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WINNIPEG, AUGUST 16, 1897.

A PECULIAR DECISION.

A good deal of trouble has been created in the United States by the action of the authorities in declaring that the new tariff law had come in force before it was actually signed by the president. The law was signed on Saturday afternoon, after banking hours, and when business for the week had been practically suspended, yet the law was declared to have gone into force at midnight on the Friday preceding. There is no retro-active clause in the act on which to base a claim for putting the law into effect before it was required. It is claimed that the law does not take cognizance of a fraction of a day, and that a law which has been passed in the afternoon can therefore be declared to have gone into effect on the morning of that day. The importers who had to pay the new scale of duties on goods entered on Saturday morning, however, do not take that view of the case, and there is trouble accordingly. The question will be decided by the courts.

EXPORT LUMBER TRADE.

An ingenious plan has been proposed by a Mr. John Bertram to protect our export lumber trade and at the same time prevent the exportation of unmanufactured logs and timber. The new United States tariff imposes a duty of \$2 per thousand upon lumber, and it is further provided that if any

country places and export duty upon logs, the amount of such export duty, shall be added to the import duty on lumber. Thus if Canada placed the proposed export duty of \$2 upon logs, the United States would at once raise the import duty on lumber to \$4. This would practically wipe out any export trade which we can still do in lumber with that country. Mr. Bertram proposes that instead of imposing an export duty on logs and timber, we should simply prohibit the exportation of logs. This would get around the new United States tariff and at the same time stop the exportation of our raw material.

The new United States tariff regarding lumber is certainly a hog-gish piece of business. It is simply a contemptible thing. They want our forest products, but they want it in the unmanufactured state. They place a duty upon lumber to keep it out, while providing that the logs or raw material shall come in free. In this way they hoped that the saw mills along their lake frontier would be kept running at the expense of the Canadian forests. So far they may have been justified in going, but when they tried to coerce Canada from protecting her own interests, by providing that any export duty imposed by this country upon logs should be added to the import duty on lumber, they went just a little too far with their hoggishness. Our forest wealth should be protected at all hazards. The government of the United States will leave the consumers of that country to deal with, and the complete stoppage of our export trade to the United States in lumber would probably open the eyes of the consumers there to the unreasonableness of the situation.

Whether or not Mr. Bertram's plan will provide a means of getting around the threat contained in the new United States tariff, it should be tried. In fact it is a question if it would not be a wise policy to protect our forest wealth by imposing an export duty on logs, aside entirely from the situation regarding our export lumber trade to the United States. The timber is one of the great natural resources of the country. When exported in the form of logs, for sawing in foreign mills, the country is deprived of a source of wealth without receiving anything worth while in return. The timber resources of this continent are being exhausted so rapidly that the time is considered not very distant when the value of lumber will be greatly enhanced. It is therefore a question if we should not seek to conserve our great timber resources as much as possible, particularly in view of the unreasonable attitude of the United States in the matter of the lumber duties.

THE TRAMP NUISANCE.

The west is just now suffering from the annual incursion of the horde of lazy vagabonds called tramps. The winter climate of Manitoba and the Territories is not congenial to these vagrants, and they usually migrate in the fall, re-appearing in swarms the following summer. Those who remain seek the larger towns for the winter, where they become subjects of charity. In the summer they can wander about and gain a subsistence by thieving, or intimidating women whom they find alone at the farm houses. Their presence in the cities during the winter goes a long way to explain the great increase of persons asking for charity during the winter season, and just here we may say that a great deal of needless sympathy is wasted upon the lazy rascals.

The tramp nuisance has become a problem which should be promptly and effectively dealt with. The average tramp is simply a criminal, and a very dangerous criminal at that. Thieving and even burglary and highway robbery are not their worst crimes. Murder and outrage are included in the catalogue against them. They are the terror of the lonely women upon our farm-homes. In this country of large farms and sparse settlement, women have to be almost daily left alone while the men are at work some distance from the farm residence. It is the delight of the average tramp to find a woman alone in the house, and he uses the opportunity not to ask for, but to demand a supply of provisions for himself and his lazy comrades.

What The Commercial wishes most vigorously to protest against is the move-on system as applied to tramps, vagrants and unfortunate women. We have protested against this system before and we will do so again. The system is morally and socially wrong, and it is wrong from a common sense, practical business view. By arresting vagrants and ordering them to leave the cities, they are driven out to prey upon the helpless country people. The system is morally wrong because it imposes on others. The city which adopts this plan simply drives away its criminals to impose upon some other community. It is socially wrong for the same reason. There is nothing in the system to suppress the evil or reform the criminals. Society as a whole is not improved by dealing with criminals in this way. It is wrong from a practical, business point of view because good results are not obtained by the system. Winnipeg sends her criminals to Montreal and Vancouver sends her criminals to Winnipeg, and so neither city is benefitted. The object in dealing with these criminals should be to

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The tramp is not a native of Manitoba. Most of them come across our southern border every summer and migrate south again in the fall. This being the case, it should not be a difficult matter to deal with them. A simple provincial enactment if enforced a few times, would soon rid Manitoba of this evil. The remedy is the cat. There is not the least doubt but that it would prove thoroughly efficacious. The horde of lazy, vicious wanderers who annually sweep over the states along our southern border, committing all sorts of crime from petty larceny to murder, would quickly decide not to come north of the boundary line if it were known that they would meet with that kind of a reception here.

The tramp nuisance is one of the most difficult social problems which the people of the United States have to deal with. The evil is not so acute here, but it is bad enough. The application of the cat would quickly stop the nuisance here, and no maudlin sentiment should be allowed to stand in the way of the speedy adoption of the only sure remedy for the evil.

THE PREFERENTIAL CLAUSE.

It has been decided by the imperial authorities that the preference clause of the new Canadian tariff must apply to those countries having "the most favored nation" treaties with Great Britain. The Commercial said last week that the denunciation of the German and Belgian treaties indicated that the imperial government had taken the view that the preference must apply to the "favored nation" countries. This has quickly proved to be the case. As the matter stands now, countries having the "most favored nation" arrangement with Great Britain will come in for the same reduction upon their exports to Canada as has been accorded to British goods. This will mean that a rebate will have to be made in the duties collected upon imports from such countries since the new tariff went into effect. France will also, it is understood, come in for the re-

duction, owing to the "favored nation" treaty between that country and Canada, as by the treaty we are bound to extend as favorable treatment to France as is accorded to any other foreign country. The preference which it was intended should be extended only to Great Britain and the free trade colony of New South Wales, will therefore have to be very greatly extended, but we do not consider that this will work any great hardship to Canada—at least to the Canadian consumer. Aside from this, the "preference" provision in our tariff has accomplished the great work of freeing the colonies and the empire at large from those very obnoxious "most favored nation" treaties with certain foreign countries. At the end of another year, when those treaties expire, the preference will no longer be given to these countries. Any disadvantage which may be suffered in the meantime will therefore be amply repaid by the good which has been accomplished.

OPTION DEALINGS.

While there are well recognized features of a decidedly objectionable nature in connection with margin speculations in grain and other speculative commodities, it seems practically impossible to deal with option gambling without in some way injuring legitimate business. In Germany laws designed to prohibit speculative dealings of this nature were put into effect, through the efforts of the agricultural element, who believed that this class of business exerted a depressing influence upon the prices of agricultural commodities. A short experience has proved that the enforcement of these laws is working an injury to legitimate business. It is said that the farmers no longer know what prices they should receive for their grain, as no market quotations are now published. The small farmers are accordingly powerless in the hands of unscrupulous speculators. Cereal prices have not risen, as was promised by the operation of the laws. It is easy to talk about the evils of option gambling, but it is a very difficult thing to separate illegitimate from legitimate speculation, when it comes to attempting to suppress the former by law.

REDUCING THE POLICE.

The recent developments in the far Northwest will perhaps induce the government to re-consider the decision to reduce the Northwest Mounted Police force. Not long ago it was decided to reduce the force. Many people who were familiar with the requirements of the vast territory throughout which the police assist in maintaining order, considered this a

mistake. Recent developments would indicate that instead of a reduction in the force, it will be necessary to increase the strength of the body. A vast territory over which there has heretofore been no civil or military control, will have to be added to the police patrol territory, through the development of mining in the far north. Law and order will have to be maintained in that northern region, and a considerable force will be necessary to back up the majesty of the law in these remote regions. Next summer there will undoubtedly be a vast influx of people to the far Northwest, amongst whom there is certain to be a considerable sprinkling of a very rough element. It will never do to allow our mining camps to run wild after the fashion of the western states. Life and property must be made as secure in the far Northwest as in any other portion of this vast Dominion. This has always been the case in the new regions of Western Canada and there must be no departure from the rule. Some papers in the United States have already hinted that if the Canadian laws do not suit their people who are going in swarms to the northern gold regions, they would take the law in their own hands. There is little fear of anything of the kind happening but should there be any disposition to introduce western states methods in our northern mining camps we must show our friends that Canadian law must be respected.

The region over which it will be necessary to maintain police control may be expected to greatly increase during the next few years. In addition to the new mining territories throughout which law and order will have to be maintained, there is also the question of protecting the fur-bearing animals of the north country. The fur trade is one of the great natural resources of the great north country, and the trade should be protected. The difficulty heretofore has been the absence of any sort of civil authority throughout the north country. There is also the question of protecting the timber resources from the destructive fires which have done so much damage during recent years. These are matters which could only be undertaken by extending police control over the territory, all of which goes to show that it will be many years before the Northwest Mounted Police force can be decreased without injury to the country.

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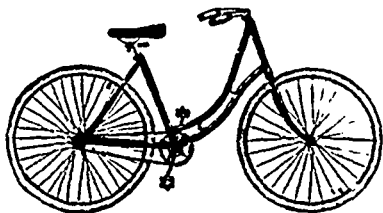
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Readers of The Commercial will have noticed that more space is being given to strictly commercial matter than ever before. The Commercial now gives more extensive and valuable market reports, and more strictly commercial news matter than at any previous time since the paper was first established. Less space is devoted to editorial matter and articles of a miscellaneous or general nature than previously. While a few readers would perhaps prefer more editorial matter, the great majority of our readers throughout the West, we believe, are more interested in the special commercial features of the paper than they are in miscellaneous matter and editorial comment. What they want is not the views of the editor upon various subjects so much as reliable market reports and special commercial information. Acting on this belief we have added a number of special reports of late, and will endeavor to constantly extend the usefulness of the paper in this direction. That we are on the right track in making this journal a strictly commercial paper, seems to be borne out by the large increase in the number of new subscriptions coming in by mail, from every part of the West from Port Arthur, Ontario, to Victoria, B. C. There has been a very marked increase of late in the number of new subscriptions coming in by mail, and this at a time of year when an increase in the list is not looked for.

British Columbia Business Review.

Vancouver, August 7.

There are numerous changes in the market this week. Dairy produce remains stationary at the old prices. Cured meats have advanced half a cent. Salmon are given away at Steveston or sold at 10 cents each. In Vancouver new potatoes have taken a drop. Prices for fruit are stiffening up. Flour is very firm at the advance. Wholesale flour and feed establishments report trade dull. This is the uncertain season in this trade. Wholesalers and retailers are waiting for the new crop. The weather is very propitious for harvesting and oats will soon be coming to market. Hay is arriving in plentiful quantities and is being jobbed at \$4 and \$15. Fresh meats are cheaper. Teas are constantly fluctuating, but the prices quoted answer very well for general purposes. Tea is low at present.

The salmon run in the Fraser river is abnormal and phenomenal. It is estimated that two million fish have been cast back in the river owing to the glut in the market. Steamers have to go at slow bell speed to prevent the overloaded salmon boats being swamped by their swell. Nets often have to be cut to save a portion of them owing to the load of salmon being so heavy that they cannot be hauled into the boats. Fishermen catch enough in one cast for the day and they are lucky who can get the canners to take their load at 2 cents per fish. There are over 1,000 boats in the fishing fleet, so that the enormous number caught, if calculated, would be so enormous as to be doubted by those who have not been at the salmon metropolises themselves, or have had the matter ocularly demonstrated to them. The reason of the big run which has gutted the British Columbia rivers and stocked the depleted rivers in the States is said to be due to the Canadian hatchery.

The New England Halibut company is urging the Canadian government to allow the company to fish in United States bottoms. They claim that they leave \$185,000 in Canada every season and employ 100 Canadians. Several Vancouverites have interceded. Prof. Prince, fish commissioner, regarding the application of the company. Prof. Prince told the company that many petitions had been sent to Ottawa adverse to this appeal.

The Crow's Nest Pass construction is giving all the mills in the country all they can do for some time to come cutting timber. The Hastings mill alone is described as having an order for Fort Steele that will take forty complete trains to carry it to its destination.

Dairy Trade Items.

At Brockville, Ontario, August 5, at the cheese board, the buyers competed so keenly that the ruling price was run up to 81-2c. About 5,000 cheese were registered, two-thirds being colored.

The Commercial published an article two weeks ago, headed Alberta creameries. The article was an interview with Mr. Marker, manager of the government creameries in the territories, and was from the Edmonton Bulletin. Mr. Marker is reported to have said that "it is expected that the butter will net the patrons 16 cents per pound." In another paragraph Mr. Marker is reported to have said that "the patrons, from present appearances will probably receive about 15 cents per pound." It should be understood that this is only an estimate, and it is apparently a very high one. The patrons of private creameries become dissatisfied when they see these reports of the high prices which the patrons of the government creameries are to receive or are likely to receive. It would be better to wait until the actual returns are in before concluding that these prices will actually be paid to the patrons of the government factories. It seems very doubtful that such prices can be paid, and it would probably be better that such estimates were not publicly made, for the reason aforesaid that it causes much unnecessary dissatisfaction among the patrons of private creameries. If the government creameries can pay these prices, it will be a matter for general satisfaction.

