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FURTHER RAILWAY AID.

One of the most important acts of the Manitoba legislature was the granting of further aid to the Canadian Northern Railway Company to assist in the construction of certain branch lines in Manitoba. The company was granted a guarantee of bonds to the extent of \$3,000 per mile, amounting to a total of \$1,575,000. This amount, however, is not all additional liability upon the province. The sum of \$880,000 is a transfer of guarantee from another proposed Canadian Northern Railway line in branch lines in Manitoba. Under a former act, the company was given a guarantee for certain road to be built beyond the northern boundary of the province. This included a proposed branch to the North Saskatchewan river. This guarantee has been transferred to new branch lines within the province, as stated, and from a provincial point of view, is a gain to that extent. The sum of \$696,000 is an increase in the liability of the province, for which new branch railways have been or will be secured.

THE NORTHERN PACIFIC.

The refusal of the Manitoba legislature to extend the time for the commencement of construction of the Manitoba, Midland and Western Railway is one of the acts of the legislature which is not likely to be accepted with pleasure by the people. It is understood that the Northern Pacific Railway Company had purchased the charter, with the object of again entering Manitoba. In fact, the Manitoba solicitors for the Northern Pacific Company appeared for the bill, and urged its adoption, stating plainly that the object of the bill was to enable the Northern Pacific to build route in Manitoba. They further offered to waive the other amendments asked for if the extension of time also would be granted. In spite of this, however, opposition from the government was brought to bear on the measure, to such an extent that it was thrown out.

It is difficult to believe that the government would put any obstacles in the way of the Northern Pacific, if that corporation wishes to build railways in Manitoba. It is possible that there may have been good reasons for opposing this measure, which the

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isters did not deem necessary to make public. The Commercial is interested only in the business aspect of the case, and has no desire to make political capital for anyone. If the Northern Pacific Railway Company wishes to build lines in Manitoba, they will find a way to do it, regardless of the refusal of the legislature to extend their charter. In fact, it is understood that the company now has power to build in Manitoba, under another charter, though this charter may not be as satisfactory as the one for which an extension of time was desired. The people of Manitoba will not, however, quietly submit to any attempt to prevent railway competition, especially among companies which do not seek a bonus. Possibly the legislative committee was so taken by surprise at the request of a railway company to be allowed to build a road without first asking for a bonus, that they concluded to give the senate a little something lurking in the bill, and accordingly they rejected it.

FARMING IN NORTHERN ALBERTA.

In a recent article we showed the danger that faces the farmers of Northern Alberta, if they continue to depend mainly on oats. Oats cannot be shipped eastward from Alberta points at a profit, on the basis of average prices. The rapid settlement of the territory during the past year or two has led to a large increase in the demand, which now exceeds the requirements of the local and British Columbia markets. It is therefore absolutely necessary that the farmers of Northern Alberta should turn to other sources of revenue, instead of depending so largely upon oats. It is quite possible that the price of oats will sink back to their normal value by the time another crop is ready for market. In fact, the high price of oats during the past year is likely to stimulate production of this cereal during the present year, in which case it is quite possible that the price of oats will fall below the average next fall. With prices falling at or below average values, oats will not stand the long rail haul from Alberta for export.

Taking into consideration the geographical position of the territory and the necessarily high cost of freight, the study of the residents should be to concentrate their products. Oats and barley, grown extensively for feeding at home, could no doubt be made profitable crops, while at the same time it might be altogether unprofitable to export the raw grain. The plan, therefore, should be to convert these coarse grains into beef, pork, mutton, poultry, butter, eggs, etc. Thus concentrated, the grains could be profitably grown and exported. Fortunately a good start has already been made in the manufacture of butter in the districts referred to, and this can be done on a profitably enlarged scale. A grain called speltz, lately introduced into Manitoba, has proved very successful as a feed grain, and this could be added to the list of coarse grains for home feeding no doubt with satisfactory results in Alberta also. But to depend largely upon crops of any coarse grain for export will certainly bring disaster. These grains cannot be grown in Alberta profitably for export, on the basis of average prices in past years, no matter how large the yield proves to be.

While concentration of products secured a profit, it should not be followed. It is also possible to increase the number of crops grown. In this

connection we would refer particularly to flax. Undoubtedly flax would prove as safe a crop as oats in northern Alberta, so far as soil and climatic conditions are concerned, and it would also be a safer crop to grow for export. The growing of flax would also add variety, and would be one more egg in the market basket of the farmers. In case of the failure of one crop, or prevalence of very low prices for one class of grain, it is well to have something else to depend upon. The following shows the range of prices for cash flax seed at Chicago for the month of December, for a series of years, per bushel:

Year.	1901	.....	\$1.38 to \$1.61
	1900	.....	\$1.53 to \$1.71
	1899	.....	\$1.39 to \$1.51
	1898	.....	\$0.98 to \$1.19
	1897	.....	\$1.04 to \$1.22
	1896	.....	71½ to 79½

The prices in 1896 were the lowest quoted in twenty years. In fact the Chicago market has seldom gone below \$1 per bushel.

Flax is generally considered as a good crop to grow on new breaking,



Manitoba Farm Homes—Residence of Thomas Jasper, Bradwardine.

and this is an important feature in a district where so much new land is being put under cultivation each year. At the last annual meeting of the Winnipeg grain exchange, retiring president Wm. Martin spoke as follows about flax:

"Another crop that is beginning to command attention is flax. This is a crop that is deserving of more attention than it has received in the past. It is a crop that is considered the money-making crop in North Dakota and Minnesota. Hitherto it has been grown chiefly in the Mennonite settlements of Manitoba, but during the past year it has been introduced into other districts by our people who have come from the United States to settle here. Flax is the only crop that can be grown successfully on new breaking, and on that it often gives results equal to the best crop from older cultivated land. It is one of the staple crops in all climates, doing equally as well in India and Argentina as in America. It commands a price almost double the price of wheat, and is likely to continue for some time to hold its value."

While wheat has not taken an important position in northern Alberta as a cereal crop, compared with the eastern portions of our great prairie region, we believe that as the land is brought under more careful cultivation, this grain will be found to do well in Alberta as in Manitoba. Wheat is, of course, a much more profitable crop to grow for export than any of the coarse grains. On account of the wonderfully successful oat crops secured under the present conditions, somewhat neglected in northern Alberta. But now the production has

increased to such an extent that exportation is necessary, wheat should be given a more important position as to area than it has attained in recent years.

Along these lines we think lies the hope for the success of northern Alberta. Concentration of production, by growing coarse grains for conversion into beef, pork, etc., at home, and more diversity in the cereal and other crops produced.

IMPERIAL LIFE.

On another page will be found in condensed form the annual report of the Imperial Life Assurance Company of Canada, which shows a result for the last year gratifying to both its officials and policy-holders. During the year, applications were received for nearly four millions of insurance, making a total of \$11,230,700 of insurance in force, a gain of 22 per cent.; the cash income was \$448,672, a gain of 26 per cent.; its reserve increased to \$798,785, a gain of over 33 per cent.; and its assets have reached \$1,339,804, a gain of 22 per cent.

PROHIBITION DISUNION.

