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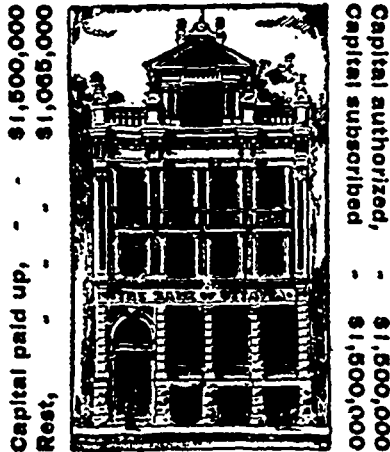
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WINNIPEG, AUGUST 23, 1897.

WORTH INVESTIGATING.

Last week The Commercial referred to a peculiar disease, or probably damage by some insect to the Manitoba wheat crop this year. The most serious reports come from the southern and southeastern districts, but the trouble appears to be spread over a very wide area of territory. This is the appearance of dead heads in the grain. In some instances the damage is so slight as to be hardly worth mentioning, but in other cases it is quite serious. A party who has travelled through several districts, carefully examining the crops, writes as follows:

"Carman settlement will average about 18 bushels to the acre; Rathwell, 20 bushels; Treherne, 25 bushels; Holland, 22 bushels; Cypress and Glenboro, 16 bushels. Now, the greatest drawback to the yield in the whole of this territory is the number of what I term dead heads of grain, varying from 5 to 20 per cent on the crop. What is the cause of this dead head? There need be no doubt that it is an insect. What is the insect? I am of the opinion that it is a wire worm, killing the root of the growing stalk. A friend of mine positively asserted this morning that he was convinced it was the Hessian fly, on account of the stalk being killed at the first joint. Whatever it may be, it is pretty conclusive that it is an insect, and that insect is alive and healthy to-day in our soil."

The Commercial would suggest the advisability of having an investigation of this matter made at once, by some competent person. Either the Dominion or the provincial government should take the matter up, with a view to arriving at the cause of the difficulty and the possibility of providing a remedy. A certain mode of cultivation for instance, might be a preventative, or on the other hand might facilitate the working of the supposed insect. At any rate, the matter is sufficiently serious to be worthy of prompt attention.

THE MANUFACTURE OF PULP.

Last week The Commercial referred to the position of our lumber trade since the passage of the new United States tariff. Our pulp trade is in much the same position. The United States has placed a duty upon pulp, to keep our product out of their market but they are willing to take our raw material free. There is a large exportation of pulp wood from Quebec province, and many mills in the United States are largely dependent upon Canada for their raw material. It would appear from the reports of those who are informed upon the pulp wood trade, that we have the remedy largely in our own hands. If the United States will not take our pulp, they should not be allowed to have our raw material, with which to keep their mills running. The manufacture of pulp wood is a very important industry, particularly in the province of Quebec, and a large export business can be done to Great Britain, so that we are not dependent upon the United States for a market. In this trade we are far more independent of the United States than we are in the matter of lumber. United States mills are now securing free raw material in Canada, with which they compete with Canadian mills in export markets. The remedy is, to place an export duty on pulp wood, or prohibit its exportation entirely. Canadian pulp mills would thus secure a distinct advantage over the United States in catering for the export trade, as the principal source of supply for many of the United States mills would thus be cut off. News and cheap book papers, manufactured from Canadian pulp wood, in United States mills, are now exported quite largely from the United States. This trade we should apparently keep at home. In our article last week upon the lumber trade and the exportation of saw logs, we said that our natural wealth should be conserved. In the case of the pulp trade we apparently have by all odds the best of the situation, if we decide to prohibit the export of our raw material to a country which refuses to take any of our

manufactures. The industry of manufacturing the pulp, as well as to a considerable extent also the paper and other goods made from pulp, should be carried on at home. Our supply of pulp wood is enormous, while the supply in the United States is limited. In placing of a prohibitive duty upon manufactured pulp, the United States has probably just overreached a bit in the selfish policy shown all through the new tariff bill. If the facts are as stated by those familiar with the pulp wood and pulp trade, we have in this matter at least, a good opportunity to build up a very important home industry by prohibiting the exportation of pulp wood.

EXPERTS AT GRABBING.

Large sales of steel rails have been made by United States firms for shipment to British India, the United States firms having been successful in tendering against British manufacturers. Of course the British manufacturer has no advantage over the United States in selling goods to India, in the matter of tariff. Just fancy the United States owning a colony or dependency in which foreign countries would be permitted to compete on equal terms with United States manufacturers? It would be simply absurd to suppose such a thing possible for a single moment. Many United States papers delight to prate about the land-grabbing tendency of John Bull. It is true Mr. Bull has gained a pinch upon a large portion of the superficial area of this mundane sphere but when he does take possession of a bit of property he throws it open to all comers for trade purposes. His own subjects are given no trade advantages over foreigners, and if they cannot compete on the same terms with all comers, they will simply have to step to the rear. Even the natural wealth of his possessions, such as gold and other precious metals, are thrown open to foreigners on the same terms as to British subjects. Talk about the grab-all propensities of John Bull. Was there ever anything perpetrated by any nation, of a more utterly selfish and grab-all character, than that singular and wonderfully made act yclept the Dingley tariff. Those United States editors who have so freely condemned John Bull for his alleged land-grabbing tendencies, should now run their heads in the grass, or take to the woods for sheer shame. Mr. Bull has certainly been successful in appropriating any loose real estate which was found lying around without being held under a clear title by some strong power, but when it comes to right down narrow selfishness and sharp practice in trade and business matters, it would be utterly useless

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Grain and Milling News.

The great saving to bakers in using flour made from Manitoba wheat, has often been spoken of. The advantage lies in the fact that Manitoba flour will absorb more water than any other wheat flour. Another evidence of this fact was made known the other day when Mr. Thompson, manager of the Ogilvie Milling Co., Winnipeg, received a letter from an Ontario baker, giving his results from using Manitoba flour. The baker writes that from 389 pounds of Ogilvie's Hungarian patent flour, carefully weighed out, he obtained 57½ pounds of bread. Those familiar with baking tests will recognize that this is a remarkable showing.

The Montreal Gazette of August 12 says: It is some time now since any business of importance has been done in Manitoba wheat on spot, but to-day a lot of 110,000 bushels was

put under offer by the Lake of the Woods Milling Company which consisted of No. 1 and No. 2 hard and was bought for export account. There has also been a good demand from millers during the past two days, and Mr. Ogilvie bought yesterday 30,000 bushels No. 1 hard at 85 1-2c afloat Fort William, and to-day he purchased 28,000 bushels No. 1 hard at 87c, with holders at the close asking 90c. He also purchased 10,000 bushels at Goderich at 89c, with holders now asking 91c at this point.

The Montreal Gazette of August 11 says: The anticipated advance of 25c in the price of Manitoba grades referred to yesterday went into force to-day, which now makes patents \$5.15, best strong bakers' \$4.75; medium, \$4.25. For Ontario grades prices have also advanced 15c to 25c, with sales of 150 barrels choice straight roller at \$4.15, and 800 bags at \$2.10. The advance in prices in European markets, so far this week, has been 2s 9d per sack. The demand continues good from local and export buyers, and an active trade is reported.

Canadians have the wheat belt in Manitoba and the Territories, within which is raised the best wheat in the world. The Japanese want the best flour for their army and navy—this was shown when they insisted three years ago on being supplied, by a San Francisco contractor, with flour branded O-G-I-L-V-I-E, which he assured the Japs was "Oregon flour; finest in the world." But the public men of the Flowery Kingdom have since learned that the San Francisco man lied, and that the so-called Oregon flour was made by Canadian mills, from Canadian-grown wheat.—Monetary Times.

The flour mill and elevator at Portage la Prairie, Man., owned by the Portage Farmers' Elevator Co., is offered for sale. The mill is a comparatively new one, with a capacity of 150 barrels per day. It is situated in a fine grain district, with competing railway connections.

The new grain firm in which T. T. W. Bready is interested, contemplates building an elevator at Carberry, Man.

The Lumber Trade.

The Rat Portage lumber company has been meeting with great success in the new industry of manufacturing sash and doors, which was established less than two years ago. Previously the sash and doors used in Manitoba and the Territories were imported from the United States. Since the company established the sash and door factory the industry has been steadily increasing in importance, and this season the demand has been so good that the factory has been kept running night and day part of the time. The goods are now sold all over Manitoba and the eastern portion of the territories, wherever Lake of the Woods lumber goes.

Mr. Grahame, of the firm of Grahame, Horne & Co., Fort William, was in Winnipeg last week, returning from Duluth. This season his company decided to saw all their logs at Duluth, and the cutting of 6,000,000 feet has just been completed. The lumber will be disposed of to United States parties.

The Dauphin Lumber company have finished cutting lumber at Laurier and have moved their plant and machinery back to Dauphin, Man., where it will be permanently set up. The company have lots still of last win-

ter's cut, which will be floated down the Vermillion river and cut at Dauphin.

The Minneapolis Lumberman says: "Red cedar shingles continue in good demand and the price is still tending upward. The quotation for quick delivery is now \$2.15 and it is likely it will still go much higher. There are many of the old orders taken by the local dealers when the prices were lower that are being filled at a loss. Some of the manufacturers out west have refused to fill the orders they took a number of weeks ago, because they can get considerable more now for all the shingles they can turn out, but the local dealers are taking their medicine and filling the orders at a loss to themselves. Owing to the inability of the manufacturers to furnish red cedars as rapidly as shingles are desired, the white pine men are finding a better market for their shingles than they have for several years.

One of the most interesting features of the lumber trade of the northwest these days, says the Minneapolis Lumberman, is the growth of the demand for red cedar shingles manufactured by the mills of Washington. The rapid move to popularity of west coast shingles has gradually crowded the white pine shingles out of the market. At the price red cedar shingles were selling a month ago, were there a plentiful supply of them, there would be practically no demand for shingles manufactured from white pine. At least there would be no sale for the grade of extra "A" shingles that corresponds to the grade of red cedar shingles that is most in demand in the northwest. As it stands now, with the price of red cedars steadily advancing, it has been a question to what point they can advance before they will drive the trade back to the use of white pine.

British Columbia Mining Notes.

The Boards of Trade of Vancouver and Victoria are actively engaged making arrangements to divert trade from the all absorbing Yankees to the British Columbia coast cities. Business houses here are capable of catering for the Yukon trade more advantageously than can be done in the States, and are arranging for first-class accommodation in transit to the gold diggings.

Many British Columbia mines are slowly but very surely advancing to paying stage. The Golden Coker mill has been much delayed in its establishment, owing to the difficulty in getting the machinery in and placing it in position. Geo. F. Rives, a mining engineer of large experience, has recently been appointed superintendent, which is a guarantee that the mill will be crushing at the earliest possible date, some time before October. In the meantime the stock is keeping up well in price and there is a steady demand for it in England.

The contractor for the Tin Horn mine, Fairview, Okanaley district, guarantees that the mill will be running on the first of September. The Tin Horn company have been piling ore on the dump ready for the mill for months, and now have over 1,500 tons ready for crushing. This has been assayed three times, by taking the ore at random, commencing on the bottom and going up spirally to the top at intervals of a few inches. In this way the dump has been estimated as worth \$95,000.

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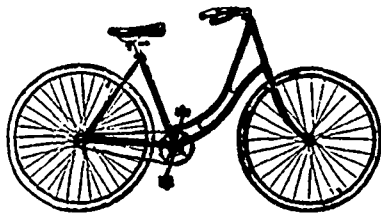
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Grocery Trade Notes.

An exchange says that the outlook is that the output of prunes in Oregon and Washington will be between 50 and 100 per cent. greater in the aggregate than it was two years ago. As near as could be ascertained the shipments of cured prunes from the two states that year amounted to about 4,500,000 pounds. This year the shipments will probably be in the aggregate between 7,000,000 and 10,000,000 pounds.

Advices on new crop Persian dates are to the effect that shipments will not take place until October 10, against September 30 last year.

A Toronto report says of hog products: All prices keep firm and unchanged, and advances are expected shortly. Already several of the local merchants have asked for quotations on United States stuff, and they expect to have to start importing if the prevailing conditions continue.

Peanuts have been selling rather low this season, but late reports say there has been an advance of 1-2c in Virginia, and a further advance expected.

Sales of eggs for export to England are being made at Montreal.

A Montreal report says supplies of Japan teas are short there and higher prices are looked for. Holders are very firm.

Smith, Baker & Co., writing from Yokohama, July 16 say: There has been a steady demand for teas since the issue of our last circular. Prices have been well maintained throughout, and are now quoted at least \$3 or \$4 per picul over last year's rates. The quality of the second crop is not equal to last year's in leaf, but the cup is fairly good.

Tees & Perse report a car of new California evaporated peaches shipped for Winnipeg on Aug. 16, which should bring them here early this week.

A California report, dated August 7, says: "There is little or no change in spot goods. Stocks are low and not in the best order. New goods will soon be in the market. The early low prices have been withdrawn. A few sales are reported at 23-4c, 3 1-4c and 33-4c for 2, 3 and 4 crown respectively. Growers expect prices to improve owing to the condition of the growing crop, which is not as encouraging as some timelack. The extreme hot weather and insects damaged the vines in many localities, so that a second crop is not expected. The curing will be over earlier than usual but the output will be much less than expected."

Regarding canned goods the Montreal Gazette says: Considerable activity developed in the canned goods market during the past few days, which was due to the fact that western Ontario packers made their prices known for the 1897 pack through their brokers here. Sales aggregating 30,000 cases have been contracted for. One broker placed 15,000 cases of the above quantity, consisting of tomatoes, corn, peas and beans, and stated that the prices realized for tomatoes and peas show an advance of 7 1-2c to 10c per dozen over the opening figures last year, while corn is 5c per dozen lower, but fully 6c to 7 1-2c higher than the closing prices. Another broker placed 10,000 cases—tomatoes at 70c per dozen, corn at 55c, peas at 67 1-2c, and golden waxed butter beans at 70c. Besides the above a lot of 1,500 cases of old tomatoes at 75c per dozen; one car of last year, one-gallon apples, at

\$1.45 per case, and a few cases of new packed strawberries at \$1.50 per dozen. The market is said to be in a strong position for tomatoes, corn and peas, and prices have an upward tendency. The pack of peas will be at least 25,000 cases short of last year, and some packers have already withdrawn prices from the market and refuse to sell any more at present. The wet weather has seriously interfered with the growth of corn, and there is also a great uncertainty in regard to the tomato pack, and some packers have instructed their representatives to sell no more.

The Montreal Gazette of August 14 says of sugar. The feature of the sugar market has been the continued strong advices from abroad on the raw article, and prices have scored another advance of 21-4d to 3d in the week. The market has been active and firm under a good demand. German granulated has been advanced 1-8c per lb. to 83-4c. The situation on the whole is a strong one.

The failure of J. W. Lang & Co., wholesale grocers, Toronto, has come as a surprise, says the Commercial Gazette, as they have been in business for the past fifteen years. The cause of the failure is put down to speculation in sugar, of which the firm bought nearly \$20,000 worth in the belief in a big rise in price. Mr. Lang had recently sold his business to his bookkeeper, Mr. Lumsden, for \$22,688, the latter gentleman giving a chattel mortgage to T. H. Steel, of Orillia. The Canadian Sugar Co. brought about the crisis by suing for \$4,000. The total liabilities are about \$220,000. The Standard bank has about \$80,000 under discount, as is suing for \$2,400.

One of the Canadian refineries is now making a grade of sugar which they call "German" granulated, made in Canada. This is rather a coarse granulated sugar, made to compete with the imported German beet sugars. Samples have been shown in this market.

