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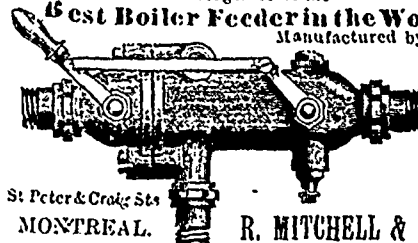
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WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 30, 1886.

B. FRASER has opened a bakery at Morden.

THE Shoal-Lake Echo has suspended publication.

A. MONCTON & Co. have opened a drug store in Winnipeg.

R. IRONSSIDE, lumber dealer, Manitou, advertises giving up business.

JOSEPH KELLY will open out with a stock of boots and shoes at Calgary.

WM. BROWN & Co., dry goods, Port Arthur, contemplate giving up business.

MISSES JASPER, millinery and dressmakers, Winnipeg, are giving up business.

SINCLAIR & Co., musical instruments, etc., Winnipeg, are giving up business.

DUNS & LINHAM are erecting a building at Calgary to be used for packing beef.

F. PADMORE has opened a store at a point on the Battle River, Edmonton trail.

R. S. MERRILL, formerly of Portage la Prairie, will open a furniture store at Brandon.

-- KENNETT, of Toronto, will commence business in Manitou, as watchmaker and jeweler.

THE Hudson's Bay Company have opened a store in the Battle River settlement, Alberta.

TAIT & McDONALD have secured the Royal Roller Rink, and opened the same as an ice rink.

GEO. McCUAIG, of Medicine Hat, has opened a branch store at the Saskatchewan coal mine.

H. DEMPSEY has purchased the Cosmopolitan Hotel, Medicine Hat, lately owned by W. J. Casey.

S. F. HAMPTON, late proprietor of the defunct Shoal Lake Echo, will start a paper at Rapid City.

JOHN STUTTERFORD, of Maple Creek, Assa., will open in the merchant tailor line at Medicine Hat.

T. H. TOWERS, of Brandon, will build a grain warehouse at Deloraine, where he will establish himself in the grain line.

J. FAROEY has commenced the erection of a store at La Riviere, and R. Ironside is building a grain warehouse at the same place.

THE newly completed extension of the M. & N. W. Railway will be opened for traffic as far as Binscarth, by the first of next month.

S. H. CASWELL, storekeeper, Qu'Appelle Station, has purchased a large stock of groceries, etc., and has opened a wholesale warehouse in such lines.

THE Royal Soap Manufacturing Co., of Winnipeg, now have their toilet soaps on the market, and it is expected that the sale of imported soaps will thereby be greatly curtailed.

THE Selkirk Record completed its first year of publication last week, and celebrated the event by coming out in enlarged form. The Record is a well-printed and newsy sheet.

GEO. CRAIG, general storekeeper, Brandon, and also doing business in the same line at Portage la Prairie, under the style of J. E. Thomas & Co., is reported by the Portage Liberal as about to give up business at Brandon and move to Winnipeg. The firm at Portage will be dissolved.

THE final statement of Dominion revenue and expenditure for the fiscal year, 1886, shows a total deficit of \$5,865,553, due chiefly to expenses caused by the Northwest rebellion.

THE merchants of Morden have agreed to put the short hour system into practice during the winter. After 1st December the stores will close at 7.30 p.m., Saturday evening excepted.

THE report that wheat has been damaged by smoke from prairie fires, has turned out a mistake. It arose from the fact that a few bags of grain had been damaged by smoke from the burning of a straw stack.

IT was reported in a city paper some time ago, that a car load of butter had been brought in from Ontario, and had sold here at 17c. Several city dealers spoken to about the matter, expressed their doubts as to the correctness of the report. Good butter could not be purchased at Toronto for the price stated.

DAWSON, BOLE & Co., wholesale druggists and manufacturing chemists, of Regina, have taken a new departure in issuing the first almanac ever published in this country. The little book is carefully compiled and contains considerable special information relating to the Northwest, in addition to the matter usually found in an almanac, making it a very useful book of reference. All druggists should see the "Northwest Almanac" for 1887.

THE enormous growth in the wheat industry of Dakota and Minnesota will be seen by a reference to our Minneapolis market report. Referring to the Minneapolis figures, the Chicago Daily Business says: "It is an ascertained fact that the Government estimate of last year's yield in Minnesota and Dakota was out of line, and that the crop was close on 75,000,000 bushels instead of 61,000,000 bushels as 'officially' estimated. There are no good reasons for believing that the yield in the Northwest this year is in excess of last year. Last year, however, a great majority of the Minneapolis millers and their followers were bullish in their views and held the wheat back. This year they are nearly all bearish, and they are pushing the grain to the front with all possible dispatch. As a result the receipts to date at the Northwestern primary points included in the visible supply statement, are nearly 5,000,000 bushels greater on this crop than last.

THE last of the proposed Northwest Central railway scheme has not been heard yet. The latest report is to effect that the original stock holders have commenced suit against Boss Boodler Beatty, to compel him to hand over the stock held by him in trust for some time, and which he refuses to surrender. An injunction will be applied for to prevent him from turning over the stock, and to restrain him from acting as president of the company, which position it is said he holds illegally. What use the stock of the bursted scheme may be to the "original stockholders" it is hard to see, now that the land grant has been turned over to the Clemlow company, but if they want it, they no doubt have a right to it. They might, however, leave the "boy" the useless double of the presidency, with which to amuse himself.

THE shipment of cattle made from Winnipeg to Glasgow a few weeks ago, has not turned out a profitable investment, but it was not expected that any great return would be realized from the enterprise, which was undertaken with the object of testing the practicability of exporting cattle from Manitoba. At the present time the price at which cattle can be obtained here, with the freight to Liverpool or Glasgow added, brings their value up to above current prices in Great Britain. The freight charges are said to be as low as could be expected, and no further reduction in this respect is likely. Prices will, therefore, have to advance in Britain or come down here, before cattle exporting can become a profitable investment. The freight from here to Montreal is \$150 per car. The Manitoba cattle sent to Glasgow brought £12 13s. per head. We will have to await the opening of the Hudson's Bay route to thoroughly establish a profitable cattle exporting trade.

LATEST advices would go to show that all is not harmony in the labor organizations. It seems to be the object of the Knights of Labor to unite all trade societies in that organization, and form them into one vast general association. This idea has not been taken kindly to by some trades-unions of men engaged in similar occupations. A convention of delegates from the different trades-unions of the United States and Canada, will shortly be held at Columbus, Ohio, for the purpose of forming a trades' congress, and for the encouragement and extension of trades-union organizations. The proposal is to form an alliance of all the trades-unions, on the basis of the "strict recognition of the autonomy of each trade." From this declaration it would appear that there is a considerable difference of opinion among the trades-unions in regard to amalgamating with the Knights of Labor. The result of the convention will be watched with interest by all those interested in the labor problem.

SALT has been discovered at different points in this province, with good indications that the quantity and quality are such as to ensure its successful manufacture. As yet, however, nothing has been done toward developing our

pect for the gas. A syndicate in which leading iron and steel men are interested, has been formed at Chicago, to examine the vicinity of natural resources in this respect. There is now a sufficient quantity of salt consumed in the Northwest to make its manufacture a very profitable investment. Salt is a commodity which could be produced to the best advantage in this country. Owing to its bulky nature, in comparison with the cost of manufacture, the freight on a barrel of salt brought from the East amounts to considerably more than the first price of the salt, barrel included. The manufacturer of the article here would have thus heavy odds of freight charges in his favor. He could sell his product a good deal lower than the imported article could be laid down for, and still get a much better price than is obtained by manufacturers east. Here, then, is a profitable opening for the investment of a little capital in the manufacture of salt in Manitoba.

THE last issue of THE COMMERCIAL contained a paragraph in which the action of the Regina ladies, in presenting Nicholas Flood Davin with an address, was somewhat severely commented upon. It is with pleasure, therefore, that we note a letter from a Regina lady, who "utterly repudiates, on behalf of a large majority of the women of Regina," the action taken by the ladies who engineered the address business. The writer states the matter in that delicate and pointed manner which only one of her sex could do, and which portrays a real womanly disposition. She says: "A number of ladies, whose misguided zeal has, I fear, overcome the nice sense of propriety peculiar to their sex, have prepared an address and presented it to a political adventurer whose leading traits are, I fear, sadly at variance with such a display of womanly confidence. \* \* \* What is the significance of this act which they have performed? Does it not mean that they endorse this man—his record, his character, his motives and his ambitions? Are they so acquainted with his past history, so satisfied with it that they will venture their fair name in holding him up to the world as their model of everything that is pure and upright in a man? Is this the example of purity and morality they would place before the young men of Regina? This the mould in which they would shape the character of their sons? For shame, ladies of Regina, what inexplicable web of fate has placed you in this unenviable position?" Our remarks would not, of course, apply to the Regina ladies who refused to sign the address. Others who did, may have done so without duly considering the matter, and would be the first to recognize their error afterward; or perhaps they were pressed into signing against their sense of propriety, by a lady acquaintance. These latter are to be pitied. The lady who writes to defend those who like herself refused to make themselves liable to the charge of unwomanly conduct, further intimates that there were but a few ladies who took part in presenting the address.

