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WINNIPEG, SEPTEMBER 7, 1891.

Manitoba.

Adam D. Watson, livery, of Virden, is dead.
P. Fortier, hotel, Winnipeg, baliff in possession.
J. G. Hoey, is opening a general store at Chater.
J. H. Shanding is opening a general store at Belmont.
Henry Mutton will open a flour and feed store at Neepawa.
McKenzie & McLarin, grain merchants, of Alexander, have dissolved partnership.
G. F. Stephens, wholesale paints, etc., has returned from an extended eastern trip.
W. J. Boyd, confectioner, Winnipeg, has sold his branch store on Portage Avenue to M. Litzer.
D. F. Dickson, agent, Douglass, has formed partnership with H. F. Sharp under style of Sharp & Dickson.
The general stock of the estate of J. Kuhn & Son, Balmoral, will be sold by auction, at Winnipeg on September 8.
Geo. Craig, dry goods, Winnipeg, has returned from his visit to the mercantile centres of the east where he found a great interest in Manitoba.
Young & Hopkins, general merchants, Hartney, have dissolved. The business will be continued by Jas. Hopkins & Son. C. H. Young, of the firm, will open a general store at Lauder.
The Inland revenue collections for Winnipeg during August were as follows: Spirits, \$10,649.73; malt, \$2,352; tobacco, \$13,059.38; cigars, \$346.80; petroleum, imported, \$69.70. Total, \$26,477.61.

The Dominion Government Savings Bank transactions at Winnipeg for the month ending 31st August were: Deposits, \$21,248.00; withdrawals, \$29,206.64. Withdrawals exceed deposits by \$8,958.64.

The Alliance Trust Co., Ltd., have assumed the business and assets of the Dundee Mortgage and Trust Investment Company, L., at Winnipeg, have appointed James Haggart to be their agent for this province.

Considerable binder twine is coming in from the States. The Manitoba demand is largely in excess of all expectations, owing to heavy crops, which are taking on an average three to four pounds of twine per acre.

J. Y. Griffin & Co. are using the second floor of their building for a sample room for the goods of the McCormick confectionery, biscuit and jam works, of London, Ont., for which they are wholesale agents in the west.

James O'Brien, head of the wholesale firm of James O'Brien & Co., of Montreal, arrived at Winnipeg last week. He has come up to inspect the firm's establishment here, and to investigate the prospects of business in the country.

W. J. Hemenway and H. J. Burton, of Carman, says the *Standard*, are now shipping car loads of cattle and hogs to Winnipeg every week. On Monday last they shipped a car load of each, and it is likely they will find it a remunerative business.

Brandon is likely to have another bank, says the *Times*. This time it is the Bank of Commerce. Mr. Walker, one of the magnates of that institution was in the city spying out land, and before leaving expressed himself as well satisfied with the prospect.

A train load of cattle, comprising twenty-six cars, arrived at Winnipeg last Thursday from southern Manitoba en route to England. The shippers are Gordon and Ironside, of Manitou. This is the fifth train of Manitoba cattle this firm has shipped this season.

R. Ironside, of Manitou, says the *Mercury*, has been giving a good deal of his attention this summer to the cattle trade, and some idea of his transactions in this branch of business may be formed when it is known that the number of fat cattle shipped to the English market during the present month will be about nine hundred head.

Mr. McBroom has arrived at Winnipeg from London, Ont., and is now in charge of the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition, as superintendent. It is apparent that the exhibition is to be a great success, as the list of exhibitors has already grown surprisingly. The large buildings will be taxed to contain exhibits, and a number of tents will have to be provided for some lines.

The Imperial Bank people are making extensive improvements in their Winnipeg offices, corner of Main and Bannatyne streets. They have leased the store adjoining the bank, formerly occupied by Nunn & Co., and are cutting two archways connecting the two apartments. This will double their space and when the improvements are all completed the bank will be one of the most commodious west of Toronto.

A meeting was held for the purpose of working up more interest in the Portage board of trade. The meeting was representative, and judging from the interest manifested, the institution will be a live one this coming year.

Jas. McLennaghan occupied the chair, and A. P. Campbell acted as secretary. A meeting was called for September 3rd for re-organization. The following grain examiners were appointed.—Messrs. Geo. Hall, Geo. Armstrong, H. S. Patterson, W. H. Brown, and A. P. Campbell.

The council of the Winnipeg board of trade met Tuesday afternoon in its regular monthly session. The business was chiefly of a routine character. The committee appointed to interview the Government on the spending of money to put in drains in the Brokenhead district reported that they had interviewed the officials of the Public Works department, and had been informed that some steps were to be taken in that direction; but that, owing to the absence of the Minister from the city the committee were not able to report in full.

Alberta.

A. J. Murphy, boots and shoes, Calgary, was sold out by the sheriff.

Calgary is the largest town, except Winnipeg, between Lake Superior and Vancouver. The population is 3,876.

G. R. F. Kirkpatrick, accountant in the Imperial Bank at Calgary, has been appointed manager of the new branch to be established at Edmonton.

Dr. Oliver, medical superintendent of the Medicine Hat general hospital, and for five years a resident of that town, died Sunday evening of typhoid fever, after an illness of three weeks.

A car load of coal from D. Ross's mine near Edmonton, has been shipped to Calgary, consigned to the Calgary Cartage Company. This is a trial trip. If the coal takes a large trade will be done in it this winter.

R. Wilson Smith, Montreal, has purchased the Calgary school debentures at five-eighths per cent. premium. The amount is eight thousand dollar, payable in ten annual installments. Smith also holds the Calgary sewer debentures.

Saskatchewan.

A letter has been received at Winnipeg from Wm. Plaxton, Prince Albert, stating that the wheat harvest commenced there on August 12; that there had been no frost there so far, and that the grain still outstanding was past the danger of being injured should frost occur. The letter was dated the 23rd inst.

North West Ontario.

Fire was discovered Wednesday morning in Vivian & Alford's store, Fort William. Nearly the entire stock was destroyed. The building was owned by A. Snelgrove. Building and stock were insured.

Assiniboia.

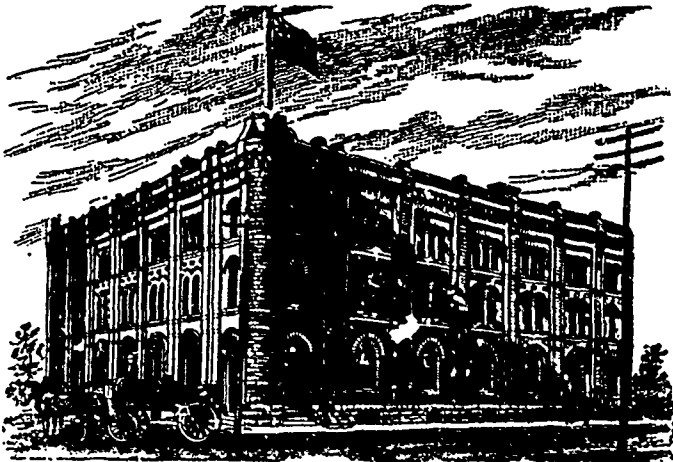
F. T. Carman, drugs and stationery, Moosomin, is dead.

Cattle Freights Lower.

The regular steamship lines, says the *Montreal Gazette*, of August 29, have made another reduction in cattle freights to Liverpool, the rate being now 60 shillings.

Capt. Armstrong's lumber mill near Golden, B. C., has received a large new planer,

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Fur Trade Matters.

The New York *Fur Trade Review* for September says: "The trade is now passing through the usual midsummer dullness, which this year is more marked than h. rstofore, owing to the unparalleled activity which prevailed at the beginning of the season. It was apparent that the pace was too rapid to last, and the present breathing spell, therefore is exerting a most beneficial effect in calling a halt and bringing prices to a proper level. When an article gets too dear its doom is sealed and its exit is only a matter of time. Furs must be had in proper quantities, so that the masses can be supplied, and the prices must be about normal in order that the risk in handling them may not be too great. The past has demonstrated that whenever an article has reached a figure that makes it extra hazardous to handle, it was to the interest of all concerned to substitute something else, which could be dealt in with only a moderate risk. A great many furriers are still busy on first orders, which will keep them employed for weeks to come, and the cloak trade, which will soon again be a factor, will find that the manufacturers have little or no time to attend to outside orders, as it will pay better to work for the legitimate fur trade. It is true that the cloak manufacturers use large quantities of goods and a demand from that quarter has an influence on the prices of

fur generally, but the profits which furriers who have been working for this trade have realized thus far have not been alluring. The various furs formerly specified continue in favor "

The correspondent of the *Fur Trade Review*, at Leipzig, Germany, writes: "Since the middle of July some parcels of musquash, mainly prime skins, have been ordered back to America; the demand has again quieted down. German and Austrian customers take low sorts of musquash for linings; the stock seems to be limited. The skunk imitation in opossum continues to sell well. Shunk has sold more slowly of late in Germany; raccoon has sold to some extent, retailers purchasing from importers at reduced prices. Stocks are large, especially in skins that cannot be used for dyeing. Raw Beaver has been sent back to the United States: dressed skins sell slowly, owing to high prices; leading Berlin dry goods houses are using some marten. Sales on red fox are slower. Limited transactions have been noted in Australian opossum for home consumption. The demand for Astrakhan has not been so brisk as one month ago; high prices asked here are in part the cause. Dyed Persian Lamb skins sell readily to France and to Berlin cloak makers, and also to Roumanian and Polish customers; there is a decided request for gray krimmer; stocks are small. It is as-

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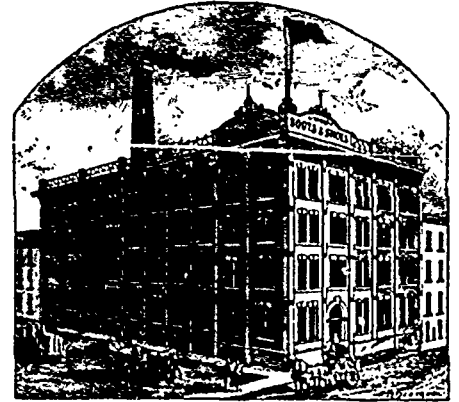
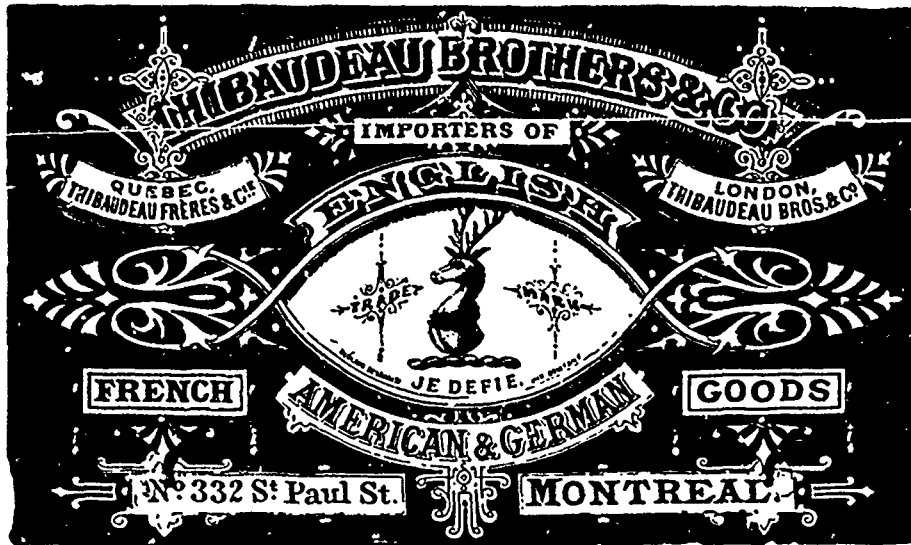
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serted that no gray lamb skins will be offered at Nijni Novgorod. Black krimmer lambs are offered in good parcels, but sell slowly. White hares have been taken by French and Leipzig dealers for dyeing black; squirrel linings meet with a good demand for France, and mouflons have recently been taken for England. The Russian demand for stone marten and pine marten is not as good as one month ago; a moderate amount of stone marten has been ordered for the United States. Tails are about ten per cent. lower than in the spring."

The World's Wheat Yield.

