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It is to be hoped the movement at Ottawa to organize a forestry association, will result in something practical being done, not only to encourage the growth of trees, but also to protect our natural forests. This is a question of great importance to Canada, and particularly to the western half of the Dominion. Our cities and towns take active measures to prevent the destruction of property by fire, and the loss of a hundred thousand dollars or so by fire is considered a serious matter. At the same time millions of dollars worth of timber have been destroyed by forest fires, without hardly a passing notice being taken of it. In the so-called prairie provinces of Manitoba, the destruction of timber by forest fires within the past few years, has probably amounted to millions of dollars. This destruction of timber is a very serious matter for the West.

There is room for much active work on the part of the proposed forestry association. A merely formal red tape organization will not do. The government, however, should take hold of this matter of forest protection more energetically than has been done in the past. Large forest reserves should be established, particularly of forest belts in the prairie regions, and every effort made to preserve these reserves from damage by fire. This is only of course one feature in the work of preserving the forests.

We do not know what official standing the proposed forestry association will have. The association, however, could circulate information relative to the value of tree cultivation and the necessity of protecting the natural forests; also acting as an advisory body to the government. There is room for

active work for all who take an interest in forestry and forest protection. Our forests are one of our greatest sources of national wealth. By careful handling they may be preserved almost indefinitely. Besides the actual value of the timber, the wholesale sweeping away of the forests which has been going on is a menace to our agricultural industry, threatening as it does serious climatic changes as a result of the removal of the timber belts.

Winnipeg Waterworks.

A test has been made of the new source of Winnipeg's water supply. Pumping was kept up for a week without diminishing the supply appreciably, though about double the quantity at present consumed was daily pumped from the well, proving that there is practically an inexhaustible supply of pure water to be obtained from the artesian wells. The new system is expected to be ready for operation early in the spring, when Winnipeg will have a municipal system of waterworks worthy of the city, and one of the best on the continent as regards purity. Citizens who have so long put up with the atomizable service we have had in the past, will certainly feel relieved at this announcement.

New Winnipeg Light Plant.

The city electric lighting plant is not yet in place, but it is expected that it will be in about two weeks. It is housed under the same roof as the pumping engines of the new waterworks. There are three dynamos supplied with power from a 300 horse power engine, and have a capacity of about 300 arc lights. In addition there is a smaller engine of about 100 horse power. At present there are only about 120 arc lights furnished by a company, and very poor lights at that. It is proposed as soon as possible to increase this number very considerably, and there is no doubt that the plant will have to be enlarged in a very few years in order to keep up with the growing requirements of the streets. The boilers which feed the pumping engines will also feed the electric light engines. The plant is being supplied from the Polson Iron Works, of Toronto, and the dynamos by the Westinghouse company, of Chicago.

Pulp Manufacture in Quebec.

In order to encourage the manufacture of pulp within the province, the provincial government of Quebec has increased the stampage dues from 40 cents to \$1.90 per cord, giving a rebate of \$1.50 per cord upon all pulp wood manufactured within the province. Quebec possesses vast and valuable spruce forests, suitable for pulp wood, but heretofore the timber has been largely exported to the pulp

mills of the New England States, and these mills have subsisted and done an export business in the manufacture of pulp and pulp products, on the forests of Canada. Of course it will be greatly to the advantage of Quebec to have this enormous manufacturing interest centred in the province.

Famine in British Coal Trade.

"A famine in the coal trade of the north of England is stated to be imminent," says the London Times. "The collieries are producing much less coal than of late. Few colliers are at work, but the demand is greater, and is in fact of a very pressing character. The calling up of the reserves and of the militia has had the effect of reducing the number of men employed at the collieries, and those who are working are in all cases earning wages on a higher scale than usual, and are content to put in less time. Stocks are generally well held before the holidays, so as to keep up supplies until the men return to work, but this year stocks have practically been depleted, and the colliers will probably take a longer spell of leisure than usual. It is almost certain that by the middle of January a crisis will be reached, as a result of which supplies to several large industrial concerns will be lessened, bringing about a partial or a complete stoppage of operations."

Stock Breeders' Convention.

The sixth annual meeting of the live stock associations will be held during the second week of the month, in Winnipeg. The Sheep and Swine Breeders meet on Wednesday, Feb. 21, and the Pure Bred Cattle Breeders on Thursday, Feb. 22. As in previous years, the conventions will be held in the city hall and in conjunction with the dairy association, which meets on Tuesday, Feb. 20, and the horticultural association on Friday, Feb. 23. Arrangements have been made with the railroad companies to sell bonspiel tickets, single fare return, up to Monday, the 19th of Feb. The live stock associations have accomplished much in the way of reduced transportation rates and improved shipping facilities for pure bred stock, besides introducing many improvements in the live stock departments of our industrial and local exhibitions, and in many other ways advancing the interests of the breeder and farmer. In addition to the regular business, election of officers and representatives to agricultural exhibitions, full programmes of addresses on practical and technical subjects will be presented. Speakers from Ontario and the United States will assist in making this convention the most successful yet held. Among the prominent men already promised are Prof. W. A. Henry, dean of the University of Wisconsin and agricultural college at Madison, and author of one of the best modern works on stock feeding, entitled "Feeds and Feeding." Prof. Henry has built up the Agricultural College of Wisconsin until the attendance now numbers 360 students. He speaks on "Agricultural Education" and "A Lesson on Feeding Stuffs." Jos. Yuill of Carlton Place, Ont., a veteran Ayrshire breeder, and successful dairyman and breeder of poultry, will speak on subjects of interest. F. W. Hodson, the newly appointed Dominion live stock commissioner, will deal with the question of "Transportation," and J. H. Grisdale, manager of the live stock departments of the Dominion experimental farms, and a number of prominent local breeders will take up subjects of importance to all stock men.

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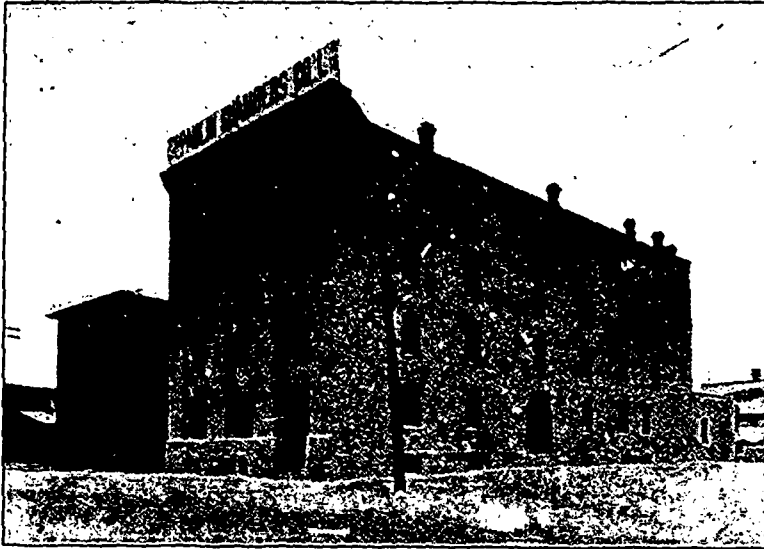
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New and Old Factories of the Paulin-Chambers Co., Winnipeg.

ing; cut this building is four storeys high with basement giving five floors in all. Its walls are of brick on stone foundation and the interior is finished in British Columbia cedar.

The basement floor is devoted to storage of heavy goods, such as sugars, syrups, etc., and is a fine, airy room. It also contains the furnaces for the bake oven. These furnaces are burning at present Crow's Nest Pass coke which is giving excellent satisfaction and is found to be more economical than coal.

On the first or ground floor the offices shipping room and biscuit ovens and packing room are located. The offices are large, roomy apartments, well lighted and furnished. Communication with all parts of the building is maintained by a system of speaking tubes. In the shipping room several hands are constantly employed getting out consignments of goods for city and country trade. The biscuit baking apartment on this floor is equipped with the most modern machinery and appliances for rolling and shaping biscuits and the large revolving ovens are heated to a temperature of 400 degrees which thoroughly bakes the biscuits in 10 minutes—the time consumed in one revolution of the pans.

In constructing this new factory, and in fact in all the operations of their business the Paulin-Chambers Co. have patronized as much as possible local industry and products. Their experience in the employment of workmen ever since the factory was started has been one of unbroken harmony. A large number of the present employees have been with the company for periods varying from five to eighteen years. The foreman of the biscuit department is Joseph Ferguson, and of the candy department W. F. Ross, who have each been with the company a long time and are expert in their lines.

The Paulin-Chambers Company was incorporated last year with a capital stock of \$150,000, of which \$100,000 is paid up. Its officers are: J. H. Chambers, president; W. H. Paulin, vice-president; and L. C. MacIntyre, secretary-treasurer and manager of the factory. Mr. Paulin is not a resident partner, his home being in California, although he was once well known in Winnipeg. Mr. Chambers is one of the original Chambers Bros., founders of the business, and Mr. MacIntyre has been connected with the business for eight years.

The territory over which the goods

of the country are sold extends from Rat Portage to West Kootenay. J. D. Brook, one of the directors of the company, travels the branch lines in Manitoba, and Arthur S. Thompson and R. S. Lamb are also on the road for the company.

Manager Whyte Interviewed.

Mr. William Whyte, manager of the Canadian Pacific railway lines west of Fort William, was interviewed by the Montreal Gazette on Thursday last, when he talked in the most interesting manner of Manitoba and the great west, as well as of the transcontinental highway to which he belongs. After referring to the crops and weather, Mr. Whyte is quoted as follows:

"The manager then gave some interesting details regarding the company's proposed hotel at Winnipeg. He says there is no truth in the rumor that it will be built up town, but that the original plan of combining a station and hotel will be adhered to. This he had told the people of Winnipeg would be the best thing to do, as far as the city's interests were concerned, for if tourists came along and saw a fine hotel near at hand they would be more likely to remain over awhile than if it were otherwise. But the new hotel will not be more than a third of a mile from the post office, and he also stated that quite an important section of the city had grown up the other side of the track. As for the hotel, everything was being got ready to begin operations as soon as the frost is out of the ground, in the early spring.

"He was then asked what the company proposed to do next season in the way of extensions and Mr. Whyte said that their plans in that direction had not been fully matured, although no doubt considerable work will be done.

"A line 40 miles east of Winnipeg to Lac du Bonnet, had been commenced and a portion graded. This would bring the city in direct and easy communication with immense clay deposits enabling them to secure the finest quality of pressed brick for building purposes. Then another line had been started, leaving the Souris branch southwest of Brandon and running west about 50 miles to Moose Mountain. A portion of this has been graded and the track is down, while the remainder will be completed this year. Two parties had also been out in connection with the proposed double tracking of the main line between Fort William and Winnipeg, and a good deal of preliminary work has been done. The branch from the Crow's Nest Pass road to the North Star mine will be also completed in a few weeks and Mr. Whyte says he is informed that there is ore in sight to the value of \$2,000,000. From the North Star the road will probably be extended to Windermere and up the Columbia river to Golden on the main line.

"Mr. Whyte said, in conclusion that the road from Robson to Midway, through the Boundary country, was about completed, but he could say nothing yet as to the company's intentions toward Pentleton."

"I left my husband's death notice here this morning," said the widow.

"Yes," said the bright clerk in the publication office of the Daily Squib.

"Now," continued the widow. I want you to add to the notice 'Gone to Rest,' in an appropriate place."

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Pan American Exposition.

The court of the machinery and transportation building of the Pan-American Exposition, which will be held at Buffalo, N. Y., on the Niagara frontier, during the summer months of the year 1901, presents an interesting treatment of cloister work. The machinery and transportation building itself forms a hollow square, with this court in its centre. It is 200 feet long and 100 feet wide, the east and west ends opening respectively to the great entrances from Grand Canal and the court of the fountains, while the great exhibiting rooms of the Mall side of the building, and the two exhibition rooms and great entrance court from the court of the fountains side of the building, lie on either side. Along each side of this court, and extending the entire length, are roof-covered arcades under which the visitor may

refreshment of the weary sightseer.

This building and court have been designed by Green & Weeks, of Buffalo.

Northwest Central.

Toronto, Jan. 22.—The Canadian Pacific railway is about to acquire the Great Northwest Central railway line, most of which has yet to be built, and which touches such points as Rapid City, Chater and Hamiota, north of the main line of the C. P. R. A special general meeting of the shareholders of the G. N. W. Central was held at the Union station to-day, President J. W. Leonard, general superintendent of the Ontario and Quebec division of the Canadian Pacific, being in the chair. The meeting was a small one, the shareholders being represented mostly by proxy, for the terms on which the C. P. R. were to take over the road were

tural authorities to induce farmers into sending milk to be made into cheese and butter in factories. In this way a great industry has been built which now stands in value next to our lumber interest. In some parts of Manitoba a retrograde movement is taking place, the milk is taken out of the cheese factories (the factories are closing) and made into cheese by the farmers. We find a cheese dairy on nearly every farm, although three-quarters of the cheese made under such conditions is of most undesirable quality, between forty and fifty of these cheese dairies are now operated, and the number is rapidly increasing, and will go on increasing to the great detriment of the cheese industry, so long as produce houses and wholesale houses go on buying this class of goods, as they have in the past, at the highest market value for



find rest on the comfortable benches. The pool itself is 175 feet long and 27 feet wide. It is placed in the centre of the court. The bank is sodded and planted on all sides, forming a pleasing frame or border effect; the water is low so as to receive the reflection of the growth around the pool. The fountain is an important feature, placed in the centre of the pool, and giving life to the scene and freshness to the atmosphere. Throughout the court are pleasant walks and paths, bordered with low growing shrubbery and plants, and at intervals at axis-points with the arcades, rare plants are placed in great vases, making a truly architectural landscape effect. The entire scheme gives the effect of an admirable enclosure of a mission cloister, and is planned as one of the many little oases for the

generally understood. The road was not formally handed over to the C. P. R. Bonds are to be issued and the company's property will be mortgaged to the trustees to secure the payment of the bonds. The G. N. W. Central Railway company will also make application to the government for permission to lease the road to the C. P. R. in perpetuity. The application will come before the minister of railways and canals at noon on March 3 next. It is understood there is some work on the road now going on and as soon as the Canadian Pacific obtains possession it will further extend the railway.

Cheese Industry Threatened.

Mr. Editor: During the past forty years every endeavor has been made by agricul-

good cheese irrespective of quality. With the high prices of last season this dairy cheese craze is spreading like wild-fire, and some twenty-five to thirty dairy cheese outfits are now in process of construction. Nothing short of inspection and mutual understanding between dealers will stop this inflow of dairy cheese.

A CHEESE DEALER.

The woman who paints her cheeks and the man who dyes his whiskers fool only one person. Some nervous people with a few dollars and no brains take exercise by making a run on a bank. Now Arizona comes to the front with the discovery of a jug filled with petrified whiskey. In after years they'll probably discover a petrified liar in that vicinity.

RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Rapid Development of the Vast Mineral Wealth
of the Pacific Province.

In a recent number we gave a review of the new railway work in the eastern portion of Western Canada, including Manitoba, the Territories and that portion of Ontario lying west of Lake Superior. This week we continue the subject, taking the remaining portion of the West where new railway work has been carried on during the past year. This takes in the southern portion of the great province of British Columbia, where some very important work has been done during the year. Operations in British Columbia have not been on as extensive a scale as during the previous year, when the Crow's Nest Railway was under construction, but nevertheless the work done has been of a nature calculated to develop vast and rich mineral regions in this great province.

The most important work done during the year was the construction of the railway into the now well-known Boundary Creek country. This district, though unknown a very short time ago, is now familiar to thousands of Canadians all over the country. Several flourishing towns have grown up in the region within the past two years, and travellers from wholesale centres both east and west are contending for the trade of the district. A good deal of development work has already been done in the district, and several rich mining camps are now thoroughly established.

COLUMBIA & WESTERN.

The Boundary Creek road, known also as the Columbia & Western, was put under construction during 1898, and work continued on the line throughout the past year. The road is being built by the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., and will virtually form a western extension of the Crow's Nest line, the Columbia & Kootenay line forming the link between the Crow's Nest and the Columbia & Western or Boundary Creek road. The new road begins at Robson and extends in a westerly direction to Midway, a distance of 105 miles, though owing to the heavy nature of the country the line is not a very direct one. This road has been a very difficult piece of railway building, but these difficulties have been overcome and the road is now about completed. The rails have been laid to Midway, which is the terminus of the section under construction. Eventually the road may be continued beyond Midway and surveys are being made to find the best route for this purpose, but there is nothing settled about this as yet. A

regular train service had not been established as far as Midway at the time of writing, but may be announced before this is in print. At any rate it is only a matter of a few days.

The work on the main line of this road has been delayed considerably in order to allow of the construction of several branches to mining camps in the district. The road will develop a rich mining territory and add immeasurably to the wealth of the country at large.

COLUMBIA & WESTERN BRANCHES.

As already noted, the work of completing the main line of the Columbia and Western was delayed considerably in order to allow of the construction of several branch and spur lines to mining camps in the district. Some of these spur lines are quite short, but they nevertheless represented a great deal of labor and expenditure of money, owing to the heavy nature of the country. These spurs will be of immense value to the mines in the district, which they are intended to develop.

One of these branches starts from Greenwood. It is a short line of 5.1-2 miles in length, and is known as the Motherlode branch. It reaches the mining camp north of Greenwood. Another branch starts from Eholt, and is about ten miles long. From this short branch there are six spur tracks, ranging from about half a mile to three and a half miles in length, and reaching various mines in the district about Phoenix. There is also a half mile spur to Greenwood smelter. In all, these branches and spurs aggregate over 26 miles of road. The district about Phoenix is very rich and already a large number of mines are showing good results there.

CRANBROOK BRANCH.

Another short but important new line, which has been undertaken during the past year, is a branch of the Crow's Nest road, extending from Cranbrook to Kimberley, and the North Star mines, a distance of about nineteen miles. This road will be finished, it is hoped, about the end of this month. The road is intended to give railway facilities to the North Star and other mines in this rich mineral section. It will be a valuable feeder to the main line, and a great advantage to the mines in the district.

