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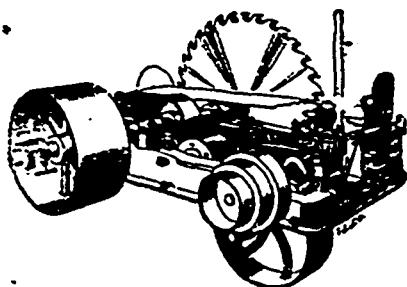
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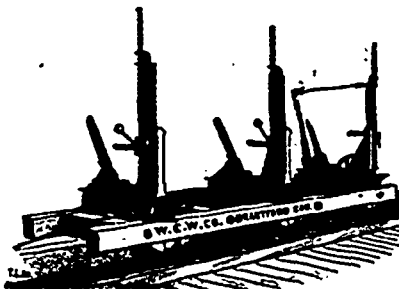
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WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 10, 1898.

LAKE MANITOBA CANAL

A brief dispatch from Ottawa would indicate that the government has decided to go ahead with the work of lowering the level of Lake Manitoba, by cutting a short ditch at the northern end of the lake with the object of increasing the outflow of water via Lake St. Martin.

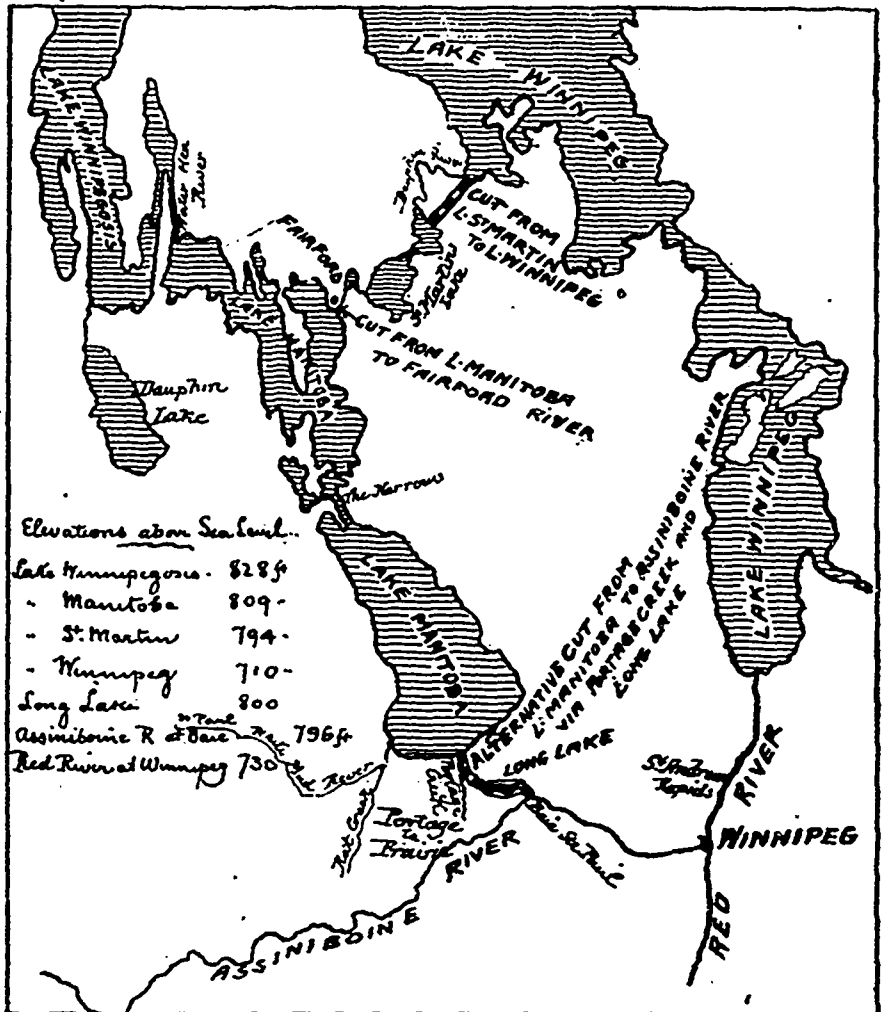
The question of lowering or controlling the water level of Lake Manitoba, has been agitated for a number of years. The volume of water running into Lake Manitoba is considerably greater than the outlet capacity. A number of rivers and creeks flow into the lake, while its only outlet is the Fairford river to Lake St. Martin and thence via the Dauphin river to Lake Winnipeg. This outlet has not the capacity of carrying off as much water as flows into the lake from other streams, hence considerable areas of land around the lake have been flooded.

An important matter to be taken into consideration in connection with the lowering of the lake is its value as a navigable body of water. Some persons who have made a study of the question, claim that the lake is of greater value for purposes of navigation than the flooded land in its vicinity. Lake Manitoba is quite shallow, and if the water is materially lowered it will destroy naviga-

tion on the lake. Again, the evaporation from this lake is very great, and this of course is a great benefit to the agriculturist in our comparatively dry climate. Some years hence we may find it necessary to endeavor to store the waters of this system instead of hastening their escape to the sea.

Now, as for the work proposed to be done to lower the level of the lake, it is worth while making some inquiry. As early as 1881 the late Thos Guerin, one of the most able hydraulic engineers in the employ of

should be made from the latter lake to Lake Winnipeg, otherwise the country about Lake St. Martin would be flooded. Mr. Guerin found that 14,833 cubic feet per second of water was being discharged by the Fairford river into Lake St. Martin, while the outlet from the latter lake to Lake Winnipeg, via the Dauphin, or Little Saskatchewan river as it is sometimes called, is only 12,486 cubic feet per second. The land around Lake St. Martin, which is quite as valuable as the flooded territory around Lake Manitoba, was therefore also sub-



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LAKE MANITOBA BASIN

the Dominion government, made an extended examination of the lake, with the object of discovering what could be done to reclaim the flooded lands and prevent a recurrence of the trouble. Mr. Guerin made a very full report as to the result of his work. He recommended that the outlet be enlarged by cutting a channel about two miles long, from the lake to the Fairford river, below the rapids on that stream. This would increase the outflow to Lake St. Martin. In order to provide for the carrying off of this increased inflow to Lake St. Martin, he also provided that another cut

be made from the latter lake to Lake Winnipeg, otherwise the country about Lake St. Martin would be flooded. To increase the outflow into Lake St. Martin without providing for an additional or larger outlet into Lake Winnipeg, would simply result in flooding the country around Lake St. Martin. Mr. Guerin estimated the cost of the short cut from Lake Manitoba to the Fairford river at \$36,000, while the cost of the cut from Lake St. Martin to Lake Winnipeg, he placed at \$245,000, or a total cost of \$281,000 to reclaim the 200,000 acres of flooded land around the lake.

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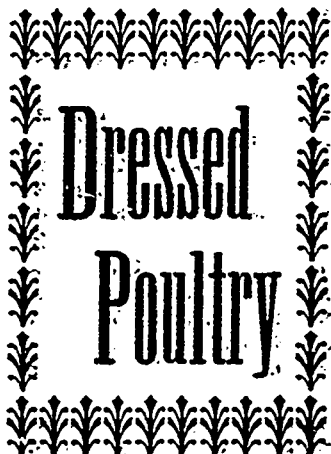
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The Commercial has always been an advocate of the development of our waterways for purposes of navigation. It is the opinion of all engineers and other experienced persons who have given the subject any attention; that Lakes Manitoba and Winnipegosis form a most valuable system of inland navigation. It is the general opinion of such persons that Lake Manitoba furnishes the safest, cheapest and best route by which continuous navigation between the Red river and the North Saskatchewan could be opened up, thereby establishing one of the grandest systems of inland navigation in the world. According to the opinion of engineers who have looked into the matter, the problem of opening a continuous navigable channel from Winnipeg to Edmonton via Lake Winnipeg would be neither difficult of solution nor expensive. The cheap transportation which would be provided for, and the great commercial development which would be rendered possible by the opening of this route would be of vastly more importance than a few acres of land around Lake Manitoba.

But it is not necessary to abandon these lands in order to preserve the navigable value of Lake Manitoba. The level of the lake can be controlled by the construction of a work which would form an important link in extending the navigable value of the lake and tributary waters. This is where the great point in the question comes in. By the cutting of a canal from the southern end of Lake Manitoba to the Assiniboine river, the level of the lake can be reduced or regulated, and the flooding of lands in the Lake St. Martin region would be prevented. Bringing the water this way would be to bring it where it is needed, and where it would be of great value. It would give such a flow of water as would greatly assist in rendering the Assiniboine river navigable between Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie. It would also improve navigation on the Red river between Winnipeg and Selkirk. It would give a sufficient flow of water to render it possible to develop a minimum of 15,000 horse power on the Assiniboine river at Winnipeg.

Of the further great commercial and other advantages from the opening of a canal to the Assiniboine river, we shall defer reference until next week.

As to the possibility of building a canal from Lake Manitoba to the Assiniboine river, there is not a shadow of doubt. The distance across from

the lake to the Assiniboine at Bale St. Paul is about seventeen miles. The fall is about fourteen feet. Long Lake forms a natural canal for about one-third of the distance, and Portage creek also forms a natural canal for a considerable distance from Lake Manitoba toward the Assiniboine river. The cost of the work would be trifling, compared with the great possibilities in view, one advantage of which would be the supplying of cheap fuel and building material along the route served, including the closely settled Portage Plains.

A few years ago great interest was taken by Winnipeg business men in a proposal to utilize the water power on the Assiniboine river here. It was shown that a minimum power of 3,219 horse power could be developed at lowest stage of water. It was further shown by investigation at the time, that this could be increased to a minimum of about 15,000 horse power by cutting a canal, by the route now mentioned to Lake Manitoba. The construction of the necessary dam to utilize the water power at Winnipeg would render the Assiniboine river navigable as far as headngy, which includes the most difficult portion of the stream. Beyond headngy the river would be rendered navigable by the additional flow of water from Lake Manitoba. It appears that the people of Winnipeg, by their neglect in this matter, are missing a grand opportunity to have this work, or an important part of it, carried out. It might not yet be too late, if immediate representation were made to the government, to have the work done at this end of the lake, instead of at Fairford.

We produce herewith a sketch showing the Lake Manitoba basin, with the outlet of the lake via Fairford and Dauphin river to Lake Winnipeg; also showing where the proposed cuts are located; whereby it is intended to lower the level of the lake. As noted, the intention is to make only the first short cut at Fairford now, but eventually the other cut will have to be made to complete the work. The sketch also shows the alternative cut to the Assiniboine river, by which the level of the lake could be controlled as readily as by the two cuts at Lake St. Martin, and other important advantages gained at the same time.

Outlook for Raw Furs.

The result of last month's London sale was about as expected, and while the quantity of most furs offered was hardly large enough to thoroughly test the market, it was sufficient to give us at least some indication about the drift of the latter, as far as Europe is concerned. Still it is impossible to anticipate at this time what the next year has in store for us; and while the

underlying conditions of our trade are all that can be reasonably expected, the chances for a profitable winter's business are yet too indefinite to enter into present calculations, or to develop speculative movements.

Beaver did fairly well in last winter's sales, and particularly the finer black sorts, for which there was also some demand on our side; but this fur has now suffered again a heavy decline, as was predicted by our European correspondent some time ago; and bear of all kinds should therefore be bought very cautiously until a lower range of prices is established, on which a new advance may be based again at a later period.

Beaver, we are glad to report, has been a better selling article during the summer than was generally expected, and stocks in first hands are therefore much reduced; principally, though, in the pale colored skins, which are still preferred by the home trade, while the Canadian and Continental buyers favor the darker shades, which latter constitute the bulk of the collection.

The advance of Beaver in recent London sales may not appear remarkable, but it has, nevertheless, brought out the fact that the outlook for this beautiful fur is improving on both sides of the ocean, and we feel justified in believing that this improvement will not be checked very soon.

Otter have also moved more freely since last spring, but prices were generally in buyer's favor, excepting, perhaps, on fine parcels of dark skins suitable for natural use, of which the supply is always a limited one.

Lower grades were taken, as usual, in fair sized quantities by the coat manufacturers, while such skins as are fit for plucking were bought by firms who intended to work them up into ladies' jackets, for which purpose they have already proved very serviceable in former years.

Under these circumstances we are safe in assuming that last winter's quotations for otter will at least be sustained, especially if Europe continues to take a fair share of our collection, of which there is now a good indication.

Mink did not look a very promising article when we issued our last fall's prospectus, but we are now able to report that there was a good outlet for them at most times of this year, both here and abroad, and the fresh collection will find a market which, in our opinion, is not overburdened with any old stock. In fact, we believe that the latter will be unusually small in all the larger as well as the good colored mink, for which kinds there was most inquiry up to this day, with promise of a continual demand if the general opinion of our trade remains anyway favorable.

In spite of these circumstances, we could not recommend any of our friends to buy and hold mink on speculation, because a further advance on their value—which, as a matter of course, increases the price of the manufactured article—might seriously impair its popularity, as we have frequently seen on similar occasions when a succession of encouraging events had made us too sanguine in our calculation.

Muskat remained more than steady, so far as fall and early winter skins are concerned; and, in fact, all such grades as the European trade generally works up in the hair; but the late winter and spring collection, which in former times was principally used for

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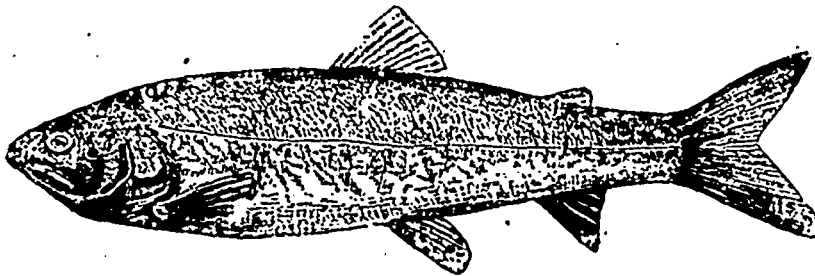
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plucking and dyeing, continues to move quite slowly in a weakening market, as the sheared and dyed Coneys, about which we wrote last year, appear to give the manufacturers better satisfaction as a cheap substitute for seal than the former, and are likely to remain a good selling fur in the future.

The handling of the early caught muskrat will, therefore, involve no particular risk if prices remain within reason, while the next London January sales are going to regulate the value of the latter catch, as the largest offering of this fur is always made at that time, and contains a considerable share of spring skins.

Raccoon were again much benefited this year by liberal purchases of the coat manufacturers, whose trade seems to have considerably expanded on account of the prolonged revival of business in the Northwestern States; and there is hardly any doubt about it that the opening of the Klondike regions has also helped the sale of fur coats quite materially, although, perhaps, not to such an extent as last year, when the gold fever was at its height.

As the medium and lower quality of raccoon are best adapted for coats, these particular grades were naturally most sought for, and we are inclined to think that our market is now almost bare of them—a fact which certainly promises stability of prices as long as the conditions of trade remain so favorable for a large consumption of these skins. The more heavily furred and expensive raccoon collected in the northern and western states, which are mostly shipped to Europe, did not share the improvement of the other kinds; but as long as they did not suffer a decline we were satisfied with their sale, and shall be content if they hold their own until next spring.

Skunk have, without question, become again a more popular fur since last year, when they were disposed of at unusually low prices, and we have noted this fact with particular satisfaction: as they have always been one of the principal articles among our American collection, and certainly deserve to be a good selling fur on account of their fine appearance and excellent wearing qualities.

While the demand for skunk included all grades at the beginning of the season, it was later on decidedly stronger for the striped skins, which, on account of their comparative cheapness, are preferred by the cloak trade; and during the summer there was very active inquiry for broad-striped and white skunk, as it was found out that the light fur of these sorts was particularly well adapted to serve in the dyed state as an imitation of stone marten tails.

That present holdings of seasoned numbers three and four skunk are quite small, is generally conceded; but as to the higher grades we cannot make such an assertion, and would, therefore, not venture to make any prediction in regard to the opening quotations for this article, as fine skunk are frequently late sellers, which fact may give an entirely different face to the market within the next four weeks.

Red fox fully justified the expectations we had placed on them, their satisfactory sale being much aided by a home demand for heavy furred skins, such as we generally get from western and northwestern regions, and we

have quite good cause to believe that the high quotations of last spring will be sustained, as the latest reports from Europe state that nearly all kinds of red fox continue to be in good request over there.