The Hungarian Government has issued an estimate of the world's grain harvest based upon consular reports from all parts of the world. The yield of wheat is estimated at from 2,052,000,000 to 2,083,000,000 bushels and rye at from 1,060,000,000 to 1,090,000,000 bushels—being from 124,000,000 to 141,000,000 bushels below the average for wheat, and from 270,000,000 to 300,000,000 bushels below the average for rye. Austria requires to import from 28,000,000 to 42,000,000 bushels of wheat and 18,000,000 bushels of rye. Germany 28,000,000 bushels of wheat and from 70,070,000 to 78,000,000 bushels of rye, and France 85,000,000 bushels of wheat. Hungary has a surplus of 34,000,000 to 37,000,000 bushels of wheat, but in rye there is a large deficiency. In Russia the wheat surplus amounts to 47,000,000 bushels, and the rye deficit amounts to 120,000,000 to 135,000,000 bushels.

The first shipment of new salmon, says the Toronto *Empire*, consisting of a carload of the Horse-shoe brand in tall and flat tins, reached this market to day. New flat tins contain only select cuts of the fish and are very fine. The price is \$1.70 per dozen, and for tall tins, \$1.45.



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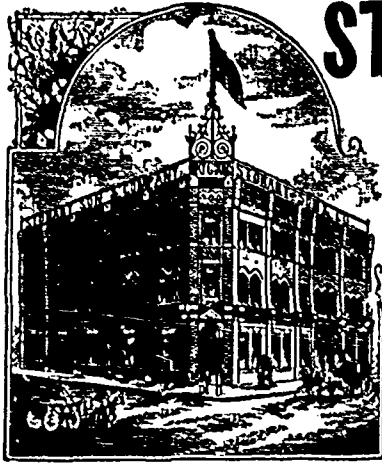
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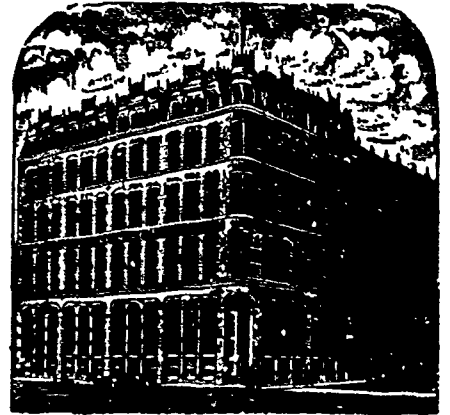
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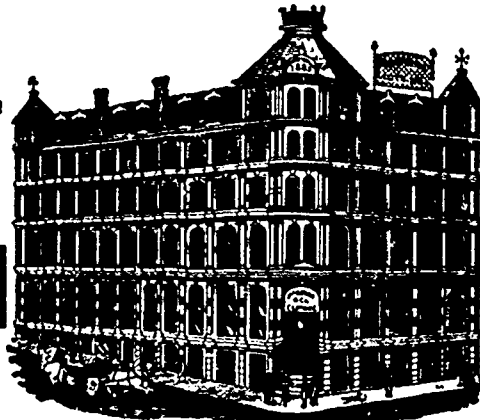
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LADOGA WHEAT.

The frost scare has again caused considerable discussion as to the advisability of abandoning in whole or in part the growing of red fife wheat, in favor of some variety which will ripen earlier. Red fife wheat is a variety of such generally acknowledged excellence, that some will not consent for a moment to the idea of growing any other wheat instead of this variety. Moreover, it attains to such a state of perfection in Manitoba, that it seems a pity to think of abandoning it. But what is true of this wheat, is also true of other varieties, for it is an established fact, that other kinds of wheat reach nearer perfection here than elsewhere. This is particularly true of the variety known as "ladoga" wheat, which has attained to a wonderful state of perfection, by continuous growth here for a few years in succession. This wheat, it will be remembered, was procured by the government at a high latitude in Russia, and small samples were distributed to farmers, throughout the country, the object being to secure a good wheat which would ripen earlier than varieties now in use. The ladoga wheat has been a success, regarded from the standpoint of early ripening. Tests during the past four years, including this season, have demonstrated that it ripens from a week to ten days earlier than red fife, sown under similar conditions. The difference of one week even in the time of ripening, would be of inestimable value as in some seasons it would mean the difference between a crop saved in good condition, and a crop damaged from frost. Whatever else may be said in favor of red fife, it is well known that it is a slow wheat in maturing.

Early ripening is of course, not the only point necessary in recommending a wheat. There are two other important features to be taken into account, these being yield and milling value. As to the yield of the ladoga wheat we have not sufficient information at hand to make a comparison of it with red fife. We have been informed of certain instances, however, in which it has returned a very large crop, the sample being plump and hard, and weighing up to and even over sixty-five pounds to the bushel. One sample tested in THE COMMERCIAL office, actually weighed sixty-six and a half pounds to the bushel, and the grower vouched for a yield of thirty-five bushels per acre. This was some ladoga wheat grown near Prince Albert, Saskatchewan territory, last year. Further information as to the yield and adaptability of this wheat to the country, will soon be forthcoming, from the crop of this year.

The next, and really the most important point, is milling value. If ladoga wheat ripened a month earlier than any other variety, we could not advise its use for seed, unless it can be shown that it is a valuable milling wheat. On this point we have no information at hand, but we believe a test is to be made of the mill-

ing value of the wheat, by the Ogilvie Milling Company, and also by the Lake of the Woods Milling Company. These companies have all the facilities for testing the wheat to the fullest extent, and the result may be relied upon as authoritative evidence of the milling value of the wheat.

In the meantime, while these tests are being made, we would advise all parties who have ladoga wheat, to hold it until the result of the test is known. If this should prove favorable there will undoubtedly be a large demand for ladoga wheat for seed in the spring, while the total quantity of this variety of wheat in the country, will not go far towards supplying Manitoba farmers with each a small portion of their seed requirements. Should the wheat be found valuable for milling, it would be a pity to have any of it used for other purposes than seed for next year, over and above the actual quantity required for testing the milling value of the wheat. Should the milling test turn out satisfactory, the small quantity of ladoga wheat in the country, will render it too valuable for seed purposes, to permit of its sale for local milling purposes, or for shipment abroad. If thought desirable to more rapidly extend the growing of this wheat, than can be accomplished from the small quantity available for seed in the country, an effort might be made to obtain a quantity from the original source of supply in Russia.

THE CENSUS.

The recently published returns relating to the census of Canada for 1891, are not satisfactory from a national standpoint. The west has made rapid progress, but population in the east has been almost stationary in some, and with but moderate increases in other provinces. Manitoba is the only division which will gain in point of representation in Parliament, as a result of the census. It has long been known that Manitoba has a smaller representation in Parliament, in proportion to population, than any other division of the country. The census returns prove this. The revision which will follow the census, will give Manitoba seven members, instead of five as heretofore. British Columbia and the territories have advanced rapidly in point of population, but they will not gain in representation in parliament, for the reason that these divisions were originally given a much greater representation than their population entitled them to. Representation in parliament is regulated on a basis of sixty-five members for the province of Quebec. At confederation, Quebec was given sixty-five members, and it is always to retain this number. The representation of the other provinces and territories is to be increased or decreased in proportion to their variation in population from Quebec. Thus if all the provinces, including Quebec, increased at the same ratio, there would be no change in the number of parliamentary divisions in each province. As Manitoba has gained in population much faster than Quebec, this province is entitled to an increased representation in parliament. On the other hand, the maritime provinces have not increased in population as fast as Quebec, and accordingly they must lose in representation in parlia-

ment. Ontario has increased in population more rapidly than Quebec, but not to such an extent as to entitle her to a gain in representation. The representation of the different divisions in parliament, on the basis of the new census, will be as follows.—Ontario, 92, unchanged; Quebec, 65, unchanged; Nova Scotia, 20, a loss of one; New Brunswick, 14, a loss of two; Prince Edward Island, 5, a loss of one; Manitoba, 7, a gain of two; Northwest, 4, unchanged; British Columbia, 6, unchanged.

The full house will now consist of 213 members, as against 215 members formerly, there being a gain of two in the west, and a loss of four in the east. This shows a considerable gain for the balance of power in the west. Had the representation from British Columbia and the territories not been originally fixed in excess of the basis of population, the gain for the west would have been much more apparent. Another census will give the west a very decided increase of relative strength in parliament.

SUPPRESSING FROST REPORTS.

The Montreal *Trade Bulletin* intimates that efforts are being made to suppress the facts concerning the late frost throughout the west. We think this is largely imaginary on the part of the Montreal journal. So far as THE COMMERCIAL is concerned, this journal has endeavored to give as reliable a report as it is possible to obtain. The fact of the matter is, that it is impossible to estimate with any degree of accuracy, the effects of frost upon grain, until the grain has been threshed. It is a fact, that in 1885, and again in 1889, when there was frost, the damage done was largely underestimated. The reason for this is found in the statement made above. It was impossible to estimate the damage, until it was shown by the inspectors' figures. The farmers, as a rule, were not acquainted with the effects of frost, and many who had their crops injured, were not aware of it until long afterwards. Many who were quite positive that their crops were not hurt, were surprised to find when the grain was threshed, that it had been affected. The effect of frost on grain nearly matured, does not show for some days afterwards. In cool, moist weather, it will be quite a time before the injury can be readily detected. As the injury did not show at once, the conclusion many came to was, that the grain was not hurt. Thus the fact that the injury was underestimated, in past years, was due to ignorance, rather than to any systematic effort to deceive the public. This year there is as much likelihood of overestimating the damage as otherwise. The fact that the error has been made on the other side in the past, will have the tendency to cause people to make more allowance for damage this year, with the possibility that estimates may exceed the actual injury.

HOLDING WHEAT.

THE COMMERCIAL has always urged the early marketing of wheat. Occasionally there are years when it would have paid better to hold wheat until later in the season, but it is altogether impossible to tell when it would be ad-

visible to hold. It costs money to hold wheat, in addition to which there is always more or less risk of loss from fire and other causes. The outlook in the fall or early winter might indicate higher prices later on than were then current, but instead of the expected advance in prices being realized, a favorable crop outlook might cause a lower tendency. Wheat harvesting is going on in some part of the world at all seasons of the year. Crops might be short in northern countries in the fall, but growers in these northern countries who would decide to hold for higher prices, might find that before the expected advance came, a large crop in the southern countries had considerably altered the situation. Taking all things into consideration, we believe the most satisfactory course, one year with another, is to market the crop as soon as possible.

With a view of indicating the profit or loss of holding wheat until December or May, as compared with prices in September, the State statistician of Minnesota has prepared a statement which bears out the belief of THE COMMERCIAL. The calculations cover a period of twenty-one years, from 1870 to 1890 inclusive. The prices are those current the 15th of the month, and we presume represent Minneapolis values. The statement says: "In this period the farmer would have realized a gain by holding his grain until December in only seven instances, and he would have lost heavily in the other fourteen years. The cost of storing the wheat is computed; at a little over 1c a month. In some years the gain has been quite large, but this is more than offset by the loss in the other years, and the average will show a decided loss on September sales." The calculations are based on an allowance of 13 per cent. to cover interest, storage and insurance cost.

BINDER TWINE.

Some time ago, THE COMMERCIAL requested information from the editor of *Farm Implements*, a journal published at Minneapolis, Minnesota, regarding the price of binder twine, etc., in that market. H. C. Clark, of the Minneapolis journal, now writes us as follows:—

"The fact is, it is out of the question for any one here to tell anything about the future of twine, even a month ahead and it has been so through the twine season. Some jobbers and dealers felt sure that twine would advance upon the heavy demand for this season's heavy crop, but in the face of such estimates the price did not advance but slightly declined. There has been an abundance of twine on the market all the season and it is rumored to-day that there is an immense quantity still on hand to lay over in this city.

Warranted pure manilla twine has been sold by jobbers here to dealers at 11 to 12½ cents per lb., and Sisal at 7c. All grades of mixtures have sold at various prices between those figures. There has been but a comparatively small quantity of strictly pure manilla twine sold. Mixed or so called "Standard" grades have mostly been taken, while some jute and a little American hemp twine has been sold. The best jute has sold for 7c while inferior grades have brought 5½ to 6½ cents. Good jute twines

are now to be had and are the cheapest to use but dealers here find them difficult to sell.