THE excitement about natural gas has become epidemic in the United States, and in all directions companies are being formed to prospect that city and see if a discovery of this nature cannot be made. But why should our enterprising neighbors to the south have a monopoly of this gas business? and might there not be equally as good chances of discovering the coveted treasure oil this side of the forty-ninth parallel of latitude? Indeed, at points along the C.P.R. good indications of natural gas have been met with, in sinking wells to obtain a water supply. Why not have an examination made to ascertain what prospects there may be for obtaining a supply of this valuable aid to manufacturing industries? A find of natural gas conveniently located to some of our rich iron deposits, would go a great way toward the development of the same, and would do away with any desire to ship the ore to the United States, in preference to manufacturing at home.

THE St. Louis *Leather Gazette*, which by the way is one of the best conducted class trade papers in the United States, gives place in its columns to an article taken from an exchange, regarding the styles of shoes worn in Canada. An excerpt from the article reads: "The average Canadian wears on his feet a shoe made of half-tanned leather, which is tawny brown, made like a moccasin, without regard to style. In summer they are low and in winter high top boots. Two pairs a year suffice, and they cost from \$1.50 to \$2. These cheap, ungainly products of the unskilled workmen of Canada are worn by the vast majority of people. This clipping will certainly be news to the "vast majority" of the people here who will read it. There may be isolated sections in Canada where the quoted paragraph would apply with force, just as there are similar sections in the United States to which it would apply equally as well; but if the vast majority of the people of Canada could get along with two pairs per year of \$2 shoes, we are afraid there would be great smash among our shoe-manufacturing houses. Indeed, the average Canadian has very little more sense in regard to the choice of his or her foot gear than the average American, and will work just as hard as the latter to get a small, fashionably built shoe upon a foot several sizes larger than the shoe, which latter is generally as unlike what nature would indicate as it possibly could be, and be called a shoe. No, no! they have no monopoly of corn doctors south of the boundary. The fact of the matter is, there is probably not another city on the continent whose people are as fastidious in the choice of boots and shoes, as the people of Winnipeg. A dealer who came from the States and opened with a stock of shoes similar to those he had been used to handling in his native country, found his stock utterly unsaleable here, owing to its not being "stylish" enough for our citizens. The bankrupt stock racket and auction sales were successively tried, and still the stock held out, after being carted from one part of the city to another. Finally the pick of the goods had to be shipped west to supply the Indian trade, and the balance went to Dakota. Will the *Gazette* make a note of this?"

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# The Commercial

WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 30, 1886.

## RAILWAY ENTERPRISES.

A few years ago a great many Canadians, including leading statesmen, financiers and merchants, were believers in the impracticability of the proposed transcontinental railway through Canada. No sooner, however, had the undertaking been successfully accomplished, than influential men were found eager to obtain a charter for a second Pacific railway, to run several hundred miles north of the present line. At the last session of the Dominion Parliament a charter was obtained for the Winnipeg & North Pacific railway, proposed to run from Winnipeg to Port Simpson, on the Pacific coast, via Edmonton and other North Saskatchewan points. The promoters of this proposed railway, who include Messrs. A. P. Macdonald, Alex. Manning, H. H. Howland, Randolph Macdonald, Duncan Macdonald, Philip McRae and Samuel Willard Foster, have recently issued a circular calling attention to their scheme. They claim that the road would open up a territory possessed of a highly fertile soil and diversified mineral wealth. It is also claimed as an advantage to the proposed road, that Port Simpson is 400 miles nearer Yokohama than Port Moody, which would make the road an important factor in competing for the through trade.

There are those who pooh-poo this scheme, just as there were those who smiled incredulously when the C. P. Ry. scheme was in embryo; but it is safe to say that the success of the latter has greatly reduced the number of those who would otherwise have laughed to ridicule the latest Pacific railway proposal. Indeed, the construction of a second Pacific railway would now seem assured, in comparison with the probability of the construction of the C. P. Ry. ten or fifteen years ago.

What has transpired in connection with railway building to our Pacific coast has been repeated in regard to the Hudson's Bay railway. No sooner has a commencement been made on the first H. B. railway than a movement has been started toward planning for a second and a third road to the Bay, and it is not among the impossibilities, that before the first road shall have been completed, construction shall have been commenced on a

second enterprise of a similar nature. And this in spite of the large number who profess to believe in the impracticability of the undertaking, though it may be noted that the disposition to ridicule the Hudson's Bay railway is founded upon an interested opposition to the project, rather than an honest belief in its impracticability.

There is this difference in public opinion regarding these two great railway undertakings, namely: That in the case of the C. P. R., whilst a great many were firm in their belief that the road would never prove a practical success, all were anxious that the opposite should prove the case. Thus, when the undertaking was successfully accomplished, those who had at first looked incredulously upon the work, were among the most gratified at its successful completion. But in the case of the Hudson's Bay railway a great deal of the professed belief in the absurdity of the undertaking is born of a desire to see the work result in a failure, and is a case where "the wish is father to the thought." It will be further noted, that the expressed belief in the impracticability of the Hudson's Bay route comes entirely from Eastern Canada, where for well-known commercial reasons a large majority of the people are opposed to the construction of the road and the opening of the route. On the other hand, those who in the Northwest are desirous for the success of the undertaking, and who are best acquainted with the climatic and other obstacles which would have to be overcome, are almost to a man firm in their belief that the desired result will be readily achieved.

The reference made to Eastern opposition to the opening of the Hudson's Bay route, is one which will bear looking into. It is the general belief in Eastern Canada, that the successful working of a railway to Hudson's Bay, there to connect with a steamship line to Great Britain and Europe, would cut off inter-provincial trade to a great extent between the east and west, hence the antagonism shown by Eastern people to the scheme. A little careful reflection, however, in regard to this prevailing opinion, mixed with a modicum of common sense, would show it to be an exceedingly narrow-minded belief and one which many reasonable arguments may be urged against. Indeed, in the face of all that has been said to the contrary, we make the bold assertion, that the practicability of the Hudson's Bay

route once assured (to those who now look with doubt upon the scheme) by the actual working of the same, the prospects for a rapidly increasing trade between the Northwest and Eastern Canada would be far brighter than they are to-day. The great impetus which would be given to industry and development in this country through the establishment of this route, would soon tell to the advantage of manufacturers in Eastern Canada. Of course the export and import carrying trade to and from the Northwest, through Eastern Canada, would be transferred largely to the Hudson's Bay route, but this carrying trade is of minor importance in comparison with the trade in domestic goods, which would continue to be done between the east and west.

The manufacturing centres of Eastern Canada are rapidly-extending their usefulness, and the quantity and quality of the domestic manufactures are steadily showing to the advantage of the home producers, and against the importation of similar goods. There will always be a large demand from the Northwest for the domestic manufactures of Eastern Canada, and in proportion to the rapidity in the settlement of the country here, so would be the growth in the inter-provincial trade of this nature. By the opening of the Hudson's Bay route the condition of the agricultural population of the Northwest would be greatly improved, and the country would be in a position to offer such additional advantages to engage in agricultural and pastoral pursuits, as would ensure a rapid settlement of our broad acres with an industrious population. This would extend the field for the manufactured goods of Eastern Canada so as to render the loss of a portion of the carrying trade of but little moment, in comparison with the benefit derived from the increased demand for domestic goods. Therefore, we argue that, instead of throwing obstacles in the way of the development of this portion of Canada, by opposing the opening of the Hudson's Bay route, the people of the East should be anxious for the completion of the same.

But the Hudson's Bay route will soon be an established fact, notwithstanding all the opposition which may be brought against it. And in due time we will have other railroads to Hudson's Bay; and perhaps much sooner than is now considered likely, the proposed Winnipeg & North Pacific railroad

will exist in reality instead of as at present in imagination.

### GAMBLING.

The variety of ways in which persons so disposed may find means of gratifying their desire for engaging in gambling are something remarkable. In using the word "gambling," it is not the intention to restrict its application to what are termed games of chance, such as poker, froro, keno, and the many other similar inventions by which the gentlemen of the green cloth make a precarious living in working the suckers. In this country this form of gambling is prohibited by law, and hence the games are usually only carried on professionally in some back room of an upper flat, the door of which apartment only swings upon its hinges at the signal of certain mysterious calls or raps. Thus ostracised from society and from the light of day, and relegated to the association of men whose only means of appearing respectable lies in their ability to conceal their "profession," the evils arising from this form of gambling have been reduced to a minimum. Gambling of this nature, existing now only under the ban of social, civil and religious law, it is universally recognized as a crime worthy of severe punishment, and it therefore, requires neither eloquence nor logic to show it to be such.

