at Alberni by the bush fires is \$2,500. It is said that when the flames attacked the camp the miners punched holes in the pipes and the force of water made a protecting spray for much valuable property. Nine horses and the women and children were put under the piping for safety. They were drenched with water but escaped with thir lives. The men dug holes in the ground and breathed into then at intervals while fighting the flames. The only way they could get sufficient oxygn to keep them alive. The danger of fire at Alberni is thought to be over. The last strike at Alberni is a rich black quartz running \$20 to the ton.

This week no further strikes are reported at Rossland of great importance. There is said to be much confusion at South Kootenay owing to a number of mines beating the same name. J. E. McLaren of Ottawa has purchased 13,333 shares of the Le Roi stock for \$5 a share. The total purchasing sum amounting to \$65,665. This is the largest sale of stock which has taken place in South Kootenay for some time, and the first large block of Le Roi stock that has brought par.

Winnipog Clearing House.

Clearings for the week ending July 30 were \$1,076,551; balances, \$203,806. For the previous week clearings were \$1,097,338. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were \$917,357 and for the week two years ago, \$760,623. Clearances for all Canadian cities this week were as follows:

Montreal	\$9,062,795
Toronto	5,601,143
Halifax	919,367
Winnipeg	1,076,551
Hamilton	559,506

Total.....\$17,257,362

F. D. Barclay, general storekeeper, Waweness, has admitted Charles Barclay as partner. Style Barclay Bros.

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The stock of B. J. McCulloch, tailor, Winnipeg, was sold on Friday at 61½c on the \$ to B. J. McCulloch & Co.

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Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

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

On Monday wheat was irregular, advancing on light winter wheat receipts, but declined on speculative selling and increase in visible supply then recovered, and closed about the same as Saturday. Closing prices were:

	July.	oopt.	Oct.	Dec.
Wheat	588	591-1		61 🖁
Corn	242	251		
Oats	18 }	17 <u>Ā</u>		
Mess Pork		6 00	5 92 1	
Lard		8 171	8 225	
Short Ribs.		3 20 ¯	8 221	

Prices declined heavily on Tuesday, under large speculative selling, favorable crop weather and lower cables. Closing prices

wa.c.	July.	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.
Wheat	571 232	575-3 249		597
Corn	237	243		
Oats	18	18		
Mess Pork		6 05	5 90	
Lard		8 123	8 17 <u>1</u>	
Short Ribs.		3 12	3 17 <u>1</u>	

On Wednesday the wheat market was firm and prices nearly recovered the loss of yesterday, on the less favorable home and foreign crop reports, particularly from India and Russia. Closing prices were:

	July.	sept.	UCT.	Dec.
Wheat	58 1	59- 1 -		613
Corn	24∄−∺	243 -		26 <u>8</u>
Oats	18 🖁	18 -		
Mess Pork.			971	
Lard	81		20	
Short Ribs.	8	20 8	271	

On Thursday wheat was dull and easier, declining slowly, influenced by speculative telling. Closing prices were:

	July.	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.
Wheat	58	583		60§
Corn	233	241		
Oats	18	177		
Mess Pork		6 12	5 90	
Lard		3 17 1	8 223	
Short Ribs		3 221	8 25	

On Friday prices were firm most of the day, with some weakness on realizing sales. Prices closed higher, influenced by crop reports. Closing prices were:

	July.	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.
Wheat	58≸	58 7		61
Corn	23 Ž	248		
Oats	18 <u>¥</u>	18"		
Mess Pork.		6 25	6 00	
Lard		3 221	3 321	
Short Ribs.		3 27	8 32	

On Saturday, September wheat ranged from 591 to 591c, lowest price being at the close. Clasing prices were:

	July.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat	574	581	60∄
Corn	 '	248	
Oats		18	—
Mees Pork		6 35	
Lard		8 25	
Short Ribs		3 32 1	
Flax Seed		72‡	74 <u>3</u>

A week ago Sept. wheat closed at 593: and a year ago at 68c and two years ago at 582c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

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

Monday – Sept. 59c. Dec. 603c. Tursday – Sut. 57ic. Dec 65ic. Wednesday – Sept. 18ir. Dec. 60c. Thurday – Sept. 68c. Dec. 59ic. Priday – Sept. 68c, Dec. 59ic. Saturday – Sept. 68, Dec. 59 c.

A week ago September delivery closed at 587c. A year ago September delivery closed at 663c. Two years ago Sept. closed at 514c and three years ago at 614c.

Minneapolis Wheat.

On Saturday, August 1, No. 1 Northern wheat closed as follows: Sept. delivery at 514. December at 574c. A week ago September wheat closed at 55 He.

New York Wheat.

On Saturday, Aug. 1, Sept. delivery closed at 64gc and December delivery at 66gc. . week ago September option closel at 61gc.

Minneapolis Flour Market.