The manager of the Deering interests here, upon being asked what he considered an average retail price for their binders said \$135.00. They are sold for more in certain localities where freights are higher and also for less in other places where competition is too sharp. Binders are well sold out this year, makers being able to close out some old machines in certain instances."

B. C. EXHIBITS AT WINNIPEG.

R. E. Gosnell, who had charge of the British Columbia exhibit at eastern fairs last year, and also is performing the same service this year, was in Winnipeg last week on his way east. While here he conferred with the officials of the Winnipeg Industrial, in reference to a British Columbia exhibit at the fair here, and it is now as good as settled that the Pacific province will be represented at Winnipeg. The British Columbia people generally make a success of what they undertake, and it may therefore be expected that their exhibit will form an important feature of the Winnipeg Industrial, while it will also be examined closely by Manitobans, who take a deep interest in the far western province. The exhibit, we understand, will consist of natural products and manufactured articles, special prominence being given to articles which are likely to be interchangeable in a trade way between Manitoba and British Columbia. The latter province produces and manufactures commodities and wares which should be saleable in Manitoba, and these may be shown to advantage, with the object of encouraging interprovincial trade. THE COMMERCIAL was the first to press for an exhibit from British Columbia at Winnipeg, and we may fairly claim that the influence of this journal has led to the addition of this important feature to the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition.

Editorial Notes.

THE secretary of the Victoria board of trade proposes that the members should loan the board \$50 each, to go to the building fund, the money to be given free of interest. In this way he thinks a fund could be raised to carry out the proposed scheme of erecting a board of trade building. The balance necessary to complete the work could readily be secured by a regular loan. Here is a plan for the consideration of the Winnipeg grain exchange and the board of trade, in connection with the proposed building.

An item is going the rounds of the papers to the effect that *Bradstreet's* estimate of the wheat shortage of Europe is 320,000,000 bushels. *Bradstreet's* estimates nothing of the kind. These figures were submitted by Wm. E. Bear, of London, England, in a letter to the journal named. Mr. Bear's first estimate was for a European deficiency of 281,000,000 bushels. That is, he estimated the requirements at this amount in excess of home grown supplies. Later Mr. Bear increased his deficiency to 320,000,000 bushels. Instead of adopting Mr. Bear's estimate, *Bradstreet's* pointed out that

his figures were offset by other reliable authorities, who allowed considerably more for home supplies.

THE wild fruits of Manitoba, which produced such a prolific crop last year, are practically a failure this season. Last year there were tons of wild fruit handled the Winnipeg market, consisting of plums, currants, blueberries, cranberries, saskatoon berries, raspberries, strawberries and other varieties. This year there has been hardly anything offered, except blueberries, and even the latter have not been abundant. The cause of the crop failure is undoubtedly owing to the unusually warm weather early in the spring, which started a remarkably early growth and which was nipped by the May frosts. The wild nuts, which are usually abundant, especially filberts, are also a failure this year.

MANITOBA is not the only part of the continent which has experienced an unusually cool season. The crops throughout the western States generally, as well as here, are much later than usual, on account of the cool season. Corn, which requires warm weather, is unusually backward, and it is feared that the frost will catch some of it yet. In Iowa and Nebraska, the last official reports stated that it would take a month of normal weather to ripen all the corn. The situation is therefore risky, as frost has already been experienced throughout eleven of the northwestern and central States, and even as far south as Missouri and Kansas. The cranberry crop of Wisconsin, which is an important item, has been nearly wiped out by frost. For Manitoba the season has been remarkably cool throughout, and cloudy weather has prevailed to an abnormal extent. The record of previous years has shown that this region has always been noted for the large amount of sunshine, cloudy weather being exceptional. This season, however, has surprised all weather statisticians, in the number of cool, cloudy days.

The Canadian Pacific railway company continues to astonish the world in the wonderful results of its gigantic undertakings. Last week the company ran another fast train across the continent, from Vancouver to New York, carrying the mails from the company's China steamship *Empress of Japan*. The mails left Yokohama on this steamship, on Aug. 19, and reached Vancouver on Aug. 29, making the fastest time recorded, across the Pacific. From Vancouver the mails were sent flying across the continent on a special train, in the incredible time of 88 hours. Connection was made at New York with the City of New York which latter steamship is due to arrive in Queenstown on Sept. 9, so that the mails will in all probability reach London inside of 21 days from Japan, beating all previous records. The railway run across the continent is 3,162.2 miles, of which 2,802.2 miles was over the C.P.R. and 360 over the New York Central. Over four hours, included in the running time, was lost on account of hot boxes. The average time across the continent was 39.5 miles per hour, which is the fastest long distance time on record in America.



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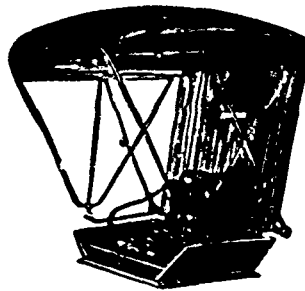
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WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

Matters are very quiet in monetary circles. Interest rates are firm at 7 to 8 per cent for commercial discounts. Mortgage loans are very firm, and the 8 per cent rate is held to very closely for everything in the nature of small loans. Even a large loan would be stiff at 7 per cent for city property. Mercantile collections are very slow.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

The depression caused by the first frost scare has been replaced by a more hopeful feeling, as more reliable information has been received from country points. It is now felt that a good season is before the trade, as notwithstanding any damage which may have been done, there will still be a large crop of good grain left. It is generally conceded, that the cash value of the crop will be greater than in any other past year. Business in the meantime is quiet. The effect of the frost has not been apparent to any extent in wholesale trade, and no further cancellation of orders has been learned of, beyond the one or two mentioned last week.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

Binders twine has been the principal commodity in demand, and sales have been enormous. Farmers have found, owing to the very heavy crop, that their first purchases were insufficient, and they have been obliged to come back for more. Dealers have been rushing twine forward as fast as possible, and by a free use of the wires, have been able to keep the supply up to immediate requirements, so as to prevent any stoppage of work on account of shortage. A number of car lots have come in from the States, where the supply was large. Binders have been put to a severe test this year, on account of the very heavy straw. Binders are well sold out all around. It is learned that a few orders for binders have been cancelled, at Carberry and northwestern points, on account of frost.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

Fall orders have been about all sent out, and the trade is now quieter.

FISH.

Whitefish obtainable are mostly frozen fish, as owing to the refusal of the government to permit fishing in the northern end of the lake, it is difficult to bring fresh fish so far at this season. Whitefish are jobbing here at 6c per lb. Lake Superior trout, 9c., British Columbia salmon, 14c.

FRUITS.

Dealers have had an active week. Lower prices than usual for this market have caused a big consumption, and it has been difficult to keep the market supplied, particularly with California and Oregon plums. Few Ontario plums have been offering yet. Quotations are: California fruits—Peaches, 20 pound boxes, \$1.35 to \$1.50; plums, 20 pound boxes, \$1.35 to \$1.50; pears, 40 pound boxes, \$2.50 to \$2.75; nectarines, \$1.25 per box; grapes, 20 lb boxes, \$2.50 to \$3.50, as to quality and variety. Ontario fruits quoted:—Pears, \$1; apples, 60c; crabs, \$1; tomatoes, 75 to 85c, all per 20 lb basket. Miscellaneous fruits:—Lemons, \$6 to \$6.50 box, bananas, \$3 to \$3.50 bunch; imported apples, \$4 to \$4.50 barrel; black grapes, 60 to 75c per 8 lb basket; water-melons, \$30 to \$35 per hundred; Minnesota tomatoes, \$2.25 to \$2.50 per bushel basket; blue-

berries, 6 to 7c lb. Oregon pears, 40 lb boxes, \$2.50 to \$2.75. Oregon plums, 20 lb boxes, \$1.35 to \$1.45.

GROCERIES.

Prices here are:—Sugars, Yellow, 4½ to 5¼c., granulated, 5¼ to 5½c. Coffees, green, Rio, from 24 to 25c; Java, 27 to 29c; Old Gov., 29 to 32c; Mochas, 33 to 35c. Teas—Japan, 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c; T. & B. tobacco, 61c per pound; lilly, 7s. 57c; diamond solace, 12s, 53c; P. of W. butts, 52c; P. of W. caddies 52½c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 60c; Brior, 7s, 58c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 61c; Index thick Solace, 6s, 53c; Brunotto Solace, 12s, 53c. McAlpine Tobacco Co.'s plug tobacco; Old Crow, 51c, Woodcock, 57c; Beaver, 68c; Jubilee, 65; Anchor, 61c; cut tobacco: Silver Ash, 70c; Cut Cavendish, 75c; Senator, 85c; Standard Kentucky, light, 90c; do., dark, 85c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Milkado, \$40; Terrior, \$30 per 1,000. Mauricia, \$42.50; Soudan Whips, \$10; Turkish Caps, \$35; Commercial Traveller \$25. Special selects, \$55; Selects, \$45; Columbia, \$45; Canucks, \$40; Derby \$36c; Sports, \$30. Mixed pickles, in kegs, are quoted: Three gallons, \$2.25 to \$2.50; do., 5 gallons, \$3 to \$3.50; do., 10 gallon kegs, \$6 to \$6.50.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Business quiet. Leads are firm at quotations. Linseed oils are offering very low in the east, there being considerable competition with English and United States product. There is no local made oil obtainable for some time, the mill being out of raw material. Prices: Turpentine, in barrels 72c per gallon; linseed oil, raw 73c; boiled, 76c; benzine and gasoline, 50c; oxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar \$8 per barrel; Portland cement, \$4.75 per barrel. Michigan plaster, \$3.25 to \$3.50 a barrel; putty, in bladders, 3½c a pound, bulk, in bbls., 3c; whitening, in barrels, \$1.40 a cwt. White leads—Pure, Association guarantee, \$7; do., No. 1, \$6.50; do., No. 2, \$6; other brands of white leads, \$5 to \$5.50; calomine, in cases of 20 five-pound packages, \$6 per 100 pounds; Alabastine, \$7.25 per case of 20 packages. Window Glass, first break, \$2.

WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKETS.

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WHEAT.

Wheat has had a quiet week, and prices are not materially changed from a week ago. Monday was the strongest day in United States markets, prices advancing about 4c at Chicago, over Saturday's close. The advance was caused by frost reports from Manitoba and the northwest States and Liverpool cables ½ to 3d higher. Export clearances from four ports were 632,000 bushels wheat (and flour). Large arrivals were reported from Minneapolis, where 826 cars were received, and Duluth had 187 cars. The Chicago visible supply statement on Monday showed an increase of 1,265,000 bushels, making the total 19,124,113 bushels, against 17,640,332 bushels a year ago. On Tuesday most markets were lower. Liverpool quoted ½ to 1d lower. United States markets declined 2 to 3c per bushel. Wheat on passage decreased 640,000 bushels. Duluth received 165 cars and Minneapolis 297 cars. Export clearances re-

ported were 848,000 bushels wheat and flour, from four ports. On Wednesday Liverpool quoted 1 to 2d lower, and London 3 to 6d lower, Paris 1½ to 3½c per bushel lower. Receipts at Minneapolis 403 cars, Duluth 103 cars. Export clearances 363,000 bushels, wheat and flour. On Thursday Liverpool again cabled dull and 1 to 3d lower. Improved weather was reported from England and Europe generally. Cables on Friday were irregular and from ½d. lower to ½d. higher. Some very bad weather reports came from Great Britain and Europe, which may effect the crop there considerably. The Vienna congress, which met during the week, estimated the European wheat crop at 1,073,000,000 bushels, against 1,278,300,000 bushels last year, and 1,220,520,000 bushels as an average crop for the previous five years. India and the United States are given 808,000,000 bushels against 634,000,000 bushels last year, and 695,000,000 bushels average for five years. The grand total is placed at 1,881,000,000 bushels this year, 1,912,300,000 bushels last year, and 1,915,520,000 average for five years. Total receipts at the four principal United States spring wheat points since Aug 1, the beginning of the crop year foot up. Minneapolis 3,092,259 bu.; Duluth, 1,114,832 bu.; Chicago, 8,960,905 bu.; Milwaukee, 675,299 bu. making a total of 13,753,286 bu. against 5,536,167 bu. during the same time last year and 6,790,546 bu. in 1889. The total receipts at the four principal winter wheat points, Toledo, St. Louis, Detroit and Kansas City from July 1 to date are 24,334,860 bu. against 11,012,811 bu. in 1880 and 10,739,109 bu. in 1889.