The California Fruit Grower says: The raisin market as yet does not show the activity apparent in other lines. It is a little early for any large movement in this line. However, we are glad to see that but few sales were made at the ridiculously low prices quoted by some houses a week or so ago. Growers are holding for higher prices. Spot stock is held at 4 1-4c for 4-crown, 3 1-2c for 3-crown and 2 3-4 for 2-crown. Fresno prices are 33-4c, 3c and 2 1-2c respectively for 4, 3 and 2-crown L. M., and 2 1-2c in the sweat box. We look forward to fairly good prices, an average quantity of fruit and a good demand."

An advice received from California by Tees & Perse, Winnipeg, dated Aug. 10, says there has been much excitement the last few days in dried fruits and prices have advanced 1 to 2c. Many dealers were sold short and in some cases would be unable to fill orders.

The Carlisle Cannery company, of British Columbia, who operate on the Skeena river, are making a new departure this year in some of their goods, as they are putting fish up in porcelain jars. This is to meet the great objection that some people have to eating fish put up in tins, because of the occasional cases of poisoning. Of course, this class of goods will be much more expensive than the ordinary tinned goods, but will meet a demand from those who are able to pay for luxuries.

The recently organized Glucose trust in the United States has a capital of \$10,000,000, and practically controls the entire output in the States, which amounts to over six hundred thousand tons. It is now stated that the sugar trust has obtained control of the glucose trust. The price has already advanced, and a further rise is expected.

The Commercial Gazette says: "Wholesale tea dealers in the States are not in a happy frame of mind at all. Like Canadian dealers, they hold in heavy stocks in anticipation of a glut being imposed, and in the same way, they were disappointed. But in Canada, our merchants were able to sell off their heavy stocks to the United States dealers when they found no duty was imposed. The latter cannot pass on their large holdings, and have filled up their customers so heavily that they cannot sell much in the ordinary way.

Owing to the failure of the last olive crop, which was gathered last December, olives are at present scarce and high, and the prices of many grades are nearly double what they were a year ago. A Philadelphia olive importer says that a size of olives he was at present selling at \$1.35 per gallon were a year ago only 70 cents. There will be no more olives until next December. The entire crop of last year has been shipped. Dealers agree that the advance in the prices has greatly curtailed the consumption. There will probably be other advances before the next crop arrives.

The Hardware Trade.

A Toronto report says: In metals a slight improvement has been noticed, and, as a rule, prices are being firmly adhered to. Iron pipe has again advanced and is about 5 per cent higher. White lead has also gone up about 25c per 100 pounds. Pipe is now sold at net prices from 2 1-4c to 10c per foot for sizes ranging from 1-4 to 2 inch.

Canadian refined petroleum has declined 1-2c per gallon in Eastern Canada markets, following the similar decline in United States refined a week previous.

The feature in this branch of the trade during the past week has been the advance in white lead of 25c, which is in sympathy with the steady rise in the price of raw material of late, consequently manufacturers here were forced to follow suit. In oils, advices from abroad are strong on linseed, and prices continue to steadily advance, but no change has taken place in this market. Stocks of castor oil on spot are small, and in sympathy with the recent sharp advance in prices in primary markets values here are firmly held.

AN HISTORICAL ARTICLE.

An article entitled "The Premiers of Manitoba," will be a feature of the September Canadian Magazine. Among the illustrations are photographs of Hon. Thos. Greenway, Hon. D. H. Harrison, Hon. John Norquay, Hon. R. A. Davis, Hon. M. A. Girard, the government buildings, general views of the city, and a reproduction from a painting of Fort Garry in 1870.

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British Columbia Business Review.

Vancouver, August 16.

There are several changes in the market this week, while creamery butter has advanced dairy remains stationary. There are several changes in fruit. It is much cheaper than in previous years, and there is an abundant supply in the market, while the wholesome results of rigid Canadian inspection has rid the market of the diseased article entirely. Flour has again advanced and is very strong. There are no rate cuttings as there were last season. Hay is arriving abundantly in the market, and is selling rapidly at present prices. The new oats will be in next week.

The rush to Clondyke and the large amount of work being done in seaboard mines, besides the successful salmon season, has greatly stimulated trade in the cities. Wholesalers of Victoria and Vancouver report business ahead of previous years and rapidly increasing in volume, while Victoria houses have hardly been prepared for the unexpected demand for provisions incident upon Clondyke travel, which caused a shortage of bacon and other staple articles and a quick advance in prices.

Vancouver is also getting a fair share of outfitting trade. Vancouver and Victoria are now in a position to supply outfits for the Clondyke in any form and the different houses are advertising to this effect.

The salmon run is tapering off. It has been the largest in the history of the province. So many fish were thrown away, the cannery being unable to handle them, that the river was too offensive near the shores to bathe in or camp near. It is estimated that 2,000,000 fish were thrown away. Of course the pack on the Fraser has been large, but the total pack will not equal that of last year, owing to the northern run being very light.

The Skeena river pack is reported as follows: Standard 5,700 cases, Claxton 5,700 Carlisle 5,500, Cunningham 7,600 British American 8,100, Inverness 8,800 Northern Pacific 8,100, Balmoral 7,000 cases.

Dairy Trade Items.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin of August 13, says of cheese: The cheese boom is still on, several thousand boxes of finest Ontario cheese having been sold in this market at 83-4c to 9c, which is a stiff advance. A lot of 1,500 boxes of finest Quebec white was placed at 83-8c, and a lot of 300 boxes Quebec colored at 85-8c. There has been an active inquiry for underpriced goods, which have sold all the way from 8c to 85-8c. In all about 18,000 to 20,000 boxes have been reported to us as sold in this market during the past few days at the above range of prices, which show an advance of about 5-8c within the past two weeks. We also understand that a considerable business has been done for September shipment. The Liverpool public cable as posted on the board of trade to-day was 41s, while it is well known that business has been on the basis of 42s. 6d and over for finest cheese.

At Brockville, Ont., on August 12, the offerings on the cheese board were the lightest of the season. The salesmen's bids were 83-4c colored and 85-8c white. One buyer offered 85-8c

colored and another 89-16c white. The basis of the other buyers was between 81-4c to 81-2c. The board adjourned without a sale. On the street no advance was made on the highest bids, and about 3,000 boxes were sold, at a ruling of 85-8c. The salesmen are holding for higher prices. At the country cheese markets in Ontario on Saturday, July 14, prices advanced from 1-8c at some points, to as much as 1-2c at Cowansville.

Financial and Insurance Notes.

A branch of the Bank of Montreal has been opened at Lethbridge, Alberta.

Money and Risks says: Money continues to get cheaper here. The chartered banks, following the reduction made by the Dominion government in the rates of interest on postoffice saving bank deposits, made a like reduction, and they are now only paying three instead of three and a half per cent. on money on deposit.

The insurance journal Money and Risks devotes nearly its entire space in its last issue to a write-up of the Ontario Mutual Life. The article is profusely illustrated, containing among the cuts an excellent likeness of P. D. McKinnon, the Winnipeg agent of the company.

Dry Goods Trade.

The feather boa hobs up serenely each fall season, with apparently a new lease of life. This most feminine piece of neck-wear will enter upon the present season with the stamp of continued favor from the world's best dressed women. Many of the most elegant toilettes worn at the London jubilee celebrations and at the Paris summer fetes have been completed by feather boas of conspicuous colorings.

The novel color of the hour with Paris fashionables is a violet blue. Early importations in millinery will no doubt show much of the new blue, and indications are that in the beginning of the fall trade considerable business will be done in these novelty tones. That the craze will be short-lived cannot be doubted.

Although Japanese goods are generally inferior in quality to those made in Manchester, they are said to be largely superseding English goods in Korea.

Bradstreet's says of the United States dry goods trade: The market is showing a better tone and operations are conducted moderately. Cotton fabrics are held with more strength on account of the stopping of much machinery, but demand continues slow and any advance in price comes hard. With raw material 50 per cent above the low point in price the tone of dress woollens is firm. Orders for spring fabrics are being quite freely taken at 10 to 20 per cent advance for men's wear woollens.

Freight Rates.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: There has been a great rush for grain space for September, and considerable engagements have been made for that month. Enquiries are also being made for October space; but ship agents do not care to quote beyond September. We quote: 2s 3d to Liverpool for present and 2s 6d for September shipment. Spot freight for London 2s, and 2s 3d to 2s 3d for distant shipment. Space for Glasgow 2s spot and 2s 3d to 2s 6d distant ship-

ment. Bristol freights are quoted at 2s 6d August and 2s 9d September. In continental freights the rate to Hamburg is quoted at 3s September and 4s to 4s 6d for distant shipment. In flour quite a lot of through freight has been taken on the basis of 10s Liverpool and Glasgow, 11s 3d London and 12s 5d Bristol. Provision freights are quoted at 12s 6d Liverpool for present and 15s distant shipment. Bristol freights are quoted at 17s 6d and London 15s. Cheese 20s Liverpool and London, 25s Glasgow and 25s Bristol. Butter 25s Liverpool and London and 30s Glasgow. Deals 42s 6d to 45s to U. K. ports. Cattle 40s August and 45s September for Bristol and 35s to 40s London.

British Columbia Notes.

A curious importation has just been made into British Columbia from California at the instance of Inspector Palmer of the provincial agricultural department. It consists of a thousand lady bugs, which have done enormous good in California by clearing apple, pear and plum orchards and hop yards of the codlin moth and San Jose scale larvae, aphides and lice respectively. There are hardly any of these useful insects in British Columbia but as the climate is very like the English, they should soon multiply as they have in England.

Vancouver, Aug. 16.—The Prescott-Rothschild Syndicate of London, England, promises to send a representative to Vancouver next month, as the agent of a company formed to set up and work an ore smelter and refinery at Vancouver and immediately thereafter arrange for construction to begin. The Rothschild interested is not one of the world's famous financiers and the syndicate has hung fire so long that Vancouver is a little sceptical as to so early a commencement of an urgently needed development of the nature contemplated. The site would be on the harbor front beyond the city limits.

Many British Columbia prospectors are returning from the Klondyke, intending to wait till spring renders entrance easier. Meanwhile fatalities are multiplying and a second well known Nanaimo man has now met his death by an accident whilst in quest of the Yukon gold. The deceased, a man named Thomas Wall, was, with his pack horse, drowned while attempting to cross the raging torrent of the Dyea river. Lynch law has begun on the Alaskan side of the line, where an Indian has been shot dead for stealing provisions.

Vancouver, Aug. 15.—The principal matter now enjoying the attention of those interested in British Columbia mines, outside, of course, of Klondyke, is whether or not the Dominion government should exercise the powers conferred by parliament to impose an export duty on ore. The decision of the Le Roi company to erect their smelter at Northport was the crux of the whole matter. Petitions were put in circulation in Kootenay, but these were strenuously opposed by the inhabitants of Rossland who, at a public meeting last Thursday night, passed a series of strong resolutions against the enforcement of the powers conferred on the Dominion government. They claim that until a reduced rate for smelting by competition can be obtained the imposition of a duty would be ruinous and contend that lack of railway accommodation is the chief obstacle to the camp.

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Rat Portage Mines.

Rat Portage, Aug. 19.—Some time ago I wrote you in reference to the prices at which claims were being held by local prospectors. Two or three gentlemen had approached me about the matter, complaining that while they were anxious to introduce capital into the district, and were decidedly in a position to influence it in this direction, they positively were powerless, their labors wasted and all on account of the altogether impossible prices at which prospects were being held here. I think I wrote you the results of three interviews had with different gentlemen by the Free Press on this particular question and although, as I then stated, one was a Canadian, another an Englishman, and still another a citizen of the big Republic, they were all unanimously agreed that prices for prospects in Lake of the Woods district are away high, and altogether beyond anything in their experience in other mining countries. For my part I was perfectly satisfied to allow the gentlemen referred to to talk through my pencil, but at the same time I intimated that the prospector would be given a similar opportunity, just as soon as he exhibited a desire to express his opinions in reply to what I had written. Latterly the local press have taken the matter up along somewhat similar lines, but with a precipitancy upon which they are not all to be congratulated. They have at once placed the prospector in the place of the sinner, and the capitalist—let us call him so at least—in that of the sinned against.

"Look here," said one well known prospector to me yesterday on Main street. "Look here, I want to have a talk with you." I cheerfully whipped out my note book, and regarding him gratefully, told him to go ahead. "Well," he said, "it's about the alleged price at which claims are being held in this district. As you are no doubt aware the prospector is being represented as an individual who is keeping capital out of the country by the exorbitant prices which he places upon his discoveries. We as a class are being blamed for this by people who simply don't know what they are talking about. Supposing now I was to kick about the prices charged me for my supplies and outfit in Rat Portage. Supposing I was to attempt to make out that your hardware people, your grocers, your dry goods people and so on, were overcharging me for what I got, from them. Supposing I were to do so, and I was to go to the newspaper office and complain that these people, by their barrier of high prices, were obstructing the flow of capital into the country, do you think they would print such a tirade of nonsense? But the prospector! Of course he's fair game for everybody—he did not say "everybody"—to pick at. "Well," I ventured to reply, "don't you think there is just a little truth in the charge that prospectors are asking too much for their discoveries?" "No," he answered, "I do not think so. Look here. There is just as much difference in the value of lots or buildings, or farms or anything else. For instance, if anyone wants to exploit their capital in developing a cheap location they can lay them right here in town, in good districts, for less than one hundred dollars. But if I have a thing that I know absolutely is worth five or six thousand, why should I be called upon to hand it over to some fellow for a

few hundred, just to 'encourage the flow of capital into the country?'"

Later on in the day I met a well-known gentleman, who is the owner of a number of very good claims, and he laughed when I spoke to him about the high prices at which prospects were being held. "Why, my dear fellow," he said; "that's all nonsense. Now, take myself, for instance. I am no miner; don't know the first thing about it, and therefore have no wish to go into the business on my own account. But, sir, I have a number of very fair locations which I would like to see under development, and if anyone is willing to do the square thing by them, they can have them on the most liberal basis. In fact, as the advertisements say, no reasonable offer will be refused, and when I say reasonable offer, I mean that legitimate mining men can have them in almost any way they like, so long as the intention is to go to work at once upon them." Here, then, you have the side of this question as it is regarded from the prospectors' standpoint; and for my part I would now like to hear from some practical mining man in connection with this important matter. Some one, for instance, who has had experience in other mining camps, and will be able to compare our methods with those existing elsewhere. It is not at all necessary that any names should appear in connection with the discussion.

I saw Messrs. W. Caldwell and Chas. Brent coming over from the reduction works yesterday. They represent the owners of the Cameron Island property in the run which is now being made at the Reduction works. Knowing this, I immediately rushed to meet them. "Well, how is she coming out?" I addressed myself especially to "Billy" Caldwell, but he shook his head emphatically. I looked at Mr. Brent. He solemnly signified his intention to remain equally mum. I turned again to "Billy." "How is the run coming out?" I ventured to ask. "Now look here," he said, "I can't give you any information relative to that run. I have my instructions, and they are to the effect that the results are to be kept strictly private until the arrival here of some of the gentlemen interested, who are now on their way up." "Well, tell me, if it is coming out all right or not?" "No, I can't even do that, but I'll tell you what I will do if you come down stairs; I'll set up the ginger ale." And so we went down into the catacombs, and, judging from what I saw there, in spite of Mr. Caldwell's discouraging reticence, you can rest assured that the Cameron Island property is all right. Anyhow, I wished I owned it.