The Market Record of August 1, reports flour in fair demand. Prices are as follows in barrels, f. o. b.: First patents, \$3.20 to \$3.40; Second patents, \$3.10 to \$3.15; First clears, \$2.45 to \$2.50; second clear, \$2; Export baker's, \$2.45; second export bakers' \$1.90 to \$2.10; Red Dog, per ton 140 lbs. jute, \$9.75 to \$10.25. These prices are 10c higher for patents than a week ago. for patents than a week ago.

Milstuffs.—Bran in bulk \$1.75 to \$5.00. Bran in sacks, 200 lbs, \$5.50 to \$6.00 Bran in sacks, 100 lbs, \$6.00 to \$6.50; Shorts, \$5.00; Middlings, fino, \$7.25 to \$7.75. These prices are the same as a week ago.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

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

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mata!	117		148	215	202
Total	11.	99	110	210	202
Same week last	33	12	37	62	55

*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.

British Columbia Salmon Industry.

Another week has passed, and still the salmon are running in very small quantities. Many of the fishermen have hung up their nets in disgust, and will wait for a possible bigger run. The United States fishermen in bigger run. The United States fishermen in Boundary Bay seem to have caught all the fish heading for the Fraser. There is still hope, as two years ago the fish did not commence to run until the first of August. A shipment of salmon will shortly be made to England via the C.P.R. They will be frozen fresh and shipped in refrigerator cars to Mon-treal where they will be taken in refrigerator compartments of Atlantic steamers to Eng-land. The C.P.R. have offered special rates, to encourage the trade. As two representa-tives of the Fishm ngers' Society of England are at present in British Columbia, it is cor-tain that fish dealers in England intend to assist rather than discourage the importation of British Columbia frozen salmon into England. The San Matee, a Yankee smugg.ing sloop has been seized by the Dominion authorities. Her captain was the ringleader in the

River Inlet salmon strike. He brought over white toughs from the States to posson the minds of the British Columbia Indians, but his scheme was only partially successful,

From later information it is learned that the canners in the northern rivers have put up 160,000 canes of salmon with good prospects of 60,000 cases more. The run of sockeyes is unprecedented. The sockeye run has also commenced on the Fraser. On Sunday 2,500 boats averaged 50 to the boats. Since then the run has kept up well. There are indications of a high rock are indications of a big pack.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago. '

Following were Winnipeg prices this week

last year:
Wheat.—No. 1 hard, Fort William, affoat irregular, and about nominal at 77 to 78c.

Flour.—Local price, per sack, Patents, \$2.05; Bakers, \$1.85.

Bran.-Per ton, \$11.

Shorts.—Per ton, \$18.
Oats.—Per bushel, car lots, local freights, 82 to 83c.

Barley.— Per bushel, about 40c local freights.

- Small sales rotail at \$1.50 Flax Seed. -

per bushel. Butter.—Dairy 8 to 10c. Creamery, 131 to 15c.

loc.
Cheese.—5½ to 6c.
Eggs.—Fresh, 12c net, jobbing 18 to 14c.
Beef.—City dressed, 4½ to 5c.
Mutton.—Fresh, 7c; lamb, 7c.
Hogs.—Dressed, 5½ to 6c.
Cattle.—Butchers' 2 to 2½c. Export 8 to 8½c.
Hogs.—Live, off cars, 4c.

Sheep.—8 to 8½c; lambs, \$1 to \$2.75 each. Seneca Root.—Dry 16 to 20c lb. Peultry.—Chickens, 40 to 45c per pair, turkeys, 8c lb., live weight.

Hides.—No. 1 cows, greed salted 7½c. Wool.—Unwashed fleece, 9 to 10½c. Potatoes.—New, 35c per bushel. Hay.—\$4.50 to \$5.00 per ton; car lots.

Kerosene.

Tees & Persse, Winnipeg, have during the past two years worked up quite a business in coal oil, which they are now selling all over Manitoba and the West. This season they will give increased attention to this line, and will carry in Winnipeg a full stock of the different oils which they handle, so as to be in a position to fillorders quickly. They make a gracialty of handling a good artisle as a specialty of handling a good article, on a commission basis, and as their expenses are commission basis, and as their expenses are light, as they have no large plant to keep up, they can sell on a small margin of profit. In United States oils they handle only the Pennsylvania product, which is claimed to be much superior in point of quality to the Ohio oil usually, sold here in the imported class. The Pennsylvania oil is the kind which is exported principally to Europe Tees & Persse are the only handlers of Pennsylvania oil here. They buy from indpendent companies which are not connected with the big oil combines.

Big Storm South.

Reports of the storm of July 27 in the Western States are very bad. The loss is inestimable all over northwestern Iowa, northern Nebraska and southeastern South Dakota. From Movillo, within an area extending one mile south, three east, sixteen west, and eight miles north of the town, standinggrain every-where suffered from five to ten bushels to the acre, and in many cases was totally destroyed. In Piymouth county, Grant, Fredonia, Meadow, Elmond and Preston townships sustained the greatest loss. Considerable stock was killed, and the ground literally strewed with dead hogs and poultry. The heaviest loss was to corn, which was beaten completely to pieces.