It is the intention here to use the term in its broad and general sense and to apply the word, "gambling" to all forms of games and schemes where "chance" is implied, and especially to what might be termed commercial gambling transactions. It might be argued that every commercial, industrial and even agricultural effort implies the taking of certain risks of failure or success; that chance is implied in all such undertakings, and therefore, to engage in such would be to go into a gambling scheme. To carry out this argument further it might be said that, as certain risks are incurred in opening a store, there can be no harm in incurring a risk in some other schemes which might be put down as purely games of chance. But it does not, however, require a remarkably acute intellect to distinguish between a legitimate trade transaction and one which might not be so termed. To state the idea more clearly, a gambling transaction usually implies the risking of a small amount, with a prospect of gaining a larger

amount, the prospect of gaining always being entirely, or almost entirely, one of chance; that is, the party operating or taking the risk cannot by any act on his own part render his chance of gaining any greater.

Leaving professional gambling and games used such as those already referred to, out of the question, there are still an innumerable number of ways in which gambling transactions, either purely or in part, may be operated in. Many of these games and schemes of chance are very largely engaged in, and are encouraged by influential organizations, respectable commercial companies, and even governments of states and political divisions. But whether these schemes are carried on in the name of charity or religion, commerce or government, it is the same incidious vice, which saps at the very foundations of legitimate industry and healthful enterprise, and which exerts such a demoralizing influence in all communities where largely indulged in.

There is some inherent desire in humanity which seems to grasp at the spirit of gambling, under nearly all conditions of life. Savage and semi-savage people are often inveterate gamblers, and they will risk their last and most necessary requisites to their existence, whilst under the despotic influence of gambling. The most highly civilized people are also imbued with the same spirit, and many sad examples are continually transpiring of those who have come under the spell of this peculiar infatuation. How imperative is it, then, that those who would shape the morals of a community, should in every possible way discourage this enemy of stability and honesty, and should endeavor to check the demoralizing influences of chance enterprises. It is unworthy any good cause, that such means should be resorted to, to attain a desired end, generally a monetary consideration. The business man who adds a gift allurement or prize package appendage to an otherwise legitimate business, with the hope of working on the gambling spirit of the people, greatly lowers the dignity of any respectable trade in which he may be engaged, and at the same time lends encouragement to a propensity which, when more fully developed, is a cause of degradation to humanity.

Some of the schemes entered into by business men, with the hope of extending

their trade, or by societies and organizations, for the purpose of replenishing their treasuries, would appear to be very harmless in their nature, but they all pander to the same impulse which eventually leads to the professional gambling room. Among these schemes, which may be called "incipient gambling," may be classed newspaper enterprises, in which subscribers will have a chance of drawing a prize, generally ranging from a cheap chromo to an organ. Then come such gift allurements as putting up packages of tea or other goods, with certain packages containing prizes. These are some of the schemes which might be classed as commercial gambling transactions. Then there is the sale of unclaimed goods by the customs authorities or railroad companies. The eagerness with which men will bid on a box, the contents of which they are in ignorance, will show the propensity which exists for engaging in games of chance. Following up the gambling propensity a little farther, and we have the raffle, which might also be considered a species of commercial gambling, inasmuch as it is frequently resorted to, to bring the owner of a watch, or a horse, or a chromo, a certain amount of cash in exchange for the article raffled. Other forms of commercial gambling consist in transactions in stocks and on margins, and it is in these that the evil consequences of purely commercial gambling transactions have been the most clearly shown. To realize the terrible ravages of this last form of gambling, one would require some acquaintance with Wall Street, or with the bucket-shops of Chicago, where prematurely old men crowd and squeeze each other in their frantic endeavors to pluck fortunes from the teeth of the speculative buzz-saw.

But of all the multifarious forms of gambling, the public lottery is the most pernicious and demoralizing to a community, owing to the fact that it is usually carried on on a large scale, and advertised promiscuously throughout the length and breadth of the land, under the sanction of a government. Wherever the flaming posters go announcing the drawing, its poisonous breath is felt. In principalities where public lotteries have been extensively held, the evil influences of the same have invariably been reflected in the morality of the people. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the effort at present being made to establish a public lottery in Canada, will prove such an ignominious failure, that future attempts in the same direction may not again be made.




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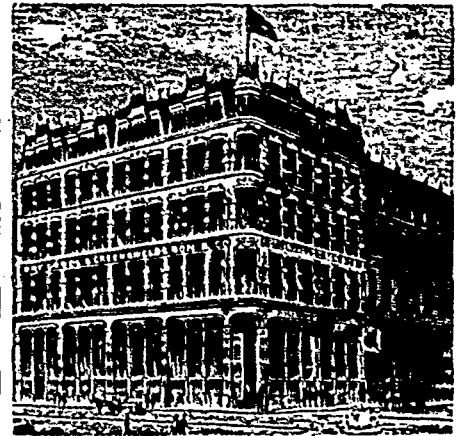
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## WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET

There would appear to be something of an improvement in the manner in which remittances have been coming in from the country, during the past week. A number of dealers reported that payments had been met more promptly than last week, whilst others found them about the same. The change in the weather to a lower temperature is expected to stimulate the buying of winter goods throughout the Province, thus increasing the circulation of money, and during the next few weeks a marked improvement is expected. At the banks the situation remained unchanged, with a steady and moderate call for funds from commercial circles, particularly from the grain dealers. Discount rates hold at the old rates of 7 per cent. for large loans on first-class security, and from 8 to 10 per cent. for small advances of a promiscuous nature.

## WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE

At last an agreeable change has occurred in the weather, at least agreeable to such wholesale dealers as have been depending upon colder weather to bring about a better demand for their goods. However, even yet the thermometer has not got down sufficiently low to satisfy a great many. A great change was noticeable in the retail clothing and dry goods trade in the city last week, notwithstanding, and quite an active season was enjoyed. Overcoats, underclothing, foot gear, etc., were in great demand, and dealers were kept busy supplying this. In the wholesale branches the change in the weather had not yet been felt to any great extent, at the time of writing, but it will doubtless come in due time.

## BOOTS AND SHOES

There was some little improvement in this branch, induced by cooler weather, which brought in a few calls for additional lots of overshoes, etc. Altogether, however, the week was quiet, and it would require a great change from the past few weeks to make a really active trade.

## CLOTHING

The change in the weather had not up to the close of last week made any difference in this branch. Indeed, one dealer stated that it was the duller week of the season. Heavy winter and fur overcoats were in best demand.

## DRY GOODS

There was quite a little call from the city trade during the week, for small sorting lots, induced by the more rapid sale of winter goods, owing to the cooler weather. From the country there was but a slight improvement to note, but now that winter has fairly set in, the sorting trade is expected to soon assume a more active condition. Indications as to prices have not been changed.

## DRUGS AND CHEMICALS

In this branch trade continues steady and fairly active. Quotations are as follows: Howard's quinine, 90c to \$1; German quinine, 80 to 90c; opium, \$4 to \$4.50; morphia, \$2 to \$2.50; iodine, \$4.25 to \$4.50; bromide potassium, 60 to 65c; American camphor, 40 to 45c; English camphor, 45 to 50c; glycerine, 25 to 35c; tartaric acid, 70 to 75c; cream of tartar, 35 to 40c; bleaching powder, per keg \$8 to \$10;

bicarb soda, \$4.50 to \$5; sal soda, \$2.25 to \$2.50; soda ash, \$3 to \$3.25; chlorate potash, 30 to 35c; alum, \$3 to \$3.75; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur, flour, \$4 to \$4.50; sulphur, roll, \$4 to \$4.25; American blue vitrol, 8 to 8c.

## FANCY GOODS AND SMALL WARES

The movement in these lines has been going on very fairly, and holiday goods have been going out freely.

## FURS

Indications in the fur trade continue as last reported. Quotations are: Beaver, per lb, \$2.50 to \$4.00; bear, per skin, \$5.00 to \$20.00; bear, cub, per skin, \$1.00 to \$6.00; otter, per skin, \$5.00 to \$10.00; mink, per skin, 30 to 90c; martin, per skin, 60c to \$2.00; fisher, per skin, \$1.00 to \$6.00; lynx, per skin, \$1.00 to \$3.00; racoon, per skin, 40 to 60c; skunk, per skin, 40-60-80; muskrat, per skin, 1 to 5c.

