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WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 14, 1891.

Manitoba.

N. E. A. Prince, general store, Lorette, has assigned.

Gold Seal Oyster Co, Winnipeg; incorporation granted.

Hugh Bannerman, storekeeper, Elm River, is reported dead.

A company to manufacture binder twine, is being organized at Winnipeg.

Gould & Elliott, general store, Souris, have opened a branch at Pearson.

Geo. Rogers, flour, feed and lumber, McGregor, has sold out to Logan & Co.

Winnipeg Argus Printing and Publishing Co, Winnipeg; applying for incorporation.

Jackson & Collinge, general store, Melita, have dissolved partnership; J. W. Jackson continues.

Warnken & McKay, implements, Morden, have dissolved partnership; Henry McKay continues.

A new paper called the *News*, has made its appearance at Rapid City. It is published by H. Morris.

D. Hope & Co., tents, etc., Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership, F. J. Dorsey retires, and takes a position as superintendent of accident insurance, for the Manufacturers' Life, for the west.

In referring last week to the change in the firm of Dawson, Bole & Co., wholesale druggs, Winnipeg, THE COMMERCIAL omitted to state the name under which the business will be continued in the future. After January the 1st

next, the style of the firm will be Bole, Wynne & Co.

The president of the Northwest Central railway was in Winnipeg last week, and he confirmed the rumor that the completed portion of the railway would be put in operation at once. About 50 miles of road are ready to operate, and will be opened on December 15. Some rolling stock has arrived for this purpose. The road connects with the Canadian Pacific at Charter station, east of Brandon.

A letter has been received in the city from Tucket & Sons, of Hamilton, the great tobacco manufacturers, who are the donors of the Tucket trophy to the Manitoba branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling club, stating that four Lausdowne medals for presentation to the winners of the trophy at the approaching bonspiel have been forwarded to Tees & Persse, Winnipeg, agents for the company.

Frederick William Stobart, wholesale merchant; Augustus Meredith Nanton, broker; Daniel Emes Sprague, lumber merchant; Walter Thomas Kirby, insurance agent, and Heber Archibald, barrister, all of Winnipeg, seek incorporation as the Northwest Wire company, (limited), with a capital of \$50,000. The new company is establishing a wire factory in Winnipeg, which it is expected will be ready to commence operations in January next. This will make the second wire factory for Winnipeg.

The Breeders' Association for Manitoba and the Territories, was formed at Winnipeg last week, for the purpose of encouraging the breeding of a fine class of horses, etc. The following officers were elected: David McGregor, Winnipeg, president; Dr. McConnell, Morden, 1st vice-president; W. L. Puxley, Westbourne, 2nd vice-president; W. J. Humau, Winnipeg, secretary; D. E. Sprague, Winnipeg, treasurer; executive committee, Messrs. I. M. Ross, D. Hope, Winnipeg; N. Boyd, Carberry; Ferriss, Emerson; Lindsay, Stonewall; R. F. Edgar, Brandon; F. G. Ferriss, Portage la Prairie. After other formal business, such as the adoption of a constitution, etc, had been transacted, the meeting adjourned until the second Wednesday in January, when the executive committee will report on the constitution, by-laws and membership.

Assiniboia.

Hugh Noble, baker, Fort Qu'Appelle, is dead.

R. B. Ferguson, jeweller, Qu'Appelle, has moved to Vernon, B. C.

Owing to the increase in their wholesale meat trade, the Northwest Trading Company will give up their retail meat business at Medicine Hat on the 12th of December. The company are building meat packing works at Calgary.

The legislative assembly for the territories met at Regina on the 10th. The Governors' address spoke of the bountiful harvest which has been gathered this year, the success of stock raising, the extension of railways throughout the territories, increasing immigration, etc.

J. H. Smith has resigned from the directorate of the Smith & Fergusson Co., hardware, Regina, and has engaged to represent the firm on the road. J. W. Smith and A. D. Fergu-

son are the sole managers of the business of the company. J. H. Smith retains his stock interest.

The Lethbridge board of trade has the following new officers: President, Mr. Sherlock; vice-president, Mr. Higgibotham; secretary, W. A. Galliher, re-elected by acclamation; treasurer, Mr. Kevin; executive committee, Messrs. Bentley, Henderson, McNabb, Turnor and Curry.

Saskatchewan.

At a meeting of ratepayers of Prince Albert, the action of the town council in remitting to the C. P. R. company their taxes for the current year in lieu of certain concessions promised by the company to the town was unanimously endorsed. A committee of citizens was appointed to correspond with or interview Gen. Supt. Whyte and endeavor to amicably adjust all differences now existing between the town and the company. It was the feeling of the meeting, that as far as it could do so, the town should avoid all strife or antagonism with the C. P. R.

Alberta.

W. T. V. Dunbar has opened a butcher shop at Macleod.

G. E. Jacques, jeweler, Calgary, is giving up business.

Rankin & Allen, dry goods, Calgary, have dissolved partnership; Rankin retiring.

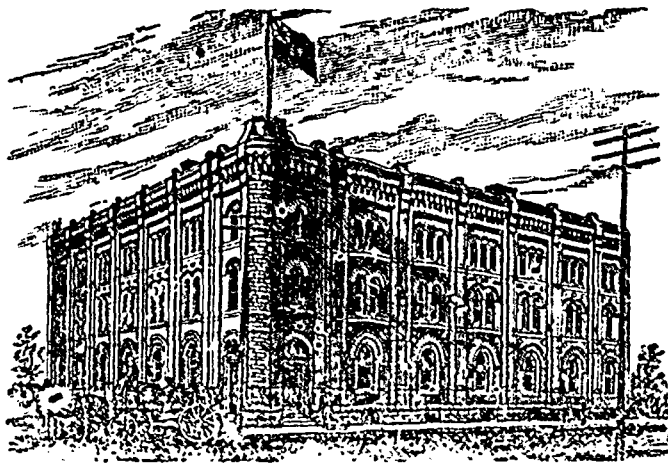
The following suffered from fire at Lethbridge: A. Macdonald, general store, partially insured; Lowther & Carter, butchers; Little & Cleveland, druggs and stationery; J. H. Lawrence, furniture; Hawley & Co., stoves and tinware.

British Grain Trade.

The *Mark Lane Express* of Dec. 7, in its weekly review of the British grain trade says: English wheats were in favor of buyers; there was an average decline of 6d; foreign supplies were immense and there was the same decline in prices. California was quoted at 45s and No. 1 American spring at 42s, flat maize has fallen 6d, grinding barley and oats have fallen one shilling and beans and peas 6d.

Monday business was slack. For English wheats there was no demand; foreign suffered a further decline of 6d. Foreign flours were weak; American lost one shilling; malting barley declined one shilling. Oats were dull. Maize was irregular. Beans, peas and lentils were down 6d. Linseed was 9d lower.

THE COMMERCIAL has received a copy of the new issue for 1892 of that old and valuable annual publication, the Canadian Almanac, published by The Copp Clark Co., of Toronto. This is the 45th annual issue of the Almanac, and it is this year enlarged to 224 pages, and contains over 16,000 facts and 17,000 addresses, covering almost every department of information required by the Canadian citizen. There is also a complete report of the census (so far as made public), a list of all the post offices in Canada, and a revised customs tariff. The municipal and county information now comprises the provinces of Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba. The clergy list has been extended to include the whole Dominion. This publication has made itself a necessity in every Canadian business office.

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Fur Trade Notes.

The following are the prices, in shillings, obtained for fur sealskins at the London sales on October 26: Alaskas: middlings 127, middlings and smalls 137 6, smalls 145.2, large pups 138.4, middling pups 127.9, small pups 114.10, extra small pups 83. Copper Island: middlings and smalls 100, smalls 103, large pups 93.4, middling pups 84, small pups 75.4, extra small pups 59.2, extra extra small pups 47. Northwest Coast: wigs 64, middlings 63.6, middlings and smalls 69, smalls 76, large pups 76, middling pups 77, small pups 61, extra small pups 49, extra extra small pups 40.6, grey pups 16.4. Lobos: wigs 43.9, middlings 47.9, smalls 52, large pups 51.9, middling pups 52.6, small pups 34.9, extra small pups 25.6. Cape of Good Hope: wigs 49, smalls 43, large pups 39, middling pups 35, small pups 24, extra small pups 21.

The London, England, correspondent of the *New York Fur Trade Review*, writes as follow

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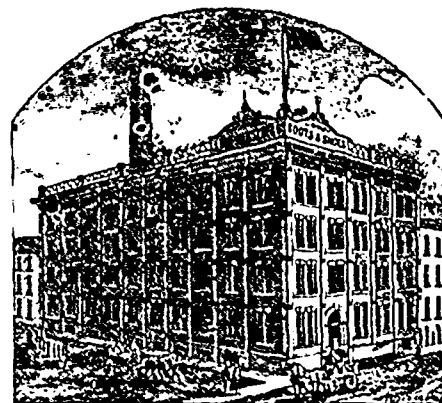
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fur-lined mantle trade has slackened off somewhat on account of the large demand by the public for the new three-quarter jacket, which are certainly very effective and look very smart with a roll collar and either open fronts showing fur or buttoned up and trimmed with a narrow edging of fur. The skin mostly patronized is the nutria, a few of the manufacturers using sable, gray fox and Australian opossum. Nutria and Persian lamb command the largest sales just now, the latter having somewhat redeemed its character, for during the first months of the year the sale was very slow indeed, but during the last month or six weeks some very good parcels have been disposed of. Seeing that we have now got to the end of our season, for we certainly cannot expect much after this month, our attention will now have to be taken up with what will be wanted for the coming season, and we are certainly of the opinion that American furs will do well in January and March, particularly bears, skunk, mink, sable, gray fox and American opossum. The latter article especially in the best grades, will be much sought after to be dyed the new skunk color, for although it is comparatively a new article the sale of it has been very good latterly, and we feel sure that it will have a run next season; indeed all rough skins will have a better sale next year than the flatter kinds such as pulled and dyed musquash; we have no faith in this article for next year. We think that nutria will go again, but have little faith in beaver, unless they should come down about 20 per cent., then the price would sell them, but at present prices they are no use here."

J. A. Lalaune & Co., stationery and fancy goods, Montreal have dissolved.

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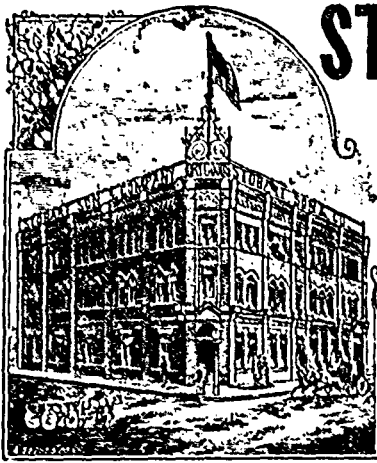
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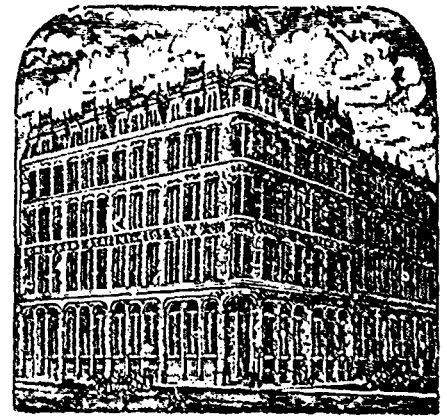
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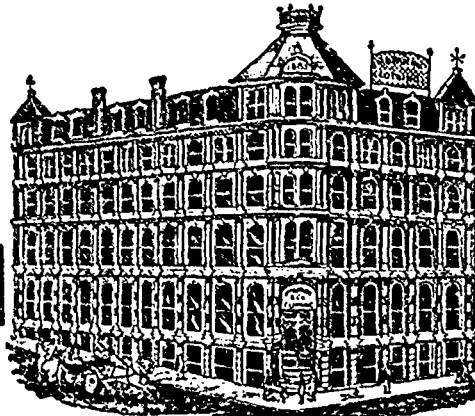
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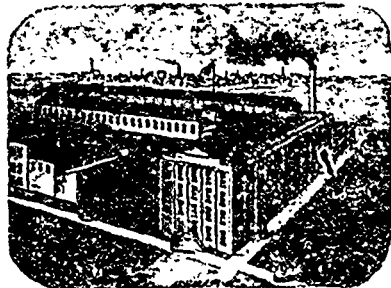
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TRADE WITHIN THE EMPIRE.