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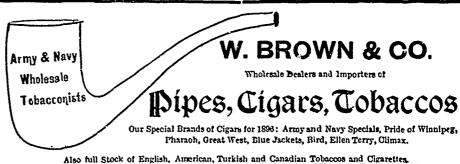
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Crops in Northern Manitoba.

The Manitoba & Northwest railway company issued on Tuesday last, a crop report for the two weeks ending with Monday from points along that line. The reports are more favorable than from most other districts in Manitoba.

Westbourne—Grain of all kinds out in head; oats and barley expected to be a very good crop; wheat reported as not doing very well and not expected to be up to an average crop on account of too much rain. All grain about ton days la or than at this date last

Gladstone—The crops in this vicinity continue to look well although considerable rust has appeared on stalk and farmers express fear that grain will not fill. However if the present fine weather continues prospects may brighten considerably. The crop at present is about four or five days behind last year. Harvesting will probably be from four days to a week later than last year.

Arden—Wheat mostly headed out, in some places rust has appeared, but not heavy onough to discolor it much. Oats a good yield and partly headed out and barley in good shape. Grain not very high in stalk. Potatoes will be a light crop, not so large as last year. Crop in general will not be so large as last year, and harvesting will be a week or so later.

Neepawa—Crops during the last two weeks have made wonderful progress, all looking well and heading out fine. Some little complaint of rust in a few districts but it is not at all general. Hervest will be one week later than last year.

Minnedosa—For the last fortnight all trains have been foreign about years applied.

Minedosa—For the last fortnight all grains have been forging ahead very rapidly and are undoubtedly ahead of last year, wheat is all headed out, oats and barley nearly so. Some very heavy grain is lodged but not anything like as baily as last year. We have had no hail, no bad winds, no rain storms and with continued favorable conditions some wheat cutting will be commenced about the tenth, barley a little earlier.

Rapid City—C ops still continue to look fine and have made rapid progress during the past too weeks, being now in most instances fully as far advancel as at this time last year. There are some reports of rust on blade, but in no case has the rust reached the stalk nor done any damage.

Newdale—Last two wooks dry weather causing rapid growth in all kinds of graic; wheat oats and barley are headed out and filling nicely, promising good sample and yield. Harvesting should start about one week earlier than last year.

Strathclair—The crops in this vicinity are doing remarkably well; cutting will commence the first part of the month; oats and barley will be ready as soon as the wheat; no more rain is required at present; rust is doing very little damage. If fine weather continues, grain of all kinds will be about ten days allead of last year.

Sheal Luka—Crops are advancing rapidly.

Shoal Luke—Crops are advancing rapidly, and grain of all kinds well headed out. If weather continues favorable, cutting will be ahead of last year. The yield of grain will average about the same as last year. Birtle—The favorable weather since last

Birtle—The favorable weather since last report has caused a rapid growth in all kinds of grain; wheat in most places is about a week ahead of last year; oats and barley about the same as last year. Vegetables of all kinds will be a heavy crop.

Russell—The crop continues to look fine. Wheat and oats well headed out. With the present warm weather harvesting will be a week or ten days earlier than last year.

Binscarth—All kinds of grain and root crops doing well. Farmers say wheat harvest will start in about three weeks, in some few cases a little carlier. Oats are well headed out, the straw is shorter than was at first expected but will be a good average crop. With favorable weather harvest generally will start about a week earlier than, last year.

Langenburg—Wheat looking fine and fully ten days ahead of last year this date. If weather continues fine harvest will commence in three weeks time. Oats are all headed out and a good crop expected; they are five days ahead of last year, also barley. No damage done by frest yet.

done by frost yet.

Siltcoates—All grain has advanced rapidly since last report, the rains last week doing good. Wheat and oats are fully ten days in advance of last year, but straw is shorter and the oat crop will not be so good as last year. On light ground, wheat will probably be ready to out by 20th August; on heavy ground probably be ten days later if weather continues favorable. Hay is now being cut and is in abundance. Potatoes and vegetables doing well.

Yorkton—Wheat crop coming on very fast, straw not as heavy as last year, but grain filling very plump and will be better sample. Oat crop about the same in proportion as wheat. Weather keeps very hot and dry.

Dairy Trade Notes.

About 10,000 boxes of finest full cream Canadian cheese, August and Saptember makes, were offered at auction in London, England, on July 7th, but the prices realized were very low. First Ingersoll sold at 24s to 27s 6d. Prince Edward Island fall cheese went under the hammer at 20s to 25s 6d, and finest Listowell at 22s to 26s. There were also about 1,000 boxes of now white Canadian cheese offered at auction at the same time, sales of which took place at 33s 6d to 36s. New York State new make were also offered at the same time, and sold at 33s 6d to 36s. The Prince Edward Island cheese netted about 4c per 1b. for whom it might concern—the late Government or the farmers of Prince Edward Island. The cheese were supposed to have been sold in this market at 83c last fall, and if the farmers got that price they should have been well satisfied; while the government of course ought to be commisserated for making such a big loss.