A Wonderful Bank Robbery.

There is seldom a record of a robbery more carefully planned and deftly executed than the triumphant achievement of Richards, Armstrong and Thompson, three crooks who robbed the Sunderland bank in England, to the tune of over \$30,000. The details of the plot have become known through the arrest of Armstrong, who has received sentence for his share in the crime. The other two criminals are still at large.

These criminal strategists spent much time and laid out a good deal of ready money in preparing the coup which they eventually effected with absolute completeness. They laid siege to the safe of the Sunderland bank persistently throughout a period of four months and a half. It was on October 18, 1896, that they "broke ground" by opening an account at the bank, and on March 1, 1897, they entered the citadel, so to speak, and took possession of its treasure, to the tune of £6,323 in gold and notes, declining to burden themselves with some £600 worth of silver, copper, and cheques, which were left behind them in the guise of what the French call "fiches de consolation." During the interval between the above mentioned dates they had established a certain degree of social intimacy with Ralph Ord, son of the bank manager, and with Kaines, the chief cashier. These gentlemen had custody of the keys giving access to the more important internal regions of the banking establishment. Mr. Ord was in charge of those which opened the outer door, the iron gate leading to the strong room, and the strong room itself in which the safe was kept. To Mr. Kaines had been entrusted the key of the bullion safe. Of all these keys the confederates contrived to obtain impressions in wax by various tricks of the utmost ingenuity, performed with amazing coolness and self-possession. They induced their unsuspecting dupes to play billiards in rooms so inordinately heated that coats had to be discarded during the games, and to take Turkish baths in their company, a luxury prescribing a minimum of clothing to those who indulge in it. While Mr. Kaines was being shampooed in a Newcastle "hammam," Armstrong, arrayed in a towel and turban, was tampered with the all-important key which the chief cashier had left in one of his trouser pockets when he passed into the sudarium. A few days later, "knowing the bullion safe to be at his mercy, Richards closed his account at the Sunderland bank and the three accomplices vanished, only to make their re-appearance on the scene of action during the first week in March. Then, after nightfall, they calmly entered the bank, pillaged the safe and made off to London by the late train. The stolen notes were forthwith conveyed to Paris where they were speedily put into circulation.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

Fall orders are coming in rather slowly; but on the whole they are said to be about equal to last year at this time. Some of our houses complain of a little cutting by Quebec houses; but as a rule there is not as much underselling as there used to be. Remittances are fairly satisfactory, which is a good sign, and the fall trade promises to be a good average one.—Montreal Trade Bulletin.

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Seine River Mines.

Fort Frances, Aug. 2.—The steamer for Seine river was scheduled to leave at 8 o'clock sharp. I gave orders to mine host to give me a call at 6.30 a.m., so as to give me plenty of time to prepare for the trip. When we got to the steam boat that was to convey us to Mine Centre, our point of destination, we found the crew wrestling with a boiler and some machinery; they were trying hard to load on a barge that the steamer had to take in tow. We asked one of them who we took to be the captain, how soon they would be ready to start, and were given a very assuring reply that if we didn't get started to-day we would to-morrow. We took them at their word and concluded from the way they were working to-morrow would be about as early a date as we could figure on. We varied the time waiting by betting the cagers who could come the nearest to guessing the time it would take to load a piece of machinery, but after a while this thing became monotonous, the owner of the machinery or mining plant got disgusted and said he could not wait any longer as he had a contract for crushing 1,000 tons of ore, and unless he took hold himself he was afraid he would not get his contract through this season. As soon as the gentleman of the mining plant took hold we could see at once a marked difference and the prospect looked fair for taking dinner on board the ship that day. About 11 o'clock the last piece of machinery was loaded and the shrill, loud shriek of the whistle sounded notice that our ship was now ready to sail. The weather was all that could be desired. A cool breeze was blowing from the north-west, everybody was out on deck admiring the beautiful scenery of Rainy Lake, unsurpassed by any part of the district.

We reached Mine Centre about 5 o'clock in the evening, and were amazed at the sight of the new hotel recently erected by Mr. Beebe. We had read of it, but never expected to find anything so elaborate; it is a two storey structure, standing on a low jagged bluff, with a stairway leading from it to the steam-boat landing. Taking the general contour of Mine Centre it would not be regarded a favorable location for a market garden or tennis ground, on account of its rough, broken character. I would much prefer it as a mining location, there being innumerable quartz stringers outcropping on the barren ledge. It would be difficult to find soil enough on ten acres to fill a flower pot; yet in the absence of those essential appearances to the unbuiding of a great city, there appears to be a bright future in store for Mine Centre. It is surrounded by half a dozen of mines.

The Foley now produces on an average of \$3,000 per week. If there was each of the kind of stuff I saw taken out while visiting there, \$3,000 per hour would be a small estimate of the result. I was shown a sample of ore weighing about two pounds that actually contained more gold than rock; the gold stuck out of it in jagged bars. This, I think, was what was reported to the papers recently as a nugget found, but it could not well be called a nugget, there being too much adhesive quartz intermixed. I have seen many fine specimens from this and other districts, but none

could compare in a small way to the ore taken out of the Foley mine.

Among the other mines soon to become gold producers are the A. D. Q., adjoining the Foley; Alice A., eight miles east of Mine Centre, HP54; Bad Vermillion; AL135, seven miles above Sturgeon Falls; HP135; the Preston mine, on Little Turtle River; and the Randolph mine, adjoining the Ferguson; and also the Ferguson mine. The latter, owing to some difficulty cropping up between the stockholders, on account of the death of Mr. Ferguson, has been closed down, but recently an amicable settlement has been arrived at between the holders and the company. A superintendent has been appointed, who will arrive here shortly to take charge of the mine. The Ferguson mine is controlled altogether by English capitalists.

At the A. D. Q. a stamp mill of new design is to be erected on the property. It consists of two stamps worked direct from the steam cylinder; and it is capable of pulverizing fifteen tons per day of 24 hours. This mill is a simple contrivance that will not require a large building to operate it in; a shed or building 16x20 will be sufficiently large enough to hold it and all its appurtenances. The price of the mill without power is \$900. The patentee has taken a contract from Messrs. Butchard & Co., of Duluth, owners of the mine, to mill 1,000 tons of ore, and if successful these mills will probably be in great demand.

The Randolph Co. are pushing their work as rapidly as men and money can do it. As soon as they reach the 200 foot level they will then begin the erection of a mill. The company is composed of the Meritts, of Duluth, who figured so prominently on the Mesaba iron range.

George Hilyler, formerly of the Lucky Coon, is operating the Alice A. He has a shaft down 60 feet in a body of ore thirty-four feet wide, and makes an offer to any one of five dollars to go on the ore dump and pick a piece of rock that will not pan free gold.

The Preston mine on the Little Turtle is a phenomenal one. Visible gold can be seen on the walls of the shaft at any depth down 125 feet. It is estimated there is on the dump \$35,000 worth of gold.

Peeler and Tesser, operating H P. 54 on Bad Vermillion, have a shaft down thirty feet. The character and appearance of the ore is similar to the Foley mine. The ore is associated with galena and zinc blend, with plenty of free gold in sight.

T. S. McClure, of St. Cloud Minn., is developing H P 135, near by. He has only recently started work, but has a pit down 15 feet. There is no free gold visible, but the rock pans well.

The Gale Bros., of Mine Centre operating A. L. 138, eight miles above Sturgeon Falls, have the greatest bonanza of the district. The vein is three and a half feet wide. A careful test was recently made from the shaft down fifteen feet that gave an average result of \$190 per ton. This seems incredible, but any one doubting it is welcome to go down the mine, make his own selections and if it won't give a like result they will pay for the assay.

With such properties in the immediate vicinity as the above to rely on in future it is no wonder the promoters of Mine Centre are jubilant and spending money without stint in advertising and pushing the interests

of their town. One hundred and seventy-five tons of goods and merchandise have been already landed at their docks and more is coming. A trio like Messrs. Beebe, Blackwood and Campbell taking hold of an enterprise is bound to make a success of it. They are men of brains and push. An excursion will take place on the 14th inst., and arrangements are being made for a special from Toronto at the expense of the promoters of the town site. For the remainder of the season two boats will ply between Fort Frances and Mine Centre and one from Kettle Falls carrying freight and passengers from Duluth via Tower.

On my return I stopped off at Sand Point, four miles from the Little American mine, which I visited next day. The stamp mill from the Lyle mine was being removed to the Little American and would be in operation there in three weeks' time. I met the general manager, Mr. Geisen, at the mine and he showed me over the property and down the shaft. 'There' is no doubt about the ore of this mine being very rich, as visible free gold can be seen sticking out of it. The shaft is down 200 feet. Nearly 100 feet of drifting has been done and a cross cut shows a width of twelve feet of vein matter. At a recent meeting of the directors of the company it was decided to remove the ten stamp mill from the Lyle mine and add ten more stamps. The same company is working a crew of twenty men on the Big American mine, a continuation, and is getting big results. Other prospects are being worked on islands near the international boundary and are developing well. Rainy Lake City seems to have taken on a new lease of life. The only hotel in the place is doing a thriving business. Editor Bowman, of the Journal, is picking his teeth with a piece of silver a foot long and boasts of three solid squares per day. He says, "Give us a railroad and I wouldn't change places with McKinley." Even the Indians of Shasha Point look smiling and happy in consequence of the near approach of better times.

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TRACKLAYING ON THE C. N. P.

Mr. T. D. Robinson, who has a grading contract on the Crow's Nest Pass railway, returned from scene of operations Monday afternoon. He says grading is progressing rapidly, and last week tracklaying was commenced, but this work will be more vigorously prosecuted when the track-laying machine arrived, which was expected at Leithbridge on Saturday.

At present there are about 3,000 men employed and 600 teams are at work, and the contractors will be engaged all winter. The days are hot but the nights cool and the men require blankets for comfort. The hotel at Macleod are doing a rushing business, and every landlord smiles as the days go by and his treasury fills up. New life has been brought into the town and everything points to a busy season. The country through which the contractors are now working is a fine ranching district, and fresh beef is consequently ample.

Quite a number of Austrian empire bank notes have lately come into the hands of Winnipeg houses. These notes have been brought here by the new Galacian settlers.

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The Lumber Trade.

There is friction between the Minneapolis wholesale lumber dealers and the Northwest Lumbermen's Association, the latter representing the retailers. The wholesalers claim that they have been making concessions right along to the retailers, and have been receiving nothing in return. Selling to consumers is the bone of contention. The wholesalers agree to endeavor to restrict selling to consumers by refusing to sell to scalpers or commission men, if the retailers will in turn buy only from regular wholesale dealers, or "honorary members" of the retail association. The wholesalers want the term "wholesale" defined to mean one who carries not less than 3,000,000 feet of lumber at any time, which they shall absolutely own, and keep an office open regularly during business hours. Wholesale sash and door dealers to carry a stock of not less than \$20,000.

A Washington report says: All the single mills in Washington state are working to their full capacity in trying to supply the eastern demand for shingles, which is the greatest ever known in the history of the single trade. In May 1,800 cars of cedar shingles were shipped, amounting to 320,000,000 shingles, and July shipments will be larger. The demand for shingles continues strong, and prices are stiffening every day. Several concerns have recently sent out advance price lists.

White pine is advancing in the States already, which is no doubt mainly due to the new Dingley tariff. At Duluth, Minneapolis and other points prices have been advanced about 50 cents.

The Minneapolis Lumberman says: It now begins to look as though the lumber manufacturers of this section were to get for their lumber a profit that they have not been enjoying for the past three years. For the most part the cost of manufacturing and the selling prices have been very close together, and for times in those years the latter have been lower than the former. With the increased prices for farm products, it is no more than natural and right that the manufacturer should get more for his lumber and that he should share the increase in the wealth of the northwest. There is a stiffening already in the items of stock that are scarce, and this will probably be followed by an advance on other items. Dimension is short and the prices are stiffer. The stopping of the mills during July and the demand on the dimension mills for elevator stock has put some of the yards of the city in a plight where it will be difficult to supply a large order for these items. North-western pine is stiffening week by week, and the wise dealer is stocking up in anticipation of fall trade. Lumber dealers buy on an advancing market, and they are now beginning to go to the large markets to replenish their stocks. At Minneapolis a general advance of fifty cents has been made the past week, and in the Wisconsin valley there has been appreciable stiffening of the price of dimension. At Duluth prices have also been advanced. In the southwest, the yellow pine mill men are sending out new advanced lists fifty cents higher than the old prices.

The Minneapolis Lumberman says of prices: The demand for red cedar shingles continues without abatement at the least, and the mills of Wash-

ington and Oregon are running to their full capacity, and still are not able to supply the demand. Western dealers have this week sent out new lists advancing prices on Stars to \$3.25 on a 50 cent rate. The question is to get the orders filled after they are secured. Minnesota, Iowa and the Dakotas are taking a large amount of red cedar shingles. The firm demand for shingles is being shared by white cedar and white pine shingles, and there are few large stocks of white pine shingles to be found anywhere now.

D. Sprague, of the Winnipeg saw mills, in speaking with a representative of The Commercial about the price of lumber, pointed out that the consumer gets lumber at a price nearer the first cost than is the case with almost any other class of goods. In the lumber trade here there are no jobbers. The lumber goes direct from the manufacturer to the country retailer, and the latter sells to the consumer. In most other classes of goods there is first the manufacturer, second the commission or manufacturers' agent, third the jobber and fourth the retailer. As the margin of profit to both the manufacturer and retail dealer is very moderate, the consumer gets his lumber supplies at as close to first cost as it is possible to secure it. The retailer is almost as much of a necessity in the trade as the manufacturer, as it would be practically impossible to distribute lumber direct from the mills to the consumer and meet all the requirements of the consumer for small lots of lumber. The mills might maintain agents and carry stocks at country points, but there would be no advantage in this, as they would have the same, or a greater expense as a retail dealer, whereas a retail dealer who would be looking after his own business, could do it to better advantage than the mills could do it through an agent.