The continued growth of protection is undoubtedly causing uneasiness in Great Britain. The British people have been so strongly imbued with free trade principles, that they could not believe in the long continuation of protective policies among the nations of the world. They imagined that protective doctrine would prevail only for a time, and that eventually the principles of protection would be generally abandoned. They have looked long and earnestly for the expected change, but it has not come. On the other hand, the world has of late been becoming steadily more exclusive in commercial matters, and artificial barriers to commerce have been erected on every hand. Of late Great Britain has practically stood alone in regard to the nature of her fiscal policy. Many British statesmen who have all along believed in the early triumph of free trade principles, appear now to be less certain of this result. Many seem to have abandoned the belief in the early spread of free trade, and they are casting about for some means of overcoming the many obstacles which have been placed in the way of British commerce. It is undoubtedly this situation which has led to a considerable discussion of the question of the extension of trade within the empire, and also to a more limited extent to the question of imperial federation. Were trade largely free throughout the world, it would be impossible to interest the British people in any proposals which tended in the direction of protection. In the present situation, however, with tariff walls erected against them on all sides, there is certainly a great temptation in the way of the British people at home, to use the tariff with which to fight the hostile tariffs of other countries. Protection is never so seductive as when it is presented as a weapon of retaliation against other high tariffs.

The extension of trade within the empire is one phase of the question which is frequently discussed, in considering means to meet the high tariffs of other countries. It is claimed by some that the extension of trade within the empire is the best means of meeting protection, while others go so far as to assert that the resources of the empire within itself are capable of such development as to meet all requirements of the empire, and provide business for the continuation and extension of industries at home.

The present trade between the United Kingdom on the one hand, and the colonies and dependencies on the other, is about 25 per cent. of the total trade, taking imports and exports. Whatever development might be brought about by a policy favoring trade within the empire, it will be seen from the figures submitted, that in spite of hostile tariffs, 75 per cent. of the trade of the United Kingdom is with foreign countries. A policy of commercial union within the empire, would either be absolute or limited. It would either pro-

vide for complete free trade between the different divisions of the empire, with the revenue to be derived from taxes upon imports from foreign countries exclusively, or it would provide only for certain specified advantages in the movement of commodities within the empire. The latter is the view of the situation taken by those who have considered the question. The discussion of the question has advanced only to the extent of proposing that the United Kingdom should give a discriminatory duty in favor of the colonies, upon imports of certain articles to be agreed upon, while the colonies would in turn admit specified wares from the United Kingdom, upon a preferential basis. These proposals in fact are nothing more than a limited measure of reciprocity. As Great Britain is already a free trade country, the admission of a number of articles from the colonies on a preferential basis, would mean that a tax should be imposed upon similar goods from foreign countries. This means the adoption by Great Britain of a policy of protection, and to the home government it is therefore a much more serious proposal than it is to the colonies, where protection is already in force.

We have stated that 25 per cent. of the total export and import trade of the United Kingdom is with the colonies and dependencies; but less than half of this 25 per cent. is done with the self-governing colonies. About 3 per cent. is with Canada, 7 per cent. with Australia and 2 per cent. with South Africa. Of the balance, 10½ per cent. is with India and 2½ per cent. with the small crown colonies. The home government already we may say controls the fiscal affairs of the colonies and dependencies with which over half of the colonial trade is done. There remains, therefore, but 12 per cent. of the total trade of the United Kingdom with the self-governing colonies. Can we expect the United Kingdom to adopt a protective tariff, with the object of extending trade with these independent colonies with which her trade is now but 12 per cent. of her total trade?

These self-governing colonies now raise a large part of their revenue from the tax upon imports of British goods. This is decidedly so in the case of Canada. Absolute free trade with the empire would deprive the self-governing colonies of a large portion of their revenues. These colonies would probably agree only to a limited reduction in the duties upon certain imports from Great Britain. This greatly reduces the benefits which the mother country would receive from the proposals, and would hardly make it worth while for the home government to adopt a policy of protection and discrimination against foreigners, with whom they do 75 per cent. of their trade. If the colonies were prepared to accept absolute free trade within the empire, there would be more reason to hope for a large extension of the trade of the United Kingdom within the empire, and accordingly more likelihood of the proposals appealing successfully to the British people at home. Were Great Britain a protectionist country, there would undoubtedly be great reason for the colonies to work for some measure for the extension of trade within the empire. As it is, the United Kingdom already

offers the colonies practically a free market and she has therefore little to offer in the direction of a reduction of duties in favor of the colonies. For her to adopt a protective policy, in order to have something to offer the colonies, who now trade with her to the extent of 12 per cent. of her total trade, is something which can hardly be looked for.

Editorial Notes.

It is understood that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company will give the same liberal terms to the Winnipeg Exhibition for next year that was granted in aid of this exhibition for the present year. This assures the success of the proposed exhibition for next summer. Exhibits will be carried absolutely free, and the passenger rates for visitors will be exceedingly low. Such liberality as the company has shown in this matter will certainly be appreciated.

THE Minneapolis *Northwestern Miller* is working up a plan to send a contribution of flour to assist the famine-stricken district of Russia. The *Miller* proposes that every miller in the United States shall ship as many sacks of flour as he cares to donate, to New York, where the flour will be gathered together and handed over to the Russian government. Correspondence has been opened with the Russian government to ascertain the willingness of that government to take charge of the flour at New York, pay the freight thereon, and attend to its transportation and distribution in Russia. The millers will no doubt respond generously to the proposals of the Minneapolis journal, as they usually do to any enterprise set on foot by that enterprising milling paper.

THE immunity which railways in Manitoba have enjoyed from snow blockades, is a matter of surprise to people resident farther south and east. They imagine that the difficulties of operating railways in the winter, on account of snow, must be great in latitudes north of their own. Practical experience extending over the past ten years, has shown that the railways of Manitoba, and the western prairie country in general, are more exempt from snow blockades, than is the case in eastern Canada, and the northern and eastern states of the Republic. This was exemplified in the case of the wind and snow storm of a week ago. This storm was probably the heaviest experienced here since Manitoba had a railway system, and yet the delays to traffic were comparatively trifling. There was only about twenty-four hours' delay with some of the mails, in reaching Winnipeg, though the storm raged for two days. This is nothing to compare with the blocks which sometimes exist on eastern roads for days at a time. The C. P. R. had all its lines open in short order immediately after the storm, and trains were kept moving during the first day of the storm. The Northern Pacific ran its through train out of Winnipeg both days, with only trifling delay.

EARLIER in the season, when farmers in the United States were being urged by political agitators and others to hold their wheat for big prices, THE COMMERCIAL predicted, that instead of the wheat being held back intentionally, there would be more offering than

the railways would be able to handle. This has come true. A great shortage of cars is reported from a number of points throughout the grain belt. In fact, all the way from the western wheat fields to the seaboard, the grain-carrying roads have been taxed beyond their capacity. In some of the wheat districts, all available grain storage space is filled up, and vacant buildings of all sorts have been pressed into service to hold the grain, which could not be moved away fast enough on account of the shortage of cars. There has been altogether too much grain in America this year to preach the holding doctrine successfully.

The monstrous wheat crop which has been gathered in the United States this year (and nearly all other crops are in the same proportion), may be imagined from the fact that more wheat has already been marketed from this year's crop, than was marketed during the whole of the previous crop year. For the first twenty-one weeks of the present crop year, dating from July 1 last, there were 111,145,000 bushels of wheat received at the nine principal primary wheat markets. For the whole of the previous crop year, receipts at these nine markets were 123,345,000 bushels, or 17,800,000 bushels less than has been received in the first twenty-one weeks of the present crop year. The large amount of wheat marketed this year to date, cannot be attributed to any other cause than the big crop. It is not probable that a larger proportion than usual of this crop has been marketed in the early portion of the crop year. On the contrary, farmers have been advised strongly this year to hold their wheat, and though it does not appear that they have done so to any extent, yet it is not likely that they have sold out more closely than usual to date.

London Fur Sales.

Phillips, Politzer & Co.'s report as follows on the October fur sales, at London, Eng.

There is not much change to record in the state of the fur trade since our last report, and prices in the public sales just concluded remain with few exceptions, unaltered.

A considerable early trade had the usual effect of reducing business in the second part of the year, and the present autumn has so far failed to infuse much life in the trade.

If we still have maintained, and in some instances improved upon the prices of last sale, it is owing to short supplies and small stocks in the hands of dealers as well as manufacturers.

Fur seals met with better demand in England and on the continent than the present high values would have led one to expect, but the public sales had not much support from the Americans, who accumulated heavy stocks last year in anticipation of scarcity, and could with the adverse effect of a so far exceptionally warm autumn, keep very well out of the market for the present.

Prices generally speaking are about 10 per cent lower than last October, the decline being very little on large skins, but all the more on small sizes.

C. M. Lampson & Co. announce that the fresh collection of Coppers to come up for sale in January will amount to 30,689 against 53,991 skins last year, so that with the short sup-

ply of Alaskan skins we are, speaking in round numbers, about 100,000 skins short for the coming season. This fact, and the probabilities of serious restrictions on the killing of seals in the near future, must make them a desirable and safe article for some time to come.

Alaska: 13,494 skins (last year 21,000). A very fine parcel, in good sound condition, realized on the average about 11 per cent. less than last year.

Copper Island: 5,800 skins. The balance of last year's catch carefully selected, with a large proportion of low and staggy skins thrown out.

Northwest Coast: 39,726 skins (last year 17,499), of which 23,464 were in the hands of Messrs. Culverwell, Brooks & Co., who announce a further 17,000 skins to come up for sale at an early date.

The skins offered by C. M. Lampson & Co. realized about 7½ per cent advance on last year's prices, more especially the large sized skins; while Messrs. Culverwell, Brooks & Co. obtained on the average 12½ per cent less than Messrs. C. M. Lampson & Co.; owing no doubt to the large number of small, irregular and mixed lots; which assortment was unavoidable in consequence of the great number of owners, whose shipments had to be kept separate.

Lobos: 7,807 skins (last year 8,639). An inferior parcel with a great number of staggy skins, of which the large sizes have advanced 5 per cent, while the small pups declined about 15 per cent; but comparing the quality with last year's there is not much difference in values.

Cape of Good Hope: 1,556 skins (last year 718). The large sized skins advanced 10 per cent, while small pups were 25 per cent cheaper.

Raccoon: 14,009 skins (last year 73,009), were neglected and declined 10 per cent.

Skunk: 24,189 skins (last year 26,766). Are scarce and in fair demand. The collection was of a very middling quality, but sold readily at about last sale prices.

American Opossums: 88,791 skins (last year 137,014). Are in good demand and advanced 25 per cent.

Mink: 9,241 skins (last year 15,135). Consisted of several strings of fine eastern skins, and were largely bought for France; they advanced 20 per cent, there being no stocks whatever of this article in the European markets.

Marten: 1,273 skins (last year 2,755). Sold as last March prices.

Russian sable: 2,602 skins (last year 1,974). The Kamchatka skins sold at last sale prices; Amorsky declined 20 per cent; a few lots of fine Yakutsky skins met with much competition and brought very high prices.

Fox, gray: 1,245 skins. In fair demand advanced 30 per cent.

Bear; black, brown and grizzly: 2,484 skins (last year 1,542). Sold well and brought fully last sale prices.

Wolf; 1,383 skins. Are neglected. Prices remain unaltered.

Fox, Japanese: 40,685 skins (last year 40,762). Sold 20 per cent higher.

Australian Opossum: 741,076 skins (last year 1,048,806). The low prices of last year and the early part of the present year resulted in heavy losses to shippers, and as a consequence shipments are now on a much smaller scale. The

article sold steadily at an average advance of 2½ to 15 per cent.

Wallaby: Sold well at last sale prices.

Wombat: In good demand, are 40 per cent higher.

Monkeys: 46,592 skins (last year 51,800). Are selling steadily at current prices and values remain unaltered.

