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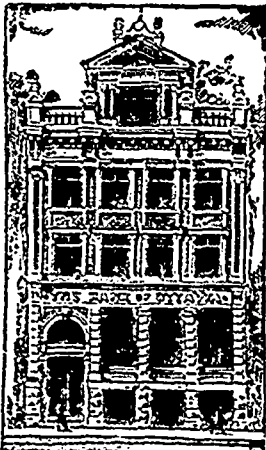
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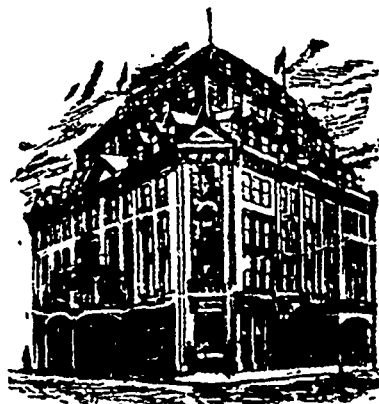
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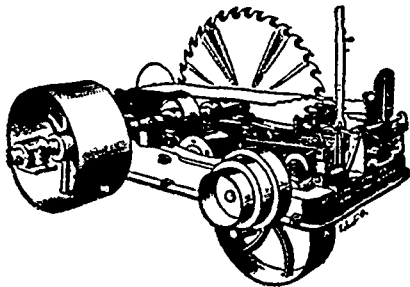
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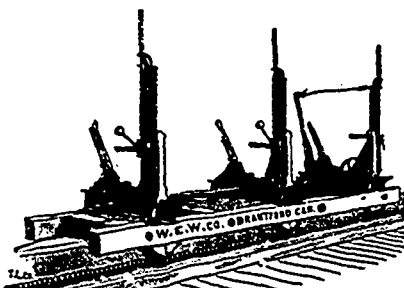
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PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS.

Manitoba is at present going through the excitement of a provincial election contest. One favorable feature in connection therewith, from a business point of view, is the fact that the contest is to be a very brief one. The time allowed by the government between the announcement of the dissolution of the house and the date of the elections is so short, that those who do not take an active interest in provincial politics, will hardly realize that anything unusual is going on until the elections are over.

The present contest differs from previous ones in the sense that there is no great question at issue between the parties. In the last contest or two we had the school question. This question is happily no longer a disturbing factor. The government party evidently rely mainly on their record during their past three terms in office, as no important new legislation has been proposed or promised. The only direct promise made in the address of the premier is the statement that it is the intention of the government, at the next session, to introduce legislation prohibiting the sale of liquor to the extent of the powers of the province. This, however, is only the repetition of an old promise. Evidently prohibition of the sale of liquors is considered a popular proposal, as the opposition platform contains substantially the same promise as that made by the premier, in this regard.

The opposition on the other hand has laid down quite a lengthy platform, containing some eighteen or twenty planks, but many of these so called planks do not relate to either political or economic issues, but rather to such general features or statements as economic administration

tion of provincial finances, etc. These of course are not issues at all upon which there can be any difference of opinion among the electors. The opposition promise to reduce the salaries of ministers to three, and also to reduce the sessional indemnity to \$400, to establish an agricultural college and a technical school, to pass an act providing for compensation for injuries received by workmen, etc.

The only really important question discussed in the contest is that of government ownership of railways. The opposition platform declares for government ownership "as the circumstances of the province will admit and the adoption of the principle that no bonuses should be granted to any railway which does not give the government control of rates and option of purchase." Several candidates go farther than this and come out squarely in favor of government ownership of railways. Some candidates on the government side have also declared in favor of government roads under certain conditions, though previous to the opening of the campaign no intimation was given from the government side of any proposals in this direction.

The difficulties in the way of provincial government ownership of railways, are, first: that Manitoba is already well supplied with railways under private ownership, and secondly: that provincial roads would only be feeders to through trunk lines.

There can be no doubt as to the growing popularity in the west of the principle of government ownership, and the present campaign is bringing this question before the people quite prominently. Indeed, the railway question is really the only great issue in the campaign.

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to get their fall work done, leaving the marketing of their grain until winter sets in.

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Gladstone is the first town of any importance west of Portage la Prairie, and is best known as a cattle shipping station. It is the junction point of the Canadian Northern and the Manitoba & Northwestern railways, although the Canadian Northern run their trains through to Portage la Prairie. A branch of the Merchants Bank was opened here a short time ago. Knox Bros., furniture dealers, are starting a sash and door factory. There are three hardware stores here, and two general stores.

Midway is one of the smaller places, but is each year showing growth quite as large proportionately as the other towns on this line.

Arden is the centre of the wheat belt which extends from this point to a few miles west of Franklin station. There are five grain elevators and a mill here, as well as a number of good stores, the largest of these being Wm. Patterson's and McCams & Boughtons general stores, and B. Vanblaricom's and J. A. Gihuly's hardware stores. Wilson & Co. are the owners of the flour mill.

Nepawa is well known as one of the best business points in this country. A few of the changes here during the last year are: A. Ballentyne & Son have bought out the general store business of Fulton & Durnan, and in addition have opened a store in the south end. Hopper & Co. bought out S. Hartford. W. S. Burley, late of Portage la Prairie, bought out one of R. C. Ennis' lumber yards. Camm & Co. having purchased the other; C. C. Baker & Co. purchased McDougall & Co.'s hardware business, and A. B. Rodgers has transferred his stock of furniture to E. B. Collins. There have been a number of good buildings erected, among them being the Simpson and White blocks and the Union bank building; the latter especially is a fine looking building. B. R. Hamilton has built an addition to his hardware premises. The town of Nepawa is putting in an electric light plant which they expect to have in running order in a few weeks.

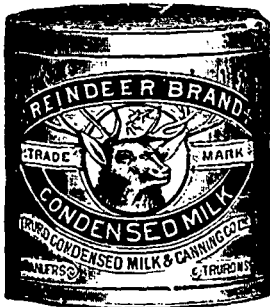
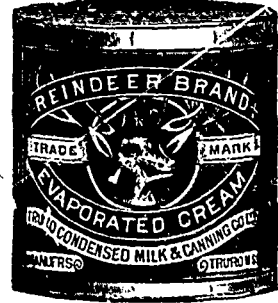
A great deal of grain is marketed at Franklin, there being now six elevators here. West of this point the farmers go in more for mixed farming, but around Franklin they give most of their energies to wheat raising. It has grown during the last few years to a considerable size, there being at present two general stores, two butcher shops, two blacksmith shops, implement warehouses, etc.

Minnedosa is situated in the valley of the Little Saskatchewan river, the stream running through the centre of the town. It has a population of about 1,000 and has a number of fine buildings. There have been several business changes during the past year. J. F. Boyd has sold his hardware store to Sparling & Co., and has recently purchased the lumber business of T. A. Cuddy. John Wake started a lumber yard near the station. Taylor Bros. have sold their stock of general merchandise to W. A. B.

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Hassett, and are now confining themselves almost exclusively to the cattle business. S. L. Taylor, druggist, has purchased the Fairbairn block, which he now occupies, S. Fairbairn using the rear portion for his workshop and the upstairs for his furniture show room. Pickering & Co., private bankers, have built a block, which they are now occupying. Mills & McCarthy have moved a few doors further south, and have added a stock of groceries to their other lines. Patton, druggist, has sold out to McDonald & Co.

Newdale has been making good progress since our last visit. T. L. Fanning and A. E. Walkey have started business, the former a hardware and the latter a general store. There have been a number of houses put up in town and in the surrounding country. There are now at this place three

the Hudson's Bay Co., general merchants and C. H. Greenshaw, hardware, besides a number of smaller ones such as D. C. Fleming and McDonald & Co's butcher shops, Geo. Raymer's tin shop, harness shops, drug store, etc. The Hamilton block is about the only business building erected this year, but the farmers in the neighborhood have done a lot of building.

Kelce and Solsgrith are both small places, although the yearly business turnover of the latter place especially is quite large.

Birtle, which is situated in the valley of the Bird Tail Creek, is one of the prettiest towns in Manitoba. It is rather unfortunate from a business standpoint that it is not closer to the railway station. There have been a few changes here this year the most important being the erection of a large block by T. F. Patterson, part

point, and that the adjacent country is one well suited for mixed farming is shown by the prosperous condition of the farmers. Instances may be given of a number who took up homesteads 15 or 18 years ago with scarcely any capital, who are now worth from \$10,000 to \$15,000. There have been a couple of new stores started this year. Leonard & McDonagh have opened out with a stock of hardware, and Geo. Bryant has started a grocery and bake-shop. J. McDonagh and Dr. Rodgers have moved into a new block which they have erected.

Returning to the main line, the next station west of Binscarth is Millwood, at which point there is a flour mill, the last one on this line of railway.

Langenburg is the first station in Assinibola. There are two gen-



SHOAL LAKE, NORTHWESTERN MANITOBA.

eral stores, a hardware, harness shop, lumber yard, implement warehouses, etc.

Strathclair has seen a number of improvements this year. There have been about seven dwellings and an hotel erected. A drug store has been started as well as a general store owned by A. McIntyre. There are now a number of very good stores at this point.

Shoal Lake has become quite a summer resort during the last few years. It is situated near Shoal Lake from which it gets its name. This is a pretty sheet of water affording good fishing, boating and bathing and numerous carping parties spend their summer vacation here. As might be expected there are a number of good stores at Shoal Lake, the principal ones being those of G. Manson, R. Scott,

of which will be occupied by Rutan & Fitzpatrick, who opened out recently with a stock of general merchandise. John Walley has moved into a new store this year. We show a cut in this issue of H. A. Manwaring's general store building, the walls of which are of stone picked off the fields nearby. The Arrow Milling Co's flour mill is located at this point.

Foxwarren and Binscarth are small towns as yet, but are in a good section of country. From Binscarth a branch line has been built to Russell, a distance of 11 miles. This town is a big port for its connection with pure bred stock raising in Manitoba, having been the station for the Binscarth Stock Farm which only ceased operations a few years ago.

Russell is a point of considerable importance from a business stand-

eral stores at this point, kept by P. Ulrich and R. Wallace, the latter having commenced business last fall.

Churchbridge has two general stores and two implement warehouses, which are doing a good business.

Saltcoats, the next town, has three general stores, two hardware, two butcher shops, bakery, drug store, etc., as well as a government creamery. J. Kennedy, the proprietor of the Queen's note, is building a large addition to his premises. He expects to have this finished in a few weeks, when he will have one of the best hotels on the line. The people of this district are anxious to get a flour mill and are prepared to offer good inducements to an experienced miller to locate there. There are several large settlements in the vicin-

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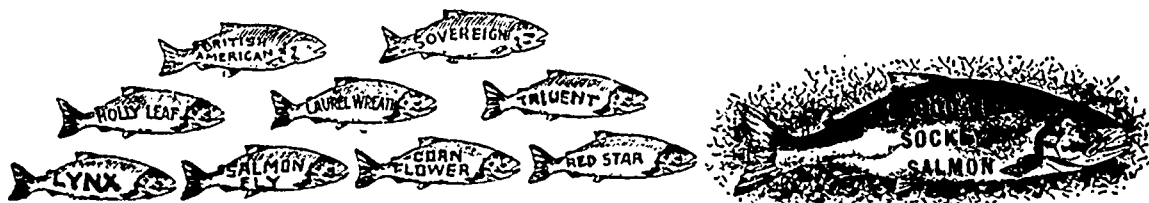
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ity of this station and there should be a good opening for a mill.

Yorkton is the terminus of this line of railway, and has become well known on account of the large numbers of cattle shipped from there each year, and also for the volume of business it does. It has for years received a large amount of business from

kets have been declining for some time back. This continued tendency of the markets against the exporter of wheat is very unfortunate at this season of the year as this is the time that exporting should be the most active and, with the markets continually against the shipper, it means that the season has been an unprofitable one for the

unfavorable side. Business in furs, winter footwear and winter clothing has been greatly retarded, and there has been considerable inconvenience in handling dressed meats, poultry, etc., which move in large quantities at this season of the year. Work in the woods in getting out cordwood, saw logs, etc., has also been retarded, and those interested in this work are now hoping for snow and frosty weather.



SCENE IN NORTHERN MANITOBA.

the country to the north and west, and during the last year several colonies of Doukhobors and Gallicians have been settled in these parts, which has considerably increased the amount of business. Several changes are to be seen around town, among others being a new dock, built by the Union Bank, a new Methodist church, and a large school house, these buildings being of brick. A stranger cannot fail to notice the number of brick buildings here, which tend to give the place a substantial and permanent appearance.

In this letter some of the progress made on this line in the past year has been shown. If we but consider, when taking these facts into account, that only a small proportion of the land tributary to this railway is now being farmed, and try to estimate the amount of business that will be done when the land is all settled, we cannot help but see that there is a great future in store for this country. The free homesteads have of course been all taken up, but there are still thousands of acres of land equally as good as that already settled which can be bought at a very low figure.

The Weather.

The mild weather this season has been very favorable to the completion of outdoor work and it has been exceptionally desirable this season, owing to the large amount of railway and building work going on. The numerous railway extensions in Manitoba are now about completed and building work is well in hand. The end of November finds Manitoba farmers still plowing in their fields. That is, those who have any plowing left unfinished. There is no more sign of the closing of navigation on the first of December than there was a month ago, so far as any formation of ice is concerned, for there is no appearance of ice yet. This mild weather would no doubt have been taken advantage of more largely than it has been for the exportation of wheat, were it not that the mar-

ket grain trade. The open weather has delayed the marketing of grain by farmers to a considerable extent, but this is not regretted by either the dealers or railways. To the former it simply meant that the more wheat they were obliged to purchase, the more they were likely to lose, while the heavy lumber, coal and general traffic, combined with the grain movement, has given the railways more business than they could handle promptly, even

Coal.
The weather continues very mild throughout the west. The consumption of coal for heating purposes for the month of November has not been much more than half what it would have been with ordinary November weather. This reduction in the consumption of coal does not of course have any influence toward reducing prices locally, as the margin of profit on the commodity is not large enough to permit of reduction. The mild weather, however, prevails all over the west, on both sides of the boundary, and if continued much longer will have an important bearing on stocks held west of the lakes and at lake ports. It was claimed at the beginning of the season that stocks of anthracite coal at Lake Superior ports were light and a shortage might occur before spring possibly necessitating all rail shipments, which would mean higher prices. If there were any fears of a shortage, this is now probably dispelled. The reduced consumption over a large area of country may also exert an easier influence on prices at mining centres for another season, but it cannot materially affect local prices this season. Notwithstanding the mild weather and reduced consumption thereby, miners of native Souris coal have had great difficulty in filling orders promptly, owing to the scarcity of cars. While we say the consumption of coal for heating purposes during November is much less than it would have been with average



A BIRTLE STORE.

with the open weather. In those districts in the territories where the crop was very backward, owing to wet weather at the beginning of the harvest, the open season has enabled the farmers to get their threshing and plowing done, whereas otherwise considerable work of this nature would of necessity have been held over.

The open weather of course has its

November weather, it must be remembered that with our largely increased population, the coal consumption under normal conditions would have been considerably increased.

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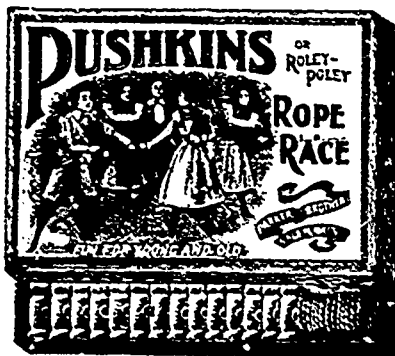
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Statistical Wheat Report.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

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

Montreal	75,000
Toronto	44,000
Kingston	64,000
Desot Harbor, Ont.	200,000
Coteau, Que.	30,000
Winnipeg	225,000
Manitoba elevators	5,000,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	2,158,000

Total Nov. 18... 7,856,000
Total a year ago ... 6,389,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's on November 18, were 81,039,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 42,985,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on Nov. 1 were 11,085,000 bushels, compared with 5,621,000 bushels a year ago.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Nov. 25 was 55,816,000 bushels, being an increase of 1,815,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 23,372,000 bushels, two years ago 33,656,000 bushels, three years ago 58,914,000 bushels, and four years ago 63,903,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 5,917,000 bushels, compared with 5,586,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 11,572,000 bushels, compared with 22,263,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

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

	Bushels.
1899	154,180,000
1898	86,561,000
1897	111,060,000
1896	162,399,000
1895	178,440,000

CROP MOVEMENT.

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

	This crop.	Last crop.
Minneapolis	33,961,590	34,579,530
Milwaukee	4,573,672	5,573,635
Duluth	28,357,158	41,328,751
Chicago	12,947,075	17,760,911

Total ... 79,839,495 99,242,833

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

	This crop.	Last crop.
Toledo	9,762,296	9,300,303
St. Louis	6,513,457	9,931,447
Detroit	2,717,358	2,851,255
Kansas City	9,357,990	17,223,780

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Grain and Milling Notes.