Marten have continued their upward course, the demand for them, being equally good both here and in Europe; but as we have stated already in reference to mink, we would consider it unwise to speculate in this fur now, because present prices are already exceedingly strained, and a decline in the value of marten may show the same degree of rapidity as we witness in their advance.

Lynx are just dragging along under fractional variations of the market, and no prospects can be held out of any improvements in the near future. We are really at a loss to understand why this once so fashionable fur continues to be so long neglected, and still hope that the patience of our dealers and manufacturers, of whom nearly every one carries more or less skins on hand, may finally be rewarded.

Wolf, wild cat and badger advanced sharply during the winter sales from the unprecedentedly low prices of the previous year, but we do not attach any particular significance to this fact, as this advance was almost exclusively brought about by the Klondike trade, which, as stated before, has now much subsided; and while we hardly believe that prices will very soon fall back again to the former low level, the expected contraction in the use of the articles named is worthy of consideration when new purchases are effected.

Silver, cross and white fox, sea otter, fisher, wolverine, etc., are furs which are always used to some extent by our furriers, but only occasionally in sufficient quantities to influence their value, so that the regulation of the latter depends almost exclusively upon the result of the different London sales.—Wm. Eisenhauer & Co., in Fur Trade Review.

Winnipeg Grain Exchange.

A meeting of the council of the Winnipeg G. and Produce Exchange was held on December 2, at 4 o'clock, when Messrs. John Love, of Bready, Love & Tryon, and William Martin, of the Northern Elevator company, were elected to membership on the council to fill vacancies caused by the removal of Mr. A. Cavanagh to Toronto and the death of Mr. S. W. Farrell.

As the railroad companies urgently pressed for the immediate naming of the two export grades of wheat not yet designated by the exchange, the council decided to recommend Nos. 1 and 2 "special wheat" to cover grain that has been dried by artificial process. It was also decided to recommend to the committee of the grain standards board, appointed for the purpose, that they select standard samples to cover this description of grain.

Arrangements were made to furnish and occupy the new quarters in the new grain exchange building.

In regard to trade term No. 20 of the exchange rules, providing for delivery in car lots, which was referred by the exchange to council for report as to the desirability or otherwise of making a change in the wording of the definition of this trade term, the council resolved to recommend that the rule remain unaltered.

Last year the exchange endeavored to have the Hon. J. I. Tarte, minis-

ter of public works, send an engineer to Fort William to observe and report on the conditions of the closing of the harbor by ice.

Mr. Tarte's reply was that they had no boat available for the work. The exchange wired that they had asked for an engineer, and not a boat, but no action was taken by the minister.

Fort William harbor usually closes some time before Duluth harbor, and before the "Soo" canal closes for the season. The harbor in the Kaminitiquia river being practically slack water, closes long before the lake outside, and heretofore the C. P. R. Co., at their own expense, have arranged for a couple of tugs to break up the ice in the river: Last year the railway officials intimated that they did not feel disposed to continue this work. They, however, did so last fall. The exchange represented, both by correspondence and by a delegation at Ottawa, the necessity of the Dominion government doing this work, and took the ground that as a mere matter of policy it should be in the hands of the government, and not at the option of the C. P. R. Again in September last the following quarantine communication was addressed to the minister.

Hon. J. I. Tarte,

Minister of Public Works:

Sir.—By direction, I have the honor to request information as to what steps, if any, have been taken to keep the Fort William harbor free of ice to the latest possible date this fall. It is now certain that wheat will be very late in moving, and the crop is almost twice as large as last year, so that every day of open navigation this fall will be most valuable to the wheat growers and shippers of western Canada.

No answer was received to this communication till Nov. 14, when the following was received:

Secreta Grain and Produce Exchange, Winnipeg.

My Dear Sir.—We cannot do anything to keep the Fort William harbor free of ice during the winter. Nature is stronger than man and as we have no proper equipment either for Fort William or other harbors we have to let things follow their natural course. We would like very much in Montreal to have a few days more navigation. But we can't get them.

Truly yours,

J. ISRAEL TARTE.

The council decided to take no further action but to publish the correspondence.

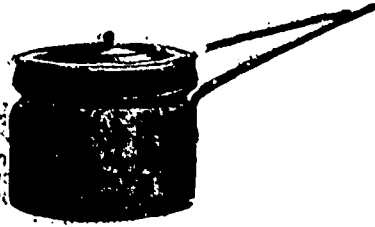
Champagne Vintage of 1898.

Charles Heldsleck, of Reims, sends The Commercial the following report of the champagne vintage:

Sir.—I am at last able to send you a few lines respecting the champagne vintage of 1898.

The gathering of the grapes commenced on the 5th inst., the latest date known for at least twenty years. From the flowering of the vines the weather has been most extraordinary, and has caused much anxiety to vineyard proprietors. Under the wet and cold weather the vines did not bloom till the last days of June, continuing till the end of July (thus lasting a fortnight longer than is usual) enduring the most unfavorable conditions.

Continuous rain brought about culture (i. e., dropping of the small grapes), which very considerably diminished the quantity of grapes. From August

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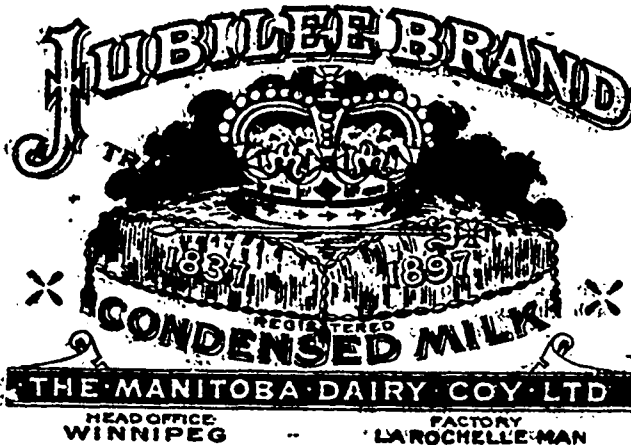
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To sum up, the champagne of 1893 will be light, delicate, but somewhat lacking in ripeness, and the quantity considerably under the average.

A fine year was much needed, for the consumption of champagne is on the increase, and we have only the 1893's and 1895's to fall back upon, which are limited.

CHARLES HEIDSECK.

November Customs Returns.

The value of the goods exported and imported through the post of Winnipeg during November, together with the amount of duty collected thereon, was as follows, compared with the figures for the corresponding period of last year:

	November, 1897.	November, 1898.
Exports	\$135,291	\$105,654
Entered for consumption—Dutiable	202,359	219,736
Entered for consumption—Free	106,173	154,273
Total	\$308,532	\$374,009
Duty collected ...	\$70,151.23	\$73,436.38

The Manitou Fire.

Manitou, Dec. 7.—Last night fire started in rear of Gordon's store. The cause is entirely unknown. It spread east to Sparling and Lander's hardware store and Curiston's hotel and livery stable. The entire business portion of the town would have been swept but for the hard work of the citizens; there is no fire protection whatever. Gordon's loss is about \$10,000 on stock and buildings, insurance \$24,000, divided among the Royal Guardian, Manchester, Canadian, National, Norwich, Hartford and Scottish Union. Sparling and Lander's loss is \$5,000 on building and stock, insured for \$3,000 in the Royal and Sun. Curiston's loss is \$5,000, the buildings are insured for \$1,000 and the furniture for \$500 in the Hartford. Bailey & Hall's stable was damaged, probably \$500, fully covered by insurance in the Hartford.

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Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, B. C. Dec. 5.—November has not proved up to expectations in the jobbing business. Cold weather usually stimulates the provision trade in Vancouver as elsewhere. Cold produces hunger, and hunger produces a demand for food. November in British Columbia has been mild, warm rains, with an occasional sunny day. And the anticipated increased demand for provisions did not materialize. Wholesalers however, are preparing for Christmas by placing large orders in the east.

Merchants are now almost entirely relying on the east for eggs and butter. The local creamery brings fancy prices whilst new laid eggs are very scarce at 60 and 65 cents. Amateur economists are again writing letters in the press expressing regret at the fact that so much money is going out of the province every year for produce that should be supplied by our farmers. Wholesalers spoken to regarding the matter say that provincial farmers get the very best prices for products, but the quantity they furnish is only a drop in the bucket and British Columbia is essentially a mining country and must draw her food supplies from outside. Of course, fruit is an exception, as far as supply is concerned, British Columbia grows almost enough fruit to supply her own markets. Eastern apples are losing ground owing to condemned shipments. The British Columbia apple however, is not so firm in quality as the eastern. Consumers here must have Ontario apples and importers must supply them. Large quantities of California and Oregon fruit must be carried also by dealers.

There are at present thirty-six vessels loading... British Columbia ports. The shipping has increased tremendously in the province in the last year. In the corresponding week last season there were but nine vessels loading in the province.

In November, 1897, the customs returns for Vancouver were \$32,568. For last month there they were \$69,549. The same expansion is noticed in all industries, and to meet the expansion financial houses are springing up all over the country. In Vancouver there are so many banks that it was found necessary to establish a clearing house. Last week the clearings were \$777,000, and this week they are \$653,500 with balances of \$134,150. The increase in postal matter has also necessitated the establishment of a separate head office at Vancouver for the mainland.

And all this in spite of our not being able to grow our own agricultural products. A farmer was asked today by The Commercial representative why this was the case. He replied because the mining industry predominates. It has the attention of the people. It is more fascinating, and under existing circumstances a more remunerative vocation than farming. Land is not easily obtainable in large areas and when obtainable, is very expensive to clear. Then in the dry belt the lands have to be irrigated, and the expense of farming in these districts is a deterrent. We have magnificent pasture land and can make beautiful butter, but farmers are not encouraged to make a life study of these things in this mining country of British Columbia. Chinese supply the tables of British Columbia with the cheaper vegetables.

Mining is in a satisfactory condition on the coast. Numerous properties

are being opened up that are contiguous to Vancouver, and prospects are very bright. Profits in quartz mining come slowly, but they appear to be coming surely. In the meantime, an army of men are being employed and spending their money in the country. At present the Atlin Lake country is the chief topic of conversation in the mining world. The local press are urging the British Columbia government to hurry up and get the middle straightened out between themselves and the federal government. Either the Dominion government or the British Columbia legislature should have immediately drawn the boundary line and determined the 60th parallel when they saw the country opening up. The Colonist asks editorially, this week, if the Atlin country is going to be any good to Canada anyhow? Returning Atlinites say that United States citizens are smuggling goods into the country and will continue to do so unless some means is taken to prevent them. And unless the British Columbia legislature impose a royalty this province, or speaking generally, Canada will not sell the goods or see the gold. Too bad that we are compelled to hand over our fabulous rich possessions in Atlin to the ubiquitous Yankee, but if the British Columbia legislature will act and act quickly by taking a leaf out of Uncle Sam's book and make aliens pay for getting the gold out of our ground, they will receive the moral support of the people. There was tremendous kicking over the Yukor royalty, but British Columbians are now convinced that in this respect at least, the authorities at Ottawa did the right thing in the right place, but as it turned out, the foreigners got the gold.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, in store Fort William, 59c.

Flour—Local price per sack unchanged at: Patent, \$2.55; bakers, \$2.35.

Bran—\$10 per ton.

Shorts—\$12 per ton.

Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, 35c to 36c.

Barley—32 to 35c for feed; malting, 35 to 40c.

Flax seed—Prices to farmers, country points, 60c per bushel.

Butter—Dairy, shippers buying at 14 to 16c; creamery, jobbers' price, 21 to 22c.

Cheese—Jobbers selling at 11c.

Eggs—Dealers selling at 18c for fresh and 17c for limed.

Beef—City dressed, 5 to 5 1-2c, country 4 to 5c.

Mutton—5 to 6c.

Hogs—Dressed, 5 1-2 to 6c.

Veal—5 to 6c.

Lambs—5 to 7c.

Cattle—Butchers, 2 3-4 to 3c.

Hogs—Live, off cars, \$4.50 per 100 lbs. for best bacon.

Sheep—2 3-4 to 3c.

Seneca robs—18 to 20c lb.

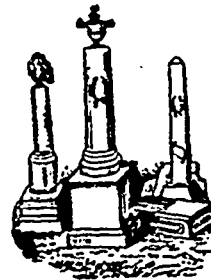
Hides—Green city hides, 7c for No. 1.

Hay—Baled, on track, \$6.50.

Potatoes—35 to 40c per bushel.

Poultry—Chickens, 7 to 8c per lb.; turkeys, 11 to 12c; geese, 8 to 9c; ducks, 8 to 9c.

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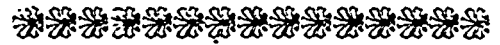
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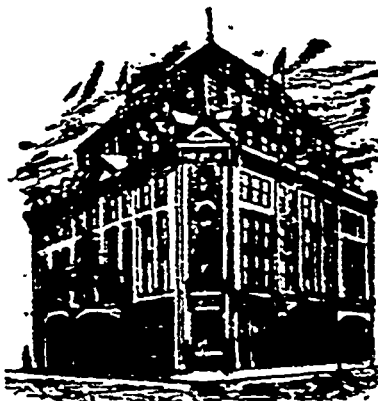
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Week ended Dec. 8, 1898	\$2,914,076
Corresponding week, 1897	2,489,368
1896	1,925,008

Following shows the bank clearings at Winnipeg by months, for three years:

	1898	1897	1896
January	6,317,168	5,009,219	4,977,200
February	5,517,000	3,851,000	4,022,000
March	5,661,000	4,289,000	4,286,000
April	6,240,000	4,162,000	4,022,000
May	8,683,364	5,014,786	4,216,201
June	7,397,000	5,531,000	4,091,000
July	6,316,238	5,616,603	4,991,277
August	6,180,355	6,298,574	4,616,059
September	6,414,551	8,035,201	4,630,766
October	9,347,622	12,291,579	7,855,472
November	11,553,669	13,550,761	8,895,175

mtree at Dawson, Yukon. Like most other buildings in Canada's youngest and most northerly city, this one is constructed of logs. It is certainly creditable to the enterprise of Canadian banks, as well as showing the efficiency of our financial structure, that practically unlimited banking facilities have been so speedily provided in this far northern region.

The Trust and Loan.

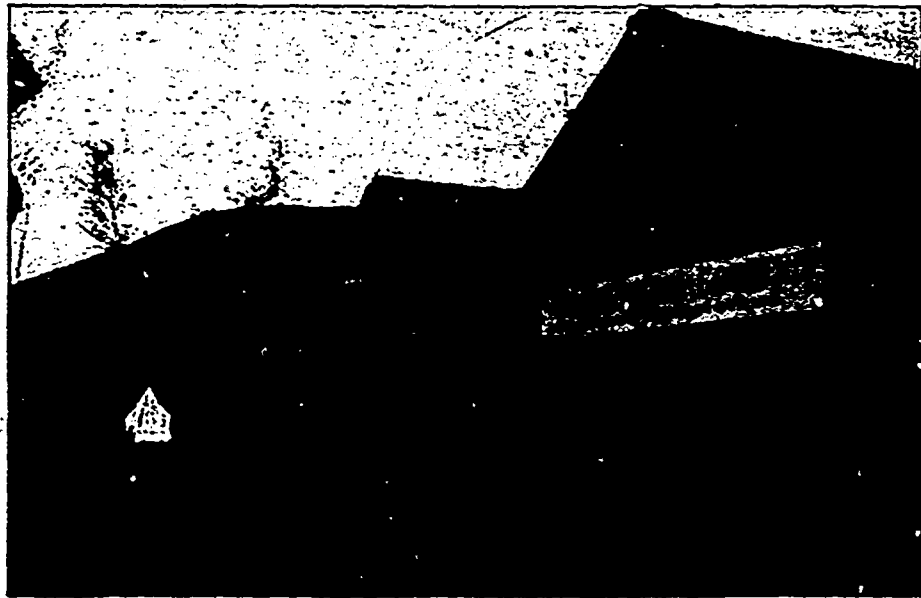
A London paper says the directors of the Trust and Loan company of Canada, in their report for the half year ending September 30, to be presented to the shareholders on the 30th of November, state that the net profits amounted to £11,705, and after carrying to the reserve fund £977, being the moiety of profits over 6 per cent. dividend, the balance at credit of revenue, including surplus carried forward, amounts to £21,117. The directors recommend that a dividend at the rate of 6 per

It is a singular fact, says a Vancouver paper, that nearly all the six or eight bank officials recently appointed in the Boundary and Boundary Creek district are Scotsmen.