The temperance people in Manitoba appear to be split up somewhat on the policy to be followed regarding the referendum. The convention of prohibitionists in Winnipeg, led by the Alliance, decided to ignore the referendum and advise the temperance people to abstain from voting. If the prohibitionists could have followed up this policy vigorously and successfully, it would have made a farce of the reference of the Liquor Act to the people, and at the same time place the provincial government in a very awkward position. It was reported that only a very small minority at the convention were opposed to the policy decided on of ignoring the referendum. This minority, however, appears to have been an active and implacable one, and those composing the minority have refused to be bound by the decision of the convention. They have organized the "Manitoba Prohibitory League," with the object of endeavoring to draw out the temperance vote on the referendum. Thus we have the prohibitionists split into two hostile camps, working on directly opposite lines. The result of this policy is not likely to be so through. The majority of the temperance people will no doubt follow the decision of their convention and abstain from voting. The opposition minority may succeed in getting out a sufficient vote to make the referendum vote all right, but it is practically impossible that they will be able to carry the measure. The prohibitionists will, therefore, succeed only in defeating themselves.

MILLING MANITOBA WHEAT.

Minneapolis millers have discovered, after investigation, that they cannot grind Manitoba wheat in bond under the existing law in the United States governing manufacturing in bond. Manufacturing in bond must be done apart from manufacturing for the home trade, and this would require the establishment of separate mills for grinding bonded wheat. All the product of such bonded material must also be exported, and in the case of wheat, the bran and shorts as well as the flour would, and this would require. While the flour could be profitably exported, the bran and shorts could not be so handled to advantage. The problem of separate mills, however, is alone sufficient to kill the business. The millers have, therefore, set themselves to agitate for the repeal of the duty, and in this they appear to be energetically assisted by the press of Minneapolis.

NOT THIS YEAR.

The last matter discussed in the Manitoba legislature before the House was prorogued on Saturday, was the report of the committee on the Grain Act. During the session a committee was appointed to consider the grain situation. During the sittings of the commission, evidence was taken from various parties connected with the

Mineral Production.

Ottawa, Ont., March 3.—Summary of the mineral production of Canada for the year 1901 has been prepared by the Geological Survey. The total mineral production for the year was \$20,407,081, an increase by \$94,880,880, or 4.7 per cent, over the total of \$19,458,194, compared with a total increase of \$4,918,964, or nearly five mill-ions, in 1900. The total mineral production was a little over twenty million dollars.

The entire gold production is valued at \$2,612,222, of which 2,500,000 gold fields contributed \$18,000,000. Of course there was \$6,000,104, pig iron from the Dominion iron works, \$1,215,135, \$2,256,784, nickel, \$4,504,523, silver, \$2,263,988, and iron ore exports, \$762,284, with the production of 28,750 tons of steel. There was also \$4,821,698 metallic production. There was \$23,282,333 non-ferrous and \$300,000 products not returned, which, added to the non-metallic makes, made a total production of \$60,977,031.

Coal production is valued at \$14,671,122, coke, \$1,264,390; petroleum, \$55,415; asbestos, \$1,184,434, and building material, \$4,820,000.

Notwithstanding a decrease in the production over 1900, the increase in the total production is equivalent to \$8 per cent. There was a decrease of 20 per cent. in the output of iron from the Yukon, but in British Columbia there was an increase of one million tons. There was a falling off in the lead production over twenty per cent.

Looking the Yukon district out of consideration, the permanent metal mining industries show an increase of 100 per cent, notwithstanding the falling off in the lead production. The increase in pig iron was 123 per cent, in copper, 115 per cent; nickel, 28 per cent, asbestos 58 per cent, and coke, 94 per cent.

In the production of pig iron in Canadian furnaces, an increase of 184 per cent. is recorded. This increase is due largely to the operating of the Dominion Iron and Steel company at Sydney, N.S. In steel furnaces which are included in the general table, there was made 41,948 tons of steel ingots.

British Trade Bodies.

London, March 4.—In his presidential address at the annual meeting of the Association of the Chambers of Commerce largely attending the meeting at London, Lord Avebury (better known as Sir John Lubbock), admitted there was a falling off in the general trade, but he said there was no necessity for despondency in regard to British commerce. Speaking of the subsidies, Lord Avebury remarked that while French shipowners enjoyed substantial advantages, on the other hand they had been burdened by bounties, subsidies and protection given to beet sugar, wheat, textiles, coals, metals, etc. If the British shipowners were not bountied they at any rate, were not burdened with contributions to bolster up other trades.

As to the ship subsidies bill before the United States congress, Lord Avebury largely anticipated that the maritime states would remain passive and see nine million dollars in losses in the maritime states without a protest. The doubts he had expressed last year as to the vitality of Germany's subsidies were fully justified. Germany's complicated system of bounties had led to more and more complications. In the speaker's opinion the best thing the government could do, commerce was to get it alone.

The sheet anchor of the commercial world was the favored nation clause, and he trusted that the government would hold fast to the policy of the open door, and in the case of North America, the United States, Japan, and other nations, to join Great Britain in insisting on fair play for the commerce of the world.

Frank Podley, superintendent of immigration, in his testimony before the Immigration Committee, admitted that in 1901 17,908 immigrants entered the Canadian west from the United States.

Recent advices from Redlands, California, indicate that the orange market at that point is quiet. Shipments to the west coast of the province amounted to 6,540 cases of oranges, and 531 of lemons, as against 7,666 cases of oranges and 477 of lemons. Between 6,000 and 7,000 cars of fruit to be shipped.

In the Woods in Winter.

In the winter season a number of small saw mill outfits employed in the wood districts of Manitoba, cutting saw logs. The engines used for driving these mills are frequently portable ones, which are used in the fall for threshing grain. Our illustrations show some of these outfits operating near Rosendale, Man.

London Fur Sale.

Report by Phillips, Politzer & Co., on Messrs. C. J. Lawson & Co.'s fur sale, January, 1902.—At the sale of M. Lampon & Co. a good deal of animation prevailed, supplies being rather short and the early date of the Leipzig fair necessitating early purchases. Large advances were realized on most of the important items in the catalogue, and we have hardly any declines of note to record.

The attendance was as follows: The results were as follows:—

Opossum, Australia, 596,037 skins (last year 394,000). Continue in good demand for the Russian market, and sold readily at an advance of ten per cent. on October prices. The extra large skins particularly realized considerably higher than in the last sales.

Ermine, 19,758 skins (last year 45,000). Advanced fifty per cent.

Wallaby, 157,017 skins (last year 211,200). Sold at a minor advance of ten per cent, all other sorts fifty per cent. and over.

Bear, grizzly, 700 skins (last year 1,000). Bear, white, 41 skins (last year 55). Unaltered.

Opossum, American, 41,000 skins (last year 27,000). The first, compared with January of last year, remained the same; seconds are thirty per cent. higher.

Pox, grey, 64,000 skins (last year 6,200). Advanced ten per cent. on January prices.

Pox, kitt, 100 skins (last year 500). Pox, cross, 80 skins (last year 60). Quality too small to report upon.

Pox, silver, 45 skins (last year 150). In better demand at their present more reasonable values; realized fully last October prices.

Hacoon, 45,000 skins (last year 85,000). The small offering and good demand led to an advance of thirty per cent. all round. Fine rough skins for dyeing purposes were in particularly request, and realized very high prices.

Wolves, 9,000 skins (last year 9,000). Thirty per cent. advance.