D. Sprague expects to cut 4,000,000 feet of lumber in his Winnipeg mills this season.

Grain and Milling News.

The Montreal Gazette says the weaker feeling in the oatmeal market is on account of the fact that United States rolled oats are offering 20c to 25c per barrel lower than Montreal prices.

The Montreal Gazette reports the flour market on August 5 as follows: There was a good demand for flour, and the market continues to rule active and firm at the full advance in prices. The demand from abroad for Manitoba grades continues good and a sale of 1,000 sacks was made on Glasgow account. There was also a good demand for Ontario flour and the following sales were made: 500 barrels winter patent at \$4.20; 200 do at \$4.25; 500 barrels choice straight roller at \$4, and 300 do. at \$3.90, which figures show an advance of 15c per barrel over previous sales. Yesterday Liverpool paid an advance of 1s over what was bid the previous day, with a sale of 2,000 sacks.

The new grain elevator at Owen Sound, Ontario, at present under construction, will be completed about October 1st. This elevator will have a capacity of 800,000 bushels and when finished the Canadian Pacific railway will have facilities at Owen Sound for the storage of 1,050,000 bushels of grain. The new flour sheds at Owen Sound are also about completed and they have a capacity of 40,000 bar-

rels. There Owen Sound elevators and sheds are used for the transfer of Manitoba grain and flour from the lake steamers, for distribution in eastern Canada and for the storage of the same.

The Northern Elevator Company's new elevator at Baldur, Man., has been completed. It will have a capacity of 30,000 bushels.

H. S. Patterson, grain dealer, of Portage la Prairie, will move to New York to represent one of the new Winnipeg grain companies.

The Montreal Gazette of August 7 says: The feature of the flour market yesterday was the demand from Glasgow buyers for Ontario white wheat flour, and a sale of 2,000 sacks was made at an advance of 1s 3d to 1s 6d over what they bid the previous day, and a further advance of 6d. was bid for a round lot, shipment last half of August, but this was not accepted, as millers have confidence in the future. The local demand was good at the full advance in prices and the volume of business was equally as large as any previous day this week. The feeling is very firm and still higher prices are anticipated in the near future.

Financial and Insurance Notes.

Hon. S. C. Wood, of Toronto, managing director of the Freehold Loan and Savings company, was in Winnipeg last week on his annual trip to the province to look over the crop and inspect the interest of his company. He was met at that Portage by Mr. J. Russell, of Winnipeg, local manager for the Freehold.

A branch of the Union bank will be opened in Minnedosa on September 1 with E. O. Denison as manager.

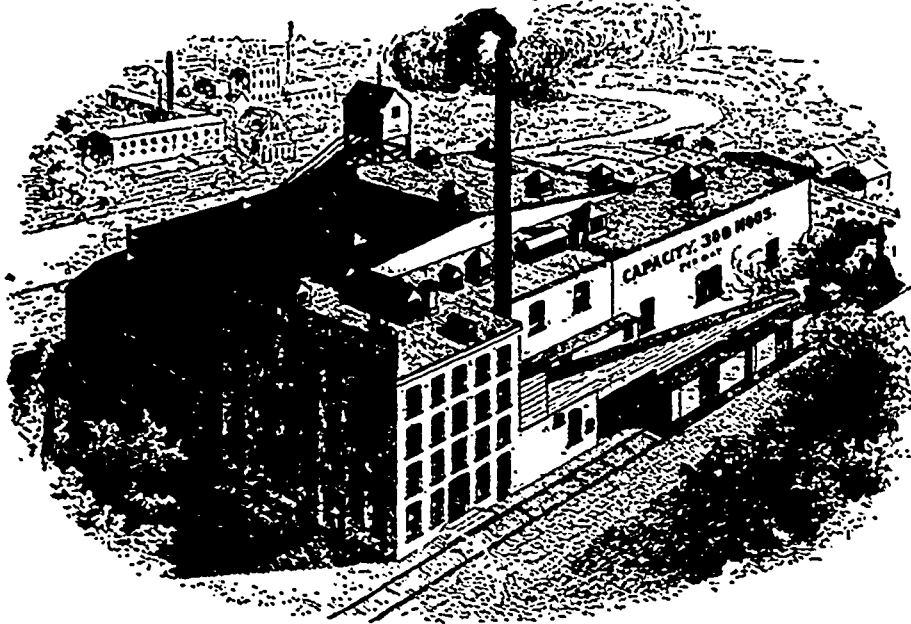
The Canada Gazette of July 3rd contains official notice that on June 23 The Excelsior Life Insurance Company of Ontario, Limited, had received license No. 154 from the Dominion government for the transaction in Canada of the business of life insurance. Edwin Marshall, the secretary, is the chief agent, and the head office of the company is Toronto.

Writing in a very familiar strain of the Prince of Wales, the Insurance Economist of New York has this to say: Albert Edward Wettin, the Queen's oldest 'boy,' is said to pay premiums of over a million and a half of life insurance. Small chance of the wolf appearing on the royal porch when H. R. H. is gathered to his illustrious ancestors. Life insurance is prized by royalty as well as by the humble; it is the friend of all of us who are subject to the mutations of time and fortune, and we are all so subject."

The improved demand for Manitoba lands is noticeable in an advance in the shares of the large land companies. Northwest Land company shares have advanced. There were sales on the local stock exchange Friday at 16, says the Toronto Star, the buyer being the same who purchased a block a short time ago at 40.

H. A. Nelson & Sons Co., of Montreal and Toronto, have issued their holiday goods catalogue for 1897-98. The catalogue contains several hundred cuts of toys, holiday goods, etc. Canadian Pacific railway traffic receipts continue to expand. For the week ending August 7 they were \$457,000; for the same week of last year they were \$423,000.

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The Crops.

A crop bulletin will be issued by the provincial department of agriculture between the 15th and 20th inst.

Several complaints have reached The Commercial about a blight of some kind which is affecting the wheat crop. Quite a number of heads in some fields are noticed to have turned white, and on observation are found to be dead. Some attribute the trouble to a worm in the stock or root. In some fields the blight is extensive enough to slightly reduce the expected yield, while in others the amount of damage is not worth noting.

Portage la Prairie, Aug. 7.—Thos. Prout went out to-day to his farm, four miles north of town, and started cutting a large field of wheat, which is ripe and will give a good yield. It is reported that west of the town farmers started cutting wheat to-day. Many will start during next week.

Mr. O'Malley, of Headingly, who was in the city a few days ago, reported that Mr. La Fleche, of St. Charles, had started cutting wheat on August 6. This is the first wheat cutting reported in this district.

J. F. Beatty, who has driven a great deal throughout Manitoba this year, while representing MacKenzie & Mills, Winnipeg, on the road, estimates the wheat crop at fifteen bushels per acre.

Wm. Stoddard, of Rosser, began work in his wheat field on Monday last. The wheat was in prime condition for cutting and will average about eighteen bushels per acre.

Fort Qu'Appelle, N. W. T., Aug. 7.—Robert Kearns was the first to cut wheat here this year, commencing on the 2nd of August. Many of the larger farmers commence next week.

C.P.R. CROP REPORT.

The Canadian Pacific railway authorities at Winnipeg obtained crop reports by wire on Monday, August 9, from points along their lines. A summary of the reports is as follows:

Mooseomin—Barley cutting commenced Friday and will yield 35 bushels to the acre. Wheat harvest will commence this week. Wheat will run at least 20 bushels to acre, and oats will yield 30.

West Prince Albert—Cutting will begin here this week. All kinds of grain promise increased yield. Weather favorable.

Carman—Barley cutting begun and wheat cutting begins this week. Weather has been favorable and the wheat crop will be good.

Virden—A large number of farmers will start to cut wheat this week. The yield will be about the average.

High Bluff—Harvesting will be general by 15th. Wheat will average at least 20 bushels to acre.

Hamiota—Harvest will begin in ten days. Wheat should run 20 bushels to acre.

Moose Jaw—Cutting will be general this week. The best crop will be in Caron district, where the yield will be immense. There is no appearance of smut. This station's output of wheat is estimated at half a million bushels.

Clearwater—Wheat will run 22 bushels to the acre, and will be a good sample.

Regina—Cutting has begun here. Wheat will run 20, oats 30 and barley 15 bushels to the acre.

Clester—Cutting has commenced. The grain will be plump and good sample.

Indian Head—Harvesting will be general here in two weeks. Wheat

will average 30, oats 45 and barley 35 bushels to the acre.

Portage la Prairie—Wheat cutting will begin in a few days. Wheat will run 20 bushels to the acre, and will be a good sample.

Deeraine—Harvesting is general here. The wheat crop is a good one, averaging 20 bushels to the acre.

Carberry—The yields here will be wheat 25, oats 30 and barley 30 bushels to acre.

Alameda—Wheat cutting has begun here. The wheat is a good sample.

Emerson—The yields hereabouts will average wheat 20, barley 40 and oats 60 bushels to the acre.

Killarney—A third of the barley crop is harvested. Wheat cutting begins this week. Weather favorable.

Winkler—Wheat is now being harvested. The yields in this district will be wheat 30 to 35, barley 45 and oats 55 bushels to acre.

Brandon—Some wheat has been cut north of Brandon, towards Clater, and near the Little Souris. Before the end of this week harvesting will be general. Wheat will average from 22 to 30 bushels to acre. Barley will run 40 bushels to acre.

Holland—The yields here will be wheat 23, oats 35, barley 35.

Morden—Wheat here will run at least 20 bushels to the acre, barley 30 and oats 35.

Gretna—Some barley and wheat already cut and harvesting will be general in four days. Barley will average 40 bushels to the acre, and wheat about 25.

Rapid City—Harvesting will commence about the 12th. The grain is a good sample.

Treherne—Crops in this vicinity are good. Wheat will average 25 bushels to the acre.

Souris—Harvesting will not be general here until next week.

Shoal Lake—The estimated yields here are wheat 20, oats 45 and barley 35 bushels to the acre.

CROPS ROUND REGINA.

Regina, Aug. 7.—The binder is now at work and within three days harvesting will be general on light soils, in other places a week later. The wheat buyers have been through the country and bring back cheerful reports. There is fully 25 per cent. more acreage than there was last year, when the exceptionally wet weather prevented seeding operations. Speaking generally the crop is very good. Crops on summer-fallow are exceptionally full and 45 bushels to the acre will be common. The stubble crops are light and weedy. To a great extent this is due to bad farming. It seems as if some farmers will never learn that if they take crops off the same land year after year the soil is becoming impoverished. One would think that such farmers imagined that land lying fallow is land lying waste, instead of soil storing up riches for future use. But for numerous instances of this bad farming the average yield of this district would be 30 bushels to the acre, and that will be the yield from the good farms. The crops are very fair on first year's stubble, and on breaking they are good, but not so good as on summer fallow. The good crops are not universal. South of Pense there was little rain and that little came late. To the south generally the crops are not so good as to the north, where in some places the yield surpassed that of 1895 as for instance, Staaburg, Rose Plains and Tregarva. In the bluffs the yield is light owing to too much stubble

farming. In some districts crops from late seeding that missed the first rain and for which the second rain was too late have been plowed in, but this does not apply to any great areas. Summed up the position is: splendid crops from good farmers, and a fair average taking all in all. There is every indication that prices will be fairly high, and altogether prospects are good. Oats and barley do not cut much figure in this district. The former will be a light crop, the latter an average one. Cattle have done well. There has been an abundance of good grass and water and very little trouble from flies. They will be as fine a sample for export as ever left this district. The horse business has got over its depression and is looking up. Quite a number have been sold at fair prices. It is highly probable that this state of things will continue, and that cattle will also be worth more dollars than they have been for some time past. There are other indications that the farmers' position is improving. He is meeting his bills regularly and there are hardly any of them asking for loans.

Indian Head, Aug. 9.—The weather still continues favorable for the growing crops, which will soon be ready for the binder and from present indications the yield will be large. Harvesting commenced on the Experimental farm on Friday last.

A Bank Managers Views.

Mr. D. R. Wilkie, general manager of the Imperial Bank of Canada, arrived in the city from the east on Tuesday and is at the Manitoba. He will stay in the city for the remainder of the week and then continue his trip to the Pacific coast inspecting all the branches of the bank en route. The Imperial bank is very closely connected with the interests of the western country and its officials keep themselves thoroughly posted as to the progress the country is making.

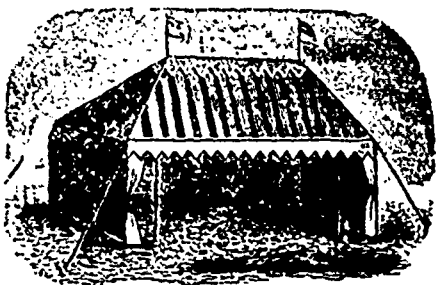
"Satisfied? Never more so in our lives," said Mr. Wilkie in answer to a reporter's queries regarding the general condition of affairs. "Canada was never in as good condition as now and everything indicates a very bright future. Everything is conspiring to make her go ahead. We have England making sacrifices to increase her trade—the first time in history that the mother country has taken any steps to enlarge the trade of a colony. The mineral development is a great thing, the construction of the Crow's Nest Pass railway means a great expenditure of money in the country, and to top it all there are prospects of an enormous harvest. Nothing could be added that would make the outlook more cheerful. The signs of prosperity are not confined to particular provinces, but are general throughout the whole Dominion. We are on the brink of a great revival in business all over Canada."

Ottawa, Aug. 10.—Up to the end of July 2,003 vessels and 2,202,672 tons of freight passed through the Canadian Sault canal against 2,933 vessels and 2,786,542 tons of freight to the corresponding date last year.