At Brockville, Ontario, on July 23 the sales at the cheese board were nothing in comparison to the stroke of business transacted after the adjournment. The offerings were 429 white and 1,255 colored. Of these 265 colored sold at 615-16; 75 white at 613-16; 85 colored at 7c; 50 colored at 7c. Salesmen generally wanted 65c for white and 7c for colored, though many refused the latter bid. Including the majority of last week's cheese, which was held with to-day's, fully 10,000 boxes were placed on the market after the Board adjourned. The factorymen's demands were acceded to, and nearly all of the big offering was transferred into the hands of the buyers at 7c for colored, 65c for white. Two lots, aggregating about 450 boxes, brought

At Woodstock, Ontario, on July 22 at the cheese rarket sixteen factories offered 3,811 boxes June and July cheese. Sales, 70 at 67c, 2,105 at 6 13-16c.

At Peterboro, Ontario, on July 22 the fortnightly moeting of the Cheese Board was held, 4,580 boxes were boarded, which sold as follows: 535 at 7 1.16c, 2,172 at 7c, 733 at 6 15-16c, 530 at 6 2c.

At Brantford, Ontario, on July 24 at the cheese market sixteen factories offered 2,005 boxes last June and first ten July. Sales, 160 boxes, at 63c, and 1,420 boxes at 6 18-16c.

At London, Ontario, on July 25, at the cheese market 30 factories boarded 8.717 boxes of July and 933 boxes of June; 110 boxes sold at 6gc, 885 at 611-16c, 685 at 63c, 535 at 618-16c.

"There has been a good demand for butter during the past few days." says the Montreal Gazett; of July 25, "and it is now learned that quite a quantity of creamery has changed hands. On Thursday we noted a sale at 17c, and it now transpires that this figure has been made in several instances since for strictly fresh creamery. We quote finest 1620 to 17c, and seconds 153 to 164c. The shipments this week, which are heavy indicate that business has been better especially for Bristol."

J. Bousfield, proprietor of the Hamiota creamery, and opporator of the McGregor creamery which took first and second prizes respectively at the recent exhibition, attributes his succes to the fact that he visits his patrons giving instructions as to the proper care of the milk and cream. He finds it requires great patience and persistence on his part to got farmers to adopt new methods and his whole time, winter and summer, is spent in the work.

The Daluth and Winnipeg.

It is understood from an authentic source that the Duluth and Winnipeg Railroad Co. will take no steps of an active nature this year toward the extension of the line, says the Duluth News-Tribune. It will take at least sixty days yet to get the road out of the courts, and by that time it will be too late to extend the road to any point this year that would be of any object in the operation of the line. Had the sale come off earlier in the season, the result would have been different. The dirt would now be figing along 200 miles of new extensions. It was the plan in the spring to extent the road 200 miles this season, but the tedious delays with which every one is familiar, had the effect of delaying the project for another year. There have been two surveys made northwest from the present terminus of the line, but neither of them is entirely satisfactory and another will be made.

Outlook for Oats.

A Minneapolis dealer writes as follows regarding oats: "The weather has done a great deal of injury to the crop; in many sections it is almost entirely ruined and this year's oat crop is liable from present indications to be very small and much lower than the average. The small demand for oats is the only thing that would keep oats from showing a good advance and the market for this grain will be a scalping one for some time to come with a range of a cent or two."

Grain and Milling.

The constructiom of a new elevator at Napinka, Man., has been commenced.

T. W. Prout, near Portage la Prairie, Man., cut barley on July 29.

F. W. Thompson, manager of the Ogilvie Milling Co., has returned from a trip to Ontario and Montreal.

The first harvesting of the season was reported from Indian Head, on July 27, when rye was cut, and it was said barley would be ready by the end of the month.

Silver.

The silver market has been dull and steady, and no features of interest have developed in the market either here or in London. Quotations for bar silver have been practically unchanged throughout. Dealings in silver bullion certificates on the Stock Exchange were 292,000 ounces in amount, at from 69gc to 68gc. Silver prices on July 21 were: London, 31gd; New York, 68gc.

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Direct legislation.—We favor a system of direct legislation through the initiative and referendum under proper constitutional safe

guaras.

General propositions.—We demand the election of president, vice-president and United States senators by a direct vote of the recole.

We tender to the patriotic people of Cuba our deepest sympathy in their heroic struggle for political freedom and independence, and we believe the time has come when the United States, the great republic of the world, should recognize that Cuba is and of right ought to be a free and independent state.

We favor home rule in the territories and the district of Columbia, and the early admission of the territories as states.

All public salaries should be male to correspond to the price of labor and its products. In times of great industrial depression idle labor should be employed on public works as far as practicable.