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Argentina is growing a large crop of flax, which will soon be ready for market. India has also a large crop maturing. From these premises flaxseed exports are arguing in favor of lower prices in America shortly.

Dillworth's grain elevator at High Bluff, Man., was destroyed by fire on Nov. 28, together with 30,000 bushels of wheat. The elevator was a large one, having a capacity of 50,000 bushels. The building was insured for \$4,000 and the contents for \$8,000.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard wheat quoted at 67 1-2 to 68c afloat Fort William.

Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$2.05; best bakers', \$1.85.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$9 per ton; shorts, \$11; with \$1 per ton off for large lots.

Oats—Per bushel, car lots feed oats on track, Winnipeg, 24 to 25c.

Flaxseed—Per bushel at country points, 65c.

Barley—Carlots on track, Winnipeg, 26 to 28c per bushel for feed grades, and 30 to 35c for malting.

Butter—Dairy, jobbers' prices, 14 to 15c; fresh creamery, 22 to 23c at factories.

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

Eggs—Dealers asking 18 to 20c per dozen for Ontario or Manitoba fresh eggs.

Hides—No. 1 green hides, \$1.2c.

Wool—8 to 9 1-2c for unwashed fleece. Seneca—21c per lb.

Hay—Baled, \$7 to \$8 per ton on cars. Loose hay worth \$7 to \$10 per ton.

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

Poultry—Turkeys, 10 to 12 1-2c per lb., live weight; dressed chickens, 8 to 9c per lb.; ducks and geese, 9 to 10c per lb.

Game—Rabbits, \$1.2c each.

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

Live Stock—Cattle, 3 to 3 1-4c off cars for exporters, 2 3-4 to 3c for butchers' stock, and 2 1-4 to 2 1-2c for stockers; hogs, off cars, 5c per lb. for best bacon hogs; sheep, 3 1-4 to 3 1-2c off cars.



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Decision of State Insurance Department in Favor of the Mutual Reserve.

Charges Made by Its Alleged Calumniators Are Refuted, One and All—Insligators of Libel to be Prosecuted.

New York, Oct. 19.—After an investigation which has been uniformly searching, and which has extended over four months, the Insurance Department of the State of New York has been compelled to declare the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association perfectly solvent, and the charges that were made against the company have not been sustained in the slightest particular. This is regarded as setting at rest the charges that were made against the company, and as it is a complete vindication from the highest authority on such matters in the State, it is highly gratifying indeed to the many friends and patrons of the Mutual Reserve throughout the country.

Since the decision of the Insurance Department was received congratulatory letters have poured in on the company from every quarter, thus attesting to the regard and faith in which the Mutual Reserve is held everywhere.

The company has appreciated very highly these expressions of good-will on the part of its policy-holders, and has taken every occasion to inform the public of that fact. It is understood that the charges were prepared by "a band of conspirators and dismissed officers and employees." Now proceedings have been begun against these persons, and Col. E. C. James, the distinguished New York lawyer, has been engaged to conduct the prosecution for the company. Col. James has spent considerable time going over every detail of the charges, and he gives it as his opinion, after the most thorough and microscopic research, that the charges failed when probed officially by the Insurance Department, simply because there was no foundation on which they could rest. Of their own rottenness they died, almost at their birth.

But the Mutual Reserve was not, it is explained, satisfied with vindicating its honor before the State Insurance Department, nor was it satisfied with the stand the department had taken in refusing to sustain them. This investigation by the state was, it should be emphasized, warmly courted by the company's officials, who were more than anxious that the state's seal should be affixed to the

annihilation of the charges which the company was sure would be the result. The results, as stated, proved that the company was right in its premises. But the matter did not rest there. The failure of the State Insurance Department to sustain these charges was followed by their publication in at least one of the newspapers here, and with the alleged band of dismissed officers, etc., the newspaper has been made a defendant. Process has been served, in accordance with the law, and the complaints are now being printed, and, according to statements made by the company's officials, will be actively pushed.

One of the dismissed officers was arrested last week on a charge of criminal libel and held by Judge Beckman, of the superior court, in \$7,000 bail.

This news is of great public interest in New York state, and especially in western New York, for the charges at first made were widely circulated. The business of the company amounts to many millions of dollars all through the state, and is steadily increasing, and will be still further increased by that metropolitan spirit of aggressive business warfare which has always characterized the Mutual Reserve Fund, and resulted in the enormous business which the company has built up within such a short period, and which prosperity has aroused hostility among rivals.

A few words as to the management of the company. There have been many perplexing problems to deal with, aside from the mere obtaining of business. The contracts originally issued were not based upon the maintenance of a reserve, as the term is used in life insurance, but provided for current insurance only—a simple form, but entailing the payment of increasing cost as it took place. That there was a demand for this insurance is shown by the large amount formerly written. The management has been wise in recognizing the changing disposition of the public, and without haste or public parading of its purpose has moved steadily to the work of placing its business under the provisions of the general law as regards the maintenance of a reserve. Had the Mutual Reserve been a small institution this would have been an easy and small task, but with a business ranking in amount among the first dozen in the land, it required skill, courage, honesty of purpose, and that calm judgment and patience which can take time to do a thing well. It must have required even more patience than this at times, when the action necessary to effect the change wisely met with criticism and misrepresentation in quarters where rightly the management ought to have been able to look with confidence for hearty support.

The Mutual Reserve has been doing business a little more than eighteen years, and began with a small office force comprising but a single clerk, and today it has completed the payment of \$40,000,000 in death claims. No less than \$17,250,000 of this has been paid since the middle of 1895, at the time the present management came into power, and from the middle of May of the current year to date the payments have amounted to \$1,500,000, which shows the steady and splendid progress that has been made in the payment of policies to beneficiaries by this widespread and prosperous institution.

To show how progressive the company is, it is but necessary to mention the following circumstances. It was in

June last that the management had so far perfected its plans as to announce that all business written from and after July 1st would be under contracts providing for the full reserve by the most stringent statutory requirement. It issued new tables of rates for new and attractive forms of policies, rates that on the score of sufficiency are beyond challenge. That this action was wise and timely is shown by the promptness with which from all quarters came commendation and support.

This having been done, the association makes the further announcement that former members may change freely to the reserve basis, under conditions that will permit them to carry the reserve which would be required to date as a loan, exactly as if they had from the start been insured under the plan calling for a reserve and had borrowed the amount thereof from the company. Alternate, but entirely scientific and adequate, methods of making the change are also offered, but the above gives the central idea.

A few figures will show the prosperous condition of the Mutual Reserve. In 1898 the association wrote \$32,027,390 in new business, and its income amounted to \$6,134,327.27. During the eighteen years the company has been in existence it has paid upwards of \$40,000,000 in death claims, \$3,887,500.95 having been paid in 1898. A report recently issued shows that the association paid, in six weeks, over \$900,000 in death claims, being at the rate of \$150,000 a week, \$25,000 a day, or about \$42 per minute during business hours.

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Implement Trade Notes.

Some of the Winnipeg implement houses have been taking stock and winding up their season's business. Stocks on hand are in some instances higher than usual, but as prices will be higher next year they are not sorry to find this the case.

The sixth annual convention of the National Association of Agricultural Implement and Vehicle Manufacturers of the United States was held in Cincinnati, Nov. 15. No business directly affecting prices was transacted.

Many of the jobbing orders for bicycles for 1900 delivery have already been received by factories and there seems to be a feeling that the wheel output of next year will not be any too large and that those dealers who get their orders booked first are likely to have the best of it in the matter of supplies available for early delivery.

Hardware Trade Notes.

Scrap iron is dearer in Ontario owing to bad roads.

The Canadian Hardware Association held a meeting in Toronto on Nov. 22. No price changes have followed as yet.

Both linseed oil and turpentine have advanced at Montreal, the former 2c to 63c per gallon and the latter 2c to 77c per gallon.

Screen windows and doors are to cost from 26 to 30 per cent more next year than during the past season owing to increased cost of both wire and lumber.

It is stated that 75 per cent of the estimated output of iron bars from United States mills between now and July 1, 1900, is already sold.

United States markets for sheets and plates are weak and some lower prices have been recorded lately. It is asserted, however, that makers are scheming to patch up prices to something like a common level.

Barbed wire advanced at factories last week as our Toronto correspondent noted in regular report. The new basis is \$3.25 l.o.b. Cleveland in carlots. As compared with the price ruling a year ago this is an advance of \$1.55 per 100 pounds.

On Nov. 23rd, black sheet iron advanced at Montreal to \$2.70 for Nos. 8 to 16 gauge; 18 and 20 gauge, \$2.40; 22 and 24 gauge, \$2.60, 26 gauge, \$2.70; 28 gauge, \$2.75. Galvanized

iron, Queen's head, 28 gauge, \$4.75 to \$5; Canada plates, 52 sheets, \$2.60 to \$2.75, and all bright Canada plates, \$3.25.

Canadian manufacturers of brushes have advanced prices by reducing their discounts. These are now as follows: Painters' goods—including whitewash brushes, also hair brooms, dusters, etc.—and stable brooms, 20 per cent. Camel, itch, bear and sable hair brushes, 10 per cent. Badger-hair brushes, 35 per cent. Drawn work, including scrubs, shoe, stove, dauder and horse brushes, etc., 10 per cent. These advances are due to the heavy increase manufacturers have to pay for bristles and other materials necessary to the making of brushes.

Lumber Trade Notes.

The weather has greatly favored late building operations in Manitoba this month and only the bad roads have interfered to prevent a very active November trade in lumber and building materials.

The case of the Michigan lumbermen argued in Ontario courts has been decided against plaintiffs. This is the famous log export case which arose out of the law of the Ontario government imposing an export duty on logs. The case will be appealed.

The National Hardwood Lumber Association of the United States met in semi-annual convention at Memphis, Tennessee two weeks ago. About 250 members were in attendance. No legislation affecting prices directly was passed, but a great many subjects of interest to the trade were discussed.

The movement of hardwood lumber in the Northwestern States and Canada is becoming much lighter owing to the approach of winter and consequent lessening of demand. Stocks on hand are very light and it is not believed that the cut of logs this winter will be any larger than last, which means, if the demand holds good that prices will continue at at least their present level next year.

The Yale & Columbia Lumber Co., Ltd., which is the partial consummation of the effort to consolidate all the lumber mills of Yale and Kootenay, B. C., has been organized and includes the Genelle and Poupore mills, Nakusp, Robson and the Arrow Lakes, also the Blue mills of Rossland and Ymir, and Fisher's mills at Eholt, Phoenix and Reek Creek. The company is to be

incorporated for half a million. The company has timber reserves estimated at 500,000,000 feet. Its head office will be at Greenwood.

Dry Goods Trade Notes.

Canadian mills are asking more money for ladies underwear.

A number of leading woollen goods makers of Ontario are discussing a scheme for the amalgamation of their businesses for buying and selling purposes.

The net advance in makers' prices of brass pins, safety pins, etc., since the present upward tendency was first manifested amounts to from 25 to 35 per cent.

The Toronto Worsted and Tweed company is a new concern, capitalized at \$150,000, which will build and equip a cloth mill at Toronto for the purpose of supplying the ready-made clothing trade with serges, braids, linings, etc.

British and German makers of cotton and cashmere hosiery have notified their customers of an advance of nine pence per dozen on these and even at the advance they decline to take orders for future delivery excepting subject to prices at time of delivery.

Manufacturers of the lines of goods commonly classed as Yankee notions have advanced their prices materially this year owing to the higher prices of raw materials. The advances are most noticeable on lines into the manufacture of which cottons, woollens and metals enter.

Retail merchants in Winnipeg and at other western centres are complaining of the slow sale of seasonable goods such as heavy underwear, hosiery, mitts, gloves, overcoats, etc. The demand has certainly been light but it is generally believed that sale will be found for all goods on hand when the cold weather does set in.

There has been an advance in Canadian made linen collars of 10 per cent, taking place last week, in both women's and men's makes. The most popular style for women at present is the "stand up turn down" style. But in New York the style that is most affected by women at present is a straight stand up collar with round corners. This style is more comfortable to wear than the "stand up turn down" collar, which meets in front, or the straight stand up collar with square corners.

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Grocery Trade Notes.

Toilet soaps are higher in the United States.

Cranberries advanced 50 cents at Minneapolis last week.

Currants are 1s higher in Greece. Further advances are anticipated.

Bananas advanced 20 per cent at Minneapolis last week on reports of damage to trees in Jamaica.

Lemons have advanced 50c per box on all Messinas and Verdillas at New York. Shortage in supplies is responsible.

California apricots advanced 1-2c per pound at Minneapolis last week, and are likely to go still higher according to current opinion.

There was an advance of 5c on all grades of refined sugar at Montreal last week, due to the higher railway freights.

Evaporated apples showed a tendency to decline in United States markets last week, and actually did decline 1-2c to 3-4c at Minneapolis.

The Montreal Wholesale Grocers' Guild, has advanced the price of Barbados molasses 3c per gallon all around, and wholesale grocers in that city are asking 43c for single punch-cans and 42c for car lots.

Reports from southwestern Iowa, which is one of the heaviest apple producing sections of the United States, indicate that dealers have suffered heavy losses through the sweating and subsequent rotting of apples. The unusually warm weather is responsible for the loss.

Canned meats advanced in the United States last week owing, it is said, to the demand for war purposes, both by the United States and British governments. The increase amounts to about 20c per dozen on 2-lb. tins of tongue, ham, etc., and other sizes proportionately. Canned peas and corn also advanced 5 to 10c per dozen.

Brazilian advices say of coffee that it is not owing to the meeting of the revision committee of the coffee exchange failing to make any changes in grades nor sympathy with the advance in cotton or any other merchandise, nor bubonic plague in Brazil or any other place, nor Italian labor exodus from Brazil or any other feature that is advancing coffee, but from the mere fact, pure and simple, that consumption—or deliveries as some term it—is 15,000,000 bags, against a 9,500,000 Brazil crop and 4,000,000 crop of other kinds.

Complaints regarding the quality of American winter apples are becoming numerous on both sides of the Atlantic. The varieties most complained of are spies and greenings, and it is said that they are both poor and nasty. The British market has been specially disappointing and some shippers have lost heavily. The real trouble with the apples does not seem to be very clear, but they are evidently not of the soundness and keeping quality that usually characterize the Canadian and United States fruits, the two mentioned varieties especially.

Canadian manufacturers of linen threads advanced their prices last week 15 per cent.

The Manitoba Dairy association has shipped an exhibit of cheese for the Paris exposition, consisting of two cheeses, one white and one colored, each weighing about 70 lbs., made at the factory of Theo. Parc, St. Anne des Chene. Exhibits of butter will be prepared and forwarded next spring.

FINANCIAL

BRANDON BONDS.

The following communication, signed by the mayor and chairman of the finance committee of the city of Brandon, Man., has been mailed to the city's creditors:

In accordance with a resolution passed by the council on the 22nd instant we beg to submit the following: About eight weeks ago we mailed you a circular letter setting forth the financial position of the city of Brandon and offering a reconversion of its indebtedness by the issue of new debentures payable in fifty years, and asking that accredited representatives be appointed to confer with us and ascertain for themselves as to the correctness of the statements in aforesaid circular, with a view to a settlement.

Since no action has been taken except to continue suits against the city, we wish to point out that such a course on the part of our creditors can only have one effect, viz., impair the security now held by the bondholders. The step we have taken was not arrived at hastily, but after several years of earnest consideration, very much regretting the necessity for such a course, but feeling that matters were constantly becoming worse. Possibly our creditors may feel a certain encouragement in continuing suits against the city, since we have paid judgments re December, 1898, coupons; but the reason for so doing was the fact that the 1898 levy provided for those amounts. This year matters are different. We have not levied for a single dollar of interest, and it is not our intention to pay any more interest until we have a meeting with our creditors, when we have the hope that our financial difficulties can be arranged.

We would further point out that if the present course of issuing writs is pursued, it will undoubtedly force an early resignation of the council, and we take it this action will not be desired by any one concerned.

WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.