Tiger, 24 skins. Leopards, 321 skins. Mostly common skins; sold at low prices.

Mink, 61,000 skins (last year 100,000). Met, if not with a very active, yet steady demand all through the season. Small skins especially sold well. The collection being considerably smaller than last year, the price ruled thirty per cent. higher. The

western skins particularly have done considerably better than last year.

Mink, Japanese, 32,341 skins (last year 11,500). Same as last October. Kolinsky, 9,098 skins (last year 5,000). Declined thirty per cent.

Marten, American, 7,500 skins (last year 2,500). Have done rather better than last October, and sold readily at about the same prices as last March.

Marten, Japanese, 11,551 skins (last year 4,610). Sold about the same as last October, excepting the large pale skins, which advanced twenty per cent. Compared with the early part of last season, prices are twenty per cent. lower.

Marten, bawn, 780 skins (last year 680). Show better results than in October, but value still fifteen per cent. under those ruling at the beginning of last year.

Marten, stone, 683 skins (last year 500). Unaltered.

Sables, Russian, 4,492 skins (last year 4,400). Were undoubtedly the most favored article last season, and of high-class skins the markets were at one time depleted. The present collection met with a strong competition, the fine Siberian skins and also the Kamchatka realizing an advance of thirty per cent. Amoor and dressed Chinese, etc., in strong request, brought forty per cent. more than last January.

Sables, Japanese, 488 skins (last year 1,443). Best season yet, higher than in October. Compared with January last, prices are unaltered.

Lynx, 2,000 skins (last year 5,000). At the lower prices of last spring this article has again found consumption in the United States. Stocks are low and the quantities announced for the spring sales being exceptionally small, the prices now are about double compared with the October sale, and sev-

enty to eighty per cent. higher than in the March sale of last year.

Other, 1,531 skins (last year 1,500). In good demand at former prices.

Fox, white, 1,867 skins (last year 1,810). Show some improvement, particularly the seconds are fifteen per cent. to twenty per cent. higher, and prices are about the same as they were last March.

Fox, Japanese, 22,508 skins (last year 107). The collection comprised chiefly the coarse Corvan skins, the better class of Japanese goods were, however, presented in one good string, which realized an advance of thirty per cent.

Skunks, 225,298 skins (last year 175,000). In strong demand for the Continent, with some improvement, ten per cent. Western and south-western twenty per cent. on January of last year.

Civet cat, 17,905 skins (last year 8,000). Advanced ten per cent.

Musquash, 101,812 skins (last year 1,340,000). Prime skins from good sections were in very fair request last season, and notwithstanding the huge quantity brought forward in the present sales, an advance of twenty-five per cent. has been realized on the inferior sorts, ten per cent. to fifteen per cent. higher.

Musquash, 114,225 skins (last year 22,000). Fifty per cent. higher than last January.

GRAIN INSPECTION AT WINNIPEG.

Chief Inspector Horn has submitted the following report showing the number of cars of grain inspected at the 810 months ended Feb. 28, compared with the corresponding months of the two previous years:

	1901.	Cars.	Cars.	Cars.
Wheat—	1901.	1900.	1899.	
One hard.....	607	708	1064	
One northern.....	1069	1152	767	
Two northern.....	1452	2886	1183	
Three northern.....	44	44	363	
No. 4.....	44	44	1	
Feed.....	103	113	529	
Rejected one.....	1514	4531	239	
No grade.....	19	37	31	
Condemned.....	—	—	—	
Total.....	3428	9386	2243	

One white.....	19	7	41
Two mixed.....	200	3	134
Feed.....	404	63	39
No grade.....	5	20	2
Rejected.....	45	11	9
Total.....	1991	258	459

No. 3 extra.....	16	38
Feed.....	117	7
No grade.....	6	4
Rejected.....	8	2
Total.....	197	22

Flax—	1901.	1900.	1901.
Flax seed.....	9	1	27
Rejected.....	42	27	14
No grade.....	3	10	14
Total.....	53	28	65

These figures include all grain shipped from interior points in Manitoba and the Territories to Winnipeg and eastward.

For the month of February the inspection returns were as follows:

Wheat—	1901.	1900.	1901.
One hard.....	—	—	70
One northern.....	—	—	953
Two northern.....	—	—	37
Three northern.....	—	—	2
No. 4.....	—	—	8
Feed.....	—	—	5
Rejected 1.....	—	—	4
No grade.....	—	—	4
Condemned.....	—	—	1
Rejected.....	—	—	5
Total.....	—	—	122

One white.....	—	—	186
Two mixed.....	—	—	34
Feed.....	—	—	6
No grade.....	—	—	2
Rejected.....	—	—	2
Total.....	—	—	226

Barley—	1901.	1900.	1901.
Feed.....	—	—	6
No grade.....	—	—	2
Rejected.....	—	—	2
Total.....	—	—	11

Total.....	—	—	213
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The Chicago hide market has declined another 1-4c, making the price now 7-3-4c per pound for No. 1 buff hide.

The total number of failures in Canada last week, as reported by R. G. Dun & Co., was 35, against 32 the week before, and 31 this week last year.

The Toronto Globe is giving its friends with copies of a nicely printed booklet setting forth the advantages of the retail advertising for retailers, and incidentally soliciting a share of this advertising patronage for the Globe.

Movable Saw Mill Outfit at Rosendale, Manitoba.

Kangaroo, 3,000 skins (last year 10,081). Advanced forty per cent.

Pox, red, 8,000 skins (last year 23,000). The great reduction of last spring in the value of this article has given it a fresh start, and in the autumn it sold readily in the dyed state at greatly advanced prices. Stocks were entirely cleared, the result being an advance of about forty per cent. on October prices.

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Firsts are unaltered. Seconds are thirds are ten per cent. higher.

Lat, wild, 5,000 skins (last year 11,000). Advanced ten per cent.

Cat, house, 5,000 skins (last year 7,000). Advanced fifteen per cent.

Badgers, 4,200 skins (last year 3,000). Advanced fifteen per cent.

Chin-ble, 5,078 skins (last year 50,000). A much better demand prevailed for common sorts than at any time in the last year, and they realized fully thirty to thirty-five per cent. higher prices. The finer Bolivian skins sold the same as before.

Chin-ble, real, 4,903 skins (last year 5,000). Genuine fine skins were not represented in the catalogue. The discolored Bolivian remained unaltered.

Thibets, 2,478 skins (last year 1,400). Kid crosses, 4,275 skins (last year 500). Mouflons, 500 (last year 300). Quantity too small to report upon.

Black, 4,000 skins (last year 3,000). The fine army bears and other rough skins were rather better than last year, but the common wolf and lion skins realized twenty per cent. more, and were bought for the home trade.

Small and cub advanced fifty per cent. to sixty per cent, and were bought for American accounts.

Bear, brown, 700 skins (last year 1,000). Same as in October, being thirty-five per cent. to forty per cent. higher than in January last.

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Mink, Japanese, 32,341 skins (last year 11,500). Same as last October.

Kolinsky, 9,098 skins (last year 5,000). Declined thirty per cent.

Marten, American, 7,500 skins (last year 2,500). Have done rather better than last October, and sold readily at about the same prices as last March.

Marten, Japanese, 11,551 skins (last year 4,610). Sold about the same as last October, excepting the large pale skins, which advanced twenty per cent. Compared with the early part of last season, prices are twenty per cent. lower.