The customs department has issued a circular to collectors in conformity with the decision of the imperial authorities to admit products of Belgium and Germany at the minimum tariff.

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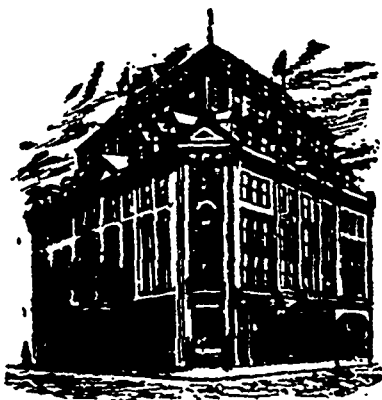


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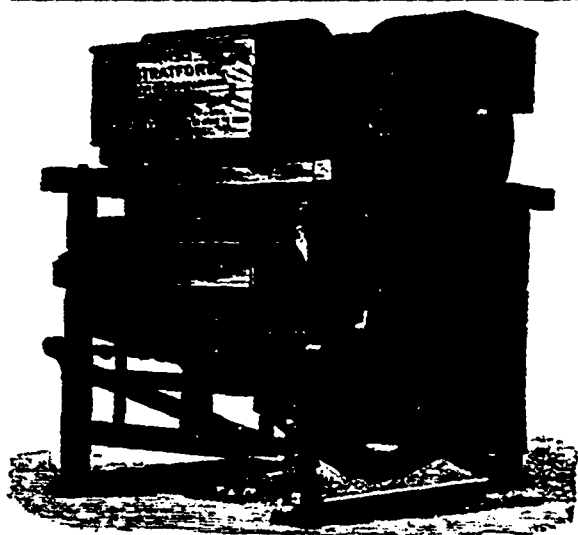
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Grocery Trade Notes.

The currant crop is reported damaged by rain.

Unfavorable weather has reduced the Sultana raisin crop which is said by some to be smaller than last year.

New lemons are in the market at Montreal and prices there have declined 25c to 50c per box.

New peaches and apples are now in eastern Canada markets. The peach crop is said to be large, but apples a light crop.

Mail advices from France state that the outlook for the prune crop is better than it appeared to be at first. Reports from the producing districts were to the effect that the bulk of the output will consist of larger fruit. Speculative prices were 1 to 2 francs lower.

Tees & Persee, commission agents, Winnipeg, have received the new sizes of Tucket's tobaccos. The T. & B. plug is now made in fours, and Lilly plug in eights, instead three and sevens as formerly. The retail price will be the same as before for the smaller plug, owing to the increase of 15 cents per pound in the duty. T. & B. chewing tobaccos of the new sizes are expected in about a week.

The Canadian Cannery Association held a meeting at Toronto recently when matters pertaining to the canning trade were discussed, and among other things the condition of the pea crop, peas having suffered from the drought. On this account the pack during the season will be much smaller than was expected. The pack of strawberries was also reported to be much less than the allotment made by the association last spring—at least 25 per cent.

It is reported that representatives of a large English buyer of salmon are now on the Fraser river investigating into the manner in which salmon is put up in order to ascertain whether there is any truth in the reports of uncleanness. Special enquiries are being made into the physical condition of Chinese employees, and white employees hope that as a result of the report, Chinese labor may be dispensed with in the province.

At the recent meeting of packers of canned goods at Toronto, reports were received of the growing pack of corn, tomatoes and fruit. The peach crop was reported as being slightly below the average, for while the Niagara district will yield a good crop, the Leamington district, a most important one, will be a complete failure. The apple crop was reported as light, not more than 25 per cent. of a good crop. This is owing to the fact that the pollen, by reason of the wet weather was not properly distributed. After discussing the above facts, it was decided that each individual packer should use his own judgment as to the amount he should pack and the price to be asked. Corn and tomatoes were declared to be short. Coming from the packers, of course the allowance must be made.

Concerning foreign raisins the Hill Bros. Co. say: "Malaga—Crop promises to be decidedly larger than last year and fruit is expected to average rather small in size. Crop is earlier than usual, and first shipments of clusters will probably go off about the end of August. Sultanas—Advices from Smyrna point to a crop of about 40,000 tons a little larger than the crop of last year. Owing to the fact that England and

Germany, the principal consuming countries, are bare of stocks, it is expected that opening prices will be higher than usual."

The Montreal Gazette says of sugars: The firmer feeling in the foreign market for the raw article has been fully maintained, and prices have scored a further advance of 2 1-4d per cwt. private cables received to-day from London quoted best 8s 6d August, and 8s 6 3-4d September. In New York the market for raw sugar is very strong, and prices have an upward tendency. Buyers yesterday bid 3 13-16c for crystals, which figure holders would not accept as they were firm at 3 7-8c. Granulated is firmly held at \$4.72 per 100 lbs net. In sympathy with the above strong advices there is a firmer feeling in the local market, and prices have a tendency to go higher, but up to the present, refiners have made no actual change. The demand has been active for granulated and yellows, and a large volume of business is reported at 4c for granulated, and at 3 1-4c to 3 3-4c for yellows, as to quality, at the factory.

The Hardware Trade.

Turpentine has taken a sharp turn upward. Recently we were hearing reports about the disorganization of the Southern producers' association. Later reports show advancing prices.

In sympathy with the strong advices from the South the Montreal market for turpentine has advanced 3c per gallon, with sales of round lots at 4c and small quantities at 4 1/2c per gallon.

United States refined petroleum has been reduced 1-2c per gallon in eastern Canada markets, to 18c for car lots of water while at Montreal.

The White Lead association of Canada has issued a circular stating the particulars of the arrangement among manufacturers for the protection of the consumer in the matter of adulterated leads.

The advance in prices of turpentine at Savannah is said to have been caused by the heavy purchases of an exporting firm there for the purpose of controlling supplies. Later reports say the market at Savannah and New York has declined again about 1c.

The advance in the prices of hued oil in England of £1 has caused a firm market at Montreal.

The New Denver, B. C., Ledge says: One of the largest hardware establishments in Kootenay will be opened in New Denver in a week or two. H. T. Bragdon, who came with the smelter people to Trail two years ago, is bringing his whole business here. Six car loads have already arrived, but the 50-foot warehouse at the back of the large store is not yet completed for their reception.

A Toronto report says that wire has been advanced, the discount now being thirty per cent.

Hides, Wool, etc.

The only change in the Montreal market is an advance of 10c on sheepskins.

A Toronto report says of wool: The receipts are very small, there is a good demand for all coming in and the market is steady to firm. Local dealers are quoting 18c to 20c for washed fleece, according to quality, 17c to 18c for tub washed, and 11c for unwashed!

At Toronto hides were steady at 8 1-2c, lambskins 55c, shearlings 20c, calf 8 to 10c, tallow 23-4 to 8c.

A Kingston, Ontario, paper says that Winnipeg will become an important wool market, as eastern buyers will come west another year. The paper is evidently not aware of the fact that there are now five wholesale houses here handling wool and hides.

Bradstreets says of the United States wool market. The tone of the market is firmer all along the line with prices hardening. Asking values have been sharply advanced by many houses and buyers will undoubtedly pay 1c more than a week ago. The strong conditions abroad help the situation here, and supplies are held with confidence. Wools show a handsome profit, which induces dealers to accept many bids. The price for territory wools is 40c and above for fine medium and fine scoured, Australian wools are ranging from about 50c to 57c, scoured.

Freight Rates.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says. Shippers are anxious to secure space for grain, cattle and deals as far ahead as possible, but ship agents will not offer freight room further ahead than September. Grain freights are firm, engagements having been made at 2s 3d to Liverpool for present, and 2s 6d for September shipment. Spot freight for London has been taken at 2s, but 2s 3d to 2s 6d is quoted for distant shipment. Space has been engaged for Glasgow at 2s spot, and 2s 3d distant shipment. Bristol freights are quoted at 2s 6d August and 2s 9d September. The Hamburg-American Packet Company has all its Hamburg space secured up to September at 3s. Quite a lot of through flour from Ontario and the western states have been arranged for at 10s Liverpool and Glasgow, 11 3d London and 12s 5d Bristol. Provision freights are quoted at 12s 6d Liverpool for present, and 15s distant shipment. Bristol freights are quoted at 17s 6d and London 15s. Cheese 20s and 25s Bristol. Butter 25s Liverpool and London and 30s Glasgow. Cattle 40s August, and 45s September for Bristol, and 35s to 40s London.

Alberta.

Bott and Embree have opened an assay office at Calgary.

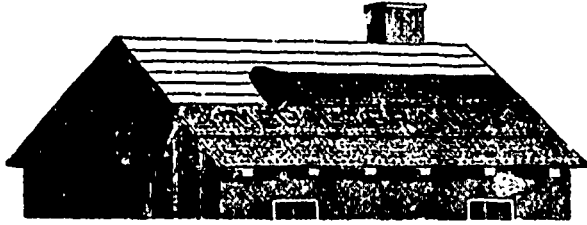
W. J. Halliday, confectioner, Calgary, is moving to Nelson, B. C.

G. A. Gouin, Calgary, is leaving for the Klondyke. Monthtime his partner, W. T. O. Bourchier, will continue the business at Calgary.

F. Lemoine, of Montreal, the lowest tenderer for the bridge across the Saskatchewan at Edmonton, has been awarded the contract by the minister of public works. The figure is \$36,500 and the work will have to be completed by the middle of November.

Decline of Silver.

The continued drop in silver this week may be described as sensational. In the London market the downward movement is vaguely ascribed to "American sales." At the end of last week the price of bars in London had rallied to 265-8d per ounce, and in New York to 58c. The decline, however, continued and by Thursday the London price was at the record-breaking level of 253-4d, the New York quotation for commercial silver being down to 55 3-4c.—Bradstreets, Aug. 7.



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Wheat Stocks.

The statistical situation of wheat at this time is something which has not been paralleled, even in part, since 1870. A comparison with the latter year is based upon our prospectively large wheat crop in the face of reduced supplies in all other wheat exporting countries and in some of the more important wheat importing countries. But aside from that the situation is strengthened by the fact that the grand total of wheat available in the United States and Canada, both coasts, afloat for and in store in Europe and Australia on August 1, practically the world's visible supplies of wheat amount to only 67,540,000 bushels, the smallest total held on that date during the past nine years.

During July the world's available stocks of wheat, including those in Australia, decreased 12,162,000 bushels, a period when such supplies have generally remained practically unchanged.

The total quantities of wheat available for immediate distribution in the United States and Canada, both coasts, plus the quantity afloat for Europe from all exporting countries, on August 1, added to available stocks in Europe, as reported to Bradstreet's, are as follows:

August 1, 1887	66,340,000
August 1, 1896	97,131,000
August 1, 1895	118,857,000
August 1, 1894	142,354,000
August 1, 1893	151,070,000
August 1, 1892	98,528,000
August 1, 1891	85,864,000
August 1, 1890	68,822,000
August 1, 1889	69,132,000

In the United States and Canada wheat stocks on August 1 amounted to 26,040,000 bushels, or less than one-half the total a year ago and about one-half as compared with two years ago. When stocks of wheat afloat for and in Europe are added to American and Canadian supplies the aggregate on August 1 this year was 66,340,000 bushels, the smallest like exhibit within nine years, due in large part to the striking decrease in the quantities of wheat afloat for and in store in Europe last month. The falling off in available stocks on both coasts of the United States and Canada last month was 4,432,000 bushels, compared with 2,950,000 bushels decrease in July, 1896, 6,591,000 bushels shrinkage in July, 1895, an increase of 1,837,000 bushels in the like period of 1894, and as contrasted with a falling off of 2,982,000 bushels in July, 1893.

Most of the grain trade, as well as the daily papers, agree that Bradstreet's recent estimate of a United States crop of wheat of 550,000,000 bushels (or over) is likely to prove close to the facts. Should this be so, and French and English shortages, together with smaller supplies from Russia, India, Argentina and Australia prove as disappointing as expected, there will be a good demand for all the wheat we are likely to have to spare between the present time and August 1, 1898.

WHEAT STOCKS IN CANADA.

Montreal	249,000
Toronto	73,000
Kingston	25,000
Winnipeg	135,000
Manitoba elevators	700,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	1,094,000
Total, July 10	2,276,000

The Live Stock Trade.

A sale of horses by auction was held at McGregor's stables, Winnipeg, on August 6. The horses were range animals from Montana, and they were haler broken only. They were sold at from \$27 to \$60 per head. They ranged in size up to 1,000 to 1,100 pounds weight. Another sale of Montana horses will be held on Aug. 13th.

A fine train load of cattle was shipped from Russell by Gordon & Ironsides, and Mr. Klippan.

S. L. Head shipped two car loads of cattle from Dauphin, and three cars from other points along the line.

Gordon & Ironsides have shipped a train load of fat cattle from Yorkton.

Wako and Carlton have shipped a train load of cattle from Yorkton and vicinity.

Geo. Hamilton, of Neepawa, has shipped 105 head of stockers' cattle to Calgary. He also shipped two car loads of stock from Neepawa to Rat Portage.

Colin McLean shipped about 120 head of fat cattle to Gordon & Ironsides from Moosomin recently, being the first instalment of the Moose-Mountain cattle.

There are about 800 cattle to be shipped to Gordon & Ironsides from Whitewood and vicinity.

Geo. Hartley, of Hartley, shipped a car load of hogs to Winnipeg.

Christie, of Emerson, shipped a car load of hogs to Winnipeg.

Geo. Day made a shipment of cattle from Battleford for Gordon & Ironsides on August 12th. Some of these were cattle bought from the Indian department at Onion lake.