The Winnipeg clearing house returns for the week ending Thursday, compared with the corresponding week in previous years show as follows:

Week ending Nov. 30, 1899	\$3,286,156
Corresponding week, 1898	3,264,384
Corresponding week, 1897	2,276,160

The monthly clearings at Winnipeg for a series of years show as follows:

	1898.	1897.	1896.
Jan.	\$6,347,168	\$5,609,918	\$4,977,200
Feb.	5,517,000	3,851,000	4,052,000
Mar.	5,968,000	4,289,000	4,256,000
April	6,240,000	4,161,962	4,012,000
May	8,683,264	5,014,786	4,246,201
June	7,398,799	5,531,140	4,094,000
July	6,316,258	5,610,603	4,951,277
Aug.	6,180,385	6,298,574	4,646,959
Sept.	6,414,551	8,035,201	4,630,706
Oct.	9,347,692	13,291,879	7,686,472
Nov.	11,553,669	13,559,761	8,895,175
Dec.	10,702,731	9,784,498	7,736,946
Year	90,672,798	83,436,121	64,143,935

	1899.
Jan.	\$7,683,052
Feb.	6,209,471
March	6,750,094
April	6,916,431
May	7,472,855
June	8,211,716
July	8,169,595
Aug.	7,995,291
Sept.	8,281,159
Oct.	12,689,000
Nov.	14,435,219

FINANCIAL NOTES.

Canadian banks increased their note circulation during October from \$16,682,793 to \$19,583,236. Deposits, loans and all other features of banking business on the credit side increased in like proportion.

Following is a statement of the business done by the Dominion government savings bank at Winnipeg for the month ending Nov. 30: Deposits, \$21,615; withdrawals, \$22,808.47; deposits exceed withdrawals by \$1,806.53.

William Weir, president of the defunct Banque Ville Marie, was found guilty at Montreal on Nov. 27 on the charge of presenting to the government on June 30 last a report containing a wilfully false and deceptive statement.

The Winnipeg city council will submit a by-law on the 12th inst. to the ratepayers to authorize an issue of debentures for \$12,500 for the purchase of a site for a hay market. A by-law will also be submitted the same day to raise \$17,000 for the establishment of a crematory.

The depositors of the Ville Marie bank have sent a petition to the Dominion government asking for a grant towards making up the amount they have lost. They urge, that the over-issues of that bank have been, or will be paid in full, which they consider unjust to other creditors, and they regard the government as being to blame for those over-issues.

INSURANCE NOTES.

H. Worsley, late city agent for the Confederation Life, who has retired from this position, is going south, owing to poor health.

A. J. Norquay, of Winnipeg, has been appointed general agent for the Federal Life Assurance company for the district of Alberta with headquarters at Calgary.

William Selater, president and managing director of the Canadian Asbestos Co., of Montreal, was in Winnipeg this week on a business trip. This company manufacture a very excellent and valuable line of goods for building purposes, etc. One line is the asbestos wall plaster, a fire proof plaster of great value. Also numerous other products of that wonderful commodity called asbestos, such as boiler and pipe covering, fire felt, asbestos roofing, asbestos rope and cord, asbestos fire proof paint, packing, etc.

H. S. Paterson, grain merchant, Winnipeg, whose assignment was noted in The Commercial two weeks ago, will devote his energies in the meantime to organizing and pushing The Western Canada Accident & Benevolent Association, of which he is secretary-treasurer. A meeting of his creditors is called for December 15th. It is understood that the farmers of Macdonald district, at which station Paterson has a fine grain elevator, are organizing a company to take this over, which will mean, if the scheme goes through, an early settlement of Paterson's accounts.

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Evans & Stovin, Deloraine, are opening a branch at Wascada.

\$15,500 has been expended in new buildings at McGregor this year.

J. Snider and H. Howarth are opening a butcher shop at Crandella.

Hugginson & McLellan, hardware dealers, Brandon, are dissolving.

W. H. Sowden has bought the butchering business of J. O. Gage at Morden.

Spicer Bros. have bought out the bakery and confectionery business of W. Young at Souris.

Gulbault & Cote, who were sufferers by the recent fire in St. Boniface, are about opening out again.

Work on the masonry of the new Bank of Commerce building, Winnipeg, was finished on Tuesday afternoon.

L. J. Collin, of St. Boniface, who suffered in the recent fire in that village, has assigned in trust to S. A. D. Bertrand.

The Northern Pacific will celebrate the opening of its new Portage extension with a free excursion to Winnipeg from all points west of Portage in Prairie.

The market, license and health committee of the Winnipeg city council are advertising for applications for the position of dairy and meat inspector for the city. Applications are to be in by December 4.

W. S. Reid, of the firm of McRae & Reid, railway contractors, whose headquarters are at Winnipeg, was accidentally killed by a falling tree on the North Star branch of the C. P. R. in British Columbia early this week.

An incipient fire was discovered in the Royal block, St. Boniface, on Wednesday morning, which threatened for a time to result in another serious conflagration for that town. Fortunately it was gotten under control with but slight damage.

The new town at the end of the Great Northwest Central railway extension, is to be named Minlota instead of Parkismo as was expected. Building operations are in full swing. Two livery stables are now under construction, also two boarding houses, a blacksmith shop and a general store. John Stewart will move his store from its present site to the new town in the course of a week. His implement shed has already been moved. It is also his intention of starting a harness shop in connection.

Winnipeg retail clerks gave a pleasant entertainment in Oddfellows hall on Monday evening last, which was opened by an address in favor of the earlier closing of stores by Mayor Andrews. The president announced that the work in the interest of early closing was going ahead satisfactorily, and they hoped to have the reduction of hours of labor in stores in force by January. It was also announced that a meeting would be held in Friendship hall next Monday evening to further the work. All city clerks are requested to attend.

Alberta.

John Sharples of Calgary, has purchased the general store business of J. Helenback at Olds.

Garlepy & Chenler, general merchants, Edmonton, have dissolved partnership. The business will be carried on by Garlepy & Brosseau.

Notice is given of application for incorporation by the Cochrane Trading company as general traders and stock dealers at Cochrane, Alberta.

Northwest Ontario.

Jas. Brouillard has succeeded to the butcher business of E. A. Babin & Co., at Norman.

At a Port Arthur tax sale on Nov. 28, some three hundred parcels of land were disposed of, aggregating over \$15,000. A few lots are left, which will be put up at an adjourned sale on Dec. 12.

The Fort William Journal has been purchased by the Rutledge & Smith Co., the present proprietors of the Times. Both plants will be amalgamated, and in future will be conducted as the Daily Times-Journal.

Arrangements have been made for running a stage line from Rat Portage to Shoal Lake throughout the coming winter, taking in the Sirdar, Tycoon, Crown Point and Milkado mine. The passenger stage will be heated so as to make it more comfortable and will make three trips a week each way.

Shoe and Leather Trade Notes.

The tanners and leather merchants of Montreal have changed the discounts on leather from the prevailing six months' basis to one of sixty days. Prices are now quoted net sixty days, one per cent off for payment in 30 days, and 2 per cent off for cash.

A further advance of 1-2c is reported in sole leather, further business being reported at 24 1/2 and 25c for No. 2 manufacturers' sole, with higher prices asked for next year's delivery. Stocks continue very small, and the leading tanners of the country find considerable difficulty in meeting the requirements of the home and export trade. Further large English orders had to be refused. In black leather the market is quiet, and values generally are firm. The continued scarcity of hides and their high price tends to higher prices in leather, and must eventually force a higher basis of value.—Montreal Trade Bulletin.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There were 1,719,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on Nov. 25. Receipts for the week were 962,000 bushels, and shipments were 880,000 bushels. Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior country points were estimated approximately at 7,400,000 bushels, compared with about 6,200,000 bushels a year ago.

Winnipeg Grain Inspection.

For the week ending Nov. 25 there were 1,497 cars of grain inspected, grading as follows:

Wheat—1 hard, 970, 2 hard, 180; 1 northern, 35; 2 northern, 5; 3 hard, 107; 1 frosted, 23; 2 frosted, 8; 1 rejected, 80; 2 rejected, 35; no grade, 22; 3 frosted, 1; 1 white syle, 3; 2 white syle, 1; 1 spring, 1; condemned, 3.

Oats—1 white, 3; 2 white, 6; 2 mixed, 8; No. 3, 2; rejected, 1 car.

Barley—No. 1, 1; feed, 2 cars.

Flax seed—No. 1, 3; No. 2, 2 cars.

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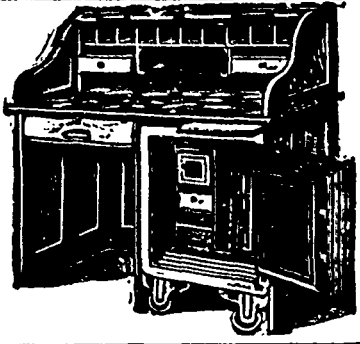
Prices to retail dealers for ordinary lots, with usual discounts for cash or large lots.

Canned Goods		Per case
Apples, 3s, 2 doz.	15	2 25
Apples, preserved, 3s, 2 doz.	30	3 25
Apples, galloons (per doz.)	30	3 5
Black or Lawton berries, 2s, 2 doz.	25	3 50
Beans, 2s, 2 doz.	20	2 10
Corn, 2s, 2 doz.	20	2 40
Cherries, red, pitted 2s, 2 doz.	30	4 00
Peas, Marrowfat, 2s, 2 doz.	18	3 50
Peas, sifted, 2s, 2 doz.	25	3 50
Pears, Bartlett, 2s, 2 doz.	35	3 50
Pears, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	40	4 75
Pears, Bartlett, 3s, 2 doz.	50	5 50
Pineapple, 2s, 2 doz.	40	5 50
Pineapple, imported, 2s, 2 doz.	50	6 00
Peaches, 2s, 2 doz.	30	4 25
Peaches, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	40	5 00
Peaches, Canadian, 3s, 2 doz.	50	6 50
Plums, 2s, 2 doz.	25	3 75
Plums, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	40	5 00
Pumpkins, 3s, 2 doz.	20	2 25
Raspberries, 2s, 2 doz.	30	3 25
Strawberries, 2s, 2 doz.	30	3 25
Tomatoes, 3s, 2 doz.	25	3 25
Salmon, talls, 1s, 4 doz.	25	6 00
Salmon, Cohoes talls, 1s, 4 doz.	25	6 00
Sardines, domestic 1/2s, 100		
Sardines, imported, 1/2s, 100		
Sardines, imported, 3/4s, 100		
Sardines, imp. 1/2s, boneless, 20		
Sardines, Dom., mustard 1/2s, 100		
Imported Fresh Herring, 1s, 1 doz.		
Imp. Kipper Herring, 1s, 1 doz.		
Imp. Herrings, Tom. Sauce 1s, 1 doz.		
Imp. Anch. Sauce 1s, 1 doz.		
Imp. Shrimp Sauce 1s, 1 doz.		
Canned Meats		
Corn Beef, 1s, 2 doz.		
Corn Beef, 2s, 1 doz.		
Lunch Beef, 2s, 1 doz.		
Lunch Tongue, 1s, 2 doz.		
Lunch Tongue, U.S. 2s, 1 doz.		
Lunch Tongue, Can. 2s, 1 doz.		
Brawn, 2s, 1 doz.		
Pigs Feet, 1s, 2 doz.		
Roast Beef, 2s, 1 doz.		
Chicken, Duck or Turkey, 1s, 2 doz.		
Potted Ham, 1/2s, 1 doz.		
Devilled Ham, 1/2s, 1 doz.		
Potted Tongue, 1/2s, 1 doz.		
Potted Ham, 1/2s, 1 doz.		
Devilled Ham, 1/2s, 1 doz.		
Potted Tongue, 1/2s, 1 doz.		
Coffee		
Green Rio, 9 1/2s		
Inferior grades, 8 1/2s		
Cereals		
Split Peas, sack 9s		
Pot Barley, sack 9s		
Pearl Barley, sack 9s		
Rolled Oatmeal, sack 8s		
Standard Oatmeal, sack 9s		
Granulated Oatmeal, sack 9s		
Beans (per bushel)		
Cornmeal, sack 9s		
Cornmeal, 1/2sac 49 (per 1/2sac)		
Rice, B., 4 1/2c		
Patna, 5 1/2c		
Rice, Japan, 4 1/2c		
Sago, 1 1/2c		
Tapioca, 5 1/2c		
Cigarettes		
Old Judge, \$7.50		
Athlete, \$5.00		
Sweet Caporal, \$5.00		
Sweet Sixteen, \$5.00		
Derby, \$6.30		
T. & B., \$8.20		
Cured Fish		
Boneless Hake, per lb, 05		
Codfish, whole cases, 100 lbs, 6 50		
Codfish, Pure per lb, 7 1/2		
Herrings, in half-barrels, 1 00		
Digby chicks, 15		
Dried Fruits		
Currants, new, Prov'l Bbls, 05 1/2		
Currants, Prov'l Cases, 5 1/2		
Currants, Prov'l 1/2 Barrels, 05 1/2		
Currants, Filatiria, bbls, 05 1/2		
Currants, Filatiria, cases, 05 1/2		
Currants, cleaned, cases, 07 1/2		
Dates, Cases, 07 1/2		
Figs, Kileme, about 10 lb box, 20		
Figs, Glove Box, per doz, 36		
Figs, Cooking, S, 08		
Figs, boxes, 10 1/2		
Figs, Tapncts, 05 1/2		
Figs, Portuguese, boxes, 05 1/2		
Sultana Raisins, 10 1/2		

Dried Fruits		Per pound
Raisins, Vul., fine, off stalk	20	2 00
Raisins, Selected, off stalk	20	2 25
Raisins, Vul. Layers, per box	20	2 25
Loose Muscatels, 2 crown	8	8 1/2
Loose Muscatels, 3 crown	8 1/2	9
Loose Muscatels, 4 crown	9	9 1/2
London Layers, 20 lb Boxes	100	2 00
Apples, Dried, 68	8 1/2	8 1/2
Rvap Apples, finest quality	09 1/2	09 1/2
California Evaporated Fruits		
Peaches, peeled	17	18
Peaches, unpeeled	11	12
Pears	12 1/2	13
Apricots	17 1/2	18
Pitted Plums	10 1/2	10 1/2
Nectarines	12	12 1/2
Prunes, 100 to 120	5	5 1/2
Prunes, 90 to 100	5 1/2	5 1/2
Prunes, 80 to 90	6	6 1/2
Prunes, 70 to 80	7 1/2	7 1/2
Prunes, 60 to 70	8 1/2	8 1/2
Prunes, 40 to 50	10	11
Matches		
Telegraph	\$1.15	
Telephone	4.00	
Tiger	3.90	
Parlor Matches, Eagle	1.75	
Nuts		
Brazils	11	12 1/2
Taragona Almonds	14	15
Peanuts, roasted	11	11 1/2
Peanuts, green	9	10
Grenoble Walnuts	14	15
French Walnuts	12	13
Sicily Filberts	10	11
Shelled Almonds	32	35
Syrup		
Extra Bright, per lb.	36	3 1/2c
Medium, per lb.	2 1/2c	3c
Maple, case 1 doz. 1/2 gal. tins	75	7 00
Molasses, per gal. (New Or.)	34c	35c
Porto Rico	48	49
Barbadoes	48	50
Sugar		
Extra Standard Grain	5	5 1/2
German Granulated	5	5 10
Extra Ground	7c	7c
Powdered	6 1/2c	6 1/2c
Lumps	5 1/2c	6c
Bright Yellow Sugar	4 1/2c	4 1/2c
American	4 1/2c	4 1/2c
Maple Sugar	13 1/2c	13c
Salt		
Rock Salt	1 1/2c	1 1/2c
Common, fine		
Common, coarse	2 00	2 00
Dairy, 100 3	3 25	3 50
Dairy, 60-5	3 15	3 30
Dairy, white duck sack		
Common, fine jute sack	00	43
Spices		
Assorted Herbs, 1/2 lb tins	75	90
Allspice, whole		
Allspice, pure ground	18	20
Allspice, compound	15	18
Cassia, whole	18	20
Cassia, pure ground	20	25
Cassia, compound	13	18
Cloves, whole	17	20
Cloves, pure ground	25	30
Cloves, compound	18	20
Pepper, black, whole	14	18
Pepper, black, pure ground	16	18
Pepper, black, compound	10	13
Pepper, white, whole	23	25
Pepper, white, pure ground	23	30
Pepper, white, compound	18	20
Pepper, Cayenne	25	30
Ginger, whole, Jamaica	25	30
Ginger, whole, Cochin	20	25
Ginger, pure ground	23	25
Ginger, compound	15	20
Nutmegs, (per pound)	55	80
Mace (per pound)	1.00	1.25
Teas		
China Blacks	35	40
Choice	25	35
Medium	25	35
Common	13	20
Indian and Ceylon	32	40
Choice	25	35
Medium	25	35
Common	16	22
Young Hysons	35	45
Choice	35	45
Medium	28	35
Common	22	30
Japan	35	40
Finest May Picking	35	40
Choice	30	35
Medium	25	30
Good Medium	20	25
Common	15	20