## FRUITS

Nothing new in the market and prices steady. Apples are a shade stronger, owing to colder weather, \$4 being about the lowest quotation for good fruit. Quotations now are as follows: Florida oranges \$8 to \$8.50; Jamaica oranges, in barrels of 300 to 350 count, \$14, or \$5.00 per 100. Winter apples, \$3.75 to \$4.50 per bbl, for good stock. Malaga lemons, \$8.00 to \$8.50 per box; Messina lemons, \$10.50 to \$11; California pears, \$5.00 per box; Malaga grapes, \$8 to \$8.50 per keg; Cranberries, \$10.50 to \$11 per bbl; Citrons, \$1.50 to \$2 per dozen; Figs, in 50 lb. sacks, 12½c; Golden dates, 12c; peanuts, roasted, 18c; peanuts, raw, 15c; walnuts, 15 to 20c; almonds 15 to 20c; filberts 13 to 15c. Dried fruits are quoted as follows: Valencia raisins \$3.15 to \$2.25; London layers \$3.75 to \$3.90; black crown \$5 to \$5.25; black baskets, ½ boxes, \$1.30. Apple cider is worth \$10 a barrel, or \$7 per half-barrel; sweet potatoes, \$8.25 per barrel.

## FISH AND GAME

Game has commenced to come in more freely. Fish quotations are: Lake Winnipeg white, 6c; Lake Superior trout, 9c; pickerel, 3c; salmon, 18c; cod, 10c; Haddock, 10c; Halibut, 17c; Flounders, 15. Oysters, standards, 45c per can; selects, 55c per can; bulk oysters, \$2.35 to \$2.65 per gal. Cured fish are quoted; Labrador herrings, \$1.30 per pail; mackerel, \$1.30 kit; tinman haddies, 12½c per pound; codfish, 6c per pound; bloaters, \$3.00 per box: salt white, 10c per pound.

## FUEL

Quotations are as follows; Best tamarac wood, \$1.75, with some poor selling at \$4.25; sound poplar, \$3.50; poor, \$3.25. Prices for car lots on track. Coal on track sells at \$9.75 for anthracite, \$10.75 for smithy, and \$7.25 for American soft. Lethbridge coal is quoted at \$6.50 on track, or \$7.25 delivered in the city; Saskatchewan coal, \$6.25 on track.

## GROCERIES

Trade in the grocery line appears to have been rather quiet for the week, and has probably settled down to a slow season before the usual extra holiday business sets in. Quotations are: Canned tomatoes, at \$3.50; corn \$3.25 to \$3.50; peas, \$3.75; yellow sugar 6½ to 7c; granulated 7½ to 8c; lump sugar, 9 to 9½c; Coffees, Rio, 13 to 13½c; Government Java, 28c, other Javas, 22c; Mochas, 31 to 34c. New season's teas are now

quoted as follows: Japan season 1886-7, 25 to 45c; Congou, 1886-7, 20 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 50c. Old range, Moyuno gunpowder 25 to 70c; pan-fired Japan 23 to 45c, basket-fired, 25 to 40c; Ping Suey young hyson, 25 to 35c; Moyuno young hyson, 25 to 50c; Season's congou, 1885-6, 20 to 55c. Syrups, corn \$2.00 to \$2.35; sugar, cane, \$1.85 to \$2.00; T. & B. tobacco, \$10.

## HIDES

Prices are unchanged and are as follows: Steers Winnipeg inspection, No. 1 7c; No. 2, 6c; cows, No. 1, 7c; No. 2, 6c; bulls, 5c; calf, fine haired real veal, 7 to 13 pound skins, No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 8c. Sheep pelts, 30 to 65c. Tallow 3½c per lb.

## HARDWARE AND METALS

The movement in this branch during the week has been rather light and the feeling quiet. Prices hold steady as follows: Cut nails, 10d and larger \$3.35 to \$3.75; I. C. tin plates, \$5.50 to \$5.75; I. C. tin plates, double, \$11 to \$11.50; Canada plates, \$3.50 to \$3.75; sheet iron, \$3 to \$4.50, according to grade; iron pipe, 50 to 55 per cent. off list prices; ingot tin, 26 to 30c per lb., according to quality; bar iron \$2.50 to \$3 per 100 lb; shot, 6½ to 7c a lb; tarred felt, \$2.60 to \$2.85 per 100 lbs; barbed wire 7 to 7½c.

## LEATHER AND FINDINGS

Prices are unchanged and are as follows: Spanish sole, 28 to 32c; slaughtered sole, 33 to 35c; French calf, first choice, \$1.35 to \$1.50; Canada Calf 90 to \$1.00; French kip \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; slaughter kip, 55 to 75c; No 1, wax upper, 45 to 50c; grain upper, 55c; harness leather, 33 to 35c for plump stock. American oak sole, 45 to 60c; buffe, 17 to 22c a foot; cordovan, 25 to 27c; pebble, 21 to 23c; colored linings 12c.

## LUMBER

The season's trade is now considered about over, and for the next few months there will be little doing in the yards. Work is now being prosecuted vigorously in the woods, and the cut promises to be a large one in comparison with last year.

## PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS

Business in this branch is now settling down to the usual winter's quiet. Quotations are keeping steady as follows: Turpentine 75c; harness oil, \$1.10; Neatsfoot oil, \$1.50; linseed oil, raw 68c per gal., boiled 71c; seal oil steam refined, \$1.10; castor, 14c per lb; lard No. 1, \$1.25 per gal; olive, \$1.00 to \$2.00, according to quality; machine oils, black 25 to 40c; oleine, 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, silver star, 26c; headlight, 28c; water white, 30c. American oils, Eocene, 36c; water white, 33c; sunlight, 30c; Eldorado, machine, 56c. Calcined plaster, \$3.75 per bbl; Portland cement, \$4.75; white lead, genuine, \$7.00; No. 1 \$6.50; No. 2 \$6.00; window glass, first break, \$2.25.

## WINES AND SPIRITS

A moderate business continues to be done, with prices steady as follows: Gooderham & Wort's five year old, \$2.40; 7 year old, \$3; old rye, \$1.75; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet Deboche & Co., \$4.75; Martell, \$6.50; Hennessy, \$6.50; DeKuyper gin, \$3.50; Port wine, \$2.50 and upwards; Sherry \$2.50 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$1.00 to \$4.50; DeKuyper red gin, \$11 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$6.50 per case; Tom Gin, \$9.00 to \$10.00; Martel and Hennessy's brandy, \$13.50 per case of 12 bottles.

## WOOL

There is now only an odd lot occasionally coming in. Prices have not been altered and are as follows: Leicester and Cotswold, washed, 14c to 16c; cotted and broken, washed, 12c; unwashed 8c to 11c; unwashed and tags off, 10 to 12c; Montana sheep, unwashed, 11 to 12c.

THE MARKETS

WINNIPEG

WHEAT

The change in the weather which set in at the commencement of the week, had the object of curtailing receipts to some extent at provincial points. The snow which fell on Monday did not come heavy enough to make sleighing, whilst what did come was piled up in places. This made the wheeling rather bad, without making sleighing, and for a couple of days deliveries by farmers were light. However, wheat soon commenced to move in freely again, and taking the week together deliveries at provincial points have been quite large, and farmers seem disposed to market freely. Considerable wheat was taken east by the Lake route last week, but it was thought that Thursday or Friday would wind up the shipments in this way. Lake freights from Port Arthur to Sarnia were about 6c per bushel, including elevating at point of unloading. This week it is likely that eastern shipments will be light, but if prices east hold steady and at all firm, shipments will soon commence to move freely by the all rail route. Prices have held steady at last quotations. From 52 to 53½c is quoted for No. 1 hard in car lots, f. o. b., at provincial points, for through shipment. At the mills in the city No. 1 hard brings 59c, and No. 2 hard and No. 1 northern 56c.

FLOUR

The flour trade appears to be in rather a poor state at present. Dealers complain that prices in the city are cut down to the lowest notch, and that the competition with Minneapolis millers in eastern markets has greatly reduced profits in that direction. Prices for broken lots, delivered in the city, c. f. o. b., were unchanged as follows: Patents, \$2.35; strong bakers', \$1.80; XXXX, \$1.20 to \$1.30; superfine, 90c to \$1.00.

BRAN AND SHORTS

Steady at \$12 for bran and \$14 for shorts.

BARLEY

Very little movement appears to be going on in this grain. For local use some lots have been taken at about 40 to 45c.

OATS

There has been very little doing in car lots, and stocks in the city appear to be ample. Prices were almost nominal at 40 to 42c on track, with the bottom prices most likely to be paid.

OATMEAL

Unchanged at \$2.60 for standard, and \$2.75 for granulated.

POTATOES

Two cars brought in realized 50c per bushel, and another car went into store. Street prices, 50 to 60c.

CHEESE

Unchanged at 13 to 14c.

EGGS

Prices hold steady at 22c for fresh, with receipts light. Lined sell more freely at 20c.

BUTTER

Prices hold very steady at last quotations. About 20c appears to be the usual prices for choice lots, in small quantities, and one choice lot of 4,000 pounds sold at this figure. Good would bring 18 to 19c, and mediums going at 12c and upwards.