In the past there has been quite a lot of nonsense talked about the local reduction works, and its incapacity to treat the ores of the district in a profitable manner. The growing confidence, however, with which it is coming to be regarded is sufficiently evidenced in the greatly increased business which is now going to it; and the perfect reliance with which its results are being accepted by those interested. Mr. Johns is the name of the expert in charge of the mill's operations; and it afforded me very great pleasure to hear Messrs. Brent and Caldwell express themselves so highly of his ability; and unqualified fairness in handling the ores placed in the works for treatment. "The whole mill was ours," said Mr. Caldwell, "and it has been the pleasiest run it has ever been my for-

tune to be in attendance upon. Every courtesy was shown us, and for my part I want no better mill test than can be obtained right in that reduction works. We are not half thankful enough for its being there, but it is a great thing for the country, and is helping things out wonderfully just now."

[Correspondence Free Press.]

A Wagon Road for the Yukon.

Dr. Selwyn, late chief of the Dominion geological survey, arrived in the city yesterday en route to Toronto to attend the meeting of the British association. He has been visiting his son, who is farming near Brandon. Dr. Selwyn in speaking of the gold discoveries in Yukon, said that a wagon road from Edmonton through the Peace River or Yellow Head passes was perfectly feasible. From these points northward the elevation of the mountains becomes gradually lower, breaking into a succession of rolling hills and plateaus, through which an easy road could be cut cheaply. The doctor believes that discoveries of gold equally as rich as those of Klondyke will be made between the source of the Peace river and the Polly or Yukon. The doctor explored the Yellow Head and Peace river passes years ago, and is well acquainted with the character of the country. His reports made in the seventies all refer to the existence of gold in paying quantities in the river beds of that region.

CUSTOMS RETURNS.

There was an unavoidable delay in issuing the local customs returns for July, but the figures have just been compiled. Following is the statement showing value of goods exported and entered for consumption with duty collected thereon during the month of July, 1897, and compared with the same month, 1896:

Description.	Value. 1896.	Value. 1897.
Exported	\$ 81,422	\$206,086
Entered for consumption, dutiable .. .	282,580	329,554
Entered for consumption, free .. .	93,889	58,049
Total for consumption .. .	\$376,469	\$387,603
Duty collected .. .	\$67,202.40	\$76,831.81

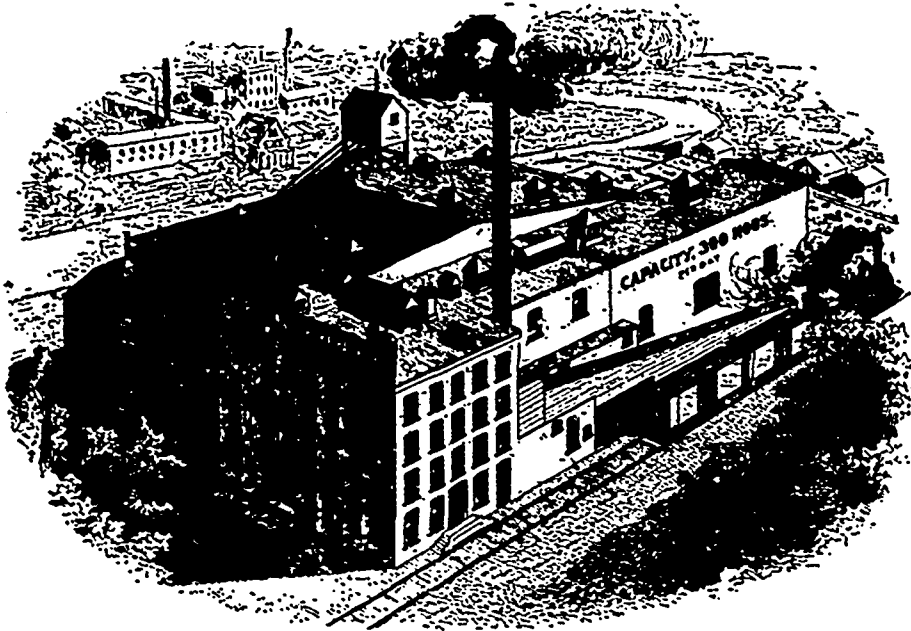
WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.

The following are the returns for the week ending Aug. 19, 1897:

Clearings. Balances.		
Total for week ending Aug. 19, 1897...	\$1,754,456	\$286,499
Total for week ending Aug. 19, 1896...	868,541	140,297
Total for week ending Aug. 19, 1897...	990,452	120,558

The board of trade has been notified by the postoffice department that in accordance with the request of the board, a close bag mail will be inaugurated between Winnipeg and Fort William on Fridays on the local train connecting the two points. On Tuesdays, when the train returns, the mail will be carried also. The points at which mail will be received and delivered will be Keewatin, Rat Portage, Wabigoon, Fort William and Fort Arthur. The bags will be closed in the post offices, which means that no letters can be posted on the trains. This is a point that must not be overlooked as the letters must be posted at the offices early, in order to be forwarded. The system will be introduced today, the first mail going east at 12.40.

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The Passes Blocked.

San Francisco, Aug. 16.—Mr. Thos. Magee, well known as a conservative business man and a careful observer, who accompanied his son to Dyea, writes from that point to the effect that the ignorance displayed by the crowds who are flocking to the Klondyke fields is lamentable. The two starting points, Dyea and Skagway, are separated by four miles of salt water. The Dyea trail goes over the Chilcoot pass, and involves a climb of 500 feet, while the other, which is not yet completed, has a 3,350 foot climb over the White pass, and besides being six miles longer, is boggy in places. The Indians, who are the sole packers, all pack over the Chilcoot pass from Dyea. Nearly 500 pack animals are now en route, and on arrival will be pressed into regular pack trains, which will remove the chief obstacle for the transportation of supplies over the thirty-five miles of land, which is much more formidable than over the 500 miles of water on the other side of the pass.

Many are already turning back from Dyea and other points en route to the Yukon. They state that not one man in ten can get into the Yukon ere winter and believe that many will starve or die of cold, camped by the way, amid the mountain passes. Tenderfeet and others almost completely unprovided, are seeking to make their way in, but the more experienced are selling their outfits and returning to the Pacific coast cities there to winter comfortably and cheap. Hundreds of men, women and boys are blocked in the mountains beyond Dyea and hundreds of tons of goods are also stranded. Gamblers, counterfeits and other scoundrels from big cities of the American Pacific infest the camps and trouble of many kinds is certain. Experienced men freely predict death for hundreds, ill provided to face the extreme climatic rigor, and state that enough food cannot be got in to feed even those already in the Yukon, without counting the wayfarers now en route.

The Coal Miner's Strike.

Wheeling, W. Va., Aug. 17.—The strikers show material gains in all sections of West Virginia today. In the Wheeling district there is not a miner working while on the Ohio side of the river the last man, except those who are to furnish coal for water and electric light plants, will be out tonight. In the Fairmont district the strike leaders did not succeed in closing the Montana mine entirely, but they made decided gains. The camp will be maintained there till the last man leaves his work, when these recruits will be taken with the main body to the other Watson company's mines to help them. In the Kanawha valley about 300 men have gone to work since yesterday morning, but more than that number have left the work. In the Norfolk and Western region the organizers have gone to work again with a will and in sufficient numbers to prove effective. The leaders are getting to understand the United States court injunctions and find after careful reading that they prohibit nothing but trespass and do not apply to speech making or assemblage on public grounds. They are no longer a cause of alarm to the organizers.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 17.—Something like martial law has been declared in Mum, Hatton and Wilkins townships by Sheriff Lawry. The three miles of

the New York and Cleveland Gas Coal company in these townships and all roads leading them will be all patrolled by his deputies. Persons walking or driving along the roads who cannot give a satisfactory account of themselves will be ordered to leave the neighborhood.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 19.—The meeting of the Pittsburg district coal operators, which had begun in Cleveland, was concluded here shortly after midnight. None of those attending the meeting will divulge the proceedings. The only statement given out was the fact that the action taken by the Cleveland meeting was ratified and a committee will be appointed to arrange a settlement with the miners on a 54-cent basis. If this be refused the operators will at once import men and start the mines at all hazards.

Cleveland, O., Aug. 19.—The decision reached by the operators of Pittsburg district in their conference here last night to open the mines regardless of consequences, will probably cause serious trouble. According to local coal men, the intention of Pittsburg operators is to engage Pinkerton men and to protect non-union men. This action will probably precipitate a terrible climax in the great strike and operators admit blood may flow.

Bridgeport, O., Aug. 19.—The order, issued by the miners' mass meeting at Bellaire to stop all mining operations in eastern Ohio district is being generally obeyed.

Reynoldsville, Pa., Aug. 19.—At a meeting of about 1,000 miners and laborers of the Big Soldier, Sprague, Hamilton and Poole mines, near here, it was decided to demand an advance in wages from 25 to 32 cents per ton for pick mining, other wages in proportion, and satisfaction in regard to check weighmen's pay. A committee was appointed to call on General Manager Robinson and present the demands. Meanwhile, arrangements will be made to call meetings at all the other mines of the Jeffersonville and Clearfield Coal & Iron Co., with a view of having the men demand a similar advance, and all possible influence will be used to extend the strike into the Clearfield county collieries. There are now 1,500 strikers here. Organizer Harris is confident that the men will win. A six foot fence is being built around the Jefferson and Clearfield Coal & Iron company's Big Soldier works, and it is reported that new men will be started to work.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 19.—The operators are determined to start their mines, but many of them are willing to submit the question to arbitration before taking any radical steps towards ending the strike, and with this in view an effort is being made to have a conference of mine owners and the miners' officials on Saturday. If an agreement cannot be reached at this conference, then the operators will immediately prepare for a resumption with new men. The operators admit that a plan of action has been decided upon, but refuse to say what mines will be started first. A report that Pinkertons were to be employed was denied, but assurance was given that the men would have ample protection.

Huntingdon, W. Va., Aug. 19.—Seventeen hundred miners at the Cooper's, Booth, Rowan and Coaldale mines, in Flat Top field, joined the strikers to-day.

Wheeling, W. Va., Aug. 19.—The strike situation is decidedly mixed in West Virginia. The news that the

Pittsburg operators have decided to resume at all hazards, and a report that Dolan and representatives of the operators asked Ruchford to come to Pittsburg, with a view to settling the strike, had a depressing influence upon the West Virginia miners. The camp at Montana is still a lively place, the presence of the strikers' wives adding much to the gaiety.

AT ATHABASCA LANDING.

The Athabasca Landing correspondent of the Edmonton Bulletin writes: "J. F. Horsfall, of McLean's survey party, arrived from the Landing on Saturday to get an outfit for the Yukon. He will join J. Bain, who arrived some time ago from Winnipeg, and will go down the Athabasca. He leaves to-day and expects to get across Great Slave lake this fall. He will take the Peel river route. His boat will be of the build of the H. B. company inland or York boats with 16 feet keel, will carry 3,500 pounds and costs \$440. In coming out he met W. Hovey and party on Thursday evening, about twelve miles from the Landing. Their boat was ready and they are probably started by this time. Capt. Segers' boat would be completed to-day or to-morrow. Messrs. F. G. Taylor and S. McNeill, of Segers' party, were met on Saturday morning near the Sturgeon river. Jenner and party were met a little this side of Vermillion on Friday with their boat and outfit, and were getting on well. Riviere was still at the Landing with his band of fifty horses on the way to Slave Lake. D. Cadzow, trader, was at the Landing, anxious to sell out to go to the Yukon. Also Dan Carey. The steamer Athabasca was up the river getting timber to renew the pier at the steamboat landing, which had been taken out by high water. It is said that a new hull will be built for the steamer this winter, and that it will be shorter than the present one, so as to admit of her getting up Lesser Slave river."

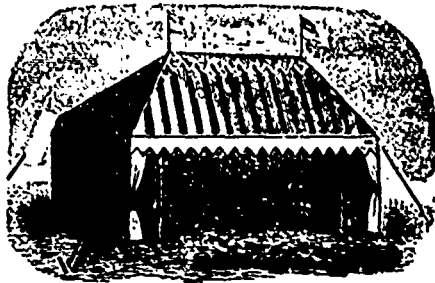
TEN PER CENT. DISPUTE.

Duluth, Minn., Aug. 18.—While the treasury department and the customs officials are studying the new tariff laws, a shipment has been received at this point that will be the means of causing Collector Willcuts' appearance in the den. The shipment in question is one of forty-two chests of tea that came in on the steamer Monarch from Ontario, Can., and is consigned to Tessman & Belliveau, of Duluth. The shipment is valued at \$545, and under section 22, which provides for a 10 per cent. duty on all goods shipped in bond from one foreign country through another, and to this country, the local officers are authorized to collect \$54.50. They say they will have to do this pending the decision of the treasury department. The consignees declare they will refuse to take the tea if the officers insist on collecting the duty. The case is much the same as that in which Attorney-General McKenna granted a hearing to ex-Secretary John G. Carlisle and ex-Assistant Secretary Hamlin, who represented interested parties, on Saturday last at Washington.

The August number of the Canadian Manufacturer gives the new Canadian tariff, the new United States tariff, and the tariffs of Great Britain and Newfoundland. This shows enterprise on the part of the publisher.

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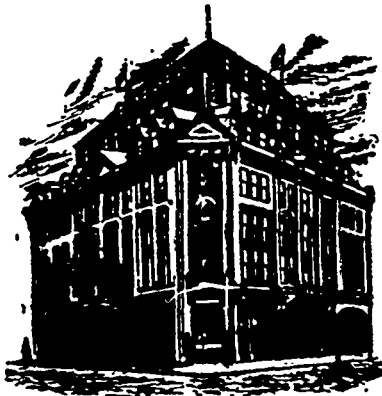
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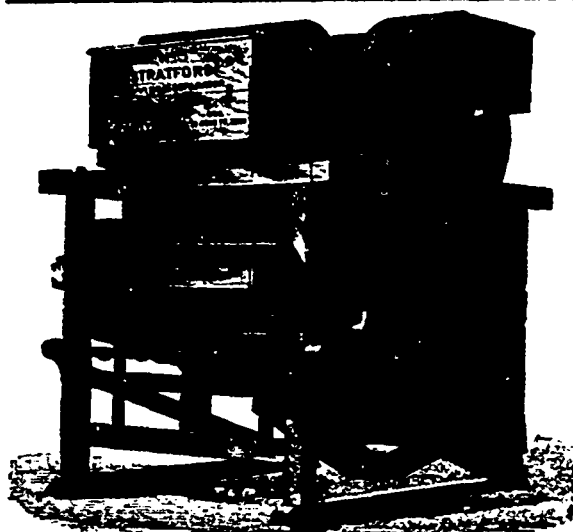
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Crow's Nest Railway.

Crow's Nest Pass Railway, in camp 25 miles west of Macleod, Aug. 14.—We are an actual reality. I mean the Crow's Nest Pass railway. The grading and roadbed formation from Lethbridge to the Crow's Nest Lake is well advanced, and completed in many places, and several sections of the mountainous country through which the line will run west of the lake are now being vigorously cut through.

The 330 miles subsidised by the last session of parliament is being located by a corps of engineers, under W. Lumsden, whose office is at Macleod. Next comes the divisional engineers, each of whom have charge of fifty miles while under construction. Next the resident engineers, one to every sixteen miles. These latter lay out the line, put in the necessary grade pegs, and see that the contractors make the road according to every detail of the specifications prepared under Mr. Lumsden's supervision, from the location and original surveys. The whole business is supervised by Mr. Hanev, assisted by Mr. J. R. Turnbull, C. E.