Tobacco		Per pound
T. & B., 3s, 4s, and 9s Cads.	00	70
Lily, 3s, Cads.	00	61
Crecent, 8s, Cads.	00	58
T. & B. Black Chewing, 5s or 16s	00	61 1/2
T. & B. Mahogany Chewing, 5s or 16	00	61 1/2
T. & B. 1-12 pkg, cut	00	85
T. & B. 1-5 pkg, cut	00	85
T. & B. in pouches, 1-4	00	85
T. & B. in 1-5 tins	00	86
T. & B. in 1/2 tins	00	81
T. & B. in 1s tins	00	83
Orinoco, 1-12 pkg	00	81
Orinoco, 1-5 tins	00	80
Orinoco, 1/2 tins	00	86
Tuckett's Cherub Cigarette	1-12	00 85
Brier, 8s, Cads.	00	61
Derby, 3s and 4s, Cads	00	65
Derby, 8s, Cads	00	65
P. & W. Chewing, Cads.	00	65
P. & W. Chewing, Butts	00	65
Tonka, 1/2 tins	00	90
Tonka, 1-12 pkg	00	85
Canadian Leaf, 50 lb bales, very bright	21	21
Lower grades	12 1/2	15
Dominion Tobacco Co.'s List.		
BRIGHT CHEWING PLUG.		
Pommony, 3/4 s.	72	
Suniam, 1/2 lb. Bars	63	
Holly, 3 s.	55	
Holly, 8 s.	58	
BLACK CHEWING PLUG.		
Black Bass, Navy, 1/2 lb. Bars	40	
Black Bass, Navy, 4 s.	42	
Black Bass, Navy, 8 s.	43	
Black Bass, Navy, 12 s.	42	
BRIGHT SMOKING PLUG.		
Virgin Gold, 4 s.	71	
Marigold, 8 s.	55	
Monarch, 3 1/2 s.	59	
Clover, Double Thick, 8 s.	54	
Empire Tobacco Co.'s List		
SMOKING.		
Empire, 3s @ 4 1/2	37	
Golden Flag, 3s	60	
Royal Oak, 8s	55	
Something Good, 7s	55	
CHEWING.		
Currency, Bars, 10 1/2s.	40	
Free Trade, 8s	46	
Snowshoe, Bars, 12s	46	
Wooden Ware		
Pails, 2 hoop clear	1 60	1 75
Pails, wire hoop	2 00	3 10
Pails, Star fibre	3 50	
Tubs, No. 0 common	10 50	11 00
Tubs, No. 1 common	9 00	10 50
Tubs, No. 2 common	7 00	7 50
Tubs, No. 3 common	6 00	6 50
Tubs, nests (3)		
Tubs, wire hoop (3)	1 55	1 65
Tubs, fibre, No. 0	16 50	
Tubs, fibre, No. 1	14 50	
Tubs, fibre, No. 2	12 50	
Tubs, fibre, No. 3	10 50	
Tubs, fibre, (3)		
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (2)	4 50	5 50
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (3)	7 50	8 50
Advance above prices about 25 per cent.		
CURED MEATS AND LARD		
Lard, pure leaf, kettle rend.	\$1 65	1 75
Lard, pure leaf, steam rend.	1 60	
Lard, pure, in 3, 5 and 10 lb tins, per case of 60 lbs	5 50	
Lard, pure, Tierces, per lb	07	
Lard, solt tins	05	
Lard, Compound, 20 lb pails	\$1 35	1 40
Lard, Compound, 3 and 5 lb tins, case 60 lbs	4 50	
Smoked Meats		
Hams	12	
Breakfast bacon, bellies	11 1/2	
Breakfast bacon, backs	11	
Spiced rolls	10 1/2	
Shoulders	10	
Pic-nic Hams	10 1/2	
Dry Salt Meats		
Long clear bacon	8 1/2	
Shoulders	8 1/2	
Short Clear	9	
Backs	9	
Barrel Pork		
Heavy mess	16 00	17 00
Short cut	16 50	17 50
Meat Sundries		
Fresh pork sausage, lb	5	
Bologna sausage, lb	7	
Pickled pigs feet, kits	1 00	
Sausage casings, lb	30	

FISH		Per pound
Whitefish, frozen, lb.	06	06 1/2
Pickarel, lb.	04	04
Trout, lb.	3 1/2	04
Pike, lb.	03	03
Salmon, lb.	12 1/2	11
B.C. halibut, lb.	11	11
Smoked goldeyes, doz.	30	35
Salt Whitefish, per 1/2 bbl	6	50
Haddies	07	07
Salt Cod	07	07
Boneless Cod 1 to 2 lb bricks	07 1/2	07 1/2
Labrador Herring, in 1/2 bbls.	3	50
Oysters, standards, bulk	2	00
Oysters, selects.	2	25
DRUGS		
Following are prices for parcel lots with usual reductions for unbroken packages.		
Alum, lb.	3 1/2	4 1/2
Alcohol, gal.	5	25
Bleaching Powder, lb.	05	07
Bluestone, lb.	09	10
Rorax	09	10
Bromide Potash	75	80
Camphor	70	75
Camphor, ounces	75	80
Carbolic Acid	35	40
Castor Oil	35	40
Chlorate Potash	13	20
Citric Acid	18	20
Copperas	65	70
Cocaine, oz.	50	01
Cream Tartar, lb.	25	30
Cloves	20	25
Epsom Salts	20	25
Extract Logwood, bulk	03	04
Extract Logwood, boxes	12	14
German Quinine	40	45
Glycerine, lb.	20	25
Ginger, Jamaica	30	35
Ginger, African	15	20
Howard's Quinine, oz.	50	55
Iodine	175	5 00
Insect Powder	10	20
Morphia, sul.	1 90	2 00
Opium	4 50	5 00
Oil, olive, Pure	1 10	1 25
Oil, U.S. Salad	1 00	1 25
Oil, lemon, super	1 60	1 80
Oil, peppermint	1 80	2 00
Oil, cod liver, gal.	25	1 75
Oxalic Acid	14	16
Potash Iodide	3 75	4 00
Paris Green, lb.	08	10
Saltpetre	08	10
Sal Rochelle	25	30
Shellac	25	30
Sulphur Flowers	3 1/2	04
Sulphur Roll, krg.	3 1/2	04
Soda Bicarb, keg of 112 lbs	2 75	3 75
Sal Soda	2 00	3 00
Tartaric Acid, lb.	40	45
Strychnine, pure crystals, oz.	85	1 00
LEATHER		
Per pound		
Harness, oak	4 1/2	
Harness, union oak No. 1	35	
Harness, union oak No. 1 R	34	
Harness, hemlock No. 1, anchor brand	35	
Harness, hemlock No. 1 R, anchor brand	34	
Harness, hemlock country tannage, No. 1 R	33	
Black collar leather	36	
American Oak Sole	40	
Sole, union oak	40	
Listowell, sole	28	
Penetang, sole	28	
Acton Sole	28	
B. F. French calf	25	30
B. F. French kip	25	30
Canada calf	25	30
Canada Calf, Niagara	25	30
Niagara Brand Kip	25	30
Wax upper	42	
Grain upper per foot	42	
Kangaroo, per foot	30	50
Dolgora, per foot	25	40
Dolgora, bright	25	40
Bag sheepskins, per doz.	8 00	
COAL		
Retail prices, delivered to consumers in the city.		
Pennsylvania anthracite—		
Stove, nut or lump	10 00	10 25
Pea size	8 00	
Canadian anthracite, stove	9 50	
Canadian anthracite, nut	7 50	
Lethbridge bituminous	7 50	
Crow's Nest bituminous	7 50	
U. S. bituminous	7 50	
Souris Lignite	4 50	
Souris, car lots F.O.B. mines	1 50	
Smithing	9 00	9 50



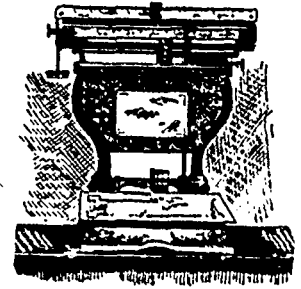
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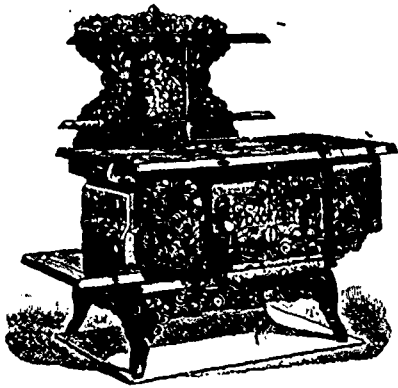


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AUGERS—Post hole, Vaughan's, each, 60 to 90c.
AXES—Bench, 40 per cent; chopping axes, per dozen, \$6 to \$12; double bit, per dozen, \$11 to \$18.
BELLOWS—20-24, \$4.50; 26, \$4.95; 28, \$5.40; 30, \$5.85; 32, \$6.30; 34, \$7.25; 36, \$8.10; 38, \$9; 40, \$10.35.
BELTING—Agricultural, 55 to 60 per cent; No. 1, 50 to 50 and 10 per cent; extra 30 to 35 per cent.
BITS, AUGER—American, 25 per cent; Jennings' Excelsior, 45 per cent.
BOLTS—Carriage, 42 1-2 per cent; machine, 45 per cent; plow, 40 per cent; sleigh shoe, 65 per cent; stove, 55 per cent; tire, 55 per cent.
BUTTS—Cast, loose pin, com. 60 per cent; Peter.oro, 38 1-3 per cent wrought steel, narrow, 60 per cent, loose pin, 60 per cent; bronze, 45c up.
CARRIAGES—Rim fire, Am. discount, 40 per cent; Dom. 50 and 5 per cent; per cent; centre fire, pistol, Am. discount 10 per cent, Dom. discount 30 per cent; military and sporting, Am. not list, Dom. 15 per cent.
CEMENT—Portland, barrel, \$4.50 to \$4.50.
CHAIN—Coll, proved, 3-16 in. per 100 lbs., \$5; do. 1-4 in. \$7.50; do. 5-16 in. \$6; do 3-8 in. \$5.75; do. 7-16 in. \$5.50; do. 1-2 in. and up, \$5.00. Jack, iron, single per dozen yards, 15 to 75c; double, per dozen yards, 25 to \$1. Trace, per dozen pairs, \$3.75 to \$6.50.
COPPER—Tinned sheets, 30c; planish- ed, 35c; boiler and T. K. pits, plain tinned, per lb., 29c; spun, 33c.
FILES—Com. 70 per cent; Nicholson's and Black Diamond, 60 per cent.
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HARVEST TOOLS—55 and 5 per cent off 1900 list.
HORSESHOES—Iron shoes, keg, 0 and 1, \$4.70; 2 and larger, \$4.45. Less than full kegs, 25c extra. Steel shoes, 0 and 1 \$5.00; 2 and larger, \$4.75.
HINGES—Heavy Tand strap, per 100 lbs., \$5.75 to \$6.75; light do., 60 per cent; screw hook and hinge, 6 to 10 in. 5c per lb.; 12 in. up, per lb., 4c.
IRON—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$3.00. Band iron, 100 lbs., \$3.50 base. Swedish iron, 100 lbs., \$5.00 base. Sheet, black, 16 to 20 gauge, \$3.50; 22 to 26 gauge, \$3.75; 28 gauge, \$4.00. Galvanized, / American, 16 gauge, \$4.25; 18 to 22, \$4.50; 24 gauge, \$4.75; 26 gauge, \$5.00; 28 gauge, \$5.25 per 100 lbs; Queen's head, 25c advance on Am. prices. Canada plates, Gurth and Bisma, \$3.25. Imitation Russian sheets 7 to 8c; genuine Russian sheets, 10. 12 to 13c.
LEAD—Pig, per lb. 6c; sheet, 6 1-2c.
NAILS—Cut—30d up, \$3.15; 20d, \$3.20; 10d, \$3.25; 8d, \$3.30; 6d, \$3.45; 4d, \$3.55;

3d, \$3.80; 2d, \$4.15. Wire nails, 1 1-2 in. up, \$3.80; 4 in. \$3.85; 3 in. \$3.90; 3 1-2 in. \$3.95; 2 in. \$4.10; 1 1-2 in. \$4.20; 1 1-4 in. \$4.45; 1 in. \$4.60; Horse nails, pointed, finished, oval heads, list price, No. 5, \$7.50 per box; No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box; No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box; discount on these prices, 40 per cent.
PAPER, BUILDING—Anchor brand, plain, 45c; do. tarred, 65c; Cyclone, 70c; Jubilee, plain 57c; do. tarred 70c.
PIPE—Iron, black, per 100 feet, 1-4 inch, \$4.25; 3-8, \$4.25; 1-2, \$5.25; 3-4, \$5.75; 1 inch, \$9.25; 1 1-4, \$11; 1 1-2, \$13.50; 2, \$18; larger, 45 per cent. Galvanized, 1-4 inch, \$8.80; 3-8 inch, \$8.80; 1-2 inch, \$9.35; 3-4 inch, \$10.45; 1 inch, \$14.30; 1 1-4 inch, \$19; 1 1-2 inch, \$24.20; 2 inch, \$32.45.
PITCH—Pine, \$4 per barrel.
PLASTER—Per barrel, \$3.25.
RIVETS AND BURLIS—Carriage, section 37 1-2 per cent; M rivets, black and tinned, 37 1-2 per cent; copper rivets and burrs, 33 1-2c; cartons 1c per lb. extra net.
ROPE—Cotton, 1-4 to 1-2 inch, and larger, 15c lb.; deep sea, 16 1-2c; lath yarn 11c; manila, per lb. 1 1-2c base; sisal, 12c base.
SCREWS—F. H. bright, discount 75, 10 per cent; R. H. discount 70; F. H. brass, discount 70; R. H. brass, discount 60 and 5 per cent. Bench, wood, per doz., \$2.75 to \$4.50; bench, iron, per doz., \$4.50 to \$6; coach screws, 37 1-2 per cent.
SHELLS—Loaded—Eley's black, 12 gauge, per 100, soft, \$1.50, chilled, \$1.65; 10 gauge soft, \$2, chilled \$2.15; Eley's smokeless, 12 gauge soft, \$1.90, chilled \$2.05; No. 10 gauge soft \$2.40, chilled \$2.55.
SHOT—Soft, 5 1-2c per lb.; chilled 6c; buckshot, 6 1-2c.
SOLDER—Half and half, per lb 22c.
SOLDERING IRONS—Per lb. 32c.
STEEL—Sleigh shoe, \$3.60 base; tire, steel, \$3.75 base; cast tool steel, lb. 9 to 12 1-2c.
STEEL BOILER PLATE—3-16 inch, \$4.25; 1-4, 3-8 inch and thicker, \$4.00.
STAPLES—Galvanized, \$4.25 per 100 lbs.
TAR—Per barrel, \$5.
TIN—Lamb and flag, 56 and 28 lb. ingots, per lb., 38c.
TIN PLATES—Charcoal plates, 10, 10 x 14 12x12, and 14x20, \$5.50; 1 X, same size box, \$6.50; 1 C, charcoal, 20 x28, 112 sheets to box, \$10.50; 1 X box 20x28, 112 sheets, \$12.50.
TERNE PLATES—1 C, 20x28, \$10.50.
TINWARE—Plain, 75 and 2 1-2 per cent; retinned, 70 and 10 per cent.
TUBES—Boiler, 2 inch, 14c per foot; 2 1-2 inch, 15 1-2c; 3 inch, 17c per foot.
VISES—B. S., Wright's 14c; Sampson, 40-50 pounds, \$6.50 to \$7 each; parallel, \$2 to \$7 each.
WADS—Grey felt, 75c per lb.; thin card wads in boxes of 500 each, 12 and smaller gauge, 20c per lb.; thin card wads in boxes of 500 each, 10 gauge, 25c per lb. Chemically prepared black edge gray cloth wads, in boxes of 250 each, 11 and smaller gauges, 65c per

1,000; 9 and 10 gauges, 75c per 1,000; 7 and 8 gauges, \$1 per 1,000.

WIRE—Brass and copper wire, 20 per cent advance on the list; clothes line wire, 18 gauge, per 1,000 feet, \$3.50. Galvanized, 4 barb, regular, \$3.75; galvanized, plain twist, \$3.75.

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

Winnipeg Prices of Paints, Oils, Glass, Etc.