Marten, bawn, 780 skins (last year 680). Show better results than in October, but value still fifteen per cent. under those ruling at the beginning of last year.

Marten, stone, 683 skins (last year 500). Unaltered.

Sables, Russian, 4,492 skins (last year 4,400). Were undoubtedly the most favored article last season, and of high-class skins the markets were at one time depleted. The present collection met with a strong competition, the fine Siberian skins and also the Kamchatka realizing an advance of thirty per cent. Amoor and dressed Chinese, etc., in strong request, brought forty per cent. more than last January.

Sables, Japanese, 488 skins (last year 1,443). Best season yet, higher than in October. Compared with January last, prices are unaltered.

Lynx, 2,000 skins (last year 5,000). At the lower prices of last spring this article has again found consumption in the United States. Stocks are low and the quantities announced for the spring sales being exceptionally small, the prices now are about double compared with the October sale, and sev-

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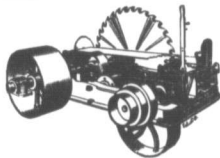
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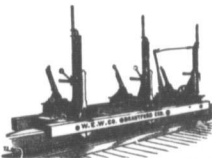
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Grocery Trade Notes.

Oysters have advanced 25 to 50 cents per pair at Toronto.

Cable advices report a considerably smaller crop in Valencia shelled almonds. Jordan shelled almonds, it is stated, are closely cleaned up, and very little is offered on any basis.

D. S. Perrin & Co., biscuit manufacturers, of London, Ontario, have been incorporated as a limited liability company with a capital stock of \$25,000. The new style will be D. S. Perrin & Co., Limited.

Buyers for the New York on Monday said: Per seant organization of the \$100,000 corn products company, known as the Chicago Standard, has been effected. It is believed the former competitive policy will be desirable for motives and the probability that trade will be placed upon a firm basis.

The decline in sugar prices which was noted in our report of the Winnipeg grocery market last week was due to excessive competition for United States sugar at high rates. It is reported by cable from Europe that European bounties on beet sugar are likely to be reduced. A part of the present year is being considered as the date for cancelling the bounties. It is also stated that the European sowings of beets will be largely reduced this year owing to the weak condition of the soil.

Hardware Trade Notes.

Manufacturers of building paper in the United States say that their stocks are well reduced and the price situation is firm in consequence.

Plain wire and fence staples have been advanced 5 per cent. by United States makers. The market is reported as being very firm.

Manufacturers of wire cloth in the United States have withdrawn quotations for the present, owing to the very heavy demand and the prospect for a shortage. Higher prices are looked for.

Steel goods manufacturers on the other side of the line have withdrawn their quotations owing to inability to fill orders and when new prices are given it is expected that they will be higher.

The St. Louis Plate Glass Company has been formed, and will be incorporated under the laws of Missouri with a capital of \$2,000,000. It is independent of the glass trust and will be controlled by the syndicate. Some twelve hundred acres of land have been purchased near St. Louis, and orders are expected for the new plant and machinery, and by the first of November it is expected to have the plant in operation with a capacity of 20,000 square feet of glass per day, giving employment to 600 men.

Dry Goods Trade Notes.

Canadian made dress goods give increased demand in popular lines as the season for wearing styles approaches.

This week's millinery openings at Toronto under the auspices of the ladies club the largest attendance of buyers has been observed and these expectations appear to be fast fully realized. The displays of millinery were particularly fine and as times are good buyers were liberal.

At date of last mail arrives Canadian cotton mills had not issued new price lists to take the place of those which were withdrawn short weeks ago. Orders are meanwhile being taken mill agents subject to confirmation at a later date. It is expected that the new lists will embody any radical advances, as competition from the United

States would then become more keen. It is admitted though that the situation warrants some advance in prices.

THE IMPLEMENT TRADE.

The Twine Market.

The formal announcement of prices by the firm, says Farm Implement News of Chicago, of immediately harmonizing the market, was made in the sample of a few of the smaller houses and which prior to Feb. 20, ranged from 10% to 15% below the market. The advance is less than carload lots. That the 11-cent rate came as a complete surprise to the casual remark of a certain jobber to Farm Implement News concerning the course of the market. Evidently 11½ was the expected rate, for the jobber in question has been selling on that basis, but, as stated several weeks ago, most of the sellers who were quoting above 11 cents undoubtedly expected the market to drop to that. At present it appears that the prices published last week are universally quoted, with the usual additions for deliveries at western and northwestern distributing points. Comparative few concerns, however, are quoting manila and pure manila and some are quoting all grades except pure manila.

Considerable business has been written on bonafide orders during the past few days. The market is expected to the extent of same is as large as was expected to follow the announcement of prices and a steady market. But new sellers are coming into the market, now that they have been established, and a great activity is looked for during the coming sixty days.

A western jobber complains that some of the harvester concerns are doing more than usual in the commission line. Guarantees are not used as extensively as usual and in most cases are said to be more conservative than heretofore.

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Increment Trade Notes.

Boyc's Carriage Works, Winnipeg, are taking up orders for new cars. Mr. Boyce is turning out a number of very handsome delivery wagons for the new West. Fall terms.

The J. I. Case Threshing Machine Company's office and warehouse in Fargo, N. D., were totally destroyed by fire on Sunday with a score of engines and separators and about \$50,000 worth of threshing machine extras. The total loss will reach from \$75,000 to \$100,000.

A prominent United States buggy maker says that the market is better and says that already the factory sales for 1902 are nearly as large as those of the previous year. The market is scarce and manufacturers do not expect to be able to greatly increase their output. The demand for buggies has advanced 5 to 7½ per cent.

If the manufacturers can furnish the goods on time the trade in spring implements in the northwest will break all the records, says the Minneapolis correspondent of Farm Implement News. It is expected that a manufacturer's agent here complains of poor trade, nor reports even a fair amount of business. The market is large. It is almost indiscriminating on spring goods. There is one great general demand, and it is to get the goods in time to take care of the spring demand from farmers. To this end there is a call for early shipments than usual.

A new line of goods have been introduced to the trade at Winnipeg this week by Westlander Bros. & Sons, of Stratford, Ontario. Their principal line is a patent combination wagon box, which will give the arrangement may be converted in a moment from a wagon box into a hay rack, and from a hay rack into a strong and serviceable stock pen. This is a most useful invention and should prove to be as successful as any other easily made any one of the possible

changes noted. As a hay rack this invention is guaranteed to carry three tons of weight. Another useful farm machine now being introduced here for the first time by this company is a fanning mill which, it is stated, will double the work in a given time of ordinary faners. A washing machine with some special features, also introduced here, is one of the new among the lines made by the company. At present they are showing the machinery in the warehouse, but it is the intention to secure suitable quarters and open a place of their own. A large stock of material possibly be formed to manufacture the wagon boxes here at a considerable saving could thus be effected in freights.

LUMBER TRADE.

Lumber Conditions on the Coast.