The arbitrary course of the courts in assuming to imprison citizens for indirect contempt and ruling that by injunction, should be prevented by proper legislation. While the foregoing propositions constitute the platform upon which our party stands, and for the vindication of which its organization will be maintained we recognize that the great and pressing issue of the pending campaign upon which the present prosidential election will turn is the financial question and upon this great and specific issue between the parties, we cordially invite the aid and co-operation of all organizations and citizens agreeing with us upon this vital question."

Through the action of the present and preceding administrations, the country has reached a crisis in its rational lite that prompt and patriotic action is the supreme duty of the hour. We realize while we have political independence our financial and industrial independence is yet to be attained. The influence of European money changers has been more potent in shaping legislation than the voice of the American people. The executive power and patronage has been used to corrupt our legislatures and defeat the will of the people, and a plutocracy has thereby been enthroned upon the ruins of democracy. To restore the government of our fathers and for the welfare and prosperity of this and future generations, we demand the establishment of our economic and financial system which will make us masters of our own affairs, independent of European control by the adoption of the following declaration of principles.

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We demand free and unrestricted coinage of silver and gold at a legal ratio of 16 to 1 by the United States, without waiting for the

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We demand that postal savings banks be established by the government for the safe depositing of the savings of the people.

All agricultural and grazing lands now held by corporati as in excess of their actual needs should by lawful means be reclaimed by the government, and held for actual settlers only. The government should awa and operate the railroads in the interest of the people.

The telegraph, like the post office system, being a necessity for the transmission of news, should be owned and operated by the government in the interest of the people.

Prof. Robertson's Dairying Plan.

Professor Robertson has returned east from visiting the Dominion dairy stations in the Territories. Prof. Robertson said he was urging the plan which he proposed to the government last year, and which "as to have been taken up at last session of parliament. "I suggest," he said "that when any community of say thirteen farmers, who are located in a section of country fitted for dairying, shall form a company, subscribe \$500 each and guarantee the milk or cream from 400 cows, the government shall loan \$2,000, to that company, which with the \$500 will build and equip a first class creamery. The department shall undertake the management, as we now manage the one at Moose Jaw, charging the atual cost of manufacture. not exceeding four cents per pound. A further charge of one cent per pound to be retained to form a sinking fund for repayment to the government of the loan. In this way four years would suffice to make the creamery the exclusive property of the company. From

time to time, as the fund from the one cent per pound deducted accumulated, stock in the company would issue to the patrons in proportion to their patronage. The operation of such a plan would embrace manifold advantages. It would first insure permanency. The company would be guaranteed to be durable from the first, and patrons would not be deterred from equipping themselves with cowe and separators, by fear that the creamery might fail. It would next ensure the production of the best article at lowest cost, and the best article always commands the best market. Then the placing of considerable quantities of the best butter upon the markets of the old world would be a good advertisement for the Northwest—a tangible, practical, matter-of-fact advertisement—one calculated to bring better immigration results than the distribution or delivery of yards of theoretical essays and addresses about the superiority of the soil and climate. A bushel of our genuine No. 1 haid, a prime Northwest steer, or a package of superfine creamery butter, are the best kind of immigration Old Country."

United States Wool Market

The dull market continues, the present demand being almost nil. Stocks are large, and many leading houses refuse to take on more wools, even by purchase or consignment. No one wants to buy, and dealers have all they desire to hold. Values are quoted about the same, but, in the absence of business, quotations are largely nominal. The London sale closed July 21, with the market steady. Australian wools in this country are held firm, but sales are slow. Importers are not disposed to push them where they are not wanted, as they cannot be replaced at the price. Carpet wools are dull but steady. Liverpool auction sale of East India wools opened July 20, with prices 5 per cent, lower. Sales have proceeded briskly, with the price yet too high to fill American orders.—Bradstreets.

Grocery Trade Notes.

A circular issued by Juan de Llano, of Valencia, states that, judging by the vines, the crop of Valencia raisins will be about the same as last year, that is, some 650,000 quintals. The quality promises to be very good. The export last year were 275,392 quintals to Great Britain, against 285,066 quintals in 1891; 80,-661 quintals to the United States, against 92,-179; Canada 25,757 quintals agains; 44,191; 64,827 quintals to Baltiz 1971s, against 67,061, and 60,181 to other ports and for Spain, against 172,941, making the grand total for 1675, 456,818 quintals against 661,498 in 1894.

Montreal Grocery Market.

The feature in sugar has been the continued weakness in the market for the raw article, and prices show a decline of 71d since this day week, beet now being quoted at 9s 8d for July and August, which is the lowest figure it has touched this year. This weakness is due principally to the liquidation on the part of speculative holders and the changing from one month to the other; and until such is over, and all the weak holders wiped out, legitimate dealers do not anticipate much improvement in the situation. In the face of the above it is hard for refiners here to expect any advance in prices for the refined article, especially so when stocks are large and buyers generally, both here and throughout the country, are only taking sufficient stock to fill actual wants. During the past week however the demand has been better and refiners state that a more healthy trade has been done, but at the same time no large contracts have been made. The tone of the market is about steady and values show no material change, although it is rumored that 41c has been shaded for round lots of granulated, but this report is not confirmed by those who ought to know. We quote: Granulated at 4½ in 250-barrel lots and over; 4gc in 100 barrel lots, and 47-16c in smaller quantities. Yellows range

from \$\frac{1}{2}\$ to \$\frac{3}{2}\$c, as to quality, at the factory.