At London on August 9 there was a decidedly stronger feeling for cattle, and prices advanced 1-2c to 1c per lb. Choice States cattle sold at 11 1-2c, choice Canadians at 11c, and Argentines at 10c. The market for sheep was also strong, and prices ruled 1c to 1 1-2c higher. Choice Canadians sold at 11c and Argentines at 10c.

At Liverpool on August 9, the market was stronger, and prices for Canadian cattle advanced 1-2c per lb., choice selling at 10 1-2c. Sheep were unchanged at 9 1-2c.

A private cable from London reported trade much better, with a fair demand. Sales of Canadian cattle estimate up; Quonomo and Rosamin were made at £14 2s to £14 10s per head.

The Montreal Gazette of Aug. 10 says: Locally the feature continues to be the demand for ocean freight from a few local shippers, and all the space offered is readily picked up, which, it is said, is done in order to keep Americans out of the market. All the space to Glasgow for the present month has been engaged at 45s; Liverpool, at 47s 6d to 50s, and London, at 35s to 40s. A new departure in the trade has been the first shipment of 163 head of cattle to Cardiff, which, if it turns out profitable to shippers, will be continued, as a fortnightly service has been opened with this port.

The Montreal Exporter says: There has been a steady upgrade movement in the price hogs for some time past and a further advance this week of twenty-five cents per hundred pounds brings them up to \$5.75 per hundred pounds, live weight. Compared with this same week in 1896 prices are \$1.50 per hundred weight in favor of 1897.

At the East End abattoir, Montreal, on August 9, there was some demand

from shippers for cattle, and about 100 head were taken at 4c a lb. The supply of choice butchers' cattle continues small, and holders of such realized 4 1-2c per lb. readily. Good stock sold at 3 1-2c to 4c; fair at 2 3-4c to 3 1-4c; common at 2 1-4c to 2 1-2c, and inferior at 2c per lb. live weight. There was a hotter demand for sheep for export. Sales were made at 8c per lb. live weight, while the culls sold at \$2 to 2.50 each. Heavy fat hogs sold at 4 1-2c to 5c per lb., live weight.

At the Point St. Charles stock yards Montreal, on August 9, the market for hogs continued to rule strong, owing to the small receipts, and prices scored another advance of 15c to 25c per 100 lbs. The demand was good, and the 150 offered met with a ready sale at \$5.75 to \$5.90 per 100 lbs., live weight.

Northwest Ontario.

During July letters patent have been issued incorporating the following mining companies: The Gold King Mining Company, of Toronto, capital \$2,000,000, in \$1 shares; The Eureka Gold Mining Company, capital \$199,000 in \$1 shares; The Soo Mining and Exploring Company, of Algoma, capital \$99,000, in \$1 shares; The Orinda Gold Mining Company, of Wabigoon, capital \$24,000, in \$50 shares.

Aemilius Jarvis, broker, Toronto, says of Ontario mining shares: The issue of new Saw Bill capital was readily taken up and the shares have been in demand. On the other hand the applications for Foley shares were not as numerous as was expected. Prices for leading shares have shown little elasticity, the closing quotations for the month being: Saw Bill, \$2.75 to \$2.80; Hawk Bay, 90c to \$1; Empress, 5c, nominal; Foley, \$1.50 to \$2, nominal; Bannockburn, 25c to 30c; Princess 20c to 25c; Hammond Reef, 30c to 35c. Locations in prospectors' hands have had fairly ready sale, most transactions being on an "interest for development basis." A large purchase by United States capital is also recorded. In partly developed properties there have been few fresh transactions, and most have been upon a part cash and a part share basis.

Collins & Co., a dry goods firm from Kincardine, Ont., will occupy the new store in the Brydon-Robinson block, Rat Portage, on or about August 20, with a stock of clothing and furnishings.

M. Downing & Co. have purchased the liquor business formerly carried on at Port Arthur by the Thomas Marks Co. The manager of the new firm is Steve Downing, who, a couple of years ago, conducted a retail liquor shop in Port Arthur.

Assiniboia.

Charles T. Bailey, who has been with S. H. Caswell, merchant, of Qu'Appelle Station, for the last ten years, has made arrangements to open a general store at that place, under a partnership to be known as Charles T. Bailey & Co. He has purchased the store building owned by Mr. Bulvea, for the new business.

Mr. Bulvea, grain and feed dealer, Qu'Appelle, has arranged to handle wheat at that point and McLean Station, through the Manitoba Elevator company, and will go into the grain trade exclusively.

T. D. Cavanagh, of Eikhorn, has leased the new Queen's hotel at Moosomin, and will shortly take possession.

MANITOBA CROP OUTLOOK.

Temperature has been moderate this week and the weather unsettled, closing the week with a drizzling rain here. The week has been the most threatening of the season as regards hail, and several reports are in of hail from various points. A severe storm was felt on Thursday evening at Brandon, Rapid City, Douglas, Elkhorn and other points. The storm was accompanied by a gale of wind and severe thunder and hail fell in some districts. Hail has also been reported from Dauphin and Foxton. It is not believed, from reports so far in, that any very wide area has been damaged by the hail. Harvesting is nicely started in many districts.

MONTREAL DAIRY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.
Montreal, Aug. 14.
Holson Bros. & Co., wire The Commercial this (Saturday) morning as follows:
Cheese—Finest Ontario, white, 8 3-4c. Finest colored, 8 3-4c. Finest Quebecs, 8 1-2c. Market firm. These quotations are 1-4c higher than a week ago.
Butter—Creamery, finest, 17 1-2c. Finest western dairy, 12 1-4c to 12 1-2c. Butter market firm, with more inquiries. These prices are 1-1c to 1-2c higher than a week ago for both creamery and dairy.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.
Montreal, August 14.
Quotations unchanged in staples. Sugars active and firm; granulated 4c; yellow 3c to 3 1-2c. Teas quiet, but firm. Molasses firm.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.
Montreal, August 14.
Cattle—Export 4 to 4 1-4c; cattle, butchers, 3 to 4c.
Sheep—2 3-4 to 3c.
Hogs—5 to 5 1-2c. Good demand at steady value.
Exports this week were as follows: Cattle 4,803; sheep 784.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial.
Montreal, Aug. 14.
Wheat—No. 1 hard, nominally 92c.
Oats—No. 2 white in store, 28 1-4.
Flour—Manitoba strong bakers, \$4.50 to \$4.75; Manitoba patents, \$4.80 to \$5.15. Brisk demand at the further advance of 25 to 35c as compared with a week ago.
Milfeed—\$1 per ton lower. Manitoba bran, including sacks, \$12 per ton; Manitoba shorts, \$13.
Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.60 to \$1.65 per bag. Prices easier at 5c lower than a week ago on the outside range.
Hides—Unchanged at 8c for No. 1 and 7c for No. 2.
Eggs—Fresh, 9 1-2 to 11c. The top price for candled stock.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.
Mullins & Wilson wire The Commercial the following report of prices realized at the semi-weekly live stock market at Toronto, on Friday, Aug. 15th:

Toronto, Aug. 14.
Eighty-six carloads in, including 1,897 hogs and 1,098 sheep and

lamb.

Cattle—Exporters paid 4 to 4 1-2c. Butchers' cattle sold at 23-4 to 31-4c. Export bulls, 3 to 3 1-2c. Stockers, 2 1-2 to 3c. Feeders, 3 to 3 1-2c. These prices are about the same as a week ago. Butchers' cattle show a shade easier price and export bulls and feeders a little firmer.
Sheep—Sheep were firmer. Sheep sold about 1-4c higher, but lambs were 1-4 to 3-8c lower. Export sheep brought \$1-4 to 33-8c; bucks, 2 1-2 to 2 3-4c; lambs, 4 to 4 1-8c.

Hogs—Hogs, sows, 30 per 100 pounds; thick fat, \$5, and light fat, \$5.50 per 100 pounds, weighed off cars.

At Tuesday's market prices were much the same. Prices for hogs on Tuesday were firm at 6c for the best, weighed off the cars; thick fat, \$5 to \$5.25; light, \$5 62 1-2 per cwt; and sows, 3 1-2c to 3 3-4c; stags, 2c to 2 1-4c.

MINNEAPOLIS MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial.
Flour 25c to 30c higher than a week ago. First patents, \$4.85 to \$4.95; second do., \$4.65 to \$4.75.
Milfeed—Bran unchanged. Shorts, 50c higher. Bran in bulk, \$8 to \$8.50; bulk, \$9 to \$8.50.
Corn—No. 3 held at 25c to 26c.
Oats—17 1-2 to 18c for No. 3, as to quality.
Barley—Feed held at 21 1-2c to 26c as to quality, for old and new.
Flax seed—Higher at 97 1-2c per bushel, being an advance of 10c since a week ago.
Eggs—8 1-2 to 9c for strictly fresh, candled.
Butter—Creamery, 11 to 14 1-2c; dairy, 8 to 13 1-2c.
Cheese—Choice to fancy, 6c to 8 1-2c. Dressed meats—Mutton, 6c to 6 1-2c; yearlings, do., 7c; lamb 6c to 9c. Dressed hogs—3 3-4c to 4c for heavy; choice, 4 1-4c to 4 1-2c.

CHEESE MARKETS.

Belleville, Ont., Aug. 10.—At the cheese board to-day 26 factories offered 1,817 white and 190 colored cheese. The following are the sales: 210 white at 83-8c; 170 white at 83-8c; 200 white at 87-16c; 65 white at 85-16c.
Ingersoll Ont., Aug. 10.—Offerings to-day: 2,210 boxes; sales 225 at 81-4c; 100 at 85-16c. Majority holding for 83-8c.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

McDonald & Sutherland, are starting a general store at Ferguson.
Coulter, Berry & Co., are starting a general store at Langley.
The stock of Armstrong & Pearson, grocers, New Westminster, has been sold to Parnell & Gunn.
Sargent Brothers, are opening in clothing at Nelson.
Robertson & Stuenkel, tinmiths, Nelson, have dissolved. J. G. Robertson continues.
J. & T. Martin, restaurant, Revelstoke, have sold out to J. H. Woodside.
A P. Noxon, watchmaker, has started business at Revelstoke.

The Kootenay Wire Works Co. has been dissolved, E. S. Fraser retiring. The following business items are reported from Vancouver: A. Blaney, coal and wood, has left for Klondyke; W. Cosman & Son, tinware, is resuming business; C. S. Philip, grocer contemplates leaving for Klondyke; A. R. Coughtrey, butcher, has sold out to the Dominion Meat company; W. C. Mitchell & Co., commission, etc., have dissolved.

WESTERN BUSINESS ITEMS.

The Prince Kerr Rancho Co., Calgary, is applying for incorporation. Howard & Warren Fruit Co., Portage, has been dissolved. R. E. Warren continues.

The Medicine Hat Trading Co. has been incorporated.

Bingham & Co. are opening a general store at Killarney, Man.

Cross & Hicks, general dealers, Killarney, Man., are reported succeeded by Cross & Carson.

H. S. Southon, books and stationery, Morden, is reported to have been succeeded by J. H. Smith.

W. M. Hamilton is opening business in drugs at Neepawa, Man.

John White, general storekeeper, Oak Lake, Man., is advertising his business for sale.

E. H. Hooker, of Hooker & Co., lumber, Selkirk, Man., is dead. The business is being continued under same style by Frank E. Hooker.

J. C. Stewart & Co., general storekeeper, Stony Mountain, Man., has assigned in trust to S. A. D. Bertrand.

Higham & Bass are opening an hotel at Stowewall, Man.

The Dominion Elevator Company of Winnipeg, has been incorporated.

Gordon & Co., boots and shoes, Winnipeg, advertise their stock for sale by tender.

Henry & Grout, mining brokers Winnipeg, have dissolved.

On Tuesday wheat cutting was commenced at the Manitoba experimental farm at Brandon. A few pieces are quite ripe. Wheat is a fair crop, oats about half; peas good. Bromegrass yields two tons of hay per acre, a fact which greatly strengthens Mr. Bedford's faith in it as the coming Manitoba fodder.

The country has been very dry from hail storms this year, but the last week has been the most threatening of the season. A storm which damaged the crops of several farmers was reported from Foxton, Man., as another damaging storm covered a strip in the Dauphin district.

Chas. B. Hainin, one of the proprietors of the Liberal newspaper of Portage in Prairie, has sold his half interest in that journal to J. G. Rutherford and will take charge of the Review newspaper of the same place.

The Minneapolis Market Record Thursday says: The grain and farm markets were wildly excited this morning and advanced rapidly in the first trading. The outcome of the northwest grain crops is not what was indicated a month ago and the movement of new wheat is below last year.

A train load of cattle from Saskatoon passed through Winnipeg Thursday, for export. W. H. Snel was the shipper.

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New York Wheat.

New York, Aug. 9.—Wheat receipts 123,025 bushels; exports 40,000 bushels; sales 4,915,000 bushels futures 200,000 bushels spot. Spot, firmer; No. 2 red 89 1-8 fob. afloat spot; No. 1 northern 86 7-8 fob. afloat, to arrive October. Options opened stronger on rains in the Northwest, broke sharply under realizing, but recovered finally on strong French cables, talk of bullish crop report, and decreases in the American and English visibles, closing 1 to 1 1-8 net higher. No. 2 red Aug. 85 to 86, closed 86; Sept. 82 3-4 to 84 1-8, closed 84 1-8; Oct. 82 3-4 to 83 7-8, closed 83 7-8; Nov. 82 3-4 to 81 1-8, closed 83 7-8; Dec. 82 3-4 to 84, closed 84.

New York, Aug. 10.—To-day September wheat attained the highest level of the season, reaching 96 1-4 at 1 o'clock, against 86 cents, the previous high point. English markets were very strong all day. Seaboard clearances were the heaviest in a long time. Upwards of 900,000 bushels of wheat and flour were shipped out to-day, half a million going from Baltimore alone.