TROUT LAKE BRANCH.

Another short line which is being built in the Kootenay country for the C. P. R. is the Trout Lake branch. This line will run from Lardo, on Kootenay Lake to Duncan Lake, and Trout

Lake, a distance of about 28 miles. There are many valuable mines in this district, to which the railway will be a great advantage, affording them shipping facilities for their ores. On this new line about 12 miles have been cleared, and grading is being pushed forward. It is hoped to have the road completed during the early portion of 1900. This road may be extended north to connect at Arrowhead with the branch running south from the Canadian Pacific railway main line at Revelstoke.

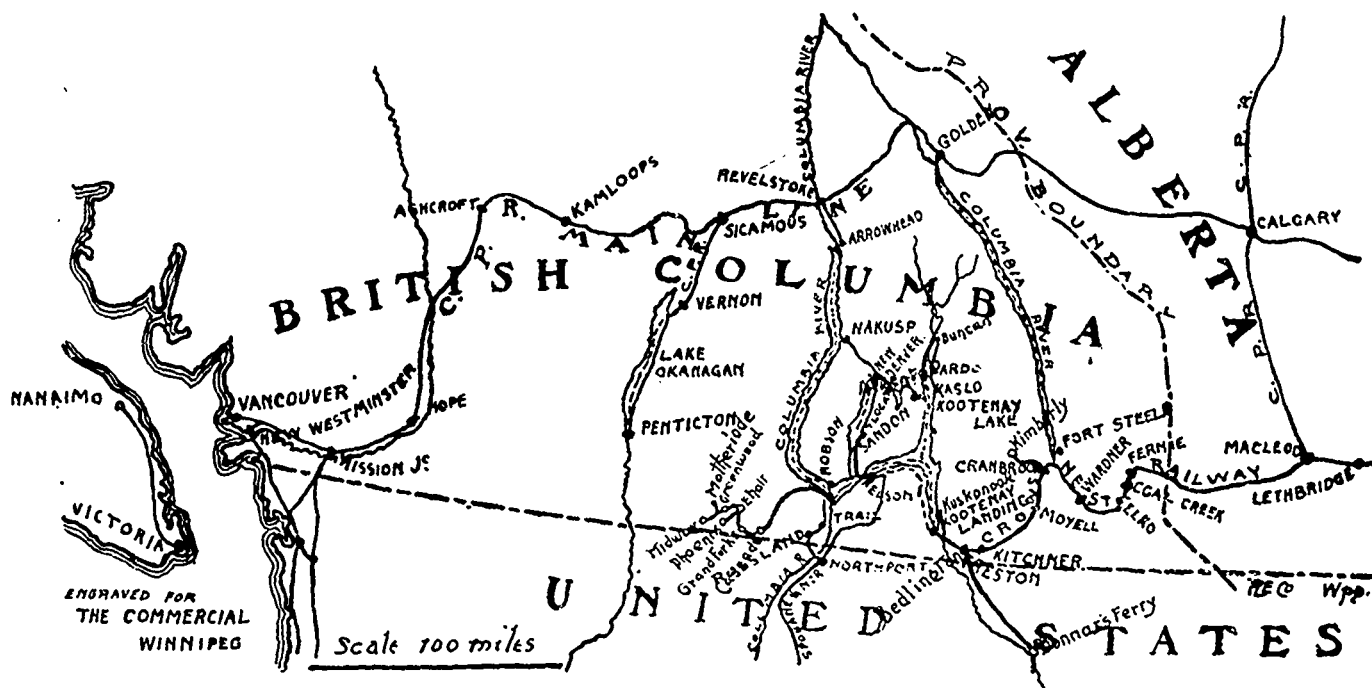
GREAT NORTHERN EXTENSIONS.

The Great Northern has also been doing some work during the past year in extending its interests in the Kootenay districts of British Columbia. A branch runs north from the Great Northern at Spokane, Washington state, known as the Spokane & Northern. This road reaches Nelson, under the name of the Nelson & Fort Shepherd. There is also a branch from the Spokane road to Rossland. These lines are controlled by the Great Northern. There is also a short line from Kaslo to Cody and Sandon, controlled by the Great Northern. This line is connected by steamers on Kootenay lake, with the Great Northern system.

During the past year the Great Northern has built a road or spur from Bonner's Ferry, Idaho on its main line, to a point west of Creston, on the Crow's Nest branch of the Canadian Pacific railway. This is known as the Bedlington road. The Great Northern secured an order from the railway committee of the privy council, giving it running power over about eight miles of the Crow's Nest road, from the junction with that road to a point near Kootenay lake. The line then branches off a distance of about three miles to Kootenay lake, having its terminus at a point called Kuskanook, on the lake, where connection will be made with the steamers on the lake. This makes three lines controlled by the Great Northern, which cross the boundary from the United States into the Kootenay district of British Columbia, namely, the Nelson & Fort Shepherd to Nelson, the branch to Rossland, and the new branch from Bonner's Ferry, via Bedlington, and the Crow's Nest line to Kuskanook. The Kootenay Railway & Navigation Co., which controls the steamers on Kootenay lake, is a part of the system. The length of the new Bedlington road in Canadian territory, exclusive of the portion of the Crow's Nest over which it has running power, is about ten miles. The new line via Bedlington gives the Great Northern much shorter communication with the Kootenay country than by the old road from Spokane.

Another new line which will form a part of the Great Northern system,

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RAILWAY MAP OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

New road, completed or under construction during the past year, is shown in red. The new work consists of the Columbia & Western, from Robson to Midway, 105 miles, completed. Columbia & Western branches and spurs, some of which are too short to be shown on our map, aggregate 26 miles. Branch from Cranbrook to Kimberly, 19 miles, under construction. Trout Lake Branch, from Lardos to Duncan and Trout Lake, under construction. Redington to Kuskanook, utilizing a section of the Crow's Nest road, about completed. Argenta to Duncan, under construction.

is being built as a subsidiary road to the Kootenay Railway and Navigation Co. Some work has been done on this line, between Argenta, at the north end of Kootenay lake, and Duncan City, a distance of about ten miles. These short lines, in connection with the steamers on Kootenay lake, give the Great Northern access to important portions of the Kootenay country.

MISCELLANEOUS WORK.

In addition to the new work on the Columbia & Western and the short lines in the Kootenay and Boundary Creek districts, the Canadian Pacific Railway company has done considerable work in the direction of improving the old lines. On the Pacific division of the main line fifty miles of road have been raised with heavier rails, on sections where the grades are heavy. Several new permanent bridges have also been built on the main line, including steel bridges with masonry abutments, and masonry arch bridges. At Vancouver, Trail and Revelstoke there has been considerable work in the line of yard, shop and building improvement, etc. The Canadian Pacific Railway company in 1898 purchased the short railway between Robson and Rossland. This purchase included the Trail smelter. The portion of this line between Trail and Rossland, which was narrow gauge, has been widened during the past year to standard gauge. These are only the more important works undertaken by the company.

RICH MINING TERRITORY.

The country which has been opened up by the construction of the Columbia & Western railway along with the districts of East and West Kootenay, also extensively developed by railways during the past two years seems destined to become one of the greatest mining centres in the world. Gold, silver, copper, lead, iron, aluminium, clays, coal, etc., are all claimed to exist in almost fabulously liberal quantities. If half that has been told of the wealth of the district is true, the mineral wealth of the country is simply marvelous. Tributary to the Crow's Nest Branch, built in 1898, an extensive coal mining industry is being rapidly built up, in addition to the mines of gold and silver in the district.

The construction of the Columbia & Western railway means that we will have a through line of railway by the most direct route, piercing the heart of the famous mineral sections of southern British Columbia—through East Kootenay by the Crow's Nest road, on through the older mining centres of the Kootenay country by the Columbia & Kootenay road, and thence still onward to the more recent and already famous Boundary Creek country by the Columbia & Western rail-

way. This will mean a great development in the district served by the new roads, as well as increased trade with other portions of our country. It is evident that this portion of British Columbia is entering upon an era of development such as has not yet been experienced in the mining history of the country. By this development Winnipeg, Victoria, Vancouver and other trade centres will be benefitted, and the farmers and ranchers of the prairie country east of the mountains will gain by the increased demand for their produce. The coke and coal of East Kootenay will be in demand for the smelters which are being established.

While the country to be served by the Columbia and Western railway is pre-eminently a mineral region, there are some valuable timber areas, and also some valleys and bench lands suitable for agricultural settlements. The valley of the Kettle river affords quite extensive areas of arable land, admirably adapted to fruit growing in particular. Apples, plums, peaches, pears, prunes, etc., can be grown in this region to good advantage. The country therefore has other attractions than that of its mineral wealth.

While the mileage of new road constructed the past year in British Columbia is not as great as in Manitoba, yet it must be remembered that there is an enormous difference in the cost of building railways in a mountainous country like British Columbia compared with a comparatively level prairie region like Manitoba. The actual expenditure has probably been greater in British Columbia. The Columbia & Western is one of the most costly pieces of railway on the continent. One railway contractor who went over this line recently, estimates the cost at \$40,000 per mile. Near Robson there is a very costly tunnel under construction, which at present is got around by a switchback. There are sections of the Crow's Nest Pass road which are said to have cost \$50,000 per mile.

United States Railway Construction in 1899.

Railway construction in the United States in 1899 is computed by the Railway Age at 4,500 miles, the largest construction since 1890, when the new mileage was 5,670. The construction in 1897 was 1880 miles; in 1898, 3,083 miles.

The only states not represented in the table for 1899 are New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Delaware, Nevada and South Dakota. Iowa, in which there has been little railway building for the ten years previous to 1899, stands at the head of the list with 582 miles of new road. The work in this state has been carried on almost exclusively in the interest of large systems, such as the Chicago & Northwestern, Illinois Central, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, Minneapolis & St. Louis and Wabash. Minnesota comes next with 369 miles to her credit, and a

good share of the mileage in this state has likewise been built by the Chicago & Northwestern, although the Great Northern and Minneapolis & St. Louis have added important extensions. Arkansas is next, with 270 miles of new road, over one-half of which has been built by the Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf.

Other states in which track laying exceeded 100 miles are as follows: Pennsylvania, 189 miles; California, 169; Idaho, 164; South Carolina, 162; Louisiana, 158; Oklahoma, 156; Michigan, 144; Georgia, 143; Alabama, 141; New Mexico, 137; Mississippi, 135; Illinois, 126; Florida, 118; Utah, 102; Wisconsin, 100.

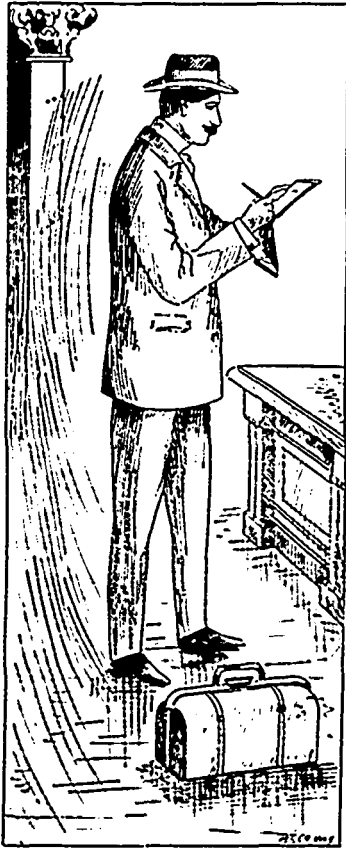
The notable fact about the past year is that there has been comparatively little building by new companies, more than three-quarters of the new mileage having been built by or in the interest of existing lines. The Chicago & Northwestern has built 357 1-2 miles, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul 98 miles, the Northern Pacific 95 miles in the United States and 23 miles in Canada, the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific 82 miles, the Atchison, Topoka & Santa Fe 160 miles, the Illinois Central 190 miles, the Burlington system 80 miles, the Louisville & Nashville 74 miles, the Seaboard Air Line over 100 miles, the Great Northern 74 miles, and the Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf 162 miles.

British Army Traction Engines.

The traction engines sent to the British army in South Africa are counterparts of those used to draw supplies to the mines in the Johannesburg district, and have proved most successful in their preliminary trials. The engines have cylinders 7 inches and 11 inches in diameter, and have hauled in actual tests a load of fifty-five tons up an incline of 1 in 12. They have large fire boxes, to enable them to burn the low grade of fuel of the country, and water tanks so large that they can drag a full load for a distance of twelve miles without stopping to replenish the supply. Some of the engines are supplied with a 7-ton crane, which can be attached readily to the front of the machine, and which can carry a load while the engine is being moved from place to place. The wheels have extra wide tires, and the steering is effected by a worm and rack arrangement which has proved most successful. An engine of this kind has been used in New Zealand to haul wagons loaded with wool, and has run nearly 70,000 miles without accident or breakdown.—Iron and Steel.

Meat Inspection in Winnipeg.

At the last meeting of the market, license and health committee of the Winnipeg city council, the question of appointing a meat inspector was dealt with. It was asserted that much diseased meat was sold in the city. The opinion seemed to be that a much more satisfactory inspection could usually be made of live animals than to inspect the meat after it was presented for sale. Several butchers and cattle men were present and took part in the discussion. Some of the abkmen favored a city abattoir, where all slaughtering should be done, while butchers who have established slaughter houses were opposed to this, and thought animals should be inspected at the stock yards. The matter was left over for further consideration. There is evidently need of a close system of meat and cattle inspection by a competent person.



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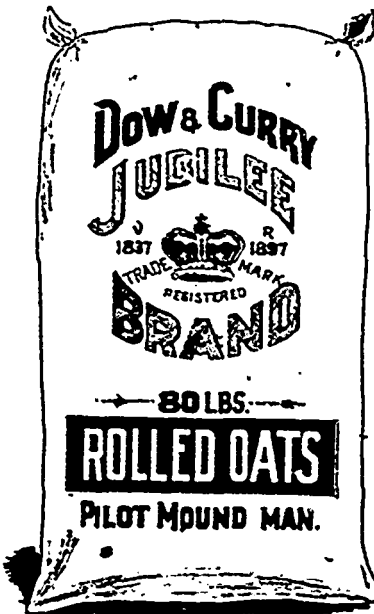
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Late W. W. Ogilvie.

The Board of Trade and the Corn Exchange of Montreal have put on record the sense of loss which the members feel at the death of the late W. W. Ogilvie. Following are the resolutions:

BOARD OF TRADE RESOLUTION.

That the announcement of the sudden death of W. W. Ogilvie yesterday when in apparently perfect health, came as a severe shock to the members of this council, and that they meet today to testify their sorrow and to put on record their sense of the loss which Montreal and the Dominion generally have sustained.

That by Mr. Ogilvie's death the Board of Trade loses one of its foremost and most useful members whose services have been almost continuous for the past twenty years. He was a member of the council for six years, having been elected in 1880, a member of the board of arbitration for



Late W. W. Ogilvie.

five years, served as vice-president in 1887, and as president during 1893 and 1894. During the former year the new building of the Board of Trade was opened, and Mr. Ogilvie discharged the duties of president at the ceremonies attendant thereto with signal tact and distinction.

That in building his own fortunes Mr. Ogilvie contributed in a marked manner to build up this Dominion of which he was always so proud of being a native, for his foresight, activity and energy in extending the milling industry, helped largely in the development of the wheat growing areas in Manitoba.

That the council mourns the loss of Mr. Ogilvie's great abilities and wide experience in mercantile matters, and, in common with the general membership of the board, it will long sadly miss on 'Change his forceful and genial personality.

That the council attend the funeral and that the board of arbitration and the general membership of the board is hereby requested to join it in this expression of esteem and regard for Mr. Ogilvie.

That the council extends to Mrs. Ogilvie and the family its deep sympathy with them in their sad bereavement, and trusts that they may find some consolation in the universal expressions of regret which Mr. Ogilvie's death has called forth throughout the country.

CORN EXCHANGE RESOLUTIONS.

A special meeting of the corn exchange was held at 12.30 at the board of trade to place on record the respect with which the late Mr. W. W. Ogilvie was held by his colleagues.

The president, Mr. Alex. McPhee, in opening the meeting feelingly referred to the deaths of Mr. Hugh McLennan and Mr. David Thomson, two past presidents of the association, and now it became his painful duty to speak of the third. Mr. Ogilvie was known as a great merchant and a good citizen. As a merchant he had interests in every province. He was spoken of as the miller king, and there was no doubt that he was one of the greatest mill owners on the continent. As a citizen he had spent his life in our midst, and his death was deeply deplored on the floor and throughout the city.

Mr. Robert Reford then proposed the following resolution:

"That the members of the Corn Exchange association, deeply feeling the loss occasioned by the death of W. W. Ogilvie, Esq., do out of great respect for his memory, and in evidence of their heartfelt sympathy for Mrs. Ogilvie and his family adjourn and attend his funeral in a body, thus paying a last tribute of respect to one whose place it will be difficult to fill.

"That as a citizen, Mr. Ogilvie was an honor to Montreal and to Canada, and that he leaves a record which will long be remembered, and it is hoped, will be followed by many.

"That this association desire to place on record its keen sense of all that it owes to Mr. Ogilvie for his unflinching willingness to help in any good work, and especially in everything tending to advance the interests of Canada and Montreal.

"That the members of the association feel that in Mr. Ogilvie they have lost a kind and sympathizing friend and adviser; his loss and the shock occasioned by it is yet too recent for them to form a correct estimate of its greatness, but they feel sure that he will be mourned, and missed from the shores of the Atlantic to those of the Pacific as almost no other Canadian has been.

"That Mr. Ogilvie was a power for good and for progress in Canada, that the farmers of our great Northwest owe much of their prosperity to him and that his death will be regarded in that great section of our country as a national calamity.

"That the members of this association deeply feeling their own loss extend to Mrs. Ogilvie and family their heartfelt sympathy and they hope that the knowledge that Mr. Ogilvie has left to his family the proud legacy of a most useful career and honorable name may soften their affliction."

MEMBERS CONCUR.

Mr. Reford said that the resolution which he had just read was a very fitting tribute to the man.