Questions arising out of the present lumber situation on the coast will be among the first matters presented to legislators at the session which begins next week, says the Vancouver Province. For weeks the members of the Lumber and Logger's Association have been busy with information and making calculation, which will be presented to the legislature. Committees have been named in Victoria and discuss all questions from the appointment of a new board of abolishing of the Doyle Scale Rule to the larger question of the enforcement of the law. The export of cedar logs from provincial lands to Puget Sound mills. The loggers are among American mills the request to repeal the law, and ask for an open market and a competition with local mills that will tend to lower prices up. On the other hand, it is urged very strongly that the operation of the law will compel American mills to move to this side of the line. Again it is urged, in a general spirit of conservatism, that British Columbia has some too much timber for herself and that shipment of logs to the American side is bad in principle. "There has been an immediate effect of the enforcement of the law prohibiting export from provincial lands," says the Vancouver lumberman this morning. "I am sending 200,000 of logs to Puget Sound every week, cedar and fir, and I am getting \$2 per thousand more for my logs now than I did when every one was freely allowed to ship to the west coast. The new law only affects limits granted as provincial lands, and owners and proprietary syndicates who have had their lands deeded can still do what they like with their logs. This is true of almost all the lumber on Vancouver Island, a large portion which is owned by the Weyerhaeuser Syndicate—the Chemunax mill—and the Victoria Lumber Company.

"There is a strong move on foot, among lumber interests in the State of Washington to have congress increase the duties on Canadian shingles coming into the States. The duty at the present time is thirty cents per thousand, and an increase of as much more is asked.

"It all came about in this way. There are several large shingle-buying syndicates in the east. Recently they came to Washington to buy shingles to fill their eastern orders. They tried to cut the price with the Washington people, but the latter would not agree and decided rather to close their mills. Then the eastern people, such as the British Columbia, and a large part of the present output from Vancouver goes to Boston and eastern cities. In retaliation, the shingle manufacturers of Washington want an increase in the duty, which would make it impossible for British Columbia to compete in American markets.

Lumber Trade Notes.

Hardwood lumber prices in the United States are firm owing to scarcity of stocks. Demand is so good from factories and builders that there seems

very little chance of the market weakening.

Wisconsin manufacturers of piece stuffs and common boards have made an all around advance of 50c per thousand of the line. Best lines there has also been advance in that state \$1 to \$2 on some items.

The building industry is already beginning to show signs of recovery, says the American Lumberman. "There is an immense amount of good residence construction as well as of office building and the like going on all over the country and this means hardwood for interior finish. It is not at all unaccountable that large quantities of that wood are being used. The taste of builders seems to be returning to the oak, pine and cherry, birch and other woods are being used as well as oak and mahogany. This requirement is reflected in the inquires coming from planing mill and interior finish establishments that are getting hints from architects and builders as to what is coming and what to be supplied with stock that will certainly be needed.

Never before there has been so much winter sawing done in the white pine section of Minnesota and Wisconsin. As soon as drying weather comes there will be a considerable amount of stock on the market. It will take a lot of lumber to meet the demand of nearly 300,000,000 feet in Wisconsin and Minnesota on January 1, this year, as compared with 200,000,000 on January 1, 1901. But there is to be an enormous lumber product in Minnesota this year. The lumbering is taken of good logging weather to get in a good full supply for the mills which, added to winter sawing, will make a large output; but it is not expected that the increased product of this one state can make up for the decreases in Wisconsin and Michigan. However, hemlock will come in as a stop gap so that the entire lumber product for the year may not vary far from that of last. This week northern loggers have been very active in soft weather, which is interfering with their work and may bring it to an untimely end, American Lumberman.

Dairy Trade Notes.

There is some talk of a creamery being established in the town of Mordey, Man.

The creamery at Maple Creek, Assn., has been closed owing to lack of support. Not enough cream could be secured to make it a profitable investment. The manager has collected in that district will be shipped to the Calgary creamery.

Live Stock Trade Notes.

According to cable advices from Glasgow last week trade in both Canadian and American cattle was a trifle better, and the prices realized showed a slight advance, but this does not mean that shippers must be satisfied as the increased supplies of Irish and other cattle tended to keep prices for Canadian cattle at a low level. The market is advancing to an extent. Later cables from Liverpool and London do not indicate any important changes in markets, as they reported supplies larger, with a slow demand.

The Ontario legislature has voted \$1,000 for sugar beet experiments. What is Manitoba doing?

The American Perfume Co., with a capital of \$1,000,000, is a combination which will be effected in a few days by about fifteen of the largest perfume manufacturers and handlers of the United States, says a Detroit telegram. Headquarters will be established in New York, and there will be distributing offices in Detroit, Michigan, and Chicago.

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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Saturday, March 8.

The weather and the business expansion this week, and already there are unmistakable signs of the near approach of spring. In spring lines trade is better in Winnipeg than it has ever been before with the established houses. There are hopes of a movement of goods, and those retailers who have not already received their spring stocks are getting just a little impatient for them under the stimulus of mild weather. Of course all this may be changed any day by a return to winter conditions. Reports from the country indicate that farmers are getting ready for spring work, and are buying large quantities of implements and machinery. Building and other industrial operations are beginning to assume a more lively aspect, and there is a large amount of work projected for a town and country. Labor will be in better demand than it has been for a long time just as soon as the work starts. Values of staple commodities show firmness, with but few exceptions. Money is not plentiful. The condition of the grain blockade. There has been a substantial increase in Winnipeg bank clearings this week, due to 4th of March settlements. The clearings amounted to \$331,791 more than last week. As compared with the same week last year they show an increase of \$416,000, or 100 per cent, and over two years ago, \$1,030,507. Bank interest rates are the same as last week, namely, 6 to 8 per cent, for ordinary mercantile loans, with an occasional 5 per cent, for gilt-edge security.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

BINDER TWINE.

The market holds steady at the opening quotations of March 1, which are as follows: Sisal and standard, 11½¢ per pound, f.o.b., Winnipeg; Manila, 55¢ 100 lbs; 12½¢; Manila, 90¢ 100 lbs; pure Manila, 100¢ 100 lbs. Values of both sisal and Manila are sold at ½¢ less than these figures, and car lots at ½¢ less, full terms.

DRY GOODS.

Travelers are busy booking fall orders for heavy goods, while in the warehouses attention is directed to spring business, which is promising well for sorting business. There will undoubtedly be a big demand for spring goods as soon as consumers feel assured that the winter is over. Already considerable buying has been done, and retail stocks here are broken into. Clothing and furnishings trade will be no less active than dry goods when the season opens. The wholesale military openings next week are expected to bring quite a few buyers into town. Values for staple lines are steady and firm. Canadian lists have withdrawn their lists on several lines of cottons.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

There has already been a little demand for spring lines in a retail way, which is increasing daily. There will be stimulus of the weather. Values for leather goods are firm. In another column we give a list of Canadian lists of prices for rubber footwear, together with the discounts which will prevail throughout the year. Travelers start out from Winnipeg the first of this week, to the number of at least 34, to sell goods on this new list, and so far as they have progressed to date, the business booked has been large.

FUEL.