BACON

Prices have held steady for all grades. Prices are: Long clear, 8½ to 9c; breakfast bacon, 12c; spiced roll, 11c.

HAMS

For the home product the regular quotation is 14½c.

LARD

Has sold in 20 lb pails at \$2.15 to \$2.25; 3 lb pails have sold at 43c each, and 5 lb pails at 65c each.

POULTRY

Chickens are lower, and last week's choice lots were going at 9c. Turkeys were unchanged at 15c and ducks and geese at 12½c. Lots coming to market were of better quality than earlier receipts, but still some lots were going under quotations, these last not being up to the standard in quality. Shippers would best consult their interest by observing the following instructions: Abstain from feeding poultry 24 hours before killing. Bleed thoroughly and pluck clean, leaving on the head and feet, as well as the feathers on wings and tail. Do not draw the entrails, nor scald the birds. The last process is readily detected by buyers who will not pay within one or two cents per lb of the prices they will give for dry picked goods. Avoid putting more than one kind in a package, as mixtures of geese and ducks, or chickens and turkeys are more difficult to sell.

DRESSED MEATS

There was quite a rush of dressed hogs to this market last week, and prices were decidedly easier, 5c being about the ruling price toward the close of the week. Some choice lots brought as high as 7c over this price, but for the present week not more than 5c can be expected. Packers expect the receipts to keep up heavily from this time forward until after the 1st of January, when they expect the supply will commence to fall off. For the present there is any quantity coming in, though all are taken readily. Prices are expected to continue easy for the next month or six weeks. From present indications there would appear to be an ample supply of hogs in the country to meet all expected demands, notwithstanding the large number of live hogs exported east during the summer. Those coming in are generally of good quality, and nearly all springers, going as high as 300 lbs. These are just what are wanted by packers. It is thought that last year's stock were mostly shipped east live, leaving spring pigs for winter killing. It may be that on account of the scarcity of feed—there being no damaged grain this year—farmers are rushing in their hogs earlier at the commencement of the season, and on this account some think receipts will not keep up through the winter as well as they did last year. Country shippers of hogs should pay special attention to the shipments to this market. After they are properly dressed too much care cannot be bestowed upon their selection, it being desirable that hogs of nearly equal weight and quality should comprise each lot. Well fattened, even clean and bright looking lots command a sale at top figures when buyers will not bid for mixed and uneven lots, although they may be well fattened. Each hog should have its weight neatly and distinctly marked upon it, and a list of weights of every shipment should be forwarded by mail as early as possible, so that no trouble may arise upon the arrival of the goods here. Country dressed beef is now offered freely on the market, with the price steady at 4½ to 5½c. Butchers selling city dressed 5½ to 6c. Prices for sides, Mutton, 9c. Choice pork sausage is quoted at 8c, and hologna at 10c.

LIVE STOCK

One choice lot of No. 1 hogs brought \$4.30, and another lot \$4.25. At the close of the week prices were decidedly easier, and not more than \$4 could be counted on for a good average lot, off cars. Some four or five car lots were brought in during last week, but were not sold live weight, and it was the intention to have them dressed before placing on the market. About 3 and 5 per cent off seems to be the unvarying price for good butchers' cattle, off cars.

MINNEAPOLIS.

The leading topic of a dull week, especially in western markets, has been the size of the crop of Minnesota and Dakota. The government report places the total at 62,000,000 bus, but it has long been known that this amount is far below the actual figures. A very good authority has published figures which indicate a total of 90,000,000 bus, and there are men who are as well posted as men can be, under the circumstances, and who have no object in misrepresenting things, who consider these things correct. Minnesota being credited with 55,000,000 and Dakota with 35,000,000 bus. It seems almost incredible that this enormous amount has been raised in the two commonwealths, and we have been inclined to place the total at 80,000,000 bus, but if it be no more than this there is but little wheat left in farmers' hands beyond what will be required for food and seed. The gross incorrectness of the government figures has been plainly demonstrated, however, and the size of the underestimate remains to be shown by the future movement.

The highest and lowest wheat prices by grade on change during the week ending Nov. 25th, closing prices, and the prices one year ago were:

	Highest.	Lowest.	Clos'ng.	1885.
WHEAT—				
No. 1 hard	72	71½	71½	87
" 1 northern	70½	69½	70	83½
" 2 "	68½	68	68	77

Fluctuations in futures showed about the same range, December 1 hard closing at 72½c, and May at 79½c. December 1 northern closed at 70½c and May at 77½c. Coarse grains were dull and easy, corn closing at 36@37c, oats at 25@26½c, barley at 35@45c and rye at 42@45c, all by sample.

FLOUR.—The market seems to be in a very healthy condition. There is a good export inquiry for bakers' grades and domestic demand is fair, with prices firmer and a better outlook all around.

Quotations at the mills for car or round lots are: Patents, \$4.20@4.40; straights, \$4@4.20; first bakers', \$3.40@4.60; second bakers', \$2.80@3; best low grades, \$1.70@1.90, in bags; red dog, \$1.30@1.40, in bags.

These quotations are on flour in barrels, except as stated. The rule is to discount 25c per bbl for 25 and 140 lb jute bags, 20c for 98 lb cotton sacks, 15c for 49 lb cotton sacks, 10c for 24½ lb cotton sacks. In half barrels, the extra charge is 30c per bbl.

—Northwest Miller.

The Visible Supply.

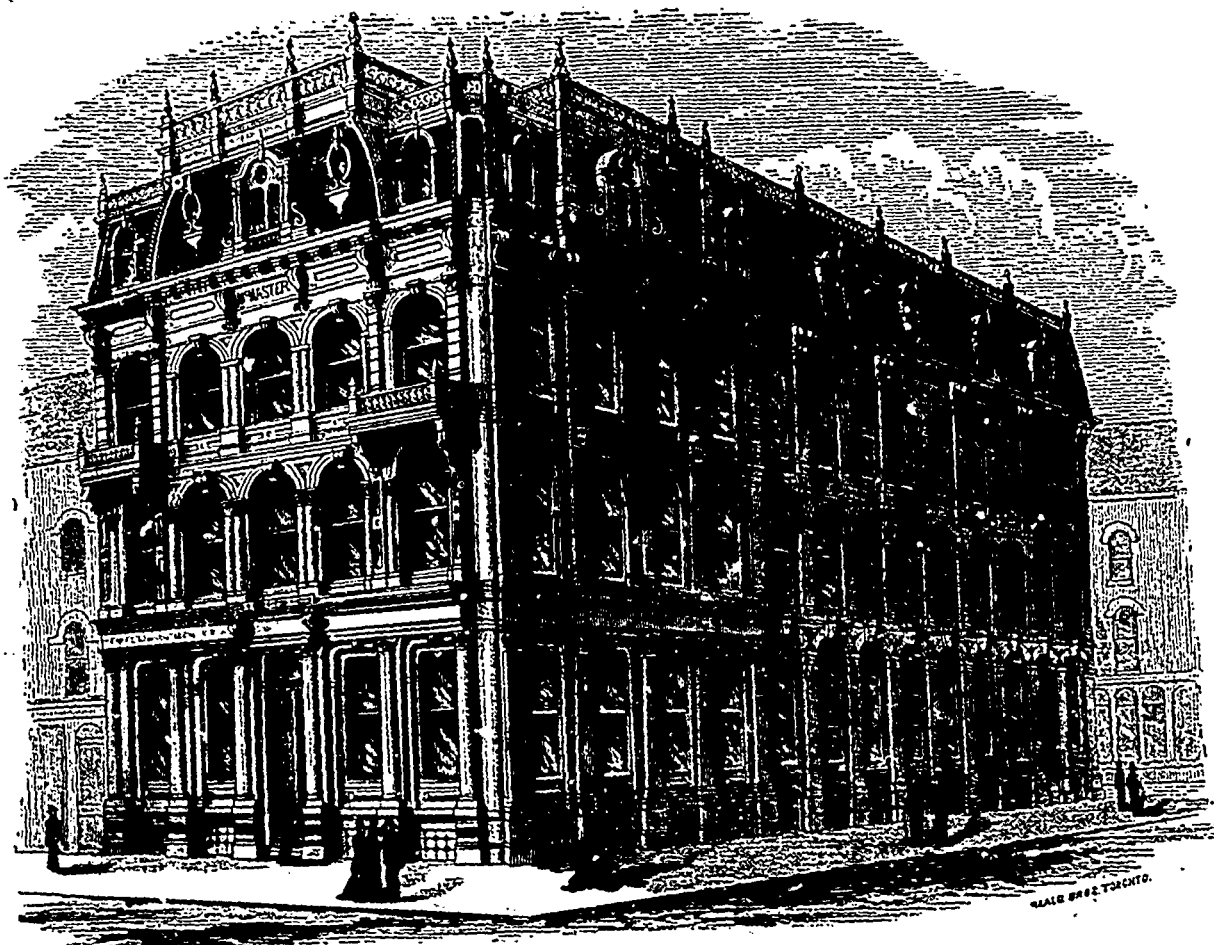
The amount of wheat in store at principal points in Canada and the United States, on November 20th, was as follows;

Total in store.....	56,538,974
Afloat—	
New York.....	728,000
Totals in store and afloat..	57,266,974
On lakes.....	1,127,479
On canal.....	1,168,000
Grand totals.....	59,562,453
Correspond'g week last year	54,267,869

By this statement it will be seen that the visible supply of wheat increased 1,253,319 bushels over the previous week.