ALABASTINE—Cases of 20 packages, \$6.50.
BENZINE—Case, \$3.50.
DRY COLORS—White lead, lb. 7 1-2c; red lead, kegs, 6 1-2c; yellow ochre in barrel lots, 2 1-2c, less than barrels 3c; golden ochre, barrels, 3 1-2c, less than barrels 4c; Venetian red, barrels 3c, less than barrels 3 1-2c; American vermilion, 15c; English vermilion, \$1 per lb.; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots, 2 1-2c, less than barrel lots 3c; English purple oxides, in casks, 3 1-2c, less quantities 4c lb.
GASOLINE—Stove, per case, \$3.50.
GLASS—Single glass, first break, 16 to 25 united inches, \$2.50, 26 to 40, \$2.75 per 50 feet boxes; 41 to 50, \$6.00; 51 to 60, \$6.50; 61 to 70, \$7.00 per 100 feet boxes.
LINSEED OIL—Raw, gal., 70c, boiled, gal. 72c in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gal. extra, with additional charges for cans and cases.
OILS—Black oils, 25 to 30c gal.; clear machine oil, 27 to 30c; cylinder oil, 50 to 75c; as to quality; castor oil, 11c per lb.; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatfoot oil, \$1; steam refined oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2.00 gal.
PREPARED PAINTS—Pure liquid colors, gallon, \$1.20 to \$1.60, as to shade and quality.
PUTTY—In bladders, barrel lots, 2 1-2c lb.; in 100 lb. kegs, 2 3-4c; do. less than barrels, 3c lb.
REFINED PETROLEUM—Silver Star, 18 3-4c; Oleophene 21 3-4c in barrels. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 2c for Eocene and 23c for Sunlight. Straight car lots Silver Star 1c less, other brands 2c less.
TURPENTINE—Pure spirits in barrels, 81c; less than barrels, gal. 86c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.
VARNISHES—No. 1 furniture, per gallon, \$1; extra furniture, \$1.50; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$1.50 to \$1.75; hard oil finish, \$1.50; to \$2; brown Japan, \$1; house painters' gold size Japan, \$1.50; coach painters' do., \$2 to \$2.25; No. 1 brown shellac, \$2.25; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.
WHITE LEAD—Pure, 95¢ per 100 lbs.; No. 1 \$6.75.
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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Saturday, Dec. 2, 1899.

Western Canada is having an unusually prolonged spell of mild weather, considering the season. There has been practically no winter at all to date, and conditions are still much the same as in the regular fall months. Some light flurries of snow and moderate frosts have been about the only climatic signs this week of the proximity of winter. The results in a commercial and industrial sense of this mildness are varied. Commercial enterprises have been mostly adversely affected, and industrial enterprises have, on the other hand, mostly profited. Sales of seasonable goods are very light, and consumption seems, to be, for the most part, holding back until absolute need is experienced. Dealers in perishable commodities, such as meats, etc., which are generally stored frozen in large quantities for the winter, find difficulty in keeping their stocks. Coal is in very light demand. Driving is so bad that farm trade is for the time being largely cut off. Railroad and building operations have, in their turn, been greatly facilitated. There is still a good demand for men for railroad and bush work. Bank clearings have increased less this week than usual, but they are still larger than in any similar week of previous years. The monthly clearings, which are also given this week, show a substantial increase over previous years. The figures will be found elsewhere in this issue.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Saturday, Dec. 2, 1899.

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

DRY GOODS.

Firmness and advancing prices continue to be the features of the dry goods market. Retailers have bought their stocks recently at much lower prices than they will have to pay another season. Goods sold by jobbers for the fall and spring trade have generally been at prices much below the basis of the present cost of these goods at the factory. Even for the spring trade many orders have been placed at a way below present basis of cost. This is owing to the fact that jobbers had large stocks on hand, bought before the full advance now asked had come into effect, and they have been giving the trade the benefit of these early purchases. When it comes to repeat orders or late purchases, however, jobbers will be obliged to ask sharp advances to cover the increased cost of goods. In fact it is with the greatest difficulty that jobbers can get repeat orders filled at all, regardless of the increased cost. Some British manufacturers have refused to quote prices until after the next series of wool sales, which indicates that they look for a further sharp advance in wools. The trade will, therefore, have to prepare for a big advance in dry

goods for another season, as well as on repeat orders for the spring trade. An advice received recently reported an advance on one line of cashmere equal to 17c and cashmere hosiery are now costing high, some lines of hosiery having advanced as much as 25 per cent. Shirts are firm and advancing, and repeat orders can hardly be filled at all. Lines of Canadian prints, prices for which are fixed by combine manufacturers, are higher.

FUEL.

The situation as regards coal is reviewed at length elsewhere in this issue. Wood stocks in the city are extremely light owing to the difficulty of getting in supplies. A few cars have been bought this week for immediate delivery. Stocks on hand are mostly held by a few dealers. No relief from this situation can be obtained until it freezes up as men cannot get into the bush while the ground is soft. Coal quotations will be found on our "prices current" page. Wood prices in carlots on track here are now as follows: Tamarac per cord, \$1.75; green cut tamarac, \$1.25 to \$1.75; jackpine per cord, \$1 to \$1.25; birch, \$1.75 to \$5; United States oak, \$5; Manitoba oak, \$1.75; United States maple, \$5.25; poplar, \$3 to \$3.25; spruce, \$3.25 to \$3.50; slabs, \$2.85 per cord.

GREEN FRUITS.

The market is quiet and movement much curtailed. Holiday business is being looked forward to with expectations that it will be the largest yet. Mexican oranges are easier, in expectation of early arrivals of California stocks. The market for winter apples continues in the unsatisfactory state noted a week ago. Auction sales of so-called choice stock are being held regularly, and it is estimated that as many as 500 barrels per week are being thus sold at prices ranging from \$2.50 per barrel downwards. It is needless to say that while these sales continue there is but little demand for apples being held for sale in the regular way. The keeping quality of much of the stock being sold at auction is poor. Complaints of the keeping qualities of this season's apples seem to be general. British importers have been badly disappointed in the quality of their receipts from both Canada and the United States and complaints are being heard from all parts of the continent. The apples looked nice when packed, but do not seem to be holding up to quality at all. We quote prices here as follows: California naval oranges, \$5 to \$5.50; Co. seedlings, \$4.25 to \$4.75; Mexican oranges, \$4.50; lemons, new Californias, per box, \$5.00 to \$5.50; bananas, per bunch, \$2.25; apples, winter, \$3.50 per bbl.; snow apples fancy, \$4 per barrel; Malaga grapes, in kegs, per keg, \$7.50; cranberries per barrel, \$7.25; coconuts, per dozen, \$0; Grenoble walnuts, 1c; Tarragona almonds, 15c; peanuts, green, 9 to 10c; roasted, 12c; pecan nuts, 13c per lb.; chestnuts, 15c; hickory nuts, 10c per lb.; maple sugar, per lb., 11c; apple cider, 75c per gallon in barrels and half barrels; fruit cider put up in 20 and 30 gallon kegs, per gallon, 40c; figs, in boxes, 7c lb.; new California layer figs in 10 lb. boxes, \$1.60 to \$1.75; row Smyrnas in glove boxes \$2 per doz. in 10-lb. boxes \$1.75 per box, and in 30-lb. boxes 20c lb.; dates 7c per lb.; sweet potatoes, per barrel, \$5; honey, in 1 lb. glass jars, per dozen jars, \$2.50; Spanish onions, \$1.25 per crate; American red onions, 2c per lb.

GROCERIES.

The changes in the grocery market this week are mostly of minor importance. Trade has been quieter in consequence of the bad state of country roads. Prices are firm on all staple lines and any changes are in the direction of advances. Canned tomatoes have been raised to \$2.25 to \$2.30, which is 5c higher than a week ago. These are costing \$1.10 in Ontario now. Canned meats are costing more at packing centres than heretofore and while there has been no change here as yet owing to the fact that stocks in jobbers hands to-day were bought at the lower prices the advances are sure to be followed when further supplies have to be obtained, which will be soon. Green Rio coffee has again advanced and is now 1-2c higher than last week's quotations with every likelihood of going still higher. This is due not so much to shortage in supply as to increase in consumption which has been very noticeable this year. New Sultana raisins are now in stock and selling at from 10 1/2 to 11c per pound. They are of nice quality. Raisins have disclosed still further strength this week. Fine off stalk goods are particularly firm and almost entirely out of first hands. To bring them in now at prices quoted east would cost about \$2.00, while layers would cost about \$2.10 to \$2.15. The tendency is to go still higher. California raisins are quite beyond reach at present as 3 crown muscatels would cost 9 to 9 1/2c to lay down. Apricots are firmer and are now worth 17 1/2 to 18c here.

HARDWARE.

The market is without change this week. Notwithstanding the small movement of business at country points due to bad roads, etc., there is considerable demand for seasonable lines of hardware.

IMPLEMENTS.

Business for all the leading concerns are now on the road for spring orders, and reports so far are very satisfactory. Bad roads are making it difficult to get around, and progress made so far is smaller on this account. The demand for sleighs and cutters, in a retail way, has not commenced yet. The effect on business of the advanced prices for next year's goods is hardly measurable, yet, but is not expected to be serious. Some Winnipeg dealers are stock-taking, and the rest will follow this month.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Prices remain unchanged, although both linseed oil and turpentine prices are higher in the east. It is believed that these will advance here in a few days. White lead will also be advanced shortly as at present factory prices it is worth \$7.25 laid down in Winnipeg.

SCRAP.

Accumulations of metal scrap have been shipped this week to consuming markets and dealers have been busy with these shipments. While there does not seem to be any falling off in the consumptive demand there is an easier tendency in the market for scrap metals. The iron market is perhaps showing the most signs of weakness. The Boston market is reported dull. Present prices are likely to be shaded a little. Rags are the only commodity which display signs of strength. These are likely to go higher at consuming points. We quote prices here as follows. No. 1 cast iron free from wrought and malleable, \$14 per ton; No. 1 stove plate, \$5 per

ton; wrought iron scrap, \$8.50 per ton, heavy copper, 10c per pound; copper bottoms, 8c per pound, red brass, 8 to 8 1/2c per pound; yellow brass, heavy, 7 1/2c per pound; light brass, 4 1/2 to 5c per pound; lead pipe or tea lead, 2 1/2c per pound, zinc scrap 1c per pound; rags, country mixed, 50c. rubber, free from rivets, buckles and articles, 5c per pound.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—The wheat markets during the past week have recorded a continuation of the decline in values. At the present time nothing is recognized as having any influence towards higher prices, and consideration is given only to such information and statistics as are of a bearish nature, and there is no lack of these published day after day. Consequently prices continue to decline and the demand for wheat for either export or domestic use is at a low ebb. Lake navigation is at about a close for the season. Vessels are scarce mostly owing to the indifference of vessel owners to make last trips unless at a heavy freight rate, and the trade has to consider all rail shipment and higher freights in the immediate future. The American markets have declined 1 1/2c per bushel or the week. The American visible supply increased 1,355,000 bushels last week, making the total 55,936,000 bushels, against 23,569,000 bushels in 1895, and 33,656,000 bushels in 1897. The world's shipments to Europe were 6,229,000 bushels, compared with 6,904,000 bushels the previous week, and 7,761,000 bushels a year ago. The world's visible supply increased 1,355,000 bushels, against 716,000 the previous week, and 3,508,000 bushels last year. Growing crops are doing well everywhere. From the Argentine glowing accounts come of the harvest about commencing. Harvest begins in the earlier districts about the beginning of December and continues for about two months until the latest districts are cleared. South Australia and Victoria are now harvesting their wheat and an immense yield is predicted. The young winter wheat crops in America and Europe are all doing well. India alone lags behind, there is no improvement on the crops there.

The local market has declined about 2 1/2c per bushel on the week. Besides the effect of the situation in the outside markets, shippers have been opposed by the difficulty of getting lake freight, and the advance in rates asked by vessel owners, also by the advance in insurance which takes place 1st inst. The demand therefore has been light and unimportant and at the close of the week shippers are out of the market, and wheat cannot be sold except by cutting the price. The value of 1 hard at the end of last week was 66 1/2c in store Fort William spot or on route. It has gradually declined from that until yesterday sales were made at 64 1/2c, but in the after part of the day 64 to 64 1/2c were best bids. During the past week it has been increasingly difficult to sell anything but 1 hard. Sales were made of 2 hard at 21 1/2c under 1 hard in the forepart of the week, but latterly it could scarcely be sold at all, and the difference has widened to 3c. 1 northern has been little heard of during the week, but it is in the same position as 2 hard. 3 hard is 6c under 1 hard, and 1 frosted 12c under 1 hard all in store Fort William.

FLOUR—Prices as follows: Ogilvie's Hungarian patent, \$1.90; Glenora, \$1.70; Manitoba Strong Bakers, \$1.50; A.N.X., \$1.15; Lake of the Woods patent, \$1.90; Strong Bakers, \$1.70; Madona \$1.50; A.N.X., \$1.30 per sack of 98 pounds delivered in Winnipeg.

MILLED—Ogilvie bran is worth \$11.50 per ton, and shorts \$13.50 net; Lake of the Woods bran, sacked, \$12, and shorts, sacked, \$14 per ton.

GROUND FEED—Oat chop, \$20 per ton for best. Mixed feed of barley and oats, \$18 per ton; barley chop, \$16 per ton. Oil cake advanced to \$28 per ton.

OATS—Receipts are still light, but offerings at country points are more liberal than last week. Prices remain unchanged as follows: Choice milling grades worth 26 to 27c per bushel in earlots on track here, feed grades 25 to 26c; street oats 25 to 26c; earlots at country points 17 to 20c per bushel.

CORN—Worth 41 to 42c per bushel on track. In good demand.

WHEAT—48 to 54c per bushel is being paid for farmers' loads at country points according to freight rate and quality.

FLAXSEED—Buyers are quoting \$1.20 per bushel at country points to farmers. Movement very light.

HAY—The demand for baled has fallen off a little owing to the increased offering of loose hay. We quote: Car lots, baled, on track, \$5.50 to \$6 per ton. Loose hay on the street, \$5 to \$6 per ton.

OATMEAL—Per sack of 80 pounds, \$1.70. United States meal of good quality is offering freely in sacks, half sacks, and quarters. Our quotation is the price which retail dealers are paying for meal in such quantities as they usually take. Carlot prices are correspondingly lower.

BUTTER—Creamery — The market here is very quiet and values practically unchanged. There is not much demand for creamery in the local market as consumers prefer dairy butter when they can get it good. About 21c would be paid for choice creamery delivered at Winnipeg.

BUTTER—Dairy — Receipts are fairly liberal. Most of the offerings are second and third grade goods, some dealers estimating that only about 25 per cent of the butter coming in is choice, but they are and uncleanliness in the handling is spoiling some otherwise good lots of butter. One lot which came in this week from a well known butter maker at a provincial point was put up in bricks, wrapped in common tissue paper—instead of the regulation butter wrappers—and packed in a soap box. The consequence was that a price several cents below the top was obtained for the lot, as it looked bad and tasted of soap. Finest dairy, put up in brick form, will bring from 20 to 22c per pound delivered at Winnipeg, and in tubs from 18 to 20c. Second grades are worth from 15 to 17c and lower grades 12 to 13c.

CHEESE—Dealers are asking 13c for Manitoba cheese and 13 1/2c for Ontario. About 11 1/2 or 12c will be paid for choice lots of Manitoba make delivered Winnipeg.

EGGS—Receipts are light. Dealers are buying on a basis of 18c delivered at Winnipeg. Strictly fresh eggs would bring 20c per dozen.

VEGETABLES—Bad roads are making deliveries light. We quote: Potatoes, farmers loads 40c per bush, earlots 27c

at country points; carrots, 85 to 10c per bushel; turnips, 20 to 25c per bushel, beets, 30c per bushel; parsnips, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c per lb, pumpkins, 1 1/4c per lb; dry onions, 75c to \$1 per bushel, cabbage, 3 1/4 to 1c per lb; celery, 30c per dozen bunches; squash, 1c per pound for ordinary 1 1/2c for Hubbard, marrow, 10 to 60c per dozen; green house lettuce, 35 to 40c per dozen bunches; green house parsley, 25c per dozen bunches.

HIDES—Offering continues light. We quote prices as follows: No. 1, 75-1c; No. 2, 63-1c, No. 3, 53-1c, Branded hided grade No. 2 and bulls, No. 3; kip, 7c; calf, 8 to 9 1/2c; stakin skins, 25 to 35c each; sheep skins, fresh killed, 50c each; country sheep 40c; lambs 25c to 30c each; horsehides, 50c to 75c each.

WOOL—Unwashed Manitob a fleece is worth 7 to 8c per pound. None offering.

SENECA—37c per pound. Season about over.

DRESSED MEATS—The absence of winter weather is affecting the market detrimentally, and some concern is felt over the outlook. Meat which was killed in expectation of the usual freeze up is giving the owners trouble to keep it from spoiling, and a good deal of killing remains to be done, the animals in the meantime being fed in the neighborhood of the city. Advice received yesterday from country points indicate the same state of affairs. One city dealer has a letter from the Lake of the Woods country, stating that the winter stocks of meat in the mining camps and on the Rainy river were spoiling on account of the warm weather. We quote prices here as follows: Beef 5 to 6c per lb.; mutton 9c per lb.; and likely to lower shortly, lambs, 5 to 10c; veal, 7 to 8c; hogs, 5 1/2 to 6c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Stocks are being affected by the weather. Turkeys, choice, will bring 12c per pound, and range from 11 to 12c. Geese, and ducks are worth 9c per pound, chickens 9 to 10c.