Mild weather has affected the demand adversely, and we note a quiet market. Canadian anthracite coal is in very scarce, and in 100 lbs. in full supply. There is some prospect of wood stocks being small next winter, owing to the weather. \$3 to \$5 reduced the output this winter. We quote: Pennsylvania anthracite,

one, stove and No. 1 nut, \$10.50 per ton delivered, retail; No. 2, \$9.00; Canadian, \$10.00; one, \$10.00 per ton for egg and stove sizes, and \$8 per ton; Crow's Nest Pass coal, \$8 for prime, daily bituminous, \$7.50 per ton; United States bituminous, \$8 per ton; Souris lignite, \$4.30 per ton, carlots at the mill; \$4.00, retail; No. 1, \$3.50, and screenings, 60¢ per ton. Wood in carlots on track is worth about the following: Hard pine, \$1.00 per cord, \$1.00 to 1.25; jack pine, \$1.25; poplar, \$1.00; oak, \$4.25 to \$4.50; slash, \$2.50.

FISH.

There is a good Lenten demand for fish and prices are steady as follows: Whitefish, 1½¢ per lb.; pickerel, 1½¢ per lb.; pike, 2½¢; trout, 10¢; salmon, 1¢; halibut, 11¢; fresh cod, 7¢ per lb.; fresh haddock, 7¢; shad, 6¢; trout, 8¢; mackerel, 13¢; smelts, 7½¢; tommy cod, 5½¢; cloudberry, 5½¢; herrings, 15¢ per dozen, salt cod, 9¢; Labrador herring, per barrel, \$4; salt mackerel, \$1.00 per kil; Holland herring, in 15¢ per dozen; Digtly chicks, 15¢ per lb.; boneless fish, 5½¢ per lb.; oysters, \$2 to \$2.25 per gallon; finnan haddie, 7 to 8¢ per lb.

GREEN FRUITS.

Trade is improving slowly as the weather becomes milder. Lemons are weaker for ordinary qualities, and more inferior lemons have been offering this week at low prices, but fancy stock is still worth \$5.25. Cranberries are a market of 100 lbs. per case. California navel oranges, per case, 210c, \$4.50; 200c, \$4.60; 170c, \$4.30; 150c, \$4.25; 120c, \$4.10. Ladies' oranges, \$1.50; Washington box apples, \$2 per case; lemons, \$5 to \$5.25 per case; California lemons, \$3.50 per box; bananas, per bunch, \$3.50; Malaga grapes, 85¢ per keg; sweet potatoes, \$2.00; onions, 10¢ per bushel; new potatoes, 15¢ in 60-lb. tins, in glasses, \$2.25 per dozen, new apple cider, per gallon, 35¢; mineral water, 7 to 8¢ per gallon; oysters, select, per cord, \$2.25; standards, \$2.00.

GROCERIES.

Trade has been very brisk this week, almost up to the opening of the week. The feature of the week has been a sharp advance in the price of canned tomatoes, which are second-hand, and hard to buy. They are now quoted at \$2.40 to \$2.50 per case. Sugar developed all around, with a little sympathy with the lower value at refineries. Rolloed oats are down 5¢ per sack. The retail trade in groceries is becoming rapidly cleared up. Choice grades are worth 10¢ to 11½¢; Prunes share in the general firmness of dried fruits but the opinion is expressed by more than one trader that these will be cheaper. Prices are given on another page.

Hardware.

There is an active movement of staple lines of iron and steel. Country merchants have bought freely and are prepared for a good spring trade. This week is an advance of ½¢ per pound on Manila rope which is now new work. 1½¢ per pound on another page.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

All jobs report an active market for all lines embraced under this head. There is a steady upward movement. Already prices here are below par. Quotations are given on another page.

RAW FURS.

There has been quite a lot of business doing in this line during the past week. Receipts have been larger and prices for everything but muskrat firm. The next of the series of London sales opens on Monday and interest is being taken in the results by traders here. We quote: Haddie, prime, to \$1.00; bear, black, small, \$5.00 to \$15; bear, black, large, \$15 to \$25; brown, small, \$10 to \$15; brown, large, \$15 to \$22; beaver, small, \$1.50 to \$2; beaver, middle, \$2.50 to \$3; fox, silver, \$25 to \$150; fox, cross, \$5 to \$15; fox, red,

\$1 to \$3.50; lynx, \$2 to \$5; marten, large, dark, \$6 to \$10; marten, large, brown, \$4 to \$6; marten, small, light, pale, \$3.50 to \$5; mink, \$1 to \$3; musquash, winter, 3 to 5; musquash, summer, 2 to 4; otter, \$3 to \$12; skunk, 25¢ to 1.25; wolf, timber, \$1.50 to \$3; wolf, prairie, 50¢ to 1.50; Wolverine, \$2 to \$5. The market for skins is obtaining in Winnipeg for prime skins only. Allowance must be made for skins to be altered. No. 2, \$5 may only be purchased at lower prices, according to their value, in proportion to the above quotation.

SCRAP.

Receipts are fairly liberal and demand good. We quote: No. 1 cast iron, free from wrought and malleable, \$13 to \$14 per ton; No. 2, \$5 to \$6 per ton; wrought iron scrap, \$3 per ton; heavy copper, 1 cent per pound; yellow brass, heavy, \$8 per pound; light brass, 5 to 6¢ per pound; lead pipe or lead, 2 to 2½¢ per pound; rags, country mixed, 50¢ per 100 pounds; rubbers, free from rivets, buckles, and articles, 5¢ per pound; zinc scrap, 1¢ per pound; bone, clean, dry and bleached, \$6 per ton; bottles, quarts, 25¢ per dozen; pints, 15¢ per dozen.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—During the past week a little more interest is evident in the market, but markets, both here and abroad, led to any increase of activity in trade. The increased interest has been caused by a number of factors. A stream of crop damage reports coming from Kansas and the southwestern part of the United States, where the weather has been dry and windy and rain badly needed. If sufficient rain does not come, the quantity of wheat left in the ground. The reports are not general but there is no doubt the apprehension of a poor crop. The tendency is for these reports to increase, at the same time no one can tell just how much they are to increase or bad crop. Prices on the week do not show much change but may be a little higher than last week. The primary receipts in the States show a sharp drop off in quantity from 3,500,000 bushels to less than half that for same days last year. At the same time the crop here has been more liberal, being about a million more than last week and just about the same as last year. This should result in a considerable decrease in the viable supply on Monday. If the above figures are correct, the export business reported this week, but any definite change in market prices either up or down would mean an increase as it is well understood that England and Europe requires to be supplied with wheat. It is expected during the next five months whatever the crop prospects may be, and should the spring months develop any widespread crop damage over there, there would be a scramble for wheat. Just what the future prices will depend on what the weather will make the crop. Something, however, is known about the prospects for the wheat raised above somewhat at part of the American winter wheat crop, that was raised in the States of Oklahoma and Texas and not much has been heard about the crop raised in the Mississippi and Ohio valleys. The Ohio winter crop report is issued, which gives the condition of the crop for the period starting on March 1, as of condition 72 one month ago, and 71 last week. If the above figures are correct, a large wheat estate is lowered in the same way the outlook will not be good for the present. The condition of the English crop gave the condition as 67 against 81 on March 31st last year. The outlook for the English crop is not so good. Then the important French crop is not expected to be so large as last year, and the prospect that the English crop will be 100,000,000 bushels in the coming season. In Russia there are no complaints about the crop. The conditions are about mild weather all winter and unseasonable weather. Other countries will show a fair average condition. With the small crop in Argentina and India, and no increase as far as the crop from Australia. Europe requirements will have to depend on the American and the increase to any extent prices will advance. The American supply is not so good as the market and a decrease the previous week of 1,021,000 bushels and a

decrease last year of 302,000 bushels. The world's shipments were 1,350,000 bushels compared with 1,270,000 bushels the previous week and 2,700,000 bushels last year. The world's visible supply according to the Bureau of Statistics, 3,622,000 bushels, against a decrease of 2,041,000 bushels this week and 2,000,000 bushels last year.