The amalgamation of the Toronto General Trusts Company and the Trusts Corporation of Ontario, was practically carried into effect at Toronto on Dec. 6.

Benjamin Willson, inspector of the Bank of Hamilton, returned to the city on Wednesday from a tour of inspection of the bank's branches in British Columbia. While at Vancouver, he was informed that this year \$1,250,000 has been invested in dwelling houses alone and mostly by persons who were building homes for themselves.

The long looked for Le Roi mine is at last before London investors. The London Globe corporation and the British American corporation invite subscriptions for 200,000 shares of £5 each in the Le Roi Co., Limited. The purchase price is £950,000, payable in cash and fully paid shares, leaving £50,000 for working capital.



BANKING IN THE FAR NORTH—DAWSON BRANCH OF THE BANK OF COMMERCE

Bank Dividends.

The advertisements of dividends declared show fifteen of the chartered banks about to distribute \$1,682,888 to their shareholders, at the dividend for six months on \$39,929,620, being an average rate of 8.12 per annum on the total capital represented. As will be observed by scrutiny of this table, the half yearly dividends vary from 2 1/2 to 5 per cent.

Bank	Dividend.	per cent
Bank of Montreal	5	"
Merchants Bank of Canada	4	"
Canadian Bank of Commerce	3 1/2	"
Quebec Bank	3	"
Bank of Toronto	3	"
Molson's Bank	3	"
Imperial Bank	3	"
Bank of Ottawa	4	"
Bank of Hamilton	4	"
Standard Bank	4	"
Hochelaga Bank	3 1/2	"
Ontario Bank	2 1/2	"
Traders' Bank	3	"
Jacques-Cartier Bank	2 1/2	"
Ville Marie Bank	3	"

Banking in the Far North.

We show herewith a cut of the building of the Canadian Bank of Com-

cent. per annum be declared, leaving £11,367 to be carried forward. During the period embraced by these accounts the reserve fund has been charged with £2,307 for loss on securities realized in Canada, and with £905 for depreciation in value of investments held in England, this fund now amounts, at the prices of the day, to £186,516, compared with £186,261 on the 31st of March last.

Financial Notes.

The Bank of British North America has opened a branch at Ashcroft, B. C.

G. W. Michie, of Manitou, has been appointed manager of the new Union Bank branch at Crystal City, Man.

A branch of the bank of Toronto was opened on Dec. 1, at Rossland, B. C., under the management of A. R. Barker.

An attempt was made this week to rob the Bank of British North America at Vancouver. The burglars were frightened away after they had gained an entrance, by an employee.

Mining Notes.

The smelter at Trail, B. C., shipped to New York last week copper matte aggregating in weight 353,438 pounds and of an approximate value of \$100,000. This is the first large shipment from the smelter under Canadian Pacific railway management.

It is stated that the Fern mine, B. C., has received returns from the smelter for two cars of concentrates and one of shipping ore. The concentrates gave a value of \$12.79 per ton and the shipping ore went, one lot, \$99.36, and the other lot, \$113.98 per ton.

The Canadian Pacific Railway company has decided to erect a 1,000 ton smelter in the Boundary Creek country, B. C.

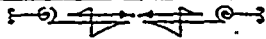
The post office department at Ottawa began the work of distributing the new imperial penny postage stamp to postmasters on Dec. 6.

The Canadian-American Glass company, of Detroit, is about to establish a large factory at Kingsville, Ont. Upwards of 200 hands will be employed.

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Winnipeg Hardware and Metal Prices.

Tin—Lamb and Flagg, 56 and 28 lb mgots, per lb 21¢@22c.

Tin Plates—Charcoal plates, I C, 10 x 14, 12 x 12 and 14 x 20, \$4.50@4.75; I X, same size box, \$5.75@6; I C, charcoal, 20 x 28, 112 sheets to box, \$8.00@ \$8.50; I X, box, 20x28, 112 sheets, \$9.50@ \$10.

Terne Plates—I C, 20x28, \$8 @ \$9.50.

Iron and Steel—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$2.05 band iron, 100 lbs., \$2.65@2.75; Swedish iron, 100 lbs, \$5.25 @6; sleigh shoe steel, 2.50@2.75; best cast tool steel, lb., 9¢@11c; imitation Russian sheet, 7¢@8c; genuine Russian sheet, lb., 12¢@13c.

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

Canada Plates—Garth and Blaina, 3.00 @ \$3.15.

Galvanized Iron—American, 20 guage, \$3.50; 22 and 24 guage, \$3.75; 26 guage, \$4.00; 28 guage, \$4.25 100 lbs.

Iron pipe—Quoted as follows per 100 feet: 1/2 inch, \$2.50; 3/8 inch, \$2.75; 1/2 inch, \$3; 3/4 inch, \$4; 1 inch, \$5; 1 1/4 inch, \$7; 1 1/2 inch, \$8.50; 2 inch, \$11.50.

Lead—Pig, per lb., 4 1/2 to 5c.

Sheet Zinc—In casks; \$7.00 lb., broken lots \$7.25.

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

Ammunition—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American discount 40 per cent; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5; rim fire military, American, net list; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent, shot shells, 12 guage, \$6 @ 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 6 1/2c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 6 1/2c. Robin Hood powder, 17 lb kegs, \$10 1/4 kegs, 4 lbs, \$3; Canister, 9 oz., 60c. Loaded shells, 12 guage, soft shot, \$20 per 1,000. No. 10 guage, \$23.00 per 1,000.

Dupont Powder—Dupont Rifle FFG, 25 lb keg, \$5.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$2.75. cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$6.60, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$8.50, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$9.25; Dupont Rifle FFG, 25 lb keg, \$5.25, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$3.00; cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$7.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$9.00, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$9.75; Dominion Rifle, 25 lb keg, \$5.75, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$3, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$7, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$11, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$12; Sea Shooting Fg, 25 lb keg, \$6; Manitoba Sporting, 25 lb keg, \$8.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$4.25, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$9.00; cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$13.00; Eagle Ducking, 25 lb keg, \$11.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$5.75, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$12.00; Crystal Grain, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$14.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$17; Blasting, 25 lb keg, \$3.00. Dupont Smokeless powder, 12 1/2 lbs, \$22.00, 6 1/2 lbs, \$11.25, 3 1/4 lbs, \$5.75, 1/2 canisters, \$1.00.

Wire—Galvanized barb, solid, plain, twist, \$2.40 per 100 lbs.; Plain wire and staples, \$2.90.

Axes—Per box, \$6@9.

Nails—Cut, keg, base price, \$2.15 for 20 to 60d., with new classification of extras; common steel wire nails, 4 1/2 @ 6 inch, \$2.35 per keg, with usual extras for smaller sizes.

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

Horseshoes—Iron shoes, @ \$4.00; steel shoes, \$4.50 up; Snow shoe, \$4.25 per keg.

Rope—Sisal, lb., 11c base; man-

illa, lb., 12 1/2c base; cotton, 1/4 to 1/2 inch and larger, 15c lb.

Building Paper—Anchor brand plain 45c; do tarred 60c; Jubilee plain 57c; do tarred 73c.

Winnipeg Prices of Paints, Oils, Glass, etc.

Following are close jobbing prices, as to quantity:

White Lead—Pure, \$6.50 100 lbs; No. 1, \$5.50.

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

Dry Colors—White lead, pound, 7c; red lead, kegs, 6c; yellow ochre in barrel lots, 2 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., Paris green, 18¢@20c; 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.

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

Sundries—Glue, sheets, 15c lb; broken, 12 1/2c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 20¢@25c. Stove gasoline, case, \$3.50; benzine, case, \$3.50. Axle grease, imperial, case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, case, \$3.75; Diamond axle grease, \$2.25 case. Coal tar, barrel, \$7. Portland cement, barrel, \$4@4.25; plaster, barrel \$3.00; plasterers' hair, P. P., 90c bale. Putty, in bladders, barrel lots, 2 1/2c lb., do., in 100 lb kegs, 2 1/2c, do., less than barrels, 1b, 3c. Alabastine, cases of 20 pkgs., \$6.50@7.50 as to color.

Window Glass—Single glass, first break, 16 to 25 united inches, \$2.25; 26 to 40, \$2.50 per 50 feet boxes; 41 to 50, \$5.30; 51 to 60, \$5.80; 61 to 70, \$6.30 per 100 feet boxes.

Linseed Oil—Raw, gal., 55c; boiled, gal., 58c in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gallon extra, with additional charges for cans.

Turpentine—Pure spirits in barrels, 63c; less than barrels, gallon, 68c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

Oils—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25¢@30c gallon; clear machine oils, 27¢@30c; cylinder oil, 50¢@75c, as to quality; castor oil, 13c per lb; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatsfoot oil, \$1, steam refined seal oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 gallon.

Refined Petroleum—Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 17c; crescent, 20 1/2c; oleophene, 21c in barrels. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 2 1/2c for eocene and 2 1/4c for sunlight. Straight car lots Silver Star 1c less, other brands 2c less.

Winnipeg Lumber Prices.

These prices are retail quotations at Winnipeg, such as contractors and others buy at. The mills quote delivered prices at Winnipeg, plus freight to outside points.

Dimension and Timber—No. 1, 2x4 to 2x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$18.50, 18 ft, \$19.50, 20 ft, \$20.50, 22 ft, \$21.50, 24 ft, \$22.50; 3x6 to 3x12, 4x4 to 4x12, 6x6 to 6x12 and 8x8, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$20.00, 18 ft, \$21.00, 20 ft, \$22.00, 22 ft, \$23.00, 24 ft, \$24.00; 8x10 to 12x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$22.00, 18 ft, \$23.00, 20 ft, \$24.00, 22 ft, \$25.00, 24 ft, \$26.00; 2x4, 10 ft, \$20.50; 2x6

to 2x12, 10 ft, \$18.00. No. 2 dimension, \$2.00 less than No. 1. Dimension, 26, 28 and 30 ft, \$26.00. Timber, 26, 28 and 30 ft, \$28.00. \$1.00 per M advance on each inch over 12 inch in depth and width. Tamarac dimension same price as pine. Spruce dimension at \$2.00 per M less than pine. Cull plank, all widths at \$12.00 per M. B. C. fir dimension up to 32 feet at \$28.00 per M., 33 to 40 feet, \$30.00, 41 to 60 feet \$36.00. \$1.00 per M extra for each 2 in. over 12 in. in width or depth.

Boards—1st common, red pine, \$25.00; 2nd common, \$18.50, 3rd common, \$16.50; No. 1 cull, \$13.00, No. 2 cull, \$9.00; spruce, \$16.50. \$1.00 per M extra for stock boards. \$2.00 per M less for 6 to 8 ft. and under. \$1.00 per M less for 10 ft. No. 1 box, 14 in. and up, \$30.00. No. 2 box boards, 14 in. and up, \$23.00. Extra dressing \$2.00 per M.

Siding, Flooring and Ceiling—2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch, white pine, \$38.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch white pine, \$28.00; 1st and 2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$30.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$25.00; 4th, 4, 5 and 6 inch, red and white, \$20.00; Cull siding, red and white, \$16.00; B.C. No. 1 and No. 2 edge grain flooring, 3, 4 and 6 inch, \$32.00. \$2.00 per M advance for dressing both sides.

Bevel Siding—No. 1 white pine, \$26.00; No. 2 red and white, \$25.00.

Shiplap—Pine, 6 inch, \$18.00, 8 and 10 inch, \$20.00; Spruce, 8 and 10 inch, \$19.00, 6 inch, \$18.00; cull shiplap, 8 and 10 inch, \$17.00; do., 6 inch, \$14.00.

Shingles—B. C. cedar, per M, No. 1, \$2.75, No. 2, \$2.50; B.C. cedar dimension shingles, \$4.00; B.C. cedar dimension band sawed, \$5.00.

Lath—Pine lath, No. 1, per M, \$3.00. No. 2, \$2.50.

Finishings—1 1/2, 1 1/4 and 2 inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$65.00, 3rd clear, \$55.00, selects, \$45.00, shops, \$38.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$32.00; B.C. cedar clears, \$50.00; do., over 12 inch, \$55.00; B.C. fir edge grain No. 1 stepping, \$45.00; No. 2, \$40.00; B.C. fir, flat grain, No. 1, \$37.00; No. 2 do., \$32.50; B.C. finishing up to 12 in., \$37.50; do., over 12 inch, \$42.50. \$5 per M advance on 2 1/2 inch and thicker. One inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$55.00, 3rd clear, \$48.00, selects, B, \$38.00, selects, C, \$30.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$30.00; B.C. cedar, clear, \$50.00. B.C. fir finishing, \$37.50; do. over 12 inch, \$42.50.

Oak—Red and White—1/2 sawed, \$85.00; 1st and 2nd, 55.00 to \$65.00; common, \$40.00.

Mouldings and Base—Parting strips, 100 feet lineal, 60c; lattice, 1x1 1/2, 100 feet lineal, 75c, 1x1 1/2, 100 feet lineal, 85c; window and door stop, 1 1/2 inch lineal, \$1.25, ditto, 2 inch lineal, \$1.50; 1/2 round and 1/2 cove, 75c; 1 1/2 inch mould, \$1.50; 2 inch mould, \$1.75; 2 1/2 inch mould, \$2.00; 3 inch mould, \$2.25; 3 1/2 inch mould, \$2.50; 4 inch mould, \$2.75; 4 1/2 inch mould, \$3.00; 5 inch mould, \$3.25; 6 inch mould, \$4.00; 5 inch window stool, 1 1/2 \$4.50; 6 inch window stool, 1 1/2 \$5.25; 4 inch casings, \$2.25; 5 inch casings, \$2.75; 6 inch casings, \$3.25; 8 inch base, \$4.25; 10 inch base, \$5.00; 12 inch base, \$7.00; hand rail, 2x4, \$5.50; waincot cap, 2 1/2 inch, \$2.35, 3 inch, \$2.75; paper mould, 60c. Moulding made from 1 1/2 stock add 25 per cent; 1 1/2 add 50 per cent. Hardwood mouldings or mouldings to detail at special prices. All shop work at special net prices.

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Manitoba.

Geo. Foulds, a well known Winnipeg property owner, is dead.

Lawrence Frame has opened a harness shop at Treherne.

F. Donkes is opening a general store at Venlaw, near Oaknook.

The Carberry board of trade held its annual banquet Friday evening.

E. W. McLean is about to embark in the flour and feed business at Minto.

H. Peever has bought the Adams' stock of harness, etc., from Hockin, at Oak Lake.

W. B. Nicholson, flour and feed merchant, Dauphin, has added a stock of tea to his business.

McIntosh & Co., general merchants, Morris, have dissolved. Enright continues the business.

Morrison Bros., general merchants, Bolasevald, contemplate opening a branch store at Minto.

The Standard Oil Co., Winnipeg, has taken up new office quarters in the Bank of Hamilton building.

Andrew Evans has bought out the the butcher and bakery business of Robert McTavish at Pipestone.

A reduction has been made in the price of Galt coal at country points in Manitoba of from 10 to 20c on the ton.

Souris had a narrow escape from a bad fire this week. Fire broke out in Mrs. Moffat's boarding house, but was got under control.

Bedard & Sons are erecting a new building for their tannery business. They hope soon to add steam appliances to their plant.

W. F. White, the Winnipeg curio dealer, has gone to Lake Winnipeg to fill an order from Skagway for twenty-eight huskie dogs.

The annual minor examinations of the Pharmaceutical association of the province of Manitoba will be held in Winnipeg on Dec. 15, 16 and 17.

Marsh Blanchard, of Morden, has purchased the implement warehouse and business of Messrs. Pritchard & Pell, and will make Carman his home.

Fire broke out in Adams Bros.' harness shop at Virden on Dec. 8. Building and contents were consumed. Insurance not reported. Some windows of other stores in the vicinity were cracked by the heat.

The delay in harvesting and threshing the crop this year will prevent many Manitoba farmers from taking their customary holiday trip to eastern Canada. There is usually quite an exodus eastward before Christmas. This will retain more money in the country.

James Robertson, manager of the Hudson's Bay Company at Portage la Prairie, is being transferred to Shoal Lake, and will be succeeded by Manager Beeson, of the latter post. The transfer takes place after the Christmas holidays.