TALLOW—Demand active. As high as 1c is being paid for best grades of tallow by consuming concerns here. Dealers are offering from 2 1/2 to 3 1/2c at country points according to quality.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—The export movement is about over for the season. Choice s. c. s. butchers are worth 3 1/2c per lb. off cars here; exporters, 3 1/4 to 3 1/2c at point of shipment; common cattle, 2 1/2 to 3c.

SHEEP—We quote 4c per pound for choice grades of sheep and 4 to 5c for lambs.

HOGS—Buyers are quoting 4 3/4c per pound for choice weights, and 4 1/2c for seconds. Receipts have been liberal over 1,500 head having been received by one concern, mostly from south western points. It is not expected that such liberal receipts will continue as farmers have probably made a special effort to close out their holdings while they are in good shape.

MILCH COWS—Worth from \$25 to \$45 as to quality.

HORSES—Lack of sleighing is lessening the demand somewhat. When the snow comes the demand for horses for bush work will improve. Good heavy animals weighing not less than 1,400 pounds are worth from \$125 to \$175 each. Lighter horses for delivery or road purposes are worth from \$110 to \$140 each.

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PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

By wire to The Commercial,

Vancouver, Dec. 2.

A feature of the market this week is the arrival of fresh grass butter from Australia which may prevent a further advance of eastern butter. Eastern eggs are 1c lower. Flour is 10c lower for patent and 20c lower for bakers. Ontario apples are being offered in this market.

BUTTER—Local creamery, 30 to 35c; Australian fresh grass butter, 25c; Manitoba creamery, 24 1-2 to 25c; Manitoba dairy, 19 to 20c.

EGGS—Fresh local, 50 to 60c per dozen, as to quality eastern case eggs, 19 to 20c; pickled eggs, 20c.

CHEESE—15c.

GREEN FRUIT—Oranges, navel, \$5 seedlings, \$4 per box; California lemons, \$4 to \$4.25; apples, \$1.60 to \$1.75 per box; pears, \$2; bananas, \$2.50. Local apples, 90c to \$1.25 per box; local pears, \$1.50 per box; grapes, \$1.75; Japan oranges, 65c per box. Eastern apples \$6.25 per barrel.

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

FLOUR—Delivered B.C. patents—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.60; strong bakers, \$4.30; Oregon, \$4.50 per barrel.

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

CURED MEATS—Hams, 15c; breakfast bacon, 14c; backs, 12 1-2 to 13c; long clear 10c; short rolls, 12 to 12 1-2c; smoked sides, 11c.

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

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

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

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, \$15 to \$16 per ton; Ashcroft potatoes, \$19 to \$20 ton; cabbage, 1 1-2c per lb.; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12 per ton; red onions, 1c per lb.; silverskins, 2c; tomatoes, \$2 per box; cucumbers, \$2 per box.

FEED—National mills chop, \$25 per ton; shorts, \$23 ton; bran, \$21; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; f.o.b. Vancouver, including duty paid on imported stuff.

HAY—Per ton, \$15.

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

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

DRIED FRUITS—Apricots, 17c; peaches 10 to 12c; pitted plums, 12c; prunes, French 5 to 7 1-2c per lb.; London layer raisins, \$2 box; Italian prunes, 6 to 8 1-2c lb.; Muscatel raisins, 2 crown 5c, 3 crown 6 1-2c, 4 crown 9c; dates 3c; black figs, 6c; white figs, 9 1-2c; layer figs, 10 lb. box \$1.45; silver prunes, 9 1-2c; quartered pears, 11 1-2c; half pears, 12 1-2c; nectarines, 15 1-2c; Valencia raisins, 7 1-2c; sultanas, 11 to 14c; blackberries, 16c; raspberries, 25c; seed-cd raisins, 9 1-2c.

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

SUGARS—Powdered, icing and bar, 6 3-4c; Paris lump 6 1-4c; granulated 5 1-4c; extra C, 4 5-8c; fancy yellow 4 1-2c; yellow 4 7-8c lb.

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

TEAS—Congo: Fair, 11 1-2c; good, 18c; choice, 29c; Ceylon and India: fair 20c.
HARDWARE—Bar Iron—Base, \$3.50. Horse shoe nails, discount, 40 per cent; horse shoes, keg, \$5. Wire nails—Base price, \$4.50; cut, \$3.75. Rope, Manila, 10c. Boiled oil, 75c. White lead, \$7.50. Putty, \$3.50. Barbed wire, \$1.75 per 100 lbs. Glass, 1st break, \$5.

British Columbia Items.

A. McNeill has bought out the Oliver's general provision store at Nelson.

Thomas Cowan, groceries, clothing, etc., Wellington, contemplates moving to Nanaimo.

C. W. Eagle and Gavin Hamilton have formed a partnership, and will open a general store at Beaver Lake, near Ashcroft.

S. F. Wallace and Jas. Wallace, doing business as the Wallace Meat Company at Fernie, have dissolved partnership. S. F. Wallace assumes the responsibilities of the firm.

The C. P. R. has a party of engineers and surveyors at work surveying a line through Nicola Valley to connect the Crow's Nest Pass railway, with the main line at Spence's Bridge.

Vancouver merchants are organizing a trading stamp company to carry on business in all parts of British Columbia, in opposition to the existing company, with eastern headquarters.

The finance committee of Nelson reported recently in favor of raising \$5,000 for waterworks purposes and \$7,000 for electric light, same to be raised by debentures repayable in 30 years, at 4 1-2 per cent.

It is said that coast jobbers are now making a strong effort to secure a larger share of the Kootenay trade. The Yukon, Atlin and northern trade has increased business at coast cities so much during the past two years, that the jobbers have not given as much attention to the southern interior trade as they otherwise would have done.

Minneapolis Markets.

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents, \$3.45 to \$3.70; second patents, \$3.25 to \$3.45.

Milled—Shorts in bulk, \$10.50; bran in bulk, \$11.00; corn feed, \$12.25 to \$13.75 per ton as to quality.

Oats—No. 3 white, 23 1-4c.

Barley—\$4 to 40c.

Corn—Quoted at 28 1-2c for No. 3.

Flax seed—\$1.24 1-2 per bushel.

Eggs—17c for strictly fresh, including cases.

Butter—Creamery, 24 to 26c for choice to extras; seconds, 22 to 24c; dairy, 21 to 23c for choice to fancy; seconds, 19 to 21c.

Cheese—9 to 12 1-2c.

Poultry—Spring chickens, 7 to 8c; fowl, 4 1-2 to 6c; turkeys, 5 1-2 to 8c; ducks, 6 1-2 to 7 1-2; geese, 7 1-2c.

Potatoes—30 to 33c per bushel for car lots.

Hides—Green salted hides, 9 3-4c for No. 1; 8 3-4c for No. 2; steers over 60 lbs.; 9 1-2 to 10 1-2c; sheepskins, 30 to 75c each; veal calf, 10 and 11 1-2c for No. 2 and No. 1; tallow, 4 1-4 to 4 1-2c; seneca root, 30 to 35c.

Hay—Timothy ranges at \$6.50 to \$9 as to quality.

Dressed meats—Veal, 6 to 8 1-2c; mutton, 5 to 6 1-2c; lambs, 5 to 6c.

Beans—Hand picked, \$1.50 to \$1.75 per bushel, good medium, \$1 to \$1.10.

Honey—Per lb., 7 to 10c; sections, 11 to 13c.

Raw Furs.

The absence of snow and continued mild weather is delaying receipts of raw furs, which are usually in the market by this time. Practically nothing has yet been done by hunters and trappers in the fur regions in the way of shipping. Prices for the coming winter's catch are, however, practically fixed and the advent of cold weather and snow which may be expected at any time will see the commencement of what promises to be a very satisfactory season to both trappers and traders. Prices for some of the kinds of fur most common in this country are much higher this fall than in other years, as will be seen from the list which is published herewith. These are the prices being offered by The Hudson's Bay Company. As compared with their list of last year this list shows the following changes: An advance of \$1.00 to \$1.50 on brown bear yearlings; an advance of from 50 cents to \$2.00 on brown bear, small, mediums and large, making the price now \$5 to \$22, instead of \$4.50 to \$20, an advance of 50 cents on the top figure for small beaver; an advance of \$1 on the top price for pale fishers; an advance of from \$2.50 to \$5 on cross fox, an advance of \$1 on the best grades of red fox, an advance of \$50 on best grades of silver fox; an advance of \$1 on best grades of large and medium lynx and of 50 cents on small sizes; an advance of \$1 to \$6 on large, dark marten, of \$1 to \$3 on large, pale or brown, and of \$1.50 to \$1.75 on light pale, an advance of \$2 on best grades of large dark otter; an advance of 10 to 25c on skunk, a decline of 25c on prairie wolf and a decline of 50c on large dark wolverine. Prices quoted are in all cases for prime skins only and vary according to size, color and condition. List is as follows.

	Each	Each.
Eudgers, prime	\$.25	\$.50
Bears, back, yearlings	3.00	3.00
Bears, black, small	5.00	12.00
Bears, black, medium	10.00	15.00
Bears, black, large	15.00	25.00
Bears, brown, yearlings	4.00	6.00
Bears, brown, small	5.00	10.00
Bears, brown, medium	10.00	15.00
Bears, brown, large	15.00	22.00
Beaver, small	1.50	3.00
Beaver, medium	3.00	5.00
Beaver, large	5.00	7.00
Fishers, dark	6.00	9.00
Fishers, pale	3.00	6.00
Fox, silver dark, large	50.00	125.00
Fox, cross	5.00	15.00
Fox, red	1.00	3.00
Lynx, large	1.50	3.50
Lynx, medium	1.00	2.25
Lynx, small ... ..	.50	1.30
Marten, large, dark	4.00	12.00
Marten, large, pale or brown	3.50	8.00
Marten, large, light pale	2.50	5.00
Mink, large, dark	1.50	2.25
Mink, small, dark	1.00	1.50
Mink, large, light	1.00	1.25
Mink, small, light ... ..	.75	1.00
Musquash, winter ... ..	.02	.10
Otter, large, dark	6.00	12.00
Otter, large, pale	5.00	8.00
Skunk, large ... ..	.50	1.00
Wolf, timber, large	2.00	3.00
Wolf, prairie ... ..	.40	.75
Wolverine, large, dark	3.00	3.50
Wolverine, large, pale	1.25	2.00

Now shipments of Grenoble and Marbot walnuts were received this week in eastern Canada markets.

Toronto Grocery Market.

Toronto, Dec. 2.

SUGARS—Granulated, delivered Toronto, \$4.51 to \$4.58; yellows from \$3.78 to \$4.48.

SYRUPS—Imperial gallons, medium, 32c; special bright, 35 to 42c.

MCLASSES—West India, barrels, 32 to 45c; New Orleans, 26 to 30c for medium, and 35 to 47c for bright.

COFFEE—Rio, green, 7 1-2 to 12c; Mocha, 25 to 28c. Java, 25 to 32c.

TEAS—Japans, low grade, 10 to 20c per lb; Young Hysons, seconds, 16 to 19c; firsts, 25 to 45c; Indian, 18 to 50c; Ceylons, low grades, 10 to 15c; mediums, 22 to 25c; and fines 40 to 55c; Ceylons, 17 to 35c; Formosa oolongs, 25 to 65c.

CANNED GOODS—Tomatoes, 95c to \$1. peas, 75 to 85c, corn, \$1 to \$1.10; beans, 95c, sifted selected peas, \$1.05 to \$1.20, pumpkins, 80c; strawberries, 2's, \$1.65, to \$1.80; raspberries, 2's, \$1.75 to \$2.00; peaches, 2's, \$1.75 to \$1.80; 3's, \$2.50 to \$2.65; apples, 3's, 35c; gals., \$2.35 to \$2.40. Salmon—Coloss, primo dark pink fish, \$1.75 to \$1.80; sock-eyes, red fish, \$1.30 to \$1.60; lobsters, halves, \$1.75 to \$1.80; tall, lbs., \$2.50; flats, \$3.10.

RICE—Rice bags, 35-8 to 4c; Java, 6 to 6 1-2c; Patna, 5 1-2 to 6c; Japan, 5 1-2 to 6 1-2c.

SPICES—Ginger, Jamaica, 25c; Cochin, 20c; cloves, Zanzibar, 18 to 20c; Amboyna, 22 to 25c; Penang, 28 to 35c; allspice, 20c; nutmegs, 50 to \$1; cream tartar pure, 25 to 28c; compound, 15 to 20c; pepper, black, pure Singapore, 17c; Penang, 16c; compound, 12 to 14c; pepper, pure white, 28 to 30c.

DRIED FRUITS—Almonds, Valencia, fine off stalk 6 1-2 to 6 3-4c; selected, 7 to 7 1-2c; layers, 7 1-2 to 8c; haz. layers, 10's and 28's, 18 to 20c; two stars, 19c; one star, 16 to 19c; provincial currants, 4 1-2 to 5c; Filletras, 5 to 5 1-2c; Patras, 5 3-4 to 6c; Vostizzas, 7 to 7 1-2c. California dried fruits—Apricots, 17 to 20c; pears, 16 to 17c; prunes, 70's to 80's 7 1-4 to 7 1-2c; 80's to 90's, 6 3-4 to 7c; 90's to 100's, 6 to 6 1-2c; Sultanas, 10 to 13c; Hallowee dates, 6 1-4c; Malaga, London layers, \$1.95 to \$2.00 per box; black baskets, \$2.40; blue do., \$2.50; royal clusters, \$4; quarter flats, London layers, 65c; black baskets, quarter flats 75c, and blue baskets, quarter flats, 80c. Deheria, clusters, quarter flats, \$1.25.

NUTS—Shelled Valencia almonds, 25 to 30c; shelled Jordan almonds, 40c; Bordeaux walnuts, 10 1-2 to 11c; shelled walnuts, 26 to 28c; Grenobles, 13 1-2c; St. Alberts, 10 to 10 1-2c.

PEEL—Orange, 12 to 13c; lemon, 10 1-2 to 12c; citron, 17 to 20c.

PROVISIONS.

PORK—Canada mess, \$14.00; short cut, \$16; clear and shoulder mess, \$12.50.

DRY SALTED MEATS—Long clear bacon, car lots, 7 to 7 1-4c, ton and case lots 7 1-4c; breakfast bacon, 11c; hams, 10 to 11c; rolls, 9c. Green meats out of pickle are quoted at 1c less than smoked.

LARD—Tierce, 63-3c; tubs, 7c; pails, 7 1-4c.

Toronto Hardware and Paint Prices.

Toronto, Dec. 2.

ANTIMONY—11 to 11 1-2c per lb. for Cookson's.

BARBED WIRE—l.o.b. Toronto, \$1.60 per 100 lbs.

BAR IRON—\$2.40 to \$2.50 base.

BLACK SHEETS—28 gauge at \$3.35.

BOLTS—Common carriage bolts, 5-10 inch and under and 3-8 and larger, 50 per cent; machine bolts, all sizes 52 1-2 per cent; blank bolts, 52 1-2 per cent; sleigh shoe bolts, 70 per cent; stove bolts 60 and 10 per cent; tire bolts, 60 and 10 per cent. Nuts, square, 7 1-2 off the list price; hexagon, 4c; tapping nuts, 60 per cent.

BRASS—Discount on roll and sheet, 5 per cent.

BUILDING PAPER—Plain building, 28c per roll; tarred lining, 35c; according to quality; tarred roofing felt, \$1.40 per 100 lbs.; carpet felt, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.

CANADA PLATES—All dull at \$3.00 per 100 lbs.; half polished \$3.10, and all bright, \$3.60 per 100 lbs.

CEMENT—Canadian Portland, \$2.65 to \$2.90; English, do. \$3.00; Canadian hydraulic cements, \$1.00 to \$1.10; calcined plaster, \$1.90; asbestos cement, \$2.50 per barrel.

COIL CHAIN—1-4 inch, \$8.00; 5-16 in. \$5.65; 3-8 in. \$5.05; 7-16 in. \$4.80; 1-2 in. \$4.65; 5-8 in. \$4.45; 3-4 in. \$4.30. Terms net cash.

COPPER—Ingot copper, 20 to 21c per lb.; sheet copper, 23 to 23 1-2c.

CUT NAILS—\$2.60 per keg f. o. b. Toronto, Hamilton and London.

FENCE WIRE—Woven, 7 1-2c per rod.

FINE STEEL WIRE—Discount 15 per cent.

GALVANIZED IRON—28 gauge, \$5.00 per 100 lbs. for English, and \$1.75 for American.

GALVANIZED WIRE—9 gauge, \$1.55; 12 gauge, \$1.70; 13 gauge, \$1.85; No. 16, \$2.50.