Manitoba wheat has been offered in the market but steady. Only a small excess doing owing to the difficulty of getting it into the market. The business yesterday are as follows: No. 1 northern, 7½¢ in store; Port William and No. 1 northern, 7½¢; No. 1 northern, 7½¢; May delivery 7½¢; No. 1 northern, 7½¢. In store; Port Arthur and No. 1 northern, 7½¢. In store; No. 1 northern, 7½¢; and 2 northern, 68¢. March delivery and May delivery same price as Port William and No. 1 northern, 7½¢; No. 1 northern, 7½¢; and 2 northern, 78¢. Demand for flour here is only moderate, but we understand that local mills are finding a goodly port sale for their products. Standard brands rule as follows: Standard Hungarian Patent, \$2.45; Liberty, \$1.65; Manitoba, \$1.45; Imperial, \$1.35.

MILLED FEED—Demand is steady and prices unchanged. We quote: Bran, in bulk, per ton \$14.50; shorts, \$12.00; middlings, \$11.00; and \$1.00 above these figures.

GROUND—Oat chop a 100 lbs. quantity, \$2.00 per ton delivered; mixed barley and oats, \$25 per ton.

COUNTRY MARKETS.—The country wheat market is very quiet and prices are unaccommodated.

Where wheat is being bought prices are 10¢ to 15¢ per bushel. The market is well supplied with oats and prices are steady.

Barley is in good demand and about the same quantity as last week. Quebec points, but buyers there are not very keen about the quality of the business.

Flax remain at 55¢ to 60¢ per bushel. There are few feeders in the market here. Prices being paid to farmers at country points for No. 2 white oats range at 45¢ to 50¢.

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STATISTICAL WHEAT REPORT.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

Stocks of wheat in Canada at principal points of accumulation as reported as follows: Montreal 40,000; Toronto 40,000; Quebec 40,000; Desaut Harbor, Ont. 27,000; Kingston 10,000; Fort William, Port Arthur and Kenawin 35,500; Winnipeg 42,000; Manitoba elevators 12,000,000; Total Feb. 22 18,844,000; Total previous week 18,230,000; Total a year ago 18,230,000.

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS. Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's Feb. 22, were 413,200 bushels, six against 380,000 bushels the previous week. Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 427,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ending March 4 was 5,023,000 bushels, being a decrease of 220,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 5,238,000 bushels, two years ago 4,944,000 bushels, three years ago 25,114,000 bushels, four years ago 23,000 bushels, five years ago 42,780,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 4,240,000 bushels, compared with 10,240,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn in the United States and Canada, compared with 12,200,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in America and Europe and about for Europe Feb. 13 in each year for a series of years, were as follows—Bradstreet's report: Bushels.

Table with 2 columns: Year and Bushels. 1902 1,000,000,000; 1901 1,100,000,000; 1900 1,200,000,000; 1899 1,300,000,000; 1898 1,400,000,000; 1897 1,500,000,000; 1896 1,600,000,000; 1895 1,700,000,000.

WHEAT MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States spring wheat markets from the beginning of the crop movement, Aug. 1, 1901, to date, compared with the same period of last year. This crop. Last crop.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Quantity. Minneapolis 4,925,000; Milwaukee 2,550,000; Duluth 1,100,000; Chicago 3,314,000.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States winter wheat markets from the beginning of the crop movement, July 1, 1901, to date, compared with the same period of last year. This crop. Last crop.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Quantity. Toledo 2,440,000; Detroit 2,440,000; St. Louis 1,730,000; Kansas City 1,730,000.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this date last year: Wheat—Cash No. 1 hard closed at 85 1/2c in store; Fort Wm. 85 1/2c; Flour—Jobbing price per sack: Patent, \$2.10; best household, \$1.90; Milling—Bran, \$14.00 per ton; shorts, 1 1/2c per ton delivered; Barley—Canadian track, Alberta 60¢ @ 6 1/2¢; Manitoba, 50¢ @ 5 1/2¢; Butter—Dressed, 15 1/2¢ per lb.; creamery jobbing at 25¢; Cheese—1 1/2¢ to retail merchants; Eggs—1 1/2¢ for Manitoba fresh, less creamage; Potatoes—Farmers' loads on the street, 40¢ @ per bushel; Dressed Montreal beef, 5 1/2¢ @ 5 1/2¢ for city dressed; country, 5 1/2¢ per lb.; hogs, 5 1/2¢; Poultry—Dressed chickens, 7 1/2¢ @ 8¢; ducks, dressed, 8¢; geese, 8¢; turkeys, dressed, 1 1/2¢ @; Game—Habitats, 1 1/2¢ pair; jack rabbits, 25¢ each, and wild pigeons 50¢ per pair; Hides—5¢ for frozen stock, less 10¢ tare; Wool—80¢ @ for unwashed fleece; Senna Root—90¢ per lb.; Rated Hay—\$7.00 per ton on cars; Live Stock—Cattle 3 1/2¢ @ 4 1/2¢; sheep nominal; hogs, 4 1/2¢ @ 5¢.

Grain and Milling. The Prescott Elevator Company, operating a large grain elevator at Prescott, Ont., has been declared insolvent by the courts.

G. V. Hastings, of the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., returned from Montreal on Thursday. The mill at Keewatin is again running.

The "Plainsman" newspaper, of Grand Forks, Minn., says that the Great Northern contract with the Canadian Pacific Railway calls for taking 100,000 bushels of wheat from the latter company's lines to Duluth.

The Dominion minister of marine states that there has been handled by the government grain elevators at St. John, N.B., in the year ending Dec. 31, 1901, 144,787 bushels of wheat. No grain or other produce was handled by the government elevator at Halifax between January, 1901, and January, 1902.

The Oregonian, of Portland, Oregon, says that there is being worked into shape in that city and San Francisco an amalgamation of the interests of the great export flour milling firms of the Pacific coast. The object of the proposed consolidation will probably be somewhere in the neighborhood of EL PASO, TEXAS.

Confirming our report of the engagement of a large quantity of grain last week from Duluth and Port William to Georgia Bay, the rate for 2 1/2¢ per bushel, this rate has been advanced to 2 3/4¢ and the rail freight to Montreal has been advanced to 1 1/2¢ per bushel. The first engagements from Duluth and Port William last season by lake and rail through to Montreal were made at 5 1/4¢ per bushel. But the situation is very different this year, as there are many million bushels to go forward from Manitoba, against very little last year.—Montreal Trade Bulletin, 1902.

During the past week there has been no improvement in the demand for ocean grain, freight for spring shipment from this port, says the Montreal Gazette, in fact, business if anything, has been quieter. No engagements are reported, but the enquiry has increased and the prospects are active in the near future providing prices for American grain get down to an export level. The tone of the market on the whole has been easier as asking rates to some ports have been reduced, which shows that shipper agents are more disposed to meet shippers views. The asking rates are as follows: Liverpool, 1s 4 1/2d; London, 1s 7 1/2d; Glasgow, 1s 6d; Bristol, 1s 6d; Manchester, 1s 6d; Hamburg, 1s 6d; Antwerp, 1s 6d; Rotterdam, 2s; 2s, 1/2d to 2s 3/4; Cardiff, 1s 9d, and Rotterdam, 2s.

