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## WWINNIPEG, AUGUST 12, 1880.

Rat Portage is to have a telephone exchange.
Fred. Gaw has opened in the liquor line at Morris, Man.
R. Kerr has sold out his grocery business at Rapid City, Man.
D. Robrisos is going into the flour and feed business at Portage la Prairie.
Alex. Bethune invites tenders for the erec. tion of a brick block at Manitou, Man.

Tendeses are asked for grading 80 miles of the Long Lake \& Saskatchewan railway.
C. Gallacher has gone into partnership in the butcher business at Regina with Wm. M. Child.

The Watson Manufacturing Company will build a large implement warehouse at Neepawa, Manitoba.

Tus firm of J. J, Smith \& Co., general merchants, Emerson, Man., is dissolved. Mr. Heffernan will continue the business.

Brbnhart Bros., have purehased the Rossin House and the Woodstock Hotel, opposite the C.P.R. depot, Winnipeg, for $\$ 13,500$.

IT is said work on the C. P. R. foundry, at Fort Willian, will bo commenced shortly. The Company's engincers are laying out tho grounds.

The Commercial is issucd a little carlier than usual this week to allow of sill hands attending the Winaipeg newspaper men's annual pic-nic.

A rublic mecting pill be held in Pioneer hall, Winnipeg, on tho ovening of August 15th, to consider the matter of erecting a monument $n$ the memory of the lata Hon. John Norquay.

Tue contract for building the stone foundation of tho Northern Pacific \& Manitoba dopot and hotel at Winnipeg, has boen let to J. W. Buchanan.
Mr. Bennett, of the Clarendon Hotel, Winnipeg, is sonding out a number of photos. of his fine hotel, which will be quite an advartisement for the city.

Two engines are being fitted up in the C.P.K. shops here to bo used in the construction of the Regina \& Long Lake railuray. A contract for 200,000 ties for the same road has been let to a Mr. McKenzie, and he has gone to Beaver Mouth, B. C., to cut thom.

Tracklatino on the extonsion of the spur line of the South western railway from Barnsley to Carman was completed last weck. Carman will now become a good market town and as it is situated in a fine agricultural district, the place will no doubt commence to look up.
H. J. Woonsiot, who for the last nine years has conducted a jewelery business in Portage la Prairie, has disprosed of his business to Mc Cullagh \& Rost, and will now devote his whole time to the interest of the Liberal newspaper, of which he has been managing editor for some months past.
J. Dinssuir, Pregident of the Union Colliery, the new coal mining district at Comox, on Vancouver Island, has given orders against the introduction of liquors to the mines A consignment of about thirty kegs which were sent to the colliery on the last trip of the Isabel, were returned in consequence of the maudate.
Macleod Gazette: I. G. Baker \& Co., have inported a hide press from St. Louis, and dur. ing the past few days, it has been kept hard at work putting up hides for shipment eust. The press is a very ingenious contrivance, and does its work efficiently. From fiteen to twenty hides are put in each bale, the bales weighing al out 600 lbs . each. The result of bailing the hides in this way is that the freight charges are. very much reduced.

Tile town of Minnedosa, Man., which was without municipal government for some time, owing to financial difficulties, has again renew. ed business under the terms of the act passed by the legislature. The notninations for mayor and town council took place recently and re. sulted as follows, all the elections being by acclamation: Mayor-James Jermyn; Council. lors-T. A. Cuddy, Jolin Robertson, Fairhaira, J. K. Patton, P. J. McDermott, R. A. Cowan.
A. Surrif, provincial government immigra. tion agent, is alrcady arranging for an exhibition of Manitoba products through Ontario at tise time of the fall shows. He invites farmers to send him by the first of September their best samples of wheat, oats, barley and rye, in sheaf and also threshed, and of vegetables of all kinds. Not only will the sending be without expense to the senders, as they have only to forward the products by express or otherwise, but farmers will be paid for the collections they send. Mr. Sinith is determined to spare no effort to convince tho down-essterners by ocular demonscration that Manitoba can raise crops in spite of drouth and gophers. Ho wants to make his exhibition car this ycar tho best over sent down, and he is confident that the thing can bo done.

Tirs Calgary Trilune gives the foilowing as ruling quotations at that place: Flour, Hun. garian, per cwt. $\$ 3.50$; flour, S. bakers', $\$ 3.30$; gran. oatmeal, $\$ 3.50$ to $\$ 4.00$; cornmeal, $\$ 3.50$; wheat, per bush. $\$ 1.20$; oats, 60 c to 68 c ; barley, 60 c ; hay, per ton, $\$ 8.00$ to $\$ 9.00$; fotatoes, per buoh., 40 c to 60 c ; rhubarb, 5 c ; onions, 0c; beef, by side, 0c per lb; motton, by carcass, 10 c per Ib. ; fat Hogs, 90 per 1 lb .; bacon. per 1b., 15 c to 18 c .; eggs, new laid, per doz., 35 c ; butter, 20 c to $2 \mathrm{5c}$; cheeso, 15 c to 18 c .

The Minister of the Interior has recently decided that the privilege of converting cighty asre homesteud and proemption entries into entries of 160 acres each may be extended to those persons who have had patents issued for their eighty-acre homesteads, or who have been recommended for patent, and have paid for their eighty-acre pre.emptions. The money paid for the eighty-acre pre-emption will be applied by the department on account of the additional quarter section the homesteader is entitled to.
TaE Saskatehewan is the name of a new paper hailing from the rising town of l'rince Albert, Saskatchewan Territory. The paper will be published by the Saskatchewan Printing \& Publishing Company. Even without the advantages of railway communication the Prince Albert district has developed remarkably, and with the completion of the Long Lake and Saskatchewan railway likely at an early day, Prince Albert will no doubt take a front rank among our territorial towns.
At a political pic-nic held at Cartwright, last week, a member of the Manitoba Government announced definitely that the dual or sectarian school system would be dono away with in this proviacc. The Minister said: "The double-barrelled system must go. The two superintendents, the two boards and two sets of inspectors must go, and a dsinister of Fducation will be arpointed (a present min. ister taking the portfolio), who would administer the education department and be responsible to the people."

Carberny Neme: A meeting of the residents was held last Thursday evening to consider ways and means of providing fire protection for Carberry, and the advisability of becoming incorporated. After considerable discussion on the matter a commictee was appointed to consider which would be the cheapest means of getting fire protection, and the meeting then adjourned until the following Wednesday. On Wednesdsy evening every member of the committee reported in favor of town incorporation, and it was decided that immediato steps bo taken to have Carberry a wown.

Regina Journal: The departure of F. J. Eunter from Regina to Montreal, was not allowed to pass by our citizens without a proper recognition. Mr. Hunter came to Regina at its very inception in December, 1552, and has filled the responsible position of manager of the Bank of Montreal since 1853. As he was to take his depariure on Friday night lest, a large gathering of citizens assembled at the Bank aod presented him with au address and a beautiful gold watch. In the evening a farc. well supper was tendered Mr. Hunter at tho Windsor Hotel by his more intimate friends.
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## London Par Sales.

Tase special correspondent of the New York Fur I'rale Reriem, furnishes the following details of the London fur sales.

The attendance of buyers was not as large as in the spring, German buyers being most numerous.

Bear, comparatively large quantity, was mainly of peor cuality; the better lots met with a good demand, best black bringing from 90 to 150 shillings; best brown, 100 to 115 shillings; part tation for Germany, chiefly for Euglish furriers.

Beaver, also larger supply, consisted of inany sorts, for which the demand was brisk; the fow good dark lots were taken for France, others for France and England.

Gray fox, decreased number, met with slow demand, best firsts, cased, brought $4 \frac{1}{2}$ shill lngs, taken mainly for Germany.

Red fox attracted a few special orders. Lecipaig dealers were the leading buyers; large pale skins were taken for France; all thirds and fourths were proportionately firmer, snd were purchased for Russia.

Hair scals, best large spotted skins, brought 4 shillings 3 pence, kuyers linglish and German dealers.

Lynx were also taken for England and Ger. many.
Common cat, with exception of a few good cased lots, were of common Western and Southern sorts.

Marten was rather low in quality and color, a few Nova Scotia skins excepted; taken by German and English firms at March prices.

Mink averaged cheaper than in March, the coarse and medinm sorts being lowest; German dealers were tine principal buyers, preferring dark skins.

Musquash, a better collection than in June, 1588, containing many good parcels of Eastern, Northern and Canadaskins, meta good demand for English, German, French and Russian trade, prime large skins being taken for dyeing.

Black musquash, taken as usual for Leipzig trade.
Otter, an inferior parcel, bought for Leirzig and Jondon account.