In Manitoba the first new wheat made its appearance during the week, but not in any quantity. The elevators are closed and buyers are not on the markets. The new wheat was simply a few farmers' loads offered at one or two country mills. Scarcely any threshing has been done yet, but considerable stacking, though in a number of the earlier districts, wheat cutting is just about finished. Some few sections reported cutting completed, while in some late districts probably not over half the crop is cut. Taking the country as a whole, the crop may now be considered as well in hand. A great many hand rubbed samples have been shown in the city, from all parts of the country, and are mostly good milling samples. A number show more or less trace of frost, but not sufficiently injured to grade as frosted. A few however, would grade frosted. The samples so far shown indicate that there will be a large crop of good milling wheat. A number of samples indicate that cutting was done on the green side.

FLOUR.

Business has been quiet at steady prices. Local jobbing quotations in small lots are as follows, per 100 pounds: Patents, \$2.70; strong bakers', \$2.50; Second bakers, \$2.00 to \$2.20; XXXX, \$1.60; superfine \$1.30.

MILLSTUFFS.

There has been rather a scarcity of bran and shorts, as the mills have not been running steadily. Prices same as a week ago. Quoted bran \$13, shorts \$15 per ton.

MEALS, OIL CAKE, ETC.

Unchanged. Quotations are as follows: Oil cake, in bags \$21.00 a ton; oil cake meal in ton lots, sacked, \$26, in bulk \$25; Oatmeal, standard \$2.85; granulated, \$2.95 per 100 pounds; rolled oats, \$2.95 per sack of 80 pounds; corn-meal is held at \$1.95 to \$2 per 100 lbs. Pot bar-

loy, \$2.75 per 100 pounds. Pearl barley, \$3.00; fine, do., in 50 pounds sacks, \$3 per sack.

FEED.

Good feed quoted at \$22 per ton.

OATS.

There has been very little doing in oats. No large quantities are moving, as it is just now between the season of old oats going out and now coming in. A few new oats have made an appearance. A load or two was offered on the market here, at 30c, and some few have been marketed at country points. Two cars of new milling were purchased for the oatmeal mill here. We quote old oats nominal at 33 to 36c, per 34 pounds, in round lots. New bought on a shipping basis would be lower, but it is too early yet to figure on shipments.

BARLEY.

A few hundred bushels of new barley have been marketed. The quality is good this year, so far as can be judged from samples shown.

BUTTER.

May be quoted nominal at 10 to 14c per pound, as there is next to nothing doing. Round lots of good dairy, 12 to 13c.

EGGS.

Dealers are selling still at 15c, in lots of one or a few cases.

WOOL.

Unwashed fleece quoted at 10½ to 11½c the latter being an outside figure. Fine wools 11½ to 13c. This means pure down or good Merino crosses, and not Leicester or Cots, with a streak of down. The first quotations given will cover the latter class.

HIDES.

No. 1 cows 4½c, No. 2, 3½c, No. 3, 2½c. No. 1 heavy steers, 60 pounds up, 5½c, No. 2, 60 pounds and up, 4½c, calf, No. 1, 5c, No. 2, 4c, sheepskins, 25 to 35c. Lambskins, 30 to 40c each. Tallow, 4½ to 5c for rendered.

CURED MEATS.

Prices are all very firm. Prices are: Dry salt long clear bacon, 9½c to 10c; smoked long clear, 10½ to 10¾c; spiced rolls, 11½ to 11¾c; breakfast bacon, 12½ to 13c; smoked hams, 13½c to 14; mess pork, \$17 to \$18 per barrel. Sausage are quoted: Fresh pork sausage, 10c per lb.; Bologna, do., 8c per pound; German, do., 9c per pound. Ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per ½ lb package.

LARD.

Pure lard is held at firm prices. We quote: \$2.40 per 20 pound pail, for pure. Compound held at \$1.90 to \$2.00 per pail.

POULTRY AND GAME.

Spring chickens are more abundant and lower, some lots having gone at 25c per pair. The first wild ducks were offered, and taken at 25 to 35c per pair, but their sale will depend on the weather. Quoted, chickens 25 to 35c per pair. Fowl 60c per pair.

DRESSED MEATS.

Dressed hogs are firm, as farmers are not offering any at present. Beef is unchanged, at 5 to 5½c, and choice up to 6c, but 5½c is generally regarded as the top price. City dressed mutton is held at 11c, lamb, 12 to 12½c; veal, 7 to 8c, and pork at 8c.

VEGETABLES.

Cauliflower are getting scarce, and the crop has turned out poor as predicted. Corn is lower. Tomatoes easier, imported being abundant. The following are the prices at which the growers are selling on the market to city dealers. Dealers' prices for shipping would be higher: Potatoes, 25 to 30c per bushel for loads on the market. Cabbage, 30c to 40c per doz., tomatoes, 5c per lb; green tomatoes, \$1 per bu; turnips, 30 to 40c bu; onions 2½ to 3c lb. Green stuff in bunches is plentiful, at 20 per dozen bunches for onions, 10c to 15c for radishes, 10c for lettuce, 20 to 25c for rhubarb or pie plant. Carrots and beets, 20c per dozen bunches. Cucumbers, 40 to 60c per dozen. Cauliflower

25 to 75c, as to quality, per dozen. Peas, in pod, 75c per bu., colery, 25c per dozen, beans, 75c per bushel. Vegetable marrow, \$1 to \$1.25 per dozen. Corn, 8 to 12c per doz. as to quality. Horseradish is in demand at 8c per pound for good clean root. Dealers are selling imported tomatoes at 2.25 to \$2.50 per bushel basket for Minnesotas, and imported onions at 5c lb.

Live Stock Market.

A cable to the Montreal *Gazette*, dated Liverpool, August 31, says: There was a good steady demand for cattle to day, and the receipts not being over large owing to the SS. Toronto missing the market and the general supply only fair, prices improved a good ¼c. There was a fair supply of sheep, but prices still rule low. The range of quotations was as follows: Finest steers, 12c; good to choice, 11½c; poor to medium, 10½c; inferior and bulls, 8 to 9½c.

The Montreal *Gazette*, of August 31, says: "The statement made by Premier Abbott in the Senate in reference to the dead meat scheme has caused considerable excitement among the live stock trade, putting the proposed regulations in the back ground for the time being. Delegations have waited on the Government, and the prospects are that the matter will be dropped for the time being. They will certainly do nothing that will in any way jeopardize the safety of this most important trade. The privileges now enjoyed by Canadian cattle in England are very valuable to the Canadian farmer, but the feeling against the trade runs high amongst a certain class on the other side, who do not allow an opportunity to go by to cry down the business. The markets on the other side continue very bad, and cattle dealers are generally losing money. At Glasgow on Wednesday one prominent shipper had a bunch of 100 head which lost him about \$700. The same man has cancelled his contract with the steamship people for 100 Glasgow spaces per week. The Glasgow rate is still 65s, but only 60s is being asked for Liverpool. The stockers markets are also bad. We were shown returns to-day which showed a profit of about 7 cents per head in Dundee this week; but Aberdeen is even worse and is losing a pile of money. Some export trade has been done on spot during the past few days, one shipper buying about 300 head to fill some space he had on his hands. The prices paid would be from 3½ to 4c, somewhat higher than would be paid under ordinary conditions. Very little was done in export stock, but there was a fair movement in butchers', the tops bringing 4½ to 4¾c, and the speculators took about six loads to the East end. Bickerdike bought about 100 stockers which helped the market considerably. The demand for cattle was not brisk but the offerings were light. The best cattle sold at 3¾ to 4c, some of the tops going ½c higher. Sheep, lambs and calves were in good demand. A few sheep were taken for export at 3½ to 3¾c. Butchers' sheep sold at \$3.50 to \$6 each, and lambs sold at \$2.50 to \$6. Calves sold from \$5 to \$15.

Weekly Weather and Crop Report.

The weather was fine for harvesting, being mostly dry, bright and warm. There were a few light local showers, with some cool, cloudy spells, but nothing to interfere with harvesting, which went on rapidly all over the coun-

try. As early as Wednesday, one section reported cutting finished, and by the close of the week, the bulk of the crop was in stock. Such early districts as Grötna, Emerson, Virden, Morden, Deloraine, Gladstone, Neopawa, etc., were well through with cutting, while over half the crop would be in stock in the most backward sections. The damage done by the late frosts, is still a very uncertain matter to speak about. The large number of samples shown, indicate that a considerable quantity of wheat will show more or less evidence of frost, but most of the samples were so slightly affected as to not be materially impaired. Nearly all could be classed as fair to good milling wheat, while a number of excellent samples have been received. As we stated last week, it appears that some of the most important wheat districts have escaped with trifling and some with practically no injury from frost. Two or three sections, however, have suffered heavily, according to information received. With a continuation of good weather to complete harvesting, it is now certain that the country will have a large crop of good, merchantable wheat. The average return for the province will be most satisfactory, and the cash value of the crop will probably be the largest in the history of the country.

Protection for Merchants.

Much dissatisfaction, says the Lethbridge *News*, is continually being expressed by merchants and others throughout the territories, in regard to the law exempting wages from attachment. As it at present exists the intention of the Legislature in providing for an exemption of wages to the extent of fifty dollars a month, undoubtedly was, to prevent the family of a debtor being deprived of the means necessary to procure subsistence. But under existing circumstances there is nothing at all to guarantee the expenditure of this money in a way to fulfil the intention of the Legislature and it only serves to protect the dead beat at the expense of the merchant. So long as the credit system exists, as it must do in all places like this, where the system of deferred pay prevails, it is always possible for a man to get the necessities of life from the merchant, but unless he is honest, owing to the exemption of his wages from attachment in any possible way, the merchants find it impossible to collect their accounts.

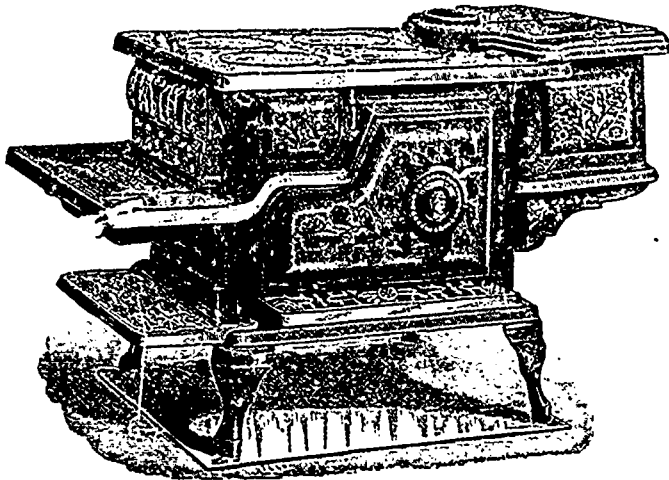
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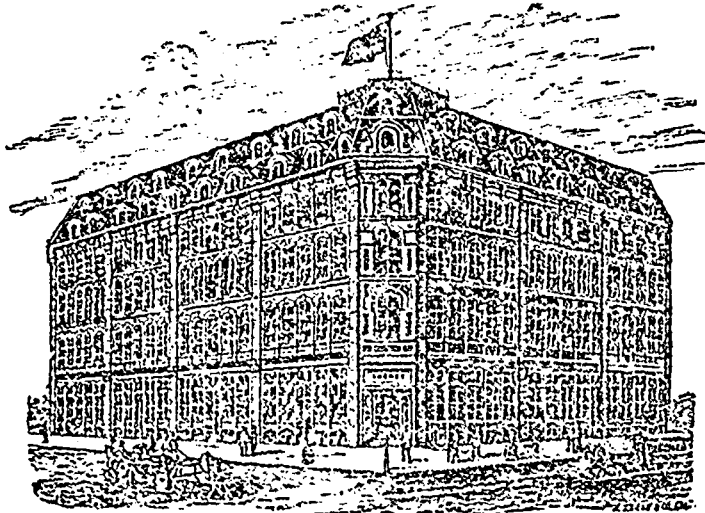
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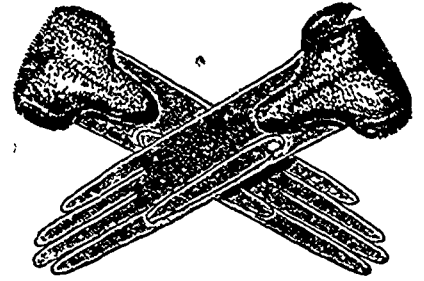
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Speaking of the recent cold dip the *North-western Miller* of Minneapolis says: How much wheat has been injured it can not be judged at present. Unlike frost in some other things, the harm does not appear in wheat at once. It develops in the kernel as the kernel dries. The cells are broken, but that is not shown in grain nearly matured, excepting by a peculiar wrinkle on the berry for several days after the frosting actually occurs.