Mr. Ogilvie had a kind and pleasant word for everybody, and in his death Canada had lost a great citizen. Canada had had many great merchant princes, but none greater than Mr. Ogilvie. The Canadian Pacific had done much for the Northwest, but Mr. Ogilvie had done as much, and the speaker hoped that his place would be taken by some one. Mr. Ogilvie had spent his life in Montreal, and he had made money,

and no one better deserved success. If he had made money it was spent with no niggardly hand.

Mr. G. M. Kinghorn, in seconding the resolution, spoke of Mr. Ogilvie as a man who was thoroughly democratic, and one who had a pleasant word for everybody.

Mr. Robert Meighen, who followed, said that Mr. Ogilvie's life was one which should serve as an object lesson to our young men, and it was one which they would do well to emulate. As a factor in the development of the great Northwest, he had done perhaps more than any other man, and the members must all feel his death very keenly.

Trade Statistics.

Ottawa, Jan. 19.—The statement of the trade of the Dominion for the six months ending December 31 last, as compared with the same period in 1898, shows the aggregate trade of Canada for the past six months amounted to \$203,491,615, as compared with \$177,864,319 for the same period the previous year or an increase of \$25,627,297. Imports increased by \$14,736,525 and the exports by \$10,890,772. There was an increase in duty collected of \$2,174,464, showing that the trade of the country for the six months is in a very satisfactory condition. The details, as compared with the same period in 1898 are as follows:

	1898	1899.
Imports		
Dutiable	\$13,524,049	\$52,615,347
Free	31,580,666	35,844,762
Coin & bullion...	3,856,629	5,177,751
Total	\$78,961,335	\$93,679,860
Increase		\$14,736,525
Duty collected \$12,520,678		\$14,895,142
Increase		\$2,174,464
Exports	1898.	1899.
Can. products ...	\$83,113,266	\$93,061,578
Foreign pro. ...	13,518,764	11,732,828
Coin & bullion ...	2,240,933	1,999,339
Total	\$98,902,983	\$107,793,755
Increase		\$10,890,772

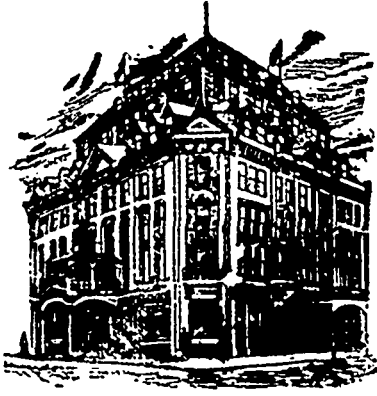
DECEMBER FIGURES.

For the month of December, compared with December, 1898, the figures are as follows:

	1898	1899.
Imports		
Dutiable	\$6,156,984	\$8,665,814
Free	3,978,982	5,181,818
Coin & bullion...	54,688	592,252
Total	\$10,190,654	\$14,742,914
Increase		\$4,552,261
Duty collected 1,920,187		4,463,872
Increase		577,665
Exports	1898.	1899.
Canadian	\$15,661,654	\$15,993,264
Foreign	1,422,959	1,639,198
Coin & bullion...	262,217	3,344,395
Total	\$17,406,830	\$20,676,857
Increase		3,270,027

The Kentucky state report says: Favorable weather conditions prevailed during the month. Winter wheat is in excellent condition in nearly all parts of the state. The general verdict of crop correspondents over the state is, that wheat never looked more promising at this time of the year. Some fields have been attacked by the Hessian fly, but the damage is generally slight and appears only in a few localities. Farm work is well up and the outlook for farmers is generally very satisfactory.

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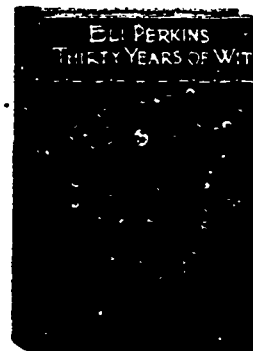
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Statistical Wheat Report.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

Stocks of wheat in Canada at principal points of accumulation are reported as follows:

Montreal	54,000
Toronto	58,000
Kirkeston	60,000
Depot Harbor, Ont.	161,000
Coicau, Que.	185,000
Winnipeg	350,000
Manitoba elevators	5,000,000
Port William, Port Arthur and Kewatin	3,358,000

Total Jan. 13 ... 9,526,000
Total a year ago ... 8,349,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.
Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's on January 14, were 58,992,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 51,379,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on Jan. 1 were 10,022,000 bushels, compared with 5,923,000 bushels a year ago.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Jan. 20, was 76,536,000 bushels, being an increase of 4,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 28,273,000 bushels, two years ago 37,153,000 bushels, three years ago 51,295,000 bushels and four years ago 67,523,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 3,088,000 bushels, compared with 6,986,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 14,144,000 bushels, compared with 26,061,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in America and Europe and afloat for Europe Jan. 1 in each year, for a series of years, were as follows—Bradstreet's report:

	Bushels.
1900	163,987,000
1899	117,989,000
1898	132,434,000
1897	156,659,000
1896	194,685,000
1895	205,509,000
1894	212,263,000
1893	204,362,000

CROP MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States spring wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, Aug. 1, 1899, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Minneapolis	49,072,380	53,946,686
Milwaukee	6,407,792	8,393,885
Duluth	33,283,692	36,214,861
Chicago	17,419,556	24,762,140

Total ... 106,183,420 143,322,572

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States winter wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, July 1, 1899 to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Toledo	10,112,278	10,687,115
St. Louis	7,198,889	11,741,867
Detroit	3,054,793	3,767,496
Kansas City	10,715,610	20,399,813

Total ... 31,081,600 46,596,287

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Grain and Milling Notes.

Last year Portland shipped over 50 per cent of the wheat exported from the Pacific coast, Tacoma and Seattle 24.85 per cent and San Francisco 24.41 per cent.

C. Tilt, representing Jas. Carruthers & Co., grain exporters of Montreal and Toronto, has arrived in Winnipeg for the purpose of establishing a branch of this firm here. An office has been opened in the grain exchange building, and Mr. Tilt will remain here permanently to look after the business. The firm of Jas. Carruthers & Co., is one of the best known of the eastern grain houses.

Cincinnati Price Current.— Another week of mild open weather has prevailed through the winter wheat section with scattering rains but no snow. Previous conditions of the crop is being maintained. As hitherto reported, the prospects in Ohio are unfavorable; in Indiana and limited areas elsewhere not much better, but over the greater part of the wheat area the average promise is good. Our correspondents continue to reflect a tendency among farmers to firmly hold their wheat at present prices, and the interior movement of the grain is consequently of only limited proportions.

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MONTREAL MOLASSES MARKET.

The stock of molasses is lower than it has been for many years past, says the Montreal Gazette, and the probability is that before Lent comes in supplies will be almost nil, in consequence the tone of the market is strong, but owing to the prices being higher now than they have been for some time past, the general impression is that no further advances will be established. Round lots of any grade are impossible to obtain. The demand has been fair and sales from first hands have been made at 43c for choice Barbadoes; 40c to 41c for Porto Rico, and at 35c for Antigua. The prospect for the new crop is that it will be below the average on account of the dry fall, consequently the indications are that present prices will be sustained as the demand is sure to be active at the opening of the new crop season. The market will not open much before the end of March, which will be one month later than usual.

GROCERY TRADE NOTES.

Stocks of canned goods in packers' hands in Ontario are said to be about exhausted.

The primary markets for raw sugar display a very firm feeling and further advances would not be surprising.

The California Fruit Grower says: "The rush of gold seekers to Alaska this spring promises to equal if not exceed that of 1893, and large quantities of cured fruits will be needed for the Alaska trade. The war department will place heavy orders soon, and as the stocks held on the coast are light, not to exceed 300 cars, including peaches, apples, pears, apricots, plums, figs, etc., a general clean-up is looked for by the blue new crop fruit comes to hand.

Reporting the dried fruit market of last week in that city the Montreal Gazette said: "Currants show a slight upward tendency in sympathy with the stronger advices from the primary market, but there has been no quotable advance in prices and little or no improvement in demand. Nuts generally are dull and nominal. The advance in Sicily shelled almonds cabled from Messina a few days since, does not seem to have held, later advices reporting an easier feeling there. Dates are a little firmer, in view of advices from London correcting previous erroneous reports as to the quantity of stock in warehouse there on January 1. The figures now given show but 50,000 boxes available for market purposes, instead of 175,000 boxes, as was stated previously. London cable quotes 1s 6d on Hallowee and Khadravee dates, and states that the market is very strong."

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

PRICES STILL TEND UPWARD.

Prices continue to advance in dry goods lines. There is hardly an article handled in the dry goods trade that has not advanced in price, including not only staple goods, but sundry lines of every description. And still the tendency is upward. Travellers for eastern houses, who have been in Winnipeg this week, say that with every mail they receive orders from headquarters to advance prices on some lines, and there are no indications of a let up as yet. In fact, with the increased cost of raw ma-

terials and the large number of orders in hand at the mills, many further sharp advances may be looked for. There is still much difficulty in getting quick delivery of orders from manufacturers, both domestic and foreign, factories being sold ahead continually, consequently there is no incentive either on the part of manufacturers or jobbers to cut prices. The former have more business than they can conveniently handle, and the latter know that if they cut prices to run off a line, they will have to pay higher prices to replace their stocks and possibly have to wait for a considerable time before they can get their order filled.

Where everything is advancing it is difficult to specify particular lines. Domestic as well as imported woolsens are very firm. Cottons keep firm. In regard to cottons it may be said that though prices have advanced sharply within the past few months these goods are still not nearly as high as they were a few years ago. Before the recent upward movement set in, cottons had declined to an enormous extent, by a long course of shrinkage in values. Though the advances the past season have been very sharp, yet cottons are still away below values of a few years ago. This is also true of some other lines. While we therefore talk of high prices now, in reality prices are not particularly high. They are high compared with the depressed values that ruled a short time ago, after a remarkable period of shrinkage in values of almost every class of goods. But if we go back a little further and compare prices with what they were before the late great shrinkage in values had taken place, we will find that prices to-day are still lower on many lines than they were a few years ago.

A return to higher, or we might say normal values, should not prove a detriment to the retailer. The retailer's profit is in the form of a percentage added to the cost of the goods, so that if his stock costs him more, his profit will be greater in proportion, while the expense of doing business will not be proportionately increased.

CARRYING OVER WINTER LINES.

Several dry goods travellers who were seen by The Commercial this week, report that sales throughout the country for the spring trade have not been as satisfactory as they might have been. Some of the travellers have been over a large portion of their territory, and are in a position to size up the situation fairly closely. The trouble, of course, is the mild weather which has prevailed this season, together with the absence of sleighing. Country dealers, who are carrying over large stocks of heavy goods, as many of them will have to do, do not feel disposed to buy freely for the spring and summer trade. The effect of having to carry over larger stocks than usual of winter goods, of course exercises a dampening effect on the ardour of the country dealer, who is therefore not in humor to place big orders. With the exceptional mildness of the season and practically an entire absence of sleighing all the winter, the demand for heavy lines has naturally been greatly curtailed. The carrying of the goods pinches the dealers financially, as they have that much more of their capital locked up. Some have tried to reduce their stocks by forced sales, but they can only get rid of the stock in this way at a sacrifice of their profit, and in view of the

sharp advance going on in dry goods, it would probably be better to carry over the stock than to sacrifice the goods now. Goods for next fall and winter's trade are almost certain to show a sharp advance on cost of present stock, so that merchants will be able to add a good percentage, for cost of carrying over the goods, without fear of being undersold by purchasers of fresh stocks. If merchants are wise enough to take advantage of the advance in prices, which it would be perfectly legitimate for them to do, they may not come out so badly after all by having to carry over a lot of stock. Even in the case of furs, it seems probable that there may be sufficient advance in prices to pay for carrying over some stock, though furs are generally very undesirable stock to carry over.

Notwithstanding the quantity of heavy goods which retailers will be obliged to carry over, jobbers look for a good summer trade. Collections are quite backward as might be expected under existing conditions.

DRY GOODS TRADE NOTES.

Belts are going to be as popular as ever this year.

All black and colored satens have been advanced in price by English makers.

Bargains for cash one day in the week is a taking card with the department stores in the cities.

It is stated that Canadian cotton and woolen mills have enough orders on their books now to keep them going steadily until well on in the summer.

Manufacturers of Canadian homespun cloths find an increasingly active demand for these goods. It is only with difficulty that orders can be filled.

British manufacturers are insisting with increasing firmness on the rule that orders placed with them for goods for future delivery are subject to current prices at date of shipment.

Manufacturers report an increasing demand for high class goods of every kind. The era of shoddies seems to have suddenly come to an end. This is one of the most encouraging features of the dry goods situation.

The latest advance reported from British markets is in lace curtains. Scotch and Nottingham curtains are 10 per cent higher, and there are reports that they are likely to be still dearer. Lace curtains of Swiss manufacture have been advanced 25 per cent. The trade in lace curtains has been very good.

"Ovo."

The London correspondent of the Irish Times newspaper, published in Dublin, referring to a celebrated product manufactured in Winnipeg, says: "The nourishment and medical comforts of the troops in Africa will naturally be on an extensive scale. I may especially mention 'ovo,' a manufacture which produces what is practically fresh egg, containing all the nutritive principles of the egg. This 'ovo' is greatly appreciated by the medical service and hospital corps. The Portland Hospital ship, which recently started for South Africa, as well as the American Hospital ship Maine, took large quantities of this preparation.

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Manitoba.

Henry Dowse, contractor, Winnipeg, has assigned to J. A. Machray.

E. Sproule has purchased the black-smithing business of W. G. McKay at Morden.

The scarcity of cordwood fuel in Winnipeg has been relieved by large receipts of late.

The Carberry Express is now owned by B. A. Huckell, who has been its manager for some time past.

The Winnipeg city relief committee intends calling for tenders for from 200 to 300 cords of wood for relief purposes.

J. K. Hall has disposed of the Gladstone Age, of Gladstone, to a company. E. Downing, of Portage la Prairie has been engaged to manage the business.

O. Howara and S. Moore, of Mather, have formed a partnership and bought out the machine business formerly owned by Jos. Lawrence at Cartwright.

A partnership has been formed between Colin Campbell and Joseph Smith, both of Winnipeg, for the purpose of opening a dry goods store at Neepawa.

The annual meeting of the Western Horticultural Society will be held in Winnipeg on Feb. 16 to 23, the same week as the consple. The San Jose scale bill will be discussed.

The Manitoba Poultry Association intend holding its seventh annual exhibition in Winnipeg, Feb. 19 to 23. The Brandon association has signified its intention of sending about 200 exhibits.

It is said that the plans and specifications of the Dominion government for the improvements at St. Andrew's rapids have arrived at Winnipeg from Ottawa. Tenders for the work have been called for and are to close on Feb. 15.

McKellar & Jackson, of Rapid City, have sold their brick yard at that place. The purchaser, although the name is not given, is said to be from Winnipeg. The yards are to resume active operations at once. They are said to produce an excellent quality of brick.

It is proposed to utilize a water-power on the Little Saskatchewan river eight or ten miles from Brandon, and transmit the power to Brandon for electric lighting and other purposes for which it is required. If the scheme proves feasible, it will be a great thing for Brandon.

H. J. Somerset, manager of the Winnipeg Street Railway Company, has accepted the general managership of the street railway system at Perth, West Australia. As this is looked upon as a substantial advancement Mr. Somerset is being generally congratulated. His departure from Winnipeg will be regretted.

A sale of salvage is announced by the Manitoba Produce company, who were sufferers in the recent fire on Bannatyne street. The sale will be by auction on Monday and following afternoons at the premises lately occupied by the Union Shoe and Leather company at the foot of Lombard street. The salvage consists principally of canned goods, meats, butter and eggs.

Assinibola.

Geo. Nugent has taken over the interest of P. Blythe, of the firm of Martin & Blythe, implement deal-

ers, of Wapella. The firm name is now Nugent & Martin.

Barnes & Syer's general store at Gainsboro was destroyed by fire on Tuesday morning together with a hotel and public hall. Partly insured.

Northwest Ontario.

M. Pelletier is retiring from the grocery business at Norman.

Ontario & Rainy River Railway surveyors returning to Fort William report that a large deposit of coal has been uncovered up along the new line.

Another Winnipeg Fire.

Another bad fire visited Winnipeg on Sunday afternoon last, whereby about \$40,000 worth of property was destroyed. The Consolidated Stationery Company and John W. Peck & Co., being the sufferers. The fire started in the portion of John W. Peck & Co.'s building on the corner of Princess street and Notre Dame avenue, which has been occupied for a number of years by the Consolidated Stationery Company, and was by the efforts of the firemen confined to that portion, although a small part of Peck & Co.'s stock was damaged by fire and smoke. The Consolidated Stationery Company had about half of their stock moved to new premises in the building recently vacated by R. J. Whittle & Co., so that the loss to them was not so severe as it would otherwise have been. Most of the goods remaining were heavy papers, etc. The losses to both firms were fully covered by insurance. The amount of Consolidated Stationery Company stock remaining in the building is not yet accurately known, but is estimated to have been worth between \$20,000 and \$30,000, and was insured in companies represented by the following local agents:

R. Straung.....	\$3,500
H. M. Lambert.....	3,000
A. C. Archibald.....	1,000
G. O. Woodman.....	4,000
F. H. Brydges.....	2,500
Agur & Beck.....	1,500
Carruthers, Brock & Johnston	2,000
J. Williams.....	1,000
Osler, Hammond & Nanton ..	2,500
Nixon & Waugh.....	2,500
R. T. Riley.....	8,000
Total.....	31,500

The \$2,000 in the Canada Fire Insurance Company, of which R. T. Riley is manager, was reinsured to the extent of \$4,000.

Peck & Co., had the following insurance on the building:

Northern Insurance Co., F. A. Drummond, \$3,000.

The Norwich Union, W. T. Kirby, \$5,000.

Companies represented by Carruthers, Brock & Johnston, \$12,000.

Total, \$20,000.

The loss on the building will not exceed \$10,000, and on the stock of Peck & Co. \$2,000. This, of course, in no way affects their ability to handle orders promptly.