Anerican opossum was taken by Euglishand French dealers at March rates in average.
Australian opossum sold casier than in the spring; the offering ulsn included a supply of kangarvo, wallaby and wombat. The greater part of these adicles were withdrawa.

Raccoon, mainly lower sorts; prime, seconds and small firsts were cheaper ; largely taken for Germany, and in part for France and England. Selected dark skins brought from $5 \frac{1}{2}$ to 10 shill. ings.
Skunk met with the usual favor for France and Germany; the collection was not very good, many akins being extremely dry in leather. Excepting a few fine, fresh parcels, the prices were ten to fifteen per cent. lower than in March.

Civet eat, which were offered with the skunk, brought good values, 16 to 21 pence, seconds being but little lower than firsts.

Russian sable were taken for Leipzig and Russian trade, and for America. Badger, small quantity, met with fair demand for America, prime skins bringing 12 to 15 shillings. second up to 3 shillings, and thirds 4 to $\overline{5}$ pence.

House cat sold well for Germany, the prices being, black and blue 16, mottled 6 to 11, and kittens 4 pence.

## Minor Sales.

The prineipsl articles were African monkey, over 50,000 skins, sold well for America and Germany ; prices 10 to 15 per cent. lower than in spring sale ; good sorts brought 6 shillings 6 pence to 3 shillings 3 pence, mediu!n 3 shillings 6 pence to 5 shillings 6 pence, and lower sorts up 2 shillings and 10 pence.

Chinchilla, bastard, only best skins could be sold, and they were taken by English and German buyers. Good lots brought 19 shillings 6 pence per dozen.

Australian opossum, very fair collection. Good firsts, of the Sidney sorts, brought 12 to 10 pence, pale firsts 8 to $12 \frac{1}{2}$, seconds of all kinds 6 to $8 \frac{1}{2}$, thirds $4 \frac{1}{2}$ to 47 , smalls $5 \frac{1}{2}$ to $9 \frac{1}{2}$ pence.

Some ringtails and Australian bear skins were sold at the usual rates. Wombat and wallaby sold somewhat better, but many lots had to be withdrawn,

## 525 Main Street, WINN CPEG

## Personals.

C. M. E. Ridge, representing Buntin. Giliies \& Co., wholesale stationers, Hamilton, Ont., arrived in the city last week, where he will remain a few days, previous to starting on a western trip.
W. F. Doll, wholesale jeweller, Winnipeg, returved last week from an eastern business trip as ...r as New York.

## Manitoba Wheat.

A fow weeks ago a lot of No. 1 Manitoba hard wheat was sold at $\$ 1.16$ on this market, and $\$ 1.17 \frac{1}{2}$ was refused for a lot of 20,000 bushels, whilst to day the sale of 5,000 bushels of No. I hard to arrive is reported at $\$ 1.03$, notwithstanding that some holders are asking more money, and maintain that they will not sell at any such figure. No. 1 hard, however, is said to be offered freely on spot at $\$ 1.08$, and No. 2 at $\$ 1.03$ and $\$ 1.04$. Fven these figures denote a depreciation of about 9c. per bushol within the past few weeks. It is said that the gloomy reports sent from Manitoba about two weeks ago emanated fron. a number of parties who were carrying Manitoba wheat, and whose interests lay in the direction of higher prices. On the other hand it is stated that the brighter reports in ely received come from railway officials, whose interest is to bnom the country, crops or no crops. There can be no question, however, that in some sections the outlook was very dark before the rain came, but since then the crop has improved considerably.-Montreal Traude Bulletin, August 2.

## Practising Bconomy.

## Clerk-"Is there anything else?"

Farmer-"I guess yer may wrap up or quarter's wurth er sugar an' er dollar's wurth or chawin terbacker. 'Pears like er sin ter fool erway money for sugar, but ther ole woman thinks she kain't 'ive thoutin it, an' ther habit o' usin' it's got sech er holt on 'er that she gits erway with er guarter's wurth overy month. Say, mebbe you'd better put up two dollars wurth o' that terbacker, for I cayn't tell ef I'll bo down here ergin for cr month,", an' I want plenty ter do me."

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## LESSONS FROM A SHORT CROP.

Last week, under the heading "Seessoin of the Season," an article in theve co'umas dealt with the many lossous which our. agricultural population might learn from the weather conditions of the pre ent year. By studying the changes from year to year in the weather, and the effect of these conditions upon the crops, it was pointed out that observant and careful farmers shouid be able to gain a great deal of knowledge as to the best methods of farming in this country. The sulject was by uo means exhausted in The Commercial article of last week, but it is not the intention to take up the question again upon the same lines. There are other lessons to be learned from a short-crop year than those relating to practical agriculture, and lessons too of great importance to the material prosperity of the country.

At one time during the present season, the crop outlook in Manitoba was anything lout encouraging. A much longer continuance of the weather prevailing during a portion of the month of June would have destroyed all hopes of anything like a crop this year. Happily, the weather conditions changed in time to very greatly improve prospects, and instead of a total failure, the majority of our farmers will have some return for thei: years' work-some not very satisfastory returns to be sure, but many others will mane from a fair to good showing. In scme districts, where the drought was most severe, a few farmers will have very little to go upon for the next year, so far as the returns for this season is concerned.

In considering the course of erents during the past few weeks, the question comes up: "What condition would our prople have been in to stand a crop fuilure, had the worst fears of some weeks ago been realized?" The fact that we have escaped the worst results does not remove the necessity for considering the question, ani deriving such lessons from it as are at hand. Now, it is pretty certain that a crop failure would have caused considerable hardship throughout the land. In a new country where a majority of the people have been but a short t'me estallished, and have not had
time to surround themselves with the comforto and luxuries of life, much less to a cumblate bank necounts, it could not lon o herwise than that, a crop filure would cause nuch inconvenience und hardship.

The lesson, therefore, to be learned from a crop failure (which happily, though threatened, has been averted this year) is. to niw ys $n$ ake allowance for the possibility of a falure of the crops in the near future. What has occurred once, or has been threatened, may occur again. The further question maturally comes up. "What preparations have our people made in the past to meet a possible crop failure?" In answering this, it is to be feared little can be said to show that our people have taken much thought for possible failures in the future. Our agricultural population as a rule have not shown sufficient care in contracting unnecessary liabilities. The desire to be surrounded with conveniences, and even luxuries to some extent, is commendable, but in many instances it is ovident too much haste has been shown in procuring articles or going to expenditure which was not actually necessary. It has often been remarked by travellers through this country, tiat the amount invested by farmers in implements and farm machinery is simply remarkable. Many farmers who were only starting in the country, or who had only a small acreage under crop, would have machinery enough to farm hundreds of acres. The carelessness in looking after implements is also a frequẹnt matter for comment. Plows are left sticking in the ground all winter, where the plowing left off in the fall, and binders are left lying in the field, until they are wanted the following year. In this way implements are sooi. used up, and must be replaced. The number of cayriages sold to farmers in Manitoba is remarkable. Last year many dealers in small country villages sold from 100 to 150 carriages. These large sales of carriages would indicate that our farmers (the majority of whom have been in the country only a few years, and who as a rule brought very little capital with them) are fast becoming independent; but it mey also be understood to indicate that our farmers are too ready to go into debt. Now a carriage is a very nice thing to have, and every farmer who is in good circumstances should ha' 3 one, but he had better do without a carriage for a year or two than assume unneces suyy ubligations upon the strength of a
next harvest may show very poor returns.

All around, with commercial mon as big crop the next harvest. Possibly the well as with farmers, there has always been a disposition shown in this country to discount the future too liberally. People have come to this country full of hope and enthusinsm, and they have overlooked the possibility of adverse circumstances arising here the sume as in other places. There has been too much of the disposition shown to regard good crops as a certainty, and the result has been figured out in much the same way that the milkmaid reckoned up her chickens. Business men have overloaded themselves with stocks of goods, while the farmers have been going into debt too freely for implements, carriages, etc. The commercial history of Manitoba tells many a story. of over-enthusiasm and over-confidence, thus opening the way to disaster.

In the case of the farmer who goes too deeply into debt, the country merchant is usually the one to suffer the most severely therefrom. Farmers very often do not deal as generously with the merchant who has furnished them with the necessities of life, as they should. They will allow their accounts to run on, without interest, for long periods of time, while paying out money sometimes for some of the unnecessary articles previously noted. In this way the evil of overreaching on the part of the farmer is visited upon the retail merchant, and through the latter to the wholesale trade, until it is felt throughout the entire community. Here then is a great point to be borne in mind by all conditions of men: When extravagance or the unnecessary assumption of financial obligations is liable to lead to the inconvenience of or cause loss to others, the greatest caution should be used. Under such circumstances care should be taken to live within present means, and not rely too much upon the belif that everything will turn out all right in the future.