New York, Aug. 11.—On top of yesterday's two cent advance came even a greater jump in wheat prices to-day, the bulls having entire control of the market from start to finish. Receipts 136,900 bushels; exports 46,907 bushels; sales 10,355,000 bushels futures; 168,000 bushels here and at outputs, with rumors of 600 bushels; spot strong; No. 2 92 5-8 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 Northern 94 7-8 f.o.b. afloat. Options opened very strong and advanced all day on sensational advances at Paris and Liverpool, rumored large export business, investment buying, shorts covering and absence of offerings; closed 1 3-4 to 2 1-2 net higher. No. 2 Red Aug. closed 90 5-8; Sept. 86 3-4 to 89 1-8, closed 89 1-8; Dec. 86 5-16 to 87 1-8, closed 87 1-8.

New York, Aug. 12.—Wheat prices hot up today in leaps and bounds, surpassing by more than 1 cent a bushel all previous records since the bull campaign opened. Chicago at first led the rise, but gave place to New York later in the day. Cash wheat in all markets was very strong. Locally No. 1 northern was quoted 61-2c over September and No. 2 red 41-2c over September, while in the day the latter option attained a premium of 15-8c over December. Only a few days ago they were on an even basis. While some of the comparative bulls deplored such a remarkable advance on top of recent prices as being too rapid and disastrous to general speculation, popular opinion favored it on the idea that the home and foreign situation justified dollar wheat in New York. The range on September was from 83 3-8c, opening figures, to 89 7-8c, from which it dropped a cent a bushel, only to recover later in the day, reaching 90 5-8c. Right at the close a lot of long wheat was unexpectedly dumped on the market, precipitating a sudden break to 89 5-8c for September or a cent below the highest net Total transactions for the day to 11,250,000 bushels. Official closing prices were 1c to 1 1-2c higher than last night.

New York, Aug. 13.—The wheat futures today tumbled 2 cents from last night's close and 8 cents from yesterday's high point of 90 3-4c for September. The decline was attended heavy unloading of long wheat. It

plled into the market from all quarters, influenced by weakness abroad particularly at Paris, where flour prices broke 75 points from last night. The bear traders here were prepared for the decline, but the rank and file of bulls opposed it vigorously and even succeeded in forcing September to the opening up from 85 1-2c to 90c. It was useless, however, for, with the unsatisfactory news from abroad and loss of bull leaders at Chicago, prices declined and the weakness continued with few reactions right up to the close. The lowest price on September was 87 3-4c and the final quotation 88c.

On Saturday, August 14, wheat closed at 89 1-4c for September and 87 3-8c for December. A week ago September wheat closed at 88 1-8c.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—September, 78 1-4c December 76 7-8.
 Tuesday—September 79 7-8c; December, 78 3-4c.
 Wednesday—September, 27-8; December, 81 1-4c.
 Thursday—September, 84 1-4c; December, 82c.
 Friday—September, 82c; December, 80c.
 Saturday—September, 84c; December, 82c.
 Cash No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 90c, and cash No. 1 Northern at 90c.

Last week September delivery closed at 76 3-4c. A year ago September option closed at 55 1-8c, and two years ago at 64 5-8c, three years ago at 54 7-8c, and four years ago at 56 1-4c.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

On Saturday, August 14, No. 1 Northern wheat closed at 81 1-2c for September, and 80 3-8c for December. A week ago September wheat closed at 73 5-8c.

Parrish & Lindsay, grain dealers, Brandon, are moving to Winnipeg, and closing out their Brandon property, except their elevator. They are going in with the new Manitoba Grain Company.

Duquette & Co., are opening a general store at Whitewood, Assa. Comte de Langle is said to have an interest in the business.

Hughes Bros., are opening a grocery store at Stony Mountain, near Winnipeg.

Chas. Street is opening a flour and feed store at Carberry, Man.

Geo. Davis has opened a confectionery store at Treherne, Man.

Edgar Judge, president of the Corn Exchange association, Montreal, has suspended payment.

Mr. Elker, a Winnipeg live stock man, started for the Pacific coast a few days ago with a carload of cattle en route for the Klondyke.

The Canadian Pacific railway will build the proposed steel elevator at Fort William at once.

Refined sugars in New York have been advanced 1-16c per pound.

Recent advices from Spain state that up to the present prospects for a good olive crop have been favorable.

California fruits have been selling freely in eastern Canada markets lately, notwithstanding that the season for local fruits is at hand.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Chicago, Aug. 9.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—Sept. No. 2, 76 7-8 to 77; Dec. new, 78 1-8 to 78 1-4.
 Corn—Aug. 26 1-2c, Sept. 26 5-8c Dec. 27 3-4c to 27 7-8c, May 30 1-4c to 30 3-8c.
 Oats—Sept. 16 5-8c, Dec. 17 3-8c, May 17 7-8c to 20c.
 Mess pork—Sept. \$7.70.
 Lard—Sept. \$4.25, Oct. \$4.32 1-2.
 Short ribs—Sept. \$4.70, Oct. \$4.72 1-2.

Chicago, Aug. 10.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—No. 1 Sept. 78 1-2 to 5-8; Dec., new, 79 3-8 to 1-2.
 Corn—No. 2 Aug. 26 3-4; Sept. 27 1-4; Dec. 29 3-8; May 30 3-4 to 30 7-8.
 Oats—No. 2 Sept. 16 7-8 to 17; Dec. 17 5-8 to 3-4; May 20.
 Mess pork—Sept. \$7.75.
 Lard—Sept. \$4.27 1-2; Oct. \$4.35.
 Short ribs—Sept. \$4.72 1-2; Oct. \$4.77 1-2.

Chicago, Aug. 11.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—Sept. 81 1-2; Dec. 81 1-4.
 Corn—Aug. 27; Sept. 27 1-2; Dec. 28 5-8; May 31 1-8.
 Oats—Sept. 17 1-4 to 17 3-8; Dec. 18 1-4; May 20 to 20 1-2.
 Pork—Sept. \$7.75; Oct. \$7.77 1-2.
 Lard—Sept. \$4.27 1-2; Oct. \$4.32 1-2.
 Ribs—Sept. \$4.70; Oct. \$4.72 1-2.

Chicago, Aug. 12.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—No. 2, Sept. 83c to 83 1-8c, Dec. 82 1-8c.
 Corn—Aug. 27 3-8c, Sept. 27 7-8c, Dec. 29 1-4c, May 31 7-8c.
 Oats—Sept. 17 3-4c to 17 7-8c, Dec. 18 7-8c, May 20 7-8 to 21.
 Mess pork—Sept. \$7.90, Oct. \$7.92 1-2.
 Lard—Sept. \$4.25, May \$4.40.
 Short ribs—Sept. \$4.82 1-2, Oct. \$4.85.

Chicago, Aug. 13.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—No. 2 Sept. 81 3-8 to 1-2; Dec. 80 7-8.
 Corn—No. 2 Aug. 27 3-8 to 1-2; Sept. 27 7-8 to 28; Dec. 29 1-8; May 31 3-4.
 Oats—No. 2 Sept. 17 1-2 to 5-8; Dec. 18 1-2; May 20 3-4 to 7-8.
 Pork—Sept. \$8; Oct. \$8.02.
 Lard—Sept. \$4.40; Oct. \$4.45.

On Saturday, August 14, wheat opened at 28c for September options and ranged from 81 5-8c to 84 3-8c. Closing prices were:

Wheat—Aug. 84 1-2c; Sept. 84c; Dec. 82 5-8c.
 Corn—Sept. 28 3-8c; Dec. 29 3-4c.
 Oats—Sept. 17 5-8c; Dec. 18 1-2c.
 Pork—Sept. \$7.85.
 Lard—Sept. \$4.42 1-2.
 Ribs—Sept. \$4.90.
 Flax—Cash, \$1.

A week ago September wheat closed at 75 5-8c. A year ago September wheat closed at 55c. Two years ago at 66 1-4c, and three years ago at 54 1-8c.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT MARKET.

To-day, Saturday, there were sales at 85 1-4 and 88 1-2, closing at about 89c.

A strike of coal miners is reported from Lethbridge, Alberta, for an advance of ten per cent in wages.

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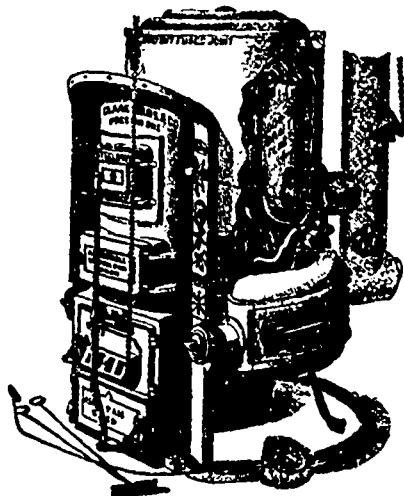
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Sheet Iron—10 to 20 guage, \$3; 22 to 24 and 26 guage, \$3.25; 28 guage \$3.50.

Canada Plates—Garth and Blaina, \$3.15.

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Lead—Pig, per lb., 4½c.

Sheet Zinc—In casks, \$5.75 lb., broken ois \$6.

Solder—Half and half (guar) per lb., 14@16c.

Ammunition—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American discount 40 per cent; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5; rim fire military, American, net list; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent, shot shells, 12 guage, \$6@7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 5½c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 6c. Robin Hood powder, 17 lb kegs, \$10; ¼ kegs, 4½ lbs, \$3; Canister, 9 oz., 60c. Loaded shells, 12 guage, soft shot, \$18 per 1,000. No. 10 guage, \$20.70 per 1,000.

Wire—Galvanized barb wire, \$2.65@2.85 100 lbs.; Plain wire and staples, \$2.75@2.80.

Rope—Sisal, lb., 6½@6½c base; manilla, lb., 7½@8c base; cotton, ½ to ½ inch and larger, 16c lb.

Axes—Per box, \$6@9.

Nails—Cut, keg, base price, \$2.50 for 20 to 60d., with new classification of extras; common steel wire nails, 4½@6 inch, \$2.65 per keg, with usual extras for smaller sizes.

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

Winnipeg Prices of Paints, Oils, Glass, etc.

Following are close jobbing prices, as to quantity:

White Lead—Pure, \$6.00 100 lbs.

Prepared Paints—Pure liquid colors, gallon \$1.15@1.25.

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

Varnishes—No. 1 furniture, per gallon, \$1; extra furniture, \$1.85; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$1.50@1.75; hard oil finish, \$1.50@2; brown Japan, \$1; house painters' gold-size Japan, \$1.50; coach painters' do., \$2 @2.25; No. 1 orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.

Sundries—Glue, S. S., in sheets, lb 12½ @15c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 10 @25c. Stove gasoline, case, \$4; benzine, case, \$4. Axle grease, imperial, case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, case, \$3.75; Diamond axle grease, \$2.25 case. Coal tar, barrel, \$7. Portland cement, barrel, \$4@4.25; plaster, barrel \$3.25; plasterers' hair, P. P., 90: bale. Putty, in bladders, barrel lots, 2½c lb., do., in 100 lb kegs, 2½c., do., less than barrels, 1b, 3c. Alabastine, cases of 20 pkgs., \$0.50@7.50 as to color.

Window Glass—First break is quoted at \$1.75 per box of 50 feet and \$2 for second break.

Linseed Oil—Raw, gal., 50c; boiled, gal., 53c in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gallon extra, with additional charges for cans.

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

Oils—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25@30c gallon; clear machine oils, 33@40c; cylinder oil, 50@75c, as to quality; castor oil, 11c per lb; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatsfoot oil, \$1; steam refined seal oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 gallon.

Refined Petroleum—Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 18½c; crescent, 22½c; oleophene, 23½c in barrels. Car lots, 1c gallon less. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 27c for eocene and 24c for sunlight.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, in store at Fort William, 60½c; No. 2 hard, 56c; No. 3 hard, 53c.

Flour—Local price, per sack: Patent, \$1.75 @ 1.80; bakers', \$1.55 @ 1.60.

Bran—Per ton, \$8.

Shorts—Per ton, \$10.

Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track Winnipeg, 17 @ 18c. Car lots at country points, 10 @ 11c.

Barley—Car lots at country points worth 11 @ 12c. Nominal.

Butter—Dairy, good to choice, jobbing at 7 to 9½c as to quality and quantity; creamery, 14 @ 14½c.

Cheese—From 5½ @ 6c has has been paid to factories to ship west.

Eggs—Dealers were paying 8@, 10c net.

Beef—City dressed, 5 @ 5½c.

Mutton—7c; lamb, 10c.

Hogs—Dressed, 5 @ 5½c.

Cattle—Easier at 2@2½c for butchers' stock.

Hogs—Live, off cars, 3½c for best bacon.

Sheep—Easier. 2½ @ 2½c off cars.

Hides—½ @ 1c lower. No. 1 green, salted, 4c.

Seneca Root—Dry, 12 to 15c.

Poultry—Chickens, 40 @ 45c per pair; turkey, 9@10c per lb, live weight.

Potatoes—15c per bushel.

Hay—\$5.00 for baled on track.

Wool—Manitoba fleece, 6@7½c as to quality.

British Columbia Markets.

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

BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.

Vancouver, August 14, 1897.

Butter has advanced sharply about 2c per lb for creamery. Flour has advanced 20c. Hay is down \$1 per ton. Cattle have advanced sharply.

Butter—Manitoba dairy 16@17c; Manitoba creamery, 21@22c.

Eggs—Eastern eggs, 15@16c.

Cheese—Manitoba 11½c.

Cured Meats—Hams 13½c; breakfast bacon 13½c; backs 11c; long clear 10c; short rolls, 10½c; smoked sides 10½c; Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 9½c per lb, in pails and tubs 8½@9c lb.