In syrups business continues quiet, owing to the fact that buyers have ample supplies on hand, and until such are worked off little activity is anticipated. Price rule steady at \$1\frac{1}{2}\$c to \$2\frac{3}{2}\$c per lb., as to quality, at the factory.

The market for melasses has been rather more active since our last. The demand for

The market for molasses has been rather more active since our last. The demand for Barbadoes has been better, and several fair sized lots have changed hands, including one lot of 100 puncheons at 28 kg, and we quote 280 to 28 kg as to quantity. A short time ago a sale of a cargo of 650 puncheons was made at 27 kg to arrive, which is about the lowest figure Barbadees has touched this season.

In rice an active business continues to be done, there being a good cemand from both country and city buyers at firm prices. We quote: Crystal Jupan, \$1.75 to \$5; standard B., \$3.45; Patna, \$1.25 to \$5; Carolina, \$6.50 to \$7.50; choice Bermuda. \$3.75, and Java

kinds, \$1.

There is no material change in the situation of the market for spices. The demand is slov, and business is of a hand-to-mouth character at steady prices. The following quotations are what jobbors can buy at only: Penang black pepper, 6c to 7½c; white pepper, 10c to 12½c; cloves, 7½c to 9c; cassia, 8½c to 9½c; nutmegs, 60c to 90c, and Jamaica ginger, 15½c to 18½c.

The only important transaction in coffee reported is the sale of about 100 bags of Maracaibo at 17½c. The market on the whole is very quiet, and as buyers generally are pretty well stocked a little activity is looked forward to. Prices have an easy tendency. We quote Maracaibo at 17½c to 18c. Rio, 16c to 17½c; Java, 23c to 25c, and Mocha, 23c to 26c.

There has been a decided improvement in the demand for teas during the past week and the market is quite active with a large business doing. The demand has been principally for new crop medium grade Japans, and four sales aggregating 1,000 packages were made at 15c to 16c, one lot of 200 packages at at from 15c to 17c, and one lot of 500 packages of blacks from 10c to 18c. A private letter received here from a New York house says: We are informed by cable that the Chinese have combined not to ship any pingsueys before August 10th. The prices offered them from this side are so far below the cost of production that they cannot accept them, and they take this means of trying to raise our ideas. This means a much shorter output of pingsueys this season.

Business in canned goods continues dull. The high price of new pack lobsters is sufficient to curtail the consumption, holders asking \$3.25 to \$9 per case. The prospects are that there will be a very large pack of peas this season, and in consequence prices will likely rule low. The demand for now pack salmon continues very low, and up to the present not a single sale has been reported for future delivery, owing to the fact that buyers are still well stocked with old. Agents here are offering freely at \$1.50 f.o.b. coast for ordinary brands, and at \$5.50 for selected quality, fancy label, clover leaf, flats, and at \$6 for talls, delivered here. Although there has not been any important change in prices for other lines of goods, our quotations would no doubt be shaded for round lots. We quote: Lobsters, \$8.25 to \$9 per case; French sardines, extra brands, \$9.50 to \$10.50; ordinary brands, \$8 to \$9; Canadian brands, \$4 to \$1.25; salmon, \$1.30 to \$1.50 per doz.; mackerel, \$1.25; tomatoes, 75c to 80c; corn, 80c to 90c; marrowfat peas, 90c to \$1; baked beans, 8 1bs., \$1.25 to \$1.80; peaches, \$1.90 \$2; strawberries, \$2 to \$2.25; raspberries, \$1.75 to \$2; and 3 lb. apples, 85c to 90c,—Gazette, July 24.

The Hardware and Paint Trade.

The Montreal Gazette of July 21 says · "As is usual during the midsummer mouths activity in iron and metals is not marked. Still interesting features are not wanting. Though there are no marked changes in values on spot, advices from abroad are firm, especially so on such staple lines as tin and terene plates, Canada plates and galvanized iron. In all of these lines new import orders are difficult of prompt execu-tion as makets on the other side are rushed with orders and have all they can do, according to mail advices, to attend to the business already in hand. Buyers here as a rule, however, are very conservative. They are confining their operations strictly to the narrow area ofactual wants, the feeling of uncertainty being prevalent regarding the future fiscial policy of the new Government. There may very possibly be no necessity for this, but it exists and until it is dispelled business is bound to be narrow. There have been some transactions in Scotch pig, which is firmly held. We hear of sales of Carron aggregating 300 tons at \$19, and some lots of Summerlee at the some figure. Business has transpired in Queen's Head galvanized iron at \$3.25, but Lion brand is held very firm at \$5 to \$5.50. Canada plates exhibit a firmer tone at \$2.25 and coke tin plate has been more enquired for at \$2.65 to \$2.75. In general hardware the only changes which resulted from the makers' meeting recently held at St. John N. B., was a decline in wood screws, the trade discount being increased by 10 to 5 per cent. while a rebate of 5c per keg off the face of the invoice was allowed of certain quantities of nails.