There is just as much difference between the plant now used by Mr. Egan and the other contractors on this road, and that used on the Intercolonial railway in 1870-1876, as there is between the 1837 fire grate, pot, and crane, and the 1897 cook stove which attracted so much attention in Mr. Ashdown's window during Jubilee week. It may interest many who are not familiar with the details of railway work to know just what constitutes a contractor's outfit, and how he does the work. One thing certain, the wholesale houses in Winnipeg and the tradespeople generally should already be peculiarly interested to a very respectable extent.

Mr. E. C. Egan left Winnipeg on the night of the 22nd of July with a complete outfit necessary to construct or make the roadbed through prairie country, from mileage 55 to 65; some of it very hilly, containing deep fillings and heavy cuttings, and reached the site selected for the main camp—about mileage 57—just east of the junction of Pinchers' Creek and Old Man's River, and close to Mr. LeGrandeur's ranch and the Pegan Indians' reservation and camping ground, on Monday night, July 26, without a break or hitch of any kind. There was a full train of 18 cars and a colonel coach; 100 men, 80 horses, wagons, plows, slashers or scrapers, wheelers (a new kind of scraper for long haul fillings), tongs, spades, picks, shovels, hammers, and steel for rock work, a competent blacksmith's field forge and tools, harness-makers' outfit, cooks' outfit complete for two camps, and an abundant stock of provisions, embracing every variety necessary to run the Leland house.

The party was in charge of Mr. Kavanagh from Winnipeg to Calgary, where Messrs. M. Egan and Haverly joined it, and Mr. E. C. Egan took command and superintended all details from Macleod to the camp. On the 27th of July the party was divided in two, and the second camp pitched about one and a-half miles east, under Mr. M. Egan. Work was commenced next morning, Wednesday, July 28, and has continued ever since without a hitch of any kind.

The weather has been beautiful; fine warm days, cool nights, clear, dry,

bracing atmosphere. So far everything has been in Mr. Egan's favor, so much so that No. 2 camp shifted three miles ahead yesterday and there is between four and five miles of the road ready for the ties, rails and ballast. The outfit has, since the camps were formed, been increased to seventy teams and 200 men. Everything in the shape of harness, wagons and working plant is new and hence the continuous work without intermission. Messrs. Kavanagh, Haverly and McDowell are the foremen, all thoroughly experienced and remarkably intelligent young men, natives of Ontario and residents of Manitoba for some years. Two first class cooks are employed, an experienced blacksmith who also happens to be a first class shoeling smith and an experienced harness maker, make the necessary repairs in their respective lines. The men in charge of the horses vie with each other in regard to feeding, grooming and general care of their teams. The whole of the men are all experienced and intelligent workmen, showing that care and good judgment was used in their selection, and in this, coupled with the quality and variety of provisions supplied together with fair wages and reasonable hours lies the secret of success in railway construction.

Out in Australia, where men work only eight hours and never get less than \$2 per day on railway work they cannot come up to the Americans and Canadians in manual labor, simply because the men board in shanties which follow every new line being made and are kept by an unscrupulous set of scoundrels who depend more upon what they make out of the bad liquor supplied the men than the profits from boarding them. The whole of the contractors on the line are supplied with fresh beef by Mr. Nanton of Winnipeg, who has the meat contract.

I am, although quite ripe, only in my infancy so to speak and this sketch may therefore be taken as a fair outline of what all the other contractors have and are doing. It is impossible to visit them all at once. If they are all as well treated and as enthusiastic in their work as Mr. Egan's men then there will be very little grumbling on the Crow's Nest railway.

Track-laying is now being done on the new line and the rails are laid for a distance of nearly a mile besides the sidings and other tracks near the junction. The first of the timber for culverts and bridges arrived here on Saturday, and a gang of men were put to work putting in the culverts on Monday afternoon. It will only be a short time now before the road will be built to the hill at Scotty Ross, where the heavy work will be which will take some three months to complete. Mr. Stewart, who has several gangs at work in that locality, is making good progress and a busy scene may be witnessed any working day by a drive along the proposed line in that section, as some 140 men are engaged along the hill from Ross' bottom to McNabb's ranche.

Mr. G. Strevell has finished his grading out as far as the Six Mile Coulee, and moved his camp to the other side of the Coulee on Friday last. He has cleaned out the spring on the south side of the Coulee below the trail and finds plenty of water there for his stock. Water for cooking purposes has to be hauled from town.—Lethbridge News.

Will Open Roads.

Mr. L. A. Hamilton, land commissioner of the C. P. R., leaves to-day with a party of surveyors to commence operations looking to the opening up of the Wabigoon countries. They will first lay out a road to connect Wabigoon with Lake Minnetakie. That road will connect Lac Seul and the northern waters tributary to it. The road will ultimately be used as a steam tramway. A steam tramway route will be located so as to connect Lake Wabigoon with the Upper Manitou, a distance of seven miles, and also from the south end of the lower Lake Wabigoon to connect with Rainy Lake, a distance of five miles.

These roads will make it so a traveller can leave Rat Portage by steamer and reach Devil's Cascade at the north end of Rainy Lake. From there steam trams can be taken to the Manitou and Wabigoon water stretches, which connect with the main line of the C. P. R. at Wabigoon.

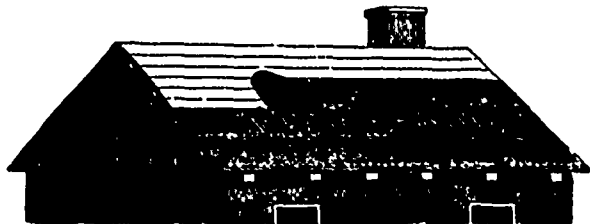
This will be a decided boon to those working mines in the Manitou district, and will also provide one of the most charming and picturesque tourist routes in Canada. The scenery over the Pickerel Lake and the Lower Manitou is said to be the best in Western Ontario. Canoes can be taken on the steamers from Rat Portage, and with the short portages from Devil's Cascade to Wabigoon, a most enjoyable trip can be had.

As soon as the surveyors' report is in it will be decided when to proceed with construction work. The party, which is composed of seven, people, goes out under instructions from Vice-President Shaughnessy, of the C. P. R.

SHINGLE COMBINE.

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 18.—Representatives of all the shingle mills on Puget Sound met here in secret session to form a combine for the purpose of establishing a uniform scale of prices. Star shingles were set at \$1.20 to \$1.35; clears at \$1.40 to \$1.45, with the usual differences on lower grades. An advance of \$1.00 a thousand was made on cedar and spruce siding and all other grades of rough and dressed lumber are held at the prevailing scale of the larger mills.

Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 18.—A special dispatch from Omaha, Neb., contains information that will be interesting to Canadian cattlemen. The dispatch is as follows: "The demand for stockers and feeders in Nebraska has become so heavy since the new corn crop was assured, that prices of that class of cattle have reached unheard of amounts. The yards here are besieged daily by cattle buyers from Nebraska and Iowa. More than one hundred men are here for the purpose. In addition hundreds of cars of Texas stock are being received here daily to be sold as feeders. Canadian cattle are coming in; for the first time in the state's history, feeders are being sent west from the extreme east. A train had arrived at Omaha last night direct from Buffalo, which had been bought in that locality for the Nebraska market. They were bought at \$44.10 per hundred, and sell here for \$5.15, leaving a good margin over cost and freight. These are stiff prices for stockers and feeders, but Iowa and Nebraska men, who have thousands of bushels of corn in sight and hundreds of tons of hay, are ready to pay it."



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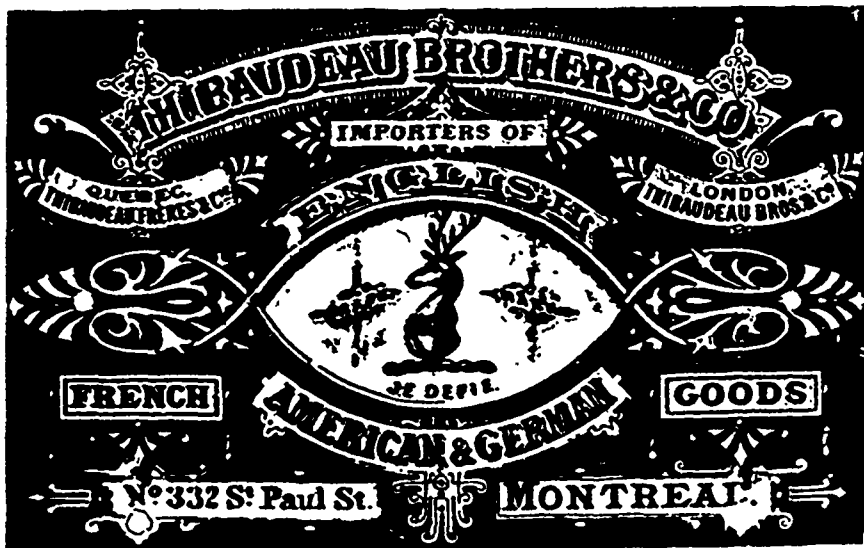
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STOVE PEDDLERS.

It is curious that many people will continue to buy goods from peddlers, after all the warnings that has been given showing the usual experience gained from such purchases. Goods sold by peddlers in ninety-nine cases out of one hundred, we may say, are inferior in quality and higher in price than goods of a similar class sold by responsible local dealers. Goods handled by peddlers are made to sell. The peddler is an irresponsible person, who is here to-day and away to-morrow, and there is no redress when it turns out that he has misrepresented his wares. On the other hand, the local dealer depends upon the continuance of the trade of his customers, and he must keep up his reputation. If goods are not as represented, the purchaser has a means of redress in buying from a responsible local dealer.

Recently eastern and United States papers have contained reports of the crooked dealings of parties who have been peddling ranges and stoves throughout the country. The prices which these peddlers have been able to obtain for their wares, it has been proved, are enormously in excess of the regular retail prices for stoves of the same or better quality. Besides this, it is alleged that farmers have been induced to sign papers which proved to be actually promissory notes, though it was presented to them that they were only signing a paper showing that they had received a stove, which they could return if it did not suit them.

Stove peddlers are now operating in Manitoba, and from inquiries made by The Commercial, we learn that stoves are being sold at very high prices in comparison with their actual value. The stoves being made of malleable iron, they will stand a lot of pounding or banging around. This is a trick of the trade to help sell the stoves. The peddlers begin pounding the stove with a hammer to show that it will not break. Of course malleable iron will not break, but it does not prove that it is a good thing to make a stove of that class of iron. This point, however, the prospective buyer does not understand. For ordinary farm purposes, the usual cast stove is more valuable than a malleable iron or steel stove. In Manitoba farm houses cook stoves are used largely for heating as well as for cooking purposes, and an ordinary heavy cast stove is far more valuable for heating purposes, and can be obtained at half the price the malleable stoves are being sold at.

These stoves are very light and the fire place is too small, while the price at which they are being sold at is 10 per cent or more higher than prices asked by regular retail dealers.

for a decidedly better steel stove. Any of the standard Canadian steel stoves can be purchased to sell at retail in Manitoba at lower prices than have been paid peddlers for these stoves. If a steel stove is wanted, farmers can purchase a better stove, weighing from 50 to 100 pounds more than the stoves which have been peddled about, for less money, from any regular retail dealer. While these malleable stoves will stand considerable pounding, they are liable to warp badly the first time a hot fire is put in them. The country press should take up this matter and warn the farmers against this imposition.

REGARDING OUR EXPORT TRADE.

W. A. Hastings, vice-president of the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., arrived in Winnipeg from the company's head office at Montreal, on Tuesday, on one of his periodical western trips. Mr. Hastings will remain in Manitoba about two weeks, during which time he will visit several of the more important provincial points, where the company have elevators. Speaking with a representative of The Commercial Mr. Hastings said his company were preparing to handle more wheat from the next crop than in previous years. This they would be enabled to do by the increase in their elevator capacity at primary markets. In addition to the four new elevators already located, they would probably build two more this season.

Mr. Hastings reports that the flour market at Montreal was active when he left. Flour was very dull during the early part of the season and stocks held in second hands were low. Since the strong movement set in in wheat flour has been very active, and there has been heavy buying, for export as well as for the domestic trade. The advance in flour was legitimate, as the advance in flour had followed the advance in wheat and flour was rather under than over a parity with wheat. In the early part of the season flour was considerably below a parity with wheat. This condition prevailed to such an extent that millers could make more money by selling wheat than grinding it.

Mr. Hastings spoke quite strongly regarding the need of better facilities for exporting flour and similar products. Facilities for the shipment of Canadian products to the West Indies, particularly, were needed, and he thought a direct steamship line to South Africa would also be a great help to our export trade. To encourage our export trade we should have direct steamers from Montreal to British possessions. To show that these lines would pay Mr. Hastings referred to the Australian line. This trade has been built up since the line

was established. Before the line to Australia was established Canada had very little trade with the Australian colonies. Now every steamer was loaded to its full capacity, and Canadian products and wares have an established market in Australia. It would probably be necessary, he said, to subsidize lines to the West Indies and South Africa at the outset, but he believed they would soon work up a large trade and prove of great advantage to the country. At present the trade of the West Indies in flour, oats and such products is controlled mostly by the United States. The products which Canada exports chiefly are not produced at all in the West Indies, consequently there should be a good market there. He thought a direct line from Montreal to the West Indies would be of greater advantage to Canada than the line to France. At present his company were making an effort to capture a share of the flour trade of the Islands, by sending a representative to introduce their flour.

Canadian export trade in flour, Mr. Hastings said, is steadily growing. They continue to receive orders from Australia for flour and wheat, and shipments are going to Japan, China, South Africa, West Indies and Scandinavian countries in Europe, in addition to the usual trade with the United Kingdom.

BRANDING DAIRY GOODS.

Many dairymen do not appear to be aware of the new law regarding the branding of dairy packages. The law requires that every box or package of cheese or butter shall be branded with the word "Canada" or "Canadian." In case of cheese, the cheese itself must also be branded as well as the box, in the same way. The letters must be three-quarters of an inch high and one-quarter of an inch wide. The penalty for violation of this law is a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$25, with costs.

CROWDING NORTH.

In sending in a change ad. for the Commercial this week, R. R. Gallagher, western representative for S. Green-shields, Son & Co., writing from Edmonton, says there is a great rush there for the Klondyke. People are arriving at Edmonton, he says, from all parts of the United States and Canada on their way north for the gold country.

A car of new mixed oats sold on sample at Toronto on Monday at 19c, on track at a country point. This is the first sale of new oats of the season.

A. E. McKenzie & Co., grain merchants, Brandon, have purchased the elevator situated at the Northern Pacific railway track at Brandon, from A. McBean & Son., Winnipeg.

The Crops.

M. & N. W. R. REPORT.

The Manitoba and Northwestern Railway company's report for two weeks ending the 18th of August, is as follows:

Westbourne—Most of the barley is cut, and wheat cutting is almost general, being from one week to 10 days earlier than last year. About an average crop all round; sample expected to be good. Some little damage done to wheat and oats by hail. Yield of wheat expected to be 25 bushels to the acre as compared with 22 last year, and a much better sample.

Gladstone—Harvesting has been somewhat hindered by the recent rains. Cutting is now general and if the present favorable weather continues the wheat will be all cut in eight or ten days. Damage by hail very slight. Yield of wheat estimated to be 15 to 20 bushels to the acre, about the same as last year.

Arden—The grain is ripening fast, is turning out well and is a good sample. Cutting commenced the first of the week, but will not be general until Monday next. If the cool weather continues harvesting may be delayed a little, but this will improve the sample which may be a little light in places. The wheat yield will be a large increase over last year, estimated 15 bushels to the acre as compared with 8 last year. Oats and barley will also be a large increase over last year.