Chinchilla, real: 1,938 skins (last year 2,234). In fair demand at last sale prices.

Thibet coats and crosses: In strong request; advanced 30 per cent.

Chicago Live Hog Market.

Trade Bulletin, Dec. 7: "The receipts of live hogs during the past week were unusually heavy—the largest on record—and the quality was quite good. The market was active throughout the week, and considering the unusual supply, may be regarded as well supported. Packers purchased the bulk of the offerings, while shippers provided for fair orders. There was considerable competition for the better grades, and on these prices were more readily sustained proportionately. Of course, with the large offerings, the market ruled weak, and prices gradually receded 20 to 30c on the whole range, and the market closed rather steady. Sales ranged during the week at \$3.15 to \$3.70 for light, \$3.40 to \$3.80 for rough packing, \$3.40 to \$4 for mixed, and \$3.55 to \$4.15 for heavy packing and shipping lots, with the great bulk of the business within the range of \$3.30 to \$3.75. Only extra lots sold at \$4 or over. Pigs were in fair supply, and sold at \$2.20 to \$3.50, according to quality. The market closed with about 12,000 hogs in the pens, mostly rough and thin lots which have accumulated through the week. The receipts of hogs at other large packing points of the west were quite liberal, with a slight improvement in quality.

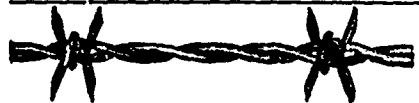
Minnesota and Dakota Wheat Stocks

Stocks of wheat in store in country elevators amounted to 9,916,500 bushels, showing an increase of 471,900 bushels for the week. The stock in Minneapolis public elevators is 6,923,324 bushels, showing an increase of 1,137,057 bushels. The stocks in Duluth is 3,098,322 bushels an increase of 471 bushels. The Minneapolis private stocks, as computed by the *Northwestern Miller*, are 1,507,309 bushels, showing an increase of 58,000 bushels for the week. The total supply in Minnesota and Dakota elevators amounts to 21,445,146 bushels, showing an increase of 1,667,423 bushels. The total a year ago was 20,033,071 bushels, an increase of 1,212,448 bushels for that week.—*Minneapolis Market Record*, Dec. 7.

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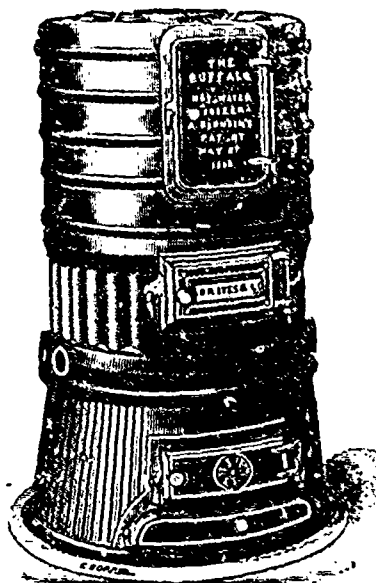
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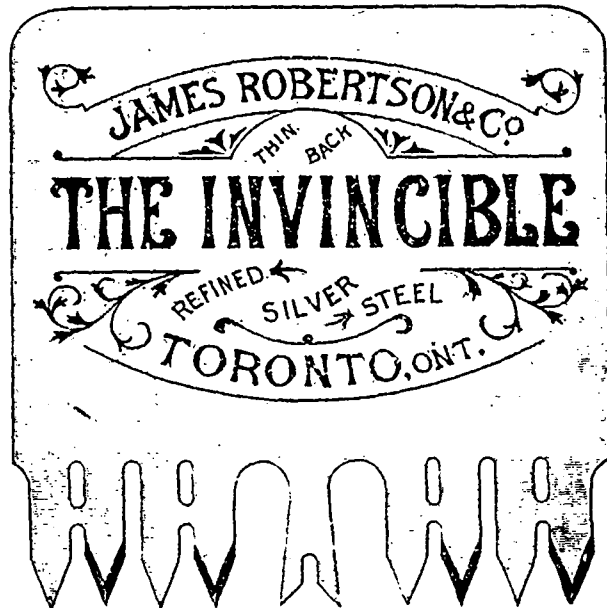
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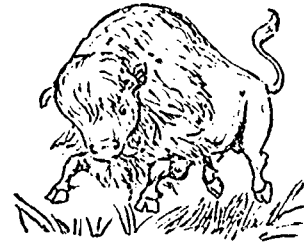
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WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

There is considerable complaint of slow collections, and the grain movement does not seem to have led to a generally easy feeling financially, yet. The weather has been unfavorable to the distribution of dry goods and clothing, on account of the very mild temperature. Clothing houses, however, report a larger sorting trade than usual for this market. All reports as to dry goods from the east, are very firm in the matter of prices of domestic goods. The cotton manufacturing trade is now so amalgamated, that steadier prices will likely ensue, and prices have lately been advanced. Domestic woollens are firm in first hands. There has been a heavy local demand for coal, and as stocks are comparatively light, prices are held firm. Stocks of good wool were scarce, and there has been considerable difficulty in procuring supplies, partly on account of heavy railway traffic, and partly on account of light offerings from parties who get out supplies in the woods. Prices on tamarac were 50c per cord higher. In hardware, paints and such branches, there is little doing, and prices might as well be stereotyped for the winter.

GROCERIES.

Stocks of new dried fruits arrived on track last week, but were not to hand at warehouses, owing to some delay in getting at cars. The sugar situation is interesting, in view of the low prices and competition in this market, between eastern and western refiners. The general sugar situation is firm, on account of the advance in Europe where prices are comparatively higher than in America.

GREEN FRUITS.

There is a good demand for apples, at steady prices. Florida oranges of good quality are plentiful. Catawba grapes are again in stock. Dealers are now sending out heated cars. California fruits—Winter pears, 40 pound boxes, \$3.25; Ontario barrel apples, \$2.85 to \$3; Ontario pears, per keg, \$3.25 to \$3.50. Lemons—New Messina, \$6.75 to \$7.25 per box; bananas, \$3.50 per bunch. Florida oranges, \$4.50 to \$5.00 per box. Cape Cod cranberries, \$10.00 per barrel; Catawba grapes, 8 pound baskets, 65c each; sweet potatoes, \$6.00 per barrel. Spanish onions, \$1.00 per crate of 50 lbs. Malaga grapes, \$7.50 to \$10 per keg, as to quality.

FURS.

Some lots of furs have been coming in, and high prices have been realized on some lots, for which there was an immediate local demand for manufacturing purposes. Higher prices were obtained on some lots on this account than could be obtained abroad at present. This local demand of course is only at the commencement of the season, and will cease almost at once. Reports from abroad are rather discouraging, and it is intimated that on account of the poor crops in northern Europe this year, furs will rule lower. Country buyers are cautioned against paying too high prices. Beaver, especially, is said to be too high to meet with any demand in Europe. The following quotations will give a fair index to the range of values in Winnipeg for very inferior to prime skins: Badger, from 5 to 80c; bear, black, from 50c to \$30; bear, brown, 50c to \$30.00; bear, grizzly \$1 to \$20; beaver, 50c to \$8.25;

beaver, castor, \$2.50 to \$4 per pound; ermines, 1 to 2c; fisher, \$1.50 to \$6; fox, cross, 75c to \$6; fox, kit, 10 to 45c; fox, red, 25c to \$1.60; fox, silver, \$5 to \$80; lynx, 25c to \$3.50; marten, 75c to \$1.85; mink, 5c to \$1.20; musquash, 2c to 12c; otter, \$1.50 to \$11; raccoon, 50 to 85c; skunk, 5 to 95c; timber wolf, 25c to \$3.50; prairie wolf, large, 25c to \$1.00; prairie wolf, small, 25 to 65c; wolferine, 50c to \$3.25. Deer skins are practically without value.

WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

GENERAL WHEAT SITUATION.

On Monday British markets were dull and lower. For the previous week prices declined 61 at London, and were 61 lower again on Monday. Later cables on Monday were firmer, Liverpool being 4 to 4d higher. United States markets closed higher, and continued firm on Tuesday. On Wednesday United States were irregular and easier, under weaker cables and fine weather. Receipts at Duluth Wednesday were 94 cars, and Minneapolis 308 cars, a total of 402 cars, as compared with 497 cars on Tuesday, and 490 cars a year ago. On Thursday cables were easier, but United States markets were slightly higher. Minneapolis received 374 cars and Duluth 208 cars. On Friday United States markets closed weak and lower, Chicago leading in the decline, on account of lower cables.

The visible supply statement on Monday, of stocks at principal points in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, showed a decrease of 1,587,000 bushels, making the total 41,678,089 bushels, as compared with 24,569,743 bushels a year ago. Bradstreet's report on Wednesday showed a decrease of 1,518,000 bushels.

One of the most important features of the week, was the United States official crop bulletin, showing the condition of winter wheat at 87.5, as compared with 93.4 at the last report, this being a decline in the condition of about 13 points.

LOCAL WHEAT SITUATION.

The week has been an exciting one in the local grain trade, on account of matters concerning the railways. Manitoba wheat has been about all going via New York for export, since all rail shipments commenced, the stuff being handled by the West Shore railway at the eastern end. Early last week the Canadian Pacific notified the local grain trade that the West Shore had refused to receive further shipments from the Canadian Pacific, consequently the latter road would be unable to receive grain for New York. This created consternation among shippers here, who have made their arrangements for the season to ship via New York. A good deal of the Manitoba trade is handled through New York brokers and shippers. Some local dealers were sold ahead in New York, and have the stuff here to fill contracts. To be suddenly shut completely out of New York was therefore a complete upsetting of their calculations. The West Shore gave as a reason that Canadian shippers have been sending forward wheat without proper designation, or that was not consigned to known parties, and this caused much delay and annoyance to the railway. This seemed peculiar, so far as it could apply to Manitoba,

as all rail shipments had not yet reached New York in any quantity. If Manitoba grain has been consigned to unknown parties, and is causing trouble at New York, it could only be in the case of shipments by water, via Buffalo, and would have nothing to do with all rail shipments, which latter is what the West Shore has refused to receive. The real trouble is evidently on account of the wheat blockade at Buffalo, and to the difficulties of exporting Canadian grain via United States ports, on account of the bonding arrangements. All the railways have more than they can do carrying wheat east from Buffalo, and they are very independent of other business. They are getting stiff rates on Buffalo wheat, and don't want to be interfered with any more than possible, with other traffic. No doubt as soon as the Buffalo blockade is cleared away, matters will come around all right again. No wheat is now going into Buffalo, and a few weeks should relieve the congestion there. The west shore appears to be the only road with which the Canadian Pacific had a traffic arrangement to get into New York, and consequently the Canadian road was unable to do anything for shippers here. The only thing left for Manitoba shippers was to run their wheat into store at Fort William, or to ship via Boston for export, the Canadian Pacific having connections to the latter port. This would not help them out with their New York contracts. They have no arrangements for export via Boston, and are hardly in a position to ship that way. They would have to export direct from Boston, which, with delays, etc., would require different financial arrangements from what has been customary in shipments via New York. Besides, export facilities from Boston, are not as good as at New York. As the Canadian Pacific cannot receive grain for New York via its Ogdensburg and West Shore connection, the local grain men claim that the company should give them a rate to Suspension Bridge, and allow them to make the best possible arrangements with competing lines at that point, to get their stuff into New York.

Another cause of trouble to the grain men, was a notice from the Canadian Pacific refusing to allow grain to be consigned to North Bay for orders, as it was stated that this practice had been carried to such an extent, that great inconvenience and delay had been experienced. There is now no order point, and grain men say that it will be exceedingly difficult for them to get along, without some point to which they can consign cars, for orders. Car lots are forwarded, as loaded, from country points, but the shipper does not know the grade of the wheat until it has reached some point where it can be officially inspected, after which the final point of shipment will be determined upon. Small country shippers will suffer most by the abolishing of an order point, as they have been in the habit of sending cars forward to the order point, and selling them on certificate, while in transit. When there is no point where cars can be forwarded to for orders, they must know the final destination before shipment from the country point, but they cannot receive an inspection certificate of grade, until the car has reached Winnipeg or Fort William.