The Consolidated Company have also been able—through the courtesy of other houses in the same line in the city in placing their stocks at their disposal until the lost goods can be replaced—to announce that they can fill all orders promptly from their new warehouse on McDermott avenue.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard wheat quoted at 73 to 73 1-2c January delivery.

Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$1.95 to \$2.05; best bakers', \$1.75.

Oatmeal—\$1.90 per 80 pound sack.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$10 per ton; shorts, \$12 delivered to city dealers.

Oats—Carlots on track, 25 to 28c.

Flaxseed—Per bushel, retail, 70 to 80c.

Barley—Farmers' loads, 2 1/2 to 2 3/4c per bushel for feed grades. Malting barley in carlots on track, 27 to 30c per bushel.

Corn—In carlots, 42 to 44c per bushel of 56 lbs.

Butter—Dairy, jobbers paying 13 1-2 to 15c; fresh creamery, 22 to 23c to buyers.

Cheese—9 1-2 to 10c per pound at factories.

Eggs—Dealers asking 18 to 20c per dozen for Ontario or Manitoba held fresh eggs. Lined, 16 to 17c.

Hides—No. 1 green hides, 61.2c; frozen stock, 6c per lb.

Wool—8 to 8 1-2c for unwashed fleeco. Seneca—21c per lb.

Hay—Baled, \$7.50 to \$8 per ton on cars. Loose hay worth \$6 to \$7.50 per ton.

Potatoes—35 to 40c per bushel on the street.

Dressed Poultry—Turkeys, 10 to 12c per lb.; chickens, 10c; ducks, 8 to 10c; geese, 9 to 10c.

Game—Rabbits, 8 1-2c each; pigeons, 20c per pair.

Dressed meats—Fresh killed beef, city dressed, 5 1-2 to 6c; country frozen beef, 5 to 5 1-2c; mutton, 7 to 8c; lamb, 8 to 9c; hogs, 5 3-4 to 6c; veal, 6 to 7c.

Live Stock—Cattle, 3 to 3 1-2c for butchers' stock; stockers, 2 1-2 to 2

Tenders.

The Winnipeg school board is advertising for tenders for wood to be in by the 29th inst.

The Winnipeg city council will call for tenders for putting in sewer connections between sewer and street lines.

Tenders are wanted for a quantity of railway ties, saw logs, cedar culvert timber, piles and fence posts by Seaman & Co., Port Arthur.

Tenders will be received until Thursday, February 15, for the construction of a concrete lock and dam at St. Andrew's Rapids, Red river. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of Zeph. Maloit, resident engineer of the department of public works, Winnipeg.

Tenders will be received up to Jan. 31st, 1900, for the delivery of five hundred cedar poles, f.o.b. cars, Brandon. Delivery to be made not later than Aug. 1st, straight, sound, and of not less than seven inches in diameter at the top. Address The Brandon Electric Light Co., Ltd., Brandon, Man.

Tenders are requested for furnishing the eastern judicial district gaol of Manitoba with supplies for the balance of the year 1900. The supplies required consist of meat, bread, groceries, clothing and other articles. The time for receiving tenders will expire on the 31st day of January, 1900. Address Hugh J. Macdonald, attorney-general.

At a special meeting of the Toronto board of trade on Tuesday officers for the ensuing year were nominated. A. E. Kemp, president for the past year, was re-elected; A. E. Ames, was re-elected vice-president, and W. E. H. Massey, second vice; J. L. Spink, treasurer by acclamation. There is expected to be a lively contest over election of members of council.

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THE IMPLEMENT TRADE.**BINDER TWINE.**

The situation with regard to binder twine is full of interest at present. The season for booking orders for 1900 delivery is now on, and dealers are watching the markets more closely. The visible supply of fibre both manila and sisal in America is smaller by a very large amount, than at the same date a year ago, and at that time stocks on hand and in sight were none too large. The United States government by its action in closing the ports of the Philippine Islands to commerce until the present armed resistance to the possession of the islands is put down, has cut off the supply of manila fibre and made the whole situation one of perplexity. If any date could be fixed when the ports would be opened again and fibre shipments resumed manufacturers of twine would know how to advise their customers but this apparently can not be done. If no fresh shipments can be made in time for the manufacturing season of 1900 prices are pretty sure to remain high.

The visible supply of manila fibre now in figures amounts to 113,853 bales, 600 of which are on hand in New York, and 113,258 afloat, therefore. Of this amount 18,360 bales are on the steamer Ancona, which is long overdue, and is supposed to be lost. A year ago the visible supply was 213,600 bales. The visible supply of sisal fibre is 66,860 bales, 3,320 of which are already on hand. That this sisal supply can be augmented to any considerable extent in the near future seems very doubtful since the price is steadily advancing and stocks on hand are jealously held by owners. More

over, the requirements of rope makers must also be kept in mind by those who have the purchase of twine in view.

There seems to be some likelihood of the Philippine ports being opened again at an early date in which event there would no doubt be a weakening in twine prices although seeing that it takes from three to five months for a sailing vessel to make the voyage from those islands to New York and about half that time for a steamer, it would be a considerable length of time before any more shipments would be actually available at factories. The influence, however, of the re-opening of the ports would probably send the price of twine down.

The immediate future of the market then really depends, it would seem, upon the course of sisal prices and the prospects for an early re-opening of the Philippine ports. It is understood that the stock of manila immediately available for shipment from the islands is all bought up at high prices, as much as 1-1c per pound having been guaranteed for some fibre which would mean that the intrinsic value of the twine would be higher instead of lower than the quotations of to-day. The purchasers of this twine would, however, likely be willing to sell their first receipts at the loss occasioned by the initial decline in values, seeing that they would have every prospect of making such losses good on later purchases.

WINTER VEHICLE TRADE.

The practically entire absence of sleighing this winter has been a great loss to the implement dealers—jobbers as well as retailers. Retail dealers will have to carry over most of their

stock of winter vehicles in many cases. One feature in connection with the carrying of stock, which is not favorable to holders, is the large amount of spot cash paid out in freight rates. The freight on cutters amounts to 20 to 30 per cent or more on their cost, according to their class, and this has to be paid out in cash before possession of the goods is obtained. There is only one favorable feature in connection with the matter and that is, that vehicles for next winter's trade will probably cost higher than they did for the present winter. A further sharp advance would make up for the cost of carrying.

IMPLEMENT TRADE NOTES.

The Frost & Wood Company, Limited, has issued a comprehensive catalogue of their machinery for 1900.

The Fairchild Implement Co., Winnipeg, will handle the E & D. bicycle and also the Tribune bicycle this season. These wheels are made by the National Cycle and Automobile Co., with head office at Toronto. This is the Canadian branch of the United States bicycle combine. The E. & D. is the only Canadian bicycle in this company. The wheels will be made at the big factory which the company is establishing at Hamilton, Ont. The Fairchild company last year handled the Cleveland wheel, which is now controlled by the Canadian bicycle combine, which will operate under the name of The Canadian Cycle & Motor Co., of Toronto.

The United States proposes to put a duty on electricity brought across the Niagara river, enumerating it as an unmanufactured article and dutiable at 10 per cent.

THE LUMBER TRADE.

WINTER LOGGING OPERATIONS.

The American Lumberman does not speak very hopefully of the situation in the logging camps of the North-western States as the following from its last issue shows: "In considering the white pine situation, next to the shortage in stock on hand the unfavorable logging weather that has prevailed at this season is one of the strongest factors. Last week snow fell in some of the northern territory, giving loggers an opportunity to rush logging for the time being. This snow fall was followed by soft weather, however, and in many sections there has not yet been enough snow to justify the beginning of hauling. Plenty of logs have been cut and skidded, but unless good hauling weather shall come soon it is said that many of the camps will be forced to break up. Hemlock logging operations are perhaps interfered with more by unfavorable weather than are pine, for the hemlock logs are mostly put in by small operators. The same unfavorable conditions apply to hardwood logging in Michigan and Wisconsin, while operations in white cedar are also being seriously retarded. There is time enough yet for a good log input of all northern woods, but unless cold weather and snow shall soon arrive in sufficient quantities the loggers will begin to lose all hope of getting as big a cut as they set out for."

NEW LUMBER LIST.

Following are wholesaled prices, delivered at Winnipeg, for pine lumber:

TIMBER AND DIMENSION—Timber, 4x10 and 12, 6x10 and 12 and 8x8 to 12x12, 14 and 16 feet long, \$19; timber 6x6 to 6x8, 4x4 to 4x8 and 4x6 to 3x12, 12, 11 and 16 feet long, \$17.50; dimensions, 2x4 to 2x12, 12, 11 and 16 feet long, \$16.50; dimensions, 2x4, 10 feet long, \$17; dimensions, 2x8 to 2x12, 10 feet long, \$16.50, dimensions, 2x6, 10 feet long, \$16.50; dimensions, 2x4 to 2x12, 6 and 8 feet long, \$14; cull plank, all widths, \$11; cull plank, re-sawn, \$11. \$1 per M advance on each inch over 12 in in depth and width. \$1 per M advance on each 2 feet over 16 feet.

BOARDS—First common boards, red pine, 10 to 18 feet, \$22.50, second common, 10 to 18 feet, \$17.50, third common, 10 to 18 feet, \$16.50, culls, 10 to 18 feet, \$14.50, 1-2 inch sheathing S.I.S., 10 to 18 feet, \$13.50; second common stock, 12 in., 10 to 18 feet, \$19; second common stock, 8 to 10 in., 10 to 18 feet, \$18; No. 1 wide box boards, 10 to 18 feet, \$27.50, No. 2 wide box boards, 10 to 18 feet, \$20. \$2 per M less for 6 and 8 feet. Re-sawing boards \$1 per M extra.

SHUPLAP—Shiplap, 8 and 10 in., \$18.50; shiplap, 6 in., \$17.50; shiplap, culls, 8 and 10 in., \$16, culls, 6 in., \$13. \$2 per M less for 8 feet and under.

FLOORING, SIDING AND CEILING—Flooring and siding, 8 and 10 in., \$19.50; flooring and siding, 8 and 10 in. culls, \$16; flooring, siding and ceiling, 4, 5 and 6 in., first white pine, \$35.50, do., second white pine, \$31.50; do., third white pine, \$23.50; do., 5 and 6 in., first and second red pine, \$27; do., 4 in first and second red pine, \$25.50; do., 5 and 6 in., third red pine, \$22; do., 4 in third red pine, \$21, do., 5 and 6 in. fourth red and white pine, \$19; do., 4 in fourth red and white pine, \$17; do., 4, 5 and 6 in culls, \$15. \$2 per M advance for dressing two sides 1 3-4 and 1 1-2 in. Flooring \$1 per M advance over 1 in. Bevel siding, No 1, 1-2 in. x 6 in, \$21; bevel siding No 2, 1-2 in. x 6 in, \$18.

FINISHING—1 1-4, 1 1-2 and 2 in. first, second and third clear white pine \$45; do., select white pine \$35, do., shop, \$30. \$5 per M advance on 2 1-2 in and thicker. 1 1-4, 1 1-2 and 2 in

clear red pine, \$31; do., select red pine, \$26.50; 1 in first and second clear white pine, \$47.50; do third, clear white pine \$36.50; do., B. select white pine, \$30; do., C select white pine \$26; No. 1 stock white pine, 12 in. \$41.50; do., 8 and 10 in., \$39.50; No. 2 stock white pine, 12 in. \$36.50; do., 8 and 10 in., \$34.50; No. 3 white and red pine, 12 in., \$25.50, do., 8 and 10 in., \$27.50; 1 in. clear red pine, \$31; do., select, \$26. Selected widths, \$2 per M extra.

MOULDINGS—Parting strips, per 100 lineal feet, 40c window stops, do., 50c; door stops, do., 75c. quarter round and cove, do., 50c; 4 in. casing, do., \$1.60; 6 in. casing, do., \$2; 6 in. casing, do., \$2.40; 8 in base, do., \$3.25; 10 in. base, do., \$4. All other mouldings 50 per cent discount off universal moulding list. Latb, per M, \$3.50, pine shingles, 6 in. clear butts, per M, \$1.75.

LUMBER TRADE NOTES.

In 1898, British Columbia exported 49,000,000 feet of lumber, with a gross valuation of \$49,720,000 feet, of a value of \$146,851.

Shipments of British Columbia heavy timber have been received at Selkirk for the wharf at Gimli. It is being taken by team to the lake port.

J. T. Thomas, who operates a saw-mill in the Lake Winnipeg district, near Gimli, has made a contract with the government to supply a large part of the timber required for the pier to be built at Gimli this year.

The Northwestern Cedarman's Association of the United States has decided to make a general advance in prices of white cedar posts, poles and shingles. The advance on poles amounts to about 15 per cent and on shingles to 10 cents per thousand.

Duncan Fraser has secured a contract from Seaman & Co., bridge contractors of the Ontario & Rainy River railway, to get out timber for the large bridge to be built across Rainy lake. Fraser says his contract will take over 4,000,000 feet.

Doors and mill work prices in the United States are on the up turn again after a few weeks of depression. There is a very active demand for sash and doors and prices are higher than on January 1. Mills are also refusing to book orders except for immediate delivery.

A large number of men are wanted for the lumber camps. A Winnipeg employment agent said the other day that he could place 500 men. Work in the woods has been greatly delayed, owing to the absence of snow, and will now be pushed for the balance of the season. The recent snows should make fair sleighing in the woods, as it requires much less snow to make sleighing in the woods than on the open prairie.

In their last circular on B. C. trade R. P. Kithet & Co., of Victoria, speak as follows of the lumber business of last year: "The lumber industry has been unusually active, and the mills engaged in the export trade and all the orders they could handle at remunerative prices, some of the larger mills having had to keep their machinery running day and night for a large portion of the year. The volume of business has been somewhat curtailed, for some months back, by the want of tonnage, but, even with this drawback, a very satisfactory trade has been done. The prospect for the future are good; many of the mills have orders in hand to keep them going for probably half the year. Indeed new business will hardly be entertained for earlier loading than July

or August. The export price of lumber has recently been increased to a basis of \$10 per M feet."

A Toronto correspondent of the Montreal Gazette writes as follows of the lumber trade in Ontario: "A heavy movement of lumber by rail continues in Ontario, and railway companies state that far more business would be done were it possible to obtain the stock desired. Not for many years has the stock of low grade pine lumber been so thoroughly picked up to such an extent. Some of the manufacturers have for the first time inaugurated winter sawing. The quantity of stock placed on the market as a result, will not be large, and will not likely affect prices, particularly as the demand between now and spring will do more than take care of the supply. Business for the year is opening up very favorably. A number of the Ottawa valley manufacturers have disposed of their cut, and several mill owners in the Georgian bay district expect to close negotiations at an early date for considerable part of their next season's production."

THE HARDWARE TRADE

THE WIRE MARKET.

The Frost Wire Fence Co., of Welland, Ontario, which is a very large consumer of wire, and in touch with the market constantly, has the following to say about the wire market:

"From Nov. 21 to Dec. 30 there were no advances in the prices of wire by the mills and we had begun to hope that the base ruling up to the latter date would hold good for the spring of 1900. This we find was not to be, and on Dec. 30 an advance took place to the extent of \$5 per ton in the States and \$2.50 in the Dominion which, of course, compelled us to make new prices, taking effect Jan 10. We hope that this new price can be maintained for the spring, but there are a number of facts which point to further advances in the Dominion in the near future,—

In the first place, practically all of the capacity of the Pig Iron Furnace is sold for the first half of 1900 and most of the output for the last half.

Second,—The cost of labor is and has been increasing rapidly for some time. This in connection with a number of minor increases in different departments and the heavy advances in freight rates will tend to again raise prices.

Third,—The American Steel & Wire Co. control practically all the production of wire on this continent and there is no possibility of any strong competition to arise for over one year to come.

Fourth,—The prices that the mills are now charging in the States for home consumption are \$13 per ton higher f.o.b. Cleveland than we are compelled to pay for the same goods.

Fifth,—There is no probability of relief from English or German wire as their prices are just as high as in the States, and they can hardly supply their own trade.

That we ourselves have the utmost faith in the market advancing further is shown, from the fact that we have bought a trifle over 1,000 tons of wire since Aug. 1.

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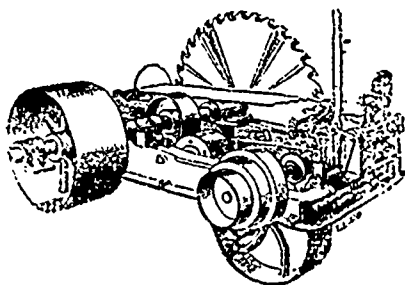
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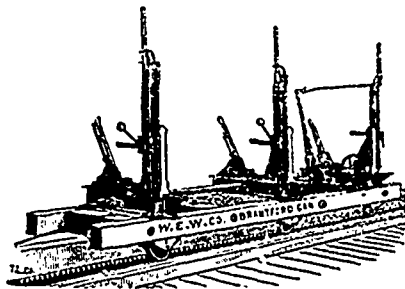
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NEW HARDWARE HOUSE FOR WINNIPEG.

Another new jobbing house in hardware is to be established in Winnipeg. Application for incorporation of the Marshall, Wells Co., has been made for this purpose. The applicants are Wm G. McFarlane, H. M. Howell, and T. G. Mathers, of Winnipeg, and A. H. Comstock, A. M. Marshall and Fred. W. Parsons, of Duluth. The capital stock will be \$50,000 in 500 shares of \$100 each. The last three names mentioned above are members of The Marshall-Wells Hardware Company, of Duluth, Minnesota. This is a large and wealthy house, said to be the third largest hardware house in the United States, and doing a large trade throughout the western and southwestern states. The Duluth house has also done business for years in northwestern Ontario, Manitoba, the Territories and British Columbia, their travellers regularly visiting these sections. The decision to open business in Winnipeg is no doubt a result of the growth of the business on this side of the boundary line. The Duluth house of The Marshall-Wells Hardware Company has had a resident representative in Winnipeg for the past six years, in the person of W. G. McFarlane, who is one of the applicants for incorporation of the new local company, and who is thoroughly familiar with the hardware trade of Western Canada.