Waghorn's Guide for September is to hand. The time card of the new line opened between Calgary and Edmonton is given in full, and changes in mail service to that district recorded. The Souris branch has been extended to Melita. A number of new post offices, with their localities are also added. The sailings of the Atlantic steamships are shown, with particulars of accommodation and fares. The table of through trains connecting with the south and east is published and all other information of this class.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

On Monday, August 31, the wheat market was nervous, and fluctuations were wide. Prices opened 1 to 2c higher than Saturday's close, and after many ups and downs, finally closed over 4c higher than Saturday. Firmer cables, reports of frost damage from Manitoba, and the Hungarian government estimate were the bull features, assisted by scared "shorts." Receipts were 1,069 cars. Closing prices were:

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.
Wheat	103	101½	—	101
Corn	64½	64	58½	—
Oats	28½	29	29½	—
Pork	—	10.05	10.22½	—
Lard	—	6.62½	6.70	—
Short Ribs	—	6.70	6.85	—

On Tuesday the tendency of prices was gradually downward, until a decline of 2½c had been reached at the close. Receipts were large again, reaching 765 cars. Cables lower. Closing prices were:—

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May.
Wheat	93	—	101½	107½
Corn	64	59½	—	46½
Oats	28½	29½	—	32½
Pork	10.25	10.42½	—	—
Lard	6.70	6.77½	—	—
Short Ribs	6.87½	7.00	—	—

Wheat was weak and lower on Wednesday, closing 1½c lower, under lower cables, fine weather and large receipts in the northwest. Local receipts were 422 cars. Closing prices were:—

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May.
Wheat	97½	—	99½	104½
Corn	65	58½	—	46½
Oats	28½	29½	—	32½
Pork	10.32½	10.60	—	—
Lard	6.70	6.77½	—	—
Short Ribs	6.90	7.00	—	—

Wheat was strong on Thursday, on higher cables and bad weather, and closed 1c higher. Receipts 750 cars. Closing prices were:—

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May.
Wheat	97½	—	100½	107½
Corn	67	63	49½	48
Oats	29½	29½	—	32½
Pork	10.47½	10.60	—	—
Lard	6.85	6.87½	—	—
Short Ribs	7.02½	7.12½	—	—

On Friday wheat was dull and almost stagnant. No new features. December closed ½c higher. Receipts, 489 cars. Closing prices were:—

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May.
Wheat	97½	—	101	107½
Corn	68½	59½	49	46½
Oats	29½	29½	—	32½
Pork	—	10.90	—	—
Lard	7.30	7.32½	—	—
Short Ribs	7.20	7.30	—	—

Minneapolis Market.

Following were closing wheat quotations on Thursday, September 3:—

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	On track
No. 1 hard	—	—	—	93
No. 1 northern	91	92	95	92
No. 2 northern	—	—	—	88-89

Flour—Quoted at \$3.10 to \$3.50 for first patents; \$4.90 to 5.15 for second patents; \$4.45 to 4.95 for fancy and export bakers, \$2.40 to 3.05 for low grades, in bags, including red dog. The demand for flour was quiet, with bakers and low grades in excellent request and a modest enquiry for patents. The tone of the market seems to be quite healthy and whoever

manages to keep his business within the touch of the general request will probably find all the work he can do. There is evidently a closing up of the difference existing between the prices of high grades and low, due to the high quality of the crop and the character of the demand.

Bran and Shorts—Quoted at \$9.50 to \$10.00 for bran, \$12.50 to \$13.00 for shorts and \$13.50 to 15.00 for middlings.

Oats—Quoted at 26 to 28½c by sample.
Barley—Nominal at 45 to 55c for poor to fine samples of No. 3.

Feed—Millers held at \$21.00 to 21.50; less than car lots \$21.50 to 21.75 with corn meal at \$21.75 to 22.50.

Minneapolis Closing Price Wheat.

At Minneapolis, on Saturday, Sept. 5, wheat prices closed as follows, for No. 1 northern: December option, 94½c. A week ago September closed at 89c, and December at 94½c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

The market was very strong. No. 1 northern wheat at Duluth closed as follows on each day of the week for Sept. option: Monday at 97½c, Tuesday 95½c, Wednesday 94½, Thursday 95½c; Friday 95½c; Saturday, 95c per bushel. No. 1 hard closed on Saturday, Sept. 5 at 97 cents, September delivery. A week ago September wheat closed at 95½c for No. 1 northern, and 97½c for No. 1 hard.

Montreal Stock Market.

Reported by Osler, Hammond & Nanton, September 5th, 1891:—

Banks.	Sellers	Buyers
Bank of Montreal	220½	225
Ontario	114	111½
Molson's	163	158
Toronto	220	222½
Mercantile	153½	152
Union	—	80½
Commerce	133½	133
Miscellaneous.		
Montreal Tel.	108	105
Rich. & Ont. Nav.	55	53
City Pass Ry.	156	185
Montreal Gas	209	206
Can. N. W. Land	89	79½
C. P. R. (Montreal)	88	87
C. P. R. (London)	—	89½
Money—Time	7	—
Money—On Call	44	—
Sterling 60 Days, N. Y. Posted Rate	—	—
Demand	—	—
Between Banks	—	—
Demand Montreal Rate Between Banks	—	—
New York Exchange Montreal Rate Between Banks	—	—

Winnipeg Wheat.

A representative of THE COMMERCIAL took a drive early last week, in the country tributary to Winnipeg, and gathered a large number of small bunches of wheat from fields uncut or in stook along the road. These samples were allowed to thoroughly dry, by being hung up in a warm place, and at the end of the week were rubbed out and examined. One sample was very poor, being green and badly injured from frost. One other sample was very considerably injured, but would make a very fair milling wheat. The balance, though showing more or less trace of frost, were all good to very good milling wheats.

Logan & Co., of Carberry, Man., have decided to sell out their lumber business.

Another train of cattle, consisting of thirteen carloads went east on Tuesday, shipped by Taylor Bros. & Head, of Minnedosa. It was destined for Montreal and probably England.

Mr. J. H. Glass, of London, Ontario, well known in the west, arrived in Winnipeg last week, and will make a trip through Manitoba. He is representing several eastern concerns.

The Canadian Pacific Railway stock continues to boom. At Montreal Friday morning it reached 87½ the highest point ever attained here. Several hundred shares changed hands at that figure.

The C. P. R. authorities have decided to run still another cheap excursion from eastern Canada in order to give easterners an opportunity of attending the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition and fall fairs in the west. The excursion will leave Toronto about September 22nd.

The first two cars of new wheat of the present crop were received here yesterday, both graded as No. 1 hard without cleaning, dock age or screenings. A coincidence being that both cars were shipped from Dwight, North Dakota, from which station were received the first four cars of new wheat last year on the 18th day of August. The four cars last year were all graded as No. 1 northern.—*Duluth Market Report*, Aug. 20th.

The final official returns of the Government of India of the wheat crop of 1890-91 make the area under wheat 26,424,000 acres, as compared with 24,773,000 last year, and a normal or average of five year, of 26,479,000. The product is given as 6,842,000 tons, or 255,434,667 bu, while that of last year was 6,123,000 tons, or 228,592,000 bushels. Last year was unfavorable for wheat production in India.

A reliable advice from Prince Albert, Sas katchewan territory, places the wheat crop tributary to that place at 80,000. The yield is heavy and the quality good, frost having done very little if any injury. There will also be some surplus of oats. In a year or two Prince Albert will doubtless become an important wheat market, now that it has railway communication for shipping out grain.

The *Deloraine Times* says: "Examination of the wheat fields in this district convinces us that the damage from frost, if any, has been very slight, and that there will be an immense quantity of No. 1 hard marketed. The yield, we have no hesitation in affirming will be enormous. Mrs. Temple and Mr. Rowe, of Hernefield, threshed this week a small quantity. From four acres of oats they got 400 bushels, and one acre of barley yielded 75 bushels.

Bradstreet's last weekly report, dated New York, August, 11, says: The bullish railroad traffic outlook and the crop news here and abroad have improved the temper of the speculative share market, especially in regard to the granger shares, a fact emphasized by the more confident view of the autumnal financial outlook. The New York loan market shows a slight decrease of disposition of tenders to keep their funds well in hand, while time money for six months is still scarce at 6 per cent.; 30 day loans are made at 5 per cent.; call money is abundant at 2 per cent. The Union Pacific management is making progress with the plan to finance its floating debt.

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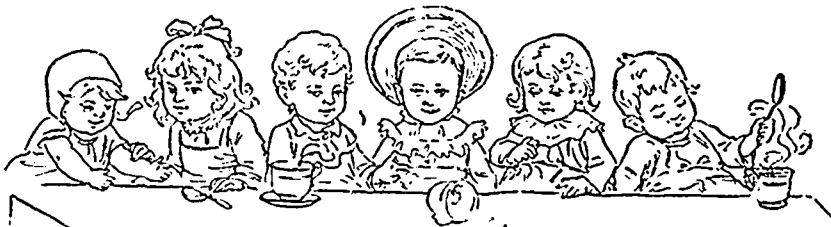
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Toronto Grain and Produce Prices.

Wheat—Easier and quiet, with liberal offerings. Now fall wheat was offered outside during the morning at 93c, but towards the close of the afternoon plenty of it could be had at 96c, and buyers were not anxious to take it at that price. Sales of No. 2 hard were made at \$1.10 west, and offerings were made at that price at Peterboro' and west, Port Arthur inspection. Sales of No. 3 hard were made at 99c west and \$1 east. No. 2 northern to arrive Peterboro and west was offered at \$1.06 on G. T. R., with \$1.01 bid for one or five cars.

Oats—Offerings in spot were scarce, and for oats here there was considerable enquiry; 29c was bid for 10,000 bushels September shipment, and 30c for 20,000 bushels; 5,000 bushels for September shipment was offered at 32½c, and 20,000 bushels was offered at the same price for September or October shipment, with 29c bid.

Car prices are: Flour (Toronto freights)—Manitoba patents, \$5.55 to \$5.65; Manitoba strong bakers, \$5.25 to \$5.55; Ontario patents, \$4.75 to \$5.25; straight roller, \$4.40 to \$4.50; extra, \$3.85 to \$4; low grades, \$2 to \$3.75. Bran—\$11.50 to \$12. Shorts—\$19 to \$20. Wheat—No. 2 white, 96c; No. 2 spring, 94 to 95c; No. 2 red winter, 97 to 98c; No. 2 hard, \$1.10; No. 3 hard, 98 to \$1; No. 2 northern, \$1. Peas—No. 2, 67 to 70c. Barley—Feeding, 48 to 55c. Corn—70c. Oats—35 to 37c.

Dairy produce—A round lot of 80 tubs of low grade butter was sold today at 11c. Another lot of some 40 odd tubs of seconds was bought for 13c. The country stores appear to be well stocked, as enquiries are numerous but the disposition to do business does not go the length of making concessions. Trade prices are 14 to 15c for choice. Quotations are: Butter, good to choice western, 14 to 16c; dairy medium, 11½ to 13c; common, 9 to 11c; creamery tubs, 19c; rolls, 22c. Cheese, May, June and July, 10c.

Eggs—Are 12 to 12½c. There are as many as ever, with some slight improvement in the demand.

Potatoes—Remain steady at \$1 to \$1.25 per bbl.