Some grain men are settling down to the belief that marketings of wheat this winter will not be as heavy as was expected, on account of

the amount of grain still not threshed. Many reports have been received from the country speaking of the backward condition of threshing. Some districts reported only about one-third of the crop threshed, and many districts reported only about half threshed. The heavy snow storm at the close of the previous week left the roads in such shape that it is very difficult to get the threshing outfits moved about, on account of the drifts. West there is not much snow so that there is no delay on this account. Another difficulty, however, is, that the recent spells of soft weather, with rain, sleet and snow, has worked moisture into the stacks, where it is frozen, and comes out in little particles of ice in the wheat. Grain men complain of this ice in now threshing. Wheat in this condition will go damp in soft weather, and is therefore risky handling. The weather was very mild and pleasant all the week, and favorable to threshing, barring the drawbacks mentioned, caused by the weather of the previous week.

Prices early in the week were not materially changed. At a few country points, farmers were paid 70c per bushel for best samples of hard wheat, and a little higher than this was heard of, but this was very exceptional. At most country markets, No. 1 and No. 2 hard ranged between 65 and 70c, the grades running into each other; No. 3 hard 55 to 60c, No. 1 northern, 60 to 65c; No. 2 northern, 57 to 60c; No. 1 regular, 50 to 55c; No. 2 regular 40 to 45c, No. 3 regular 30 to 35c. Later in the week, prices became very irregu-

lar, on account of the railway situation. Some buyers talked of withdrawing from the market entirely, while others would buy only at reduced prices, and others kept on at about former quotations.

Stocks in store at Fort William on December 3, were 478,127 bushels, a decrease of 156,466 bushels for the week. Now that lake shipments are closed, stocks will show a steady increase.

FLOUR.

Flour was weaker locally, and there was a decline of 5c on the regular quotations of patent and bakers, with some irregularity in the prices of other grades. Prices east were reported easier. Wholesale quotations to the local trade in broken lots are as follows per 100 pounds, for standard qualities: Patents, \$2.45; strong bakers', \$2.25; second bakers, \$2.00 to \$2.20; XXXX, \$1.40 to \$1.50; super-fine, \$1.30.

MILLSTUFFS.

There is a good local demand for bran and shorts, as well as a good shipping demand, from eastern Canada points. Prices are firm east, and some advances have been obtained. Local prices have been advanced \$1 per ton on both bran and shorts. Notwithstanding abundance of cheap feed grains, there is a large consumption of bran, which indicates that it is growing in favor for feed. The local trade price in broken lots, is \$11 and \$13 per ton.

FEED.

Dull and in slow demand at about \$16 per ton, in broken lots.

OATS.

Street offerings in the city are picked up readily at 23 to 24c for 34 pounds, with milling qualities bringing 25c. Prices to farmers in

country markets range from 17 to 20c, with little shipping business doing.

BARLEY.

There is little doing in barley in country markets. Offerings in the city are taken at 25c for feed and 28c for malting samples, on local account.

MEALS.

Prices for broken lots are \$2.50 per 100 lbs for standard, and granulated at \$2.55 to \$2.60. Rolled oats, per sack, \$2.55 to \$2.60. Round lots about 25c. lower. Oil cake, in bags, \$20 per ton; oil cake meal, \$23 per ton, these prices for fine ton lots; cornmeal is held at \$1.95 to \$2 per 100 pounds. Pot barley, \$2.75 per 100 pounds. Pearl barley, \$3; fine, do., in 50 pound sacks, \$3 per sack. Split peas, \$2.40 to \$2.50, per 100 pounds. Beans, \$1.00 to \$2 per bushel.

BUTTER.

No shipping business and very little local trade, as city dealers seem to be supplied yet by purchases direct from farmers. Good to choice dairy tubs are selling at about 20c, with selections held up to 22c per lb. Retail dealers pay 22 to 25c for choice new rolls and prints.

CHEESE.

Jobbing at 10½c for large sizes and 11c for small.

EGGS.

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CURED MEATS.

Prices are a little easier on some lines, with long clear likely to be lower. Quotations for new curing are: Dry salt long clear bacon, 9½c.; smoked long clear, 10½c. to 11c.; spiced rolls, 11½c.; breakfast bacon, 13c.; smoked hams, 13½c.; mess pork \$16 to \$18 per barrel. Sausage

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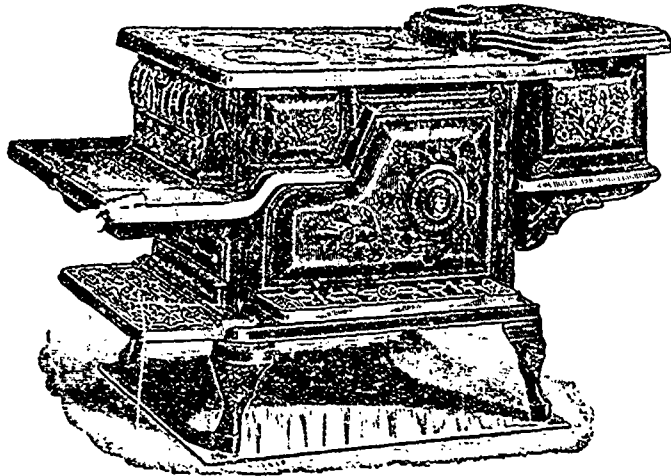
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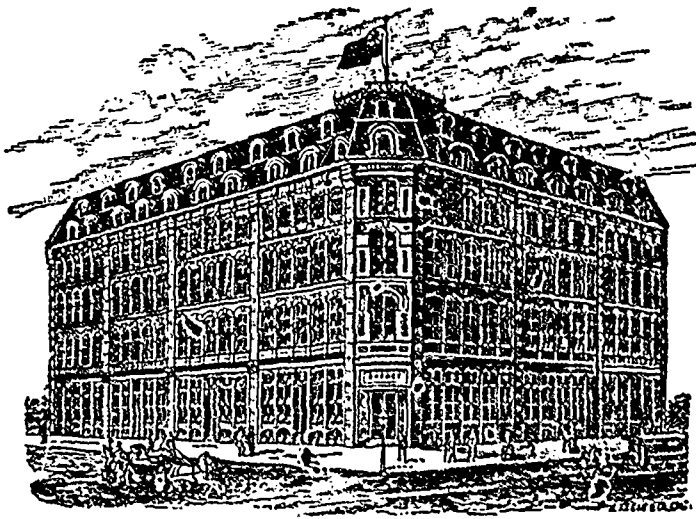
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man sausage, 8c per pound. Ham, chicken
and tongue sausage, 9c per 1/2 lb package.

LARD.

Compound unchanged at \$1.85 to \$1.90 per
pail. Pure lower at \$2.30 per 20 lb pail.

POULTRY AND GAME.

Eastern Canada stock is offering, and several
more cars are on the way. Eastern stock is
jobbing at 10 to 11c for chickens, geese 11c,
ducks 12c and turkeys 13c per lb. There is
very little Manitoba poultry offering, but what
is obtainable is not of as uniform quality, and
ranges about 1c per pound lower for poorer
stock, with chickens quoted at 8 to 10c.
Rabbits, 10c each. There is quite a lot of deer,
elk and moose offering. Nice venison brings
5 to 6c lb., with moose and elk at 4 to 5c lb.

DRESSED MEATS.

Dressed hogs are still being received in car
lots from Ontario, and are being sold here in
small lots at 7c per lb. Manitoba country hogs
are therefore easier, and bring 6 1/2 to 7c as to
quality, with few offering. There is consider-
able frozen country beef offering, and this sells
at all the way from 1 1/2 to 5c per pound, as to
quality, per side or carcass. City dressed beef
mostly going at 5c, with 5 1/2c sometimes asked.
Mutton, 9 to 10c, lamb, 10 to 11c. Veal, 5 to
7c, the lower price for large calves.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes have been in some demand for ship-
ment to western Manitoba points, and several
cars have been shipped from the Winnipeg dis-
trict, to other Manitoba and western points.
The light crop of potatoes gathered this year,
leads some holders to believe that prices will be
higher in the spring. They say that if some
districts are already buying from Winnipeg,
there will be a larger demand in the spring.
Potatoes were higher, and sold at 35 to 40c for
loads on the market. Most other vegetables
higher. Following are prices at which
city dealers buy on the market. Pot-
atoes, 35 to 40c per bushel; carrots 40
to 50c per bushel; beets, 40c bushel;
parsnips, 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 lb; turnips, 20 to 25c per
bushel; cabbage, 40 to 75c per dozen; celery,
30 to 40c dozen; onions, 2 to 2 1/2c per pound for
choice poor have sold as low as 50c per bushel;
horseradish, 6c lb. Dealers are selling sweet
potatoes, \$6 per barrel.

HIDES AND WOOL.

Prices for hides continue very dull and low
east. Montreal prices have dropped 1/2c to
correspond with Toronto. Frozen hides quoted
here at 3c. No. 1 cows, 3 1/2c. No. 1 steers,
4 1/2c. Sheep and lamb skins, 40 to 60c each.
Wool, ordinary unwashed, 9 to 9 1/2c lb.

HAY.

A good demand is reported for pressed hay,
which is quotable at about \$7 per ton on track
here, though some are holding higher, the price
varying with quality, up to \$8 per ton. Loose
hay by the load, \$4 to \$6 per ton.

Live Stock Market.

The last cattle shipped from Montreal before
the close of navigation, have reached England.
At the weekly market day at Liverpool on Dec.
7, finest steers sold at 11c, good to choice, 10 1/2c,
poor to medium, 9 1/2c, inferior and bulls, 7 to
8 1/2c. Some time ago an experiment was made
of shipping Canadian cattle to Hamburg, Ger-
many. It has just been learned that a heavy
loss per head was made on these cattle, but the
shipment was a very small one. At the east
end abattoir at Montreal, Dec. 7 the best cattle
sold at 3 1/2 to 4c, and medium at 3 to 3 1/2c. Dif-
ficulty was experienced in moving the large
offerings of inferior stock, some sales were made
about 2c, but a large number were left over.
Sheep and lambs were in fair demand, the
former selling at \$3.50 to \$6.50, and the latter
at \$3.50 to \$5, or about 3 1/2 to 3 3/4c and 4 to 4 1/2c
per pound.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

[Quotations below are per bushel for regular No. 2 wheat, which grade serves as a basis for speculative business. Corn and oats are per bushel for No. 2 grade; mess pork quoted per barrel, lard and short rib sides per 100 pounds.]

On Monday wheat prices were firm, and advanced fairly steadily from the opening at about the same as Saturday's close, closing 1c higher on Monday. Receipts were 485 cars of wheat. Closing prices were:—

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May
Wheat	—	92½	93½-1	93½-1
Corn	—	47½	43½	43½
Oats	—	32½	31½	33
Pork	—	8.12½	11.20	11.70
Lard	—	6.05	6.20	6.55
Short Ribs	—	5.55	5.60	5.97½

Prices for wheat continued firmer on Tuesday, again closing at an advance. Closing prices were:—

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat	—	92½	93½	93½-1
Corn	—	47½	41½	43½
Oats	—	32½	32½	33½
Pork	—	8.45	11.20	11.67½
Lard	—	6.10	6.20	6.55
Short Ribs	—	5.52½	5.57½	5.95

On Wednesday fall wheat closed at about ½c lower. Spring wheat was firm. No. 2 spring sold at 92½c, ranged at 92½ to 93c, and closed nominally 92½c, or about ½c lower than yesterday. No. 3 spring was ½ to 1c higher, and sold at 84 to 85c, and closed at about 8½c. No. 3 white sold at 82c. Spring wheat by sample was in fair request on local milling and speculative account and for No. 3 to go to store prices ruled ½ to 1c higher. Other descriptions unchanged. No. 4 spring sold at 73 to 82c. No. 3 spring sold at 8½c to 86c, and hard variety at 86½c to 87½c. No. 4 white sold at 77½ to 81c. No. 3 white sold at 82 to 86c outside for choice. In regular No. 2. trading was unsettled and ½ to ¾c lower. Receipts were 280 cars of wheat. Closing prices were:—

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat	—	92½-1	93	93½-1
Corn	—	53½	44½	43½
Oats	—	33	32½	33½
Pork	—	8.35	11.07½	11.55
Lard	—	6.02½	6.12½	6.50
Short Ribs	—	5.42½	5.47½	5.85

On Thursday wheat was dull but firm, and closed ½ to ¾c higher. Receipts, 326 cars of wheat:—

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat	—	92½	93½	93½
Corn	—	55½	45½	43½
Oats	—	33½	32½	33½
Pork	—	8.37½	11.15	11.15
Lard	—	6.05	6.17½	6.55
Short Ribs	—	5.45	5.50	5.90

On Friday wheat ruled steady until the last half hour when it declined rapidly on weak and lower cables and reported heavy selling by eastern houses for foreigners. May declined 2c from the highest point and closed ¾c lower than last night. Receipts, 252 cars. Closing prices:—

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat	—	91½	92½	97½
Corn	—	54	46½	43½
Oats	—	33	31½	33½
Pork	—	8.37½	11.05	11.50
Lard	—	6.02½	6.12½	6.50
Ribs	—	5.37½	5.40	—

Minneapolis Closing Price Wheat.