Fish—Founders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; black cod 5c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 5c; herring 4c; spring salmon 10c each; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked halibut 10c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c; smoked salmon 10c; finnan haddie 10c; kippered herring 12c; Columbia river oolochans 7c lb.; fresh halibut, 6c.

Vegetables—Potatoes, \$16.00 per ton; onions 1½c lb; cabbage 1½c lb; carrots, turnips and beets \$10.00 a ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons \$4.25; bananas \$2.75 per bunch; oranges, California Mediterranean, \$4.25; California Valencia \$4.25 box; cucumbers, 6 doz. box \$1.25; peas, 30 lb crate \$1.70; Pineapples, doz. \$2.00; plums, 20 lb boxes, \$1.00; peaches, \$1.00; Grapes, \$1.75 box; Melons, \$4.00 per dozen.

Meal—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$2.80; 2 45 pound sacks \$2.80; 4-22½ pound sacks \$2.90; 10.7 sacks, \$2.00; Oatmeal, 10-10's, \$3.25; 2.50's \$3.00. Off grades, 90 lb., \$2.50.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$5.70; strong bakers, \$5.40; Oregon jobbers price \$5.45.

Grain—Oats \$26 per ton.

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$23.00@24.00 per ton; ground barley \$22 ton; shorts \$21.00 ton; bran \$19 00; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff. Higher prices for bran and shorts next week.

Hay—\$14.00 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef 7½@8c; mutton 7½@8c; Australian mutton, 5c; pork, 7½@8½c; veal 7@8c lb.

Live Stock—Steers, grass fed \$3.50 @ 4.25 per 100 lbs; sheep \$3.75 @ 4.00 per 100 lbs; hogs \$6.00 per 100 lbs. cows \$2.00@2.75.

Poultry—Chickens \$5.50@6.00 a doz.

Evaporated Fruits—Apricots, 11c per lb; peaches 9c; plums 9@10c; prunes, French 5@7½c; loose Muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6@8½c lb.

Nuts—Almonds, 13c; filberts, 12½c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12½c; walnuts, 13c lb.

Sugars—Powdered and icing, 6½c; Paris lump, 5½c; granulated, 4½c; extra C. 4½c; fancy yellows 4c; yellow 3½c lb.

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 1½c pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2½c; 5 gallon kegs, \$1.50 each; 1 gallon tins, \$4 case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$4.75 case of 20.

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

THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

Winnipeg, Saturday, August 14.

The feeling in local business circles taken all around is very hopeful. In fact quite a cheerful view is taken of the outlook. Several things have conspired to create that feeling. First, we have the harvest now starting with fairly good prospects as to the wheat crop, and a particularly good outlook as to wheat prices. This is a greater cause of hopefulness than the crop itself, for while the crop is not a heavy one, it will be a very profitable one on the basis of present prices. Railway development is another feature which has added materially to the amount of business doing and consequently to the feeling of satisfaction pervading the trade. There is the mineral development and the new mineral discoveries going on throughout the country. It is now felt that the development of the mineral territories which surround the prairie region of Western Canada on every hand, will be a great feature in the prosperity of the prairie food-producing section. The business which has already been done is considered only a taste of what is to come in supplying the great mineral territories of western and northern Canada. The Dauphin railway, which will soon be completed to Lake Winnipegosis, will open up a vast territory in northern Manitoba, by means of railway and lake communication. There is a decidedly better feeling in Manitoba lands. Sales have been larger this season than for some time, though prices are very low. The most hopeful feeling regarding farm lands is shown in the improvement of stocks of the large land companies. Labor is well employed on railway construction and in the harvest, and considerable outside help will be required for the harvest, which will be supplied by the harvest excursions from Eastern Canada. In the mining districts of British Columbia and Northwest Ontario, development work is going steadily ahead, but the purely speculative element has been pretty well eradicated. Many of the British Columbia bubble mining corporations have been allowed to collapse, and of course more or less has been lost by those who foolishly invested in many of the alleged mining companies. It seems that almost every mining district must pass through a similar speculative experience, before matters get down to steady work. Bank clearings at Winnipeg this week show a continued large increase over corresponding weeks of past years, as will be seen by the table in another column.

WINNIPEG MARKETS.

Winnipeg, Saturday Afternoon, Aug. 14.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

Bladders have still been going out this week, but the trade is now well over. Dealers report a satisfactory

season's trade in harvesting machinery. Binder twine has been moving very briskly. Consumers have held off as long as they could, owing to the variety of qualities and prices, but they are now taking the goods as fast as it can be served out to them. Old twine is being offered about 1c under standard brands, but consumers generally prefer well known, reliable brands. It is believed there will be no shortage of twine in the country, though there will always be a temporary scarcity at some points.

CLAY LANG.

Dealers are slipping out fall goods. A moderate sorting trade for the season is doing to the regular trade, and some good sized special orders have come from railway contractors. Enquiries have come from British Columbia for supplies for miners, stocks of such lines having been reduced very low there on account of the demand for the Klondyke camps.

DRUGS.

Castor oil has advanced abroad, followed by an advance of 1-2c at Montreal. Castor oil is said to be very scarce in first hands. Cream of tartar is also again higher abroad. Manufacturers of sulphur have advanced prices 10c to 15c per ton.

FISH.

Prices are as follows: White 51-2, pickeral 4c, trout 9c, salmon 12c, kippered goldeyes 30c, doz. Oysters are quoted at 70c for selects in cans. Halibuts 10c per lb.

GROCERIES.

The Ontario canners recently held a meeting at Toronto and decided not to attempt anything in the way of regulating prices. Each canner will use his own judgment as to what he will pack and what prices he will ask. The packers declared that the crops in their line were all light and that the pack would be small, but reports of this nature coming from the packers must be taken with more or less allowance. So far as the apple crop is concerned, however, all advices agree that it will be a very short one in Ontario, but the peach crop is said to be fairly good. There is a good deal of speculation as to the new crop of dried fruits. All information goes to show that the supply will be very large this year, though the curers try to circulate reports about short crops. The Pacific coast will certainly have a very large supply of prunes and most other lines of dried fruits, and the European crop will also be fairly liberal. Sugars are firm. Japan teas are reported to be firmer in first hands. The new sizes in tobacco are beginning to come into this market, though the supply is limited yet, and chewing tobacco is particularly scarce.

It is expected that the 5c plug of tobacco will be pretty well knocked out by the recent changes in size, to meet the increased cost owing to the new tariff. The plug to retail at 5c was formerly made to run 12 to the pound, but the new sizes run 16 to the pound. They will look so small that it is not expected they will sell much here. The big run here is on T. & B. smoking and Prince of Wales chewing, the latter retails 10c plug. The new sizes which run eight to the pound, in the latter tobacco, are now in the market. New evaporated apricots are now in, they are fine goods, and sell at lower prices than old goods. New California peeled peaches are expected in about a fort-

night. There is some speculation regarding prices of the new crop of evaporated and dried apples. Brokers have been offering some new goods, to ship later, but of course they are on a speculative basis yet. However, prices are almost certain to be much higher than last year, as apples were a drug last year, while this year the eastern crop is a light one. A great deal, however, will depend on the export demand, which it is impossible to estimate at present. Latest advices from Fresno and San Francisco report an active and advancing market for raisins, with sales on the basis of 31-2c f.o.b. for three-crowns.

The Chicago-American of August 4 says that the following cablegram was received from Yokohama by a local house: "Teas below 16c a pound have advanced fully 1c a pound which makes total advances since the lowest point of about 2c. Above 17c a pound since last week 2c advance. Market very firm and may advance higher

GREEN FRUITS.

The native wild fruit crops of Manitoba are very light this year, and this will cause a heavier demand for imported and eastern fruit for preserving. In years of plenty large quantities of the native wild fruits, such as raspberries, blueberries, plums, etc., are used for preserving, but this year the supply is too limited and prices too high to render it desirable to use the native fruits largely for preserving. Blueberries have been coming forward a little more freely, but the price keeps high yet, and dealers are doubtful if the quantity offered will materially increase. Oregon grapes in boxes, of fine qualities, are coming forward, and as the Ontario crop of crabs is said to be very light, the Pacific fruit will likely have a liberal sale. One dealer here says he has been unable so far to secure any Ontario crabs for shipment later. Southern apples are now offering freely and are of good quality now. California peaches and plums are still rather scarce here. This is owing to the heavy demand for these fruits at New York and other eastern cities, but it is expected this demand will now ease up, as eastern fruits are beginning to come to market. Tomatoes and Concord grapes are temporarily out of the market, but will be in toward the middle or end of next week. A car of fine late Valencia oranges, possibly the last of the season, came to hand yesterday. Melons are lower. Prices are as follows. California late Valencia oranges \$6 \$6.50 per box; bananas per bunch, \$1.75 to \$2.50, California lemons, \$6 a box; pie plums 11-2c per lb; tomatoes, \$1.25 per crate of 4 baskets; California pears \$1.50 to \$1.75; California peaches, \$1.50 to \$1.75 per box; California Bartlett pears \$1 to \$3.25 Washington pears, Clapp's favorites, \$3 to \$3.25 box; onions \$4 per 100 lbs.; watermelons, \$3.25 to \$4.10 per doz; Washington's \$1.50 per box of 30 lbs. net; blueberries, 8c to 10c lb; apples, \$3.75 to \$4.50 per barrel; nutmeg melons, \$1.20 basket; Osage melons \$2 per crate.

LUMBER.

The advance on lumber in the States will no doubt make a firmer feeling here. A certain amount of Minnesota lumber comes into Manitoba, and higher prices and better demand in the States will make manufacturers south less anxious to compete for the

Manitoba trade. Manufacturers here continue to report a very brisk demand. Cedar shingles are firm in prices, as the British Columbia manufacturers are very busy.

PAINTS, OILS, ETC.

There is one change to report in prices this week, namely: an advance of 25c per 100 pounds on white lead. Other staples are steady. See quotations on another page.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—This has been a week of activity and excitement in the wheat market. Sharp advances were made in prices on each of the four days of this week, but yesterday prices took a turn downward. Altogether the present movement in wheat has been a remarkably strong one, and the reactions have quickly given place to a renewed advance. The advance is maintained on liberal buying by importing countries, small stocks in sight and decreasing estimates of probable outturn of the northwestern spring wheat crop. The visible supply showed a decrease last week, though a small one, amounting to 100,000 bushels. Prices locally have been strong following, and in fact leading the advance in other markets, as Winnipeg wheat has sold considerably in advance of Duluth. The highest point was reached here on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning, when sales were made at 89c, and it is said that one or two sales went through at 90c for No. 1 hard, afloat Fort William. Yesterday at the close 87c was about the value for No. 1 hard afloat, Fort William. Some samples of new wheat of very good quality have been shown here, but they are hard gathered, and will be subject to weather vicissitudes before being fully harvested and marketed in the ordinary way.

FLOUR—The market continues very strong in sympathy with wheat. Large sales of Manitoba flour are reported daily from eastern markets for domestic and export trade, at advanced prices, late reports showing further sharp advances in eastern markets. Here prices have advanced again this week from 10c to 15c per sack of 98 pounds according to brand, but there is still a considerable range in the quotations of different brands of the same grades. Prices to the local trade here are quoted as follows as to brands: Patent, \$2.30 to \$2.40; bakers' \$2.10 to \$2.20; second bakers', \$1.70 to \$1.80; XXXX, \$1.25, per sack of 98 lbs., to the local trade, delivered in the city.

MILLFEED—Prices unchanged. Bran is quoted at \$9 per ton and shorts at \$11 per ton, with large lots shaded about 50c per ton.

BARLEY—There is no business doing on which to base close prices. An occasional car is taken for grinding for feed. We quote barley nominally higher at about 27c for feed grade, per bushel of 48 pounds on track here or 20c per bushel at point of shipment.

OATS—Prices are about the same as a week ago. Holders ask 28c to 29c for cars feed oats, on track here, per bushel of 34 pounds. In the country car lots are held at 20c to 24c as to quality and position, the latter depending on freight rates to point of consumption.

CEREALS—Oatmeal holds very firm and supplies are very light, some mills being unable to fill orders. Rolled oatmeal 80 pound sacks,

\$1.70 per sack; granulated, 98 lbs. \$1.95, standard, 98 lbs. \$1.95. Rolled wheat, 80 lbs. \$1.75 sack; pot barley, 98 lbs. \$1.75; pearl barley, 98 lbs. \$3.25 sack.

GROUND FEED—Market very firm with a further advance. Rolled oats are held at \$19 per ton, ordinary mill chop, per ton \$16 to \$18, as to quality.

BEANS—There has been a large demand for beans here of late, owing to railway construction work and development in the mining territories. A few years ago the sale of beans here was so small that some dealers in the trade did not bother with them. Now beans are quite an important commodity here. They come largely from about Chatham, Ontario, where they are grown largely by the farmers. Lately there has been a considerable advance in beans, owing to export demand to the United States and to Europe, and recent arrivals here are costing higher. Good qualities are now jobbing here at \$1.20 to \$1.25 per bushel, though some poorer qualities are offered lower.

BUTTER—Creamery. The market is firm. Buyers have been paying 15 3/4 to 16c for choice goods to the factories and for fine goods it is said up to 16 1/4c has been paid. These prices are above a parity with values east, which indicates that the market here is on a speculative basis. Consumptive demand is not large.

BUTTER—Dairy. The market for dairy butter continues firm at steady prices. Buyers are paying 10 cents to 11c for round lots of dairy here. Jobbing sales have been made at 11 to 12c, but the amount of business doing is limited. The market is really on a speculative basis, as buyers are taking the goods at higher prices than the present shipping demand will warrant.

CHEESE—The market is steady. Purchases have been made at 6 1/4 to 6 1/2c to factories for best qualities, and down to 5 3/4c for off grades.

EGGS—The market is steady at the recent advance, and 12c net is still the price paid by buyers. Jobbing sales made at 13 1/2 to 14c.