Hides—A car load of buffs was sold to-day at 6½c. Green are unchanged at 5 to 5½ cents for No. 1.

Miscellaneous Quotations—Beans, \$1.70 to \$1.80; hops, 1890 crop, 30 to 35c; 1889 crop, 10 to 26c; dried apples, 7½ to 8c; evaporated do., 13½ to 14c; hay, \$11 to \$12 for timothy, \$9 to \$10 for mixed; straw, \$6 to \$7; sheepskins, 55c; calfskins, 5 to 7c; wool, 10 to 21c; chickens, 45 to 65c; fowls, 50 to 60c; ducks, 60 to 65c; turkeys, per lb, 11 to 12c.—*Empire*, Aug. 28.

Toronto Live Stock Market.

Export cattle—There was a fair demand for export cattle, and exporters seemed to be in a hopeful mood, as there was a great improvement in the British markets. The prices paid, however, were no larger than those paid last week, still a greater number of cattle were purchased. The range of prices was from \$4 to \$4.75 per cwt., with \$4.40 about the ruling price.

Stockers—The market was fairly active for this grade of stock and ruled firm all day at about the same prices quoted last week, the

range being from 3 to 4c per lb, but mostly in the neighborhood of 3½ to 3¾c per lb.

Butchers' cattle—There was about the usual demand for cattle fit for immediate slaughter, and no change was to be noted in prices. From 3½ to 3¾c per lb was paid for the best grades, and from 2½ to 3½c for inferior to good.

Springers and milch cows—Good backward springers for export sold readily; poor animals found very little enquiry. The prices paid were within the limit of \$35 to \$50 each. Milch cows met with a fair request, and all offered were sold at from \$30 to \$50 per head.

Sheep and lambs—The supply was too heavy for the demand and about 300 head, mostly lambs, were left over unsold. Good sheep for export sold at \$5 to \$5.25 each; butchers' sheep at \$4 to \$4.25 each, and lambs at \$3 to \$4 each.

Calves—A plentiful supply of calves were received and all were disposed of at a price ranging from \$6 to \$7 each according to quality.

Hogs—The market was easier with very little demand for stores, light fat, or heavy rough hogs, but the offering of this class of stock were small, and about all were finally disposed of at from \$4 to \$4.50 per cwt weighed off cars. Heavy fat hogs found a fair market at \$5 to \$5.50 per cwt off cars.—*Empire*, Aug. 29.

The Fast Mail Train.

The C. P. R. "flying special" arrived at Winnipeg Monday at eight o'clock and left again at nine. The run from Banff to Winnipeg, a distance of 920 miles, was made in 23 hours, including stops, making an average of 40 miles an hour. The run from Canmore to Gleichen, 123 miles, was made in 2 hours and 32 minutes, and from Gleichen to Medicine Hat, 125 miles in 2 hours and 28 minutes, including stops. At times a rate of seventy miles an hour was attained, and 50 to 60 miles an hour was quite frequent. C. P. R. Land Commissioner Hamilton who was on the train says that the sensation of going 70 miles an hour was not much different from that experienced at a 35 or 40 mile an hour rate, excepting when a sharp curve was encountered, then he instinctively braced himself for a moment. The regular express which will arrive here at 4.30 this afternoon, left Vancouver twenty-four hours ahead of the flyer, so that it was beaten by thirty-two and a half hours, just about half the regular running time. The special will go direct to New York by way of Prescott, and will not touch at Montreal. The mails from the China steamer will catch the White Star line steamer leaving on Wednesday or a Cunard line steamer leaving on Thursday. The only through passenger on the train was a German merchant who has to be back in the Orient by November.

Holding Back Wheat.

Few people of any experience believe there will be any other important result from keeping the grain out of the market this season, than to carry the movement more evenly through the year. Europe requires about 1,400,000,000 bushels of wheat annually. Enough is raised there this year to last some ten months, and that continent will carry in stocks of wheat and flour enough from the last crop to last some sixty days more. But that would leave them bare at the beginning of

another crop year. It is possible for Europe to pull through without buying much of our wheat when we charge an extraordinarily large price for it. Our surplus might be a serious matter if we get prices above an export basis and hold them there, whether it were done through farmer combinations or any other combinations. People have an aggravating way of getting along with less of a thing when combinations try to force them to pay more than they think they ought to.—*Minneapolis Market Record*.

Grain Saved By Smudges.

The *Daily Alert*, of Jameston, Dakota, says: A farmer says that he worked the smudge on his wheat last Saturday night and it was a complete success. He even saved his millet. He had a lot of straw piles laid all along the north side of his wheat and also along the west side. When the wind was in the north he burned the north side, but later in the night the wind changed to the west and he then fired the straw on the west side and he says he saved his wheat completely. He worked at it all night long. An adjoining neighbor of his who had a lot of smudges on the north line, but who had none on his west line, had his grain badly damaged by the wind changing. His millet was completely killed. This neighbor's millet is now dry and crisp, while Northrup's millet though slightly nipped on the tops, is green and practically uninjured.

Exports of wheat and Corn.

The following shows the exports of wheat and corn, including wheat in flour, from all United States ports and Montreal, from Sept. 1, 1890, to Aug. 8, 1891, for the years named:

	Wheat, bushels.	Corn, bushels.
1890-1	108,263,000	26,253,000
1889-90	79,778,000	95,754,000
1888-9	77,458,000	72,751,000
1887-8	96,000,000	24,535,000
1886-7	158,732,000	40,286,000
1885-6	99,742,000	62,100,000
1884-5	117,554,000	51,759,000
1883-4	105,445,000	35,948,000
1882-3	132,108,000	47,680,000
1881-2	131,721,000	26,297,000
1880-1	168,000,000	84,120,000
1879-80	187,000,000	106,314,000
1878-9	160,000,000	81,350,000

Dr. Selwyn, chief of the Dominion Geological Survey department, was among the passengers of the Atlantic express yesterday. He is returning to Ottawa from a visit to the South Kootenay district. He went from Fort McLeod to Pincher Creek, Alberta, thence by the South Kootenay pass of the Rocky mountains, to Flat River, going up that stream to the entrance of the North Kootenay pass. Returning to Pincher Creek he went back again through the Crow's Nest pass to Elk River, where he examined the immense seams of bituminous coal, which exist there in great quantities. Dr. Selwyn also examined the oil fields in the Crow's Nest pass, where, he says, there are more than mere indications of the presence of oil, but it is impossible to tell in what quantities it may exist. Both the oil and the coal are inaccessible at the present time for commercial purposes, and nothing can be done in the way of developing the deposits until a railway is built.

COMMUNICATIONS.

To the Editor of the Commercial.

DEAR SIR,—Your suggestion as to the desirability of holding a convention of retail merchants of Manitoba and the Northwest, during the week of the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition, is an excellent one. If my memory serves me aright, the last convention adjourned subject to the call of the chairman. There was, I believe, a secretary appointed and I should think that it is within the scope of these officers to make a move in the direction of calling another meeting, if it is deemed advisable, at this time. It seems to me that the formation of a Northwestern Association, of retail merchants, is something that should be attempted, and I can see no reason why it should not be accomplished, as the interest of every business man in this country lies in the direction of having a clear understanding with his fellow-in-trade as to the general principles on which business should be conducted, with a view to avoiding unbusiness-like customs which prevail elsewhere and into which we have shown a strong tendency to fall. By combined action we could also more easily retrace our steps out of the unsatisfactory ruts into which we have already fallen. My belief is that there is no business man in Manitoba, who has intelligence enough to make his success at all possible, who would not welcome the opportunity to act jointly with his fellow merchants with the object of putting an end to the unsatisfactory conditions under which, at present, our business is in many respects conducted. Quite apart from anything that might be accomplished in the way of a permanent organization, the discussion of matters of general interest to the trade, would have a most beneficial effect. There are many subjects of great importance to retail merchants which want a threshing out at present. Probably the most important of all is the credit system which, as at present applied, is very unsatisfactory and unsafe as every retail merchant feels. In this department there are the subjects of terms or length of credits, rates of interest, period after which interest should be charged, etc. I think that in many cases retail merchants suffer large and unconscious loss through their having no definite system of closing accounts and charging interest. Then there are the questions of taxation, exemptions and the desirability of procuring a short and simple form of mortgage, which would be of immense effect in placing business, when done on credit, on a safer footing. The business habits and customs of the mercantile class, as of every other class in our community, are just in the formation stage. It is the interest and the duty of every merchant to contribute all he can towards placing business on a sound and sensible basis, as the bent given within the next few years will be permanent. We all see the strong tendency to vicious habits of business, which not only ensure the failure of those who practice them, but which when practiced, injuriously affect even the intelligent man who sees the necessity of sound business habits. For this reason, it is particularly desirable that a combined effort should be made at this time. The condition of the country this year is favorable to the success of such an effort. Trusting that my fellow merchants will not fail to avail themselves of the very favorable opportunity of meeting and discussing their interests, I am yours, etc.

NORTHWESTERN.

Eastern Business Changes,
ONTARIO.

May & Co., tailors, Barrie, have assigned.
E. S. Clark, grocer, Toronto, has assigned.
J. O. Trotter, shoes, Woodstock, has sold out.
P. C. Bernard, auctioneer, London, is dead.
C. M. Whitney stoves, etc., Seaforth, has assigned.
Susan Vance, general store, Hepworth, has sold out.
C. W. Brownell dry goods, etc., Cornwall, has assigned.
A. C. Metivier, dry goods, etc., Toronto, has assigned.
Titus Bruce, jeweller, Tilsonburg, has called a meeting of creditors.
McGregor & Crysler, wallpaper, etc., Toronto, have assigned.

QUEBEC.

J. A. Viau, shoes and groceries, Hull; curator appointed.
Lamoureux & Racicot, furniture, Montreal, have dissolved.
Butler & Brodeur, saw mill, etc., Waterloo, have dissolved.
J. J. Jones, roofer, Richmond, is about leaving for Jarvis Inlet, B. C.
Mrs. T. & T. David, general store, St. Vincent, de Paul, have assigned.
McIndoe & Vaughan, leather, Montreal, have admitted W. D. Aird as a partner; style now McIndoe & Aird.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Geo. Porter, grocer, Wolfville, has assigned.
Alex. Renner, hotel, etc., Halifax, is dead.
Holmes Masters, physician, Berwick, is dead.
A. J. Drysdale, marble, Bridgewater, has assigned.
Miss M. F. Slattery, general store, Louisburg, has assigned.
W. H. Bannister, optician, Halifax, is offering to compromise at 50 per cent.
Watson Eaton & Son, produce and commission, Halifax; W. Eaton, of this firm, is dead.
C. Robin & Co., general store, and fishing, Arichat—Re-organized and style changed to Chas. Robin, Collas & Co., Ltd.
Davis & Lowther, general store, Oxford; C. Lowther has sold out his interest to T. T. Davis; style now Davis Bros. & Co.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

G. & W. Craig, grocers, Moncton have dissolved.
Bustin & Johnson, furniture, Moncton, have assigned.
G. Kinneer & Co., harness, St. John, have assigned.
E. B. Nixon, wallpaper, Fredericton, has sold out.
Geo. Lewis, jewelry and pictures, Bathurst, has assigned.
Frank Downing, confectioner, St. John, is out of business.
T. I. Ford, grocer, Moncton; stock disposed of and business closed.
Burt & Wilkinson, carriages and blacksmith, Centreville, have assigned.
C. N. Clark, shoes, Fredericton is offering a compromise of 25 per cent.
J. A. McQueen, general store, Point de Bute, is advertising closing business.

British Columbia.

L. A. Hobbs, hotel, Nanaimo, bought out G. Staffin.

O. A. Gagnon, furniture, etc., Nanaimo, has been closed out.

N. P. Wildrick, hotel, Vancouver, sold out to Cream & Thomas.

Shatford & Taylor, general store, Vernon; style now W. T. Shatford.

A. A. Richardson, dry goods, etc., Nanaimo; succeeded by Richardson & Horner.

L. Davis, clothing, etc., Vancouver; has sold out branch business at Nanaimo to Marymont & Davie.

A. Peterson, jeweller, Vancouver, formed partner with G. S. Mason under style of Mason & Peterson.

W. R. Robertson, late manager of Luffery & Moore's bank at Calgary, has opened an office in Vancouver as accountant and general broker.