At Minneapolis, on Saturday, December 12, wheat prices closed as follows for No. 1 northern. December option, 86c; Jan. 86½c May, 92½c. Cash, 87½c. A week ago prices were: December, 85½c; May, 92½c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

No. 1 Northern wheat at Duluth closed as follows on each day of the week: Monday—December 83½c; May, 95½c. Tuesday—December, 89½c; May, 90½c. Wednesday—December, 89c; May, 95½c. Thursday—December, 89½c; May, 95½c. Friday—Cash 83c; December, 83½c; May, 95c. Saturday—December, 83½c; May, 95c.

On Saturday No. 1 hard closed at 1c over No. 1 northern. A week ago No. 1 northern closed at 87½c. for cash, 88c for December, and 95 for May.

Montreal Stock Market.

Reported by Osler, Hammond & Nanton, December 12, 1891:—

Banks.	Sellers.	Buyers
Bank of Montreal	225	221
Ontario	116	110
Molson's	165	160
Toronto	—	—
Merchants'	163	150
Union	—	91
Commerce	135½	134
.....nd	—	—
Miscellaneous.		
Montreal Tel	132½	132
Rich. & Ont. Nav	68	68½
City Pass Bk	181	183
Montreal Gas	207½	205
Can. N. W. Land	82½	80
C. P. R. (Montreal)	90½	90½
C. P. R. (London)	—	93½
Money—Time	7	—
Money—On cal	4	—
Sterling 60 days, N. Y. Postal rate	483	—
“ Demand “	435	—
“ 90 days Montreal rate between banks	8 11-16	8 9-16
“ Demand Montreal rate between banks	9½	9 1-16
“ New York Exchange Montreal rate between Banks W.....	½	1-10 prem

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

The number of cars of wheat inspected at Winnipeg, for the three weeks ended Dec. 5, is given below:

Grade.	Dec. 5.	Nov. 28.	Nov. 21.
No. 1 hard	8	29	9
No. 2 hard	63	122	85
No. 3 hard	79	130	70
No. 1 Northern	1	4	1
No. 2 Northern	15	27	37
No. 1 Rejected	13	11	7
Rejected	32	38	21
No. 1 Regular	91	140	80
No. 2 Regular	85	120	100
No. 3 Regular	32	42	27
No Grade	33	25	18
Feed	29	28	10
Total	484	722	415

Since September 1 to Dec. 5 the total number of cars inspected at Winnipeg is 4,104. The grading of cars inspected previous to Nov. 21, was shown in a previous issue.

Out for 1892.

Dawson, Bole & Co., wholesale druggists, Winnipeg, have just issued their sixth annual almanac, which is specially adapted to Manitoba, the territories and British Columbia. The first issue of the almanac in 1887 amounted to about 5,000 copies. The number has been increased each year, and the new issue for 1892 amounts to approximately 50,000 copies. The growth in the circulation of this little annual, may be taken as an index to the extension of the business of the house. The issue for 1892 contains, among other things, weather prognostications, and it will be important to learn in

this connection, that it assures us there will be no frost in August of next year. Farmers may therefore sow all the wheat they like next spring, and keep their minds easy until harvest. We predict great popularity for this issue of the almanac, on account of its August prognostications. Another feature of the almanac are a number of cartoons, one for each month of the year. The first one for January is about as rich an idea as we have seen for some time. It represents Premier Abbott driving the cabinet sled, while N. F. Davin, who is floundering in the snow in the rear, shouts: "Hool on! There's a passenger aboard that's left behind." Grip could not improve on this.

Grain and Milling.

The Farmers' elevator at Crystal City, Man., is now open for the reception of grain

A new 75 barrel roller flour mill has been completed in the Mennonite village of Rosengood, Man.

Dow and Will, from Woodstock, Ont., have arrived and will take charge of the flour and oatmeal mills at Pilot Mound, Man.

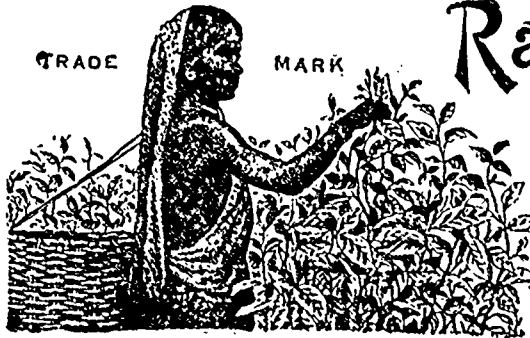
The Fort William Journal says the annex elevator is being vigorously pushed forward, something like 400 men being now employed on its construction.

D. H. Plowes, who has been appointed representative in Great Britain of a syndicate of Ontario millers will sail on the 18th inst. He will be stationed in Glasgow, but will sell in any part of Europe. He is given full power to develop a trade for Canadian flours wherever he can find an opening. His chief business will not be to sell as much as to open up trade between Ontario millers and European importers.

The Dominion Mills' association at Toronto last week considered a telegram from Newfoundland announcing that in consequence of the imposition of a tax on all Newfoundland fish landed in the Maritime provinces a tax of twenty cents per barrel on all Canadian flour landed in Newfoundland would in future be imposed. The association resolved to interpose its weight with the Dominion Government by deputation or otherwise to secure a remission of the threatened taxes.

While the United States and Canada furnished an increase of 11,000,000 bushels of wheat during October, stocks of the same at principal points of accumulation in Europe and afloat for Europe from all sources of supply increased fully 14,500,000 bushels. While the total increase in the United States, Canada and Europe and afloat for Europe, in round numbers, amounted to about 25,000,000 bushels in September, the gain was nearly as large in October, 22,206,000 bushels, and in November somewhat larger, 25,500,000 bushels.

The final returns of the Dominion revenue to November 30th, show an expenditure for the five months of the fiscal year of \$13,959,127, being \$530,420 less than the five corresponding months last year. The revenue for the five months was \$15,038,199. The expenditure on consolidated fund for the same period was \$12,546,074 or \$750,526 more than last year the surplus of receipts over expenditure to date is \$1,046,070. The total debt of the Dominion on Nov. 30th, was \$236,390,111.



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Eastern Business Changes.
ONTARIO.

E. O'Gaady, hotel, Ingersoll, is dead.
Isaac Newlands, builder, Kingston, is dead.
Thomas Cowan, shoes, Thorold, has assigned.
B. McWilliams, fruits, Toronto, has assigned.
R. B. Snow, grocer, Toronto, has assigned.
J. S. Wilkinson, grocer, Ingersoll, has sold out.
E. Jordan, general store, Rosseau, has sold out.
G. A. Sherrin, drugs, Wallaceburg, has sold out.
J. Munn, general store, Marmion, is away.
Edouard Paradis, grocer, Ottawa, has assigned.
E. H. Rice, fancy goods, Brampton, has assigned.
J. M. Hamilton, baker, Watford, has assigned.
Chas. Griffin, grocer, etc., Havelock, has assigned.
W. S. Leach, books, etc., Madoc, has assigned.
Wm. Snowball, wagons, St. George, has assigned.
G. A. Powell, dry goods, Stratford, has assigned.
F. A. Grendron, jeweler, Ottawa, has assigned.
J. F. Robinson, tanner, Markham, has assigned.
J. A. Muter, fruits, etc., Toronto, has assigned.
Chas. Jeffrie, shoes, Beamsville, was damaged by fire.
Gibson Cook, groceries, grain, etc., Biantford, is dead.
Geo. Spence, general store, Uffington, has sold out.
Robert Wolf, groceries, etc., Stratford, has sold out.
John Richards, hardware, etc., Pictou, has sold out.
J. W. Golden, merchant, Morrisburg, has assigned.
John Taylor, boots and shoes, Toronto, has assigned.
Grant & Co., hats, furs, etc., Toronto, have assigned.
W. Kirton, groceries and shoes, Petrolia, has assigned.
W. F. McKenzie, carriages, Leamington, has assigned.
Samuel Davidson, lumber, etc., Toronto, has assigned.
R. W. Vandewalker, pianos, etc., Kingston, has assigned.
Vermilyea Corset Co., Toronto Junction, have assigned.
Minister & Lane, boots and shoes, Toronto, have assigned.
Hill & Weir, printers, Toronto, were burned out; insured.
Jos. Adams & Co., general store, Chesley, has sold out.
Pitt & Green, Jewelers, London; the bailiff in possession.
McKennedy & Kelley, hardware, Orangeville, have dissolved.
J. P. Graves, general store, Mount Elgin, is burned out.
D. Grant & Co., dry goods, etc., Toronto; damaged by fire.

Barrie Tanning Co., Barrie, J. B. Bickell, of this firm, is dead.
W. A. Fowler, furs and pottery, Colborne, is burned out; insured.
Alex. Weir, books and stationery, Stratford, is moving to Forest.
McNair, Hamilton & Co., dry goods, Stratford, have sold out.
Ralph Long, bankrupt stocks, Woodstock; sheriff in possession.
Hemstreet & Plummer, hardware, Sault St. Marie, have dissolved.
W. R. Campbell, grocer, Windsor, has sold out to J. McDougall.
John Cowan, general store, South River; business to be wound up.
McDonald & Chittenden, mens' furnishings, Toronto, have assigned.
Dutton & Ross, general store, Tottenham have moved to Parkhill.
John Taylor, boots & shoes, Toronto, is offering to compromise at 35c.
J. W. Hendricks, & Co., dry goods, etc., Trenton, have assigned.
Richard Richardson, boots and shoes, Ingersoll, is giving up business.
Bickell & Wickett, tanners, Toronto; J. B. Bickell, of this firm, is dead.
W. R. Scott & Co., general store, Grand Valley, held meeting of creditors.
Windsor Brewer & Malting Co., Windsor; malt house burned; loss, \$3,000.
Neal & Co., general store, Plattsville, are succeeded by R. D. Ramsay & Co.
Wm. Atchison & Son, saw and planing mill, Cornwall, partially burned out.
Chas. Poile, shoes, Chatham, fixtures and book debts sold to G. W. Cowan.
John Sundry, hubbs, etc., Wallaceburg, was burned out and is out of business.
Jacob Lawrence & Sons, lumber, etc., Sarnia; planing mill burned; no insurance.
C. W. Bloor, boots and shoes, Ingersoll, stock sold under chattel mortgage.
Thos. Ouellette, timber, etc., Gorton, P. O., is moving office to Detroit, Michigan.
John White, general store, Heathcote, has compromised at 60 cents on the dollar.
Globe Tobacco Co., London, stock, etc., sold to A. Smith & Co., cigar manufacturers.
Geo. Bowditch & Co., hardware, etc., Woodstock, were damaged by fire and water.
Lassaline & Son, furniture, Sandwich & Windsor; furniture factory at Sandwich burned.
Wm. Campbell, dry goods, groceries, etc., Elora, has compromised at 60 on the dollar.
J. M. Patterson & Co., grocers, Paris, have dissolved; J. Walker will continue the business.
Adair Bros. & Co., wholesale woodenware, etc., Toronto, have called meeting of creditors for 5th inst.
Wm. Davis, hotel, Woodstock, was damaged by fire and water to the extent of \$1,500; partially insured.
Billinghurst, Smyth & Co., wholesale jobbers etc., Toronto, admitted G. Westcott as partner—under same style.
Alexander & Cable, lithographers, Toronto, are succeeded by the Alexander & Cable Lithographing Co., (limited).
Price & McMurtry, hardware, St. Thomas, have dissolved; the business will be continued by G. A. McMurtry & Co.
Amis & Tweedle, flour and feed; G. A. Beatty, groceries and dry goods; A. H. Dods-worth, furniture; Jas. McLaughlin, shoes; Jno