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**EASTERN MARKETS.**

**CHICAGO**

Wheat opened firm on Monday at Saturday's closing prices on receipt of cables of an advance of 1d to 6d in Liverpool. Later the visible supply statement, showing a larger increase than had been expected, put prices down 3/8. Then the report from New York, showing exports last week of 2,500,000 bushels of wheat and flour equivalent to wheat, put up prices again. Provisions were dull and prices stationary. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.
Wheat .....	74 1/2	74 1/2
Corn .....	36 1/2	36 1/2
Oats .....	26 1/2	26 1/2
Pork .....	9.47 1/2	9.57 1/2
Lard .....	5.90	5.90

Free selling and absence of buying on export account, worked prices down on Tuesday about 3/8. Heavy buying on the decline put prices nearly back to the start, closing firm. There was good buying in pork and ribs, and prices were a shade higher. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.
Wheat .....	74 1/2	74 1/2
Corn .....	36 1/2	36 1/2
Oats .....	26 1/2	26 1/2
Pork .....	9.47 1/2	9.47 1/2
Lard .....	5.92 1/2	5.90

Wheat was dull and steady on Wednesday, and fluctuations narrow only amounting to 1/8. Speculative trade is centering in the May option, which closed at 81 1/2. There was active buying in provisions. Pork advanced 20c, closing 7 1/2 from the top. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.
Wheat .....	74 1/2	74 1/2
Corn .....	36 1/2	36 1/2
Oats .....	26 1/2	26 1/2
Pork .....	9.60	9.60
Lard .....	5.92 1/2	5.92 1/2

On Thursday there was no session of the board, owing to its being Thanksgiving Day.

On Friday trading was not active, and there were few if any new features in the market. Prices were easier owing to light buying and large receipts. First prices were 1/8 lower, and a further decline of about the same amount took place. Prices then reacted to near the start, but closed dull. Last prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.
Wheat .....	74 1/2	74 1/2
Corn .....	37	—
Oats .....	26 1/2	26 1/2
Pork .....	9.72 1/2	9.72 1/2
Lard .....	5.92 1/2	5.92 1/2

On Saturday there was active trading spasmodically, and one or two little bulges occurred. Pork advanced strongly. January going up to \$10.60. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.
Wheat .....	74 1/2	75
Corn .....	36 1/2	37 1/2
Oats .....	26 1/2	26 1/2
Pork .....	9.75	9.75
Lard .....	5.97 1/2	5.97 1/2

**TORONTO.**

**STOCKS.**

The condition of the stock market will be shown by the following comparative table for the dates named:

	Nov. 17.		Nov. 24.	
	ASKED.	BID.	ASKED.	BID.
Montreal .....	230	234 1/2	239 1/2	230 1/2
Ontario .....	118	112 1/2	116 1/2	116
Toronto .....	210	203	—	209
Merchants .....	127 1/2	126	—	127
Commerce .....	127	120 1/2	129	126 1/2
Imperial .....	—	133 1/2	137	130 1/2
Federal .....	107 1/2	107	108	107
Dominion .....	216 1/2	216 1/2	220	210 1/2
Standard .....	126 1/2	126	127	120 1/2
Hamilton .....	—	133	136	134
Northwest Land .....	62 1/2	60 1/2	64 1/2	63 1/2
C.P.R. Bonds .....	106	105	100	105

**WHEAT**

The amount of business doing has not been in excess of the previous week, and has, therefore, been quiet. Prices, however, have shown a firmer tendency. Sales were few, owing to light offerings more than to an absence of a desire to transact business. There was very little spring offered. Red winter sold at 76c, and some cars on track went as high as 77c. No. 2 spring appeared to be worth about the same. No. 2 fall sold at 76c, with 75c bid at the close.

**FLOUR.**

The demand has continued light, but holders have refused to reduce prices any further. Superior extra sold at \$3.45, and extra at \$3.35.

**OATMEAL**

Small lots have sold at from \$3.75 to \$4, with some granulated at \$4.25. No car lots have changed hands.

**OATS**

Prices have ranged from 32c for mixed to 33 1/2c for white, on track.

**BARLEY**

The tendency in barley has been to easier prices, and the demand seems to have slackened. There was no movement in low grades. The feeling at the close was weak, when No. 1 was worth 60c, and No. 2 55c. Extra No. 3 sold at 52c, but at close 50c was the highest bid.

**APPLES**

One car lot sold at \$1.90, but choice fruit was easily worth \$2.10 to \$2.25.

**POULTRY**

Box-lots have come in with a rush, and this along with wet weather has made prices weak, at 5 to 5 1/2c per lb for geese, and 8 to 10c for turkeys, with ducks 45 to 55c, and fowl 25 to 40c per pair.

**BUTTER**

Receipts have been large, but not of the quality wanted, choice only being in demand. Choice brought 18 to 19c, with dairy lots quiet at 15 to 16c. Medium going into store and stock heavy, with prices nominal at 12 to 13c. Common 8 to 9c. Choice rolls, 15 to 17c.

**EGGS**

Pickled have sold at 17c and candied at 18c.

**CHEESE**

Small lots sell at 12 to 12 1/2c for choice, with some medium obtainable at 10c.

**PORK**

Nominal at \$13.50 to \$14.

**BACON**

Prices seem unsettled and likely to continue so until curing has generally begun and prices of hogs have been fixed. Long clear may be quoted at 8 to 8 1/2c; Cumberland at 7 1/2c; rolls at 8 1/2 to 9c; and backs and bellies at 10 to 10 1/2c, but scarcely any selling.

**HAMS**

Quiet at 11 to 11 1/2c for new smoked.

**LARD**

Quiet and easy at 9 to 9 1/2c for tinnets and 9 1/2 to 10c for pails.

**DRESSED HOGS**

Rail-lots have been in rather increased supply

and have sold at from \$3.35 to \$5.50, which may be taken as their value at the close.

**DRIED APPLES**

Trade lots or old seem to be finished and new have been offered only to a very small extent; they seem, however, to have changed hands at 3 1/2c, dealers wanting 4 1/2 to 4 3/4c for small lots of these and 3 1/2 to 4c for old, and 8 1/2 to 8 3/4c for evaporated in small lots.

**LIVE STOCK.**

Unchanged; good steady demand for medium fat weighing 160 to 220 lbs per head at \$4 to \$4.15 per cwt, heavy are also selling well at \$3.75 to \$4, but light fat are slow at \$3.75. Choice cattle have been rather firmer, and from 3 1/2 to 3 3/4c was obtained for some extra choice. The average, however, was not over 3 1/2c for choice, and 3c for ordinary.

**HIDES AND WOOL**

Following are quotations:—Hides, No. 1 inspected steers, \$9; No. 1 inspected cows, \$8.50; No. 2 inspected, \$7.50; No. 3 inspected, \$5; calfskins, green, 11 to 13c; calfskins, cured, 13 to 14c; calfskins, dry, 11 to 13c; sheepskins, green, 65 to 90c; wool, super, 22 1/2 to 23c; extra super, 27 to 28c; wool pickings, 9 to 10c; tallow, rough, 2c; rendered, 4 1/2 to 4 3/4c.

**DULUTH WHEAT MARKET**

The market opened firm last week, owing to better cables. Receipts on Monday were 416 cars. Receipts for the previous week were 1,126 cars, of which 790 cars were No. 1 hard. Shipments for the same time were 708,250 bushels. Receipts for the current week have shown a falling off, and it is reported that there are only 300 or 400 cars in sight on the Northern Pacific Railway. The receipts of Thursday and Friday amounted to but 206 cars, and have averaged about 60,000 bushels per day. Shipments have been going out all the week by the lake route, Friday showing up 438,000 bushels. Closing prices for the week, based on No. 1 hard were as follows:

	Cash	Dec.	May
Monday .....	74 1/2	75 1/2	82 1/2
Tuesday .....	73 1/2	75	82 1/2
Wednesday .....	73 1/2	74 1/2	82
Thursday .....	—	—	—
Friday .....	73 1/2	74 1/2	81 1/2
Saturday .....	—	75 1/2	82 1/2

**To Shippers of Roll-Butter.**

A practice that should be abolished by country shippers is that of working low grades of packed into roll, and packing them in with fresh-made roll, with the intention of palming it all off as fresh-made. The deception is always detected, and such lots are invariably sold at same prices that low grades of packed command. Regarding packages new tubs or hardwood boxes are the most desirable, and half barrels or kegs will do equally as well, and these only should be used. Care should also be taken before putting the butter in packages, that all the sides and ends of the package be lined with new muslin, thus keeping the butter from defacement by touching the wood. A bad practice is in putting the butter up in paper; this should not be done, as the paper sticks to the butter and damages the appearance. Each roll should be separately placed in a piece of new muslin cloth, washed in warm water to take out the starch, and thoroughly wet in good brine. The rolls should also be of moderate size and not too large. Then again, the rolls should be of uniform color, not packing the light and fresh-made with other that has been colored.