## THE BRHRING SBA MATTER.

Thisdisagreeablequestion hasagain been fanned into flame by the seizure of a Canadian schooner while engaged in taking seal in Behring sea. The news reached Victoria recently of the seizure of the British Columbia sohooner Black Diamond by a United States cutter. Fictoria is largely interested in the seal-
ing industry, and consequently the report of the seizure created great consternation there. To show the extent of the inclustry, it may be stated that twenty-four schooners cleared from Victoria this year to engage in sealing in the northern waters.

The news of the seizure of the Victorin ship was soon published all ovor the country, and it has again awakened keen intorest in this Behring sea question. It is felt that the matter should now be firmly pressed to a final settlement at all hazards. The Canadian authorities, of course, are powerless to move in the matter, and the action of the British Government will have to be awnited. What the action of the latter government will be, time will tell. It is, however, no doubt largely due to the dilatory policy of the British Government in this matter, that has led to this latest seizure. Had the question been taken hold of firmly at the time of the former seizures, some two years ago, it is not likely that the present aspect of the case would have been reached. The seizure of vessels claiming to be engaged in a lawful occupation upon the high seas, is a very serious matter indeed, and the policy of inaction followed by the British Government in this Behring sea question, is in striking contrast with the usual course of that government in such matters.

The point at issue in the Behring sea question is well understood. Briefly, it is the claim of the United States to jurisdiction over the waters of Behring sea, a vast body of water lying between Alaska and tho northern possessions of Russia in Asia. The sea is shut off from the Pacific ocean and enclosed on the south by a long c̀hain of islands, reaching out into the ocean a distrnce of nearly 1,000 miles. The United States has granted a monopoly to a stock company to take seal in these waters, and the attempt to close the sea to others is made in the interest of this monopoly. It certainly seems preposterous that any government should arrogate to itself exclusive jurisdiction over a sea lying between two continents, and which to all appearances should be as free as the Atlantic ccean. That this absurd claim has not been exploded long ago, is due to the policy of inaction followed by the British government, which has allowed tio seizure of British (Canadian) vessels to go on for years, with apparently but very weak, if any remonstrances against these ontrages.

The United States either has, or it has not a legal clain to jurisdiction over the waters lying between thenorthern portions of the continents of Asia and North America. It should be a very ensy matter to establish the legality or illegality of these claims by a conference of the anaritime powers of the world to deal with the question. If the claims of the United States ars good, then they should bo defined and established. If thay are not goon, then the United Statesiscommitting acts of piracy upon the high seas, for which it should speedily be called to account.

That there is any probability of the final establishment of the claims of the Uuited States to exclusive jurisdiction in Behring sea, is not at all likely. On the contrary, the whole question seems aimost too absurd to bo worthy of serious consideration. In the year 1821, Russia put forth a claim to exercise special privileges in Behring sea, und issued a ukase forbidding foreign vessels from approaching within 100 miles of the islands and territory belonging to that country. At that time, Alaska and the Aleutian islands be'onged to Russia. These claims the United States opposed with such vigor, that Russia was compelled to abandon her pretensions. Now we have the United States making even more preposterous claims than were put forth by Russia, though the latter country at that time owned the territury on each side of Behring sea, while the United States has jurisdiction on one side only. The claim is so preposterous that a number of the leading journals in the United Sl.:tes have unhesitatingly condemned the action of their own government in thr matter. The New York Times characterises the claims as 'utterly untenable." The Commercial Advertiser of the same city intimates that it is "a preposterous violation of internationa' law, in the interest of a monopoly." The New York Herald thinks the claims "irreconcilable with international liw." Following in the same line, the Boston Herald says: "It is altogether beyond belief that it will bepossible for us to sustain the pretensions of Secretary Blaine that Behring sea is American (United States) water." Yet in the face of all this, the British Govern. ment has coolly allowed the piratic.l confiscation of British property, and the imprisonment of British seamen.

It is hard to bclieve that the United States is taking such risks merely for the protection in a monopoly, of a felw
favorites of the administration. Neither can it vo bolieved that the intention is to force a rupture with the British Government. 'The only conclusion which san be arrived at is, that the policy of inaction on the part of Grent Britain, has led the United States authorities to believe that they crll continue such action with impunity. It does seew strange, however, that a country laying such claims to advancement in civilization, should so flagrantly violate the established laws of international romity as the United States has done in this matter. If serious trouble ensues, it will be easy to locato the blime where it justly beiongs.

## SPRING WHBAT.

The great inprovement which took place in the crop of the hard spring wheat region during the month of July, has mado it apparent that the crop will not be a short one after all. Authorities to the south of the boundary seem now generally convinced of the belief, that taking the spring wheat states as a whole, a large crop is assured. The bulk of this crop is now saiely harvested, and new wheat is coming into the markets in Iowa and southern Minnesota and Dakota. The millers, who were somewhat alarmed during the short crop scare of a few weeks ayo, have now drawn a long sigh of relief. There can be no doubt but that a short crop in the great spring wheat region would have rendered the outlook blue for the millers. Last fall and winter, throughout the northern spring wheat region, wheat prices averaged very considerably higher than in the fall wheat markets farther south. The spring wheat millers were therefore placed at a great disadvantage in competing with the southern miliers in such centres at St. Louis, where wheat was ruling at 10 crats per bushel lower than Minneapolis. The speculative boom in wheat prices last year, which affected prices particularly in the north, proved anything but satisfactory to millers, and also legitimate grain dealers as well, or at least many of them. The fact is now clear that the northern millers paid too high for their wheat last fall and winter, and the course of events has demonstrated to them that consumers can get along without any large quantity of spring wheat flour, and that when this flour is held at funcy prices, above market values for the product, the people will not have it. As northern millers were partly accountable themselves for the abnormal situation, particularly in spring wheat, last year, they will no doubt profit ly their dearly-bought experionce. With a large crop of spring wheat of extra fise quality in site, mithers will therefore be a little careful this season as to how they buy wheat. At any rate, they are not likely to again assist Ohicago speculators to cut their own throats, as some of them did last fall.


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## MINIPBG MONEX MARRET.

The important feature of the week was in the heavy amount of papor falling the on Monday. Tha thi of August is the big settling un day in tho dry gools, ciothing and boot and shoe lines, on four months' paper, from the first of April. The reports as to the manner in which this paper was mot of ennrso vary very considorably, and it is difficult to strike a close balance in the matter. Thero seems, however, to be a loetter feeling as to the result, in some quarters, than could have been expected, but this is perhaps owing to the fact that very little was oxpected. It is protty well understood that the day was looked forward to with mis. giving by a good many, as it was expected that it would not show very desirable results. Dealors were therefore preparod to accept poor returns, and counting in this way, some of them have found returns to show up somewhat better than they expected. Still a good deal of osper was renewed in part, and sone very long dates for renewals were asked for, $: 3$ much as three months in some instances, which is a long time on four months' paper-and paper at thit dated months uhead of delivery. All around probably a good $\mathbf{5 0}$ per cent. of paper due on tho 4th was renewed, and even with this showing some would be well pleased.