The new local company, though having the financial backing of the Duluth house, will be an entirely independent concern, and the Canadian business will be handled from Winnipeg after the new company is ready for business, instead of from Duluth as heretofore. Three travellers will be put in the field at once. Permanent arrangements for a warehouse have not yet been completed, but an option has been secured on a property, and temporary quarters are in view. The stock will be increased here as the requirements of the trade may demand.

HARDWARE TRADE NOTES.

Copper ruled higher in London last week.

The discount on Parker's blind hinges has been reduced to 60 per cent at factories.

Foreign advices note an advance in glass, and this will affect prices for import orders.

The Marshall-Wells Hardware Company, of Duluth, will build an immense new warehouse at that place, which it is said will be the largest warehouse in the west. It will be 200 by 220 feet and seven stories high.

The raw hemp market for manila continues strong, and prices at distributing centres are steadily advancing. Cables from London last week quoted good current manila hemp at £70, fair at £59, and brown at £44.

Curry combs are 10 per cent. higher at factories. Canadian sandpaper is about 15 per cent higher, and whitening is 5c dearer, the price now being 60c. Ingot copper is quoted 1-1 to 1-2c lower at 19 to 20c, while red lead is 25 to 50c dearer. The price of 560-lb. casks is 5 1-4 to 5 1-2 per lb. at Toronto.

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Argentine's Wheat Crop.

On January 5 Beerbolm's London List reports as follows on Argentina wheat. Our cable this morning describes the crop reports as containing favorable other private reports say that the quality is excellent, and perhaps, generally, the best on record; so much so, that shippers can be found to guarantee a natural weight of 61 pounds, and even 62 pounds per bushel. With regard to the quantity of this year's yield it is believed that it will reach 10,000,000 quarters, which compares with about 12,000,000 quarters last year. The present gold premium is 128.50 per cent, against 107 per cent last year. The Argentina wheat exports in the last eight years compare as follows, in tons of 2,204 lbs.:

1899	1,850,000
1898	632,300
1897	135,698
1896	567,810
1895	1,198,567
1894	1,560,079
1893	959,580
1892	447,783

Choice beef is said to have been scarce in the Montreal market this winter and high prices have at times been paid.

The Cloak Manufacturing Company, a Toronto concern, engaged in making ladies' cloaks and coats, of which the late A. D. Benjamin was proprietor, has assigned. The sudden death of Mr. Benjamin, who had been financing the company, caused the suspension. No statement is available, but liabilities will be considerably over \$50,000.

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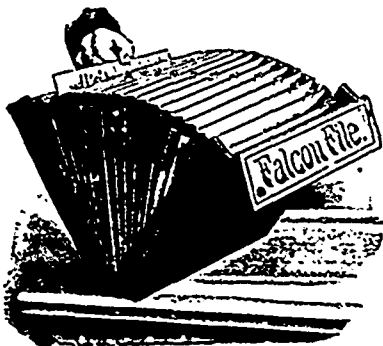
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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Saturday, Jan. 27, 1900.

The weather has been more seasonal this week and this has stimulated trade to some extent. A good fall of snow in the middle of the week improved the sleighing. Nothing can now occur though to increase the volume of business materially until the approach of spring brings its usual revival. Merchants in both city and country have made up their minds that the large stocks of winter goods on hand must be carried over until next fall and they are acting accordingly with regard to buying. Spring orders are not so numerous or large as they would be with these winter lines out of the way. The grain movement is light. Collections are reported slow in some lines. The banks are becoming much more cautious in regard to loans and will not let out money except for actual business necessities. Bank clearings have not maintained their high rate of increase over last year but are still over \$300,000 larger.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Saturday, Jan. 27, 1900.

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

CURED MEATS.

Lard is firmer this week and best steam rendered is worth as high as \$1.75 per cask. Meats hold firm at previous quotations, and there is a good demand for choice stocks.

DRUGS.

Business is fairly active and the outlook considered good. The upward tendency of prices continues and it is anticipated that in the spring when further shipments of heavy goods must be brought forward from British markets that some sharp advances will be necessary as the scarcity of ocean freights will make the cost of bringing goods over much higher. Morphine and opium are tending higher. Manufacturers of Paris green give evidence of a desire to make still further advances in that commodity and will not accept orders for forward delivery. Canary and hemp seeds are higher in the east.

DRY GOODS.

An extended reference to the dry goods situation will be found on page 633 in this issue.

FISH.

Offerings of winter caught frozen fish on the open market are now quite liberal, but otherwise there is no change. We quote prices as follows: Whitefish, frozen, per pound, 6 to 6 1-2c; pickerel, 3 1-2 to 4c; pike, 3c; trout, 10c; salmon 12 1-2c; salmon, round cuts, 10c; halibut, 11c; salt whitefish, in half barrels, \$6.50; haddock, 7c; salt cod, 7c; fresh cod, 7c; boneless cod, in bricks, 7 1-2c; mussels, 7c; haddock, fresh, 7c; mackerel, fresh, 15c; tommy cod, 5c; fresh herring, 20c; Labrador herring, in half barrels, \$1.00; oysters, standards, in bulk, \$2.00; select, \$2.25.

FUEL.

The recent snowfalls have made

sleighing in the woods and as a result receipts of cordwood have been much more liberal. Tamarac, pine and poplar are now fairly plentiful and prices are lower. Tamarac has dropped as much as 65c to \$1.00 per cord pine 50 to 65c, poplar about 25c, oak \$1.90 to \$1.25, and birch about 75c. This brings wood prices down to something like a normal figure and will be a welcome reduction to the city consumers. Coal prices remain unchanged. Consumption of fuel has increased perceptibly since the colder weather set in.

GLOVES AND MITTS.

This winter's trade in gloves and mitts has not been as heavy as manufacturers anticipated and as in all other lines of winter goods there will be some stock carried over which should have been sold. However, with the advances in prices which have already been made for 1900 business this stock should still yield a good profit when turned over next season. It is difficult to give a close estimate of the extent to which prices have advanced for 1900 orders, but it may be placed at about 25 per cent on all mocha goods, about 10 to 15 per cent on kids and about 25 per cent on buck lines. Travellers are now on the road for fall orders.

GREEN FRUITS.

California lemons have gone back again to the old figure of \$5.00 per case, an advance of 50c. Messinas hold steady at the same figure. Cape Cod cranberries while still selling at \$7.50 per barrel are very firm at that and we fear of one concern sending a large consignment back to St. Paul where \$9.00 per barrel can be obtained for them, rather than sell here at \$7.50. Of course, a profit over the freight can be made by this means. These goods are worth \$6.00 at point of shipment now which means about \$2.50 delivered here. Further auction sales of apples have been made since our last report, but otherwise the situation is unchanged. The opinion is still held by some that prices will go higher for best stock. Grape fruit to arrive is quoted at \$5.00 per case. Prices are: California navel oranges, \$1.00 per case for regular sizes; California seedlings, \$1.50; California lemon per box, \$5.00; Messina lemons, \$5.00; apples, winter, \$4 per barrel; Cape Cod cranberries per barrel \$7.50; cocoanuts per dozen, 80c; Grenoble walnuts, 15c; Turragona almonds, 15c; filberts, 12c; pecans, green, 9 to 10c; roasted, 11 to 12c; pecan nuts, 13c per lb; maple sugar, per lb, 11c; apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels; fruit cider put up in 20 and 30 gallon kegs, per gallon, 40c; figs, in boxes, 7c lb; new California layer figs in 10-pound boxes, \$1.30; new Smyrna in glove boxes, \$2.00 per dozen, 10-lb. boxes, \$1.75 per box, and 30-pound boxes, \$6.00; dates 7c per lb. in 1-lb. cartons 9c; honey in 1-lb. glass jars, per dozen jars, \$2.50; Spanish onions, \$1.25 per crate; American red onions, 2c per lb.; jam, in 7 lb. pails, per dozen, \$6.50, in jars, 4 1-2 dozen in barrel, per dozen, \$2.25.

GROCERIES.

There is nothing new to report in this line. Business during the week has been better than during the previous part of the month. Prices remain unchanged throughout.

HARDWARE AND PAINTS.

The hardware market is steady with only a few price changes. Heavy T and strap hinges are up 50c per 100

pounds. Anchor brand building paper, plain is 5c dearer. Soler is 1 1-2c lower and galvanized iron staples 50c dearer. Barbed and plain wire fencing is 25c dearer making the price now for either \$1 per 100 pounds. There is no change in the paint list.

RAW FURS.

The results of the London sales of this week both Hudson's Bay and C. M. Lamson & Co., will be found elsewhere in this issue. Locally prices are the same as heretofore. Receipts are becoming more liberal and some fair-sized consignments have offered this week. A seizure of beaver skins caused a ripple of excitement in the market as it was not generally known before that the provincial authorities regarded beaver skins brought from outside of the province as coming under the Manitoba game protection act.

SCRAP.

The movement of scrap has become very light and the market remains unchanged from a week ago. We quote: No. 1 cast iron free from wrought and malleable \$14 per ton; No. 1 stove plate, \$5.00 per ton; wrought iron scrap, \$6.50 per ton; heavy copper, 10c per pound; copper bottoms, 8c per pound; red brass 8 to 8 1-2c per pound; yellow brass, heavy, 7 1-2c per pound; light brass, 4 1-2 to 5c per pound; lead pipe or tea lead, 2 1-2c per pound; zinc scrap, 1c per pound; rags, country mixed, 50c; rubber, free from rivets, buckles and articles, 5c per pound.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—The steadier and more hopeful feeling noted by us at the end of last week was continued into this week and has developed into a gratifying advance in values, accompanied by evident prospects of further advance. The situation has undergone almost a radical change within the week. The principal immediate factor in this has been the heavy advance in the Paris market amounting to nearly 10c per bushel within the week, caused by reported damage to the French winter wheat crop by frost, rumors of which were noted in our last week's report. While it is too early yet to determine definitely the extent of this damage, there are doubtless some grounds for the reports, and should the damage turn out serious, the price of wheat will go much higher. Reports of cases of bubonic plague in Argentine ports have also had a share in causing the advance, as the shipment of wheat from these ports to Europe may be hindered thereby. Liverpool follows the Paris advance in a leisurely way, but world's shipments to Europe continue small, and the English markets will advance quickly enough when buyers find they must pay sellers prices to draw the wheat to them. The American markets became very strong yesterday, and the advance on the week is 2 1-2c to 3c per bushel. Primary receipts of wheat in the States continue small, running daily about half what they were a year ago. The American visible supply increased 3,000 bushels, against a decrease last week of 1,359,000 bus., and an increase last year of 338,000 bushels, and now stands at 56,536,000 bushels against 28,271,000 bushels a year ago. The world's visible supply according to Bradstreet's decreased 1,354,000 bushels against increase last week of 4,040,000 bushels, and decrease last year of 52,000 bushels. The world's shipments were

5,075,000 bushels against 6,067,000 bushels previous week, and 6,000,000 bushels last year. There is practically no change to report in the crop situation from a week ago. Whatever damage has occurred or may be occurring to the French crop is not yet definitely known. The weather in the States has continued mild up to the last two days, when colder weather has been experienced; but up to latest advices, the fairly favorable condition previously reported was being maintained. European crops, other than the French, are well spoken of. There have been good rains in parts of India during the past week, but these came too late to help wheat, though they are beneficial to other food crops used by the Indian people.

The local market has continued quiet and dull with very little disposition for business, until yesterday it wakened up under the inspiration of the advance in outside markets, and for the first time in many weeks a good inquiry started for Manitoba wheat. Last week price of spot 1 hard in store Fort William left off at 62 1/2c. It gradually advanced in the beginning of the week to 64c, at which it stood for three days till yesterday, when it advanced to 65 1/2c, with more buyers at that than there were last week when prices were 62c. For delivery first half of February 1 hard in store is offered at 66c, and May delivery is wanted at 69c. Holders are firm and not anxious to meet sellers. Two hard and 1 northern are 21-2c under 1 hard; 3 hard is doing better at 5 1/2c under 1 hard; 1 frosted 55c and 2 frosted 50c, all in store Fort William, cash terms.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

FLOUR—The usual dullness of the end of the month prevails. Prices hold steady at figures given a week ago, which are as follows: Oglvie's Hungarian patent, \$1.80; Glenora, \$1.70; Manitoba Strong Bakers, \$1.40. XXXX, \$1.10, Lake of the Woods patent, \$1.90; Strong Bakers, \$1.70 Medora, \$1.40. XXXX, \$1.20 per sack of 95 pounds delivered in Winnipeg.

MILLFEED—The market is very quiet. Demand is limited. Prices have not changed since a week ago. We quote: Bran, in bulk, \$10 to \$10.50 per ton; shorts, in bulk, \$11.50 to \$12.

GROUND FLIN—Oat chop, \$20 per ton; mixed barley, and oats \$17; barley chop, \$15; oat cake, \$25 per ton.

OATS—There has been a much better demand for oats this week, and the market is more active all around. The improved demand has stiffened prices somewhat and some dealers are offering an advance of from 1 1/2 to 1c over quotations of a week ago. If oats were as plentiful in the country as some authorities claim, the good prices now being paid here should tempt holders to sell. As a matter of fact there are but few inquiries for quotations from the country. No oats have offered on the street this week. No 2 white are now worth from 27 to 27 1/2c per bushel; No 2 mixed 26 to 26 1/2c and farmer's loads 26c. From 21 to 23c is being offered in the country for car lots on track.

BARLEY—Receipts very light. Milling grades are worth about 30 to 32c in cars here, and feed grades 25 to 23c.

CORN—Car lots on track of No. 3 corn are quoted at 38 to 39c per bushel.

WHEAT—Prices ruling to-day at country markets to farmers range from 48 to 52c per bushel.

FLAXSEED—Farmers' loads are worth \$1.25 to \$1.30 per bushel at country points. There are practically none offering.

OATMEAL—Millers have reduced their price for best meal 5c this week and we quote now \$1.65 for 80 pound sacks delivered to the retail trade in the city. Car lots are quoted proportionately lower.

HAY—Offerings are even larger than last week and there is not sufficient demand to absorb receipts. We quote: Fresh haled hay in car lots on track, \$5.00 to \$5.50 per ton; loose hay, on the street, \$3 to \$4 per ton.

BUTTER—Creamery—There is nothing doing in a wholesale way. Choice creamery is worth 24c per pound at Winnipeg.

BUTTER—Dairy—The market is still unchanged as far as actual prices are concerned, but there has been a perceptible hardening in the price for choice goods and 29c is readily obtained for best rolls, with a range of from 18 to 20c. Tub cuts at 17 to 19c. Second grades are not much asked for and bring about 14 to 16c. These prices are what jobbers obtain from the retail trade in the city; country shippers should figure freight and commission off. Fancy extra fine rolls bring as high as 22c in the city market, but only a very limited quantity of these offers.

CHEESE—The market firm at 13 to 13 1/2 per pound for boxes. Some holders are asking 14c.

EGGS—Strictly fresh eggs are now worth 26c straight to the retail trade. Held fresh both Ontario and Manitoba sell at 18 to 20c. Fresh gathered local eggs are worth as high as 35c per dozen.

VEGETABLES—We quote as follows: Potatoes, per bushel 35c, turnips, 25c, beets, 35c to 40c; parsnips, 11-2c per pound; dry onions, \$1 per bushel; cabbage, 11-2c per pound, celery, 35c per dozen; bunches, lettuce and parsley, 40 per dozen bunches.

DRESSED MEATS—The market is well supplied with all kinds of meat. Shipments of hogs continue to arrive from Ontario for packers use. We quote: Best city dressed 5 1/2 to 6c per pound; country dressed 5 to 5 1/2c mutton 8 to 9c; lamb 8 to 9c; veal 7 to 8c; hogs 5 1/2 to 6c.

POULTRY—Receipts of dressed poultry are very light. Dealers offer 11c for turkeys, 9c for chickens, 9c for ducks, and 9c for geese.

GAME—A few rabbits are about all the game offering. These are worth 7c apiece. Pigeons 20c per pair.

HIDES—Receipts are light. We hear of as high as 71-2c being paid this week for frozen hides, which is an advance of 1-4c over top price quoted a week ago. Quotations are as follows: Frozen hides 71-4 to 7 1/2c per pound with usual dockage for refuse. No. 1 inspected hides, 8c; No. 2, 7c; No. 3, 6c; Branded hides grade No. 2, and bulls, No. 3; kip, 7c; calf, 8 to 51-2c; oaklin skins, 25 to 35c each; sheep skins, 40 to 50c each; horsehides, 50 to 75c each.

WOOL—We quote prices here 8 to 8 1/2c for unwashed fleece.

SENECA ROOT—37c per lb

TALLOW—Dealers are paying 21-2c for No. 1 tallow at country points. No. 2 is worth about 21-2c.

LIVE STOCK

CATTLE—There has been no movement of cattle this week. Buyers have

not yet started out for stockers and will not until after Feb. 1st. Fat cattle are worth about \$3.35 to \$3.50 per cwt. off cars here. Feeders \$3.25 per cwt.

SHEEP—No movement. We quote 1c per pound for choice wethers of sheep and 1 to 5c for lambs.

HOGS—Receipts only fair. There is a good demand for all offerings. Buyers are quoting 43-4c per pound for choice wethers, ranging from 15c to 250 pounds, and 41-2c for second grades.

MILCH COWS—Very few offerings. Quotations range from \$25 to \$45 each.

HORSES—The market is very quiet. Quotations for working grades range all the way from \$240 to \$275 per team.

Fruit and Produce Exchange.

Winnipeg has now a fruit and produce exchange. Efforts which have been made in this direction this month have finally been successful and organization is now complete. The official name will be "The Winnipeg Fruit and Produce Exchange," and the first officers are J. R. Scott, of the Macpherson Fruit Co., president; J. A. Rogers, of the Parsons Produce Co., vice-president, and Jos. Carman, secretary. The exchange will adopt a constitution and by-laws similar to those of the Minneapolis and Montreal exchanges, and will work along the same lines as those bodies. The dealers here are unanimous in their desire for such an institution, and it will no doubt be a great benefit to the trade at large. Various reforms which are much needed in the control of the fruit and produce trade of the city will receive attention, and where necessary legislation in this direction will be sought. One reform that will be inaugurated as soon as possible is the inspection of apples and other fruit. The present unsatisfactory credit system will also receive attention, and if possible, all accounts will be put on practically a cash basis. This will be only fair to the dealers as they have to pay spot cash for almost everything that enters their warehouses, and so also do the producer man. Another matter that will receive attention is the regulation of receipts of fruits so that it will not happen that on some days the city will be glutted with such perishable fruits as bananas and on other days there will be none obtainable.