Mans, tailor, etc., and Walter White, baker, Beamsville, were burned out.
QUEBEC.
Copping Bros., lumber, Bozobel, have dissolved.
Young & Son, dry stuffs, Montreal, have dissolved.
L. E. Anctil, tailors, etc., Coaticook, has assigned.
J. A. Pelletier, grocer, Montreal, has assigned.
J. N. Schetayne, tailor, Montreal, has assigned.
Bergevin & Roy, dry goods, Quebec, have assigned.
J. A. Paterson, grocer, Montreal has assigned.
Chas. Lussier, general store, La'e Weedon, is away.
F. W. Fitchett, butcher, Cowansville, has sold out.
C. E. Ranger & Co., shoes, Montreal, have dissolved.
A. Mitchell & Son, furniture, Granby, have dissolved.
D. F. Bedard, general store, Richmond, has assigned.
Chas. Bedard, undertaker, Richmond, has assigned.
D. Desjardins & Co., tailors, Montreal, have assigned.
Blais & Lefebvre, dry goods, Quebec, have assigned.
Wm. Branchand, grocer, Montreal, has compromised.
Portugais & Lemay, cabinet, Quebec, have assigned.
E. Pepin & Co., dry goods, Montreal, have assigned.
F. Tremblay, sash and doors, Montreal, was burned out.
Michael Hayes, general store, Sheenboro, has assigned.
J. L. Roberge, general store, Thetford Mines, has assigned.
W. S. Samson, general store, Windsor Mills, has assigned.
Patrick McMahon, general store, Chichester, has assigned.
J. C. Bedard, bark, lumber, etc., Richmond, has assigned.
Frank Farley, general store, St. Valerede, has assigned.
Beaudoin & Lorrain, provisions, -Montreal, have dissolved.
Onesime Gagne, grocer, etc., Sorel; demand of assignment.
James Martin & Co., groceries, Buckingham, have assigned.
Jules Giroux, & Co., manufacturer's agents, have assigned.
Martin, Fils & Co., general store, Rimouski, have assigned.
Menoche & Welcome, tub factory, Knowlton, have sold out.
J. H. Lefebvre, general store, Howick, has compromised.
Lotourneau & Co., general store, La Presentation, is closed.
Octave Naud, general store, Grand Piles, has compromised.
J. M. McLaurin & Co., general store, E. Tem-ploton, are closed.
R. G. Smith, general store, Dixville, is retiring from business.
John Hamilton, general store, etc., New Glasgow, has assigned.

Wood & Bailey, carding mill, Smiths Mills, were burned out.

C. A. Poirier, general store, Rochelle, has sold out to—Dorais.

Poupart, DesRousselle & Corbiol, dry goods, Montreal, have dissolved.

N. Bertrand, groceries and shoes, Terrebonne, has compromised.

Cohn & Bomsou, manufacturer hats and caps, Montreal, have dissolved.

J. M. McLaurin & Co., general store, East Templeton, have assigned.

J. & T. Bell, manufacturers boots and shoes, Montreal, have dissolved.

Beaupre & Rheau, foundry, Montreal, were damaged by fire and water.

Narcisse Edouard Morissette, dry goods, Three Rivers, has assigned.

Wm. Notman & Son, photos, Montreal; Wm. Notman, of this firm, is dead.

Mrs. J. B. Beaudoin, general store, Champ-lain; demand of assignment.

L. Boivin, & Co., grocer and paper manufacturer, Richelieu, have assigned.

Robertson, Linton & Co., wholesale dry goods, Montreal, have dissolved.

Thos. Doherty & Co., wholesale teas, etc., Montreal, admitted B. Wall as partner.

The Concord Buggy Co., Ormstown, are closing out their business at that place.

Boright & Soule, groceries and hardware, Cowansville; Soule has sold out; style of firm now Boright & Teel.

The Herald Co, Montreal, W. H. Whyte appointed liquidator with power to continue the business for the present.

J. C. Hermond & Co., manufacturers shoes, Montreal; S. Coulson has ceased carrying on business under this style.

A. Kutner & Co., hats and caps, Montreal, Canada Hat & Cap Factory, J. Schwartz, of New York, admitted partner under style Canada Hat & Cap Co.

NOVA SCOTIA.

John Shaw, Wolfville, has assigned.

C. & D. Ross, grocers, Raddeck, have assigned.

Hannah Benoit, confectionery, etc., Pugwash, is away.

C. S. Stephen, lumber, Fall River, has assigned.

A. G. Tupper, blacksmith, Port Greville, has assigned.

Chisholm & Harkness, lumber, Oxford, have dissolved.

J. E. Shaw, groceries, fruits, etc., New Glasgow, has sold out.

D. L. Johnson, general store, Upper Stewiacke, has assigned.

J. W. Schurman, general store, River Philip, sold out by assignee.

L. E. Brookes & Co., groceries and liquors, Halifax, have assigned.

Dawson, Gordon & Co., hardware, Pictou; sheriff's sale advertised.

J. A. Canning, general store, Soathampton, has moved to Springhill.

Potter Bros., dry goods, Annapolis; E. W. Potter, of this firm, is dead.

Geo. Lynch, grocer, Digby; stock sold at auction and business closed.

Syda & Cousins, fish, Digby, J. W. Snow and H. Anderson admitted as partners.

C. E. Creighton & Co., wholesale groceries and commission, Halifax, have suspended payment.

W. L. Forman & Co., general store, Acadia

Mines, is offering a compromise at 60 cents on the dollar.

A. M. Freeman, groceries, etc., Amherst, has admitted C. E. Black as a partner; style now Freeman & Black.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

A. J. Cormier, grocer and saloon, Shediac, is dead.

G. E. Adams, grocer and butcher, St. George, has assigned.

E. S. Bonnell, confectioner and fruit, Moncton, is reported away.

J. F. Titus, general store and tanner, Titusville, was burned out.

G. E. Mercier, general store and millinery, Dalhousie, has assigned.

C. A. Chase, saw mill, Kingsclear, was burned out; insured for \$2,500.

Gillespie & Sadler, general store, Chatham, were sold out by the sheriff.

T. McCready & Son, vinegar manufacturers, St. John, were burned out.

D. W. Clark & Son, contractors, St. John, were burned out; insurance, \$4,500.

T. J. Morgan, dry goods, St. John, is offering to compromise at 30 cents on the dollar.

G. K. McLeod, lumber, St. John, mill at Richibucto burned out; insurance, \$14,000.

The Proposed Crofter Colony in British Columbia.

Colonel Engledue and Major Clark have returned from their tour of inspection along the western coast of British Columbia, and report most favorably of the prospects of crofter settlements along that shore. It should be clearly understood that these two gentlemen do not represent directly either the Imperial government or the British Columbia government. They are the representatives of capitalists who are desirous of assisting in the proposal to establish colonies of crofter fishermen on Vancouver Island. In order to investigate matters bearing upon the probable trade in connection with these settlements Colonel Engledue and Major Clark proceeded as far north as Queen Charlotte Islands, and found along the coast dozens of suitable places for settlement, while they also investigated the important matter of foreign markets for the fish and other produce of the crofter colonies. There is little doubt, they say, that an extensive trade may be established in the sale of deep-sea fish, the manufacture of fish oil, and other kindred industries. There is a brisk and growing demand for fresh fish in the great cities of the western states, and both the Northern Pacific and the Canadian Pacific railways offer excellent facilities for the trade to the east in refrigerators. The salmon industry of British Columbia has attained a world-wide fame; but the people of the province seem, we are told, in dire ignorance of the wealth of their deep-sea fisheries. There have been no scientific reports to speak of, and practically nothing is known of the immense source of revenue which awaits development in the ocean waters of the province. "Why," says Major Clark, in Quebec, Prince Edward Island, and Nova Scotia, 70,000 people make a living—and a good living, too—out of their deep-sea fisheries. The people of British Columbia have better fish and more of them, and yet they hardly get a dollar from them."

From the point of view, therefore, encouraging a most desirable class of settlement, and

also of aiding the establishment of an important industry in the province, it would be imagined that this crofter emigration scheme would at once commend itself to the British Columbia government and people. Yet the proposal seems to hang fire somewhat. Mr. Goschen is quite ready on behalf of the British treasury to advance £150,000 to the province at a small rate of interest, and a commercial company with a capital—as Mr. Alexander Bogg, the crofter commissioner for the province states, of £500,000 sterling, is ready to at once undertake to purchase and prepare for market the fish and other commodities which the settlers may have for disposal, and also to engage in any industry contingent to the development of the fisheries. What, then, stands in the way? It would seem from the statement made in the *Canadian Gazette* by the Hon. J. H. Turner, Provincial Minister of Finance, that the British Columbia government is somewhat timid lest by accepting the proposal it should offend the increasingly influential labor interests in the legislature. The whole responsibility of the acceptance or rejection of the offer has therefore been placed upon the legislature, before which the report of Colonel Engledue and Major Clark will be laid, as well as the further statements respecting the progress of the negotiations by M. Begg. To Englishmen who are anxious to see the province make substantial progress it certainly seems, in the words of the committee of the British House of Commons, that the proposals "have much to recommend them."—*Canadian Gazette*, London England.

Freight Rates.

The Minneapolis *Northwestern Miller*, of December 4, says: "Ocean rates on flour are somewhat lower than a week ago, and are still weak and tending toward decline. Shippers who are not already loaded up, now book room only as they use it. For a day or two past a 54c all-rail rate through from Minneapolis to London, Liverpool and Glasgow has been quoted, and in some quarters it is claimed that a rate even a fraction lower was being made to London. The lowest rates obtainable Wednesday, per 100 pounds from Minneapolis, were: London, 53½c; Liverpool and Glasgow, 54c; Leith, 59c; Amsterdam, 59c."

Chicago *Trade Bulletin*: "Quite a good demand for freights prevailed during the past week, and the feeling was firm. Lake navigation has about closed for the season, and the bulk of the property is now being forwarded by the trunk lines. Considerable complaint of a scarcity of cars, which has greatly interfered with business. All rail rates are well supported on the basis of 25c flour and grain and 30c provisions to New York. Lake and rail freights have been discontinued—a little corn was taken early in the week at 11½c through to New York. Through freights to Liverpool were in good demand and there was no particular change to note in rates, which were quotable at 45½ to 47½c flour, 44½ to 44½c grain, and 59½ to 63½c provisions. Lake navigation has closed for the season. A few charters were made at 4c corn and 2½c oats to Port Huron."

The intercolonial railway authorities have reduced the raw sugar rate from Halifax to Montreal from 20 to 18 cents per 100 pounds.

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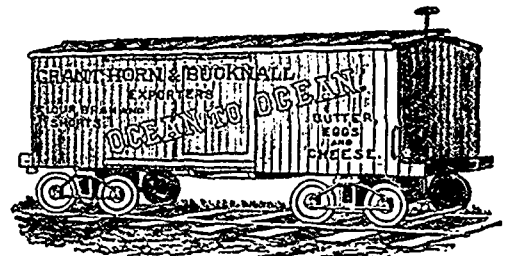
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Toronto Markets.

Flour—Dull and easy, with very little demand. Millfeed scarce and firm. Local millers have advanced bran to \$15; a car was sold outside at \$13.75, Toronto freights. Locally shorts are worth \$17; for cars outside, \$14.30, Toronto freights, was bid, with \$11.75 asked.