GLASS—Star, first break in 50 foot boxes, \$2.15, and in 100 ft. boxes, \$4.03; double diamond under 25 united inches in 100 ft. boxes, \$6.00; Toronto, Hamilton and London. Terms 4 months or 3 per cent 30 days.

GREEN WIRE CLOTH—\$1.75 per 100 square feet.

HARVEST AND GARDEN TOOLS—50, 10 and 5 per cent for large lots and 50 to 10 per cent for small lots.

HORSE NAILS—Standard oval head, 50 per cent; Acadia counter sunk head, 50 and 20 per cent.

HORSESHOES—Iron shoes, light, medium and heavy, \$3.80 l. o. b. Toronto, Hamilton and Guelph.

IRON PIPE—1-4 to 3-8 inch, \$3.90; 1-2 inch, \$3.90; 3-4 inch, \$4.90; 1 inch, \$6.40; 1 1-4 inch, \$8.10; 1 1-2 inch, \$10.40; 2 inch, \$13.85; 2 1-2 inch to 4 inch discount, 50 per cent. Galvanized Pipe—1-2 inch, \$6.50; 3-4 inch, \$8; 1 inch \$11.50; 1 1-4 inch, \$16; 1 1-2, \$20; 2 inch, \$28.50.

LEAD PIPE—Ordinary pipe, 7c; waste, 7 1-2c; discount 15 per cent.

OLD MATERIAL—Agricultural scrap, 55c per cwt; machinery cast, 60c per cwt; stove cast scrap, 47c; No. 1 wrought scrap, 55c per 100 lbs.; new light scrap copper, 12 1-2c per lb.; bottoms, 11c; heavy copper, 15c; light scrap brass, 7 1-2c; heavy yellow scrap brass, 10c; heavy red scrap brass, 11c; scrap lead, 2 1-2c; zinc, 3c; scrap rubber 4 1-2c; gac country mixed rags, 65 to 75c; clean dry bones, 45 to 50c per 100 lbs.

PIG IRON—Hamilton l.o.b. cars at furnace \$25.

PIG LEAD—Imported at 43-4c to 5c per lb.

PIG TIN—35c per lb.

FOLLY NETTING—Discount of 40 per cent.

RIVETS AND BURNS—Carriage section wagon box rivets, etc., steel, 60 per cent off the list; do., Norway iron, 60 per cent; black M rivets, steel, 55 per cent; do., Norway iron, 45 per cent; iron burrs, 40 per cent; copper rivets, 35 per cent; bifurcated, with box \$1.25; coppered iron rivets and burrs, in 5 lb. carton boxes, 30c per lb.

ROPE—Sisal, 7-16 in. and larger, 12 1-2c; 3-8 inch, 13c; 1 and 5-16 in. 13 1-2c; Manila, 7-16 in. and larger, 15c; 3-8 in. 15 1-2c; 1-4 to 5-16 in., 16c; deep sea line, 13 1-2c for water laid and 14 1-2c for machine made; hemp, 7 to 9c; lath yarn, 10c; Clothesline, 48 feet, 90c; 60 feet, \$1.20; 72 feet, \$1.50; 100 feet, \$2.20.

SCREWS—Flat head bright, 50 and 5 per cent off the list; round head bright, 75 and 5 per cent; flat head brass, 75 and 5 per cent; round head brass 67 1-2 and 5 per cent; flat head bronze, 67 1-2 and 5 per cent; round head bronze, 62 1-2 and 5 per cent.

SHEET ZINC—8 to 8 1-4c per lb.

SMOOTH STEEL WIRE—The base is \$3.35 per 100 lbs. f.o.b. factory.

SPADES AND SHOVELS—40 and 5 per cent; steel snow shovels, \$3.10 per dozen.

SPELTER—7 to 7 1-4c per lb.

SOLDER—Half and half, 21 to 22c; refined, 20 1-2 to 21 1-2c; wiping 20c to 20 1-2c.

STEEL—Sleigh shoe, \$2.50 base; tire \$2.50; machinery, \$2.65; toe calk, \$2.85; hook, \$3.00.

TINNED SHEETS—24 gauge, 6 to 6 3-4c.

TINPLATES—I.O., 14 by 20, and I.X., 14 by 20, \$1 per box.

TERNE PLATE—I.O., \$8.50; I.X., \$10.60.

WIRE NAILS—Base price at \$3.22 1-2 to \$5.30 l.o.b. Toronto and west.

PAINTS AND OILS.

CASTOR OIL—East India, in cases, 8 to 8 1-2c per lb., and 9 to 9 1-2c for single tins.

GUM SHELLAC—In cases, 20c; in less than cases, 24c.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, 1 to 4 barrels 62c; boiled, 65c.

LIQUID PAINTS—Pure, \$1.10 per gallon; No. 1 quality, 90c per gallon.

PARIS WHITE—90c.

PLASTER PARIS—Ordinary, \$1.75 per barrel; New Brunswick, \$2 to \$2.20 per barrel.

PUMICE STONE—Powdered, \$2.50 per 100 pounds for blis. and 4 to 5c per lb. in small quantities; lump, 10c per lb. in small lots, and 8c per lb. in barrels.

RED LEAD—Genuine, in casks of 560 lbs. \$5, ditto in kegs of 100 lbs. \$5.25 to \$5.50; No. 1 in casks of 560 lbs. \$4.75; do. kegs of 100 lbs. \$5.

SEAL OIL—54c per gallon, and yellow seal at 45c.

TURPENTINE—In single barrels, 75c. 2 to 4 barrel lots, 74c.

WHITING—55c per 100 lbs.; gilders' whitening, 75 to 80c.

WHITE LEAD—Ex-Toronto, pure white lead \$6.50; No. 1, \$6.12 1-2; No. 2, \$5.75; No. 3, \$5.37 1-2; No. 4, \$5.00; dry white lead in casks, \$3.75.

WHITE ZINC—Genuine French, Y.M. in casks, \$7 to \$7.25; Lehigh, in casks, \$6.

Western Business Items.

J. Doloc, general store, Canmore, Alberta, is dead.

J. T. Greig, grocer, is opening business in Winnipeg.

H. Woodman, hotel, Rothwell, has sold out to P. McKeown.

Higgins and Webster, Roland, Man., have moved into their fine new store.

Fleming Bros., general store, are starting business at Grenfell, Assa.

R. Lockhart, saw mill, Emo River, Northwestern Ontario, has sold out.

Finch Bros., are opening in Winnipeg in dry goods, clothing, and boots and shoes.

J. Bates has sold his blacksmith business at Mariposa, Man., to Mr. Bowman.

Thomson Stationery Co. Ltd., Calgary, Alberta, has sold out to J. S. Mackie.

G. Morris, general store, Margaret, Man., reported admitting W. Bremner as partner.

T. W. Dodds, general store, Oak Lake, Man., has assigned. Bailiff in possession.

The estate of E. Chamberland, hotel, St. Boniface, has been sold to V. & E. Couture.

Mrs. S. C. Bell has sold out her general store business at Baldur, Man., to W. T. Bremner.

The Manitoba Produce Company had a carload of Ontario cheese in this week.

Analysts of the inland revenue department at Ottawa have recently completed an examination of so-called brands of Scotch whiskies, and, in the opinion of the chief analyst, a good many of the samples were adulterated. Certain tests proved that the whiskies in question had been made mainly from patent still alcohol, by dilutions, coloring, and flavor, and they were therefore not entitled to be called whiskey. Out of the twenty-eight samples examined, fourteen were sold under a name which they do not deserve.

THE COMMERCIAL MEN.

A. L. JOHNSON.

We present this week a portrait of A. L. Johnson. Mr. Johnson, as is well known to his many friends, is not now on the road, but he was a sufficiently long time engaged in this avocation to fairly entitle him to a place in this column of The Commercial. Mr. Johnson left the road two years ago to take the management of the large boot and shoe house of the Ames Holden Co., Winnipeg. Previous to this he put in eleven years on the road here for the same house, making in all thirteen years with that company.

Mr. Johnson's business experience has been almost entirely in the boot and shoe trade. He was employed in con-



A. L. JOHNSON.

nection with the wholesale manufacturing in this branch at Montreal, previous to his coming west. In 1832 he arrived in Manitoba and at first engaged in the general store trade at Cartwright, which was one of the early towns of Southern Manitoba. Later he accepted a position with the Ames Holden Co., as traveller, and has remained with that house ever since. When Mr. Redmond was called to Montreal, Mr. Johnson was appointed to succeed him as manager of the Winnipeg branch, which alone is sufficient indication of the manner his services were appreciated while he occupied the position of traveller. His advancement to this high position is a source of gratification to his many old friends on the road.

Mr. Johnson is an active member of the Northwest Commercial Travellers' association and has occupied the highest position in the gift of the association, having been its president for the year 1897. Though coming here from Montreal, Mr. Johnson is not a Canadian by birth. That important event in his history happened in the great continental capital—New York. He is now, however, a naturalized and thoroughly staunch British subject.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS MEET.

The annual meeting of the Northwest Commercial Travellers' association was held last Saturday evening in the board of trade rooms, for the nomination of officers for 1900. There were present: F. W. Drewry, president; Fred. Cox, vice-president; L. C. McIntyre, treasurer; J. M. O'Loughlin, secretary; directors, Messrs. Mundie, Agnow, Bryan, Morgan, Gordon, and

about 25 active members of the association.

The meeting opened at 8.30, and the combination of officers was proceeded with, resulting as follows: President, Wm. Hargreaves, acclamation; vice-president, Fred Cox, acclamation, treasurer, L. C. McIntyre, acclamation James Thompson, of Victoria, B. C., was elected vice-president for that city by acclamation. Alex. Cunningham, of New Westminster, was elected director for that city by acclamation. Thomas Parkinson was elected director for the Kootenay by acclamation.

The following were nominated for the board of directors for Winnipeg: Messrs. Agnow, Morgan, Wilson, Bryan, McDowell, McGowan, Jeffreys, Black, Westbrook, Gregg, Fahey, Hatcher Buehler, and Holden. Of the foregoing eight are to be elected: F. W. Drewry became a director for 1900 according to by-law.

The following were nominated as vice-presidents for Vancouver from whom one is to be elected. Messrs. Beveridge, Prentice Douglas and Clark; for director for Victoria, one to be elected. Messrs. Steele and Welsh; for director for Vancouver, two to be elected. Messrs. Walbridge, Stephens, Carman, Hamilton Johnson, Kenning and Adams.

Messrs. A. L. Johnson and J. Thompson Black were elected auditors by acclamation.

Messrs. Cox, Gordon and Smith were appointed scrutineers.

It was resolved that no annual entertainment be held this year, but a large committee was appointed to take into consideration holding an excursion of the members of the association and their lady friends in June next to the Pacific coast. The meeting then adjourned.

The annual meeting for the election of officers for the association, will be held on the 16th of December next, in the board of trade room.

ON THE ROAD.

Rod McLennan has returned to the city from a trip to the coast.

E. M. Kallmeyer spent this week at his sample rooms in the McIntyre block, Winnipeg.

W. G. Rickert, western representative of Jas. Coristine & Co., will return east within a few days.

F. G. Crawford, western representative of Gault Bros. Co., leaves to-day for Montreal, en route to the old country.

W. G. Shea is in the city, having about completed his first trips for spring orders. He reports business good on the road.

E. E. Vincent, representing the Calgary Breeding Co., was in Winnipeg last week. His company contemplates opening a warehouse here in the spring.

Railway and Traffic Matters.

The Wascada extension of the C. P. R. is open for traffic.

McKenzie, of McKenzie & Mann, says the Rainy River railroad will be opened to Winnipeg in 1901.

McKenzie & Mann state that at least 15 miles of their Gilbert Plains extension will be in operation by Christmas.

The Fortage and Northwestern extension of the Northern Pacific Railway was expected to be open for traffic on Dec. 1.

Wool Advances Sharply.

The following cable has been received regarding the series of wool sales Nov. 28:

"The London auctions of colonial wools opened to-day. Buyers very numerous from all quarters and competition brisk. Prices are 10 to 15 per cent higher than last auctions closing rates."

In Ontario markets Canadian wools have advanced 2c, in consequence of buying for export to the United States. Nearly all the available wool has been picked up for export to the United States.

Live Stock News.

Randall & Short, of Shoal Lake, have handled over 1,000 head of beef cattle this year. They are wintering 150 head.

With the sailing of the Elder-Deampster live steamer, up Andoni from Montreal for Bristol on Tuesday morning the last cattle shipments for the season from Canadian ports were made.

Tenders.

The Winnipeg city council has decided to call for tenders for from 200 to 1,000 tons of steam coal for the electric lighting and pumping station.

Tenders addressed to the chairman of the committee on works, Winnipeg, for the construction of a cover on College avenue, from Aikins street to Charles street, and in Alexander avenue, from 7th street to a point 315 feet westwards, will be received up to Wednesday, Nov. 29.

British Cattle Markets.

London, Nov. 27.—Owing to short supplies of cattle the market was firm. United States cattle sold at 12 3/4c. Argentine sheep brought 11 1/2 c. No Canadian stock offered.

Liverpool, Nov. 27.—The market was firmer and prices for both Canadian cattle and sheep were higher at 11 1/2c.

B. C. Mining Notes.

The Dundee Gold Mining company have sold out their Rossland property to an English firm.

The Evening Star, Rossland, a snuffing mine, has been sold to Geo. B. McCauley and associates.

The following new mining companies have been incorporated under British Columbia laws: Noble Five Consolidated company of Cody, capital, \$12,000; British Bank Gold Mining company, of Rossland, capital, \$500,000; Lavinia-Bute Consolidated, of Rossland, capital, \$1,000,000.

H. C. Cooper is commencing in the harness and saddlery business at Armstrong, B. C.

United States mills bought one million pounds of Ontario fleece wool in Toronto paying in the neighborhood of 18 to 20 cents. With the exception of less than half a million pounds, all last season's clip has been sold for export.

The appointment of James Kent as manager of the C. P. R. telegraphs, succeeding Charles M. Hosmer, elected to the board of directors of the company, is announced. The appointment of B. S. Jenkins, of Winnipeg, as general superintendent of the C. P. R. telegraphs west of Lake Superior to the Pacific coast, is also announced.

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TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Dec. 2.
Dry Goods—Business is quiet except in holiday ones. Stock taking is about completed this week and shows much larger sales and increased profits compared with last year. The Dominion mill this week advanced bleached sheetings 1-2c. Many lines of grey and bleached cottons are 1-4 to 1-2c higher. One line magog prints 1-2c higher. Canton flannel, bleached and unbleached is also 1-2c higher. Blankets are firmer and likely to be higher next year. A private cablegram from Bradford yesterday says cross-bred yarns have advanced 25 per cent. This will affect prices of serges and knitwear goods for next year.

Hardware—Trade more active. Prices steady and fewer changes reported. There is talk among manufacturers of advancing horse nails. Metals are in good demand and firm. Hot steel is dearer at \$3 for 1-1/2 to 2 inch base. Canada plates are decidedly strong and high prices are quoted for spring delivery by manufacturers. Iron pipe is a little lower. Paper bags have been advanced. Discounts for a million and over 10 per cent and down to 27 1/2 per cent for under twenty thousand, highest discount hitherto was 60 per cent.

Groceries—Business is good and increasing as usual on approach of the holidays. Canned goods are firmer. Corn \$1 to \$1.10, tomatoes 95c to \$1; peas, 75c to 85c. Coffee is firm. Stocks of it here are small. A sharp advance is expected. New grenoble walnuts have arrived and are selling at 13 1/2c and marbats at 10 1/2c. Rice is firm. Malaga raisins are 1c higher.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Dec. 2.
Grain deliveries are small. Ontario wheat is easier. Manitoba wheat steady. Oats were firmer for a time, but close weaker again. Potatoes lower. Oatmeal has sold 10c lower. United States buyers have come in and picked up 1,000,000 pounds of Ontario wool, for shipment to the States, in consequence of which a sharp advance has occurred in prices here, washed fleece being 1 to 2c higher.

Four—Manitoba patent, \$4.20; Manitoba bakers, \$3.70; Ontario straight roller, \$2.80 per barrel for carlots at country mills.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, 65c for cars at country points; Ontario spring, 64 to 66c; No. 1 hard, 77c, grinding in transit.

Oats—New oats, 25 to 27c at country points for car lots.

Barley—No. 2, 39c, country points. Millfeed—Shorts, \$14 to \$14.50 ton; bran, \$12 to \$12.50 per ton for cars at country mills.

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

Eggs—Choice fresh, 18c; now laid, 20c; held fresh, 16c, No. 1 hmed, 16c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, choice fresh 18 to 20c, poor to medium, 10 to 16c; creamery, tubs and boxes, 21 to 21 1/2c.

Cheese—11 1/2 to 12 1/2c for job lots to the local trade.

Hides—9 1/2 for No. 1 cows; No. 1 heavy steers, 10c; cured cows, 10c.