## WIRNIPBG WHOLESALR TRADE.

Business has been steady and quiet in most lines, with some exceptions, in such lines as fruits, etc., which have been brisk. Textile lines are slow so far as present husidess is concerned. In clothing wholesalers are receiving and shipping out fall stocks actively. Some few late orders in dry goods and clothing are still being picked up, and some retailere are still holding off from placing orders of any size. Trips have been made over the road in some instances, to pick up late or renew cancelled orders. In builders' goods there has been some good orders placed for railway work and elevator construction, and the fall trade in lumber and kindred branches promises better than it did a few weeks ago.
drugs.
Prices in this branch are as follows: Howard's quinine, 60 to 75c; German quinine, 50 to 60 c ; morphia, $\$ 2.2 \mathrm{j}$ to $\$ 2.50$; iodide of potassium, $\$ 4.25$ to $\$ 4.75$; bromide potassium, 65 to 75 c ; American camphor, $4 \overline{5}$ to 50 c ; English camphor, 55 to 00 c ; glycerine, 30 to 40 c ; tartaric acid 70 to 75 c ; cream of tartar, 35 to 40 c ; bleaching powder, per keg, $\$ 7$ to $\$ 9$; bicarb soda, $\$ 4.00$ to $\$ 4.50$; sal soda, $\$ 2.50$ to $\$ 3$; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30 c ; alum, $\$ 4$ to $\$ 5$; copperas, $\$ 3$ to $\$ 3.25$; sulphur flour, $\$ 4.50$ to $\$ 5$; sulphus roll, $\$ 4.50$ to $\$ 5.00$; American blue vitrol. 8 to 10 c .
frouts-bried, suts, ETc.
l'rices are steady as follows: Dried apples, $5 \frac{1}{2}$ to 6 c per pound, evaporated apples, 8 to $8 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$. Figs-choice in 10 lb . boxes, per 1 b ., 15 c ; in lb. cartoons, per doz., \$1.75; datesPersian, lin 50 lb . boxes, per 1 lb ., 10 c ; Fard, in 15 lb . boxes, per lb., 12c; California dried frut-fancy apricots, it 25 lb . boves, per 1b., 10c; fancy peeled peaches, 25 lb . boxes, per $1 \mathrm{lb} ., 22 \mathrm{c}$; white apricots, do, 21c; Nuts, S. S. Taragona Almonds, 20 c per lb; Grenoble
walnuts, 18 c ; filberts, Sicilian, extra large, 15c; pecans, polished Toxas, lic: peanuts, white Virginia, green, lfe: rnasted, 17c: cocoanuts, $\$ 9$ per hundrea.
frutis-arrbs.
Trade is brisk in this branch, and the market is well stocked. Waturmelons are in harge sup. ply, aml prices easier. Blueberries aro coming in freely, and prices have now got down considerally. It is not thonght that prices will go much lower for good sound fruit than is rupted this week, as the crop is said to bo rather on the light side this year. California oranges are very scarce, hut otier Culifornia fruits, of good quality are plentiful. Some pretty good apples are now offering. Prices are: Lemons, $\$ 7$ to $\$ 750$ ner box; Oranges Culifornin Riverside, 57.50 ; Rodi and Yalmern oranger, 88 reer box: Apples, 84.00 to $\$ 4.75$ per barrel, as to quality; California plums, $\$ 3.25$ per box;
 por trox ; Californin whito grapes, $\$ 3.00$ per crate of 20 pounds: blucherries, be per pound; Ramanas-Port Limon, $\$ 3$ to $\$ 3.25$ a buuch, according to quality and size; tomatces, per crato, $\$ 2.00$ or $\$ 1.00$ box; Melons, $\$ 3.00$ to $\$ 4.50$ per dozen, or $\$ 3.00$ to $\$ 15.00$ per 100; cucumbers, 50 to 60 c per dozen; onions-Southern, $\$ 4.50$ per 100 lbs ; Bermuda, in 50 H . crates, per crate, $\$ 2.25$.

## oroceries.

Sugars have continued dull in eastern mar. kets, with an easy feeling. The Canada Sugar Refining Company following the exnumple of the St Lawrence Refining Company, has closed down. This is due to a desire to get rid of surplus stock. The last sugar circular says: "The fact should not be lost aight of that the statistical position continuec to be exceedingly strong, especially for the next two months. Attention is called to this by the mott conservative authorities. Meltings for the week were about the average xuantity. Total stocks in all hands have increased only 776 tons since. last week. Total stock in all the principal countries is ow $.775,185$ tons against 844,142 tons at the same time last year. Rio coffees are reported scarce at outside markets. In this market sugars are a little casier, but other prices steady as follows: Prices here are as follows: Sugars, yellc v8, 812 to 9c, as to quality; granulated, 10 fe ; lumps, 11 fc . Coffees-Rios, from 22 to 2 j : Java, 25 to 30 c ; Old Goverament 33 Tto 34 c ; Mochas, 32 to 35 c . Teas, Japan 23 to 46 c ; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 69 c ; young hyson, 26 to 50 c . T. and B. tobacco, 56 c per pound ; P. of W., butrs 47 c ; P. of W . caddies, 472 c ; Honeysuckle, 78, Jj c ; Bricr, 78, 53 c ; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c ; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c: Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c.; Beavor, ble; Olderow, 47e; Woodcock, 52d; Silver Ash, 62; Standard Kentucky, 803. Special brands of cigars are quote 1 : Reliance, $\$ 50$; Gen. Arthur, $\$ 50$; Mikado, $\$ 40$, Terrier, $\$ 30$ per 10011.

CASNED ©OODS.
The Toronto Eimpire says:-"Canned goods are guiet, but they are more active than usual at this season of the year. There is a good enguiry for round luts. A lot of 300 cases corn sold to day to a Hamilton wholesale house at about $\$ 1$. A bid of 90 c. was refused for a car
of tomatoes delivered in Mortreal. Sultamas are held firmly, but the largor holdors, ask 91 to 10 c . for extra choico, 8 f to 0 c . for fino, amid 7 lic e for ordinary. However, all the dealers have not advanced. The action if the canned goods packers in advancing prices of future tomatoes to $\$ 1.05$ has considerably strengthened the views of the holders of last seazon's pack." hardnare and metals.
Prices hold firm and steady, and with business rather quiot. Quotations are:Cut nails, 10d, and upwards, $\$ 3.30$ (0 $\$ 3.4^{11) ; ~}$ I. C. tin plates, $\$ 5.75$ to $\$ 625$ I. C. tin plates double, S1! to $\$ 11.50$; Canada plates, $\$ 3.75$ to $\$ 4.00$; sheot iron, $\$ 3.7 .5$ to $\$ 5.50$, according to grade; iron pipe. net pieces, 1 inch, 91 fc ; 14 inch, 12 c ; 14 inch, $10^{2}$ ev; 2 inch, 234 c; ingot tin, 29 to 300 per lb., bar iron, $\$ 3.00$ to $\$ 3.2 \mathrm{j}$ por 100 lis.; shot, 61 to $\mathrm{BS}^{3}$; por 1 lb ; tarred folt $\$ 2.4 \mathrm{~J}$ to $\$ 2.00$ per 100 lbs ; barbed wirc. ${ }^{\text {an }}$ n nutt.
imdes, wool and talrow.

There are no changes to nots in hides. The wool trade is now pretty well over for this season. Tallow is casier in price. Quotations are: Hides, Winnipeg inspected, No. 1, 4c; No. 2,3c; No. 3, 2c per 1b. Calf, 7 to 13 pound skins are quoted at 4 to 5 c . Deacon skins, 10 to 20 c each, the lower prico for cut skins. Sheepskins 15 to 25 c each as to quality. Lambskins. 35c each. Tallow quoted: rough, 2 he rendered 4 fc . ; wool, low grades, 10 c ; shropshire and Southdowns, $11 \cdot$ to 12 c ; washed, lic.
leather and hisdiges.
Quotations are as follows : Spanish sole, - $20^{20}$ to 30 c ; slaughter sole, 26 to 30 c ; ${ }^{-r}$ rench calf, first choice $\$ 1.25$ to $\$ 1.50$; Canadian calf, 7 e to $\$ 1.00$; French kip, $\$ 1$ to $\$ 1.10$; B $Z \mathrm{kip}$, 85 to 90 c ; Bourdon kip, 70 c ; slaughter kip, 55 to $6 \overline{\mathrm{c}} \mathrm{c}$; No. 1, wax upper, 45 to 50 c ; grain upper, 50 c ; harness leather, 26 to 30 c for plump stock. American oak butts, 50 to jJc ; buffe 17 to 21 c a foot; cordovan 17 to 21 c ; pebble, ilc ; colored linings, 12c ; shue uppers, from

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Prices are quoted as follows. The only change to note is a firmer fecling in linseed oil ; turpentine in barrels, 80c per gallon; linseed oil in barrels, raw 69, boiled 72c; bensine and gasoline, 5ilc; pure oxide paints, in barrels, 9uc per gallon; coal tar, $\$ 6$ a barrel; Portland cement, $\$ 4.75$ a barrel; Michigan plaster, $\$ 3.40$ a barrel; putty, in bladde:s, 34c a pound, bulk in barrels, 3 c ; whiting in barrels, $\$ 1.50$ a swr; Crown pure white lead, 57.50 ; Royal Charter, 5700 ; Railroad, $\mathbf{5 6 . 5 0 ;}$ Alabastiue, $\$ 7.50$ per case of 20 packages. Window Glass, first break, \$2.10.