W. & G. Wolfenden, groceries, New Westminster, have dissolved. Business will be continued by C. Wolfenden & T. S. Annandale, now under the style of Wolfenden & Annandale.

The pioneer general merchandise store of Ainsworth, conducted by G. B. Wright and J. Fletcher, has been sold and the firm conducting it dissolved. H. Giegerich is the purchaser of the stock.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamship—Empress of Japan—arrived off Victoria, on August 29, having made the voyage from Yokohama in ten days and thirty minutes, the quickest trans-Pacific trip on record.

Over sixty vessels, not including steam yachts are owned and registered in the port of Westminster, with tonnage ranging all the way from 15 to 500. Of this number nearly 50 are steamboats, used in the passenger and freight traffic, the lumber trade, and the salmon canning industries on the Fraser River.

The *Columbian* says: The season's work at all of the northern canneries is over now, and the fishermen have departed. This fact is much regretted by the canneries, as a fresh run of excellent fish has just started at River's Inlet and along the Skeena, which cannot be utilized. The total pack of the various canneries is now obtainable, the approximate figures being as below: On the Naas, McLellan leads with 5,000 cases, the Cascades having 2,800, and Findlay, Durham & Brodie, 2,000. River's Inlet shows up best of all, Findlay Durham & Brodie's two canneries having put up 25,800 cases. On the Skeena, the totals are: B. A. P. Co., 13,000; N. P. Co., 10,000; Cunningham's 13,500; Windsor, 9,000. The prophecy of a half pack for the northern canneries is thus fulfilled.

F. H. Arkell, says the *News*, leaves Vancouver on a trip around the world. He will stay some time visiting relatives in Ontario and will then proceed to England returning to Vancouver by way of the Suez Canal, Hong Kong and Japan. He expects to be absent about six months. No man here is more esteemed for his sterling integrity and blunt honesty than Mr. Arkell, and the success which has attended his business efforts during the past four years is only an illustration of the opportunities that are to be found here. Without gains from real estate speculations (for he has never owned a single lot) Mr. Arkell has, by the pursuit of a legitimate business, realized a comfortable competency, and now proposes to enjoy a little relaxation and see other parts of the empire.

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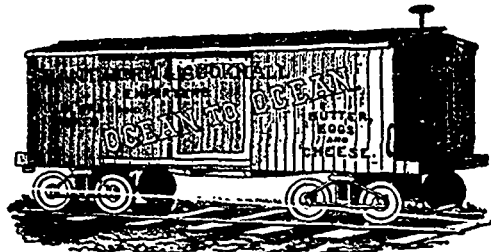
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Flour—City strong bakers are quoted steady at \$5.50 and spring patents at \$5.90. In winter wheat brands there have been sales of straight rollers at \$4.80 to \$4.85 car lots on track. A lot of 500 barrels of strong bakers was sold for export to Jamaica. Patent, winter, \$5.50 to 5.75; patent spring, \$5.70 to 5.80; straight roller, \$4.85 to 4.90; extra, \$4.50 to 4.70; superfine, \$4.10 to 4.35; Manitoba bakers, \$5.00 to 5.25.

Oatmeal, etc.—Granulated and rolled oats, \$5.55 to \$5.70 per barrel, and \$2.70 per bag; standard and fine oatmeal, \$5.45 to \$5.55 per barrel, and \$2.65 to \$2.70 per bag. Pot barley, \$4.15 to \$4.25 per barrel, \$2 per bag.

Feed—The sale of two car loads of bran is reported at \$15.00 to arrive, and we quote \$15 to \$16 as to quantity. Shorts are scarce, and quoted at \$19 to \$20.

Wheat—Large quantities of wheat are on the way from the western states for export from this port. No. 2 hard Manitoba is steady at \$1.10 to \$1.12. The sale of a lot of Canada white winter wheat is reported on this market at \$1.08½.

Oats—Sales of new oats have been made to arrive next week at 37c per 34 pounds, and at 35½c to arrive later on. Ontario oats are quoted at 40 to 42c, although some holders ask more money.

Barley—The only sale reported was a lot of new to arrive at 62c for malting purpose. Feed is quoted at 55c.

Pork Lard, etc.—Canada short cut mess pork, per barrel, \$17 to 17.50; Canada short cut clear pork, per barrel, \$17. Extra mess beef, per barrel, \$14.50 to 15; hams, city cured, per pound, 11 to 11½c; lard, western, in pails, per pound, 8½ to 9c; lard, Canadian, in pails, per pound, 7½ to 8c; bacon, per pound, 10 to 11c; shoulders, per pound, 9 to 10c.

Butter—A good amount of business is reported for export account. Sales of creamery are reported at 20 to 20½c for late made goods. In Eastern Townships sales have transpired at 16 to 17c, and quite a lot of western has changed hands at 14 to 15c as to quality and selection. The exports for week ending to day were 2,841 packages against 98 packages for the corresponding week last year.

Cheese—There has been considerable buying in the country, Brockville having been pretty well scooped at 9½ to 10½c. The sale of 1,000 boxes was made on this market yesterday at 9½c, and the bulk of the finest cheese going out on this week's steamers cost 9½ to 10c for fine to finest. Underpriced goods have sold all the way from 8½ to 9½c, some very good value being represented by the latter priced goods. Some buyers are inclined to quote the market quiet, but as yet there are no signs of any break in prices. The exports this week are 73,984 boxes against 23,587 boxes for the corresponding week last year.

Eggs—Receipts are liberal, and fresh August stock is showing up in good proportion. Sales have transpired of straight lots at 12½ to 12¾c, and one lot is said to have changed hands as low as 12c. Fresh August stock has been laid down here at 12½ to 12¾c in car lots, sales to the trade here have transpired at 13 to 14c.

Maple Products—Syrup is quoted at 50 to 55c; sugar 6 to 7c per pound.

Beans—Good sorts are selling at \$1.30 to \$1.40; common at \$1.10 to 1.20, and choice hand-picked \$1.80 to 1.85.

Honey—Fine white clover sells at 14 to 15c down to 9 to 12c for dark; old extracted at 7½ to 8c per pound.

Apples—The market shows signs of improvement, owing to lighter receipts caused by shippers refusing to send their apples forward in consequence of low prices they received last week, when sales were made as low as \$1 per barrel, fair qualities being pushed off at \$1.25 per barrel and good to choice at \$1.50 to \$2. Sales have since been made, however, at \$1.75 to \$2.25 per barrel for fair to good stock. Dried apples quiet and prices at 6 to 8c per pound as to quality. Evaporated apples inactive at 11 to 13c as to quality and quantity.

Tomatoes—Baskets of one bushel from 75c to \$1 as to quality.

Nuts—Almonds, 13½ to 14c per pound; walnuts, 12 to 14½c; filberts, 9 to 10c; Brazils, 15 to 18c; peanuts, 8 to 10c.

Potatoes—the market is well supplied with early varieties which are of excellent quality and selling at 75c to \$1 per barrel of two bags; bags, 45 to 50c.

Hides—Prices are unchanged and we quote: No. 1, 5½c; No. 2, 4½c; No. 3, 3½c; tanners pay 1c more; lambskins, 50c calfskins, 7c.

Leather—Some shipments of black from Quebec, and sole from the west have gone forward to England. Prices remain unchanged and we quote: Manufacturers sole, No. 1, 17 to 19c; No. 2, 15 to 16c; waxed upper, 22 to 27c; splits, Quebec, 11 to 13c; splits, Western, 15 to 19c. —Montreal Trade Bulletin, Aug. 28.

United States Crop Report.

According to the official United States crop bulletin, for the week ended August 29, there was frost in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado, Missouri, Illinois and Kansas. The reports for the states mentioned is as follows:—

Minnesota—Frost damaged uncut grain from 5 to 10 per cent. in northern counties and some damage to corn in central counties; but none in the southern counties; harvesting is two-thirds completed in northern counties and threshing is general elsewhere in the state the yields being above estimates.

North and South Dakota—The frost in North Dakota damaged late wheat, oats and flax, probably 15 per cent; more than three-fourths of the wheat crop is harvested or beyond injury; corn was badly damaged but there was little raised in the state. In South Dakota the damage was slight; the wheat and oats having been harvested or beyond injury; there was some damage to millet but slight to flax; some late vines were killed in both states, but smudging was general and served to protect vegetation to a great degree.

Iowa—Seventy per cent. of the corn crop of the state will be safe in three weeks, but the remainder is backward and will not mature (under normal weather conditions) in a month; light frost on four days, injured tender vegetables only.

Wisconsin—Three-fourths of the cranberry crop of the state is totally destroyed, and one fourth of the buckwheat in the northern and western portion of the state killed by frost;

corn does not promise over half a crop; tobacco is not damaged; too dry for plowing.

Nebraska—Weather was cool and unfavorable for corn; a few fields of corn in South Nebraska are safe from frost, but most of the crop needs considerable warm weather to mature if; light frost Monday and Tuesday but no damage reported.

Missouri—The rains have improved corn and pastures and the weather has been favorable for plowing and farm work, but has been too cool to mature corn; light frosts reported but no damage.

Kansas—Haying and threshing progressing favorably; weather is too dry for late crops; fruits will, however make fair crops, unless injured by frost; ground is too dry to plow; frosts on Sunday and Monday, but did no damage.

Oregon—Wheat threshing well under headway and heavy yields are reported from every section.

About Freight Rates.

The *Northwestern Miller* of Minneapolis, Minnesota, says: As is usually the case, the advance in freight rates on flour, Minneapolis to the seaboard, which was scheduled to take effect Tuesday, had a string attached to it. Instead of actually going into force, the time in which shipments can be made at 27½c to New York and 32½c to Boston has been extended by the Western Transit Co., and the Anchor line to September 1. Without doubt the other lines will do the same thing, but it is claimed by railroad men that the advance will positively be enforced on and after Sept. 1. The new rates on grain flour and millstuff, as established by most of the lake-and-rail lines, Aug. 25, are as follows in cents per 100 lbs:

To—	
New York	50
Boston and New England	35
Philadelphia	28
Baltimore	27
Albany and Troy	29
Utica	27½
Cornberg	28½
Syracuse	25
Rochester	23½
Buffalo	20
Montreal	23

Two Chicago lines at least are making a rate 2½ cents lower than the above to New York and Boston points.

The rates on grain and flour, from Minnesota and North Dakota points, to Minneapolis and Duluth, are as follows, in cents per 100 lbs:

From -	To—	Mpls.	Duluth.
Brainerd, Minn		12	12
Little Falls, Minn.		11	12
Sauk Center, Minn		11½	11
Anoka, Minn		5	12
St. Cloud, Minn.		9	12
Fergus Falls, Minn		15	15
Breckenridge, Minn.		16	16
Grand Forks, N. D.		18	18
Grafton, N. D.		19	19
Moorhead, Minn.		16	16
Fargo, N. D.		16	16
Jamestown, N. D.		21	22
Casselton, N. D.		17½	17½
Bismarck, N. D.		27	27
Mandan, N. D.		30	30

The lowest through rates on flour from Minneapolis are 42½c per 100 lbs to London; 40c to Liverpool, and 44½ to Amsterdam. The rate on bran, which is higher owing to the larger bulk of the stuff, is given at \$10.40 per ton, to Aberdeen, Scotland.

Grain and Milling.

Leitch Bros., will build an elevator at once, in connection with their fine flour mill at Oak Lake.

Mr. Nairn, of the Winnipeg oatmeal mill, has already received two cars of new oats, of fine quality.

W. D. McBean, grain dealer, Winnipeg, arrived home last week. Mr. McBean has been on an extended visit to Ontario.

E. L. Drewry, of the Winnipeg brewery, last Thursday purchased 500 bushels of barley. The barley is of a very choice quality, and was grown in the vicinity of Carman.

A meeting of the farmers will be held at Mosse Jaw, Assa., to consider arrangements to build a flour mill this fall. So far the prospects are very bright for the farmers in this district.

F. W. Thompson, manager of the Ogilvie Milling Co., Winnipeg, has been on a trip to the Pacific coast. During his absence, Mr. Black, secretary of the company, has been in charge of this mammoth concern.