Neepawa—Wheat cutting has commenced and will be general next week. The yield will not be quite as large as was expected owing to long continued dry weather; estimated yield 18 bushels to the acre as compared with 22 last year; a small proportion of the heads are blighted. Samples so far appear very good. A small strip to the south was hailed out, but that is all the damage known in this district from hail. No frost whatever. Oats are turning out a light crop and will be below last year. The acreage of barley is small, about the same as last year; yield fair and sample good.

Minnedosa—Crops are ripening fast and will be ready to cut in a few days. Some cutting has already been done. Harvest will be about a week earlier than last year. Yield of wheat will probably be 15 bushels to the acre, the same as last year. Oats and barley thirty per acre.

Rapid City—Harvesting is almost general, this is four to six days earlier than last year. Grain of all kinds is a good sample. Wheat will yield from 15 to 20 bushels to the acre, the same as last year. Oats and barley from 25 to 30. Hail storm of 12th did not do as much damage as thought at first.

Newdale—Harvesting of wheat and barley will start the last of this week; average yield estimated from 35 to 40 bushels per acre as compared with from 20 to 25 bushels to the acre last year. Oats will be cut next week and average yield will be from 45 to 55 bushels to the acre. Sample of all kinds of grain could not be better.

Strathclair—Some farmers have already commenced cutting wheat, but it will not be general until next week. The yield of the various kinds of grain promises to be large and considerably better than last year. Yield of wheat estimated 18 bushels to the acre as compared with 15 last year. The sample will be good if the present favorable weather continues. The rains of last week helped much in filling the grain. No damage from hail or frost.

Shoal Lake—Harvest will be general in this district next week. This is a week earlier than last year. Wheat and barley cutting commenced yesterday in some places. The cool weather will probably keep grain back a little if it continues, but some of the wheat will improve by cool weather in the filling out. Yield will be fair; wheat will average about 20 bushels to the acre as compared with 18 last year; oats 40 to 50, and barley 35, which is an increase over last year.

Birtle—Weather very favorable and all kinds of grain ripening fast. About 15 per cent of the wheat is out. Yield estimated 15 bushels to the acre as compared with 18 last year. No damage by hail or frost. Oats are ready to cut; yield estimated from 35 to 45 bushels per acre.

Bismarck—Harvesting is general in this district. Yield of wheat estimated 15 bushels to the acre, the same as last year. Weather favorable.

Russell—Harvesting is now general. The grain is ripening very rapidly and all kinds will be ready to cut as fast as the farmers can get at it. Recent rains have retarded the ripening somewhat, but farmers generally claim that will be a benefit rather than otherwise, allowing the grain to fill out more. With continued favorable weather the sample will be good and yield about 18 bushels to the acre, the same as last year.

Langenburg—Wheat is much improved since last report. About one-third of wheat is cut already, it is fully seven to ten days ahead of last year at this time. Yield estimated at 20 bushels to the acre, the same as last year. Oats are turning fast and a few farmers have cut. Harvest will be general next week.

Saltcoats—Harvesting has commenced here and will be general by end of week. Wheat is a very good sample, much better than last year, and will yield probably 20 bushels to the acre, the same as last year. Oats will probably yield 40 bushels to the acre. Weather favorable for harvest.

Yorkton—Harvesting is general here; about quarter of the wheat is cut. Farmers report an average crop and yield about 25 bushels to the acre as compared with 30 last year. Oat cutting has just commenced, fully as good as last year and will yield probably 50 bushels to the acre. Weather could not be more favorable.

THE N. P. CROP REPORT.

The crop report of the Northern Pacific Railway company for the week ending Aug. 19th, is as follows:

Brandon—We had a good rain last Friday, which stopped cutting for a day or two. It was accompanied by hail in some sections, but no damage done here. The weather is fine now and everybody busy cutting.

Rounthwaite—The harvesting of wheat is now general. The yield promises to be good. Oats are looking better after the heavy rains of last week, but will still be a light crop. Most of the hay is stacked, but what remains will be poor on account of damp weather. Vegetables are growing fine.

Wawanesa—Weather during the early part of last week has been cold with heavy rains, latter party cloudy and warm. Harvest is now general in this vicinity. The yield will be about 20 bushels per acre. No damage by hail or frost.

Hilton—At time of writing cutting is general in this district. The showery weather of the past week has retarded harvest operations somewhat. It is reported by some of the farmers that these late rains are bringing on the late crops wonderfully. The wheat crop taken as a whole is rather thin, but with large heads and well filled.

Belmont—Weather fine and harvest started in general first of this week. Good average crop is promised. No damage yet from frost or hail. Some localities show some blight but not to any great extent. Average yield will be about twenty bushels per acre and wheat is of a good grade.

Balfour—Wheat cutting is now in full swing. Weather very favorable at present, chiefly cloudy, light southwest to south-east winds. Heavy rains on 14th inst. No damage reported.

Somerset—Wheat cutting is in full swing here; some barley has also been cut. Oats green yet and the crop will be light. Had cold wet weather from Friday to Monday last which kept grain from ripening, but weather at present is very good and one more week of good weather all wheat will be fit to cut.

Miami—Harvesting is progressing finely. One-third of the wheat already cut. No damage as yet.

Rosebank—The rain of last week delayed harvesting till Monday, but it is now well under way all over the district. Wheat is expected to average 18 to 20 bus. per acre. Oats are also a good crop.

Roland—During the past week the weather has been warm and fine and harvesting is going ahead most favorably. Fully 25 per cent of the wheat crop is already cut.

Morris—Farmers are now at the wheat, a good many of them cutting; about Monday next cutting will be general. Have had several showers during the fore part of the week and nights have been very cool. Thermometer went very near frost point last night. Barley about fifty per cent cut, and wheat 35 per cent. Oats in some places quite green yet.

St. Jean—Thursday night, August 12th, hard rain; Friday and Friday night, August 13th, light rain. Saturday and Saturday night, August 14th, light rain. Balance of the week clear and pleasant. Farmers are harvesting.

Letellier—Cutting is now in full swing in this vicinity. We have had no frost or hail and are having splendid harvest weather. While the yield will not be quite as large as was at first expected, it is thought wheat will average between 15 and 20 bushels to the acre while oats and barley are a splendid crop. Threshing will commence in two weeks time.

Emerson—Harvesting in full blast. Frequent light showers since last report. Slight frost last night. No damage reported from hail or frost.

Portage la Prairie—Since last report harvesting has been somewhat delayed by unfavorable weather, but there has been no damage in any way. From now on harvesting may be said to be general. I am informed that the berry is very plump and large this season and requires to be carefully handled to avoid shelling out.

K. S. A. Graburn, late of the Merchants' bank, has been appointed cashier of the Winnipeg agency of the Equitable Life Insurance company, and has arrived from the east to assume his duties.

MONTREAL DAIRY MARKET.

Hodson Bros. & Co., wire The Commercial this (Saturday) morning as follows:
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Aug. 21.

Butter—Creamery, finest, fresh, 10c. June creamery, 17 1-2c. Finest west-ern dairy, 12 1-2c.

Butter market very strong. These prices are 1 to 1 1-2c higher than a week ago for creamery.

Cheese—The cheese market is firm for Ontario July goods at 9 1-2c. French or Quebec grades 9c. White or colored August make are firmly held for 9 3-8c.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.
Mullins & Wilson wire The Commercial the following report of prices realized at the semi-weekly live stock market at Toronto, on Friday, Aug. 20th.

Toronto, Aug. 21.

Fifty-two carloads in, including 897 hogs and 1,379 sheep and lambs.

Cattle—Exporters paid 4 to 4 1-2c. Butchers' cattle sold at 2 3-4 to 3 1-2c. Export bulls, 3 to 3 1-2c. Stockers, 2 3-4 to 3 1-8c. Feeders, 3 to 3 1-2c. These prices are about the same as a week ago. Butchers' cattle show a little higher range for choicest.

Sheep—Sheep were unchanged, but lambs were a shade lower. Export sheep brought 3 1-4 to 3 3-8c; bucks, 2 3-4 to 8c; lambs, 4c.

Hogs—Hogs, chiggers \$6 per 100 pounds; thick fat, \$5, and light fat, \$5 to \$5.25 per 100 pounds, weighed off cars.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.
Montreal, August 21.
Sugars active and firm and quotations show an advance. Granulated 4c to 4 1-16c; yellows, 3 1-2 to 3 3-4c. Teas firm. Molasses firm.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.
Montreal, August 21.
Cattle—Prices are much the same as a week ago, the only change being a shade higher prices for fancy shipping cattle. Export 4 to 4 1-4c; choice shippers, 4 1-2c; cattle, butchers, 3 to 4c.
Sheep—Steady and unchanged at 2 3-4 to 8c.
Hogs—5 to 5 1-2c. Good demand at steady values.
Exports this week were as follows. Cattle, 4,335; sheep, 1,344.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial.
Montreal, Aug. 21.
Wheat—Sale reported here yesterday at \$1.01 for No. 1 hard, delivered at Fort William.
Oats—Firm, No. 2 white in store, 28 1-2c.
Flour—Manitoba strong bakers, \$4.75 to \$5.25; Manitoba patents, \$5 to \$5.60. Market very firm and continually advancing. These prices are 25c to 45c higher than a week ago.
Millfeed—Manitoba bran, including sacks, \$12.50 per ton; shorts, \$13.50.
Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.60 to \$1.65 per bag.
Hides—Unchanged at 8c for No. 1 and 7c for No. 2.
Eggs—Fresh, 9 1-2 to 11 1-2c market firm.

MINNEAPOLIS MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial.
Flour 5c to 20c higher than a week

ago. First patents, \$5 to \$5.10; second do., \$4.85 to \$4.95.

Millfeed—Prices unchanged; shorts in bulk, \$8 to \$8.50; bran in bulk, \$6 to \$6.50.

Corn—Quoted at 26 to 26 1-2c for good milling and no grade at 22 to 25c.

Oats—18c to 19c for No. 3, and No. 3 white as to quality.

Barley—Feed held at 20c to 25c as to quality for old and new.

Flax seed—Higher at \$1.05 1-2 per bushel, being an advance of 8c since last week.

Eggs—11c to 11 1-2c for strictly fresh candled.

Butter—Creamery, 12 to 16 1-2c; dairy, 9c to 15c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 5 1-2c to 9c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 5c to 6 1-2c; yearlings, do., 7c; lamb, 6c to 9c.

Dressed hogs—3 3-4c to 4c for heavy; choice, 4 1-4c to 4 1-2c.

THE LIVE STOCK TRADE.

The following shipments are reported: Cochrane ranch shipped recently sixteen cars of cattle from Lethbridge. Sparrow shipped twenty-two cars of cattle from Lethbridge, for Gordon & Ironside. Two train loads of cattle were shipped from Medicine Hat on Aug. 10.

Wm. Pollock, of Medicine Hat, Assa., has purchased three cars of stocker cattle in Manitoba.

At London on August 16, supplies of cattle were fairly large, but prices were firm and the recent advance in prices fully maintained. Choice States cattle sold at 11 1-2c, choice Canadians at 12c, and Argentine at 10c. The market for sheep was strong, and prices scored a further advance of 1-2c to 1c, choice Canadians selling at 12c, and Argentine at 12 1-2c.

At Liverpool on August 16 the strong feeling for Canadian cattle continued and prices were 1-4c per lb. higher at 10 3-4c, and sheep 1-2c, at 10c.

At the East End abattoir market, Montreal, on August 16, the supply of cattle was again large and in excess of the requirements of the trade. Good to choice heaves were in demand, but this class of stock continues scarce, while the commoner were plentiful and met with a slow sale even at the low figures ruling. Export cattle met with buyers at \$1.4c to 4 3-8c per lb. Choice butchers' cattle sold at 4c, good at 3 1-2c to 3 3-4c, fair at 2 1-2c to 3 1-4c, common at 2 1-4c, and inferior at 1 3-4c to 2c per lb., live weight. Good to choice fat sheep would bring 3c to 3 1-4c, but the bulk of those on the market consisted of culls and sold at 2 1-2c per lb. live weight. Owing to the heavy run of hogs on Thursday, and the fact that 209 were left unsold, the receipts were only 50, and the market was weak, prices declining 25c to 40c per 100 lbs. Sales of light weight were made at 5 1-2c, and heavy at 4 1-2c per lb. live weight at the Point St. Charles market.

Oats declined 1-4c at Montreal on Tuesday.

J. E. Brown, wool dealer, of Hamilton, was in Winnipeg last week.

Nearly 6,000 people arrived in Winnipeg on Friday, on the harvest help excursion from Eastern Canada. This will rather overdo the labor market here, if all these people want work, but it is probable that a good many of those arriving have just come to look over the country or visit friends,

Manitoba.

The Winnipeg gas works will be taken over by the Electric Street Railway company next month at a valuation of \$400,000.

Walker & Green, agents, Carberry, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by Wm. Walker.

Mr. Gray, of Carberry, has opened a butcher shop at Portage la Prairie.

Morkill & Scott's store at Dominion City was burglarized recently. About \$10 in cash and an outfit of clothing for three men were taken. A case of tramps at work, probably. Dudley, Lees & Scart will open a private bank at Russell.

J. J. Walker has opened in the grocery trade at Dauphin.

Chas. Crothers, hotel, Pilot Mound, offers his business for sale. As this is the only licensed hotel in a large district, and is located in a good market town, it should present a good opening.

Geo. Stovel, boots and shoes, Selkirk, Man., has sold out to Moody & Sutherland.

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Situated at Pilot Mound, on Pembina branch of C. P. R., 125 miles south west from Winnipeg. Only hotel in the town. Nearest licensed hotels, east 12 miles, west 26 miles, north 30 miles, south 15 miles to North Dakota, a prohibition state. This point has the reputation of being the best stock raising community in Manitoba; also a first-class grain centre. Proprietor retiring from hotel business. For further particulars, apply to

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Winnipeg Hardware and Metal Prices.

Tin—Lamb and Flagg, 56 and 28 lb ingots, per lb 10@20c.

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, \$8.50@9; I X, box, 20 x 28, 112 sheets, \$10.50@11.

Terne Plates—I C, 20 x 28, \$8.50 @ 9. Iron and Steel—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$2.10 band iron, 100 lbs., \$2.65@2.75; Swedish iron, 100 lbs, \$5.25 @6; sleigh shoe steel, \$3@3.25; best cast tool steel, lb., 9@11c; 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, \$3.15.

Galvanized Iron—American, 20 guage, \$4; 22 and 24 guage, \$4.25; 26 guage, \$4.50; 28 guage, \$4.75 100 lbs.

Iron pipe is quoted as follows per 100 feet: 1/2 inch, \$2.50; 3/8 inch, \$2.75; 1/2 inch, \$3; 5/8 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 1/2c.

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

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

Ammunition—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American discount 40 per cent; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5; rim fire military, American, net list; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent, shot shells, 12 guage, \$6@7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 5 1/2c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 6c. Robin Hood powder, 17 lb kegs, \$10; 1/2 kegs, 4 1/2 lbs, \$3. Canister, 9 oz., 60c. Loaded shells, 12 guage, soft shot, \$18 per 1,000 No 10 guage, \$20.70 per 1,000.

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

Rope—Sisal, lb., 6 1/2@6 3/4c base; manilla, lb., 7 1/2@8c base; cotton, 1/2 to 1/4 inch and larger, 16c lb.

Axes—Per box, \$8@9.

Nails—Cut, keg, base price, \$2.50 for 20 to 60d., with new classification of extras; common steel wire nails, 4 1/2@6 inch, \$2.65 per keg, with usual extras for smaller sizes.

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

Winnipeg Prices of Paints, Oils, Glass, etc.

Following are close jobbing prices, as to quantity.

White Lead—Pure, \$6.00 100 lbs.