Insurance Notes.

The Confederation Life Association claims to be a "home company" of the west, having invested largely here in real mortgages on the real estate prior to the boom, and never having lost faith in the security of the west as a field for profitable investment. It has gradually increased its operations, until it may now well be considered one of the financial institutions of the west. Its life business in volume is second to none, as the government returns will show, and its fact is its organization owing to an unsurpassed organization.

The importance of the western business which has just been recognized by certain changes and new appointments. Daniel McDonald has been designated manager for Manitoba and the Territories, and British Columbia, and Charles E. Kerr, secretary, resident in Winnipeg, has for some years been closely identified with the progress of the company. E. W. Gill, accountant in the Winnipeg office for over a dozen years, has been appointed cashier at Brandon, where the Association has a very large business of all kinds, with an office situated in its own block, corner of Avenue J. L. Kerr, an old time official of the head office, Toronto, has been appointed cashier for the British Columbia, with headquarters at Vancouver. Judgment was given last week at Montreal in a case which affects \$25,000,000 of life insurance in Canada.

The case was taken by Hon. A. H. Angers, ex-lieutenant governor of Quebec, against the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association of New York. Judgment was given for the plaintiff for the whole amount of the premiums paid by him during the time he was insured with the company and interest. His payments amount to \$1,832.20, while the accumulation payments amounted to \$1,367.50, and hundreds of policy holders all over Canada have been awaiting the outcome of this case with interest. Hon. Mr. Angers was indignant with the company with the assurance that their rates could never be increased. About two years ago, however, the company raised their rate on certain lines of insurance. Mr. Angers served a protest on the company, and insisted with another company and entered action for the return of his premiums.

Bicycles for 1902.

The Canada Cycle and Automobile Co. were busy this week at the Winnipeg branch, receiving new wheels for the 1902 model. The new models show a very handsome finish, one feature noted being the striped rim, changes in the make of wheels for this season are not very important. The principal feature is more diversity of styles in handle bars. The company is putting in a large stock at the Winnipeg branch, including a bewildering array of bicycle sundries, and including about everything a bicyclist could desire. The repair plant, which is a feature of the Winnipeg branch, is now very busy fixing up wheels for patrons, the wheels having come with a rash during the recent mild weather, for the usual spring overhauling. Regarding new wheels, it is increasingly popular for 1902. The Canada Cycle Co. have just issued their new catalogue, showing cuts of new models, etc. A copy of this will be sent on application to any one.

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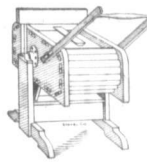
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Tenders will be received up to 10:15 AM for additions and alterations to Young church, on Purby Street, Winnipeg, by James Christman, architect. dairy trade notes.

Sealed tenders for the erection of a new eight-roomed school, stone or brick, Howard-Dowd system of sanitation, will be received by C. H. Wheeler, architect, Winnipeg, up to the hour of 4 o'clock p. m. on Tuesday, the first day of April, 1902.

Tenders will be received until 2 p. m., Friday, 21st March, for the erection of a stone and brick residential building, corner Main Street and Broadway, Winnipeg, by Geo. Brown, architect. This is the large apartment building recently reported as likely to be built by Lord Strathcona.

Sealed tenders, addressed to the chairman of the committee on works, Winnipeg, for the construction of a sewer in King street, from Suburban avenue to Flora avenue, and in Flora avenue from Schultz street to King street, will be received at the office of the city clerk up to 8:30 p. m. on Thursday, March 13th.

Sealed tenders, addressed to the chairman of the works, Winnipeg, and marked, "Tenders for Drainage District No. 4," will be received up to noon of Saturday, 22nd day of March, for a system of drainage of what is known as Mosquito Creek district in Townships 4, 5 and 6, in Ranges 14 and 15, East, approximate ex-cavation 350,000 cubic yards.

Keep Trade at Home.

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FINANCIAL

WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS
Returning to the Winnipeg Clearing House for the week ending Thursday, show as follows:
Week ending March 6, 1902, \$2,804,014
Corresponding week, 1901, 2,721,997
Corresponding week, 1900, 1,179,991
The month's business was as follows:
1901 1,001 1,000
Jan. \$ 1,028,229 9,926,878 7,858,062
Feb. 7,932,279 6,702,648 6,702,648
Mar. 7,839,262 7,329,062 6,756,123
Apr. 7,158,247 6,702,648 6,918,483
May 8,981,907 7,462,579 7,472,850
June 10,436,216 7,462,579 7,472,850
July 9,213,140 8,305,425 8,165,565
Aug. 9,134,355 8,305,425 8,165,565
Sept. 10,134,355 8,305,425 8,165,565
Oct. 15,174,865 9,183,477 12,988,000
Nov. 21,828,421 11,818,989 14,438,219
Dec. 11,100,329 10,800,325 10,800,000
Total \$17,717,158 \$106,956,702 \$107,780,814

FINANCIAL NOTES.
During last month the customs' record at Winnipeg amounted to \$96,462.35. For the corresponding month of last year they were \$85,510.00. The increase was \$27,951.37.

At a meeting of the directors of the Dominion government savings bank transferred to the Winnipeg office held at Montreal on Saturday last, it was decided to issue new common stock to shareholders, to the amount of \$10,000,000.

The Dominion government savings bank transferred to the Winnipeg office on the month ending Feb. 28, 1902, was as follows: Deposits, \$18,508; withdrawals, \$16,764.57. Deposits exceeded withdrawals by \$1,743.63.

Some reports from Montreal state that the sharp advance in Dominion Coal Company shares of late week was due to an effort on the part of speculators to corner the stock. The same reason was given for the advance in Dominion Steel stocks. The coal company's shares gained 8 points on Monday last week.

W. H. Thomson, who has for years been closely identified with the management of the Winnipeg branch of the Imperial Bank as accountant, has been promoted to the management of the Fortage in Prairie branch. He left on Monday of this week to assume his new duties. Mr. Thomson will be greatly missed in Winnipeg. A communication in the Fortage in Prairie on Saturday last said: Recently several changes were announced in the staff of local branches of chartered banks and these have been followed by other changes, which, while not yet officially announced, will undoubtedly go into effect in a few days. In the Imperial Bank, A. R. B. Hearn, manager here for some months, has been promoted to the management of the Brandon branch, succeeding Wilson Bell, who goes to the Toronto office; Mr. Thomson, of Winnipeg, succeeding Mr. Hearn here. A. G. Hainstock has resigned as manager of the Merchants Bank, and it is stated will be succeeded by Mr. Bannet, who is at present in charge of the Souris branch. Mr. Machaffie, of Brandon, is now acting manager of the Merchants' Bank here.

A serious outbreak of hog cholera is reported in the district south of Collingwood, Ontario. According to the report, after the outbreak in the department of agriculture was called to the district, and after killing two or three animals, the rest of the district the whole drove and burn them. It is also stated that other hogs in the vicinity are affected.

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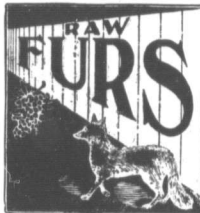
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