Poultry—Chicken live 50c pair, or 10c lb., dressed. Spring chickens, 30 to 50c pair. Turkeys, 9 1/2c to 10c lb., live weight; ducks, 50 to 60c pair.

LARD—Prices are: Pure, \$1.60 for 20 lb. pails, and \$4 for 50 lb pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$5.50 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 8c.

CURED MEATS—The firm tendency in products continues. Hams are again 1-2c higher. Other lines are unchanged but firm. Eastern Canadian markets are very firm, with light supplies, several lines being almost out of stock. Prices are: Smoked meats, hams, assorted sizes, 11 1/2 to 12c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 11 to 11 1/2c; do., backs, 9 1/2 to 10c; short speed roll, 7 1/2 to 8c; shoulders, 6 1/2 to 7c; smoked long clear, 8 1/2 to 9c; fancy clear, 8 to 8 1/2c; dry salt meats are quoted; long clear bacon, 7 to 7 1/2c per lb.; shoulders, 5 1/4 to 5 3/4c; boneless shoulders, 6 1/2 to 7c; backs, 7 3/4 to 8 1/4c; extra charge of 1-2c for canvassed meats; barrel pork, clear mess, \$13.00 to \$18.50; short cut, \$15.50 to \$16; rolled shoulders, \$13 to \$15.50; per barrel. Pork sundries, fresh sausage, 7 1/2c; hologna sausage, 6c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 3c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 25 to 30c lb. Pickled pigs' feet, \$1.50 per

DRESSED MEATS—Prices continue easy. Mutton is 1-2c lower on the outside price. Beef is still selling at 4 1/2c to 5 1/2c, as to quality. Mutton is easy, ranging from 5 1/2 to 6 1/2c as to quality. Some pretty poor stuff is offering at lowest quotation. Dressed hogs firm at 6 to 6 1/2c. Veal 5c to 6c, as to quality. Lamb 8c to 9c.

HIDES—Prices are the same. We quote 6 1/2c to 7c for No. 1 hides here. Calfskins, 8 to 15 pound skins, 6 to 8c per lb; deerskins 10 to 20c each; kips, 5c to 7c; sheepskins, fresh take-off, 2c. Lambskins, 20c; horsehides, 75c to \$1.25.

SENECA ROOT—From 15c to 16c. Has been paid for good dry root.

WOOL—Some small lots are coming in. The market is easy. We quote 8 1/2 to 9c here for unwashed fleeces.

TALLOW—Quiet and easy at 3 1/2c for No. 1 and 2 to 2 1/2c for other grades, as to quality.

VEGETABLES—All sorts of vegetables are very abundant and prices are low for all garden truck. Potatoes 40 to 45c per bushel. Beets, turnips, carrots, rhubarb, lettuce, radishes and onions, in bunches, 5c to 6c per dozen bunches; pens in pod, 1 1/2 to 2c per lb, beans, 1 1/2c per lb; cauliflower, 40c per dozen, cabbage, 25 to 40c per dozen; celery, 25c per dozen bunches; onions, per pound, 2c for native.

HAY—The demand is limited, but prices are firmer, owing to the light hay crop this year. There is considerable old hay to carry over, however. We quote \$5.00 per ton for cars on track here as to quality; loose, \$4 to \$5 per ton. Offerings lighter, as farmers are now busy and inclined to hold. The recent rains have been bad for the hay harvest, now in progress in this district.

BERRIES—Native raspberries are scarce this year. Very few have been offered, and have sold at \$1.75 to \$2 per pail. Currants have been plentiful at about 50c per pail, but are now getting scarce and sold yesterday at 60c per pail. Very few blueberries are offering, and are held at \$1 to \$1.25 per pail.

WOOD—Tamarac, \$4.50 to \$4.75; pine, \$4.25 to \$4.40; poplar, \$3 to \$3.25 for car lots on track here, per cord. The poplar offering is either dry cut or green wood of last winter's cut.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—Grass cattle now offering are of good quality. Cattle for export are going forward freely. The higher duties now in force in the United States will probably stop the export trade in stocker cattle from Manitoba to the United States, which should be a benefit rather than an injury to our farmers, as it should pay them better to feed the cattle here, rather than to sell lean animals. A local cattle man started for the Clondyke with a carload of cattle this week. We quote butchers' cattle at 2 1/2c of cars and up to 2 3/4c for choice. Export cattle 3 to 3 1/4c.

SHEEP—The feeling is easy at 28-4 to 3c. Lambs have brought 33-4c, with an easy feeling.

HOGS—Hogs are coming forward freely for this time of year. There is no change in prices. Choice bacon hogs, weighing 150 to 250 pounds have brought \$1.60 per 100 pounds; 250 to 300 pounds 4c; heavy hogs over 300 pounds, 3c to 3 1/2c as to quality, off cars here.

W. Colclough is opening a drug store at Wabigoon, Northwest Ontario.

Winnipeg Grocery Prices.

Canned Goods		Cereals		Nuts		Teas	
	Per case		Per sack		Per pound		Per pound
Apples, preserved, 35, 2 doz.	35 30	Split Peas, sack 98	25 30	Brazils	14 15	China Blacks—	
Apples, preserved, 35, 2 doz.	35 30	Pot Barley, sack 98	50 20	Paragon Almonds	13 15	Choice	35
Apples, galtons (per doz.)	25 50	Pearl Barley, sack 98	40 20	Peanuts, roasted	13 15	Medium	25
Blackberries, 25, 2 doz.	35 35	Rolled Oats, sack 80	40 20	Peanuts, green	10 12	Common	13
Blueberries, 25, 2 doz.	25 30	Standard Oatmeal, sack 98	1 00 20	Grenoble Walnuts	15 18	Indian and Ceylon—	
Beans, 25, 2 doz.	1 50 20	Granulated Oatmeal, sack 98	1 00 20	French Walnuts	13 15	Choice	32
Corn, 25, 2 doz.	1 50 20	Beans (per bushel)	1 10 25	Sicily Filberts	12 15	Medium	25
Cherries, red, pitted 25, 2 doz.	4 75 50	Cornmeal, sack 98	35 10	Shelled Almonds	25 30	Common	22
Peas, Marrowfat, 25, 2 doz.	1 50 20	Cornmeal, 1/2 sack 49 (per 1/2 sack)	70 0 75			Young Hysons—	
Peas, sifted, 25, 2 doz.	2 00 25			Syrup		Choice	35
Peas, Barlett, 25, 2 doz.	3 50 35			Extra Bright, per lb.	3 1/2 c	Medium	28
Peas, California, 2 1/2, 2 doz.	7 50 50			Medium, per lb.	2 1/2 c	Common	22
Peas, Barlett, 25, 2 doz.	5 50 50			Maple, case 1 doz. 1/2 gal. tins	\$7 00		
Peas, California, 2 1/2, 2 doz.	7 50 50			Molasses, per gal.	35 c	Japan—	
Pineapple, imported, 25, 2 doz.	5 00 60					Finest May Picking	35
Peaches, 25, 2 doz.	3 50 40			Sugar		Choice	30
Peaches, California, 2 1/2, 2 doz.	7 50 50			Extra Standard Granulated	4 1/2 c	Fine	25
Plums, 25, 2 doz.	3 50 40			German Granulated	4 1/2 c	Good Medium	20
Plums, California, 2 1/2, 2 doz.	6 00 60			Extra Ground	6 c	Common	15
Pumpkins, 35, 2 doz.	2 25 30			Powdered	6 c		
Raspberries, 25, 2 doz.	3 25 30			Bright Yellow Sugar	4 1/2 c		
Strawberries, 25, 2 doz.	4 00 45			Maple Sugar	12 1/2 c		
Tomatoes, 3, 2 doz.	1 15 25					Tobacco	Per cad
Salmon, talls, 15, 4 doz.	5 50 60			Salt	Per pound	T. & B., 35, Cads.	\$13 15
Salmon, Colomes talls, 15, 4 doz.	5 50 60			Rock Salt	1 1/2 c	T. & B., 54, Cads.	12 25
Sardines, Domestic 1/2s	06 08			Common, fine	1 00 2 09	Lily, 75, cads.	00 60
Sardines, imported, 1/2s	09 15			Common, coarse	1 00 2 00	Cre-ant, 58, cads.	00 60
Sardines, imported, 1/2s	18 25			Dairy, 100-lb	3 25 3 50	Herris, 75, cads.	00 60
Sardines, imp. 1/2s, boneless	20 35			Dairy, 60-5	3 15 3 30	Derby, 75, cads.	00 60
Sardines, Dom., mustard 1/2s.	10 12					P. & W. Chewing, Cads.	00 60
				Dairy, white duck sack	00 50	P. & W. Chewing, Butts	00 60
Imported Fresh Herring, 15, 1 doz.	50 1 75			Common, fine jute sack	00 45		
Imp. Kipperd Herring, 15, 1 doz.	50 2 00					Cigarettes	Per 100
Imp. Herring, Tom. Sauce 1st	50 2 00			Spices	Per doz.	Old Judge	\$8 90
Imp. " Anch. Sauce 15, 1 doz.	50 2 00			Assorted Herbs, 1/2 lb tins	75 1 00	Athlete	\$8 90
Imp. " Shrimp Sauce 1st	50 2 00					Sweet Caporal	\$8 90
						Sweet Sixteen	4 00
						Derby	6 60
						Wooden Ware	Per doz.
						Pails, 2 hoop clear	1 50 1 00
						Pails, wire hoop	2 25 2 00
						Pails, Star fibre	4 00 3 00
						Tubs, No. 0 common	9 30 10 00
						Tubs, No. 1 common	8 50 9 00
						Tubs, No. 2 common	6 60 7 00
						Tubs, No. 3 common	5 50 6 00
						Tubs, nests (3)	1 65 1 25
						Tubs, wire hoop (3)	2 25 2 00
						Tubs, fibre, No. 0	10 00 10 00
						Tubs, fibre, No. 1	10 00 10 00
						Tubs, fibre, No. 2	10 00 10 00
						Tubs, fibre, No. 3	10 00 10 00
						Tubs, fibre, (3)	Per 100
						Butter Tubs, wire hoop (2)	50 00
						Butter Tubs, wire hoop (3)	75 00

WINNIPEG DRUG PRICES

Following are prices for parcel lots, with usual reductions for broken packages.

Alum, lb	3 1/2 4 1/2
Alcohol, gal	5 50 5 75
Bleaching Powder, lb	66 68
Bluestone, lb	06 07
Borax	11 13
Bromide Potash	65 75
Camphor	62 75
Camphor, ounces	80 90
Carbolic Acid	40 68
Caster Oil	13 15
Chlorate Potash	23 30
Citric Acid	53 05
Coppras	01 1/2 04
Cocaine, oz	4 50 5 00
Creom Tartar, lb	30 35
Cloves	30 28
Epsom Salt	01 1/2 04
Extract Logwood, bulk	14 18
Extract Logwood, boxes	18 20
German Quinine	30 40
Glycerine, lb	30 35
Ginger, Jamaica	30 35
Ginger, African	30 28
Howard's Quinine, oz	45 55
Iodine	5 00 5 50
Insect Powder	30 40
Morphia, sal.	20 25
Opium	4 50 5 00
Oil, olive	1 25 1 50
Oil, U.S. Salad	1 25 1 40
Oil, lemon, super	2 75 3 25
Oil, peppermint	4 00 4 50
Oil, cod liver, gal.	1 75 2 25
Oxalic Acid	13 18
Potass Iodide	3 75 4 00
Paris Green, lb	18 20
Saltetre	10 12
Sal Rochelle	30 35
Shellac	35 40
Sulphur Flowers	3 1/2 05
Sulphur Holl, keg	3 1/2 05
Soda Bicarb, keg of 112 lbs	3 75 4 25
Sal Soda	2 00 3 00

Manitoba.

Active preparations are being made for the celebration in Winnipeg on a large scale, of Labor day, on September 6.

Bromley & Co., tent and mattress manufacturers, Winnipeg, report that they have been very busy during the past couple of months, their usual trade having been increased by several large orders from contractors for railway construction work.

Grading on the Dauphin railway has now been completed to Lake Winnipegosis, near the mouth of Mossy river. Track-laying will be complete in about a month.

Mr. Perret has opened a jewelry and watchmaking establishment at Minnedosa.

Barlow & Conley, contractors, Killarney, have dissolved partnership.

J. W. Peck & Co., wholesale clothing, Winnipeg, have made a shipment of goods to the Yukon country.

A. J. McPherson has bought out the hardware stock of Cardiff & McLean, of Dauphin, and will continue the business.

Fort William, Aug. 9.—About 200 men have passed through to work at ballasting and preparing the main line of the C. P. R. between Rat Portage and here for the fall rush.

MICHEL LEFEBVRE & CO.

The announcement of the suspension of Messrs. Michel Lefebvre & Co., vinegar manufacturers, was received with great regret by mercantile men, as everyone was watching their gallant efforts to pull through the difficulties caused by the failure of La Banque du Peuple. As will be remembered the firm was seriously embarrassed in by suspension of the bank, and agreed to pass over a large amount of their real estate in order to protect the liquidators of the bank. This naturally hampered them, and since that period have been endeavoring to regain lost ground in the face of hard times. The liabilities are said to be about \$200,000, but it is believed that the creditors will receive payment in full.—Commercial Gazette.

Toronto, Aug. 9.—At a meeting of creditors of J. W. Bachrack & Co. today a statement was presented showing a deficit of \$32,000 on liabilities of \$65,000, but the deficit will be larger than this as most of the assets consist of stock which will bring but a low figure at forced sale. Bachrack told the creditors that but a few days before failure he had paid \$5000 to his mother-in-law. No regular books were kept by the firm and the accounts are in such shape that Assignee Clarkson is not able to say how the deficit comes to exist.