The Montreal Gazette has the following to say regarding the paint trade: "The feature of the week has been the continued weakness in linseed oil, and prices have scored another decline of it pergallon. This is due principally to the free arrivals of late and the accumulation of stock on spot. Round lots of raw are offering at 48c and boiled at 51c. For small quantities an advance of 1 to 2c per gallon is asked over the above figures. Lutest private cables from Liverpool quote castor oil in cases at 3½d per lb. This means that it could not be laid down here for much less than 8c, but at the same "we holders here of cheap lots are selling... The in a large way. The market for this oil is very firm, and the indications are that prices will be fully maintained. Steam reflued seal oil is still in the same position as reported last week, except that prices here for round lots would be shaded. Cod oil is also much easier on account of new

arrivals and round lots are offering at 32½c, while small quantities are selling at 35c. The demand for Paris green is extremely slow, and prices have an easy tendency. We quote: Choice brands white lead Government standard, \$5.00; No. 1, \$4.75; No. 2, \$1.50; No. 8, \$1.25; dry white lead, 4½c; red lead, pure, 4 to 4½c; do. No. 1, 4c; zinc, white, pure, \$7.25; glass, \$1.25 to \$1.80 first break; \$1.35 to \$1.40 second bread, per 50 feet; \$2.80 to \$3 for third break, per 100 feet; linseed oil, round lots, raw, 48 to 50c; boiled, 51c to 52c; cod oil, 8½c to 35c; seal cil, 40c to 4½c; easter oil, 7½c to 8½c; putty, in bulk, \$1.85; Paris green, casks, 19c; drums, 14c; packets, 14½c."

The Dry Goods Trade.

There has been several reports from the east of reduction in the price of cottons, but the reports were repeated, so as to make it appear that there had been more reductions than actually took place. The last report of a reduction of 10 per cent was an error. The only reduction was the one formerly reported, amounting to 5 to 8 per cent. This was owing to compettion from the United States.

The Toronto Clobs dry goods report says: "There is a disposition among the trades to curtail credits. It is 'air to state that ninecurtail credits. It is 'air to state that niue-tenths of the business done in Toronto is at three to four months, and that one-third of this amount is discounted for cash. There may be special cases where longer credit is given, but the above statement will about cover the case as a whole to curtail credits. This idea is well carried out in Great Britain. The English retail merchant often turns over his stock eight times. He buys his goods in a hand-to-mouth way, that is, frequently and in small quantities. Importers as a rule turn over their stock one and a half times each season. There is a specified time for different classes of goods to be placed on the market. Manufacturers do not care to show their coming styles until such time as these styles cannot be copied by rivals. It naturally follows, if customers wish to place orders they will show a range. The manufacturer at early dates has a crude idea of what will be the correct style, while later he becomes sure of what will be right. Very often styles shown by a manufacturer at so carly a time as the present are the latest styles of a past season. They will not be any good when the proper times arrives. No later than last fall the styles of jackets called for longer garments. Many retail importers called at their usual time on jacket makers and were shown long garments, which makers and were shown long garments, which they bought. A few months later manufac-turers, being in shape for the season, sold the up-to-date short jackets. The months of July and August appear to be too early for ordering general goods for spring. Many buyers crossing the Atlantic in September are asked by manufacturers to delay placing The reason given orders for some weeks. orders for some weeks. The reason given is that they are not in a position to advise correctly. A number of big concerns made their money when they did not import, but bought from home sources. The tendency of trade in the United States to-day is to centralize business in a few importing houses in the principal cities such as New York and Chicago. The merchants frequently and Cheago. The merchants frequently visit those centres and Luy what they require on short dates. It is rapidly coming to this in Canada. Montreal and Toronto are our main markets for Ontario and Quebec. Merchants are finding that they can more correctly judge value from stock. The successful retail merchant made his money when he did not import. There are cases of merchants, who, when financially strong, began importing and in a few years had to call a meeting of creditors."