Winnipeg Grain Inspection.

For the week ending Jan. 20 there were 285 cars of grain inspected grading as following:

Wheat—1 hard, 139, 2 hard, 40, 1 northern, 4; 2 northern, 2; 3 hard, 35, 1 frosted, 12; 2 frosted, 2; 1 rejected, 11; 2 rejected, 6; no grade, 17, condemned, 1; 1 white type, car.

Oats—2 white, 7; 2 mixed, 1; rejected, 1 car.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There were 2,793,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on Jan. 20. Receipts for the week were 135,000 bushels, and shipments were 101,000 bushels. Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior country points were estimated approximately at 8,700,000 bushels compared with about 8,200,000 bushels a year ago.

A man seldom overrates himself when the tax collector comes around.

London Fur Sales.

The January fur sales of the Hudson's Bay Company and C. M. Lampson & Company at London, England, which have been going on this week from Tuesday to Friday resulted as follows:

HUDSON'S BAY CO. SALES.

Beaver, light brown, 20 per cent higher than last January.

Beaver, dark and dark brown, 10 per cent higher than last January.

Muskrat, 5 per cent lower than last January.

C. M. LAMPSON & CO'S SALES.

Beaver, dark brown, same.

Beaver, light, 20 per cent higher.

Silver fox, 100 per cent higher than March.

Red fox, 75 per cent higher than March.

Cross fox, 5 per cent higher than March.

Martin, same as March.

Northern mink, 15 per cent higher than March.

Lynx, 100 per cent higher than March.

Black bear and grizzly, same as March.

Brown bear, 15 per cent lower than March.

Wolverine, 15 per cent higher than March.

Badger, same as March.

Beaver Skin Seizures.

The fur dealers of Winnipeg were considerably surprised this week to learn that the business which had been carried on in this city for years in beaver skins is by the ruling of the Manitoba game guardian illegal, and that immediate steps are to be taken to stop it. The seizure of a consignment of raw skins in the hands of a local wholesale house was the first hint of the trouble. It is understood that further search for skins is to be made and that information will be laid against all parties having raw beaver skins in their possession. The case regarding the first seizure is to come up in the police court today.

The game law of Manitoba, absolutely forbids the killing of beaver within the confines of the province at any time, and with that part of it there is no particular fault to be found, but it goes further and says that no beaver skins or any part of the animal are to be retained by any one in their possession, no matter where procured, and this is the clause which occasions the present prosecutions. In the past this clause has been tacitly understood to be held in abeyance and it is in fact generally believed to be ultra vires of the Manitoba legislature as far as its application to the trading in beaver skins which has been going on is concerned. The skins which have been handled by Winnipeg traders have all come from points outside of the province, and many of them far remote from civilization. It has been the habit of the trappers who catch them to enclose the skins with their regular consignments of other furs such as mink, otter, rat, skunk, bear, etc., and ship the whole lot to some wholesale firm in Winnipeg—there are several which make a business of handling furs in this way—and there they would be inspected by the regular buyers who make their bids for the lot, and they go to the highest bidder. The furs are then stored by each buyer to wait shipment. It frequently happens that there will in this way be tons of furs in the warehouses of Winnipeg awaiting shipment long after the

close seasons for the species of animals from which they were obtained has set in. In the case of beaver, of course it happens that there is no open season in Manitoba, but the skins offered for sale here are not caught within the province, and therefore, should not come within the Manitoba act. If the act is made to apply, it interferes with interprovincial trade rights, which is a matter solely within the jurisdiction of the Dominion parliament.

Fishmongers' Grievances.

Winnipeg fish dealers are very much dissatisfied with the way they have been dealt with by the Manitoba fish combine. Some two or three years ago there were five fishing companies operating on the Manitoba lakes. These companies were all amalgamated into one concern, under the name of the Dominion Fish Co. This company, the fish dealers say, is connected with and controlled by the A. Booth Packing Co., a big United States concern which has a pinch on the fish markets of many United States cities.

The Winnipeg dealers say that under the old order of things they could always secure all the fish they required for the local trade on reasonable terms. Since the combine was formed, there has been a gradual squeezing of the local dealers, the object being, they believe, to crowd them out of business. The term of credit has been shortened until now the Winnipeg dealers can only get fish by paying spot cash. The Dominion Fish Company seems to be able to exercise a practical monopoly of the fishing business, and notwithstanding the enormous quantity of fish caught in the Manitoba lakes, the dealers must either buy from the company or go without fish.

Another grievance which the dealers claim they have been subjected to is the quality of the fish. They claim that the choice fish are shipped away to the United States cities, while they are given the culls, Winnipeg dealers, it is said, have been ordered by the combine company to stop shipping fish to points south of the boundary, on pain of having the price of fish advanced to them. The Winnipeg dealers, it may be said, have worked up quite a little jobbing trade in fish with points throughout the west, and extending into Minnesota and Dakota. They think the big fish company is trying to force them out of this trade.

Like everything else there may be an other side to the story, but the Winnipeg dealers certainly think that they have suffered very much at the hands of the Manitoba fish combine. They talk of bringing the matter to the attention of the Dominion government, with the object of getting back at the company by inducing the government to refuse the company a license.

Movement Among Wholesalers.

There has been quite a movement among Winnipeg wholesale houses of late. R. J. Whitla & Co. and the Bole Drug Co. are only nicely settled in their new warehouses. Merrick, Anderson & Co. and E. Nicholson are settling down in their new warehouses on Rannatyne street, east. The Ames Holden Co. have just got moved to their new quarters, across the street from their old warehouse. The Consolidated Stationery Co. have moved into the warehouse vacated by R. J. Whitla & Co. The McClary Manufacturing Co. have been but a few weeks in their fine

new warehouse, and next door to them Codville & Co. located a few weeks earlier in their new warehouse.

Red River Navigation.

The plans and specifications for the improvements in the Red river, about fifteen miles from Winnipeg, arrived in the city from the department of public works, and may now be seen at the office of Mr. Zeph Mashiot, the resident engineer of the department. The plans call for a dam across the Red river 800 feet in length, a canal 1,900 feet in length, one set of locks, 215 feet in length, and dredging in the river for a distance of some 400 feet.

The lock which will be the principal feature of the construction will be of massive masonry. In length it will be 215 feet, 45 feet broad and the solid concrete will be 3 feet deep, giving the locks a high water depth of 30 feet, while at low water the depth will be 11 feet. The gates of the lock will be of steel, and the locks will be provided with side sluice culverts for emptying and filling.

The approach to the locks will be by a canal from a point on the west bank of the river, a distance of 1,500 feet. The canal will be 100 feet wide, and have a depth of 11 feet. The embankment on either side will be faced with granite and will present a good appearance. The distance to the canal from the river will be of partly wooden crib work, filled in with stone and will be 290 feet in length. The canal extends 400 feet north of the lock to the river, which will be dredged to a depth of nine feet for about 100 yards.

The dam to regulate the water in the river will extend from the east side of the locks 800 feet, to a point on the east bank of the Red. It will be of solid concrete, granite faced, and will be at the base 32 feet in thickness and will gradually taper till at the top the thickness is 18 feet, 5 inches. The dam is provided with seven piers and two abutments, and also with sluice gates. The piers and abutments can be used as the base of a service bridge and from this could be worked a system of shutters and moveable frames, by which the height of the dam could be increased 12 to 2 feet. The bridge and shutters, however, will form a separate contract.

By the terms of the tenders the contractors will work throughout under the supervision of a resident engineer of the department of public works, to whose satisfaction all work must be done. The lump sum price put in, will include the putting of the locks and canal in shape to handle traffic. Provision for the health and comfort of the men employed on the work is also made. The tenders close on Feb. 15 and call for the completion of the work within three years from the signing of the contract.

At present there is a small force of men employed at the rapidly erecting moveable derricks for the purpose of removing the boulders and doing other preliminary work.

H. J. Erb, of the Waterons Engine Works Company, Winnipeg, returned this week from the east.

E. F. Hutchings is expected home in a few days from an extended eastern trip taking in places as far away as New York.

F. W. Thompson, manager of the Ogilvie Milling Company, is now on his way back to Winnipeg from a visit to Montreal to attend the funeral of the late W. W. Ogilvie.

FINANCIAL

WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS.

Returns from the Winnipeg Clearing House for the week ending January 25th, show as follows:

Week ending Jan. 25, 1907 ... \$1,952,033
Corresponding week, 1899 ... 1,642,095
Corresponding week, 1898 ... 1,240,440

The monthly totals for this year and last are as follows:

	1899.	1898
January	\$7,683,052	\$6,347,168
February	6,209,471	5,517,000
March	6,756,094	5,968,000
April	6,910,431	6,240,000
May	7,472,855	8,683,864
June	8,211,716	7,396,799
July	8,169,595	6,316,238
August	7,995,291	6,180,355
September	8,281,159	6,414,551
October	12,689,000	9,347,892
November	14,435,219	11,553,669
December	12,966,905	10,708,731
Totals... ..	\$107,786,814	\$90,674,325

FINANCIAL NOTES.

The Vancouver clearing house returns for the week ending Jan. 18 amounted to \$647,804, with balances of \$103,244. For the corresponding week of last year the returns were \$107,000 and \$615,500 respectively.

The Portage la Prairie town council is borrowing \$25,000 from the Imperial bank at 5 per cent. interest. This is an advance of 1-2 per cent over rates secured last year due to the improvement in money rates.

The Merchants Bank has intimated its intention through Manager Wickson at Winnipeg of erecting a new bank building here this year. Plans have not yet been prepared, but it is expected that a building in every way worthy of the pioneer bank of the city will be provided. The site of the present building on the south corner of Main and Lombard streets will be used.

The recent failure of La Banque Ville Marie and the disclosures which have followed of the weakness of the employees who were primarily responsible for the disaster has led to a lot of moralizing on the dangers which beset bank clerks as a class. They certainly are subjected to extraordinary temptations and generally bear themselves well under the strain. Exceptions of the kind which we find in the case of the Ville Marie only serve to draw attention to the rule.

The Dominion government banks' statement for December shows a gratifying condition of affairs. The circulation of bank notes, inclusive of one and two dollar bills, has advanced in one year by \$5,741,372. Deposits by the public, payable after notice, or on a fixed day, by \$15,945,093. Bank holdings of specie have gone upward by \$618,251 and of Dominion notes by \$810,419. Call loans, loans, on bonds and stocks, are larger by \$5,903,405, and current loans by \$36,778,571. Overdue debts show a decrease of \$536,609. Total assets are larger by \$41,248,017 and total liabilities by \$35,245,555.

Insurance Items.

The Ontario Mutual has appointed H. Bowell, its district general agent with headquarters at Brandon.

The farmers around Portage la Prairie intend forming a hall insurance

company and have called a meeting for that purpose.

According to Plutarch "the pilot cannot mitigate the billows or calm the winds," but, nevertheless, all of us would much prefer to have the pilot with us in a tortuous channel beset with rocks and reefs. The same is true of life insurance. It cannot avert disease for death from mankind, but it none the less nobly serves its purpose and gives us a feeling of security in our voyage through life.

MINING MATTERS.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Rosslund ore shipments last week totalled 5,220 tons.

The pay rolls of the Rosslund camp now aggregate about \$150,000 per month.

On January 22 War Eagle stock jumped to \$2.70 bid, \$2.75 asked, at Montreal. No sales were made.

E. Mansfield has bought the Tony and Glacier mines near Nelson and has taken a bond on the Monadnock on Kokanee Creek in the same district.

The December run of the Athabasca mine, Nelson district, resulted in \$10,406 worth of gold being recovered. This shows a yield of \$30.25 per ton.

George Macaulay, of the Cariboo mine, Boundary Creek district, has purchased a one-quarter interest in the Okanagon mine in the same neighborhood.

The Ward Horsefly Gold Mining Co., of Victoria, capital \$500,000; and the Boundary-Lardeau Mining Co., of Eholt, capital \$1,500,000, have been incorporated.

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO.

Returns received at the Ontario Bureau of Mines show that the record of the Mikado gold mine, Lake of the Woods, for December, was as follows: Clean up to December, 31, 1899, for 29 days, crushed 848 tons (of 2,240 pounds), yielding 691 ounces of gold, and from cyanide 509 tons (2,240 pounds), 278 ounces of bullion. The mint value of the yield, calculating the retorted gold at \$16.22 per ounce, and the cyanide product at \$6.13 per ounce, was \$12,851.51. The output for November was worth \$11,959.06.

Canadian Newspaper Directory.

We have received from the Central Press Agency, of Toronto, a copy of their directory for 1900. This is the first issue of such a directory by the company referred to, and it is very creditable to their diligence and enterprise. The obtaining of information for such a work means a lot of energy and patience, and the book, carefully compiled as it appears to be, cannot fail to be a most useful work of reference to advertisers and all who wish to obtain information respecting the publications of Canada and Newfoundland.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF THE COMMERCIAL

Business in British Columbia.

Vancouver, Jan. 22.

Trade has been rather dull the past week in Vancouver and prices have a downward tendency. In the dairy market local creamery is very scarce, but there is an abundance of Ontario, Manitoba and Australian creamery in the market. There is a report to the effect that a considerable amount of Australian creamery of the last shipment is fish-tainted owing to being stored on ship board in close proximity to the fish.

Local eggs are falling rapidly in price and are retailing twenty cents lower than two weeks ago—namely at 35 cents. There are no changes of consequence in the other lines of produce.

Through the action, of the wholesale grocers of Vancouver, who became seriously alarmed at the report of some of their customers, that they could not meet payment falling due, a campaign against the trading stamp system was inaugurated by the merchants, who at a largely attended meeting appointed committees to procure the signatures of every merchant in the city to an agreement to do away with trading stamps. So objectionable was the trading stamp system to the merchants themselves, there was not half a dozen in the entire city refused to sign and as a consequence the trading stamp system in Vancouver has been stamped out. The evil may have been a blessing in disguise. For several months Vancouver has been suffering from over competition. This in conjunction with the trading stamp evil startled the business community to such an extent that the wholesalers and retailers met at the invitation of the former and discussed the situation at length, with the most beneficial results. Thinking men are reassured of the business stability of one or two lines of trade most affected by over competition and trading stamps.

The retail grocers, besides swearing off on trading stamps have agreed to offer no inducements whatever besides the excellency of their wares, etc., to purchasers, even spot cash discounts being forbidden.

British Columbia Markets.

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

PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

By wire to The Commercial,

Jan. 27

There is a considerable range in the price of case eggs, owing to difference in quality, and bottom prices are 2 to 3c lower. There has been a big and sudden drop in the price of fresh local eggs. Manitoba dairy butter is selling higher for choicest stock. Potatoes are firm. Green fruits tending lower for oranges and lemons.

BUTTER—Local creamery, 30c; Australian fresh grass butter, 27 1-2c; Ontario creamery, 27 to 28c; Manitoba dairy, 20 to 21c, as to quality.

EGGS—Fresh local, 55c; eastern case eggs, 15 to 18c, as to quality.

CHEESE—16c.

GREEN FRUIT—Oranges, navel, \$5.25 to \$1.75; seedlings, \$2.25; California lemons, \$3.50 to \$1; bananas, \$2.50. Local apples, 90c to \$1.25 per box. Japan oranges, 45c per box. Eastern apples, \$5.50 per barrel. Local cranberries, \$8 per barrel; Cape Cod berries, \$10.

MEAL—Rolled oats, 90 lb. sack, \$2.50; two 45 lb. sacks, \$2.60; four 22 1-2 lb. sacks, \$2.80; ton 7 lb. sacks, \$2.50; oatmeal, in 10 lb. sacks, per 100 lbs. \$3.25. In 50 lb. sacks, \$3 per 100 lbs.

FLOUR—Delivered B.O. patents—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.00; strong bakers, \$4.30; Oregon, \$4.50 per barrel.

GRAIN—Oats, \$24 to \$25 per ton; wheat, \$25.

CURED MEATS—Hams 14c; breakfast bacon 13 to 13 1-2c; backs, 12 1-2c; long clear, 10c; short rolls, 12 to 12 1-2c; smoked sides, 11c.

LARD—Tins, 10c per lb.; in pails and tubs, 9 1-2c.

FISH—Flourishers, 3c; smelts, 5c; sea bass, 4c; whiting, 5c; soles, 6c; smoked 10c; fresh halibut 6c; salmon 6c. Blonora 8 1-2c; cod 6c per lb.; crabs, 60c dozen.

GAME—Mallards, 60c; pintail 40c, teal 25c; widgeon 40c per pair; venison 7c; bear 6c lb.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 14c; geese, 12c.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, \$16 per ton; Ashcroft potatoes, \$20 ton; cabbage, 2c per lb.; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12 per ton; red onions, 1c per lb.; silverskins, 2c; tomatoes, \$2 per box; cucumbers, \$2 per box.

FEED—National mills chop, \$25 per ton; shorts, \$22 ton; bran, \$20; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; f.o.b. Vancouver, including duty paid on imported stuff.

HAY—Per ton, \$16.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef, 8 to 8 1-2c; mutton, 10 to 11c; pork, 9 to 9 1-2c; veal, 10 1-2 to 11c lb.

LIVE STOCK—Steers, \$3.50 to \$3.75 per 100 lbs.; cows, \$3.25; sheep, \$5.50 per 100 lbs.; hogs, 5c per lb.