An exchange says: "The village of Elgin on the Northern Pacific railway extension bids fair to take the lead among the new towns. Prodigious strides in building are going on, and where but a little more than a month back only the rich soil of the prairie with an occasional farm house met the eye can now be seen a lively little town of formidable dimensions, consisting of forty dwellings, two general stores, and a couple of boarding houses.

T. H. Hooper has been appointed agent at Winnipeg for the Monsoon teas, and has opened an office and warehouse on Bannatyne street, east. Hereafter, the teas for Manitoba consumption will be brought here in large lots, and distributed from the warehouses to the city and country trade. Mr. Hooper is well known in Manitoba, and will, no doubt, command a good share of trade.

Alberta.

J. M. Closson contemplates opening in fancy dry goods and ladies' and children's clothing and furnishings at Edmonton.

C. F. Strang, formerly of Ross Bros., hardware, Edmonton, has entered into partnership with J. A. Stovel, for the purpose of engaging in the hardware business. The new firm will be known as Stovel & Strang.

It is reported that discovery has been made of an oil belt not far from the Crow's Nest Pass coal fields, supposed to have its origin in the coal beds. If this be true it is important as the only oil deposit so far discovered in that part of Canada.

The proprietor of the Calgary Tribune is launching a new venture on the journalistic world to be called The Independent. It will be published weekly.

Northwest Ontario.

T. H. White, chief engineer of the Ontario and Rainy River railway, has four parties out locating the route of the new railway.

C. H. Shera & Co., dry goods and gents' furnishings, Port Arthur, are selling off their stock with a view to going out of business.

E. S. Jenison, who proposes taking the Kakabeka power to Port Arthur by means of a waterpower canal, has a force of engineers at work locating the route of the canal.

Grain and Milling News.

The membership fee of the Winnipeg grain exchange has been advanced from \$100 to \$125.

It is rumored that F. H. Peavey & Co., a large Minneapolis grain firm, will establish a line of primary elevators in Manitoba.

Finlay Young, in conjunction with his brother, C. A. Young, has about completed the erection of three elevators at Minto, Dunrea and Elgin, on the line of the N. P. Belmont-Hartney extension in Manitoba.

The report of the grain inspector at Winnipeg for last week is as follows: One hard, 120 cars; two hard, 32: one northern, 145; two northern, 10; three hard, 4; one spring, 48; rejected, 20 cars; no grade, 82; total, 462 cars—the largest number so far this season in one week.

Grocery Trade Notes.

Eleme figs are getting scarce in eastern markets.

A lot of 6,000 half boxes of Valencia raisins was sold at auction in Montreal last week, and realized satisfactory prices.

Advices from the east state that the strength in the market for molasses is likely to continue, as supplies are scarce.

Arbuckle Bros. Monday morning openly quoted granulated sugar 1-16c

lower at New York. Other refiners made no changes in their prices, but they were all selling 1-16c below their quoted figures for granulated and hofts.

A Toronto report says: The advance noted in Barbadoes molasses last week has been firmly maintained several round lots changing hands at 31c, and now it is understood that outside of one or two lots there is no molasses at all in first hands. The jobbing demand is quite active and 32c to 32 1-2c is being asked for single puncheons.

It is estimated that the imports to the United States of Young Hyson teas this season will not exceed 12,000,000 to 12,500,000 pounds, as against 15,300,000 pounds last season. This will leave a deficiency of 30,000 half chests. In Pingsuey teas there will be a shortage of 55,000 half-chests, making a total deficiency of 85,000 half-chests, or about 5,000,000 pounds.

For the first time in twenty years an unreserved trade sale of Denta fruit has been held in Montreal, says the Gazette. A sale of over 6,000 half boxes of Valencia raisins took place. The prices, when all is considered, were reasonable market figures for net cash. We append prices: 551 half boxes layers, 4c to 4 1-8c; 5,366 half boxes, fine off-stalk, 3 1-4c; 120 boxes, fine off-stalk, 3 3-8c; 271 boxes, off-stalk, 3 1-2c.

An eastern exchange says: "The adjourned meeting of representatives of the tea trade was held at Ottawa this week for the purpose of determining standards. As was expected, dealers were considerably divided in opinion and another adjournment has been made to enable the tea men to come to one mind on the subject of keeping out trashy teas. In the meantime, the government will go on testing teas by infusion. Which one may remark, is a good enough substitute for whatever precautionary measures be resolved upon by those dealers constituting the tea commission."

The Commercial Men.

Mr. Miller, of Miller, Morse & Co., Winnipeg, went east this week.

A. B. Bethune, of J. W. Peck & Co., Winnipeg, went east this week on a business trip.

G. W. Baldwin, a well known fur buyer of St. Paul, who spent a considerable portion of last session in Winnipeg, arrived again this week and will remain in the city until next August.

A meeting of the Commercial Travelers' Association of Canada was held in Toronto on Dec. 4. C. E. Kyle was elected president, and M. C. Ellis, first vice-president, by acclamation. For second vice-president, W. Cauldwell and Joseph Taylor were nominated. Directors for Brantford, Montreal, Winnipeg and Victoria were re-elected by acclamation. Nominating tickets were put in in the case of Toronto and Hamilton.


Barre Bros., watchmakers and jewelers, Winnipeg, have occupied their handsome new store premises on Main street, recently and are now entering upon what promises to be a very busy holiday season's trade. The new store is handsomely furnished and fitted up and embodies all the most modern ideas in the retail jewelry line.

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INSURANCE

AN ASTONISHING EXHIBIT.

It would be an astonishing exhibit were the life insurance companies able to show how inadequately insured most of their policyholders are. Men of family, who have nothing but their income, seem to think that a policy for five to ten thousand dollars is quite enough when their annual income is from twenty-five hundred to five thousand dollars. How do these insurers expect a widow and several children to live on the interest derived from the investment of say ten thousand dollars, when the family has been spending his full earning of five thousand.

The interest rate on safe securities is steadily falling, and those who leave inadequate life insurance might often as well leave none at all, as the beneficiaries soon learn that the income to be derived from it is insufficient, and are apt to fall victims to the advice of fools or knaves as to speculations which will yield larger returns than any mere 4, 5 or 6 per cent. The sure and sound investments for trust funds, which will give over 4-1-2 per cent. net are not easy to find, and women are proverbially inclined to listen to alluring tales as to mining stocks, ranch bonds, real estate schemes, manufacturing companies and the like.

Evidently the life agents do not work their fields properly, or else the insurers have failed to give the question of income to be secured proper consideration. A man whose income is \$7,500, and who has a wife and three children, represents to himself and family the earning power of \$150,000 at 5 per cent. Assuming that his entire personal expense is one-third of the income, it would still take \$100,000 well invested to maintain his family in the manner to which he had accustomed them. Yet how many men with approximately the income instanced, carry only ten or fifteen thousand dollars life insurance, and how few as much as thirty or forty thousand?—New York Journal of Commerce.

A WELL KNOWN LIFE MAN.

J. K. McCutcheon, of Toronto, superintendent of agencies of the Federal Life Assurance company, of Hamilton, Ont., has been in the west for some days on one of his periodical trips. He went to Moosomin on Friday to visit the agency there, and will return to Winnipeg on Tuesday. Mr. McCutcheon is undoubtedly one of the best known insurance men in Canada, as he has been travelling all over the country for the past thirty years, and his business takes him from the Pacific to the Atlantic. He expects to return westward shortly and go through to the Pacific coast.

Mr. McCutcheon's present visit has been made particularly in connection with the extension of his company's investments in this direction. The company has every faith in the west, and they have decided to extend their investments here by way of loans on real estate. Some further organizing for field work is also being done.

Mr. McCutcheon expressed his satisfaction with the position the company

has attained here under the direction of J. D. Grant, the local manager, and C. Ross, inspector for Manitoba. L. A. St. Louis, of Moosomin, who has charge of the business in the Territories, has also kept the company to the front in that region.

Mr. McCutcheon is quite enthusiastic as to the future prospects of his company and is also proud of its past record. He points to the payment of ten per cent. of their premium income in dividends, as a record which gives them good ground for a little boasting.

The Federal Life includes among its officers and directors several names known throughout the Dominion, including Jas. H. Beatty, president, David Dexter, who has been managing director since the company was first organized, Rev. Dr. Potts, of Toronto, Hon. Geo. E. Foster, late Dominion finance minister, and Hon. J. M. Gibson.

INSURANCE ITEMS.

F. J. Holland & Co. have resigned the Winnipeg agency of the Mercantile Fire Insurance company, and have accepted the general agency for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories of the Victoria-Montreal Fire Insurance company. F. J. Brydges has been appointed agent of the Mercantile.

The civic council of the town of Peterboro, Ontario, has appointed a committee to consider and report upon a scheme of municipal fire insurance.

The New York World says: "The business career of Henry B. Hyde, president of the Equitable Life Insurance society, is closed. Neither his physicians nor his friends have any hope that he will ever again be able to employ the financial genius with which he was endowed in the direction of the great corporation or society, as he prefers to call it, which he created. Mr. Hyde knows this and he has chosen his successor, in the person of James W. Alexander, the first vice-president of the society."

New C.P.R. Time Card.

The changes which the Canadian Pacific Railway company intended making in their train service in the spring of this year, and the postponement of which took place consequent on the trouble which arose with the Grand Trunk railway and the trans-continental lines regarding Canadian business being sent via Chicago, are partly to be put into effect on Monday next, the 12th inst., and in the schedule which is now being arranged Manitoba will have all the advantage. It is intended that the train for the east will leave Winnipeg about four in the afternoon, reaching Toronto about 1 p. m. on the second day, and Montreal an hour or so later, thus making the journey in less than forty-eight hours, a quicker time than it has ever before been accomplished. The train from the east will arrive in the forenoon and leave for the west early in the afternoon.

This desirable change has been brought about by the differences between the two companies being happily settled, and arrangements made whereby the C. P. R. will use the G. T. R. line from North Bay to Toronto, while the Grand Trunk agree that their Manitoba business will be sent via the C. P. R. at lower rates than apply via Chicago.

This acceleration of the through

train, and which is only the beginning of still further improvements which are to be given effect to early in the spring, will be of decided advantage to the people of the west, who will be able to do their business on the day of departure and reach Toronto and Montreal within business hours the second day, thus losing only one business day on the journey—the trip only occupying really one day and two nights. It is a striking contrast to the time of only a year or two ago, when the journey by the C. P. R. was not performed in less than about three days, and in the early days of the province when the railway journey via Chicago could not be covered in less than four days.

The branch line trains will arrive in the afternoon, in time to connect with the train going east, the latter waiting connection. There is also a slight change in the hours of the local train between Winnipeg and Brandon.

Following are the hours at which the different trains will arrive at and depart from the C. P. R. depot when the new time bill comes into effect one minute after 12 o'clock on Monday night next.

	Arrive.	Leave.
Pacific ex. No. 1...	11.30 a.m.	1.0 p.m.
Atlantic ex. No. 2...	2.40 p.m.	4.00 p.m.
Brandon local ...	10.30 p.m.	8.00 a.m.
M. & N. W. ...	3.45 p.m.	8.30 a.m.
Rat Portage ex...	5.30 p.m.	7.30 a.m.
Pembina sec., Mor-		
den, Deloraine, etc.	3.30 p.m.	12.10 p.m.
Southwestern ...	3.45 p.m.	12.30 p.m.
St. Paul ex.	1.35 p.m.	2.10 p.m.
Emerson branch ...	4.20 p.m.	8.00 a.m.

North Portal to Moose Jaw: Arrives at Moose Jaw at 7.45 a. m. and leaves at 6 p. m., daily.

Brandon to Melita: Arrives at Brandon at 9.15 a. m. and leaves at 5.45 p. m., daily, except Sunday.

The Rat Portage mixed is a new train and will give Winnipeggers the advantage of having two daily trains east, as well as two west. It leaves at 7.30 a.m. daily, except Sundays, and arrives daily at 5.30 p.m., with the exception of Sunday.

The M. & N. W. trains leave the city on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, and arrive on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, the incoming train connecting with the east-bound C. P. R. express in the afternoon. The Glenboro trains leave on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and arrive on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The daily service on the Pembina section will be continued. The Emerson trains run on Mondays and Fridays.

The arrival and departure of trains on the new M. and N. W. railway time table at some of the principal points is as follows:

Going west—Leave Winnipeg at 8.30 a. m., arrive at Portage la Prairie 10.15; leave Portage at 10.25, arrive at Gladstone 11.35, Minnedosa 1.45 p. m.; Birtle 4.10, Yorkton 10 p. m.

Going east—Leave Yorkton 2.15 a. m., Birtle 7.30, Minnedosa 10.20, Gladstone 12.10; arrive at Portage la Prairie 1.45 p. m.; leave Portage la Prairie 2 p. m.; arrive at Winnipeg 3.45 p. m.

As an evidence of the interest which is being taken in Manitoba by the people of the states to the south, it may be noted that The Commercial is frequently in receipt of requests for sample copies from parties in Iowa, Nebraska, the Dakotas and other states south. The usual statement accompanying the request is: We wish to learn something about your country.



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Bear brown.....	4.50	20.00
Bear, black yearlings.	5.00	7.00
Bear, brown yearlings.....	3.00	4.50
Bear, grizzly.....	4.50	20.00
Beaver large.....	5.00	6.75
Beaver, medium.....	3.00	4.75
Beaver, small.....	1.50	2.50
Beaver, cub.....	.50	1.00
Beaver, castors, lb.....	2.50	5.50
Fisher, dark.....	3.00	8.00
Fisher, pale.....	3.00	5.00
Fox, cross dark, large.....	5.00	10.00
Fox, cross pale.....	2.50	5.00
Fox, kitt.....	.25	.75
Fox, red.....	1.00	1.00
Fox, silver dark.....	50.00	75.00
Fox, pale.....	25.00	60.00
Lynx, large.....	1.50	2.25
Lynx, medium.....	1.00	1.50
Lynx, small.....	.50	.75
Marten, dark.....	3.00	5.50
Marten, pale or brown.....	2.50	4.25
Marten, light pale.....	1.00	3.00
Mink, dark.....	.50	2.00
Mink, pale.....	.75	1.50
Musquash, winter.....	.04	.12
Otter, dark.....	6.00	10.00
Otter, pale.....	5.00	8.00
Skunk.....	.25	.75
Wolf, timber.....	2.00	3.00
Wolf, prairie.....	.40	.75
Wolverine, dark.....	3.00	3.50
Wolverine, pale.....	1.25	2.00

The Commercial has received a copy of the handsome catalogue of Brown Bros. Co. nurserymen, along with which comes a beautiful colored plate which is called the Manitoba collection of small fruits. These are fruits selected specially for their hardness. It is an evidence of the increased attention given to fruit growing and tree planting in Manitoba, that special efforts are being made by the leading nurseries to produce stock suitable for this country.

Returns of shipping traffic during the season now closed at the port of Montreal show substantial increases in most lines over previous years. Perhaps the most satisfactory increase is that in grain shipments of which exceeded 1897 by 20,000,000 bushels. Passenger trade fell off somewhat from 1897, but when the fact is considered that last year received a large increase as a result of the Jubilee celebrations in England and the meeting of the British and American Medical associations at Toronto and Montreal respectively this is largely accounted for.

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WHEAT IN CANADA

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

Montreal.....	50,000
Toronto.....	75,000
Kingston.....	10,000
Winnipeg.....	326,000
Manitoba elevators.....	4,750,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin.....	1,568,000

Total November 26 6,779,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains as reported by Bradstreet's on Nov. 26, were 45,993,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 49,859,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report. Pacific coast wheat stocks on Nov. 1 were 5,621,000 bushels, compared with 7,391,000 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 December 3, was 24,115,000 bushels, being an increase of 746,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 34,845,000 bushels, two years ago 56,312,000 bushels, three years ago 63,786,000 bushels.

WHEAT STOCKS AT U.S. POINTS.

Chicago.....	2,180,000 bushels
Duluth.....	2,860,000 "
Minneapolis.....	1,875,000 "
New York.....	3,018,000 "
Buffalo.....	2,843,000 "

STOCK OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 5,586,000 bushels, compared with 15,261,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 22,263,000 bushels, compared with 42,058,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in the United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe, on Nov. 1, for a series of years, were as follows, Bradstreet's report: Nov. 1, 1898, 84,485,000; Nov. 1, 1897, 111,660,000; Nov. 1, 1896, 162,399,000; Nov. 1, 1895, 178,440,000.