## wines asd liquors.

Business is steady, and on the quiet side. Prices in this branch remain like the laws of the RIe ies and Persians, and are as follows: Canadian rye whiskey, five year old, s..40; seren year old, \$3; old rye, \$1.75: Jules Rohin brandy, $\$ 4.50$; Bisquet Debouche \& Co., $\$ 4.50$; Martel, vintage 1885, \$0.50; vintage 1850, 37.50 ; Hennesy, $\$ 6.50$ to $\$ 7.50$, for vintage 18SJ to 1850; DeKuyper tin, $\$ 3 . \mathrm{iO}$ : Port wine, \$2.50 and upvards; Jamaica rum, $\leqslant 4$ to $£ 4.50$ DeKuyper red gin, $\$ 10.50$ per case; DeKuyper green gin, $\$ 6.50$ per case; Tom gin, $\$ 9.00$ to \$10.00; Martel and Hennesy's brandy, one star, $\$ 14.09$ per case of 12 bottles; $v .0 ., \$ 19.00$; v. s. o. p., $\$ 2.00$.

## GRAIN AKD PROUISION MARKETS. <br> winnipeg.

WHEAT.
Wheat has ruled dull and rather heavy at leading wheat centres during the week, and the bear element seems to have predomniated in American markets. For the week ended Aug. 3, nearly $3,000,000$ bushels of new winter wheat was marketed in southern markets, yet the visible supply only increased about 500,000 bushels. This shows a remarkubly Jarge consumptive demand, when the sheat is disappear. ing almost as fast as it is scing marketed. New wheat is commencing to move more freely at Minneapolis, and receipto are expected to be considerable this week. Rumors of trost in northern Dakota were heard on the Chicago board of trade on Monday, but were not generally credited, and noti:ing reliable was reported. Rains in the winter wheat belt are reported to have damaged wheat in stock and delayed threshing. It is claimed the wheat crop of Minucsota is th: largest on record. One reliable aathority places the Minnesota crop at four to fivo million
bubhels larger than last year, and the samo authority estimates the entire spring wheat crop at fifteen to eighteen million bushels in excess of last year. Dakota will, it is said, return a larger crop than carlier estimates would indi. cate. Dakota is, however, the only state which will show a falling ofl in the crop, as compared with last year.

In Manitoba the weather has bean favorablo for harvesting. A brisk shower, which ex. tended all over the province, was experienced on Thesday night, but the weather has been lear and fairly iwarm inost of the time. A cool dip was experienced on Saturday night, of Algust 3rd, to remind us that Summer has passed its meriiiau and is on the home stretch. No reliable reports of any danage to wheat irom any rause, have been received, beyoud the damage done carlier in the season, from drought and gophers. Harvesting progressed favorably duriag the week, and in some districts was in full swing. In some sections harvesting will not be general till this week. Nothing more can be said about prices than was intimated last week in these columns. The geueral situation has not materially changed since our report of last week, and on a basis of prices ruling in outside markets at present, about 6 aje per bushel would be an average value for No. 1 hard trheat at country points in Manitoba.
rlour.
There has been no further change in prices, which are quoted to the local trade as follows: Patents, $\$ 2.70$; strong bakers, $\$ 2.50$; sccond bakers, $\$ 2.35 ; \mathrm{XXXX}, \mathrm{S} .90$; 8uperínc, $\$ 1.30$. Graham flour, $\$ 2.50 ; \mathbf{r}$.ddlings, $\$ 2.70$ per 100 pounds.
millosturis.
Quotations are unchanged as follows: bran, S12, per ton; shorts, \$14 yer ton. Ground feed, $\$ 22$ to $\$ 23$ per ton.

OATS
Prices are irregular and it is difficult to arrive at close values. Lots are selling in the city, delivered, at 40 c per bushel, and abont 35 c per bushel for cars on trrek here would evidently be near the value.
oat and cormazal, fot mabley.
Prices remain as follows: Standard per 100 llss. $\$ 2.70$; granulated, $\$ 2 . S 5$; rolled oats in $\$ 0$ lb. sacks, $\$ 3.10$. Corbmeal is held at $\$ 1.75$ per 100 pounds. Pot '. $y, \leqslant 3$ and pearl barley, \$3.50 per 100 pouna.

## ntiterer.

This article is exceediagly dull. Scarcely a sale is leing made in the city, and very little doing on ontside account, including only some ghipments west. Receipts are light, but may be expected to increase as soon as cooler weather sets in. Easten marketsare gencrally reported to be dull, with an casy tendeucy. Froin 12 to 13 c would represent abont the comparative value here for ordinary store butter, for castern shipment. From i2 20 lisc per pound is about the usual figure quoted for local trade, but these prices are almose nomina!.
curase.

Small jobbing lots continuc to be quoted from 9 to 10 c per pound. At the last fair day at Londou, Out., on Saturday, sixtecn factorics offered 3,900 boxes July cherse. Salcs were: 510 boxes at $S 3 \mathrm{c} ; 230$ boxes at Skc ; 1,290 boxes at 3c; 660 boxes at 9116 c , and 100 boxes at ${ }_{3}{ }^{2} c$.
beges
Stcady at lec per dozen in case lote.

CURED MEATS.
Thore is a considerable range in prices. Hams are held at 14 to $1+1 \mathrm{c}$, breakfast bacon at 13 f to 14 c , mils at 12 to 12 hc , and long clear at loc. Some 'rome cured is offered at lise for hams; breakfust bacon at 13c, and rolls 11 c . l Bologna sunsage held at ic per pound. Mess pork $\$ 18$ to $\$ 19$ per barrel.

## LARD.

There was something of a drup.in lard last week in this market, and prices went as low ats $\$ 2$ per 20 pound pail, with quotations at $\$ 2$ to $\$ 2.0 \mathrm{~J}$.

## drensed meats.

Prices keep steady and casy, with liberal supplies in most lines. Beef of good quality is plentiful. There was some scarcity of veal last week. Beef sides are held at 5 to 5 he per pound as to yuality. Pork easy at $61_{2}$ to 7 c per pound. Mutton 9 c per pound, veal 6c anil lanb lle.

## live ztock.

There was very little doing in live stock last week, few sales of importance being heard of. Values, however, do not show any firmer tendency. Cattlo wero nominal at $2 \frac{1}{2}$ to 3 c per pound, and hogs quoted at if to lite per pound, without sales.
fovlticy.
Spring chickens bring about 30 to 40 c per pair, and old fowl about 10 c per pound.

## vegitames.

The mariet was fairly well supplied with vegetables of all sorts, with prices generally tending lower, especially for potatoes. Prices for green stuff and vegetables are : Beets and carrots, 30 to 40 c per dozen bunches; radishes, 20 c ; onions, 20 c ; lettuce. 2 ejc , per dozen bunches, cabbage, 10 to jis per dozen; cauliflower, 40 to $\overline{\mathrm{j}} \mathrm{se}$ per dozen; green beans, $\$ 2$ per bushe'; peas in porl, $\$ 1.50$ per bushcl. New potatoes, 75 c per bushel ; celery, 40 to 50 c per dozen bunches; squash, 75 c to $\$ 1.50$ per dozen as to size aud quality; cucumbers, 50 to 60 c per dozen.

Canadian Securitios in " n gland.
The Canadian Gazette of July 25 th. reports quotations for Candian securitiss in the London ma:ket as follows:


Leet, Strong \& Co., real estate, ote., Victoria, B.C., now Leet, Simon \& Co.
Jas. D. Cifalmerg, morchant, Doosojaw, Assa., hus assigned in trust to H. A. Ivor.

Mrs. A. D. Wuiant, National Park, Alberta, temperance hotel, is disposing of her business to i. F. Goode.

MeCamthy A Co., denlers in boots and shoes, Regina, Assa., ore advertising their lusiress for sale.

Kelin \& McMillas, grocers, Vancouver, B.C., have dissolved; style now W. J. McMillan \& Son.
Y. C. Kitelny \& Co., tailors, Calgary, have alissolved partnership by mutual consent, the business will be continued by 1. C. Kiteley.

Domismad \& Mckllol, furniture, Portage la Irairie, Man, have bought out the furniture business of A. B. Duncan, of the same place.

Tur: Dominion Express Co. has agreed to carry a number of sample shipments of Brizish Columbia fruit to easterr points, free of charge.

Whli, Mathesos, late manager of Ogilvie's elevator, Portage, will bay grain on his own account this ycar. .

A teleciran fram Duluth on Eriday says the Duluth \& Winnipeg railway will bo pushed on at once. The road will be built to the Mississippi this year.
Gro. McQuale \& Co., gencral storekecpers. Medicine Hat. Assa., are giving up grocery and hardware line and confining himself to dry goods, furnishings, etc.,

Fhen Starkey, lato of the Now Douglass House, Winnipeg, intends' huililing a hotel at Carman, Man. He left for that place lawt week to secure a site.
Hos. Mn. Woon, the manager of the Freehold Loan and Savings Co, arrived in Winni peg from Ontario last week on his aunual tour through the province.