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

Dry Colors—White lead, pound, 7c; red lead, kegs, 5 1/2c; 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@19c; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots, 2 1/2c; less than barrel lots, 3c; English purple oxides, 100 lb. kegs, 4c; less than kegs, 4 1/2c 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, S. S., in sheets, lb 12 1/2 @15c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 16 @25c. Stove gasoline, case, \$4; benzine, case, \$4. Axle grease, imperial, case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, case, \$3.75; Diamond axle grease, \$2.25 case. Coal tar, barrel, \$7. Portland cement, barrel, \$4@4.25; plaster, barrel \$3.25; plasterers' hair, P. P., 90c bale. Putty, in bladders, barrel lots, 2 1/2c lb., do., in 100 lb kegs, 2 1/2c, do., less than barrels, lb, 3c. Alabastine, cases of 20 pails, \$6.50@7.50 as to color.

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

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

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

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

Refined Petroleum—Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 18 1/2c; crescent, 22 1/2c; oleophene, 23 1/2c in barrels. Car lots, 1c gallon less. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 27c for cocene and 24c for sunlight.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, in store at Fort William, 61 @ 62c; No. 2 hard, 56c, No. 3 hard, 53c.

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

Bran—Per ton, \$8.

Shorts—Per ton, \$10.

Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track Winnipeg, 17 @ 18 1/2c. Car lots at country points, 10 @ 11 1/2c.

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

Butter—Dairy, good to choice, jobbing at 7 to 9 1/2c as to quality and quantity; creamery, 1c higher at 14 1/2 @ 15 1/2c.

Cheese—1c higher at 6 @ 6 1/2c.

Eggs—Dealers were paying 10c net.

Beef—City dressed, 5 @ 5 1/2c.

Mutton—7c; lamb, 8c.

Hogs—Dressed, 5 @ 5 1/2c.

Cattle—Easier at 2@2 1/2c for butchers' stock.

Hogs—Live, off cars, 3 1/2c for best bacon.

Sheep—Easier. 2 1/2 @ 2 3/4c off cars.

Hides—1/2c lower. No. 1 green, salted 3 1/2c.

Seneca Root—Dry, 12 to 15c.

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

Potatoes—15c per bushel.

Hay—\$5.00 for baled on track.

Wool—Manitoba fleece, 6 @ 7 1/2c as to quality.

British Columbia Markots.

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

BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.

Vancouver, August 21, 1907.

Cheese has declined 1c. Potatoes have dropped \$1 per ton. Flour has advanced 30c per barrel. Fresh meats are declining.

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

Eggs—Eastern eggs, 15@16c.

Cheese—Manitoba 10 1/2c.

Cured Meats—Hams 13 1/2c; breakfast bacon 13 1/2c; backs 11c; long clear 10c; short rolls, 10 1/2c; smoked sides 10 1/2c; Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 9 1/2c per lb, in pails and tubs 8 1/2@9c lb.

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

Vegetables—Potatoes, \$15.00 per ton; onions 1 1/2c lb; cabbage 1 1/2c lb; carrots, turnips and beets \$10.00 a ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons \$4.00 @ 4.25; bananas \$2.75 per bunch; cucumbers, 6 doz. box \$1.25; peas, 30 lb crate \$1.70; Pineapples, doz. \$2.00, plums, 20 lb boxes, \$1.00; peaches, \$1.00, Grapes, \$1 50 box; Melons, \$3.00 per dozen.

Meal—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$2.80; 2 1/2 pound sacks \$2.50, 4-2 1/2 pound sacks \$2.90; 10.7 sacks, \$2.00. Oatmeal, 10-10's, \$3.25; 2 50's \$3.00. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.50.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$6 00, strong bakers, \$5.70; Oregon jobbers price \$5.75.

Grain—Oats \$26 per ton.

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

Hay—\$14.00 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef 7@7 1/2c; mutton 7@7 1/2c; Australian mutton, 5c; pork, 7 1/2@8 1/2c; veal 7@8c lb.

Live Stock—Steers, grass fed \$3 50 @ 3.75 per 100 lbs; sheep \$3.75 @ 4.00 per 100 lbs; hogs \$6.00 per 100 lbs, cows \$2.50@3.00.

Poultry—Chickens \$5.50@6.00 a doz. Evaporated Fruits—Apricots 11c per lb; peaches 9c; plums 9@10c; prunes, French 5@7 1/2c; loose Muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box Italian prunes, 6@8 1/2c lb.

Nuts—Almonds, 13c; filberts, 12 1/2c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12 1/2c; walnuts, 15c lb.

Sugars—Powdered and icing, 6c; Paris lump, 5 1/2c; granulated, 4 1/2c; extra C. 4 1/2c; fancy yellows 4c; yellow 3 1/2c lb.

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 1 1/2c pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2 1/2c; 5 gallon kegs, \$1.25 each; 1 gallon tins, \$1 case of 10; 1/2 gallon tins, \$4.75 case of 20.

Teas—Congo: Fair, 11 1/2c; good, 13c; choice 26c. Ceylons: Fair, 25c; good, 30c; choice, 35c lb.

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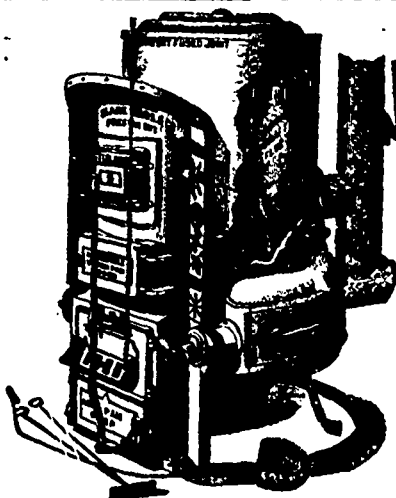
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THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

Winnipeg, Saturday Afternoon, Aug. 21]

The feeling continues very hopeful. The further improvement in wheat prices has created quite an exuberant feeling here in all branches of trade. Every five cents added to the price of wheat means a big thing for this country, where wheat is by all odds the leading commodity of production. Buying is done more freely and purchasers are not afraid to anticipate future requirements. If present or approximate wheat prices hold throughout the crop, it will be a great thing for Manitoba, and should stimulate settlement and land sales as well as mercantile business. Bank clearings at Winnipeg this week show a large increase over previous years, being more than double the clearings for the corresponding week last year.

WINNIPEG MARKETS.

Winnipeg, Saturday Afternoon, Aug. 21.

DRUGS.

There is no further change in this branch. See quotations on another page.

FISH.

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

GROCERIES.

In sugars there is no change. Prices are firm. A cheaper line of domestic granulated, made to compete with German beet sugars, is offering. Teas are firm. The first car of new Japan teas arrived here this week. The Winnipeg trade has been slow in taking hold of new Japans this season, on account of the boom in prices at the opening of the season, as it was thought here that prices would be easier later on. In canned goods tomatoes are held very firm at comparatively high prices, packers claiming that the pack will be short. New tomatoes will be shipped about Sept. 1. California dried fruits are held very firm recently and there have been general advances from the first quotations offered this season of new fruit. Notwithstanding the heavy fruit crop in California, it now looks as if very fair prices would be realized on the crop. California raisins will be shipping about the first of September, or end of this month. New California peeled peaches are about due here now.

GREEN FRUITS.

Native fruits continue very scarce. Even the blueberry crop appears to be almost a failure, as very few are coming in, and the price is double the usual figure at this season. Not half the number of orders for blueberries can be filled even at the high prices quoted. It is not likely, after this late date, that receipts will increase materially, so that consumers will have to depend on imported fruits entirely for preserving. Some British Columbia plums and apples were reported to have been shipped for Winnipeg, but none have reached here yet, and shipments have been probably sold at some town on the road. One car of British Columbia fruit—plums and apples—was reported to have been sold at Brandon this week.

The plums are said to have arrived in very bad condition. Some were in baskets and were in poor condition. A part of the lot were packed in four basket crates, and these were in better condition than the baskets, but still were off in quality. The apples turned out fairly good. Further lots of British Columbia fruit are reported in transit to Manitoba points. Oregon crabs are scarce. A telegram yesterday from Oregon said the crop was about cleared up there, and few if any more would be available. The crabs so far brought in here have been taken mostly by the city trade. Dealers are trying to secure further supplies east and south, but it is difficult to get any, and it seems likely now that there will not be enough to supply the demand. The Ontario apple and crab crop is poor. Southern apples of good quality are arriving freely, but red varieties are scarce, and red are mostly wanted here. California peaches and plums are arriving freely and prices are lower. They are now coming in straight car lots. A car of peaches in to-day is very fine quality. Tomatoes and concord grapes will be in about the first of next week. They have been scarce this week. Bananas in moderate demand only now. It is reported that the railway rate on bananas is less than car lots will be advanced to one and a half of first class rate. This will cause a sharp advance in bananas here, as the demand is not sufficient at this season of the year to bring them in car lots. Melons are lower. Bartlett pears are about out of the market. Prices are as follows: California late Valencia oranges \$6 to \$6.50 per box; bananas per bunch, \$1.75 to \$2.50; California lemons, \$6 a box; pie plants 1-2c per lb; tomatoes, nominal, \$1.25 per crate of four baskets; California plums, \$1.40 to \$1.60 for four basket crate; California peaches, \$1.40 in ordinary lots, 25 box lots have sold at \$1.25 per box; Washington and Oregon pears, \$2.25 to \$2.50 box; watermelons, \$3 per doz; Washington crabs, \$1 to \$1.15 per box of 30 lbs. net; blueberries, 8c to 10c lb; apples, \$3.75 to \$4.50 per barrel; nutmeg melons, \$1.20 basket; Osage melons, \$2 per crate.

HARDWARE.

There is no change to note in the hardware branch this week. See quotations on another page.

PAINTS, OILS, ETC.

There is no change to report in prices this week. See quotations on another page.

TEXTILE BRANCHES.

The feeling in the dry goods trade is very hopeful, on account of the prospect for high prices for grain. Fall goods are now going out freely, and next month travellers will be out with spring samples. It certainly seems like taking time by the forelock, to sell goods so far ahead of consumptive requirements.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT.—The feature of the week has been the remarkable boom in wheat. Prices have continued very strong. On Wednesday there was a big advance at leading markets and yesterday there was another boom in the markets, making a wonderful advance in a short time. All markets were booming yesterday, both in Europe and America. American markets advanced about 6c, and at Chicago prices advanced 2 to 3c on the

curb yesterday afternoon, after the market closed. Puts and Calls showed a range of 10c, up to \$1 at Chicago. The advance is due to the same conditions as previously noted, namely, large exports, light stocks, decreasing estimates of the spring wheat crop and reports of light crops in Europe. The sole cause of the "boom" however, is not due to wheat conditions. It is partly due to the improved commercial outlook and to returning confidence. When times are very slow and the commercial situation unsatisfactory, it takes a great deal to work up a "boom" in any line, even under favorable conditions. The present advance in wheat is to a considerable extent attributable to business confidence and improving times.

The local market has been very firm. Manitoba wheat followed the advance, from 89c for No. 1 hard last Saturday up to 91c on Wednesday morning. Wednesday afternoon there were sales at 94c and even 95c was reported as realized. On the reaction Thursday 94c was about the quotation for No. 1 hard afloat, Fort William. Yesterday the market was wild. There were bids, about the close of the exchange at 99c for No. 1 hard, and later the prices was quoted nominal at about \$1 per bushel, for No. 1 hard, afloat, Fort William.

FLOUR.—The market continues very strong in sympathy with wheat. In this market prices have advanced again this week from 20 to 25c per sack of 98 pounds according to brand, but there is still a considerable range in the quotations of different brands of the same grades. Prices to the local trade here are quoted as follows as to brand: Patent \$2.50 to \$2.65; bakers' \$2.80 to \$2.45; second bakers', \$1.90 to \$2; XXXX, \$1.40 to \$1.50 per sack of 98 lbs., to the local trade, delivered in the city.

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

BARLEY.—There is no business doing in barley. We quote barley nominally at about 27c for best grade, per bushel of 48 pounds on track here or 20c per bushel at point of shipment.

ONTS.—Prices are firm. Holders ask 29c to 31c for cars feed oats on track here, per bushel of 34 pounds, as to quality. In the country car lots are held at 20c to 25c as to quality and position, the latter depending on freight rates to point of consumption. The local demand is moderate. Some dealers have enough on hand at the present rate of consumption to put them through until new oats come in. No new have been offered yet, but a few loads of new crop are expected in next week.

OTTEALS.—Oatmeal is very firm. The millers are short of oats and cannot fill orders for large orders. The last car lot reported sold here, went at \$1.50 per sack at the mill, at a provincial point, for 86 pound sacks of rolled. Some jobbers who have some stock on hand are still selling at the old prices, but they could not replenish their stocks for what they are now selling at, in some cases. Rolled oats could not be sold under \$1.75 in broken lots here, on the present basis of car lots.

GROUND FEED.—Market very firm with a further advance. Rolled oats are held at \$19 to \$20 per ton, ordinary mill chop, per ton \$17 to \$18, as to quality.

BUTTER.—Creamery. The market is firm. Buyers have again advanced their views and have been paying 15

3-4 to 10-1-2c for good to choice creamery as to quality. For some small lots of very fine quality it is said a shade more has been offered. Factorymen are firm in their views, and some are holding for 17c.

BUTTER—Dairy. The market for dairy butter continues firm and rather higher prices have been paid this week. Buyers are paying 19 cents to 11c for round lots of dairy here, and we have heard of up to 12c being paid for some extra choice lots of fresh dairy, which is a good price compared with other markets. The market is really on a speculative basis as buyers are taking the goods at higher prices than the present shipping demand will warrant.

CHEESE—The market is firm, and higher prices have been paid this week up to 7c having been paid to factories for best quality. This shows an advance of 1-2c on the outside.

EGGS—The market is steady at 12c net, which is the price paid for receipts here. Jobbing sales made 13 1-2c to 14c.

POULTRY—Chickens, 1 vo. 50c pair, or 10c lb., dressed. Spring chickens, 30 to 50c pair. Turkeys, 9 1-2c to 10c lb., live weight; ducks, 50 to 60c pair.

LARD—Prices a c: Pure, \$1 00 for 20 lb., pair, and \$4 for 50 lb pair; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$5.50 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 7 1-2c.

CURED MEATS—Prices have been advanced on nearly every line, 1-4c to 1-2c. There is a good demand and supplies are light. Some lines have to be brought in from the States. Prices are. Smoked meats, hams, assorted sizes, 12c to 12 1-2c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 11c to 11 1-2c; do., backs, 9 1-2c to 10c; short spiced rolls, 8c to 8 1-2c shoulders, 7 1-2 to 8c; smoked long clear, 8 1-2 to 9c; dry salt meats are quoted; long clear bacon, 7 1-2 to 8c; per lb.; shoulders, 6 1-2 to 7c; boneless shoulders, 7c to 7 1-2c; backs, 8c to 8 1-2c; extra charge of 1-2c for canvassed meats; barrelled pork clear mess, \$13 to \$13.50; short cut, \$15.50 to \$16; rolls \$14.50 to \$15 per barrel. Pork sundries, Bologna sausage, 6c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 8c; pickled tongues, 6c; sausage castings, 20 to 25c; per lb. Pickled pigs feet, \$1.50 per pair.

DRESSED MEATS—Mutton is 1-2c lower on the outside price and lamb is 1c lower. Beef is still selling at 4 1-2 to 5 1-2c as to quality. Mutton ranges from 5c to 6c as to quality. Dressed hogs firm at 8c to 8 1-2c. Veal 5c to 7c as to quality. Lamb, 7c to 8c.