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Oustoms Frands. Complaints have reached us, from time to time, of acts of gross partiality having been committed by the Department of Customs in disposing of cases of violation of the provisions of the Customs Act. We know of instances in which the importer of goods has been victimized, owing to mistakes with the commission of which he was in no way connected, but for which he was under the act held personally responsible, and required to pay the full pound of flesh, while others who flagrantly, wilfully, determinedly and repeatedly violated the law and defrauded the revenue to the extent of hundreds of thousands of dollars, were allowed to condone the offences by the payment of a compara-tively small fine, notwithstanding the fact that they were robbing the country and competing most advantageously for themselves with honest importers. One of the most flagrant of such cases has recently come under our notice. In the case referred to other importers had entertained suspicion, for several years past that fraudelent in vuices were being used, but it was only some fifteen months ago that the customs authoriuss awoke to the fact. We refer to the case of Perrin Frence, of Granoble, France, London, England, and Montreat, dealers in kid gloves. a house which has been established in the Canadian market for some fifteen years. The importations of this firm have averaged during the last three years \$200,000 a year, as shown by their own undervalued invoices. Complaints of their competitors were made to the contoms authorities for many months previous to any action by the latter. When the customs acted in the matter, goods entered for duty were detained, but on the represenfor duty were detained, but on the representations of the firm's coursel, Donald Maso-Master, Q.C., they were liberated. There upon this highly respectable firm withdrew its name by winding up the business in this country, throwing the whole responsibility on the resident agent. At the same time, it may be noted, that as soon as the matter was finally disposed of, the firm resumed us business in Canada, and is now doing business in Canada, and is now doing business. under its own name as formerly. An investigation was instituted and N. Clarke Wallace, then Controller of Customs, evinced every determination to probe the matter to Commissions were sent to New York, London and Grenoble to collect evidence, no expense being spared to find out the extent of the frauds. The result was that a statement being spared to had out the extent of the frauds. The result was that a statement was furnished by the Department claiming \$246,000 as the amount for which the firm was liable under the provisions of the Cuntoms Act. This will furnish some idea of the extent to which the frauds were actived the statement of the contraction of the cont carried on, the statement referred to covering only three years, the time to which the Act limits the action of the Custom authorities. The amount out of which the Government was defrauded in preceding years, and that it was defrauded there can be no doubt, may to was defication there can be no docuous may be imagined. So far the action of the Government was creditable, and had the provisions of the Customs Act in seeking to punish fraud, and at the same time protect the honest importer, been enforced as they should have been, the Government would have gone out of office with some claim upon the importer for impartiality. But notwith standing the fiagrancy of the case, the serious frauds which had been perpetrated and the immense expense incurred in obtaining in formation, that Government saw fit shortly before the elections to condons the offence which involved perjury as well as fraud, by compromising the matter for \$10,000. When the commission of frauds upon the revenue is thus encouraged and made profitable to the offender, it is not to be wondered at that

houses able to secure influence should treat the Act with contempt. We can thoroughly understand the indignation felt by the honest importers at the result referred to, and we sympathies with them in having to compete at such disadvantages with firms protected by a Government in their misdeeds. We trust that this matter will not be allowed to rest here, but that Parliament will exercise its preregative and make a most searching enquiry into the whole transaction. There must be an end to compromises in cases whice admit of no doubt and of this the country should be assured.—Montreal Shareholder.

" Future " Trading in Wheat,

The Minneapolis Northwestern Miller is one of the journals which believes that gambling in products, otherwise known as option trading, works injury to business. The Miller concludes an article on this subject as follows:

'Men who think and reason and who have something still left to protect against the op-tion fiend are beginning to admit their mis-take and are coming to believe with the Northwestern Miller and the advocates of reform, that future trading in wheat is the chief cause . I the trade's condition -the ruin of legitimate business. The banks have learned their lesson and paid for it dearly. As the receding wave of financial case wont out, it uncovered, one by one, the enterprises which had erstwhile flusted gaily on the sea of commerce and showed the holes in their construction. As they foundered the banker ruefully observed that wheat speculation, the privilege of which he had me takenly defend ed with all the strength of his it fluence and power, was responsible for the leaks. Of all the flour mill failures which have occurred since 1893, searcely one but can be traced, for the cause of its downfall, to the privilege of the option market. The bankers were misled into supporting that which, had they really known it, was the most frequent and potent cause of failure and loss in existence. potent cause of failure and loss in existence, and, therefore, their worst enemy. The banks which have survived will scarcely to just to an auti-option bill to-day. The millers have seen their industry made the sport of Chicago wheat gambler, and they have learned their lesson. The wheat men have seen their profits dwindle ander the present system, and they do not defend it very vigor ously. The flour factor, at home and abroad, if he has reasoned wisely, knows now what has killed his trade. The commercial press knows no more now than it did before, and knows no more now than it did octors, and the daily press is it be same condition. In Germany laws have been passed which deal a body blow to future trading. Similar laws are contemplated in England, but owing to the conservatism of trade, they will probably bo opposed, even as they were opposed here.

London Wool Sales.

The recent series of wool raise at London, England, closed on July 21. A raview of the market shows that it opened with some spirit and then quieted somewhat Merines become irregular and prices gradually declined. Greasy cross-brods were in keen demand throughout the series. Sales were easily effected at call May prices. Towards the close the domand remained good, a hardening in prices become manifest and have since shown an advance for superior grades of nearly fire per cent. There was an irregular morease from four to five per cent. for other descriptions. Secured cross-brods were in no such favor. They opened flat and continued so for a few days. Towards the close a best ter feeling was prominent which prevented a further decline. They closed at five per cent. decline. Cape of Good Hope and Natal wools closed the same as in May.

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