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 year, August 1, 1898, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This Crop	Last Crop
Minneapolis	38,732,600	37,670,690
Milwaukee	6,168,385	4,654,369
Duluth	47,546,067	29,660,751
Chicago	18,691,861	18,830,763

Total 111,338,913 90,821,573

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, 1898, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This Crop	Last Crop
Toledo	9,547,789	8,350,088
St. Louis	10,400,458	8,584,981
Detroit	2,928,998	3,525,932
Kansas City	17,848,980	21,245,750

Total 40,736,225 41,656,751

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Table of Cured Fish (Boneless Hake, Codfish, etc.) and Dried Fruits (Raisins, Loose Muscatels, etc.).

Table of Dried Fruits (Peaches, Pears, Apricots, etc.) and Matches (Telegraph, Telephone, Tiger).

Table of Nuts (Brazil, Taragona Almonds, Peanuts, etc.) and Syrup (Extra Bright, Maple, Molasses, etc.).

Table of Sugar (Extra Standard Gran, German Granulated, etc.) and Salt (Rock Salt, Common, fine, etc.).

Table of Spices (Assorted Herbs, Allspice, Cassia, etc.) and Tea (China Blacks, Indian and Ceylon, etc.).

Table of Tobacco (T. & B. 3s, 4s, and 9s Cads, Lily, etc.) and Wooden Ware (Pails, wire hoop, Star fibre, etc.).

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DRUGS

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

Table of drug prices including Alum, Alcohol, Bleaching Powder, Bluestone, Borax, Bromide Potash, Camp, Castor Oil, Chlorate Potash, Citric Acid, Copperas, Cocaine, Cream Tartar, Cloves, Epsom Salts, Extract Logwood, German Quinine, Glycerine, Ginger, Howard's Quinine, Iodine, Insect Powder, Morphine, Opium, Oil, U.S. Salad, Oil, lemon, super, Oil, peppermint, Oil, cod liver, gal., Oxalic Acid, Potass Iodide, Paris Green, Saltpetre, Sal Ruchelle, Shellac, Sulphur Flowers, Sulphur Iodide, Soda Bicarb, Tartaric Acid, Strychnine, pure crystals.

LEATHER

Table of leather prices including Harness, oak, Harness, union oak No. 1, Harness, union oak No. 2, Harness, hemlock No. 1, anchor brand, Harness, hemlock No. 1 R, anchor brand, Harness, hemlock country, tannage, No. 1, Do., No. 1 R, Black collar leather, American Oak Sole, Sole, union oak, Sole, distowell, sole, Penetank, sole, Acton Sole, B. F. French calf, B. F. French kip, Canada calf, Canada Calf, Horseshoe, Niagara Brand Kip, Wax upper, Grain upper, Kangaroo, per foot, Dolgona, per foot.

FUEL

Table of fuel prices including Coal (These are prices for car lots, on track Winnipeg), Pennsylvania anthracite, Stove, nut or lump, Pea size, Canadian anthracite, stove, Canadian anthracite, nut, Lethbridge bituminous, Crow's Nest bituminous, U. S. bituminous, as to mine, Souris Lignite, Souris, car lots F.O.B. mines, Blossburg smithing.



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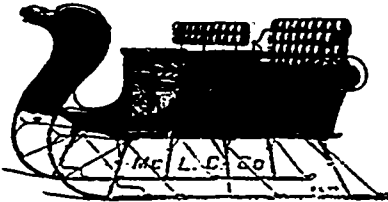
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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, Saturday, Dec. 10.

The weather has remained fine, with a moderate winter temperature this week. Business has been satisfactory for the season. Wholesale trade, however, is feeling the usual quiet time which sets in with the closing weeks of the year. There is some difference of opinion as to the volume of trade done by Winnipeg wholesale houses during the past month. Most reports indicate, however, that November will compare very favorably with the same month of last year. The month of October was certainly far behind October of last year in the volume of business done, but in November of last year trade fell away to very small dimensions, while this year business has kept up much better during November. Comparing the two months of October and November with the same two months of last year, the difference would not be as unfavorable for the present season as many would suppose. It must also be borne in mind that fall deliveries of season goods were very much larger this year than last, and this is a factor in considering the volume of business for the later months. While last year the crop was practically all out of farmers' hands before the close of navigation, this year the great bulk of the wheat is still held in first hands and the quantity is also much larger than the total crop of last year. It may therefore be expected that business for the remaining winter months will be better than last year, thus making up for the falling off in October, as compared with the big October business done a year ago.

The same remarks apply to the financial situation. Last year the crop was turned into cash in a remarkably short time, and the cash of course went quickly into circulation. Payments were consequently good during the early months, but slow later throughout the winter. This year the crop has been realized on very slowly and the bulk of it has not yet been turned into cash. Payments have not therefore been as good as last year during the early months of the fall and winter trade, but they will be better than last year, no doubt, during the remainder of the season. Some local jobbers report that their cash receipts for November have exceeded the same month of last year. A canvass of the trade, however, indicates that about 50 per cent of accounts have been met during November, though one house reported as high as 80 per cent paid. Dealers generally seem to think that the showing is quite as good as could have been expected, considering the backward crop movement. That there are no failures, indicates confidence in the future,

as shown by the carrying of slow accounts. The low price of wheat is the most discouraging feature. Since prices dropped to a winter basis, there has been a great tendency to hold wheat. Manitoba farmers are in a much better position than they were a few years ago. They are now in such a position of independence that they are not obliged to sell to realize, unless they so wish. This holding tendency retards the circulation of cash, but it will come eventually. Instead of coming all in a rush within a few weeks, like last year, the inflow is gradual and is being spread over a much longer period than usual. Bank clearings at Winnipeg bear out the general tenor of our remarks. Clearings for the last two weeks have considerably exceeded the like weeks of last year, while during the two or three preceding months this year has shown a much smaller volume of clearings than last year. Threshing is still going on in some districts, though this work is practically finished all over the country, except in a few isolated districts, where there were no machines operating earlier in the season.

In closing our review for this week we feel like giving a note of warning to country merchants to look after their fire insurance promptly. The danger of fire is greater during the next few months than at any other season of the year. Several serious fires have been reported from provincial towns within a few days. It is the height of unwisdom to neglect adequate protection from loss by fire.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Saturday, Dec. 10

(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.)

DRUGS.

Business in drugs is in a very satisfactory position at present and dealers report the present volume large and the prospects good for a satisfactory winter's trade. Money has been a little slow, but this has caused no uneasiness and it is expected that this will be more than compensated for later on. A good trade has been done this year in holiday goods. See prices on another page.

FISH.

The market for fish is fairly active and the varieties offering are ever widening. Winter caught fish are now in the market from the lakes of northern Manitoba and it is expected that prices will become easier in consequence, although we have no changes to report as yet. For quotations see another page.

FUEL.

Wood fuel is usually easier at this season of the year, as new supplies begin to come in by rail, and farmers and others also haul wood in with teams. So far this season there has not been much change in prices,

though the tendency is easier. Parties who get out wood say the swamps are not frozen yet, as the snow has prevented the frost from getting into the ground, and this makes it difficult getting out wood. The removal of the city street wood market to a more distant location will likely reduce the quantity of wood sold by farmers, to the advantage of the regular city dealers. Scarcity of cars has kept back supplies. There has been no change in the price of coal in the city, but Lethbridge coal delivered at country points, has been reduced 10 to 20c per ton, owing to reduced freight rates.

GROCERIES.

There have been a few more changes in prices this week than last. In canned goods corn has advanced again, prices here having been much below a parity with Eastern markets. Canned corn beef still continues downward 2s, have been reduced 10c in price. Dried fruits continue generally firm. Evaporated apples have been advanced another 1-2c to 10 to 10 1-2c. Both dried and evaporated apples are held very strong and the high prices of the past year are not likely to be relaxed until another crop comes to market. Figs are scarce. The supply is said to be to be already running short in eastern markets. Molasses is very strong. Prices have advanced east. Codfish has advanced 1-1c.

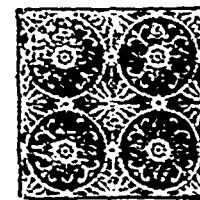
GREEN FRUITS.

There is very little change in the market. California lemons are nominal, the market being supplied with Messina stock. Apples hold firm. Winter pears are about exhausted. Nuts have been scarce. The only new nuts so far arrived are filberts. Walnuts and almonds are very scarce. New stocks are on the way and may arrive soon, but the exact date is uncertain. There are practically no Brazil nuts here. No dates are expected for some time. Prices are: California navel oranges \$5 to

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\$5.50, as to size; Mexican oranges, \$1.50 to \$5 box; bananas, per bunch, \$3 to \$3.50, as to size; California lemons, nominal, Messina lemons, \$4.50 to \$5 box; Oregon winter Nellis pears, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per box; Ontario apples, ordinary winter stock, \$3.25 to \$3.75 as to quality; fancy apples, \$4 per barrel; Almeria grapes \$8 a keg; cranberries, Cape Cod, \$9 barrel; sweet potatoes \$5 per hbl.; cocoanuts, \$1 a doz.; Sicily filberts, large, 11 to 12c per pound, Grenoble walnuts, 15c; Tarragona almonds, 16c; peanuts, green, 10c; roasted, 12c; pecans, 14 to 15c; shelled walnuts, 24 1-2 to 26c lb., strained honey, \$1-2 to 9c per pound; maple sugar, 11 to 12c; apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels; California figs, in boxes of ten bricks, \$2 per box; celery, 40c dozen bunches.

HARDWARE AND PAINTS.

Trade is active and steady in this line. A big demand has been experienced for goods appropriate to the holiday season, and dealers have been kept pretty busy getting out these orders. The activity in eastern markets in glass and zinc has been reflected here to some extent, but we have no further advances to report this week. Country dealers would do well to watch closely the market for bluestone. It seems certain that prices will advance in the near future as all outside markets are in a much stronger position and already an advance of 1-4 to 1-2c has been reached in the United States.

STATIONERY AND FANCY GOODS.

The season's trade in this line is about over as far as the wholesale houses are concerned, and all they look forward to now are small repeat and sorting orders. It is safe to say that the results of the fall trade are highly satisfactory. The demand from all parts of the country has been heavy, and stocks are pretty well cleaned out. While, perhaps, not any larger than last year the turnover has been far ahead of any other year in the history of the trade.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—The improvement in the wheat markets at the end of last week, mentioned in our last report, was very short lived, and Monday of the present week saw a drop of 3-4c per bushel from the Saturday previous. Since then until yesterday there has been a steady decline, which leaves the markets from 2 to 3c per bushel lower on the week. Yesterday the decline seemed to be stayed in the United States markets at least. Liverpool was 1-4d lower than the previous day, and continental markets were also lower, but the United States markets showed an improvement of 1-4 to 1-2c over the previous day. In the movement of wheat there has been nothing specially new. The receipts at primary points in the United States have continued to be very large, and at the same time shipments from primary points and from the seaboard, have been on a corresponding scale, so much so, that at the present writing a decrease in the American visible supply is anticipated for this week. In looking round for opinions on the prospects for prices during the coming months, the diversity of views is found to be very pronounced. Many worthy authorities take the position that the price of wheat is already too low, in view of the situation as regards demand for consumption (which

is undoubtedly very large) and the status of reserve stocks, as rendered in the various visible supply statistics. On the other hand there are found those equally competent to judge, who point to the large yields of the past season, and the abundant supply still in farmers' hands unmarketed, and also the fine prospects and increased acreage of the winter wheat crop of the northern hemisphere, together with the crops now being harvested in Argentina and Australia, which promise a considerable surplus for export to Europe over that of the last two years, and their conclusion is that prices are high enough. In the absence of political complications, or serious crop damage later on to next season's crops, there will be little prospect of raising prices, unless farmers hold back the supply. The wheat growers of the world have the price of wheat at their own making at the present time, and if any extensive holding back of the supply on their part takes place, prices will advance. On the other hand if they continue to supply the demand to the full, as they are doing at present, and no adverse factor in politics or crops arises, prices will not readily advance, but will probably gradually decline to a lower level, until with lessening prices the production is again curtailed.

The local market has been stagnant. The drop of 4c per bushel pointed out in last week's report as certain to happen on the close of navigation at Fort William, has taken place, and has been further emphasized by reason of the decline in outside markets, the drop in prices from a week ago being 5c per bushel. There has been very little trading done here during the week. The large shippers have been busy winding up business connected with the heavy shipments recently got away by lake, and in the face of dull and declining markets everywhere, there has been a general indisposition to engage in new business. A week ago sales of spot 1 hard, Fort William was made at 68c. On Monday 67c was nominally the price. Since Monday only a very small and desultory trade has been done, the price losing 1c per bushel each day, until yesterday 63c for 1 hard Fort William for spot or December delivery was the value, although it is reported that a sale was made at 62 1-2c. Some one hard has been sold at 61c, Fort William, January delivery, and there are sellers of 1 hard at 64c, Fort William, May delivery, and buyers at 67 1-2c. The difference between 1 hard and 2 hard and 1 northern has been narrowed to 3 1-2c per bushel; 3 hard, 2 northern and 1 spring, 7c less than 1 hard. In off grade wheat, such as scored and tough or damp wheat, we have heard of no business during the week.

FLOUR—The market has been easier this week, prices having declined 10c all around. A fair demand is reported. A letter from the east says that stocks of Manitoba flour held there are light for the season. Prices here to retail dealers are as follows: \$1.95 for patent, \$1.75 for strong bakers, \$1.35 for second bakers and \$1.05 for XXXX per sack of 98 lbs. Discount of 5c per sack is allowed for cash.

MILLEFEIN—Prices are firm. The mills report that the demand is quite equal to the supply. Bran is quoted at \$9 and shorts at \$11 per ton delivered to dealers here, and even for car lots these prices are not shaded very much.

GROUND FEED—There is quite a

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variety of ground feed in the market, the price varying from \$12 to \$19 per ton, as to quality. Good oat chop is quoted at \$18 to \$19 per ton; mixed barley and oats, \$16 to \$17, and wheat mixtures \$12 to \$14. A little local mill oil cake is now offering at \$23 per ton.

OATMEAL—There is no change in the market yet. The new Ogilvie mill here began work this week, but not much more than a few sample lots have so far been placed on the market by this mill.

OATS—In consequence of the recent drop in prices and slow demand, shippers have been holding back supplies, and offerings of car lots here this week have been limited. Farmers have also been delivering very sparingly at country markets. The local market has therefore been stouter and if anything a little firmer. Unless deliveries increase materially again prices will be maintained. As high as 26c per bushel of 34 pounds was paid this week for choice feed oats, and we quote 24 to 26c for cars on track here as to quality. Most of the offerings are poor quality, in consequence of which a good premium is offered for choice samples, 27 to 28c having been paid for good milling samples.

BARLEY—There is very little demand for feed barley, which is quoted at about 28c per bushel of 48 pounds. Maltng barley is quoted at 30 to 35c as to quality. Buyers have now secured considerable grain and they are less keen to pay outside prices, 33c being usually the highest bid for maltng barley.

WHEAT—Local street market—The mills are paying 51 to 53c here for good milling wheat, as to quality, delivered at the mills by farmers. There is an over supply of low grade wheat offering for chicken feed, etc., at 25 to 35c per bushel of 60 lbs.

FLAX SEED—In Manitoba country markets 65c per bushel is being paid to farmers.

CORN—A little corn is coming in from the States. Car lots on track here would cost about 40 to 41c per bushel of 56 lbs.

BUTTER—Creamery—The market is steady, at about the same prices as quoted last week. Jobbers are quoting 22 to 23c as to quantity and quality.

BUTTER—Dairy—The market is unchanged at 14 to 15c here as to quality for choice lots of fresh goods. The movement is quiet and tendency easy.

CHEESE—The market is quoted the same as last week. Jobbers quote 9 1-2c for large and 10c for small sizes.

EGGS—There are no new Manitoba eggs offering. Held Manitoba fresh or Ontario fresh are quoted by jobbers at 18 to 20c, as to quality, and lined at 16 to 17c. New laid eggs are only obtainable from producers at fancy prices, ranging from 35 to 40c per dozen.