Wheat—Weak on Ontario growths, with Manitoba grades lower. Exporters bought heavy winter at 91c and Midland spring, 61 lbs and better, at 90c. Standard offered freely at 90c. Manitoba No. 2 hard sold at \$1, shipment from Owen Sound, for odd cars; 5 cars delivery first half December, sold at \$1. Several sales No. 3 hard were made at 93c, to arrive North Bay, and at 94c on spot. On call No. 1 Manitoba hard offered to arrive next week at \$1.05; No. 2 hard offered at 99c to arrive, Winnipeg inspection, with 98½c bid for 10,000 bushels or any part; 2 cars sold at 98½c; No. 3 hard offered to arrive at North Bay at 91c; No. 1 regular offered at 83c North Bay, with 87c bid; No. 2 regular offered at 78c to arrive North Bay, 77c bid. Goose offered on the track, Guelph at 84c with 81½c bid. Red winter offered outside at 90c for standards without bids.

Barley—Rather easier on spot. Several lots of malting lying on the American states have sold the past few days. Here purchases were made of No. 3 extra, north and west, at 44½ to 45c; No. 3 at 43½c; and No. 2 cut at 46c.

Oats—Quieter and somewhat neglected. Sales were reported on track at 35c, and of mixed west at 30½c. A sale was made east at 32 for the lumber woods. Oats offered on call at 32c for 5,000 bushels white on G.T.R. and C.P.R. west; 30c was bid.

Grain and Flour—Car prices are: Flour (Toronto freights)—Manitoba patents, \$5.30 to \$5.50; Manitoba strong bakers', \$4.90 to \$5.10; Ontario patents, \$4.50 to \$4.90; straight roller, \$4.25 to \$4.30; extra, \$4.0. to \$4.; 10 low grades, per bag, \$1.25 to \$1.75. Bran—\$1.50 to \$1.5. Shorts—\$1.6 to \$1.7. Wheat—White, 93 to 94c; spring, 92 to 93c; red winter, 93 to 94c; goose, 84 to 85c; No. 1 hard, \$1.05; No. 2 hard, 97 to 98 cents; No. 3 hard, 91 to 95c; No. 1 regular, 87 to 88c; No. 2 regular, 77 to 78c. Peas—No. 2, 65 to 67c. Barley—No. 1, 56 to 57c; No. 2, 53 to 54c; No. 3 extra, 51 to 53c; No. 3, 49 to 50c; two rowed, 61 lbs, average about No. 3 extra in color, 54 to 58c. Corn—70 to 71. Buckwheat—50 to 52c. Rye—91 to 92c. Oats—34 to 35c.

Produce—Quotations were: Beans—Per bushel, car lots, \$1.20 to \$1.30; out of store \$1.40 to \$1.50. Dressed meats, per lb—Beef, fores, 3½ to 5c hinds, 6c to 8c; veal, 7½ to 8c; mutton, 5½c to 7c; lamb, 7 to 8c. Dried apples—Outside, 4c; on spot, 4½ to 5c; evaporated, outside, 6 to 6½c; on spot, 6½ to 7½c. Eggs—Fresh, 17 to 19c; pickled, 14 to 16c. Hay—Timothy, or track, \$11.50 to \$12.50. Hides—Cured, 5c; green, No. 1 cows, 4½c; No. 1 steers 5½c. Skins—Sheep and lambs, 90c; calf, 5 to 7c; Hops—Canadian, 1891 crop, 16 to 20c. Honey—Extracted, 9 to 10c; comb, 12 to 16c. Onions—Native, per bbl, \$1.75 to \$2.25 out of store. Potatoes—Per bag on track, 43 to 45c; out of store, 50 to 55c; turnips, on track, 12 to 15c; Poultry—Chickens, per pair, 25 to 30c; ducks, 45 to 65c; geese, per lb, 3 to 5c; turkeys, 7 to 8c. Sreeds—Al-sike, prime to choice, \$5.50 to \$6; extra to fancy, \$6.25 to \$6.30.

Provisions—Dressed hogs were weak, with abundant offerings, and a dull demand. Rail

and street receipts were sufficient to stock up local packers, and they were not buyers of cars. Selected weights sold at \$5.40 and values ranged from that down to \$4 for rough stags and sow. The bulk went about \$5.25. Some commission merchants, who have facilities for carrying them, refused to accept buyers' prices, and are holding them for better figures with colder weather. Quotations are: Mess pork, United States, \$13.75 to \$14; short cut, \$16 to \$16.50; bacon, long clear, per lb, 7½ to 8c; lard, Canada, tubs and pails, 9½ to 10½c; compound do., 8½ to 9c; smoked meats—hams, per lb, now, 11 to 11½c; bellies, per lb, 10½ to 11c; rolls, per lb, 8½ to 9c; backs, per lb, 10 to 11c; dressed hogs, \$4 to \$5.50 per cwt.

Butter—The butter situation shows a considerable improvement since the first of the month. The demand has been more active, and, though the supply has kept up, all the good qualities have been sold as soon as offered. They are now scarce and stiffer in price, good to choice dairy tubs, going at 17 to 19c, and rolls at 16 to 18c. There is more medium than is wanted, but dealers keep the arrivals moving at 14 to 16c. Quotations are:—Butter, good to choice, northern and western tubs, 17 to 19c; large rolls, medium to good, 14 to 16c; common 10 to 13c; creamery tubs, 25 to 26c; rolls, 28c to 29c. Cheese, summer, 10½ to 10½c; fall makes, 10½ to 11c.

Apples, per barrel, \$1.50 to \$2.50.

Cattle—Butchers' cattle were dull and easy, though the run was light. Good was quoted 3 to 3½c, top, 3½c. Inferior and rough cows brought 2½ to 2½c—*Empire*, Dec. 5.

Melissa Waterproofing.

Perfect immunity from getting a wetting in a rain storm is a point so desirable to be obtained, that it has been the special study for inventive genius during the past fifty years. More or less success has attended many efforts made, but with scarcely an exception, the immunity from wetting secured has brought attendant discomfort, which in some instances are almost as great evils as the wetting itself, and almost as injurious to health.

The umbrella, which a little over a hundred years ago, was a huge instrument compared with its modern representative, required in those days a man or boy accompanying the traveller and supporting the covering; and the two walking along under it, were likely to inspire the onlooker with the idea of a juvenile Gypsy tent out on a ramble. But the umbrella has been so much reduced in dimensions, lightened in weight, improved in appearance and modified generally, that in a rain storm with a high wind it is absolutely useless, and even in a calm heavy rain is only an imperfect and very partial shelter. It is therefore now out of the list of protectors from heavy rain.

Waterproof garments have in a great measure superseded the umbrella. But from the sailors down to the most improved Zephyr Mackintosh, all garments of that class being non-porous produced much discomfort to the wearer, especially in warm weather, often when rapid walking was necessary, working up a Turkish bath-like perspiration, which is decidedly injurious to health, and at times absolutely dangerous. The coated garment has therefore been weighed in the balance and found wanting, and inventive genius has been left to seek out a more perfect and healthful protector for rain.

For nearly thirty years various people have experimented on woolen cloth with the aim of making it thoroughly impervious to the heaviest rain, and at the same time retain its porous nature, so as to allow of free perspiration to the wearer. Some experiments have produced a garment rain proof in light showers, but by no means so in a heavy electric rain storm. Others reached a garment able to resist heavy rain successfully, but which would retain its rain proof qualities only a few months or perhaps weeks, the escaping perspiration from the wearer being invariably the power which in time neutralized the rain proof properties. In almost every instance experiments were successful in doing away with the disagreeable odor inseparable from rubber waterproof goods.

All these experiments on woolen cloth garments were more or less defective, until the production of the Melissa goods made by the Melissa Manufacturing Company of Montreal. The first point gained in these goods is the utter absence of odors of any description, and another valuable one is the ability to make rain proof almost any description or weight of woolen from the lightest flannel Scotch or Canadian tweed to the heaviest make of Irish frieze. All such goods when put through the Melissa process are as impervious to rain as a rubber coat, and at the same time possess all the porous qualifications. For summer wear a light flannel-like tweed coat without lining can be had, the weight of which will be no inconvenience to the wearer in the heat of summer during a warm rain storm, while for resisting snow or sleet storms garments of goods as heavy as the old untearable Irish frieze can be had equally proof against rain. A Melissa garment with an undressed woolen face after long exposure to rain has the moisture hanging to its surface in little globules, which never penetrate through the cloth, and on removing the garment all that is necessary is to shake it well and the moisture will fall from it, and leave it dry enough to hang up, without wetting garments of another class hanging beside it. The greatest point however, gained by the Melissa process is durability. A garment after a year's career is as impervious to rain, as the day it came from the maker's hands. As to its rain resisting powers the writer can testify, that the rains of Quebec and Ontario in the end of October and beginning of November last, and the wild blizzard of sleet and snow which swept for two days over Manitoba during the first week of December had not the slightest effect, in the way of penetrating a Melissa coat, made by J. W. MacKeddie & Co., of Montreal, the Canadian agent for the goods, and the cloth in the coat is only a light Canadian tweed of medium quality.

One great objection to coats, even rubber by those who are prepared to put up with the perspiration annoyance, is the unshapely appearance they have, especially on men of peculiar shapes. All this is done away with in the Melissa goods. The garment can be cut to form, so as to secure a perfect fit for the wearer. Another important consideration not forgotten is price. A Melissa coat can be had as cheap or almost so, as an ordinary overcoat, from cloth of a similar quality.

As already stated Messrs. J. W. MacKeddie & Co., wholesale clothing manufacturers of Montreal, are Canadian agents for the Melissa goods, and the freedom with which they are selling them proves, that they have filled a long felt want.

British Columbia Trade Letter.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Vancouver, Dec. 7.—Business is generally quiet, but firm. The bulk of the wholesale orders has been placed on the holiday trade and as usual at this season there is a lull in the wholesale trade. In the retail trade the merchants are already feeling the effects of approaching Christmas and most of them are largely stocked in anticipation. The volume of business generally is large, but collections are slow. One reason for that is the amount of capital invested in real estate, which has driven from regular mercantile channels a good deal of money that would otherwise be in circulation. This perhaps affects Vancouver more than any of the other three cities, but in the latter place a most buoyant feeling exists on account of the prospects for the coming spring and summer, which perhaps were never brighter, especially in the building line. The outlook, too, in the shipping line is favorable. In addition to the already established connections between Vancouver and Victoria, Nanaimo and China and Japan, regular boats will run to Alaska and along the north coast of British Columbia; up the Fraser to Westminster and beyond and it is thought that trial trips to Australia by steamer will be inaugurated. In all probability the dry dock scheme will be pushed, as the dry dock at Esquimalt is unable to accommodate all the ships, and the result, if the Vancouver scheme does not mature, will be the construction of one some place south of the line. It is understood the delay is for the purpose, if possible, of securing better terms from the city.

On Saturday was consummated the preliminary act in an enterprise of great moment not only to British Columbia, but to all Canada and the empire, viz, the moving of the Jack Tars, whose term of service in the Pacific coast squadron had expired, to England, via the C. P. R. A heavy train, the cars of which were especially fitted up and well victualled, moved out at 8 o'clock a.m., and will move across the continent with all possible speed. The Tars to take their place will be substituted at Hulfax and the train move back to Vancouver where the men-of-war are in waiting. The victuals and supplies alone for a large body of men is of some consequence to the merchants, but when this new system of transport is established it will be of immense importance. Without doubt we shall soon see the whole body of British troops, as well as the navy massed from west to east and east to west over the direct, short route, a route which is cool and pleasant at all seasons of the year compared with the present medium of transport, to say nothing of the saving in time.

On account of the Chinese poll tax being paid in Victoria instead of Vancouver, the receipts of the former place has largely increased over last year and those of the latter decreased; the Island revenue collections all around are showing big advances, being an evidence of industrial development in the manufactures of tobacco and beer.