Sheepskins and lambskins, 75 to 85c, calfskins, 10c and 9c for No. 1 and No. 2; tallow, 5 to 5 1/4c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 17 to 18c; unwashed, 9 to 10c.

Beans—\$1.40 to \$1.50 per bushel for hand picked.

Dried Apples—6 to 6 1/2c for round lots; evaporated, 8 1/2 to 9c.

Honey—9 to 10c in bulk.

Poultry—Chickens, 30c to 45c per pair, turkeys, 8 to 9 1/2c per pound; geese, 5 1/2 to 6c.

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

Hogs—Dressed hogs, \$5 to \$5.25 per 100 pounds, the top price only for selected weights.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Nov. 28.
At the semi-weekly market today receipts were 550 cattle, 1,350 sheep and lambs, and 2,100 hogs.

Export cattle—Offerings light, choice sold as high as \$4.70 per cwt.

Export bulls—\$1.25 to \$1.50 per cwt. for choice. Light bulls, \$3.50 to \$3.75.

Butchers' cattle—Offerings mostly poor quality, choice \$4 to \$4.10; good, \$3.25 to \$3.50; common, \$2.50 to \$3.

Feeders—\$3.40 to \$3.75 per cwt. for heavy feeders and \$3 to \$3.25 for light.

Stockers—Light stockers \$2.25 to \$2.70 and heavy \$3.

Sheep—Export, \$3.25 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; butchers' sheep, \$2.50 to \$3 each; lambs \$3 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs.

Hogs—Sold 25c per cwt, higher at \$4.25 for picked lots of 160 to 200 lbs.; \$4 per cwt. for heavy fats, \$3.75 per cwt. for light fats and \$4 per cwt. for corn-fed hogs; sows \$3; stags \$2.

FRIDAY'S MARKET.

Toronto, Dec. 1.

At the semi-weekly market today receipts were 500 head of cattle, 600 sheep and lambs, and 1,500 hogs.

Lambs were 1-4c higher at \$3.75 for the best. Export cattle were firmer at \$4.75 to \$5 per 100 lbs.. Butchers' cattle were also higher, choice cattle selling the same as export animals.

Export bulls firm. Hogs steady at Tuesday's prices, but the market was firm and an advance is expected in hogs next week.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 2.

Grain is steady. Flour unchanged. Feed in active demand. Hides firm and steady. Stocks of hides are light. Lambskins 5c higher. The butter market is very firm for choice grades and creamery tubs are 1-2 to 1c higher. Cheese is very strong, in sympathy with an advance of 2d in British markets, and prices here are 3-4c higher this week. The mild weather has been unfavorable for the trade in dressed poultry, and prices in consequence are 1-4 to 1-2c lower.

Oats—\$0 1/2 in store.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.60 to \$3.70; Manitoba patents, \$4.00 to \$4.15.

Millfeed—Bran, \$14.75 to \$15.00 per ton; shorts, \$16.00 to \$17.00, including sacks.

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

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 10c; No. 2, 9c; No. 3, 8c; calfskins, No. 1, 11c; No. 2, 9c; lambskins 75c to 85c; tallow, 4 to 4 1/2c.

Eggs—Strictly fresh, 20 to 22c; candled, 18 to 20c; second grade, 14 to 16c.

Butter—Choice fresh dairy, 16 to 17c.

Butter—Choice creamery, 20 to 21c.

Cheese—Western finest, 12 1/2c; east-

ern, 11 1/2 to 11 3/4c.

Beans—\$1.40 to \$1.45 per bushel as to quality.

Potatoes—45 to 50c per bag on track.

Dressed Poultry—Turkeys, 8 1/2 to 8 3/4c, ducks, 7 1/2 to 8c; geese, 6c; chickens, 6 to 7c per lb.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Nov. 28.

At the East End Abattoir market yesterday the offerings of live stock were 506 cattle and 1,200 sheep and lambs.

Quality averaged good. Best cattle sold at 4 1/4 to 4 1/2c; good at 3 1/4 to 4c, and common at 2 to 3c per lb. Shippers paid 3c per pound for good sheep; good lambs 3 1/2 to 4c; inferior lambs, 3 to 3 1/4c. Hogs sold at 4c to 4 1/2c per lb., for straight lots, weighed off cars.

THURSDAY'S MARKET.

Montreal, Dec. 1.

At the East End Abattoir yesterday receipts were 450 cattle and 1,300 sheep and lambs.

Live stock generally were in better demand and prices higher. Best cattle sold at 4 1/2 to 4 3/4c, and other grades from 2 1/2c upward, good cattle selling well at about 4 to 4 1/4c. Sheep sold at 3c and lambs at 3 1/2 to 4c. Hogs in good demand and higher at 4 to 4 1/2c weighed off cars.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 2.

Hardware remains firm. Paints, oils and glass strong. Turpentine now quoted at 77c, linseed oil, raw, at 63c and boiled at 66c. Trade is fairly active.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 2.

Sugar quoted at \$1.15 for granulated and \$3.65 to \$4.25 for yellows. Barbed wire molasses is now held at 43c, with supplies light.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Dec. 1.

Canadian cattle firm at 11 3/4 to 12 3/4c, estimated dressed weight.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Dec. 1.

Quotations have advanced 2s on the week, and are now given at 56s 6d for white and 58s for colored.

P. Gallagher & Sons, butchers, Winnipeg, have a carload of dressed mutton on the way to Winnipeg from St. Johns, New Brunswick. The shipment is in a refrigerator car.

W. G. Douglas, flour and feed merchant, is presenting his patrons with a fine colored hanger and calendar for 1900. The subject is taken from a handsome painting, which was exhibited at the Royal Academy two years ago.

The English teleite cement, made by the Windsor Plaster Co., Windsor, N. S., is said by experts to be a very superior commodity for plaster walls and ceilings. It is a non-conductor, is fire-proof, adds strength to the walls, is vermin proof, and becomes hard as stone. It is non-absorbent, making it hygienic and can be painted, papered or finished in any way.

New York Wheat.

New York, Nov. 27.—Wheat, Dec. opened 70 3-4c, closed 70 7-8c. May opened 74 5-8c, closed 74 3-4c.

New York, Nov. 28.—Wheat, Dec. opened 70 7-8c, closed 71 1-8c. May opened 74 3-4c, closed 75c.

New York, Nov. 29.—Wheat, Dec. opened 71 to 1-8c, closed 70 7-8c. May opened 74 7-8 to 75c, closed 74 1-2c.

New York, Nov. 30.—Thanksgiving holiday. No market.

New York, Dec. 1.—Wheat, Dec. opened 70 3-4c, closed 70 3-8c. May opened 74 3-8 to 1-2c, closed 73 3-8c.

New York, Dec. 2.—Wheat closed today at 70 7-8c for December, option and 73 7-8c for May.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Chicago, Nov. 27.—Wheat, Dec. opened 65 1-8 to 3-8c, closed 65 3-8 to 1-2c. May opened 70 to 69 3-4c, closed 69 7-8 to 70c. Corn, Dec. opened 31 3-8 to 1-4c, closed 31 1-8c. May opened 32 3-4 to 5-8c, closed 32 3-8c. Oats, Dec. opened 22 1-2c, closed 22 1-2 to 5-8c. May opened 23 7-8c, closed 23 7-8c. Pork, Dec. opened \$8.02 1-2, closed \$8.05. Jan. opened \$9.47 1-2, closed \$9.50 1-2. May opened \$9.60, closed \$9.62 1-2. Lard, Dec. opened \$4.90, closed \$4.92 1-2. May opened \$5.12 1-2, closed \$5.12 1-2 to \$5.15. Ribs, Dec. opened \$4.87 1-2c, closed at \$4.87 1-2c. May opened \$4.95, closed \$4.95 1-2. Flax, cash \$1.39. Dec. \$1.38 3-4. May \$1.36.

Chicago, Nov. 28.—Wheat, Dec. opened 65 3-8 to 1-4c, closed 65 7-8 to 66c. May opened 70 to 69 7-8c, closed 70 1-4 to 5-8c. Corn, Dec. opened 31 to 31 1-8c, closed 31c. May opened 32 5-8c, closed 32 5-8 to 3-4c. Oats, Dec. opened 22 1-2, closed 22 5-8c. May opened 23 5-8c, closed 24c. Pork, Dec. opened \$8 3-4, closed \$8.02 1-2. Jan. opened \$9.50 1-2, closed \$9.45. May opened \$9.60 1-2, closed \$9.57 1-2c. Lard, Dec. opened \$4.92 1-2c, closed \$4.90 1-2. Jan. opened \$5.12 1-2, closed \$5.12 1-2. Ribs, Dec. opened \$4.78 1-2, closed \$4.87 1-2. Jan. opened \$4.95 1-2, closed \$4.95. Flax, cash \$1.39. Dec. \$1.38 3-4. May \$1.35 1-2.

Chicago, Nov. 29.—Wheat, Dec. opened 66 5-8 to 3-4c, closed 65 1-4 to 3-8c. May opened 70 1-8 to 70c, closed 69 3-4c. Corn, Dec. opened 31 to 1-8c, closed 30 7-8c. May opened 32 5-8 to 3-4c, closed 32 5-8c. Oats, Dec. opened 22 5-8c, closed 22 5-8c. May opened 24c, closed 24c. Pork, Dec. opened \$9.42 1-2, closed \$9.42 1-2. Jan. opened \$9.42 1-2, closed \$9.40 1-2. May opened \$9.55, closed \$9.55. Lard, Dec. opened \$4.87 1-2, closed \$4.87 1-2. Jan. opened \$5.10, closed at \$5.10. Ribs, Dec. opened \$4.82 1-2, closed \$4.82 1-2. Jan. opened \$4.90, closed \$4.90 to \$4.92 1-2. Flax, cash \$1.39 1-4. Dec. \$1.38 1-2. May \$1.35.

Chicago, Nov. 30.—Thanksgiving holiday. No market.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—Wheat, Dec. opened 65 3-8 to 1-4c, closed 64 3-8 to 1-2c. May opened 69 7-8 to 3-4c, closed 69c. Corn, Dec. opened 30 1-8c, closed 30 1-5c. May opened 32 5-8c, closed 32 1-4c. Oats, Dec. opened 22 5-8c, closed 21 1-4c. May opened 24c, closed 23 3-4c. Pork, Dec. opened \$7.97 1-2c, closed \$8. Jan. opened \$9.40 1-2, closed \$9.40 to \$9.42 1-2c. May opened \$9.57 1-2c, closed \$9.57 1-2. Lard, Dec. opened \$4.85 to \$4.87 1-2, closed \$4.85. Jan. opened at \$5.12 1-2, closed \$5.10. Ribs, Dec. opened \$4.85, closed \$4.85 1-2. Jan. opened \$4.95, closed \$4.95 to \$4.97 1-2. Flax.

Chicago, Dec. 2.—May wheat opened 69c, and ranged from 68 3-8c to 69 1-4. Closing prices were as follows:

Wheat—Dec. 64 1-8c, May 68 7-8c.
Corn—Dec. 30 1-4c, May 32 1-8c.
Oats—Dec. 24 1-4c, May 23 3-4c.
Pork—Dec., \$8.20.
Lard—Dec. \$4.87 1-2.
Ribs—Dec. \$5.00.

A week ago December option closed at 66c, a year ago December wheat closed at 65 1-2c; two years ago at 95c, three years ago at 79 1-8c; four years ago at 57 7-8c; five years ago at 54 7-8c.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 2.—Flax seed closed today at \$1.39 for cash; December closed at \$1.38 1-4c. This is an advance of 1 to 2c within the week.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—Dec. 64 3-8c, May 68 3-8c.
Tuesday—64 5-8c, May 68 5-8c.
Wednesday—Dec. 64 1-8c, May 68 1-8c.
Thursday—Holiday.
Friday—Dec. 63 1-2c, May 67 3-8c.
Saturday—Dec. 62 7-8c, May, 66 7-8c.

Cash, No. 1 hard closed on Friday at 63 7-8c and cash No. 1 northern at 62 7-8c.

A week ago December wheat closed at 61 5-8c. A year ago December wheat closed at 63 1-2c; two years ago at 67 7-8c; three years ago at 50 3-8c; four years ago at 54 3-8c; five years ago at 58 1-2c, and six years ago at 60 3-8c.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Minneapolis, Dec. 2.—No. 1 northern wheat closed today at 61c for December. May, closed at 65c. Cash No. 1 northern closed at 62c and cash No. 1 hard at 64 3-4c.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT.

Liverpool, Dec. 1.—Wheat: Spot No. 2 red western winter steady at 5s 7 1-2d. No. 1 northern spring 5s 10 1-2d. Futures steady; Dec. 5s 6 7-8d; March 5s 9 5-8d, May 5s 9 7-8d.

Liverpool, Dec. 2.—Wheat closed today 1-2d lower.

BRITISH STOCK MARKETS.

London, Dec. 1.—Closing: Consols for money 102 1-8 ex-int., consols for the account 102 5-8; C. P. R. 97 1-4; G. T. R. 7 1-4; Erie 13 3-8; Erie firsts preferred 38 1-4; Illinois Central 118 1-2, 1. P. preferred 79. St. Paul common 127 7-8; N. Y. C. 143 1-4; Pennsylvania 70 1-2; Reading 10 5-8; N. P. preferred 79; Atchafalpa 23 7-8; Louisville 87 7-8. Bar silver 27 1-4. Money 4 1-2 to 5 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for both short and three months bills is 5 5-8 to 3-4.

NEW MERCANTILE AGENCY.

J. Arthur Green has returned to Winnipeg after a long business trip to eastern cities. He has been appointed manager of the Mutual Mercantile Agency, a strong organization promoted by Erastus Wiman, well known throughout Canada in the agency field, who takes the position of managing director; and the company is composed of some of the leading business men of the United States. Mr. Green's field covers the ground from Port Arthur to Donald, B. C., and he will proceed at once to the equipment of an office in the city. His long experience in this special line of business should be an assurance of detailed and exhaustive work.

D. Moore has moved from Dauphin to Qu'Appelle with a view to engaging in the milling business there.

G. W. Baldwin, fur buyer, of St. Paul, arrived in Winnipeg on Tuesday and will remain here for the winter buying.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

Wheat closes dull and weak, in sympathy with lower United States and British markets and higher lake freight rates. Lake space has been scarce this week, and 5c per bushel has been offered, Fort William to Buffalo, without securing space in some cases. With higher freights and lower markets, the navigation season is closing in very bad shape for shippers here. No. 1 hard was quoted at 61c in store Fort William, today.

Threshing Results.

The following collection of representative threshing notes has been made by The Commercial with a view to showing some actual results in leading grain districts:

Deloraine—John M. Lacey has brought the first of this season's wheat to market. It went 32 bushels to the acre and is a fine sample. Lacey has also threshed his oats, which went 90 bushels to the acre.

Melita—The yield of wheat per acre has so far surpassed the most sanguine expectations. It has run from three to five bushels more than was expected. W. Cobb threshed 40 acres which went 22 bushels per acre, while Cutlbert, west of town, threshed a field which went 25 1-2 bushels per acre. Lennox threshed a 30 acre field which went 30 1-2 bushels per acre.

Alameda—The yield is from 20 to 25 bushels per acre, all No. 1 hard.

Nesbitt—The average yield of wheat around here has been about 20 bushels to the acre, the oats are also turning out remarkably well.

Macdonald—Summer-fallows are turning out 30 to 35 white old land is going 20 to 25.

Cypress River—The heaviest yield of wheat we have heard of in this vicinity this season is from the farm of Jas. Connon, where grain yielded 35 bushels to the acre in one field. A 200 acre field averaged 27 to the acre.

Treherne—The yield is most satisfactory, the average being 30 bushels to the acre. Individual farmers have reached as much as 45 bushels to the acre.

Miami—A farmer named Thompson, near Miami, threshed a field which went 46 bushels to the acre after one per cent had been deducted refuse.

Alexander—A. Nichol has some wheat which yielded 42 1-2 bushels per acre.

Griswold—From 175 acres sown with wheat, Wm. Baird delivered at the elevator 5,000 bushels of No. 1 hard, while from 43 acres of oats he delivered 1,800 bushels.

Moose Jaw.—Andrew Dalgarno threshed 5,000 bushels of wheat off 200 acres, or an average all round of 25 bushels. His oats yielded 100 bushels to the acre, having threshed 2,270 bushels off twenty-two acres. Alex. Wilson also threshed a splendid crop, having 3,300 bushels of wheat off 180 acres, an average yield of nearly thirty-five bushels. His oats yielded 1,100 bushels off seventeen acres.

Union.—Threshing is done. The average run has been about 18 to 20 bushels.

Dr. Stewart, of Newdale, has purchased the drug business of the late Dr. Wilson at Shoal Lake, and will continue the business.

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