**Business East.****ONTARIO.**

P. Vaughan, grocer, Toronto, is dead.  
 W. McMillan, grocer, Ayr, has sold out.  
 Galt Co-operative Co., Galt, has sold out.  
 A. G. Ault, grocer, Seaforth, has sold out.  
 Thos. Goodwin, jeweller, Hamilton, has sold out.  
 W. E. Wilson, books, Belleville, is selling out.  
 H. G. McLean, druggist, Dunnville, has sold out.  
 W. H. May, saddler, Bowmanville, has sold out.  
 S. G. Best, shoe dealer, Cobourg, has assigned in trust.  
 John Hodgins, hotelkeeper, Park Hill, has sold out.  
 Wm. Ferguson, hotelkeeper, Deseronto, has sold out.  
 Chas. Buell, baker, Zurich, has sold out to E. Eilber.  
 G. S. Turner, shoes, St. Thomas, has assigned in trust.  
 Wm. Collier, blacksmith, Watford, was burned out.  
 Grant & Grant, saw mill, Bryanston, was burned out.  
 H. Matthews, grocer, Toronto, is offering to compromise.  
 L. D. Goodwin, hotelkeeper, Wallaceburg, has sold out.  
 Ralph O'Neil, hotelkeeper, Birr, has moved to Park Hill.  
 Dodd & Bro., grocers, London; stock advertised for sale.  
 Wesley Taylor, baker, Trenton, has removed to Warkworth.  
 D. McLeod, grocer, Aurora, has sold out to Wm. Boynton.  
 N. T. Lyon & Co., stained glass, Toronto, have dissolved.  
 Alex. Weir, shoes, Toronto, has compromised at 25c on the \$.  
 S. H. Betts, grocer, etc., Tilsonburg, has assigned in trust.  
 Isaac Reid, stoves and tins, Bayfield, has assigned in trust.  
 G. A. Walton, paper patterns, Toronto, was damaged by fire.  
 W. E. Burgess, shoe dealer, Wallaceburg, has assigned in trust.  
 Wm. J. Henry, felt manufacturer, Stratford, was burned out.  
 John Hinch, general store, Centreville, has assigned in trust.  
 Hancock & Donnelly, butchers, Fort William, were burned out.  
 B. F. Watterworth, gents furnishings, Glencoe, has sold out.  
 Machlin Mills, general store, South Woodslie, has sold out.  
 Walter Grant, grocer, Toronto, has sold out to McAuliff & Co.  
 J. R. Davey, shoe dealer, Cornwall, is offering to compromise.  
 R. W. Croskery, shoe dealer, Perth, is offering to compromise.  
 Mrs. Baerpark, grocer, Ostrander, has sold out to Geo. Miner.  
 Duncan McCrimmon, hardware, Wingham, has assigned in trust.

Mrs. Ruthven, dealer in shoes, Leamington has assigned in trust.  
 Ira J. Cramer, general storekeeper, Aultsville, has assigned in trust.  
 Chas. Davis, jeweler, Toronto, has sold out to J. B. Brown & Co.  
 Reynolds Bros., general store, Walkerton, has assigned in trust.  
 Charlesworth & Co., wholesale shoes, Toronto, have assigned in trust.  
 W. D. Moody & Co., dealer in vinegar, Belleville were burned out.  
 Mitchell & Mitchell, general store, Fordwich, have assigned in trust.  
 H. Lumley, general storekeeper, Wardsville, --sheriff in possession.  
 Reynolds Bros., general storekeepers, Walkerton, have suspended.  
 Chas. Stean, wholesale fancy goods, Toronto, is offering 40c. in the \$.  
 B. B. Gunn, general storekeeper, Ailsa Craig, has removed to Seaforth.  
 Fowler & Co., jewelers, St. Catharines, have sold out to J. B. Fowler.  
 W. R. Anderson & Co., tins, Collingwood, is offering to compromise.  
 Hooper & McMurdie, steamboats, Rat Portage, had a vessel burned.  
 M. White & Bro., general store, Clear Creek, have removed to Holbrook.  
 D. J. Brodie, general storekeeper, South River, has assigned in trust.  
 Stirling & Moore, general storekeepers, Arnprior, have assigned in trust.  
 Alfred West, tailor, Chatham, has assigned and stock advertised for sale.  
 A. R. Kerr & Co., dry goods, Hamilton, have compromised at 75c on the \$.  
 J. Griffin, coal, wood, etc., St. Thomas, is offering to compromise at 35c.  
 M. Scully, dealer in second-hand goods, Barrie, has sold out to George Hall.  
 Lamb, Day & Marshall, confectionery, Meaford; bailiff in possession and stock advertised for sale.  
 A. Fair, cigars, liquors and groceries, Brantford, has sold out grocery business to James & Deming.

**QUEBEC.**

Paisley & Ross, tailors, Montreal, have dissolved.  
 E. Chouinard, grocer, Quebec, is offering to compromise.  
 Andre Bourque, general storekeeper, St. Clet, has assigned.  
 Senecal & Deslierres, dry goods, Montreal, have assigned.  
 Laframboise & Lortie, hotelkeepers, Montreal, have dissolved.  
 Aumont & Racette, carpenters, Montreal, have dissolved.  
 Camille Robichaud, grocer, Montreal, has assigned in trust.  
 Samuel Bornstein, cigars and tobacco, Montreal, has assigned.  
 N. O. Lebrun, hats and furs, Sorel; demand of assignment made on him.  
 Chapleau & Labelle, books, etc., Montreal; Louis Labelle of this firm dead.  
 Estate of Arthur J. Morrison, general storekeeper, Contrecoeur, has assigned.  
 Rivet & Picotte, hats and furs, Montreal, demand of assignment made on them.

Sharpe & McKinnon, manufacturers boots and shoes, Montreal, have assigned.  
 Geo. M. Charlton & Co., grocers, Montreal; demand of assignment made on them.  
 Dion Celestin, dry goods, St. Hyacinthe; stock, etc., advertised for sale by trustee.  
 W. & J. Sharples, wholesale timber and shipping, Quebec; Wm. Sharples of this firm dead.  
 E. H. Dunham, hotelkeeper, Montreal, has admitted C. M. Murray as partner, under style Dunham & Murray.  
 W. and J. Sharples, wholesale timber and shipping; dissolved by death of Wm. Sharples, business continued by John Sharples under same style.

**NOVA SCOTIA.**

John S. Dodd, dry goods, Wolfville, has sold out.  
 Alex. Fraser, tailor, New Glasgow, has assigned.  
 H. A. Wolff, pork dealer, New Glasgow, has assigned.  
 W. D. Main & Co., dry goods, Amherst, has sold out.  
 Smith & Chisholm, tailors, Halifax, has sold out.

**NEW BRUNSWICK.**

John C. Robinson, ———, Harvey, has assigned.  
 Chas. H. Roy, dry goods, Pettit Rocher, has assigned.  
 Arthur W. Purdy, general storekeeper, Chatham, has assigned.  
 Geo. Haddow, general storekeeper, Dalhousie; is offering compromise of 50 per cent.

**Commercial Honor.**

There is a class of men doing business who pride themselves on their commercial honor. That is to say, they value their pledged word above any money consideration that can be accorded them, and it is often said of them that "their word is as good as any other man's bond." When a merchant has attained this elevated position in the commercial world, he can go no higher; he can command no greater respect; he has secured for himself the most enviable position to which any man can aspire. How often do we hear the remark, such a firm are "gilt-edged; they are good for all they contract for." A man who, having made a bad bargain in buying, for instance, on a falling market, and seeks no excuses for the non-fulfilment of his contract but swallows his losses with a good grace, and pays them with the last dollar at his command, is a thorough-bred; and the embodiment of commercial honor. Such a man can never be kept down, for his credit is unimpeachable, and when he desires business favors he gets them, "for he was never known to go back upon his word."