Speaking of real estate generally throughout the province, it is quiet and little except improved proved properties, business lots and residences, changing hands. The time has arrived when attention must be mainly directed for money-making to business on legitimate

lines, and industrial development, not real estate speculation, except by that slow method of accruing values, which does not satisfy the speculator by instinct. Real estate agents are depending less and less on commission on sales of real estate, and more and more on brokerage in other lines, insurance, money loaning, etc., and it will be only a question of a year or so, when the real estate business will be concentrated in the hands of a few leading firms, as it is in the east. This so far from being deplored should be highly satisfactory, as in British Columbia more especially in regard to farm lands and suburban properties the result of speculation has been to retard agricultural settlement, and as has already been contended in these columns, until land holders can agree to divide their lands and place a portion of it on the market on conditions of a rural settlement and improvement on terms which will induce settlers to buy, further advances need not be expected, rather indeed, a decrease in the price of farm lands. Improvement is the only real basis of values. Such has been the experience in California and everywhere. Land in California is valued at from \$500 to \$1,000 per acre, which is in the eye of many of our land holders, is so valued because it is improved and producing a revenue which would pay at least, a small dividend on such a capital invested. It is needless to take steps to induce immigration, no matter at what cost, until that principle be recognized; but place fruit growing and mixed farming on a systematic basis and make the conditions right for obtaining land, and the province will soon settle up and become industrious and prosperous from an agricultural point of view. You must give the farmer a chance.

Cheese shows an upward, meats a downward tendency. Ontario apples are for sale in good condition, and meet with favor, the British Columbia article is plentiful, but is packed poorly and consequently is not in the same demand. Poultry is showing in the market, and plenty of game. Following are quotations:

Butter—Creamery, 27c per pound for large lots and 23c for small lots. Dairy 20 to 23c.

Cheese, 12½c per lb.

Pickled eggs, 22 to 24c; fresh eggs, 27c.

Meats—Dry salt, 11c. per lb; roll bacon, 12c; breakfast bacon, 14c; hams, 14c; long clear, 11c.

Lard in tubs, 12½c per lb; in pails, 12½c; in tins, 13 cents; lard, compound, 11c to 11½ cents.

Sugar—Paris lumps, 6½c per lb; granulated, 5½c; light yellow, 4½c; syrup, 3c.

Dried fruits—Evaporated peaches, 10c. per lb; apricots, 11c; pitted plums, 11c; apples, 12c; prunes 11c. Raisins, \$2.75 per 20 lb box.

White beans, \$3.25 per 100 lbs., and China beans, \$4.

Potatoes—\$15 to \$16 per ton; Ashcroft potatoes, \$20 to \$23.

Fruits—B. C. apples, 75c to \$1.25 per box; peaches, \$1.40 and grapes, at \$1.75; tomatoes, \$1.50. California lemons, \$6.50 per box.

Flour and feed—Ogilvie's Hungarian, \$6 ditto strong bakers, \$5.60; Keowatin Hungarian, \$6; ditto strong bakers, \$5.60; Oregon, \$5.80 to \$6; Premier, Enderby mills, \$6; XXX, \$5.75; XX, \$5.45. Oatmeal at \$4 per 100 lbs; eastern rolled oats, \$3.50; Californian do, \$4; eastern cornmeal, \$3.75; Californian, ditto, \$4.00. Wheat, \$25 per ton; chopped feed \$36

to \$38; bran, \$24 to \$25; shorts, \$26; oats \$30 to \$34; hay, \$15 to \$16; oil cake, \$40.

Fish is quoted as follows, retail: Cod 10c per lb; salmon, 12½c; smelts, 10c; flounders, 10c; halibut, 15c; herring, 10c.

Gray grouse, 75c per brace; blue grouse, \$1; mallard ducks, \$1; tame ducks, 75c; wildgeon, 60c; teal, 30c; wild geese, \$1 to \$1.25 each; turkeys, 30 cents per lb; venison, 10 cents per pound.

Hay, \$15 per ton. Peas, \$35 to \$37 per ton. Mixed chop, \$35 to \$38 per ton; bran, \$25; shorts, \$28; wheat, \$37.50 per ton. North west wheat, \$35 per ton.

Beef, 3½ to 4½c live weight. Mutton, live weight, 4½ to 5c.

British Columbia.

R. B. Esnouf, have opened in furniture, etc., at Victoria.

McKinnell & Cole, liquors, etc., Nanaimo, have dissolved.

Fearno & Main, commission agents, Vancouver, have dissolved.

Robertson Bros. & Co., stoves, tins, etc., Vancouver, have assigned.

Geo. J. Cook, clothing and tailor, Victoria, succeeded Cook & Burrows.

Gowan & Sons, brewery, etc., Victoria; joint stock company formed.

Housley & Co., planing mill, Vancouver, are out of business and succeeded by Robertson and Hackett.

Jenkins & Calderwood, men's furnishings, Vancouver, have dissolved partnership; business continued by Calderwood.

The customs collections of duties at Victoria for November, 1891, were \$75,436.95; other revenues, \$9,146.14, making a total of \$84,583.09.

The transfer of the Windsor hotel, Victoria, has been made from J. H. Simpson to F. Rendt and H. McKeuzie. Mr. Simpson will devote his whole attention to his tailoring business.

The amount of inland revenue collected at Vancouver during November was \$7,313.31, an increase of \$5,114.29 over last year. The customs collections were \$21,239.38, a decrease of \$3,041.09 under last year's collections for the same month.

Victoria Times: On the 12th of November the schooner Mermaid cleared from the port of London, Eng., for Victoria. She is known as an unregistered vessel, and her owners are not named. Upon arrival here she will be surveyed and probably be placed upon the register here.

The saw mill at Golden, says the Era, is at present engaged in cutting timbers for a new vessel to be built this winter or early next spring by the Upper Columbia Navigation Co. The steamer will be of good size, and is intended for the upper river trade. She will be finished in time to be used next season.

The C. A. C. & C. Co., conducting a farming and ranching business in Alberta and Assiniboia, has shipped a large number of sheep to the Pacific coast this season. About 3,000 head will be shipped in all.

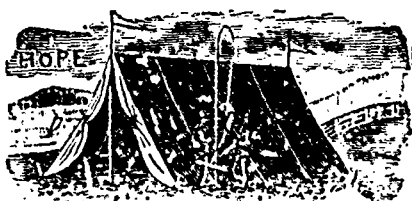
The Grand Trunk and the Canadian Pacific railways have informed the Dominion Live Stock Association that the rate of one cent per mile at which members of the association have heretofore travelled will be withdrawn at the end of this year.

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Montreal Markets.

Flour.—We learn of sales at points west of Toronto for English account at prices which it is said show much better results than shipping to Montreal. In this market there have been sales of city strong bakers' at \$5 in good sized quantities, while smaller lots are quoted at \$5.10. The sale of a lot of Manitoba strong bakers' was made at \$4.50 but this was said to be a cut figure and we quote \$4.60 to \$5 as to size of lot. In straight rollers the sale is reported of two cars on private terms, but known to be under \$4.70. A car of extra was placed at \$4.20, but \$4.25 is said to be the regular inside quotation, and we quote \$4.25 to \$4.35.

Oatmeal.—The sale is reported of a lot of 75 bbls of standard oatmeal at \$4.40 laid down here. The market is quiet on the whole. Granulated and rolled oats, \$4.50 to \$4.65 per bbl, and \$2.25 to 2.75 per bag; standard and fine oatmeal, \$4.45 to \$4.75 per barrel, and bags \$2.15 to \$2.17. Pot barley \$4.00 Pearl barley No. 1, \$7.25 per barrel.

Mill feed—Bran continues firm at \$15.50 to \$16 in car lots, sales having been made at within that range. Shorts are quoted at \$17 to \$18, middlings at \$19 to \$20.

Wheat.—The wheat market is quiet and decidedly easy, with sales of Manitoba No. 2 hard in the west at \$1.01 Montreal freights, about 20 carloads being placed at that figure at different points along the line of the C.P.R. Sales of Upper Canada red and white winter wheat have been made in the west to millers at 90c. We quote prices here more or less nominal as follows: Manitoba No. 1 hard \$1.04 to \$1.05, No. 2 do. \$1.01 to \$1.02, No. 3 do. 95c, No. 1 northern \$1 to \$1.02, No. 2 do. 95c, No. 1 Regular 89c, No. 2 do. 83½c, No. 3 70 to 73c. We hear of sales of Manitoba wheat No. 1 regular at 83½c laid down in Boston.

Oats.—Car lots having sold at 35 to 36c for white. Farmers are said to be holding large quantities in expectation of higher prices later on.

Barley.—In barley there is a somewhat steadier feeling, sales of feed having been made at 50c, and we quote 50 to 60c as a fair range of all grades offered in this market, a very good lot of malting being sold for delivery here at 55c.

Dressed hogs.—The market has shown decided symptoms of weakness during the past few days, sales of car lots having been made on this market at \$5.60 per 100 lbs., while small bunches of 5 to 10 hogs have been sold to butchers at \$5.75, and we quote \$5.60 to \$5.75 per 100 lbs., as representing values here to-day based upon actual transactions. All advices from the west state that there is a large crop of hogs to be marketed but so far the weather has been very unfavorable for handling.

Dressed poultry.—Most of the receipts were worked off at 9 to 10c for turkeys, 9c for ducks, 7 to 8c for chickens and 6 to 7c for geese.

Butter.—The market has assumed a somewhat quieter tone, owing to the fact that prices advanced to a point which put a stop to the export trade, and 24c may now be considered an outside price for choice October make. Sales have been made during the week in the country at equal to 23½c laid down here, one lot of very fine being placed at 23½c at the factory. The range is therefore from 23 to 24c for fine to choice creamery. Eastern townships has changed hands at 18 to 21c as to quality, a very

fair lot being sold at the inside figure. Western ranges from 15 to 17c as to quality. We learn of some Western States creamery going through via Boston for English shipment on Montreal account.

Cheese.—The market is steady under a pretty fair cable enquiry, and sales of several thousand boxes have been made this week at 10½c for finest, but it is said that no more finest Western can be had under 11c, and we quote 10½ to 11c for finest Western, other qualities ranging from 9½ to 10½c. As New York is about ½ to ¾c per lb above this market, English orders should come this way. Regarding stocks, some of our exporters have already been putting on their figuring caps and from several of these sources we find that stocks west of Toronto are put down at 120,000 to 140,000 boxes, and east of Toronto including Montreal 100,000 to 120,000 boxes.

Eggs.—Lined are being worked off at 15 to 16c per doz., held fresh selling at 17 to 18c, and new laid at much higher figures. Shipments of eggs for the English market have gone forward during the week via Boston on a freight rate of 26s 3d per ton measurement. The demand for export is likely to continue, as prices on the other side have still an upward tendency.

Apples.—The market rules firm, car lots being quoted at \$3 to \$3.25 as to quality. Dried apples.—Quoted at 4 to 4½c per lb. as to quantity. Evaporated apples.—Quoted at 6 to 6½c per lb.

Hides.—The market has at last righted itself, the price having dropped to 4½c for No. 1, thus leaving the usual difference of a cent between tanners' and butchers' prices. Business is quiet. Lambskins have advanced 5 to 80c. We quote:—No. 1, 4½c; No. 2, 3½c; No. 3, 2½c; tanners, are only paying 1c more; lambskins, 80c; calfskins, 7c.

Leather.—Business is still extremely flat, though merchants are looking forward patiently to the time when manufacturers will be compelled to make purchases to keep their machinery going. The market, however, is too heavily stocked and manufacturers are likely to buy for immediate wants only. The situation across the line is very similar. We quote:—Manufacturers sole, No. 1, 17 to 19c; No. 2, 15 to 16c; waxed upper, 22 to 26c; splits, Quebec, 11 to 13c; splits, Western, 15 to 19c.

Groceries.—It is useless to attempt to disguise the fact that the market for both Japan and black teas occupies a very unenviable position. China teas were offered this week at 10c per lb. less than they were bought for a few months ago, but without effecting business, as buyers hope to do better in England a little later on. Japans are also difficult to move in any round quantities as retailers appear to be disinclined to anticipate their future wants, to any extent, consequently the distributing trade is limited to a small volume. Low and inferior grades of Japan have been offered at 10c with a sale at that figure. A lot of 150 pkgs was also reported of good medium at 17c, and quotations for this grade range from 17 to 18c. Fine is quoted at 19 to 22½c, and finest to choicest at 24 to 32c. Stocks of coffee are said to be scarce in first hands in this market, so that there are no sales in round lots of any importance to report owing to absence of offerings, except a few lots of Rio which are fetching 17 to 18c, and a lot of Santos which is offered at 17c. We quote Maracaibo 19½ to 20½c and Java and Mocha at 24 to 26c, of course smaller lots command more money.—*Trade Bulletin*, Dec. 4.

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