POULTRY—The good demand for all kinds of poultry continues and it is beginning to appear, as usual at this season of the year, that the supply in Manitoba is short. Some dealers say that so many birds were sold in the summer and fall that the supply now is being affected. It seems that the market has always to fall back upon Ontario to make good local deficiencies for the holiday trade. Owing to heavy shipments from Ontario to the markets of the old country the supply there is not any to ample to meet the heavy demands being made upon it and accordingly the prospects

are for good prices. Local quotations remain unchanged as follows: Spring chickens, 8 to 9c per lb.; turkeys, 10 to 12 1-2c, and ducks and geese, 8c to 10c. These are prices jobbers are selling at. Only turkeys and geese are being brought in from the east, there being enough chickens here.

GAME—Rabbits are plentiful at 8 1-2c each or 3 for 25c. Dealers are anxious to secure a quantity of pigeons and will pay 20c per pair for these.

DRESSED MEATS—The situation remains pretty much as it was last week. Beef is a little easier as a result of the increase in farmers' offerings of frozen beef, which is not in much demand. Hogs continue scarce and it may be said that offerings are all so far as packers are concerned, although a few carcasses are being offered on the street by farmers. Importations of Ontario hogs continue and at the reduction which has taken place in prices these hogs can be laid down here now at a little under 6c, or about \$5.00 for car lots here. Choice Manitoba bacon hogs are still worth \$6.25 per cwt., though packers only offer 5 1-4 to 6c. Prices in all lines are as follows: Beef, good unfrozen, 5c, country frozen beef, 4 to 4 1-2c; mutton, 6 1-2 to 7c; lamb, 7 1-2 to 8c; veal, 5 1-2 to 7c; pork, 5 3-4 to 6 1-4c, as to weight and quality.

VEGETABLES—Prices are: Potatoes 35 to 40c per bushel; turnips, 20 to 25c bushel; parsnips, 1 1-2c per lb.; carrots, 35 to 40c; beets, 35 to 40c per bushel; celery, 25 to 30c per dozen; cabbage, 1 to 1 1-2c per pound as to quality; onions, 90c to \$1 per bushel; Spanish onions, \$2 per crate; pumpkins 1 1-2 to 2c per pound.

SENECA ROOT—Nominal at 21c.

HIDES—Prices remain unchanged at the decline of Dec. 1. Offerings are meagre and there are some complaints among dealers about the amount of refuse packed in with the hides. Owing to the fact that many of the hides are bought frozen it is hard to arrive at an equable dockage to offset this sort of thing. Frozen hides are quoted at 6c here flat rate for all grades, 5 lbs. tare. Inspected hides are as follows: No. 1, 6 1-2c. No. 2, 5 1-2c, No. 3 4 1-2c. Branded hides grade No. 2, and bulls No. 3: kip, 6c to 6 1-2c; calf 5c; deacon skins, 15c to 25c each; sheepskins and lambskins 40 to 55c; horsehides 75c to \$1.50 each.

HAY—Baled is quoted at \$3 to \$3.50 on track here and loose on the street market at \$7 to \$3.50 as to quality.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—Since the final shipments of export cattle went forward business in live cattle has been quiet and with the exception of some stockers there has been no movement. Butchers' cattle are quoted at 21-2 to 3c as to quality.

HOGS—Practically there are none in the market. Quoted at at 4 3-4 to 5c off cars, for selected weights.

SHEEP—Prices nominal at 3 1-4 to 3 1-2c off cars here. Lambs dull at 3 1-2 to 4c.

MILCH COWS—Prices range from \$25 to \$30. Those offering are not of the best quality.

HORSES—The only feature this week was the arrival of three carloads of Montana horses, which were sold at private sale en bloc at prices which ranged closely in the neighborhood of \$24.00 each and would probably average at that figure. The purchaser is taking these to Ontario. This is the first sale on Ontario ac-

count for a long time. A good driving horse is worth \$125 in Winnipeg to-day, and work horses all the way from \$125 to \$175 each.

Manitoba Country Markets.

Wheat deliveries at C. P. R. points are gradually approaching the winter average, and yesterday's receipts were the smallest of the week, aggregating only 59,400 bushels. The receipts have been much smaller than usual this week. The daily deliveries have been: Monday 93,150, Tuesday 97,700, Wednesday 77,234, Thursday 67,400, Friday 59,400; total 391,484 bushels, or a daily average of 78,976 bushels. The prices took another drop yesterday, and the average price did not exceed 49 cents. The highest price was 52 cents, paid at Whitewater. At Fleming only 44 cents was paid for No. 1 hard. The deliveries yesterday did not exceed 3,500 bushels at any one place. The quotations were:

Main Line.—Poplar Point 48, High Bluff 48, Portage la Prairie 51, Austin 50, Stacey 47, Douglas 50, Braudon 49, Alexander 49, Griswold 48, Oak Lake 49, Virden 49, Hargrave 48, Elkhorn 48, Fleming 44, Moosomin 48, Wapella 48, Whitewood 49, Broadview 49, Grenfell 47, Wolseley 48, Sinteluta 48, Indian Head 47, Qu'Appelle 48, Balgonie 45, Regina 48, Moose Jaw 47.

Prince Albert Branch.—Lumsden 47, Rosthern 47, Wascana 47.

Souris Branch.—Beresford 50, Souris 50, Hartney 50, Melita 50 and 47, 1 and 2 H, Elva 48, 2 H; Pierson 47, Carnduff 47, Oxbow 47.

Southwestern Branch.—Alameda 48, Treherne 49, Holland 49, Cypress River 50, Methven 49, Carroll 50, Reston 50.

Pembina Branch.—Rosenfeld 50, 2 H, Altona 47, 2 H; Gretna 47, 2 H; Plum Coulee 50, 2 H; Winkler 47, 2 H; Morden 48, 2 H; La Riviere 48, Pilot Mound 50 and 44, 1 and 2 H; Crystal City 49 and 46, 1 and 2 H; Cartwright 47, Holmfield 50, Killarney 50, Ninga 48, Boissevain 51, Whitewater 52.

Stonewall Branch.—Stonewall 48.

Emerson Branch.—Emerson 47 and 44, 1 H; Dominion City 48, 1 Nor.

Deliveries of wheat along the M. & N. W. line are daily decreasing and yesterday only 5,000 bushels were received; 4,000 bushels of oats were delivered, the price for the latter being 15 to 18 cents. The quotations for wheat were as follows: Gladstone 46, Arden 46, Neepawa 48, Minnedosa 47, Shoal Lake 52, Rirtle 47, Binscarth 50, Langenburg 46, Yorkton 45.

Lake Freights.

Navigation has now finally closed. This is not on account of ice, but there are no boats offering. The last boat loaded with wheat at Fort William on Thursday, the rate having been 3 1-2c, though charters were made earlier to take wheat to Buffalo at 3c per bushel. No difficulty on account of ice has yet been experienced at Fort William this season, and there is nothing to stop navigation if owners were disposed to take the risk to run their boats. High freights, however, would have to be offered to induce them to accept business, and this combined with the high insurance rates that would have to be paid, puts a damper on doing business in the present depressed state of the markets.

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Western Business Items.

D. D. McLeod, hotel, Moose Jaw, has sold out to Geo. Perry.

J. M. Bolton, undertaker, is starting business at Plumas, Man.

J. B. Wilson, watchmaker and jeweler, will open at Carnduff.

J. L. Johnson, hotel Winnipeg, has sold out to Fred. Richardson.

The Calgary Printing Co., Calgary, Alberta, is starting business.

H. C. McQuarrie has embarked in the implement business at Stonewall, Man.

The Retail Co., general store, Morden, Man., is applying for incorporation.

H. T. T. Howard, hotel, South Edmonton, Alberta, has sold out to N. J. Webster.

Dearham & Meers, of Brandon, are opening in the bakery, confectionery and grocery business at Gladstone, Man.

Chas. Christie intends opening out a stock of groceries at Oak River, Man., in connection with a business which he has purchased from R. Hawthorne.

It is stated that the partnership existing between Duquette & de Langle, Whitewood, is about to be dissolved. De Langle is returning to France, and

A final payment of \$40,000 has been made by the Molly Gilson Mining company on the purchase price of the property of that name at Nelson to its original owners. The total price paid was \$110,000.

British Columbia Items.

S. J. Mighton, cigars, Nelson, contemplates going into wholesale exclusively.

It is reported that the townsite of Grand Forks, B. C., has been sold to an eastern syndicate for \$94,000 cash.

H. N. Coursier, Revelstoke, is closing out his groceries and hardware departments, and will carry dry goods, millinery and men's furnishings. Steed & Morris have purchased his hardware and grocery stock.

The premises of J. Y. Griffin & Co., at Vancouver, were burglarized on Sunday morning, Dec. 4. The desks were rifled but the thieves were frightened off before they had succeeded in opening the safe, which contained a large amount of money.

The Lumber Trade.

J. D. McArthur has sent sixty teams and a large gang of men to his timber limit on the Bird Tail Creek. He intends to cut 3,000,000 feet of logs this winter.

For the nine months ending September 30, the lumber and timber exports from Canada to Great Britain show material decrease as compared with the corresponding period last year. Dressed lumber decreased from a valuation of \$1,514,290 in 1897, to \$1,268,708; and hewed timber from \$137,834 to \$95,243.

Wheat Weak.

Yesterday an offer was cabled to Liverpool to sell Manitoba No. 1 hard at 62 1-2c Fort William December, and 67 1-2c May. No reply was received, showing that buyers on the other side are not anxious for our wheat even at present low prices. This would be equal to 27s 8d c.l.f. Liverpool.

H. B. Co. Fur Sales.

The Hudson's Bay company announce, in a London paper, that on the 7th of December they will hold a sale of oil, castor, isinglass, bed feathers, eider down, walrus teeth, quills, porpoise, etc. For sale 16th January, 1899, beaver, musquash, and rabbit. For sale 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th March, 1899, sundry furs. In addition to the above the company will offer for sale, as follows, viz.: about 7,000 fur seal, salted, northwest coast, and about 6,000 fur seal, dressed, northwest coast, on 16th January, 1899.

Western Building Notes.

It is estimated that about \$16,500 has been spent in buildings and improvements in the district around Carberry, Man., this year. This does

The village of Sydney, Man., has experienced quite a building boom this year, upwards of \$10,000 having been spent there in amounts ranging from \$200 to \$1,000. The list includes two new stores, one costing 1,000, by Babb Bros., and the other by Thorn Bros., costing \$600.

In a list of the new buildings and building improvements of Regina, Assinibola, for this year, given in a recent issue of the Standard, the total expenditure for this purpose is placed at \$31,000. This includes a new block, costing \$6,000 built by the Regina Trading company, an addition and improvements to the McCarthy block costing \$4,500, an addition to the Glasgow House costing \$1,000, and numerous new residential buildings and improvements.

Big Flour Trust.

New York, Dec. 5.—A gigantic flour trust has been formed to control nearly all of the product in this country and also the supply of three-fourths of the world. English stockholders in the big Pillsbury-Washburn Milling company were reluctant at first to join, but were finally won over, and the flour trust became a certainty. The trust will have approximately the enormous capital of \$150,000,000. It will embrace all the principal mills of this country and will have a daily capacity of 95,000 barrels of flour, consuming in this manner about 500,000 bushels of wheat. The trust was formed by Thomas McIntyre, a promoter, who, after working for many months with untiring energy, accomplished his ambitious project. Mr. McIntyre for nearly a year tried to convince Richard Glynn, president of the Pillsbury-Washburn Milling company, of the feasibility of his scheme. Mr. Glynn left London and came, at Mr. McIntyre's invitation, to this country last summer. Together they visited the principal mills. Mr. Glynn, however, could not see a large enough benefit in the combination to warrant its formation. New York conferences were held in this city, but they all ended in Mr. Glynn refusing to enter the scheme.

Mr. McIntyre, however, was not discouraged, and when the British millionaire sailed for England last October he accompanied him. Upon arriving in London he canvassed the principal stockholders of the Pillsbury-Washburn Milling company with such success that a special meeting was called. It was at this meeting that Mr. McIntyre is said to have finally convinced the stockholders and to have accomplished his purpose. The following mills will, it is said, form the trust: Hecker-Jones-Jewell, New York; Pillsbury-Washburn and Northwestern Consolidated Flour Milling company, Minneapolis; Imperial Mill company, Anchor mills and Daisy mills, Duluth; Wilman Lippman mills, Freeman's mills and Minkota mills, Superior and Daisy mills, Milwaukee.

Borrowing Wheat.

Considerable comment has been heard around the Winnipeg grain exchange regarding the alleged "borrowing" of wheat by shippers from Fort William, to make up shortages in space. It is alleged that parties who were loading boats at Fort William, and who were short of wheat to fill the space contracted for, have been able to borrow what they required from the Fort William elevators, thus enabling them to fill their space without being compelled to buy spot wheat. If the elevator authorities have "loaned" wheat in this way, it is, of course, some other dealer's wheat which has been loaned. This, of course, would have a depressing effect upon the market. If shippers were not able to "borrow" wheat, they would have been compelled to come into the market and purchase. Holders of wheat in store at Fort William would thus be robbed of an opportunity of selling their wheat, by the very fact that the wheat that they were holding had been loaned by the warehousemen to the prospective purchaser. The Commercial is not able to vouch for the truth of the statements that wheat in store at Fort William has been dealt with in this way, nor to what extent, if any, the "loaning" business has been car-

ried. That it has been done, however, is freely asserted about the grain exchange.

Minneapolis Markets.

Compared with a week ago the quotations given below show a falling off of 20c in the price of first patents flour, 15c on seconds, an advance of 50 to 75c on shorts, an advance of 50c on bran and corn feed, a decline of 1-2c on corn, a decline of 7-8c on oats, a decline of 1-1c on flaxseed, a decline of 1c on eggs, a decline of 3c on creamery butter, choice, and of 1 to 11-2c on seconds, do., a decline of 1 to 2c on oil dairy, and a decline of 1 to 11-2c on ducks and geese.

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents, \$3.50 to \$3.55; second patents, \$3.25 to \$3.30.

Milled—Shorts in bulk, \$9.00 to \$9.50; bran in bulk \$9.50 to \$10.00; corn feed: \$12.50 to \$14.00 per ton as to quality.

Corn—Quoted at 30 for No. 3 yellow, and 29 1-2 for No. 3.

Oats—Oats held at 26 for No. 3 white and 25 3-4 for No. 3.

Barley—Malting, 39 to 45c; feed quoted at 36 1-2 to 38c.

Flax seed—99 1-4c per bushel.

Eggs—20c for strictly fresh including cases; held fresh, 15 to 17 1-2c; seconds 10c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 10 to 11 1-2c; fair to good, 8 1-2 to 9c.

Butter—Creamery, 18c to 20c for choice to extras; seconds 15 to 15 1-2c; dairy 14 to 18c for choice to fancy; seconds, 12 to 13c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 5 to 7c; lamb, 8 to 10c; veal 5 to 7 1-2c.

Potatoes—Car loads, mixed, 24 to 30; straight varieties 32c per bushel.

Poultry—Chickens, spring, 5 to 7c; hens 4 1-2 to 5c; roosters 4c; turkeys, 7 to 9 1-2c; ducks and geese 5 to 6c, all live weight.

Hides—Green salted hides, 83-4c for No. 1, 9c No. 2; bulls, oxen and brands, 6 1-2 to 7 3-4c; sheepskins 10 to 70c each; veal calf, 9 to 10 1-2c; tallow, 2 3-4 to 3c; seneca root, 22 to 24c.

Wool—Unwashed, fine, 11 to 12c, medium, 13 to 14c; coarse, 14 1-2 to 15 1-2c.

HAY—\$5.50 to \$7.00 per ton, timothy; mixed clover \$6 to \$6.50.

Tenders.

Tenders are being requested for furnishing the eastern judicial district gaol with supplies for the year beginning 1st January, 1899. The supplies required consist of meat, bread, groceries, clothing and other articles. The time for receiving tenders will expire on the 24th day of December, 1898.

Tenders are invited for cutting and teaming from five hundred to a thousand cords of firewood for the Sawhill mine. Tender may be for cutting only, or for hauling only, or for both combined. Average distance of haul two and a half miles. Work to be commenced at once. Address J. P. Williams, manager, Sawhill, Port Arthur.

Tenders will be received until noon on Monday, the 16th day of January, 1899, for a permit to cut timber on Berth No. 831, comprising Section 11, township 18, range 7, east of the principal meridian, in the province of Manitoba, containing an area of one square mile, more or less. The regulations under which a permit will be issued may be obtained at the office of the crown timber agent at Winnipeg. Tenders to be addressed to John R. Hall, Department of Interior, Ottawa.