The site for the Northern Pacific \& Manitoba railway depot at Brandon, Men., has been located at the corner of Sixth strect and Rosser avenue.

Foas lhus. have received the contract for grading the Souris branch of the C.l'.R from Grandon to Plum Creck. The road will not be built further than Plum Creck this year.

Tue Mcuntobc Colonisf for August is out, and forms and excellent number. It contains several good illustrations, including a fine view of the town of Portage la Prairic, Man., in which the elevators show up well in the background.
Dcring the month of July the Northern Pacific \& Manitoba Railway Company paid uut in the province $\$ 200,000$ for construction and other expenditures in connection with their work. They also paid the Goverament $\$ 300$, 000 for the Red River and Portage roads.
Av exchange says. Following close upon the failure of Marks, Dobie \& Co., of Thessalon, Ont., comes the assignment of Gco. Marks \& Co, of Buace Mines, Ont. The liabilities are in the neighborhood of $\$ 45,000$, the bulk of which is owing in Toronto, the large sum of
$\$ 13,000$ being, howover, due to settlers in the districh The estate will turn out very badly, and it is not likel; the creditors will realizo 25 cente on the dollar.
Tats Seres, of Vancouver, B. C., reports the markets at that place as follows: The local market contimes briak, and during the week past a larger number of shipments than usual have been received in almost every line than during the precediag week. The Oregon mills have raised the price of flour 25 cents per barrel at Portland. Several lots of eggs from Manitoba were received by local dealers and also considerable consignments of butter. Now potatoes, which are now on the market in large quantities, are quoted at $\$ 20$ per ton. Water melons are in and are selling at from 40 to 75 c each.

General Masan:eg Gikilam, of the Northern Pacific \& Manitoba railway, returned from Brandon on Weduesday, of last week. While out there he looked over the ground with a view of settling the terminal question. No arrangement wats made, however, although it is uaderstood that Mr. Graham has his eye on a good point. He drove down to Souris City to meet the tracklayers, who are making good headway tewards Brandon. The road will likely be built into Brandon in tiro or threc weeks' time. Mr. Graham says the crops look magnificent in that district, and he is confident of a large yicld. He says the terminus at Portage la Prairie has not yet been arranged. Although not sure, he thinks the Portage extension will be opened for business abont the 20th inst. -Sun.


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## Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

On Monday, Aug. 5 , wheat opened a fraction under Saturiay's closing price, but opening prices were the lowest of the day. Angust rauged from 702 to 77 yc , and December from 73fe ts 79c. Trading was quiet, though there was a considerable demand for cash wheat, at a fraction over Saturday's prices. Provisions were inactive. Prices closed as follows:

|  |  | Au:. | Sept. | Oct. | Dec. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Wheat |  | 73: | 7ia | - | isl |
| Corn | . | 3 m | 352 | $3 i$ | 358 |
| Oats |  | -23 | 20? | S0) | - |
| Pork |  | 1055 | 10031 | 10 +: | -- |
| Lard .. |  | a:20 | (6.23 | 6.203 | -- |
| Short libs |  | 5.35 | :1. 50 | 5.3is | -- |

Prices openced steady on Tucsday, for wheat, but had is tower tendency, Angust ranging 7 to 775 s , and December from 7 Na to 79 c. c . Pro. visions were strong. Closing prices were :

|  | Avg. | sert. | Oct. | Des |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Wheat. | i | 70? | - | -s) |
| Som | 301 | 302 | 3 | Sil |
| Oats | 207 | 204 | 20] | - |
| Fork | 10.623 | -10.63 | 10 tig |  |
| Land | 6.933 | 6.35 | 0.35 |  |
| Shert Ribs | 5.4. | S. 519 | 5.45 |  |

There was not much doing on Wednesday in wheat. There wiss but a slight range in prices, with the fecling weak. Prices closed:

|  |  | Alse. | Scph. | Ort | Dee |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Wheat.. | - |  | .. | 368 | Ts! |
| Corn. | - |  | - | $3{ }^{3}$ | 331 |
| Oats | . | - | - | - | - |
| Pork | ... |  | - | $10 \% 0$ | - |
| 72rd | .. | - | - - | 3.15 | - |
| Short Mibs | ... | -- | - |  | - |

Wheat was veiy dull on Thursciay. Closiag priccs as \{fllows:


|  | Aus. | Scpt. | Oct. | Dec. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Wheat. ..... | - | 763 |  | 731 |
| Corn | - | $35 \%$ | - | 353 |
| Oats | - | - | - | - |
| Pork | - | 10.05, | - | -- |
| Lard | -- | 0.423 | - | - |
| Short libs | -- | -- | -- | -- |

## Minneapolis Markets.

The closing prices for wheat on Wednesiay, August 7, were from 3 to 6c. lower than a week ago as follows :

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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| So. 1 northern | $8:$ | Es! | is | SS.s9 |
| Nic \& $\quad 1$ |  |  | - | \$3. $\mathbf{3}$ |

The Matiof Renoid icparts the tlour market as follows: -Patents, sucks to local dealers Si) $35(\underline{a} 5.5 .5$; patents to ship, sacks car lots S.3.10@4. 20 ; in barrels S5.3.an.j.5. ; bakers here $\$ 3.50(0.4 .15$; suycrfine $\$ 190(0) 2.65$; red dog, sacks Sl .30 (a!.iol : rell dog, barrels \$1.50@.1.6.5.

Bran and Shorts The demand is rather slow and prices weak at $\$(i .75(\pi 7.25$ for hran and S7.2i)(a.S.25 for shorts.

Tur: following is the weekly crop report reecived at Wimnipeg, Weilnesday night, furnished by the C.I.R Telegraph Co.: The weather thronghont Manitoba is partly clondy and warm. Rrin fell at all points in sonthern Manitoba and along the main line as far west as Moosomin yesterday and last night. Reports regarding the crops are very encouraging. Harvesting was commenced at a number of places last weck, and is in full swing in many districts, but will not be fully general until
next week. At Morris many of the farmers expect thirty bushels to the acre, and there-are some particularly good fields of wheat in the neighborhood of Dominion City and Emerson. Reports from Calgary district corrobonte re. cent dispatches, that there will be a large yield of all kinds of grain and roots. From Edmonton, Battleford and P’rince Albert reports state that there will be a good average crop, but the harvest will be somewhat later than in Manitoba. Hay has been gathered in execllent condition and is a sutijcient crop. Altogether reports indicate that the general feeling through. out the country is that we will have a pretty good crop after all.

Tir: Fdinontun Bullecin has the following to say on the crops in that district of Northern Alberta: The wheat crop in this district is in good condition and well advanced. The straw will be short, but it will be long enough for the self.binder to cut and the grain will yield well. The acreage is much greater than last year or for severnl years previous. Oats are very short and lackward. On all the straw is short and the prospects run from average to very poor. Barley is doing bettel than oats, especinlly that sown in Junc, carly sown barley is very uneven. Potatocs are a partial failure owing to much of the seed that was planted early rotting. For what was planted as second time tine prospect is good. There has been no damage by frost, hail, gophers or any canso except tho extremely dry weather. The harvest will no donbt be very carly, and the sample of graic will be good. Hay is abrodant, so that cattle will be safe next winter.

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## Bastorn Basinoss Changes. ONTARIO.

J. C. Tye, printer, Watford, dend.

Jos. Aber, hotel, Windsor, has sold out.
J. L. Bird, hardware, Toronto, has assigned.
J. \& D. Clark, millers, Ayr, have dissolved.
J. H. Luther, baker, otc , Windsor, has sold out.
M. D. Moore. gencral store, Newry, has sold out.
S. Palliser \& Co., grocers, Clinton, have us. signed.
J. S. Deacon, grocer, London, atock solil by assignee.
E. Gable, tailor, West Toronto Junct., has assigned.
Duncombe \& Ce., drugs, St. Thomas, have sold out.
Jas. A. Russell, groceries and liquors, Forest, has sold out.
P. J. Lawless, tobacconist, etc., Kingston, has assigned.
Hubbell \& Clairmont, general storekeepers, have dissolved.
A. Featherston, general storekeeper, Arnprior, has assigued.
Geo. Marks \& Co., general store, etc., Bruce Mines, have assigned.
McKay \& Davidson, gents' furnishings, otc., Woodstock, have assigned.
Isaac Turner, general storekeeper, Little Current, is out of business.
Gev. Harcourt \& Sion, tailors, Toronto--G. Harcourt of this firm is dead.