The Farmers' Elevator Co., at Rapid City, Man., says the *Reporter*, have matters so arranged that the construction of the elevator will be proceeded with. A few days necessary delay will occur, but by the 15th inst., operations will begin.

The Dominion board of arbitrators and grain examiners for the inspection districts west of Lake Superior held a meeting last week at Winnipeg and appointed the 10th of September as the date of examination of a gentleman from Port Arthur as to his fitness to act as deputy inspector of grain. The gentleman is nominated by F. E. Gibbs, inspector at Port Arthur.

W. A. Doyle, a farmer near Beulah, Man., has some wheat of an unknown variety, which stood over seven feet high, and was dead ripe on August 20. He claims that it was ready to cut a week earlier than any red fife wheat in that locality, though sown late. It yields heavy, but its milling value is unknown. He has grown this wheat for a number of years, from the seed of a few heads he found growing wild near his farm.

The first new wheat marketed at Morden, Man., says the *Monitor* of September 3, was on Monday last by some Mennonites. These people are voted slow by some of us, but they come up smiling with their wheat every year before the Cannuck has done cutting. Four loads were sold to Mr. Byron Fraser at 70c per bushel. No one is buying as yet at the elevators, so that this price must not be taken as a criterion. The sample is the best Mr. Fraser has ever handled.

Three samples of grain from the Prince Albert district, Saskatchewan territory, were received in Winnipeg early last week. The choicest is perhaps a sample of ladoga wheat. It is well worth inspection, and may be seen at the office of Atkinson & Co. The berry is of a fine color, plump and hard, and the sample will average 66 pounds per bushel. The other samples are of oats and barley, the latter being the two rowed variety. The berry is of mammoth size, and the color good. The sample of oats is a white variety, and remarkably heavy. If the general crop of the Prince Albert district is in keeping with these wonderfully fine samples,

the people up there will have something to rejoice about.

F. W. Thompson, manager of the Ogilvie Milling company, who returned last week from a trip to the Pacific coast, stated that they were extending their business in all directions. They had decided to establish agencies in Yokohama, Japan and Hong Kong, China. The company's mills have all been improved this summer. Additions have been made to the Glenboro mill, Montreal, which cost \$30,000. The capacity of this mill is 2,000 barrels per day. The Winnipeg mill has been improved at a considerable outlay. The company made arrangements some time ago to make a thoroughly practical test of the flour producing qualities of ladoga wheat. The test will be made as soon as a stock of ladoga can be secured.

Lumber Cuttings.

The Rainy River Boom Co., has had a very busy season. They have handled 35,000,000 feet of logs since May last.

The Minnesota & Ontario lumber mill at Norman, has closed down. The planing mill is still running, and the yard and office men are busy shipping. The season's cut has been a large one. Some of the mill men have gone west to Manitoba's harvest fields.

The lumber manufacturers of the Northwest States met at Minneapolis, Minnesota, recently, to take decided action towards advancing the price of lumber. Over 60 were present from Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin. It was decided to form a permanent organization and a committee was appointed to draw up a constitution. A committee was also appointed to compile the written reports from lumber markets all over the Northwest as to the state of the market. It is proposed to advance prices about a dollar a thousand.

The scene at Christie's saw mill these days, writes a Brandon, Man., correspondent, is a busy one; the hum of the saw cutting the products of the forest into lumber can be heard throughout the city both night and day. Seventy-five men are constantly employed, who, with the latest improved machinery are turning out 60,000 feet of dressed lumber every twenty-four hours. It will take until it freezes up at this rate of speed to cut up all the logs now in the Assiniboine awaiting the work of the sawyers. Mr. Christie has on hand 42,000 logs ready to cut, which, together with 2,100,000 feet of lumber now in the yard, represents not a little building material. 40,000 feet of lumber leaves the yard daily and finds its way to every point in the province, there seeming to be a great demand for spruce lumber.

A meeting of the retail lumber merchants of the province was held at Brandon on Aug. 29 to consider the advisability of forming a provincial association. About thirty delegates were present from all parts of the province and from those who could not attend communications were read and the unanimous wish was that an association should be formed. It was decided to form an association under the title of Western Retail Lumber Association. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, A. Black, Winnipeg; vice-president, Mr. Barclay, Brandon; secretary-treasurer, Mr. Housser, of Portage la Prairie. Five directors were also appointed, who with the president, vice-presi-

dent and secretary-treasurer form the executive committee. The committee appointed at Rat Portage at a previous meeting presented a draft of the constitution and by-laws to govern the association, which were accepted. There was also a discussion with reference to rates, but the fixing of these was left to the next meeting of the directors, to be held in Winnipeg during exhibition week. All of the lumbermen say that the forming of this association is a step in the right direction.

Ocean and Inland Freights.

The ocean freight market for grain is firm, as sufficient western stuff has been taken to insure full cargoes up to the close of navigation. On Tuesday 40,000 bushels of grain was chartered for Liverpool at 3s, ship agents now asking 3s 3d. London is quoted at 4s; Glasgow, 3s 6d and Bristol, 4s. Two charters of heavy grain reported for the Baltic at 4s 9d. Deals to British ports by outside vessels are quoted at 4s to 4s 6d.

Regarding inland freights, 7c per bushel has been paid this week for heavy grain from Chicago to Montreal, and large quantities are on the way mostly from Chicago. The rate from Chicago to Buffalo is 2½c on wheat and 2½c on corn.—*Montreal Trade Bulletin*.

A BEAUTIFUL volume, bearing the title of the "Monetary Times Portfolio Edition," has reached us, from the *Monetary Times* office, Toronto. The work is handsomely bound in morocco leather, and is a thing of beauty throughout. The engravings are superb, and the letter press perfect, from an artistic point of view. We have not had time yet to peruse the book, but doubtless the literary features will be in keeping with the mechanical and artistic appearance of this handsome publication. It is a work of 117 pages, and illustrated by numerous large photo-engravings. It contains letter-press descriptions of Canadian cities, Canadian financial institutions, Canadian industries, and the like, with statistics added which in many cases serve to illustrate the text, and with historical sketches of the growth of Canada in general, as well as the rise and progress of the National Policy in particular. Considerable space is given to banking and financial subjects, insurance, etc., and to the growth of the different branches of wholesale trade and manufacturing industries. Altogether the publication is the finest thing which has reached THE COMMERCIAL office, at least this year.

About four hundred people from Ontario, including many intending settlers with their families, left Toronto on September 1, on two special trains bound for Manitoba and the west. The trains contained fifteen cars. The feature of the excursion was the very large amount of baggage accompanying them. This is the last harvest excursion of the season.

WE have received from Lucas, Park & Co., wholesale grocers, of Hamilton, Ontario, a special issue of the *Hamilton Spectator*. This number is issued on a mammoth scale, profusely illustrated, in celebration of the great Saengerfest recently held in that city. The paper contains a cut of the handsome warehouse of Lucas, Park & Co. The firm is sending a copy of this handsome publication to each one of its western customers.

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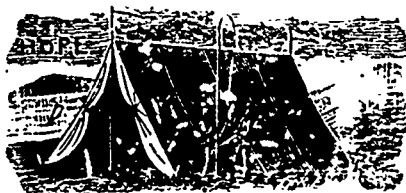
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Northwest States Wheat Crop.

The state secretary of Minnesota has just completed his report of crop acreage of this state for 1891 as returned by the assessors. The Minnesota wheat acreage is given at 3,359,983 acres. Which at 18 bushel average would be 60,479,694 bushels total yield for this state. That will not vary much from the actual result. The acreage is figured at 281,196 acres more than last year, and the increase in yield at that rate would be about 19,000,000 bushels, 5,000,000 of which would be due to increased acreage and 14,000,000 to increased yield per acre. If there proves to be serious shrinkage in the north from frost that might make a difference of 1,000,000 bu or less.

The wheat acreage of North Dakota is given officially now, excepting for one county, and by estimating that 2,907,416 acres is the total. By calling it 17 bu per acre after making allowance for the late frost shrinkage there would be 49,426,045 bushels. The increase in acreage over last year is 630,536 acres, making an increase in bushels of 10,719,112 for increase of acreage and about as much more for increase in yield per acre or some 21,000,000 bushels more than a year ago.

South Dakota has probably about 2,000,000 acres that will likely yield 16 bu after making allowance for a portion that ranges from 10 to 12 bu. giving a crop of 32,000,000 bu, making for the three states, practically 142,000,000 bu, of wheat for this season's total yield.—Minneapolis Market Record.

Frost in Dakota.

The Jamestown Daily Alert says: No very great damage has apparently resulted from the frost of Saturday night though it is certain that in many sections of the state the uncut grain sustained injury. The prevalence of smudge fires prevented more widespread disaster to fields, and in nearly every case where farmers kept them burning the wheat is reported unharmed. One farmer, seven miles out from Jamestown, employed his whole family in this work, and in reward of his efforts had the satisfaction of still expecting a bountiful yield of plump, hard wheat. Smoke from these fires hung like a cloud over the valley, and here the loss will be least felt in consequence. Out upon the high, rolling prairies the smudges were less effective, but even the damage there is said to be, on the whole, comparatively slight.

It is estimated that about one quarter of Stutsman's country's wheat acreage had been cut previous to Saturday night. Of the remaining portion, probably one quarter was so badly damaged as to reduce its grade something under No. 1 hard, the same as if no frost had appeared, while a few places are as reasonably certain to yield nothing fit for market. In itself the frost must be regarded as a serious calamity to the state. Unless the frost of Saturday proves more disastrous than first reports indicate, North Dakota may yet be depended upon to market the greatest crop raised in its history.

Trade League.

The following resolution was adopted, after the address by Col. Vincent, in the city hall, Winnipeg, on Aug. 25:—Resolved, that this public meeting of the citizens of Winnipeg is of the opinion that the principles as advocated

by the United Empire Trade League favoring the extension of commerce upon a preferential basis throughout all the parts of the British Empire will be of the highest collective and individual advantage; and, further, that the provisions of any treaties, imposing limitations upon the full development of trade between Canada and other parts of the British Empire, should be abrogated.

At the meeting addressed by Col. Vincent, in the board of trade building, Toronto, the following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, that this meeting has heard with pleasure the able address of Col. Howard Vincent and desires to again place on record its approval of closer trade relations with the mother country. In the opinion of this meeting preferential trade relations throughout the empire would vastly extend and consolidate the national and material interests of Great Britain and the colonies. And it further cordially endorses the efforts of the United Empire Trade League in the advocacy of its principles.

Barley Crop of the United States.

The following compilation by the Cincinnati Price Current shows the yearly production of barley in the United States, and importations for years ending June 30, in bushels:—

	Production.	Imported.
1880-81	45,165,000	9,528,000
1881-82	41,161,000	12,183,000
1882-83	48,954,000	10,050,000
1883-84	50,138,000	8,596,000
1884-85	61,203,000	9,986,000
1885-86	58,360,000	10,197,000
1886-87	59,425,000	10,356,000
1887-88	56,812,000	10,831,000
1888-89	63,884,000	11,368,000
1889-90	65,000,000	11,332,000
1890-91	63,000,000	5,079,000

Some seasons barley malt has been imported to a moderate extent—in 1881-82, 1,137,000 bushels; in 1882-83, 1,356,000 bushels. The records make no showing for other years in the period indicated in the foregoing table.

Ontario Crops.

The Ontario Bureau of Industries has issued a crop bulletin dated August 18 which briefly summarized makes the following forecast: In fall wheat there will be a very fine yield estimated to reach 20,800,000 bushels as compared with 14,300,000 last year. Spring wheat will be above an average yield, estimated at 9,600,000 bushels as against 7,600,000 bushels last year. Barley is a good crop; oats good; peas exceptionally good; hay and clover unusually light; roots fair; apples light; small fruits an abundant yield.

The Duluth & Winnipeg railway, says the Minneapolis Lumberman, has been completed across the Deer river making when the Duluth terminal is finished a trifle over one hundred miles of completed main line. A townsite has been laid out at the crossing of Bass brook and the town is to be known as Compton. The Itasca Lumber company's logging railroad leaves the main line at this point. General Manager Fisher is authority for the statement that the road will next year be completed to the boundary line.



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