DRIED FRUITS—Apricots, 17c; peaches 10 to 12c; pitted plums, 12c; prunes, French 5 to 7 1-2c lb.; London layer raisins, \$2 to \$2.25 box; Italian prunes 6 to 8 1-2c lb.; Muscatel raisins, 2 crown 8c, 3 crown 8 1-2c, 4 crown 9c; dates 9c; black figs, 6c; white figs, 9 1-2c; layer figs, 10 lb. box \$1.45; silver prunes, 9 1-2c; quartered pears, 11 1-2c; half pears, 12 1-2c; nectarines 14c; Valencia raisins, 7 1-2c; sultanas, 11 to 14c; blackberries, 16c; raspberries, 25c; seed-ced raisins, 9 1-2c.

NUTS—Almonds, 16c; filberts, 12 1-2c; peanuts, 9c; Brazil, 12 1-2c; walnuts, 13c lb.

SUGARS—Powdered, icing and bar, 6 3-4c; Paris lump 6 1-4c; granulated 5 1-4c; extra C, 4 5-8c; fancy yellows 4 1-2c; yellow 4 3-8c lb.

SYRUPS—30 gallon barrels, 2 1-4c lb.; 10 gallon kegs 2 3-4c; 5 gallon tins \$1.75 each; 1 gallon tins \$4.50 case of 10; 1-2 gallon tins \$5.25 case of 20.

TEAS—Congo, Fair, 11 1-2c; good, 18c; choice, 29c; Ceylon and India, fair 20c.

HARDWARE—Bar Iron—Base, \$3.50. Horse shoe nails, discount, 40 per cent; horse shoes, keg, \$5. Wire nails—Base price, \$4.50; cut, \$3.75. Rope, Manila, 16c. Boiled oil, 75c. White lead, \$7.50. Putty, \$3.50. Barbed wire, \$4.75 per 100 lbs. Glass, 1st break, \$5.

PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

By wire to the Commercial,

Nelson, B. C., Jan. 27.

Creamery butter has advanced 1 2c to 26 1-2c. Fresh ranch eggs are offering more freely. Hatched eggs are 1c lower.

Butter—Ontario or Anery 26 1-2c, choice dairy, 21c per lb.

Cheese—Large, 15 1-2c; small sizes, 16c per lb.

Eggs—Fresh ranch, 30c; Ontario held fresh, 24c; pickled 19c per doz.

Oats—Per ton, \$27.

Milled—Bran, \$20, shorts, \$22 per ton.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$1.80.

Hay—Per ton, \$28.

Potatoes—Per ton, \$23.

British Columbia Notes.

A. C. Newson, hotel, Vernon, is dead. M. Welsh, hotel, New Westminster, has sold out.

Crow & Morris, cigars, Rossland, are damaged by fire.

Koolenay Produce & Supply Co., Moyie, is closing out.

Geo. A. Owens, grocer, Vancouver, has given up business.

Chas. E. Johnson, hotel, Waterloo, is burnt out; no insurance.

Mrs. J. G. Houghton, dry goods, Rossland, has moved to Trail.

L. A. Manly, Liquor Co., Ltd., Grand Forks, has been incorporated.

Dowding & Thurber, hotel, Midway, are succeeded by Thos. Banbury.

J. Turner & Co., flour and feed, etc., Kaslo, are admitting a partner.

C. W. Mount & Co., men's furnishings, are burnt out; insurance, \$4,500.

R. V. Bullock, cigars, etc., Chilliwack, has sold out and is reported away.

Jas. Robertson Co., Ltd., manufacturers metals, Vancouver, have been licensed.

J. H. Todd & Son, wholesale grocers, Victoria, style changed to J. W. Todd & Sons.

H. S. Wallace, stationery, Rossland and Grand Forks, is selling out at Grand Forks.

Hasting & Parker, Rossland, have dissolved partnership, R. H. Parker continues.

H. S. Wallace, stationery and wall paper, Rossland, has sold out wall paper department.

Eagle & Paxton, general store and ranchers, 150-Mile House, have assigned to Geo. Veith.

A. C. Foster has opened a harness shop at the 150-Mile House under the firm name of Foster & Co.

Charlotte C. Masters, Nanaimo and Wellington, dry goods and millinery, have assigned to J. L. Beckwith.

Cox & Johnson's box factory at Vancouver, was destroyed by fire on Saturday last. The loss is placed at \$5,000.

West Kootenay mine owners have petitioned the British Columbia legislature to repeal the eight hour mining law.

Fred J. Ferine and Geo. M. Stundin, printers, Rossland, have dissolved partnership, the latter continuing the business.

The Anderson Produce Company, Limited, of Winnipeg, has opened a branch in Greenwood and will open another branch in Nelson in the near future.

Albert Barrett and Robert Scott, trading as the Eagle Palace Meat Market at Rossland, have dissolved partnership. Barrett continues the business.

Fraser river canners met at Vancouver on Jan. 25 to discuss the outlook for the coming season and agreed to an arrangement continuing the 48 canneries on the Fraser river.

The Golden board of trade held its annual meeting on the 15th inst., the principal business being the election of officers for the coming year. These are as follows: J. Gibb, president; C. A. Warren, vice-president; Thomas O'Brien, secretary-treasurer.

The board of trade of Rossland intends opening permanent offices in that city. One of the features will be a mineral exhibit for the purpose of educating visitors. The Rossland board is again recommending a provincial appropriation for the British Columbia agency in London, England, a grant in aid of a school for mines, and another in aid of road improvement in the Trail Creek district.

Winnipeg Hardware and Metal Prices.

ANVILS—Per lb., 10 to 12 1-2c; anvil and vice combined, each \$3 to \$4.50.

AUGERS—Post hole, Vaughan's, each, 60 to 90c.

AXES—Bench, 40 per cent; chopping axes, per dozen, \$8 to \$12; double bit, per dozen, \$11 to \$18.

BELLOWS—20-24, \$4.50, 26, \$4.95; 28, \$5.40; 30, \$5.85; 32, \$6.30; 34, \$7.25; 36, \$8.10; 38, \$9; 40, \$10.35.

BELTING—Agricultural, 55 to 60 per cent; No. 1, 50 to 50 and 10 per cent; extra 30 to 35 per cent.

BITS, AUGER—American, 50 per cent; Jennings' Excelsior, 45 per cent.

BLUESTONE—6 1/2c lb.

BOLTS—Carriage, 42 1-2 per cent; machine, 45 per cent; plow, 40 per cent; sleigh shoe, 65 per cent; stove, 55 per cent; tire, 55 per cent.

BUTTONS—Cast, loose pin, com. 60 per cent, Peterboro', 33 1-3 per cent; wrought steel, narrow, 60 per cent; loose pin, 60 per cent; bronze, 45c up.

CARTRIDGES—Kilm fire, Am. discount, 40 per cent; Dom. 50 and 5 per cent; 10 per cent, centre fire, pistol, Am. discount 10 per cent, Dom. discount 30 per cent; military and sporting, Am. net list, Dom. 15 per cent.

CEMENT—Portland, barrel, \$1.25 to \$1.50.

CHAIN—Coll, proved, 3-16 in. per 100 lbs., \$8; do. 1-4 in. \$7.50; do. 3-16 in. \$6; do. 3-8 in. \$5.75; do. 7-16 in. \$5.50; do. 1-2 in. and up, \$5.00. Jack, iron, single per dozen yards, 15 to 75c; double, per dozen yards, 25 to \$1. Trace, per dozen pairs, \$3.75 to \$5.50.

COPPER—Tinned sheets, 28c, plain-shed, 33c; boiler and T. K. pits, plain tinned, per lb., 29c; spun, 33c.

FILES—Com. 70 per cent, Nicholson's and Black Diamond, 60 per cent.

GLUE—Sheets, 15c lb.; broken, 12 1-2c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 18 to 25c.

GREASE, AXLE—Fraser's, per case, \$3.75; Diamond, light \$1.50 case; dark, \$2; Mica, \$3.35.

GRINDSTONES—\$1.50 100 lbs.

HAIR—Plasterers', 90c bale.

HARVEST TOLS—55 and 5 per cent.

HORSESHOES—Iron shoes, keg, 0 and 1, \$4.90; 2 and larger, \$4.65. Less than full kegs, 25c extra. Steel shoes, 0 and 1, \$5.20; 2 and larger, \$4.95.

HINGES—Heavy T and strap, per 100 lbs., \$6.25 to \$7.20; light do., 40 per cent; screw hook and hinge, 6 to 10 in. 5c per lb.; 12 in. up, per lb., 4c.

IRON—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$3.10. Band iron, 100 lbs., \$3.40 base. Swedish iron, 100 lbs., \$5.00 base. Sheet, black, 16 to 20 gauge, \$3.50; 22 to 26 gauge, \$3.75; 28 gauge, \$4.00. Galvanized, American, 16 gauge, \$4.25; 18 to 22, \$4.50; 24 gauge, \$4.75; 26 gauge, \$5.00; 28 gauge, \$5.25 per 100 lbs. Queen's head, 25c advance on Am. prices. Canada plates, Garth and Blaine, \$3.60. Imitation Russian sheets 7 to 8c; genuine Russian sheets, lb. 12 to 13c.

LEAD—Pig, per lb. 6c; sheet, 6 1-2c. NAILS—Cut—30d up, \$3.40; 20d, \$3.45; 10d, \$3.50; 8d, \$3.55; 6d, \$3.70; 4d, \$3.80; 3d, \$4.05. 2d, \$4.40. Wire nails, 1 1-2 in. up, \$4; 4 in., \$4.05; 3 in., \$4.10; 3 1-2 in., \$4.15; 2 in., \$4.30; 1 1-2 in., \$4.40; 1 1-4 in., \$4.65; 1 in., \$5. Horse nails, pointed finished, oval heads, list price, No. 5, \$7.50 box; No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box; Nos. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box; discount on these prices, 40 per cent.

PAPER, BUILDING—Anchor brand, plain, 50c; do. tarred, 65c; Cyclone, 70c; Jubilee, plain, 55c; do., tarred 70c.

PIPE—Iron, black, per 100 feet, 1-4 in., \$3.82 1-2; 3-8, \$3.82 1-2; 1-2, \$4.72 1-2; 3-4, \$5.17 1-2; 1 inch, \$7.42 1-2; 1 1-4, \$9.90; 1 1-2, \$12.15; 2 inch, \$16.20; larger, 45 per cent. Galvanized, 1 1-4 in., \$8.80; 3-8, \$8.80; 1-2, \$9.35; 3-4, \$10.45; 1 inch, \$14.30; 1 1-4 in., \$19.80; 1 1-2 in., \$24.20; 2 inch, \$32.45. Stove, 6 in., \$8.50; 7 in., \$9.25 per 100 lengths.

PITCH—Pine, \$4 per barrel. PLASTER—Per barrel, \$9.25.

RIVETS AND BOLTS—Carriage, section 37 1-2 per cent; M rivets, black and tinned, 37 1-2 per cent; copper riv-

ets and bolts, 33 1-2c; cartons 1c per lb. extra net.

ROPE—Cotton, 1-4 to 1-2 inch, and larger, 15c lb.; deep sea, 16 1-2c; lath yarn, 11c; Manila, per lb., 16c base; sisal, 1 1-2c base.

SCREWS—F. H. bright, discount 75, 10 per cent; R. H. discount 70; F. H. brass, discount 70; R. H. brass, discount 60 and 5 per cent. Bench, wood, per doz., \$3.75 to \$4.50; bench, iron, per doz., \$4.50 to \$6; coach screws, 57 1-2 per cent.

SHELLS—Loaded—Eley's black, 12 gauge, per 100, soft, \$1.50, chilled, \$1.65; 10 gauge soft, \$2, chilled \$2.15; Eley's smokeless, 12 gauge soft, \$1.90, chilled \$2.05. No. 10 gauge soft \$2.40, chilled \$2.55.

SHOT—Soft, 6 1-4c per lb.; chilled, 6 3-4c; buckshot, 7 1-4c.

SOLDER—Half and half, per lb., 20 1-2c.

SOLDERING IRONS—Per lb. 32c. STEEL—Sleigh shoe, \$3.60 base; spring \$1.00 base, machinery, \$4.00 base; share com. \$4.75 base; share, crucible, \$5.50; toe calk, \$4.00 base; tire steel, \$3.75 base; cast tool steel, lb. 9 to 12 1-2c.

STEEL BOILER PLATE—3-16 inch, \$4.25 1-4, 3-8 inch and thicker, \$4.90.

STAPLES—Galvanized, \$4.50 per 100 lbs.

TAR—Per barrel, \$5.

TIN—Lamb and flag, 56 and 28 lb. ingots, per lb., 33c.

TIN PLATES—Charcoal plates, I C, 10 x 14, 12x12, and 14x20, \$5.75; I N same size box, \$6.75; I C charcoal, 20 x 28 112 sheets to box, \$11.00; I N box 20x28, 112 sheets, \$13.00.

TERNE PLATES—I C, 20x28, \$10.50.

TINWARE—Plain, 75 and 2 1-2 per cent; retinned, 70 and 10 per cent.

TRAILS—Game, H. & N., No. 0, \$1.92 doz.; No. 1, \$2.25; No. 1 1/2, \$3.38; No. 2, \$4.75; No. 3, \$6.30; No. 4, \$7.42; No. 5, \$7.50.

TUBES—Boiler, 2 inch, 16 1/2c per foot; 2 1/2 inch, 21 1-2c; 3 inch, 23c per foot.

VISES—B. S. Wright's 14c; Sampson, 40-50 pounds, \$6.50 to \$7 each; parallel, \$2 to \$7 each.

WADS—Grey felt, 75c per lb.; thin card wads in boxes of 500 each, 12 and smaller gauge, 20c per lb.; thin card wads in boxes of 500 each, 10 gauge, 25c per lb. Chemically prepared black edge gray cloth wads, in boxes of 250 each, 11 and smaller gauges, 65c per 1,000; 9 and 10 gauges, 75c per 1,000; 7 and 8 gauges, \$1 per 1,000.

WIRE—Brass and copper wire, 20 per cent advance on the list; clothes line wire, 18 gauge, per 1,000 feet, \$3.50. Galvanized, 4-bar, regular, \$4.00; galvanized, plain twist, \$4.00.

ZINC—Sheet, in casks, \$9 per 100 lbs.; broken lots, \$9.50.

Winnipeg Prices Paints Oils, Glass, Etc.

ALABASTINE—Cases of 20 packages, \$6.50.

BENZINE—Case, \$3.50.

DRY COLORS—White lead, lb. 7 1-2c; red lead, kegs, 7c; yellow ochre in barrel lots, 3 1-2c, less than barrels 3c; golden ochre, barrels, 3 1-2c, less than barrels 4c; Venetian red, barrels 3c, less than barrels 3 1-2c; American vermilion, 15c; English vermilion, \$1 per lb.; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots, 2 1-2c, less than barrel lots 3c; English purple oxides, in casks, 3 1-2c, less quantities 4c lb.

GASOLINE—Stove, per case, \$3.50.

GLASS—Single glass, first break, 16 to 25 united inches, \$2.50; 26 to 40, \$2.75 per 50 feet boxes; 41 to 50, \$6.00; 51 to 60, \$6.50; 61 to 70, \$7.00 per 100 feet boxes.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, gal., 70c, boiled, gal. 75c in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gal extra, with additional charges for cans and cases.

OILS—Black oils, 25 to 30c gal.; clear machine oil, 30 to 33c; cylinder oil 53 to 78c, as to quality; castor oil, 11c per lb.; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatfoot oil, \$1; steam refined oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2.00 gal.

PREPARED PAINTS—Pure liquid colors, gallon, \$1.50 to \$1.70, as to shade and quality.

PUTTY—In bladders, barrel lots, 2 1-2c

lb.; in 100 lb. kegs, 23-4c; do. less than barrels, 3c lb.

REFINED PETROLEUM—Silver Star, 20 1-2c; Oleophene, 23 1-4c; Sunlight, 24c; and Eocene, 23c per gallon.

TURPENTINE—Pure spirits in barrels, 81c; less than barrels, gal. 80c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

VARNISHES—No. 1 furniture, per gallon, \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$1.50 to \$1.75; hard oil finish, \$1.50; to 2; brown Japan, \$1; house painters' gold size Japan, \$1.50; coach painters' do., \$2 to \$2.25; No. 1 brown shellac, \$2.25; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.

WHITE LEAD—Pure, \$7.50 per 100 lbs.; No. 1, \$7.25.

WHITING—\$1.25 per 100 lbs. gross weight.

Western Enterprise.

The Winnipeg Rubber Company shipped a large consignment of waterproof overcoats to Halifax this week for the men of the second Canadian contingent. The order came from the Dominion government and was, of course, for immediate execution. It is a good indication of the size of some of the wholesale stocks carried in Winnipeg that such an order could be filled from stocks on hand here.

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TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Jan. 27.
Dry goods—Trade is quite active in spring goods. Travellers are sending in numerous orders. North west business is better than a year ago. Values are very firm. Owing to advances on British and foreign dress goods it will be impossible to repeat many lines.

Hardware—Business here is quite active. More orders are coming in than a week ago. Values are firm. The discount on fire bars has been reduced to 60 per cent. Ross bridge cable truss wire has been advanced to \$4 here. A new iron wood screw list has been adopted by Canadian manufacturers, making an advance of 22 to 55 per cent. Canadian brooms are dearer. Metals are quiet. Tinned sheets firmer. Genuine red lead 25 higher. Coal oil 1-2c up.

Groceries—Quieter. Some jobbers are quoting peas, corn and tomatoes 5c lower, from 75c up for peas, 90c to \$1 for tomatoes, and \$1 to \$1.10 for corn to induce sales. Saf seed is 5 per cent dearer. Teas are firm, Indias and Ceylons selling here at 1-2c or more below laid down price to-day.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Jan. 27.
Grain deliveries have been small and the market dull. Wheat is dearer owing to outside advances. Dressed hogs are firmer and about 10c higher. Dairy butter is still firm. Eggs are about 1c lower. Hides are easier, in sympathy with lower United States and British markets. Wool is also easier in sympathy with British markets and prices are about 1c down from the top. Beans have advanced and are very firm on export demand to the United States:

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$4.10; Manitoba bakers, \$3.65; Ontario straight roller, \$2.75 per barrel for carlots at country mills.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat 64 1-2c for carlots at country points; Ontario spring, 65c. No. 1 hard 78c, grinding in transit.