There is, however, we are sorry to say, another class of business men who never rank any higher than mere money-makers. Their sole aim and object in life is to accumulate riches, and if they happen to get caught with a bad contract on their hands, they are fraught with subterfuges to avoid the payment of their honest debts. It is enough for them that the payment of this debt involves a loss, and putting aside all sense of honor and manhood, they crawl upon the shadow of their perjured word;

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and ignore any contract that has not their dishonored name signed to it in full. Men there are who condescend to argue, explain, and, lastly, quibble about legal technicalities, and fairly wallow in the filth of their dishonesty, for the sake of the few dollars involved in a transaction of their own seeking. There is nothing outspoken, open and above board with such men. They deal in premises, which if not found fruitful to their profit, they will fit them to a meaning entirely opposite to the one previously implied, and chuckle over the saving in dollars and cents bartered for their self-respect.

A man's good name never deserts him, while riches obtained through fraud and dishonesty, after proving a curse and a source of misery, usually take into themselves wings and fly away.—Chestnut.

#### General Notes.

Cattle yards will be established by the C.P. Ry. at Regina and Calgary.

Quite a number of timber limits in the Ottawa district are at present for sale, says the *Citizen*. Not only are three several auction sales in prospective, but a number of private sales on the tapis.

The Portage la Prairie fire hall, with all its contents, valued at \$10,000, was burned last week. Winnipeg has loaned the Portage a fire engine until the damage can be replaced.

It is reported John F. Wyld, of Halifax, is appointed to visit the British West Indies and report to the Dominion Government upon the

best methods of developing trade relations between those colonies and Canada.

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### Grain and Milling News.

Carson & McIntosh, millers, Pilot Mound have sold out to Taylor & White.

A five-acre field of oats near Edmonton has turned out 100 bushels to the acre.

803,000 bushels of wheat were destroyed by fire at Duluth on the night of November 27th.

The Regina grist mill will be put in operation at once. Grain will be brought from the east in car lots.

The farmers in the district along the recent extension of the Southwestern railway, are said to be greatly in need of flour mills.

More than half of the population of Canada get a living by cultivation of land. The whole population by the census of 1880 was 4,221,310, which at the rate of five persons to a family, would give 854,932 adult males. Of these 461,025 are classed as occupiers of land, 493,401 being owners, 75,245 tenants and 3,250 employees. The occupiers of 10 acres and under numbered 75,255; between 11 and 50 acres 92,327, between 51 and 100 acres 156,772, between 101 and 200 acres 102,113 and over 200 acres 36,492.

The following table will show the exports of wheat and flour from the United States, expressed in bushels, for the past four months, as compared with the two previous years:—

CROP YEAR.	1886-7.	1885-6.	1884-5.
July.....	10,915,000	6,288,000	9,691,000
August.....	15,758,000	5,711,000	15,633,000
September.....	14,209,000	6,316,000	12,932,000
October.....	11,000,000	7,588,000	11,046,000

The total exports in 1884-85 were 132,000,000 bushels, and the present year has so far more than kept pace with that year. The estimated exportable surplus for this year is about 160,000,000 bushels, including 30,000,000 bushels from last year's crop.

Macaroni, vermicelli, sea-biscuit, pilot-bread, plain crackers and common bread are about alike in composition and nutriment. Macaroni and vermicelli differ only in size of the tubes, both being made alike, and both are simply dough made of flour and water only, the same as pilot or sea bread and plain crackers. The wheat grown in Southern Europe contains more gluten and less starch than any other and therefore makes better macaroni. This gluten is nitrogenous, like lean meat, casein, or curd of milk, and strengthens one's muscles more than the starchy Northern flour. Starch is carbonaceous, supplying material for producing fat and promoting warmth in the system. Millions of people in Italy use macaroni as their chief, if not sole, the food the year round—the gluten answering for the lean meat consumed by other people to produce muscular strength or working power. Sea biscuit, pilot bread and plain crackers, those without the "shortening" of butter or lard, are simply flour and water, worked into tough dough, and baked instead of being air or sun dried as macaroni and vermicelli are. They are usually made of Northern grown wheat, containing more starch and less gluten than macaroni.

Wherever Indian wheat is used there is the same complaint about its poor qualities. Recently a shipment of wheat was made from India to Australia, and when the millers had turned it into flour it was found that the product was so inferior that Australian consumers

would not consent to consume it. Consequently the balance of the cargo will be ground into feed for the Australian hogs and cattle and Australia will make no more demands upon India for wheat. The Milling World has repeatedly asserted that the Indian wheat is essentially inferior to American wheat and that the chief use of the Asiatic grain is to hamper down the values of superior American and European grains. Other milling journals have taught the opposite, but our position is being strengthened every month by instances like the one quoted. Indian wheat does not grow in favor. Flour made from it alone would be unsaleable in any American market, as it is in European and Australian markets. It can be utilized only in mixtures with higher grade wheats of other countries. Great Britain is responsible for the presence of Indian wheat in the European markets, and it is noticeable that over 50 per cent. of the Indian export goes to the Continent. Great Britain wants and must have American wheat, and the British cheapeners are merely using the inferior Asiatic grain as a potent factor in cheapening our excellent grain. Wheat that is only fit for the hogs and cattle of Australia certainly cannot find a very extensive market in the most advanced and exacting countries of the world. *Milling World.*

### British Columbia.

The Masons of Vancouver are agitating for the erection of a hall and opera house combined.

The Nanaimo *Free Press* reports that three new and valuable seams of coal have been opened up in that district.

A coal seam at Sumas, eight feet in depth, has been discovered, and preparations have been made for working the claim.

The Victoria Sunday Star has changed hands and will hereafter be published by a stock company, in the interest of the Liberal party.

The collieries of Nanaimo and district sent to San Francisco, during the month of October, 26,707 tons of coal, and 168,033 tons from Jan. 1st, to Nov.

J McLean, from Big Bend, reports much activity on the various creeks that empty into the Big Bend by the Columbia. One company has taken out \$4000 in gold from bar and bench diggings.

The balances to the credit of depositors in the Dominion Savings Banks in this province, on the 30th of last September, were as follows: Victoria, \$1,619,769.26; New Westminster, \$293,133.82; Nanaimo, \$336,894.51.

Wilson Bros., of Victoria, have shipped to China the necessary machinery for a large river steamer which is now in course of construction there. This is the finest exportation of machinery made by the city to a foreign country.

An agitation is being worked up for the extension of the Nanaimo railway to the north end of Vancouver Island. It is proposed to ask the Dominion government to grant for this and other purposes not less than \$100,000 per annum for a limited number of years (say twenty) British Columbia contributing forty thousand dollars per annum, either in money or land, for a similar period for the same purpose. It is claimed the construction of the railway is

necessary to the settlement of Vancouver island and the adjacent archipelago and developing trade with the Northwest coast and Alaska. The length of the extension will be about 175 miles, and the cost of construction about \$5,000,000.

### Montreal Trade Notes.

Wheat has been firmly held, in consequence of continued good cables. We quote: Canada red winter wheat 81c to 82c; white winter 80c to 82c; Canada spring 80c to 82c; peas, 65c to 65½c per 66 lbs; oats, 27c to 28c per 32 lbs.; barley, 55c to 60c.

Flour was firmly held. Prices were: Patent, \$4 to \$4.55; spring extra, \$3.50 to \$3.55; superfine, \$3 to \$3.20; Canada strong bakers, \$3.90 to \$4.05; Manitoba strong bakers', \$4.30; American strong bakers', \$4.35 to \$4.55.

The exports of dairy produce for the season of navigation show a serious falling off both in quantity and value. The shipment of butter is the smallest of any year back to 1874, being only 55,220 packages—a decrease of 11,316 packages from 1885. The value of the butter exports has fallen from \$2,580,000 to \$510,000 in 1886. It is evident that cheese has increased at the expense of butter, as the figures when compared with former years demonstrate. The exports of cheese this season were 894,456 boxes. These figures make out a decrease of 182,145 boxes from 1885. The value of the cheese exported was less than in the four preceding seasons, but greater than in those before.

### Items of Interest.

Calgary will purchase a fire engine and hose reel, to cost \$4,000.

The Calgary council has refused to allow the erection of telephone poles on the streets, confining them to the lanes.

The *Monetary Times* says: The final drawing of Father Labelle's "Colonization Lottery" took place on Friday last in Montreal, when the reverend father announced that the colonization society realized no profit out of the scheme, so he is going to start a new one, offering \$50,000 instead of \$100,000. This is a most demoralizing business. Such affairs should be put down. They pander to a weakness of human nature which aims to get something valuable for next to nothing. It is a gambling spirit which needs to be repressed rather than cultivated or encouraged.

### A Doubtful Market.

"Now, my dear," he said as he prepared to leave home after supper, "the market has been feverish all day."

"I see."

"If wheat should go up a cent or two this evening I might not be home until late."

"Exactly."

"And in case wheat goes down don't expect me before midnight."

"I see. Well, dear, you run along and keep your eye on wheat and stay as long as you care to, for I've asked Col. Haskins over to play whist this evening, and he'll be sure to stay until midnight."

The fever subsided and wheat stood still, and the husband was back before nine o'clock. *Wall Street News.*