Win. Kirkley, grain, Springfield, has had his warehouse burned-insured.
Francis Hardy, gsneral storekeeper and miller, Gloucester tp., has ussigned.
Osborne \& Co., scale manufacturers, Hamilton, have dissolved and business is closed.
Smither \& Berkinshaw, dry goods, etc., Toronto, stock, etc., sold at auction Aug. 6th.
Wood \& Co., general store, saw mill, otc., Nixon: sawmill, coopershop, etc., destroyed by fire.

## QUEBEC.

A. Pelletier, shocs, Montreal, has assigned.

Delphis Desjurdins, tailor, Montreal, has assigned.
Bclavic \& Co., shoes, Montreal, have dissolved.
J. C. Duhamel, tailor, St. Hyacinthe, has assigued.
Poston, Simpson \& Co., brokers, Montreal, have dissolved.
Henry James, gencral storekeeper Huntingdon, has assigned.
Maxime Deschenes, general storekeeper, St. Gabriel de Brandon, has assigned.
nova scotia.
John McAskill, gencrul storekeeper, Arichat, is dead.
J. H. Johnson, general storckeeper, Spring. hill, is dead.
W. P. Cameron, ship builder, South Mait. land, burned out.
Carribean Co., W. I. Goods, Granville Ferry, mill destroyed by fire.
Mrs C. Dunno \& Son, dry goods and liquors, Halifax; M. Dunne of this firm is dead.
Estate of Thomas \& Co, hats and caps, Halifax; stock is advertised for sale by tender.

The Daily Courier, published at Navaimo, B. C., by the Courier Printing and Fablishing Company, has beca sold out, business and plant. to J. J. Shinabarger. Mr. Shinabarger is well known on tho coast, and was up to the time of his coming to Naniamo, president of the Victo. ria Typographical Union.

## Lumber Cattings.

There are now three vessels loading lumber at Moodyvillo, B. C., for export.
It is said the lumber cut on Lake Winnipog this season will be $3,000,000$ feet less than last year.
Dick \& Banuing's logs have arrived at their mill at Keewatin. The mill will rus night and day for the balance of the senson.
The Columhiun of Westminster, B. C., says: The McLaren Ross Lumber Co. have ordered from tho Willian Hamilton Manufacturing Company, Peterboro, Ont., 10 steel boilers, $5 \times 14$ feet in size, of 72 horse-power each, and to be made from \& inch plate with 7.10 inch heads. The company has also ordered a refuse buiner, mammoth in size, and which will put completely into the shade anything of the kind on the Pacific coast, if not in the whole world. It will be 140 feet high, 26 feet in diameter and made from steel plate. The manufacture of the boilers and the refuse burner will be commenced immediately, and they are to be delivered at Westminster early this fall. This machinery is for the new mill on the Fraser, near Westminster.

## Grain and Milliog.

Roblin \& Atkinson will build an elevator at Carman, Manitoba.
Binscarth is likely to have two grain warehouses this winter. A joint stock company is being formed to erect a second elevator.
The amount of Manitoba wheat shipped from the Lake Superior elevators last week was 82 , 493 bushels; the amount in store, 503,608 busbels.
The Keewatin Milling Company will at once begin building elevstors throughout Manitoba. One will be built at Carman, one at Plum Coulee, one at Gretna and two along the Southwestern at points not yet determined upon, although Deloraine will probably be ono. Geo. Hastings is now securing material for their construction.
M. A. Russell \& Co. are erecting an elevator at Morria, Manitoba. One of the nine clevators being erected on the Northern Pacific railway system in Manitoba will also be at Morris. This season after all will witness a large addition to the number of elevators in Manitoba, which speaks well for the confidence our grain men have in the coustry, considering that crops this year are not as good as could be wished for in some districts of the province.

## Dry Goods at Toronto.

The Empire reports the dry goods situation as follows: Favorable weather and satisfactory crop reports have done much toward the tone of this market, and have, too, increased the demand and the movement of goods, the latter being now of protty considerable proportions. The fall trade is now about opening, and from present indications thero is no reason to believe that the hopeful anticipations that are being indulged in are likely to turn out incorrect. Everything points to a good busincss being donc. Old stocks in the country are very light, and retailers scem to be quito prepared to replenish them.

The wholesale houses are kept busy receiving importations and shipping goods to country merchants upon fall orders. Importations this year are not above the avorage, but a good deal of care seems to have been exercised in purchasing, and as a consequence stocks are well asso:ted.
No further actual advances in prices are reported, but values in all woollens and cotton goods are very firm, and the future is expected to bring other increases in prices. Euglish manufacturers are very busy, and disposed to be conservative in their dealings.

## Dtilizing Niagara.

An important meeting of directors and stockholders of the Niagara Hydraulic Blectrio company was held on the 3rd inst., at their office in Alexandria, Virginia, for the purpose of receiving reports and perfecting plans to utilize the water power at Niagara Falls. The company have secured a grant of land from the Outario ciovernment to use the water at the Horseshoe Falls on the Canadian side. Emineut engineers have approved of the plans, which provide for tunneling through the rocks at a point several hundred feet above the falls under the bed of Niagara river, thereby securing a plentiful supply of water for power needed and withuut disfiguring or interfering with the beauty of the scenery at the Falls. It is proposed to construct a roadway leading from the old Maid of the Mist landing to the mouth of the propesed tunnel, so that the massive machinery required can be put in place without occasioniug any inconvenience to visiting tourists or residents of the locality. With the water power secured it is intended, by means of electrical dynamos capable of transmitting strong currents of electricity long distances, to furnish light, power and heat to various points within a radius of 40 miles. Electrical railroads̀ will be built to Buffilo, Lockport, Batavia and intermediate points, and on the Canadian side to Clifton, Hamilton and other places. A syndicate of American and Canadian capitalists have undertaken the construction of the work. An adjourned inceting of the stockholders will be held at the hotel Bartholdi, in New York, on August, 6th, to complete arrangements.

## "Bemare the Dog."

Two of Winnipeg's merchanis were in a very ungracious mood llonday, both from the same cause. One was Mr. Furner, the milliner, the other was Mr. Uglow, bookseller. When they locked up their shops on Saturday evening they did not notice that dogs belonging to cus. tomers had been left behind; but they were speedily aware of that fact when they re opened their shops Monday morning. In Mr. Furner's store the dog took up his residence in the window in the midst of pretty bonnets arranged there ior the purpose of enticing the ladies of Winnipeg into purchasing them. They were all subjected to a close examination by the dog; ribbons wore torn out, feathers destroyed, rims staved in-and in all aboat $\$ 75$ worth of damagn was done. In Uglow's the dog bad a high old time among the china and the stationcry, and did about tho samo amount of damage.-Frer Prcea.

## Lake Saperior Region.

W. Hancock has given up the butchering business at lort Artbur, and the shop is closed.

For the year onding June 30th, 1859, 402 steancrs and vessels arrived at the port of Port Arthur, against 402 for the provious year.

Rutledge Bros, grocers, ete., Fort William, have dissolved partuership. F. S. Rutledge will continue business. A. E. Rutledge has formed a partuership with James Hammond, and will open business under the firm name of Rutledge \& Hammond.
The following is a comparative statement showing value of goods imported, and exported and the amomet of duty collected at the port of l'ort Arthur, for the fiscal year ending 30 th June, 1899, and the previous fiscal year.
couns inpoured.
1889
1888
Dutiable value....... $\$ 319,579.00$ \$276,957.00
Free, value

| $85,292.40$ | $14,934.00$ |
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Total imports...... $\$ 401,571.00$ §421,891.00
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Dutiable value...... . $\leqslant 321,056.00 \quad \$ 272,479.00$ Hree, value. . . . . . . . . $85,202.00$ 144,934.00

I'otal entered...... $\$ 406,348.00$ \$417,413.0
The duty collected for 1889 was $\$ \$ 4,373.91$, for $1885,395,763.20$. The value of the exports for 1889 was 5201,874 , for 18585890.847 .

Mining operations appear to be going on actively in the Port Arthur district. New "finds" are constantly being reported. The Sentinel says: S. J. Dawson, M. '., accompanied by Mr. Walpole Roland, has juse returned from the mining region, and reports most favorably, not only as to the prospects, but as to the actual work being donc. Ife says the work at Eist and West Silver Mountain and Whitefish Lake is most promising. He also contirms the report of the rich find at the Beaver at the depth of 530 feet in the lower slates, and says it is as rich as any yet found in that mine. The east end of Silver Mountain is producing valu. able mining ore and lots of it. It is in legiti. mate paying quantitics and is panning out regularly from day to day, and is not in mere pockets. The Silver Wolverine is making extensive preparations and putting in all the latest styles of machinery. The nharacter of the rock is equal to Silver diountain. The communications are improving and the roads are not bad. There is also an excellent little steamer on Whitefish Lake, which rms at nine and a half miles un hour. Mines are being operated at Sand Lake, and systematic work is being carried on.