New Oatmeal Mill.

The Winnipeg oatmeal mill, formerly operated by Mr. Nairn, and which was purchased some months ago by the Ogilvie Milling Co. is again in operation. The mill has been completely remodelled. All the old machinery was taken out and everything is new and of the very latest make. The building has also been enlarged very materially. Samples of meal from the new mill were shown this week, and as one dealer expressed it, are the finest he ever saw. The first meal from the mill was placed on the market here yesterday and was on sale at the flour and feed store of W. G. Douglas.

Wheat from the New Line.

The Lake of the Woods Milling Co. have received four cars of wheat shipped from St. Anne, which is the first wheat forwarded from the line of the new Winnipeg Southeastern railway, recently put in operation. There is an excellent farming country about St. Anne, which will no doubt develop rapidly, now that it has railway communication. There is as yet no grain storage accommodation along this line and all grain shipped has to be loaded into cars direct from wagon or sleigh.

Further Changes.

The C. P. R. time changes are given on another page. Since this was printed, a further change has been made. The Brandon local will be dropped and a mixed train will be run daily. It will leave Winnipeg at 6.30 a.m., and Brandon at 12.30.

ACTIVE SOLICITORS WANTED EVERYWHERE for "The Story of the Philippines," by Murat Halstead, commissioned by the Government as Official Historian to the War Department. The book was written in army camps at San Francisco, on the Pacific with General Merritt, in the hospitals at Honolulu, in Hong Kong, in the American trenches at Manila, in the insurgent camps with Aguinaldo, on the deck of the Olympia with Dewey, and in the roar of battle at the fall of Manila. Bonanzas for agents. Brimful of original pictures taken by government photographers on the spot. Large book. Low prices. Big profits. Freight paid. Credit given. Drop all trashy unofficial war books. Outfit free. Address F. T. Barber, Sec., Star Insurance Bldg., Chicago.

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BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.

Vancouver, Dec. 10, 1898.

A good demand is reported for butter, at prices quoted. Eggs are a shade higher. Lard has advanced for tins. Strong bakers flour is 30c lower per barrel. Other grades unchanged. A good demand for hay for railway contractors in the Kootenay is reported. Potatoes are scarce, as farmers have pitted their crop and are not offering freely. Dressed mutton has declined 2c to 8@8½c per lb.

Butter—Creamery, jobbers price, 23c for August and 23½@24c for September make; choice dairy, jobbers price, 18c. Off grade or cooking 16@16½c.

Eggs—Local, 50c, Eastern eggs, jobbers prices, 19@19½c.

Cheese—Ontario, 11@12c, jobbers price.

Cured Meats—Hams 12½@13c; breakfast bacon 12½@13c; backs 12@12½c; short clear 10½c; short rolls 10½c; smoked sides 11 @ 12½c; Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 10½c per lb, in pails and tubs 9½c lb.

Fish—Flounders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked salmon 10c; fresh halibut, 6c; salmon, 6c.

Vegetables—Potatoes, \$10@11 per ton, Ashcroft, \$16 @ 17c; California silver skin onions, 1½c; cabbage 2c lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12.00 a ton; local onions, \$20 per ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons, \$4.50 @5 box; grapes, \$1.50@1.60; pears, 60c @1.50 box; apples, 65c per 50 lb. box; valencia oranges, \$3.25; Japanese oranges 65c.

Meal—Rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$2.80; 2 45 pound sacks \$2.90; 4 22½ pound sacks \$3.10; 10.7 sacks, \$2.50; Oatmeal, 10 10's, \$3.25; 2 50's, \$3.00.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$5.30; strong bakers \$4.70; Oregon, jobbers price, \$4.75.

Grain—Oats, 17.00 @ \$19.00 per ton; wheat, 23.00 @ \$25.00 per ton;

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$23.00 per ton; shorts \$20 ton; bran \$18; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

Hay—\$8 to \$10 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef, 7@7½c; mutton 8 @ 8½c; pork 7@8c; veal 10 @ 10½c; Pemican, 40c lb.

Live Stock—Steers, \$3.50 per 100 lbs; sheep, \$4.00 per 100 lbs; hogs, \$7.00 per 100 lbs; cows, 3:00 per 100 lbs live weight.

Poultry—Chickens, \$4 @ \$6 dozen.

Evaporated Fruits—Apricots 10½c per lb; peaches 9c; plums, 9@10c; prunes, French 5@7½c; loose muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6@8½c lb.

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

Sugars—Powdered, icing and bar, 6½c. Paris lump, 6½c; granulated, 5c; extra C. 4½c; fancy yellows 4½c; yellow 4½c lb.

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 2½c pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2½c; 5 gallon tins \$1.75 each; 1 gal. tins, \$4.50 case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$5.25 case of 20.

Teas—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good 18c; choice 20c. Ceylon: Fair, 25c; good 30c; choice, 35c lb.

Toronto Hardware Market.

Toronto, Dec. 10

Pig Iron—Canadian, \$14.00.

Bar Iron—Base price, \$1.35 @ 1.45; band iron, \$1.65@1.75 for Canadian and \$2.00 for imported; hoop iron \$2.

Sheet Steel—12-gauge, \$2.25 per 100 lbs; 16-gauge, \$2.40; 18@20, \$2.30@2.40; 22@24, \$2.30@2.40; 26, \$2.35@2.45; 28, \$2.45@2.55.

Galvanized Iron—16-gauge, \$3.75; 18 @24, \$4.00; 26, \$4.25 and 28 at \$4 50.

Lead—Pig, 3½ @ 4c, sheet, 4½ @ 4½c per lb; shot, Can., dis. 7½ per cent; pipe, ordinary, 7c; composition waste, 7½c with dis. 25 per cent.

Black Iron—10@12 gauge, \$2.25@2.40 per 100 lbs; 14@16 gauge, \$2.60@2.70; 18@20 gauge, \$2.30@2.40; 22@24 gauge, \$2.25@2.35; 26-gauge, \$2.30@2.40; 28-gauge, \$2.45@2.55.

Coil chain—½ in., \$4.65; 5-16 in., \$3.75; ¾ in., \$3.25; 7-16 in., \$3.15; 1 in., \$3.10; 1½ in., \$2.80; ¾ in., \$2.75.

Sheet Zinc—7½@7½c per lb.

Antimony—10½@11c; solder 13@14c.

Ingot Copper—13@13½c per lb.

Ingot Tin—22@23c.

Canada plates—Half-polished. 52-sheet boxes, \$2.35; do, 60-sheet boxes, \$2 40; dull 75-sheet boxes, \$2.25, all-bright "Garth," \$2.85 per box; do, "alaska," \$3.00.

Tin Plates—Prices unchanged at \$4.75 @ \$5.00 for I.C., \$6.00 @ \$6.25 for I.X. and \$7.25 to \$7.50 for I.X.X.

Iron Pipe—Black pipe, per 100 ft., ½ to ¾ inch, \$2.25@2.30; 1 inch, \$2.30@2.35; 1½ inch, \$2.80; 1 in., \$3.95; 1½ in., \$5.20; 2 inch, \$6.75; 2 inch, \$9.10; Galvanized, ½ inch, \$3.90; ¾ inch, \$4.80; 1 inch, \$6.75; 1½ inch, \$7.15; 1½ inch, \$11.75; 2 inch, \$16.00.

Barb Wire—\$1.75 f.o.b. Cleveland and \$1.85 from stock Toronto. Terms, 30 days or 2 per cent. 10 days.

Fence Wire—Annealed, oiled and annealed, 37½ per cent; galvanized, 30 per cent; terms 4 months or 3 per cent. 30 days. Bright wire 35 per cent.

Nails, Wire—Base price, \$1.75.

Cut Nails—\$1.75 base price, with 5c keg, Toronto, Hamilton, London and Montreal.

Horse Nails—Discount on regular brands, 50 per cent.

Horseshoes—Iron, light and medium pattern, \$3.25 per keg, Toronto and Hamilton.

Screws—Flat head bright, 57½ per cent; round head bright, 80 per cent; flat head brass, 82½ per cent; round head brass, 75 per cent.

Bolts—Common carriage bolts, ½@5-16, 70 per cent; tire bolts, 70 and 5; machine bolts, 60 and 10; blank bolts, 60 per cent; sleigh shoe bolts, 80 per cent; plough bolts, 60; stove bolts, 70 and 5; nuts, square, 4½c; hexagon, 5½c.

Rivets—Iron, 60 per cent; copper rivets, 45 per cent.

Glass—First break in 50-foot boxes, \$1.90, and in 100-foot boxes, \$3.50; double diamond, under 25 united inches, \$6.00. Toronto, 4 months, or 3 per cent 30 days.

Green Wirecloth—\$1.20 per 100 square feet; terms, 4 months or 3 per cent for 30 days.

Spades and Shovels—Discounts 40 and 10@45 and 2½ per cent.

Rope—Sisal, 7-16 in. and larger, 10c; ¾ in., 10½c; 1 and 5-16 in., 11c; Manila, 7-16 and larger, 11½c; ¾, 12c; 1 and 5-16, 13.

Toronto Grocery Market.

Toronto, Dec. 10.

Sugar—Standard granulated sugar, 4.03c; yellows, 3.93@4.43c.

Syrup and Molasses—Syrup medium, 26c@30c; special bright, 35c@42c. Molasses—West Indian, brls, 32c@45c; New Orleans, 26@30c; for medium and 35c@47c for bright.

Teas—Japans, low grade, 16c@20c per lb; Young Hysons, seconds 16c@19c, firsts, 25@45c; Indian, 18@50c; Congous, low grades, 10c@15c; mediums, 22@25c, and fine, 40c @ 55c; Ceylons, 17 @ 25c. Formosa Oolongs, 25 @ 65c.

Coffees—Green, Rio, 7½@11½c; Mocha, 23c@28c; Java, 30c@32c.

Canned goods—Tomatoes, 87½@95c. peas, 80c@81; sifted peas, \$1.05@1.20, corn, 95c@1; beans, 80@90c; pumpkins, 70@75c; strawberries, 2's, \$1.50 @ 1.90, raspberries, 2's, \$1.60@1.75; peaches, 2's, \$1.55@1.65; 3's, \$2.50@2.65. Cohoe's salmon, \$1.15@1.20; sock-eyes, \$1.50@1.60; lobsters, halves, \$1.75 @ 1.80; tall lbs, \$2.80; flats, \$3.10.

Nuts—Marbols, 11½c; filberts, Sicily, 9c; Grenoble Walnuts, 12½@13c.

Rice—Rice, bags, 3½@4c; do. Patna, 5½ @6c; do. Japan, 6@6½c.

Dried Fruits—Raisins, Valencias, off-stalk 4½c; fine off-stalk, 4½@5c; selected, 5½@5½c; layers, 6@6½c; Provincial, curran ¼@5c; Filiatras, 4½@5½c; Patras, 6c. Vostizas, 6½@8c. California evaporated fruits—Apricots, 12½ @ 14c; pears, 9c @ 10c; prunes, 70's to 80's 7½ @ 8c; 80's to 90's 7@7½c; 90's to 100's, 6½ @ 6½c. Bosnia prunes, 5½@6½c; Sultanas, 11c@13c. Peel—Orange, 12c @ 13c per lb; citron, 17c @ 20c; lemon 10½c @13c. Halloween dates, 5½@6½c. Malaga, London layers, \$1.30@1.50 per box; black baskets, \$2.40; blue baskets, \$2.50; royal clusters, \$4.00; quarter flats, London layers, 65c; black baskets, 75c; blue baskets, 85c; Dehesia, clusters \$1.25.

Spices—Ginger, Jamaica, 25c; Cochun 20c; cloves, Zanzibar, 15 @ 18c; Amboyna, 18@25c; allspice, 20c; nutmegs, 50c@51; cream tartar, pure, 25@28c, and 18@25c for compound.

PROVISIONS.

Mess Pork—\$15.50@16.00 for Canada mess; short cut, \$16.50; clear mess, \$15.50.

Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, car lots 7½c, ton and case lots, 8c.

Smoked Meats—Breakfast bacon, 10½@11c; hams, large 10c and 10½c to 11c for medium; rolls, 8½@9½c; green meats out of pickle are quoted 1c less than smoked.

Lard—Tubs, 7c

Saskatchewan.

The partnership existing between H. Couture and O. Morin, of the Albion hotel, Battleford, has been dissolved. Mr. Couture is now sole proprietor. Mr. Morin will move to Edmonton.

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New York Wheat.

New York, Dec. 5.—Wheat Receipts 325,400 bushels; exports 407,018 bushels.

New York, Dec. 6.—Wheat Receipts 241,750 bushels; exports 270,234 bushels. Options opened steadier on adverse Argentine news and was irregular, but generally steady all day, easing off finally under liquidation and closing 1-8c net lower. Clearances were large, but export trade fell flat and with big northwest receipts checked buying. Sales included No. 2 red, Jan., 73 1-8 to 73 1-4, closed 73 1-8; March, 73 3-4 to 74c, closed 73 3-4; May, 70 9-16 to 70 7-8c, closed 70 5-8c; Dec. 72 5-8 to 72 7-8c, closed 72 5-8c.

New York, Dec. 7.—Wheat—Receipts 377,400 bushels, exports 21,964 bushels. Options opened weak, and deepened further heaviness through bearish cables, December liquidation and large N.W. receipts. The afternoon market, however, influenced by big clearances and an active export trade, was stronger; closed 1-8 to 1-2c net lower; March opened 73 to 73 3-8, closed 73 3-8, May opened 70 to 70 7-16, closed 70 3-8; Dec. opened 71 1-2 to 72 1-8, closed 72 1-8.

New York, Dec. 8.—Wheat—Receipts 456,950 bushels, exports 318,031 bushels. Options opened easy and followed it up by pronounced heaviness under December liquidation, foreign selling, lower cables and bearish crop news. Reactions were scarce all day and final prices showed 3-4 to 1-3c net decline with export demand light. March 72 1-2 to 73 3-16, closed 72 1-2; May 69 5-8 to 70 3-8, closed 69 5-8; Dec. 70 3-4 to 72, closed 70 3-4.

New York, Dec. 9.—Wheat—Receipts 315,425 bushels; exports 310,435 bushels. Options opened weak with cables, but soon responded to a scare of December shorts, and recovered. Firmness was a feature all day, helped by big clearances, a fair export demand, and small northwest receipts, closed 1-0 to 1-4c net higher. March opened 71 9-16 to 72 7-16, closed 72 1-4; May opened 69 3-8 to 70, closed 69 7-8; Dec. opened 70 3-8 to 71, closed 70 7-8.

New York, Saturday, Dec. 10.—December wheat closed at 71 7-8c and May at 70 3-8c.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

Prices are quoted per bushel of 60 pounds for wheat, bushel of 56 pounds of corn, bushel of 32 pounds of oats, per barrel of mess pork, and per 100 pounds for lard and short rib bacon; flax seed per bushel of 56 pounds.