HIDES—The market is easier and buyers claim prices are too high. We quote 8 1-2 c for No. 1 hides here. Calfskins 8 to 15 pound skins 6c to 8c per lb.; deskins 10c to 20c each; kips, 6c to 7c; sheepskins, fresh taken off, 20c to 30c; lambskins, 20c to 25c; horsehides, 75c to \$1.25.

SENECA ROOT—From 15c to 16c. has been paid for good dry root. A round lot sold here for New York at 17 1-2c. This indicates that dealers are buying on a close margin. The demand appears limited.

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

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

VEGETABLES—All sorts of vegetables are very abundant. Potatoes are lower at 30c per bushel. Beets, turnips, carrots, rhubarb, lettuce, rad-

ishes and onions, in bunches, 5c to 8c per dozen bunches; peas in pod, 1 to 1 1-2c per lb., beans 1c per lb., cauliflower, 30 to 50c per dozen cabbage, 25c per dozen; celery, 15 to 20c per dozen bunches; onions, per pound, 2c for native; cucumbers, 10 to 12 1-2c per dozen; green corn, 8 to 10c per dozen ears.

HAY—There is very little demand yet, but prices are firmer, owing to the light crop. Shippers are asking about 50c per ton more in the country. Loose hay on the street market sells at \$4 to \$5 per ton, and shippers are asking \$4.50 to \$5 for baled in the country, equal to \$5.50 to \$6 here.

BERRIES—Native raspberries are scarce this year. Very few have been offered, and have sold at \$1.75 to \$2 per pall. Currants have been scarcer lately, and sold yesterday at 80c per pall for red and \$1 for black. Very few blueberries are offering, and are held at \$1 to \$1.25 per pall; cranberries, high bush, 25c per pall.

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

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—This has been a busy week at the stock yards, a large number of export cattle having been in. Gordon & Ironside shipped three train loads of mixed range and domestic cattle on Monday. Mullins & Wilson shipped a train from the Manitoba Northwestern on Tuesday. Gordon & Ironside shipped another train yesterday, and they had two or three train loads in or due to-day. D. D. Campbell, of Manitow, had four cars of cattle and one or two of hogs. The general run of butchers' cattle bring 2 1-2c here for fairly good loads, and export 3 to 3 1-4c.

SHEEP—The market is dull and easy. Some sheep have been bought in the west for export, but present prices will not warrant their shipment. Some will go out later if the market improves. Here we quote sheep a. 2 1-2 to 2 3-4c off cars, as to quality, and it is doubtful if the outside figure could be realized very easily for choice lots.

HOGS—There is no change in hogs. There are not many going east now, shipments having slackened up, as the farmers will not be delivering many during harvest. There is no change in prices. Choice bacon hogs, weighing 150 to 250 pounds have brought \$4 60 per 100 pounds; 250 to 300 pounds 4c; heavy hogs over 300 pounds, 3c to 3 1-2c as to quality, off cars here.

NORTHWEST ONTARIO.

Elizabeth Hamilton is opening an hotel at Port Arthur.

E. Arnold, saddler, Rat Portage, is dead.

Collins & Co., are opening in clothing and furnishings, at Rat Portage.

B. C. BUSINESS NOTES.

Paul Allan, of Trail, is opening an hotel at Cariboo City.

Farley & Simpson, grocers, are opening a branch at Pilot Bay.

Jos. T. Kearney, is opening a general store at Nelson.

The Kootenay Supply Co. has opened business in groceries at Nelson.

McDonald & Symcock, hotel, Westminster. H. Symcock, of this firm has left for Klondyke.

Halg & Grace, fruit, groceries, etc. Revelstoke, have succeeded T. L. Halg.

J. T. Boles, fruit, produce, etc., Rossland, is giving up business.

T. J. D. Berg, cigars, etc., Trail, has opened an hotel.

McAnally & Coleman, drugs, Trail, have dissolved, C. A. McAnally continuing.

T. E. Mahaffy is starting a grocery store at Warder.

U. L. Kneeland, is opening a general store at Quartz Creek.

C. S. Thompson, hotel and general store, Quartz Creek, has assigned to S. W. Reynolds.

WHEAT STOCKS IN CANADA.

Montreal	234,000
Toronto	38,000
Kingston	25,000
Winnipeg	147,000
Manitoba elevators	625,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	1,063,000
Total, July 10	2,132,000

British Columbia Notes:

W. J. McDonald & Co. have taken over the general store business lately carried on by H. C. Taylor & Co., at Whitewater. Mr. Taylor, will return to Australia in the near future.

Rossland, B. C., Aug. 17.—The C. P. R. has put a force of engineers at work surveying a line from Robson south to connect with the old survey from Rossland to the Columbia river. Mine owners are in hopes that this is a sign that the C. P. R. will build to Rossland this fall.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 18.—By the steamer Tokoa, leaving here at the end of September, several sample shipments of ore will be made direct to Swansea, Wales. The shipments will range from one to twenty tons, and if the project is taken up by mine owners, it is proposed to inaugurate a regular line of steamers between here and Swansea. Sampling works would be established here, and the ore would be paid for on the spot. Vivian & Sons are behind the project.

Owing to heavy freight the steamer Caplano did not get away to Dyea yesterday, but leaves to-night. Besides 20 passengers she takes 77 head of cattle, 60 odd horses, and a quantity of general freight.

Fort William electors have decided by popular vote to build waterworks under control of a commission elected by the people, instead of by the town council.

The miners' strike at Lethbridge, Alberta, continues. The Galt company are prosecuting the ringleaders in the police court for violation of contract.

Pillsbury's statements regarding the condition of Minnesota and Dakota crops are discredited by many grain men. F. B. Smith, manager of the St. Anthony and Dakota Elevator company, Minneapolis, says: "I don't take much stock in these sensational crop damage stories. I still believe we will raise 140 to 150 million bushels in the three states, the two Dakotas and Minnesota."

H. B. Wilson, manager of the Mohson's bank at Trenton, Ont., has been transferred to the management of the Calgary branch, in the room of Mr. McGregor, who had resigned.

Tooms & Co., general store, Carman, Man., have admitted S. Kirkpatrick into partnership; style, Tooms & Kirkpatrick.

Alex. McDonald has opened business in lumber at Myrtle.

Winnipeg Grocery Prices.

Canned Goods		Per case		Cereals		Per sack		Nuts		Per pound		Tons		Per pound	
Apples, 3s, 2 doz.	2 25	2 50	Split Peas, sack 98	2 25	2 50	Brazils	12 1/2	15	China Blacks—						
Apples, preserved, 3s, 2 doz.	3 25	3 50	Pot Barley, sack 98	1 50	2 00	Taragon Almonds	13	15	Choice	35	40				
Apples, gallons (per doz.)	2 25	2 50	Pearl Barley, sack 98	4 00	4 50	Peanuts, roasted	13	15	Medium	45	35				
Blackberries, 2s, 2 doz.	3 25	3 50	Rolled Oats, sack 80	1 50	1 60	Peanuts, green	10	12	Common	13	20				
Blueberries, 2s, 2 doz.	2 50	2 75	Standard Oatmeal, sack 98	1 00	2 00	Grenoble Walnuts	15	18	Indian and Ceylon—						
Beans, 2s, 2 doz.	1 50	2 00	Granulated Oatmeal, sack 98	1 00	2 00	French Walnuts	13	15	Choice	30	40				
Corn, 2s, 2 doz.	1 50	1 75	Beans (per bushel)	1 10	1 25	Sicily Filberts	12 1/2	15	Medium	25	32				
Cherries, red, pitted 2s, 2 doz.	4 75	5 00	Cornmeal, sack 98	1 35	1 50	Shelled Almonds	25	30	Common	22	28				
Peas, Marrowfat, 2s, 2 doz.	1 50	2 00	Cornmeal, 1/2 sac 49 (per 1/2 sac)	70	0 75				Young Hysons—						
Peas, sifted, 2s, 2 doz.	2 00	2 25							Choice	35	45				
Pears, Bartlett, 2s, 2 doz.	3 50	3 75							Medium	25	35				
Pears, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	4 75	5 00							Common	22	30				
Pears, Bartlett, 3s, 2 doz.	5 00	6 00							Japan—						
Pineapple, 2s, 2 doz.	4 50	5 00							Finest May Picking	35	40				
Pineapple, imported, 2s, 2 doz.	5 50	6 00							Choice	30	35				
Peaches, 2s, 2 doz.	3 50	4 00							Fine	25	30				
Peaches, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	4 75	5 00							Good Medium	20	25				
Peaches, Canadian, 3s, 2 doz.	5 50	6 00							Common	15	20				
Plums, 2s, 2 doz.	3 50	4 00							Tobacco						
Plums, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	4 50	5 00							T. & B., 3s, Cads.	\$13	15				
Pumpkins, 3s, 2 doz.	2 25	2 50							T. & B., 5c, Cads.	12	25				
Raspberries, 2s, 2 doz.	3 25	3 50													
Strawberries, 2s, 2 doz.	4 00	4 25													
Tomatoes, 3s, 2 doz.	2 15	2 25													
Salmon, talls, 1s, 4 doz.	5 50	6 00													
Salmon, Cohoes talls, 1s, 4 doz.	5 50	6 00													
Sardines, domestic 1/2s	06	08													
Sardines, imported, 1/2s	09	15													
Sardines, imported, 3/4s	15	25													
Sardines, imp. 1/2s, boneless	20	35													
Sardines, Dom., mustard 1/2s	10	12													
Imported Fresh Herring, 1s 1	50	1 75													
Imp. Kippered Herrings, 1s, 1	00	2 00													
Imp. Herrings, Tom. Sauce 1s 1	00	2 00													
Imp. " Anch. Sauce 1s 1	00	2 00													
Imp. " Shrimp Sauce 1s 1	00	2 00													
Canned Meats	Per case.														
Corn Beef, 1s, 2 doz.	3 00	3 25													
Corn Beef, 2s, 1 doz.	2 50	2 75													
Launch Tongue, 1s, 2 doz.	5 50	6 00													
Launch Tongue, 2s, 1 doz.	6 50	7 00													
Heaven, 2s, 1 doz.	5 50	2 75													
Pipe Feet, 1s 2 doz.	2 50	2 75													
Roast Beef, 2s, 1 doz.	2 50	2 75													
Chicken, Duck or Turkey, 1s	2 doz.	5 00													
Potted Ham, 1/2s	75														
Devilled Ham, 1/2s	75														
Potted Tongue, 1/2s	75														
Potted Ham, 1/2s	1 50														
Devilled Ham, 1/2s	1 50														
Potted Tongue, 1/2s	1 50														
Coffee	Per pound.														
Green Rio	15	17													

WINNIPEG DRUG PRICES

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

Alum, lb	3 1/2	4 1/2
Alcohol, gal	5 50	5 75
Bleaching Powder, lb	06	08
Blue-stone, lb	06	07
Borax	11	13
Bromide Potash	65	75
Camphor	60	65
Camphor, ounces	80	85
Carbolic Acid	40	65
Castor Oil	13	15
Chlorate Potash	25	30
Chloric Acid	25	30
Copperas	02 1/2	03
Cocaine, oz	50	5 00
Cream Tartar, lb	30	35
Clivers	20	25
Epsom Salts	14 1/2	15
Extract Logwood, bulk	14	15
Extract Logwood, boxes	18	20
German Quinine	38	40
Glycerine, lb	30	35
Ginger, Jamaica	30	35
Ginger, African	30	35
Howard's Quinine, oz	45	55
Iodine	5 00	5 50
Insect Powder	30	40
Morphia, sul.	2 00	2 25
Opium	4 50	5 00
Oil, olive	1 25	1 40
Oil, U.S. Salad	1 25	1 40
Oil, lemon, super	2 25	3 25
Oil, peppermint	4 00	4 50
Oil, cod liver, gal.	1 75	2 25
Oxalic Acid	13	16
Potass Iodide	3 75	4 00
Paris Green, lb	15	20
Salt-petre	10	12
Sal Rochelle	30	35
Shellac	35	40
Sulphur Flowers	3 75	4 05
Sulphur Roll, kg.	3 75	4 05
Soda Bicarb, keg of 112 lbs	3 75	4 25
Sal Soda	2 00	3 00

Exporting Hog Products.

Mr. J. Griffin, pork packer of St. Thomas, Ont., is in Winnipeg this week. He reports hog products of all kinds in very light supply in Eastern Canada markets and prices tending higher. This is owing partly to a lighter supply of hogs, but mainly to the growing demand in Great Britain for Canadian cured meats, thus leading to a larger export trade. This demand for Canadian hog products in Great Britain, Mr. Griffin says, is solely owing to the superior quality of our product, as compared with the corn fed bacon exported from the United States. It proves that in foodstuffs, at least, it pays to produce the very finest quality, and that there will always be a good demand for the finest class of goods. The growth of our export trade in hog products should be a lesson to Canadians who are engaged in other lines of export trade. It is fine quality that counts in British markets. Canadian bacon now brings 1 to 2d per pound more than United States bacon, and Canadian farmers reap the advantage in the high price paid for hogs during the past year, prices for hogs in Canada

averaging much higher than at United States packing markets. In order to maintain this trade it will be necessary for Canadian farmers to continue to produce the right class of hogs, both as regards breeding and feeding for the market.

Wool Sales.

A. Carruthers, wool dealer, Winnipeg, made a sale this week, in the United States, of a round lot of wool which he has been holding from the clip of 1895. Owing to the advance in the price of wool in the United States, he was able to make a good profit on this wool over and above the storage, interest and insurance charges which have been accumulating for the past two years on this wool. Winnipeg dealers stand to make good profits from this year's clip, which they are now holding in the United States.

The flour market continues to rule stronger, says the Montreal Gazette of Aug. 16, and millers in some places put up prices 25c per barrel to-day for Manitoba grades, and Ontario dealers marked them up 5c to 10c.

New York Wheat.

New York, Aug. 16.—Wheat scored another high record to-day, the quotation for September reaching 92 1-8, which is 1 5-8 higher than the best figure reached last week. Excitement and activity attended the opening, and the market was very nervous throughout the entire morning. Cables were strong and higher, particularly from Liverpool, combining with unfavorable northwestern crop news and increase scores among shorts. After reaching 92 1-8 the market suffered a one cent break, owing to 2,000,000 bushel addition to the amount on passage for the week, but towards one o'clock easily recovered again on further advances and subsequent Liverpool cables. Another strong feature of the situation was an early report that France had about twenty loads of wheat and bidding for more French crop news was less favorable to-day, giving color to the export rumors.

New York, Aug. 17.—Leading operators to-day made a rush to secure profits, with the result that wheat prices dropped two cents a bushel from last night, or 25 3/8 cents from the highest point of yesterday.—Home crop news was bullish, but unable to offset the depression of the foreign situation. Spring wheat advices were decidedly unfavorable. The real speculation was about half the volume of yesterday, sales reaching 5,420,000 bushels.

Wheat—Receipts 120,250 bushels; exports 293,148 bushels; sales 5,420,000 bushels futures; 292,000 bushels spot. Spot weaker; No. 2 red 94 1-4 to 94 1-2 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 Northern New York 96 f.o.b. afloat. Wheat opened weak under disappointing cables and active unloading, and was heavy all day, reaching the lowest point in the afternoon, influenced by renewed long selling; closed 91 1-8 to 15 3/8 net lower. Sales included No. 2 red Aug. closed 92; Sept. opened 89 5-8 to 91 1-2, closed 90; Oct. opened 88 3-4 to 90 3-8, closed 89 1-8; Dec. opened 88 1-4 to 90 1-8, closed 88 7-8.