Oats—New oats, 24 1-2 to 26c at country points for carlots, as to quality and freights.

Barley—No. 2, 38c, country points. Millfeed—Shorts, \$14 to \$15 per ton; bran, \$13 to \$13.50 per ton for cars at country mills.

Oatmeal—\$3.25 in bags per barrel, and \$3.35 in wood for car lots, Toronto.

Eggs—Held fresh, 16 to 17c; new laid, 21 to 22c; hmed, 14 to 15c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, choice fresh 19 to 20c; medium, 17c; creamery, tubs and boxes, 21 to 22c.

Cheese—12c to 12 1-2c for job lots to the local trade.

Hides—10c for No. 1 cows; No. 1 heavy steers, 11c; cured hides, 10 1-4 to 11 1-2c. Sheepskins and lambskins, 75c to \$1.20; calfskins 11c and 10c for No. 1 and No. 2; tallow, 5 to 5 1-2c.

Wool—Washed fleeces, 19c. Beans—\$1.50 to \$1.60 per bushel for hand picked.

Dried Apples—6 to 6 1-2c for round lots; evaporated, 8 to 8 1-2c.

Honey—Bulk, 9 to 10c per pound. Poultry—Chickens, 25 to 30c per pair; turkeys, 9 to 10c per pound; geese 6 to 6 1-2c; ducks, 40 to 60c per pair.

Potatoes—Steady at 38c per bag for car lots.

Hogs—Dressed hogs, \$5.20 to \$5.30 per 100 pounds for car lots, mixed weights, freights paid to Toronto.

Seeds—Timothy, \$1.00 to \$1.75 per bushel; red clover, \$5.00 to \$5.75; alsike, \$4.50 to \$6.25.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Jan. 24.
Receipts at the semi-weekly market yesterday were 400 cattle, 400 sheep and lambs, and 2,240 hogs.

Export cattle—A few loads of choice heavy exporters sold at \$5 per cwt, and as low as \$4 for lighter stock.

Butchers' cattle—Demand light. Butchers well stocked. Choice, running \$3.50 to \$4. Common, \$2.25 upwards as to quality.

Feeders—Good demand at \$3.60 to \$3.80 for heavy feeders and \$3.30 to \$4.10 for good short-keep stock. Light feeders sold at \$3.25 to \$3.40 per cwt.

Sheep and lambs—All sold at \$4.25 to \$4.50 per cwt for lambs, \$4.50 to \$4.80 per cwt for picked ewes and wethers and \$3 to \$3.50 for export ewes.

Hogs—Advanced 12 1-2c per cwt to \$4.75 per cwt for selects of 160 to 200 lbs natural weight and \$4.25 for thick and light fats. Corn-fed hogs were quoted at \$4.25 per cwt.

FRIDAY'S MARKET.

Toronto, Jan. 27.
At the semi-weekly market yesterday receipts were 450 cattle, 350 sheep and lambs, and 1,000 hogs.

Export cattle were easier at \$4 to \$4.75. Butchers' were in better demand and dearer at \$2.25 to \$4.00. Lambs were dearer at \$4.25 to \$4.85. Hogs ruled steady.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Jan. 23.
Receipts of live stock at the East End Abattoir market yesterday were 700 cattle and 200 sheep and lambs.

Export demand dull, owing to scarcity of ocean space, and with the supply in excess of local requirements, prices were lower. Choice cattle sold at 4 1-2c to 4 3-4c; good at 4c to 4 1-4c; fair at 3 1-4 to 3 3-4c and low grades at 2c to 3c per lb. The supply of sheep and lambs was small for which the demand was ample and prices ruled steady. Sheep sold at 3c to 3 1-2c, and lambs at 4c to 4 1-2c per lb.

At the Grand Trunk stock yards the receipts of hogs were small. Prices were firmer at 4 1-4c to 4 1-2c per lb., weighed off cars.

THURSDAY'S MARKET.

Montreal, Jan. 26.
At the East End Abattoir yesterday receipts were 700 cattle, and 300 sheep and lambs.

The cattle market was well supplied and prices ruled easier. Best cattle sold at 4 to 4 1-2c, fair to good at 3 to 3 3-4c and others at 2c to 2 3-4c. Sheep sold at 3 to 3 1-4c, lambs at 4 to 4 1-2c with a good demand.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Jan. 27.
Oats quiet and unchanged. Flour dull and lower. Manitoba strong bakers having declined 10c and Manitoba patents 15c. Feed is active and steady. Meat slow. Eggs fairly steady and quiet. Butter in fair demand at unchanged prices. Cheese steady and quiet. Beans are 17 1-2 to 22 1-2c higher at \$1.60 to \$1.70. Potatoes are quiet and slightly easier. Dressed turkeys are 1-2c up. Dressed meats

are quiet and fairly steady. Quotations are:

Oats—29 1-2 to 30c in store. Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.50 to \$3.60; Manitoba patents, \$3.75 to \$4.00.

Millfeed—Bran, \$15 per ton; shorts, \$16 to \$17, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Roiled oats, \$3.50 per barrel on track and \$1.70 per sack.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 10c; No. 2, 9c. No. 3, 8c; calfskins, No. 1, 10 1-2c, No. 2, 8 1-2c; lambskins, 90c; tallow, 4 to 4 1-2c.

Eggs—Strictly fresh, 25c; candled, 16 to 18c second grade, 15 to 15c.

Butter—Choice fresh dairy, 19 to 20c.

Butter—Choice creamery, 21 1-2 to 22 1-2c.

Cheese—Finest, 12c.

Beans—\$1.60 to \$1.70 per bushel, as to quality.

Potatoes—45c per bag on track.

Dressed Poultry—Turkeys, 9 to 10c; chickens, 7 to 8c; ducks, 7 1-2 to 8 1-2c, geese, 6 to 7c.

Dressed Meats—Beef, jobbing lots, front quarters, 3 1-2 to 5c per pound hind quarters, 5 to 7c; lamb, 6 to 6 1-4c, mutton, 4 1-2 to 5c, hogs, 5 to 5 1-2c. round lots meat, 3-8 to 1-2c less.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Jan. 27.
Paints and oils are firm with an upward tendency. Lined oil is 1 to 2c advanced over last week. Hardware is quiet and steady.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Jan. 27.
The market is fairly active and prices steady.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Jan. 26.
Cheese remains steady at 57s 6d for white and 58s for colored.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Jan. 26.
Cattle market dull and unchanged from previous day at 11 to 12 1-4c estimated dressed weight. Compared with a week ago this is an advance of 1-2c on the outside quotation. Sheep are worth 11 1-2 to 12s all dressed.

LONDON SUGAR MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

London, Jan. 26.
Beet sugar is weaker, January and February selling at 9s 7 1-2d. There were some sharp fluctuations during the week the market ruling as high as 9s 9d for February.

BRITISH LIVE STOCK.

London, Jan. 22.—The weak feeling which developed in the market last week, has continued, on account of increased supplies. Prices show a further decline to-day of 1-2c. Choice States cattle sold at 12 1-2c, and Argentinians at 11 1-2c. There were no Canadian stock on the market. Sheep were 3-4c lower, with Argentinians selling at 10c.

Liverpool, Jan. 22.—The market was weak. Canadian cattle sold 1-2c lower, at 11 1-2c, and Canadian sheep declined 1c to 10 1-2c.

New York Wheat.

New York, Jan. 22.—Wheat, May opened at 74 3/4c for May option, and 75 1/8c closed 7 1/2c, closed 72 7/8c b.

New York, Jan. 23.—Wheat, May opened 72 1/2c, closed 73 1/4c. July opened 73c b, closed 73 3/8c.

New York, Jan. 24.—Wheat, May opened 73 1/2c. July opened 73 1/2c.

New York, Jan. 25.—Wheat, May opened 73 3/8c, closed 73 3/8c a. July opened 73 5/8c, closed 73 5/8c a.

New York, Jan. 26.—Wheat, May opened 73 3/4c, closed 74 3/4c. July opened 74c, closed 74 7/8c.

New York, Jan. 27.—Wheat closed at 74 3/4c for May option, and 75c for July.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

Chicago, Jan. 22.—Wheat, May opened 67 3/8c to 67c, closed 67 3/8c. July opened 67 1/4c, closed 67 1/4c. Corn opened 31c, closed 30 3/4c a. May opened 33 1/8c, closed 33 1/8c. July opened 33 1/8c, closed 34 3/4c a. Oats, May opened 32 3/4c, closed 32 3/4c. July opened 32c, closed 32 3/8c. Pork, Jan. opened \$10.97 1/2, closed \$10.82 1/2. Lard, Jan. opened \$5.87 1/2, closed at \$5.87 1/2. May opened \$6.10, closed \$6.02 1/2 b. Ribs, Jan. opened \$5.70 n, closed \$5.72 1/2 n. May opened \$5.80, closed \$5.77 1/2 b. Flax, cash \$1.50, May \$1.49, Sept. \$1.05 1/4.

Chicago, Jan. 23.—Wheat, May opened 66 3/8c, closed 67c b. July opened 67 1/8c, closed 67 7/8c b. Corn, Jan. opened 30 3/4c, closed 30 3/4c n. May opened 32 7/8c, closed 33 1/4c a. July opened 33 5/8c, closed 33 7/8c a. Oats, May opened 23 1/4c, closed 23 1/2c a. July opened 22 1/2c, closed 22 1/2c b. Pork, May opened \$10.80, closed \$10.82 1/2 b. July opened \$10.80, closed \$10.82 1/2. Lard, May opened \$6.07, closed \$6.07 1/2. Ribs, May opened \$5.75, closed \$5.77 1/2. Flax, cash \$1.50 b, May \$1.49, Sept. \$1.05 b.

Chicago, Jan. 24.—Wheat, May opened 67 1/4c, closed 66 7/8c a. July opened 68 1/8c, closed 67 3/4c b. Corn, Jan. opened 30 3/4c n, closed 30 7/8c a. May opened 33 1/4c, closed 33 1/8c a. July opened 33 7/8c, closed 33 3/4c a. Oats, May opened 23 1/2c, closed 23 1/4c a. Pork, May opened \$10.82 1/2, closed at \$10.62 1/2. July opened \$10.80, closed \$10.72 1/2. Lard, May opened \$6.07, closed \$5.92 1/2 b. July opened \$6.07 1/2, closed \$6. Ribs, May opened \$5.75, closed \$5.67 1/2 b. July closed \$5.75 a.

Chicago, Jan. 25.—Wheat, May opened 67 1/8c, closed 67 b. July opened 68 1/8c, closed 67 7/8c. Corn, Jan. opened 30 7/8c a, closed 30 7/8c. May opened 33 1/8c, closed 33 1/4c. July opened 33 3/4c, closed 33 7/8c. Oats, May opened 23 1/4c, closed 23 3/8c. July opened 22 1/4c, closed 22 1/4c. Pork, May opened \$10.62 1/2, closed \$10.75. July opened \$10.62 1/2, closed \$10.82. Lard, May opened \$5.90, closed \$5.97 1/2. July opened \$6.00, closed \$6.05. Ribs, May opened \$5.70, closed \$5.75. July opened \$5.75 a, closed \$5.80. Flax, cash \$1.50, May \$1.49 b, Sept. \$1.05.

Chicago, Jan. 26.—Wheat, May opened 65 5/8 to 7-8c, closed 68 1/2c a. July opened 68 1/2 to 7-8c, closed 69 3/8c b. Corn, Jan. opened 31c, closed 31 1/4c. May opened 33 1/4c, closed 33 1/8c a. July opened 33 1/4c, closed 33 1/4c. Oats, May opened 23 3/8c, closed 23 1/2c. July opened 22 3/8c, closed 23 3/8c. Pork, May opened \$10.80, to \$10.85, closed at \$10.82 1/2. July opened \$10.90, closed \$10.90. Lard, May opened \$6.00, closed \$6.10. Ribs, May opened \$5.80, closed \$5.82 1/2. July opened \$5.80, closed \$5.87 1/2. Flax, cash \$1.53, May \$1.55, Sept. \$1.10 1/2 b.

Chicago, Jan. 27.—May wheat opened at 68 1/4c and ranged from 68 1/4 to 68 7/8c. Closing prices were as follows:

Wheat—Jan. 66c; May, 68 3/8c; July, 69 1/4c.

Corn—Jan., 31c; May, 33c.
Oats—Jan., 22 1/4c; May, 23 1/4c.
Pork—Jan., \$10.75.
Lard—Jan., \$5.87 1/2.
Ribs—Jan., \$5.70.

A week ago May option closed at 66c. A year ago May wheat closed at 77 3/8c; two years ago at 96 7/8c; three years ago at 75 1/2c; four years ago at 67 1/2c; five years ago at 57 1/4c.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, Jan. 27.—The market for flaxseed closed to-day at \$1.55 for May.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

No. 1 northern wheat at Duluth closed as follows for each day of the week:

Monday—May 65 7/8c, July 67c.
Tuesday—May 66 3/8c, July 67 5/8c.
Wednesday—May 66 3/8c, July 67 5/8c.
Thursday—May 66 3/8c, July 67 5/8c.
Friday—May 67 3/4c, July 68 7/8c.
Saturday—May, 67 5/8c, July, 68 7/8c.

On Saturday cash 1 hard closed at 67 1/8c and cash 1 northern at 65 5/8c.

A week ago May wheat closed at 65 1/4c. A year ago May wheat closed at 75 1/8c; two years ago at 95 1/2c; three years ago at 75 5/8c; four years ago at 64 1/4c; five years ago at 57 1/4c, and six years ago at 64 1/8c.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Minneapolis, Jan. 27.—Wheat closed at 65 5/8c for May. Cash No. 1 hard closed at 66 7/8c, and cash No. 1 northern at 65 3/8c.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

There were buyers for No. 1 hard on Saturday at 65 1/4 to 65 1/2c in store Fort William. The market was steady and not quite as active as yesterday.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, Jan. 26.—Wheat firm; No. 2 red western winter 5s 9 1/2d; No. 1 northern spring 5s 11 1/2d; No. 1 California 6s 2 1/2d to 6s 3d. Futures were steady: March 5s 9 3/4d; May 5s 9 3/8d.

Liverpool, Jan. 27.—Wheat closed 3-3d higher.

BRITISH STOCKS.

London, Jan. 26.—1 p.m. closing.—Consols for money 100 7-8; consols for the account 100 7-8; C. P. R. 90 1/2; Erie 11 7-8; Erie firsts preferred 33 1-8; Illinois Central, ex-div. 115; U. P. preferred 77 1/2; Pac. common 121; N. Y. C. 136 1/2; Pennsylvania 68; Reading 9; N. P. preferred 75 7/8; Atchison 19 3/4; Louisville ex-div. 80 1-8. Bar silver 27 7/16 per ounce; steady. Money 1 3/4 to 2 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 3 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for three months bills is 1 1/16 to 1 7/8. G. T. 7 5-8; Anaconda 8 1-8.

The Commercial Men.

Alex. Munro, of Knox, Morgan & Co., was in the city this week.

T. L. Waldon, traveller for Clare Pres., Winnipeg, was married at Mount Forest Ont., last week, to Miss Inez Tanner.

Harry Tilley, representative at Vancouver, of The W. R. Bro'k Co., wholesale dry goods, Toronto, is on his way to Toronto.

I. B. Loucks, a well known local hardware traveller, lately with Jas. H. Asidown, has accepted a position with the Marshall, Wells Co., and will represent this house in British Columbia with headquarters at Vancouver.

R. R. Gallagher, of S. Greenshields, Son & Co., was at his sample room in the McIntyre block this week and will probably be in the city most of next week. Mr. Gallagher goes east shortly.

Arch. F. Mills, representing Phillips & Winch, smallwares and jewelry, Toronto, was in the city this week on a trip through to the coast. This is Mr. Mills' first trip for this firm, but not his first trip to the West.

James Lamonte has made an engagement with James McCready & Co., for the coming season. Mr. Lamonte will represent this firm in Manitoba, while their old western representative, Mr. Williams, will take the main line west of Brandon and the Territories and British Columbia.

J. H. Hick, lately on the road for the Manitoba Produce Co., has taken an interest in the wholesale tea house of Beattie, Mills & Co., Mr. Beattie retiring. The name will be changed to Mills & Hick. Mr. Hick, formerly travelled for Mackenzie & Mills, who were suggested, and it was decided to refer succeeded by Beattie, Mills & Co.

Winnipeg Election.

On Thursday Winnipeg elected a member to represent the city in the federal parliament, the successful candidate being E. D. Martin, of the wholesale house of the Martin, Bole, Wynne Co. Winnipeg, has been represented at Ottawa for a long term of years by lawyers. It seems appropriate that a commercial city, such as Winnipeg, should be represented by a business man, in touch with the commercial interests, and to this extent at least the change is a desirable one.

The contest in some respects was a remarkable one. Neither of the two great political parties had a candidate in the field. The contest was between a labor or socialistic candidate and an independent, advanced Liberal, resulting in the election of the latter by a small majority. Mr. Martin is known to be strongly opposed to the policy of the Dominion government on several important questions, particularly in regard to railway bonuses. In the matter of railways, he favors public ownership, being almost as radical on this and some other questions as his socialistic opponent.

Western Business Items.

D. Dupuis, general store-keeper, Keewatin, has sold out.

Wm. McDougall, grocer, Winnipeg, has sold out to J. B. Bell.

G. H. H. Stanley, printer, Morris, has sold out to Wm. D. Huff.

Atton & Beatty, Sidney, Man., have added furniture to their business.

A. Giesbrecht, general store, Altona, Man., has assigned to Newton & David son.

J. S. Hindson, general store, Rapid City, Man., advertises his business for sale.

L. M. Sage, livery, Red Deer, Alta., has admitted E. A. Forfor into partnership.

J. Fife, drugs, Stockton, Man., has admitted E. T. Howard into partnership.

Foley & Consentino, confectionery, Winnipeg, have sold out to Mrs. D. Azzarella.

Derksen & Loeppky, implements, Plum Coulee, Man., are reported dissolving partnership.

Hunter, Kyle & Co., grocers, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership; J. C. Kyle retiring.