Chicago, Dec. 5.—Wheat, Dec. opened 65 1-4c, closed 65 1-8c. May opened 66 to 1-8c, closed 7-8 to 66c. July 64 1-8c. Corn, Dec. opened 33 1-4c, closed 33 1-4 to 3-8c. May opened 34 1-4, closed 34 1-4 to 3-8c. July 34 7-8c. Oats, Dec. opened 26c, closed 25 7-8c. May opened 26 3-8c, closed 26 1-4c. Ribs, Jan. opened \$4.65, closed \$4.67. Pork, Dec. \$8. Jan. opened \$9.27, closed \$9.32. May opened \$9.50, closed \$9.55. Lard, Jan. opened \$5.15, closed \$5.17. May opened \$5.32, closed \$5.32.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—Wheat, Dec. opened 65 1-8 to 1-4c, closed 64 3-4 to 7-8c. May opened 66 to 1-8c, closed 65 3-4 to 7-8c. July 64 1-4c. Corn, July 34 1-2c. Dec. opened 33 3-8c, closed 33 to 1-8c. May opened 34 3-8c, closed 7-8 to 3 3/4c. Oats, Dec. opened 25 3-4c, closed 25 1-2c. May opened 26 1-8 to 1-4c, closed 25 3-4 to 7-8c. Ribs, Jan. opened \$4.67, closed \$4.62. May opened

\$4.88, closed \$4.77. Pork, Jan. opened \$9.32, closed \$9.25 to \$9.27. May opened \$9.60, closed \$9.50. Dec. \$7.97. Lard, Jan. opened \$5.16, closed \$5.12. May opened \$5.32, closed \$5.27 to \$5.30.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Wheat, Dec. opened 64 1-2c, closed 64 1-8 to 1-4c. May opened 65 3-8c, closed 65 5-8c. July 64 1-8c. Corn, July 34 1-2 to 5-8c. Dec. opened 33c, closed 33 1-4 to 3-8c. May opened 33 5-8 to 3-4c, closed 34 1-8 to 1-4c. Oats, Dec. opened 25 1-2, closed 25c. May opened 25 5-8 to 3-4c, closed 26 1-8c. Ribs, Jan. opened \$4.62, closed \$4.57. May opened \$4.77, closed \$4.75. Pork, Jan. opened \$9.22, closed \$9.20. May opened \$9.45, closed \$9.42. Dec. \$7.95. Lard, Jan. opened \$5.12, closed \$5.10. May opened \$5.27, closed \$5.27.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Wheat, Dec. opened 64 1-4c, closed 63 to 1-8c. May opened 65 5-8c, closed 64 7-8c. July 63 3-4 to 7-8c. Corn, Dec. opened 33 1-2c, closed 33 to 1-8c. May opened 34 1-4 to 3-8c, closed 33 3-4c. July 34 1-8c. Oats, Dec. opened 25 7-8c, closed 25 5-8c. May opened 26 1-4c, closed 25 7-8c. Ribs, Jan. opened \$4.62, closed \$4.55 to \$4.57. May opened \$4.77 to \$4.80, closed \$4.72. Pork, Dec. \$7.90. Jan. opened \$9.30, closed \$9.17. May opened \$9.52, closed \$9.40. Lard, Jan. opened \$5.12, closed \$5.07. May opened \$5.30, closed \$5.22.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Wheat, Dec. opened 65 3-4c, closed 63 5-8c. May opened 64 5-8c, closed 65 1-8c. July 64 1-8c. Corn, July 34 1-8c. Dec. opened 33c, closed 32 7-8 to 33c. May opened 33 5-8c, closed 33 3-4c. Oats, Dec. opened 24 5-8 to 3-4c, closed 25 5-8 to 3-4c. May opened 25 3-4c, closed 25 7-8c. Ribs, Jan. opened \$4.55, closed \$4.55 to \$4.57. May opened \$4.72, closed \$4.72. Pork, Dec. \$7.95. Jan. opened \$9.15, closed \$9.20. May opened \$9.37, closed \$9.42. Ribs, Jan. opened \$5.05, closed \$5.07. May opened \$5.22, closed \$5.25.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—May wheat opened at 65 1-8c, ranged from 65 1-8c to 65 3-4c and closed at 65 1-2. Closing prices were:

Wheat—Dec. 64 1-8c, May 65 1-2c, July 64 3-8c.

Corn—Dec. 32 7-8c, May 33 7-8c.

Oats—Dec. 25 5-8c, May 25 7-8 to 26c.

Pork—Dec. \$8.00, Jan. \$9.32, May \$9.35.

Lard—Jan. \$5.15, May \$5.37.

Ribs—Jan. \$4.65, May \$4.80.

A week ago December option closed at 65 1-2c. A year ago December wheat closed at \$1.04 1-2 two years at 79c, three years ago at 56 1-8c; four years ago at 54 3-8c.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—Dec. 62 3-4c, May 64 7-8c.

Tuesday—Dec. 62 7-8c, May 64 7-8c.

Wednesday—Dec. 62 5-8c, May 64 3-4c.

Thursday—Dec. 61 7-8c, May 63 7-8c.

Friday—Cash 62 5-8c, Dec. 62 1-8c, May 64 1-4c.

Saturday—Dec. 62 1-8c, May 64 3-4c.

Cash No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 65 5-8c, and cash No. 1 northern at 62 5-8c.

A week ago December wheat closed at 63 3-4c; two years ago December option closed 73 1-2c; three years ago at 53 5-8c, four years ago at 53 3-8c and five years ago at 60 1-4c.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Saturday, Dec. 10.—No. 1 northern wheat closed at 62 1-4c for December and 63 3-4c for May; Cash No. 1 northern 63c, cash No. 2 northern 61c.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

No. 1 hard wheat closed at 63 to 63 1-2c December delivery. Country markets closed at 46 to 47 for 1 hard, Brandon, 2 hard, and northern 3c less.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT.

Liverpool, Dec. 10.—Wheat closed steady at 1-14 lower.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—Flax seed closed 1.06 101 cash and May 1.04 1-2.

BRITISH LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

London, Dec. 5.—Owing to large arrivals of Canadian and Argentine cattle the market was weak, and prices for such broke 1c. The demand was also limited, and trade slow. The prices for the best States cattle were fairly well maintained, they selling only 1-4c lower than last week at 12c. Choice Canadian and Argentine cattle sold at 10 1-2c. Canadian sheep broke 1-2c to 1c, selling at 11c; Argentine 1 to 11-2c at 10c.

Liverpool, Dec. 5.—This market was somewhat demoralized for Canadian stock. Prices of cattle declined 1c to 1 1-2c to 9 1-2c to 10c, but sheep were about steady at 11c.

NEW YORK MONEY.

New York, Dec. 9.—Money on call steady, 2 1-2; last loan, 2 1-2. Prime mercantile paper, 3 1-4 to 4 per cent.; sterling exchange firm at \$1.84 1-2 to 3-4 for demand, and at \$1.81 1-2 to \$1.82 for 60 days; posted rates, \$1.82 1-2 and \$1.83 1-2; commercial bills, \$1.80 3-4; silver certificates, 59 1-2 60 1-2; bar silver, 59 3-8; Mexican dollars, 46 3-8; government bonds strong.

BRITISH STOCKS.

London, Dec. 9.—1 p.m.—Consols for money 110 1-4; consols for the account 110 1-2; Canadian Pacific 86 3-4; Erie 13 3-4; Erie first preferred 37; Illinois Central 114 3-4; Northern Pacific preferred 78; St. Paul common 117 7-8; New York Central 122; Pennsylvania 61 3-8; Reading 9 5-8; Union Pacific preferred 72 1-8; Atchison 16 5-8; Louisville 65. Bar silver 26 1-2d. Money 2 1-4 to 1-2. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 3 1-4 to 5 1-6; for three months bills 2 1-4 to 3-8 per cent. Grand Trunk 71-2.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, Dec. 9.—12.30 p.m.—Wheat—Spot dull; No. 1 red northern spring 6s 1-2d; No. 2 red western winter 6s 2 1-2d. Corn—Spot easy; American mixed 3s 8 3-4d. Peas—Canadian 6s 10 1-2d.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

New York, Dec. 9.—Wall Street—The stock market opened firm, with a great outburst of activity, many leading stocks being dealt in to an extent of a thousand of more shares in the first few minutes. Sugar headed the general upward tendency, the price jumping 23-4 to 132 1-2. The heaviness in the London market was practically ignored, although St. Paul and Louisville & Nashville were a shade easier.

New York, Dec. 9.—Bank Clearings for the Dominion of Canada were: Montreal \$16,514,612, increase 20 per cent.; Toronto \$10,760,639, increase 27.3 per cent.; Winnipeg \$2,934,076, increase 17.3 per cent.; Halifax \$1,459,178, increase 9.2 per cent.; Hamilton \$871,943, increase 9.9 per cent.; St. John \$544,262, increase 25.9 per cent.; Vancouver \$544,290, Victoria \$316,941.

Montreal, Dec. 9.—Com. Cable, 185 1-4 to 185 1-8. C. P. R. London, 80 1-2.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Toronto, Dec. 10.

Dry goods—Trade is more active as a result of brisker country business, following good sleighing. Cottons, grey bleached pillow, are now quoted at 5 to 7 per cent lower, and linings slightly lower to meet American competition.

Hardware—In good general demand. Letter orders are more numerous. Wire nails are firmer, metals steady and business slow.

Groceries—Active. All Canadian refined sugars advanced yesterday. Consignments of Grenoble and Bordeaux walnuts arrived this week, and are selling at 13c and 12c respectively. Valencia shelled almonds 1 1-2c higher. Figs and Malaga fruit slow. Dealers shading prices to induce sales.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Dec. 6.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 60 carloads, including 150 sheep and lambs and 1,100 hogs.

Cattle—The supply of export cattle was high and prices unchanged from Friday. Heavy exporters were quoted at \$1 to \$1.40 per cwt. There was but little doing in butchers owing to absence of stock. Offerings were quickly disposed at firm prices, ranging from \$3.75 to \$4 per cwt. Slow demand for common, the quality not being extra good. Quoted at \$2.75 to \$3.25 per cwt. Bulls, heavy exporters remained firm at Friday's quotations of \$3.75 to \$4. Light in fair demand at \$2 to \$2.50 per cwt. Stockers for Buffalo were a little firmer. Heavy stockers brought \$3 to \$3.75 per cwt. A liberal supply of feeders offered and these sold at \$3.50 to \$3.75 per cwt.

Sheep and Lambs—Sheep for export and butchers' use sold readily at \$3.40 to \$3.50 per cwt. Spring lambs \$3.75 to \$4.10 per cwt.

Hogs—Prices were generally lower by about 12c for choice. Light and thick fat in fair demand at prices ranging from \$1 to \$1.25 per cwt. Choice were quoted at \$1.35 per cwt.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, Dec. 9.

Total offerings were 50 car loads, including 500 sheep and lambs, and 1,300 hogs.

Export cattle were a little dearer. Sheep slow. Choice bacon hogs 13c lower at \$1.25; thick fat 25c lower at \$1.00.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Dec. 10.

The market for grain is dull. Ontario wheat is 1c lower. Manitoba No. 1 hard 2c lower. Ontario flour 10c lower. Oats 1-2c lower. Barley 1c lower. Cheese 1-2c dearer. Dressed hogs 25c lower, and lard 1-2c lower. Quotations are:

Flour—Manitoba patents, \$4.10. Manitoba bakers, \$3.80. Ontario straight roller, \$2.95 to \$3 per barrel, country points, at mills.

Wheat—Ontario red and white winter wheat, 67c for cars at country points. No. 1 hard, 79 1-2c. Toronto; No. 1 northern, 75 1-2 to 76c.

Oats—White, 27c for cars at country points.

Barley—No. 1, 46 to 47c at country points; No. 2, 44c.

Millfeed—Shorts, \$14 to \$15 per ton at country points. Bran, \$12 per ton.

Oatmeal—\$3.30 in bags per barrel and \$3.50 in wood for car lots.

Eggs—Fresh, 14c; new laid, 19 to 20c; lined, 14c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, 12 to 13 1-2c, for choice fresh goods, medium grades, 9 to 10c; creamery, tubs, 18 to 19c, prints, 20c.

Cheese—10c for choice late fall make.

Hides—No. 1 green, 5 1-2c; cured, 9 sheepskins and lambskins, 60 to 75c, calfskins 8 to 10c; tallow, 3 to 3 1-4c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 14 to 15c; unwashed, 9 to 10c.

Beans—75 cents to \$1 per bushel as to quality.

Dressed hogs—\$5.15 per 100 pounds for car lots of mixed weights.

Dried apples—5 to 5 1-2c for round lots; evaporated 8 to 8 1-4c.

Honey—Round lots 6 to 7c.

Poultry—Turkeys, 8 to 9c; chickens 30 to 50c; geese, 5 to 6c.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 10.

Oats have advanced on previous one a lion's share being about 1-2c. Flour is weaker and has declined 5c from the top figure of a week ago. Feed is active. Eggs firm. Butter is very firm and 1 1-4c higher for creamery and about 1c higher for dairy. (Cheese is firm and about 1-2c higher. Poultry is steady and in good demand. Advances are looked for as a result of the active export trade in turkeys, one firm alone having shipped 80,000 birds to England. Quotations are as follows.

Oats—No. 2 white, 30 to 30 1-2c in store.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$1 to \$1.10; Manitoba patents, \$1.30 to \$1.40.

Millfeed—Bran, 74 per ton; shorts 15, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats \$1.70 to \$1.75 per bag.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 9c; No. 2, 8c; No. 3, 7c; calfskins, 8c to 10c; sheepskins, 40c to 50c; lambskins, 70c, tallow, 3 1-2 to 3 3-4c.

Eggs—Fresh laid, 22 to 23c per dozen, cavelled stock, 16c per dozen.

Butter—Choice dairy, 14 to 16c; western dairy, 12 to 13c.

Butter—Creamery, in tubs, 20 to 20 1-2c.

Cheese—Choice western 9 1-2c, eastern, 9 1-4c.

Beans—85c to 95c per bushel as to quality.

Potatoes—In car lots 50c to 55c.

Dressed turkeys 8 to 9c; ducks 7 to 7 1-2c; geese 5 to 6c; chickens 6 to 7c.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 6.

Receipts at the East End abattoir market yesterday were 500 cattle and 150 sheep and 500 lambs.

Receipts of cattle were not so large as on last Thursday. The weather was favorable and in consequence buyers showed some disposition to trade. There was a stronger feeling in the market, and as the general run of stock was much better than it has been of late, higher prizes were realized, especially for good to choice beefs. Trade was steady and all the offerings were well cleaned up. Choice cattle sold at 43-8 to 4 1-2c; good at 4 to 4 1-4c; fair at 3 1-4 to 3 3-4c, and lower grades from 2c to 3c per lb., live weight. Sheep were taken on export

account at 3c to 3 1-4c, and culls sold at 2 1-2 to 2 3-4c per lb., live weight. Lambs sold easier at 4c to 4 1-4c per lb., live weight.

At the Grand Trunk stockyards the receipts of hogs were 300 head. Prices are quoted as follows. Selects, \$1.50; heavy fat, \$4.25; light stockers, \$1, and stags, \$2.50 per 100 lbs., live weight.

At the Canadian Pacific stockyards there were about 100 live hogs, which sold at the above prices.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, Dec. 9.

Receipts of cattle on Thursday were 600 head, sheep and lambs 1,200. Best cattle realized 4 1-4 to 4 1-2c, other grades 3 to 4c, as to quality. Hogs sold at \$1.25 to \$1.50 per cwt. live weight and \$5.25 to \$5.75 dressed. Sheep were quoted at 3 to 3 1-2c and lambs 3 3-4 to 4c.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 10.

The market for groceries remains quiet and steady. There are no changes to note in quotations, which remains as follows:

Granulated sugar, standard, \$1.50 per 100 lbs. at refineries; yellows, \$3.75 to \$4.25, molasses, 31c in car lots. Syrups 2 to 2 1-2c as to quality. Valencia raisins 4 3-4 to 5 1-2; Valencia layers, 6 1-2c; currants, 5 1-8 to 6 1-2c, as to brand, coffee, Rio, 2c to 10c; Mocha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c; rice, Crystal Japan, 5 1-2 to 5 3-4c, standard B., 3 3-4 to 4c.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 10.

Business is quiet but steady and prices unchanged as follows: White lead, government standard, \$5.62 1-2; No. 1, \$5.25; dry white lead in kegs, 5c; red lead in kegs, 4 1-2c; linseed oil, raw, 19 to 50c; boiled, 52 to 53c, turpentine, 57c. bar iron, \$1.40 to \$1.50; tin plates, coxes, 2.75 to \$2.90. I. C. charcoal, .325 to \$1.75; Canada plates, 2.10 to \$2.15, tern plates, 5.95 to \$6.25, galvanized iron 4 1-4 to 4 3-4c, lead, 3.75 to \$4; iron pipe 4 to 4 1-4c; putty in bulk, 1.65; in bladders, 1.80. ingot tin, 20c. Cement, English brands, 3.30 to \$3.40 Germany, 2.45 to \$2.55, and Belgium 1.85 to \$1.95 per barrel, ex-wharf. Rope, sisal 10 to 10 1-2c; Manila, 11 1-2 to 12 1-2c for 7-16 size and larger.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Dec. 9.—Cattle firm at 11 1-2c for steers, estimated dressed weight.

SUGAR.

Special to The Commercial.

London, Dec. 9.—Beet sugar spot, at 10s. 2 1-4d; January at 10s. 3d. These prices are the same as a week ago.

CHEESE MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Dec. 9.—Cheese, white, 4c; colored, 4 7/8. This is an advance of 1s. over last week's prices.

A telegram from New York on Tuesday reported an advance of 1-8c in granulated sugars there and a firmer feeling in raws.