New York, Aug. 18.—Wheat—Receipts 114,700 bushels; sales 16,315,000 bushels futures; 320,000 bushels spot. Spot strong; No. 2 red 98 1-2 to 98 3-4 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 Northern New York \$1.00 1-4 f.o.b. afloat. Options, wheat, opened strong on higher cables, and had a sensational advance later on in the day on large export buying, heavy covering, and had spring wheat news, closing 4 1-4 to 5 cents net higher; No. 2 red Aug. closed 96 1-4; Sept. opened 91 1-4 to 94 5-8, closed 94 1-4; Dec. opened 90 to 94, closed 93 7-8.

New York, Aug. 19.—Wheat gained 11-2c in price at one time, establishing another record figure for the year, but lost many friends in so doing. Conservative traders felt that news from Europe did not warrant such sensational jumps as the market experienced to-day, and withheld their support. The result was an irregular list of values all day, covering a wide range of prices. By putting forth all their efforts the bulls succeeded in running September up to 95 3-4, or 1 1-8 cents above yesterday's highest point, and 1 1-2 cent higher than last night's close. They were aided by extreme nervousness among shorts, and strong news from the northwest. Prominent authorities are now estimating the spring wheat in Minnesota and the Dakotas' crop as low as 125,000,000 bushels.

A few weeks ago 200,000,000 bushels was considered a very conservative estimate. To-day's information to traders here claim that threshing was late and the ears unfilled, owing to recent heavy rains, suggesting the likelihood of a smaller per cent. of the crop grading No. 1 Northern than for any year since 1883. The quotations for No. 1 Northern, f.o.b. afloat in this market at one time to-day on the normal basis of six cents over September was \$1.01 3-4, and No. 2 red 99 3-4 to \$1 f.o.b. afloat; but "dollar wheat" in the trade acceptance of the term refers to the September option, in which most of the trading now centres. At the best point to-day this option was only 4 1-4 away from the goal. It was found impossible, however, with constant support from all sides, and a steady European demand, to maintain this pace, and late in the afternoon prices gave way suddenly, losing 1 3-4c on September and 2 1-4c on December from the highest point, under heavy and excited selling by scalpers, foreign houses, and others. The close was very nervous on the basis of 94 for September and 92 2-4 for December.

New York, Aug. 20.—Wheat opened amid great excitement at from 3 1-2 to 4c advance over last night. September sold the same instant all the way from 97 1-2 to 98 in different parts of the pit. Not only did the local contingency absorb large quantities from foreign houses as well as bought on a large scale. Spring wheat advices are of most gloomy character. Trade is now basing on the bull view for a poor outlook for the northwestern crop. Later in the morning there was a realizing which broke September from 98 to 97 5-8.

December option fully shared the activity near the delivery and opened from 96 3-4 to 97 3-8c, or 1 to 4 5-8 cents higher than last night. At 12:30 o'clock it touched 98 3-4c. Latest Liverpool advices were that prices there had gone up 4 cents a bushel, or about an equivalent to our advance. Another aid to the bulls was the high export demand footing nearly a million bushels by Monday. Cash wheat on its nominal premium is worth about \$1.04 3-4 for No. 1 northern, f.o.b. afloat, but no sales are reported. A year ago to-day the same grade sold at 83 7-8. Towards one o'clock Sept. sold to 99 amid shouts of the big crowd of speculators.

Noon—Wheat: Receipts, 228,000; sales, 3,900,000. Options opened excited and higher, and sold off under realizing, but recovered. Bull features were the extraordinary advance at Liverpool, foreign buying and bullish spring wheat news. Sept. 97 to 98c; Dec., 97 to 97 1-8c.

On Saturday, August 21, wheat closed at \$1.05 1-2 for Sept., and \$1.04 5-8 for December. A week ago September wheat closed at 89 1-4c.

Ontario Crops.

Toronto, Aug. 20.—The Ontario government crop estimates, from reports dated Aug. 9th, make the yield exceed that of 1896 and the average for fifteen years. Fall wheat has 73,000 acres and 10,000,000 bushels. There is more spring wheat also. Barley is below the average; oats 4,000,000 bushels more than 1896; rye and beans above and peas below the average. The average hay yield is 1.63 tons; total yield 3,811,078 tons against 2,260,240 last year. Corn average 544,035. Dairy products are good and apples poor. Other fruits fairly good.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Chicago, Aug. 16.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—Sept., 85 1-2; Dec., 84.
Corn—Aug., 28 1-4; Sept., 28 5-8; Dec., 20 7-8; May, 22 1-2.
Oats—Sept., 17 3-4; Dec., 18 3-4 to 18 7-8; May, 22 1-2.
Mess pork—Sept., \$8.07 1-2; Oct., \$8.10.
Lard—Sept., \$4.47 1-2; Oct., \$4.52 1-2.
Short ribs—Sept., \$4.95; Oct., \$4.97 1-2.

Chicago, Aug. 17.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat, No. 2—Sept., 83 5-8 to 83 3-4; Dec., new, 82 5-8.
Corn—August, 27 3-4; Sept., 28 1-8; Dec., 29 3-8 to 29 1-2; May, 32 1-8.
Oats, No. 2—Sept., 17 3-4; Dec., 18 3-4; May, 21 to 21 1-8.
Pork—Sept., \$8.20; Oct., \$8.17 1-2; Dec., \$8.22 1-2.
Lard—Sept., \$4.47 1-2; Oct., \$4.52 1-2; Dec., \$4.57 1-2.
Ribs—Sept., \$4.90; Oct., \$4.97 1-2.

Chicago, Aug. 18.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—Sept. 88 1-2; Dec., new, 88 3-8.
8 7-7; Quebecs, 8 1-2 to 8 5-8.
Corn—No. 2 Aug. 28 3-8 to 1-2; Sept. 28 3-4 to 7-8; Dec. 30 1-4; May 32 7-8 to 33.
Oats—No. 2 Sept. 18; Dec. 19 1-8 to 1-4; May 21 5-8.
Mess pork—Sept. \$8.50; Oct. \$8.50; Dec. \$8.60.
Lard—Sept. \$4.50; Oct. \$4.55; Dec. \$4.60.
Short ribs—Sept. \$5.07 1-2; Oct. \$5.12 1-2.

Chicago, Aug. 19.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—Sept. 87 1-8; Dec. 87 1-4; May, 89 1-8.
Corn—Aug. 28 1-4c to 28 3-8c; Sept. 28 5-8c to 28 3-4c; Dec. 30 1-4c; May 33c.
Oats—Sept. 17 7-8c to 18c; Dec. 18 7-8c to 19c; May 21 3-8c to 21 1-2c.

Chicago, Aug. 20.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat, No. 2 Sept., 93; Dec., new, 92 5-8; May, 94 3-4.
Corn, No. 2 Aug. 29 1-8 to 1-4; Sept. 29 6-8 to 1-2; Dec., 31 1-8; May, 33 7-8.
Oats, No. 2 Sept., 18 1-2; Dec., 19 5-8; May 22 3-8.
Mess Pork, Sept., \$8.67, 1-2; Oct., \$8.70; Dec., \$8.80.
Lard, Sept., \$4.57, 1-2. Oct., \$4.65; Dec., 4.72 1-2.
Short Ribs, Sept., 5.22, 1-2; Oct., \$5.25.

On Saturday August 21, wheat opened at 98c for September options and ranged from 96 1-2c up to \$1. Closing prices were:

Wheat—Aug. \$1; Sept. 99 1-2; Dec. 99 1-8; May \$1.00 1-2.
Corn—Sept. 31 3-8; Dec. 33 3-8.
Oats—Sept. 19 3-4; Dec. 21 1-4.
Pork—Sept. \$8.67 1-2; Dec. \$8.82 1-2.
Lard—Sept., \$4.65.
Ribs—Sept. \$5.30.
Flax seed—Cash \$1.20; Dec. \$1.20.
A week ago September wheat closed at 74c, a year ago September wheat closed at 57 5-8c. Two years ago at 61 7-8c, and three years ago at 54 1-4c.

Track laying on the Trall-Robson extension of the Columbia and Western railway has begun at Robson, B. C.

WINNIPEG LOSING WHEAT

It is pretty hard to tell what wheat is worth these days with the price ranging from 6 to 7c per day. The value here is not far from \$1.05, but a cent or two does not cut any figure these days. The Manitoba government crop report issued to-day, makes the wheat yield 16.49 bushels per acre, or a total field for Manitoba of 21,250,000 bushels in round figures.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT

On Saturday, August 21, No 1 Northern wheat closed at 97 7/8c for September, and 96c for December. A week ago September wheat closed at 81 1/2c.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET

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

Monday—September 85 5/8c December, 83 5/8c.

Tuesday—September 84 1/8c; December 81 7/8c.

Wednesday—September 84c; December 86 3/4c.

Thursday—September 88 1/8c; December 86 1/8c.

Friday—September 94 1/8c; December 92 1/8c.

Saturday—September \$1 00 1/2; December, 97 1/2c.

Cash No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at \$1.06 1/2, and cash No. 1 Northern at \$1.06 1/2.

Last week September option closed at 84c.

A year ago September option closed at 58 1/4c, and two years ago at 60 1/4c, three years ago at 56c, and four years ago at 58 3/4c.

Bank Clearings.

New York, Aug 20.—Bank clearing totals at 87 cities for the week ended Aug 19, with comparisons as telegraphed to Bradstreets, show total clearances of \$1,139,783,615, an increase of 40.2 per cent as compared with the corresponding week last year. Outside of New York city the clearances were \$435,360,518, an increase of 20.1 per cent.

Clearances for the Dominion of Canada were: Montreal \$11,813,498, increase 22.8; Toronto \$7,213,504, increase 13.5; Winnipeg \$1,754,456, increase 102.0; Halifax \$1,308,891, increase 16.0; Hamilton \$606,950, increase 11.4.

Assiniboia.

The Territorial Gazette contains notice of an application for incorporation of the Medicine Hat Trading Co (Limited). The company is composed chiefly of railway bands residing in Medicine Hat and neighborhood. It is to have a capital stock of \$10,000 divided into one thousand shares at \$10 each, and is formed for the purpose of carrying on a general store business.

Mrs. Frances E. Grafton has opened a dressmaking, millinery and fancy goods business at Moosomin.

PRICE OF IRON.

Cleveland, Aug 18.—There was an advance in the price of pig iron yesterday. The price for same time last year \$9.25 for future delivery. Yesterday \$9.35 was received for an order of 20,000 tons. The price asked is \$9.50, and future business will probably be done at that.

PRICE OF SILVER.

New York, Aug. 18.—The price of silver fell again to-day to a new low price record. The fall in London since Saturday for bar silver was 1-4 penny to 25 1-2d and in New York the price declined 5-8 cents to 54 3-8 cents. Mexican dollars are quoted at 41 5-8 cents, compared with 42 cents on Saturday.

WHEAT IMPORTS.

Liverpool, Aug. 18.—The following are the imports of wheat into Liverpool for the week. Wheat, from Atlantic ports, 35,400 quarters; from Pacific ports, none, from other ports, 4,000 quarters.

Corn from Atlantic ports, 60,900 quarters.

VISIBLE SUPPLY.

New York, Aug. 18.—The visible supply of grain in the United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, to Aug. 16, is as follows:

Wheat, 17,226,000, decrease 421,000; corn, 18,507,000, increase 1,996,000; oats, 6,650,000, increase 129,000. Last year on the same date the visible supply was: Wheat, 45,876,000; corn, 13,750,000; oats, 7,279,000. The amount of wheat and flour now in transit to Europe with the visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada is equivalent to 21,866,000 bushels, against 63,076,000 bushels one year ago, and of corn 29,067,000 bushels against 25,750,000 bushels.

United States Trade Reports.

New York, Aug 20.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade will say to-morrow. Not for several years have the telegraphic reports from various cities in all parts of the country been as encouraging or shown as uniform improvement as this week. The markets are called crazy by some, but fairly represent the people whose confidence in the future is strong and increasing. Nothing appears to check it. Rumors of injury to crops are not sufficiently supported to have much influence. The one temporary hindrance is the strike of bituminous coal miners, which interferes as yet little with industries and seems likely to terminate within a week. Fluctuations in the stock and produce markets do not alter the fact that on the whole they are still tending upward. The demand for money improves, taking from New York to the interior about half a million more than was received during the week, and the offerings of commercial loans are much larger, including considerable iron and steel, paper and the course of foreign exchange is generally interpreted as an indication that specie imports cannot be long delayed. The Bank of England has acquired such control of the outside market that it does not advance its rates, confident that for a time it can oblige France or Germany to meet demands from this country but offerings of American bills against products to be forwarded are very heavy. The greatest gain has been for agriculture. Corn has advanced a little in price, but is moving very largely, so that the last year's surplus may soon be marketed unless the new crop turns out better than many expect. Cotton declined one and one-eighth because of an estimate promising the largest crop ever grown, but the goods market is decidedly improving and

some of the large mills, after a few weeks' suspension, have resumed work. Other farm products are doing well also but wheat has advanced about 11 3-8 cents for the week on actual transactions, with heavy purchases for export.

BRADSTREET'S REVIEW.

New York, Aug 20.—Bradstreet's to-morrow, will say Special telegrams from trade centers throughout the country emphasize the growing prosperity of the farmer, due to higher prices for almost all agricultural produce still in his hands, and point to a continuation of the demand, which has been conspicuous within the past few weeks. Volume of trade continues to increase and prices are hardening. Associations of merchants at Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Chicago, St. Louis and the Twin Cities, in Minnesota, have secured reduced railway rates and enabled thousands of interior merchants to visit these cities and make purchases in person. No such volume of business, largely in anticipation of requirements, has been reported since 1892. Larger transactions have been made in dry goods, clothing and shoes, and south and west in wagons and farm implements.

There are 221 business failures reported throughout the United States this week, against 214 last week, 261 a year ago; 192 two years ago; 251 three years ago, and as contrasted with 456 in the third week of August, 1893.

LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

Liverpool, Aug. 20.—12.30 p.m.—Wheat—No. 1 California 7s 10d to 7s 11d; No. 1 red northern spring 7s 8 1/2d to 7s 9d; No. 2 red western winter 7s 6d to 7s 7d; Corn—Spot American mixed old 3s 2d new 3s 1 1/2d. Receipts of wheat during the past three days were 193,000 cwt., including 181,000 cwt. of American. Receipts of corn during the past three days were 130,000 cwt. Weather partially cloudy. Wheat—Spot strong, demand moderate, holders offer sparingly. Corn—Spot firm, demand moderate.

Russell & Knider, flour millers Waukesha, Wis., are building a twenty thousand bushel elevator at their mill. Taylor, of Brandon, has the contract for the stone work.

Sugars are a turn dearer at the refineries. One Montreal refinery advanced prices 1-16c on Tuesday.

A sale of 50,000 bushels of No. 1 hard was reported from Montreal on Saturday at 90 1/2c above Fort William.

The foundation for McKinnon & Co.'s oatmeal mill at Rapid City, Man., is about completed.

Winnipeg caterers had a great day on Thursday, when they "excorted" to Fortage la Prairie to the number of about 3,000 or more.

H. Miner, is opening business in the ware at Altamont, Man.

G. Eckard, has opened a confectionery store at Selkirk, Man.

R. Coulson has opened in jewelry at Shoal Lake, Man.

J. A. Moore & Co., grocers, Souris, Man., have dissolved partnership with Ross retiring.

W. L. McKenzie, broker, Winnipeg, has admitted W. R. Rowan, as partner.

Watkins & Co., confectionery Winnipeg, are in trouble with the bank.

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

Robert Whitney has opened a grocery store at Macleod, Alberta.