Mining operations of a practical character in the Sudbury distrist are progressing rapidly. The Canadian Copper company of Sudbury (Standard Uil Co., of Cleveland) are erecting a second smelter and the output of the two will overrun $\$ 3,000,000$ per annum. Sisty men ar putting the Vermillion gold mine in shmpe and the Krean and Karwood has been re-opened by the Dominion Mining company, who have purchased the Du Charme prospects in Blizeard and Denison and are pushing them all. Simpson Bros., are duwn 35 to 10 fect in two shafts and woik an arastra as a practical test as they go along. At last cleaning up they got 8 lbs. of platimum and considerable goid and silver. A
week ago a piece of quartr was taken out 25 pounds in weight and thickly speckled with free gold. The Murray mino (4 miles northwest of Sudbury), is being tested by Vivian \& Co., Swansea, Wales, and their assayer is well satisfied with the results. 'Tin, Iron and cobalt are added to the list of recent finds. An immense deposit of iron has been located on the Spanish River in the township of Dlay. In Victoria Salter several good fiuds have been made, and Hallam will bo nat less productive of mineral wealth. Prociuc, Ward \& Vewar are at work on the Lacloche mountains in 110 and 116 finding gold, silver, copper, tin and iron in quantity. Frood has copper, iron, nickel, galena, etc., on the Wallace mine location, and motal of some kind may be found on every mile of the Algonia shore.

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## Brttish Colambla.

R. Camplell, jr., has opened a boot and shoe store at Vancouver.
It is reporied a chango will shortly bo mado in the Vietnria Stanlarel.
The Palaco Hotel, Nanaimo, will pass into the hands of R. Hindermash.

The capacity of the dry dock at Esquimalt is to be lengthened by an addition of forty-five feet.

A scam of coal about 8 feot thick lias been struck at Northfield mine, the property of the Vancouver Coal Company.

Grain cutting, says the Columbian, is well under way on the North Arm, and a bounteous harvest will be reaped. Threshing will conmence on Monday next on several of the large farms.

The output of coal for the Vancouver Coal Company for the month of July was 19,000 tons. The company has several new enterprises under way which will enable it to materially increase the output.

The real estate agent at Vancouver held a meeting recently ant decided to fight the local license by law to the bitter end. The fee for real estate agents is $\$ 50$, which sum is coasidered exorbitant and unjust.
R. N. MeFarlane, manager for the now com. mission firm of Bell-Irving, Patterson \& Co., Vancouver, is preparing the warehouse to be occupied by the firm, in the Armstrong block, for the reception of goods. The establishment is now about ready for business.

A new deal has been made in connection with the Westminster Southern railway. The franchise of the rosd is said to have passed into the hands of Nelson Bennett; and a new bonus scheme from Westminster is being worked up in aid of the road.

Revelstoke is surroun led with serious forest fires. Heavy smoke obscures the mountains, which in a clear atmosphere are visible in all directions. The Big Bend trail is impassible; Crowl's pack train, which started Thursday, had to turn back a few miles out.

The death is announced of Hun. A. E. B. Davic, Premier and Attorney-General of the province. Mr. Davic has long been a leading spirit in the social and political life of British Columbia, and his work will not soon be forgotten. Hon. Mr. Robson, provincial secretary, has been sworn in as premier.

The salmon ran in the Fraser river continues good. The Columbian says: The salmon catch last night was just as good as ever. The canneries are overcrowded with work, and the staff employcd are kept as busy as bees from morning till night Another week of this run, and one of the largest packs on record for the Fraser river will be assured.

The following inland revenue collections were made at the port of Victoria, for the month ending July 3lst, 1883 :-


The exports of coal from British Columbia for July were as follows:-

Vancouver Coal Company . ...19,030
Wellington Colliery 18,503
Fast Wellington. 4,790
Union Colliery 4,600

Total. 45,932
The collections at the port of Victoria for the month of July, 1889, were as follows :-
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Miscellancous .............. .... 1,031 50
Chinese Act........ ............... 104 50
Total.
53,249 65
Collections for July, 1888......... 71,092 94
Decreaso. \$12,74329
At a meeting held in Victoria to cunsider the advisability of establishing a university, the following resolution was passed: "That this mecting strongly affirms the desirability of the cstablishmant of a Provincial University, to be located in or near this city, and that a committee be appointed to draft a suitable scheme for the establishment of such an institution, and to report to a public meeting to be called by His Worship the Mayor." Victoria is not moving too soon in this matter. By all meaus British Columbia should have a university, and it is appropriate that the residents of the capital city should tako the matter in hand.

The customs returns for the port of Vancouver for the month of July, as compared with the same month of last year, was as follows .-
1889.

Exports.......... $\$ 41,25400 \quad \$ 61,18000$
Revenue-

Total reven-

The Inland Revenue returns were as follows :
For July, 1859.
$. \$ 1,99065$
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We learn from Kamloops Sentinel that the Kootenay canal, the first canal in British Co. lambia, has been completed. The canal connects the Kootenay river with the Columbia; it is $1 \frac{1}{3}$ miles in length, 30 feet wide and 17 feet deop, to overcome the difference between the two river levels it connects. It was constructed by the Kootenay Valleys' Co., Eng. The Sentinel says: The canal is at present practically useless, antil the Fedral govera. ment carries out some most essential improvements on the Columbia river about ten miles north of the canal, said improvements consisting of cleaning the narrow channel of snags and other olstructions, and also in cutting a tow path for a distanco of about three miles. When these improvements are made, the object of the canal will then to attainable, making the two rivers navigable for a distance of 200 miles or more-or in other words, from the C.P.R. at Golden to the American boundary.

Tue Ontario crops, says a Montreal oxchange, particularly in the Bay of Quinte are splendid, this being indecl fortunate, as the farmers could not stand more bad scasons. Their barns however, this year, are not sufficiently capacious ior their reguitements.
The Barnum Wire Woaks Co., of Windsor, Ontario, manufacturers of architectural iron work of all kinds, have put in over 250 of their fire cscapes in large buildings throughout the country, sin? the enforcement of the act requirir: buildings of certain proportions to be furnished with fire escapes. There are a number of buildings in Winnipeg which should bo provided with fire escapes, and the enforcement of some such law iss is done in Ontario, would be a wise step.
Tif: Gazette, of Macleod, Alberta, says: Anyone who has not seen the Peigan Indian Reserve for some yeat, would not know the place now. The agency consists of a number of substantial $\log$ and frame buildings, and everything about the reserve is in the neatest possible order. Mr. Springett's very marked success in the manayoment of these Indians is due to the fact that they have the utmost confidence in him. The improvements and progress on this reserve, as well as on the Blood Reserve, are well worth extended notice. At a later date we shall givs a detailed account of the progress and work on both reserves.

## A Test for Tea.

A Kussian analyst gives the following as a test by which tea can be proved to be genuine or not. Iake a pinch of tea in a glass, pour upōn it a little cold water and shake it up well. Pure tea will only slightly color the water, while a strong infusion is quickly got from the adulterated or painted leaf. Now boil both sorts separately, and let them stand till cool, and the difference between them will be most marked. The falso tea will become still stronger after a long standing, but will remain transparent. Whereas pure tea will become muddy or milky. This last appearance arises from the tannic acid, which is a natural property in pure tea, but which in artificial tca is entirely absent.

## Career of the Salmon

When the salmon is hatched he is known as a "fry," then he becomes a "parr," or "samlet," or "pink," or "bradling." The next change makes him a "smolt;" then he is transterred to a "grilse," and finally develops into a sulmon. When leaving salt water he is called a "white" salmon, and when going back after spawning a "black" one ora "kal"." The baby salmon is hatched from thirty to a hundred days after the eggs are laid in furrows in gravelly beds near the head waters of clear, cold rivers. When in the "fry" stage he is about one inch long, with goggle eyes. When three months old he becomes well shaped, with carmine spots on the sides. He is then so hungry and greedy he will jump at anything. Many mistake them at this age for trout, and it is cominon for markets to offer thein for sale as brook trout. Only about one-half the hatch returns to the sea, the rest remaining in fresh water. This has been decided to bo because some develop more rapidly than others, the lato ones going to salt water the secund season. The arraugement can be accepted as a wiso provision of nature against extermination by wholesale destruction.

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