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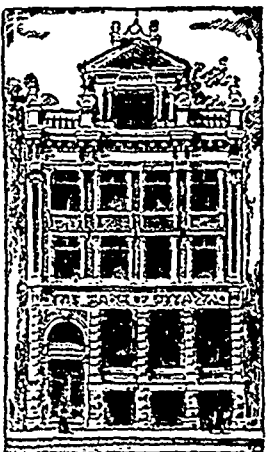
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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT, 1890--1900.

	ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
	Jan. 1st, 1890	Jan. 1st, 1900	Jan. 1st, 1890	Jan. 1st, 1900
Quick Assets	\$ 2,432,135.38	\$ 8,274,162.14	Capital paid in	\$ 1,114,300.00
Loans and bills discounted.	5,903,094.20	11,270,924.09	Reserve & undivided profits	572,973.81
Other assets	44,956.41	74,669.61	Notes in circulation	1,325,270.68
Bank premises	94,975.77	18,640.59	Other liabilities	194,238.36
			Deposits	5,268,378.91
	\$ 8,475,161.76	\$ 19,638,396.43		\$ 8,475,161.76
				\$ 19,638,396.43

Nominal value. Winnipeg Branch: C. A. KENNEDY, Manager

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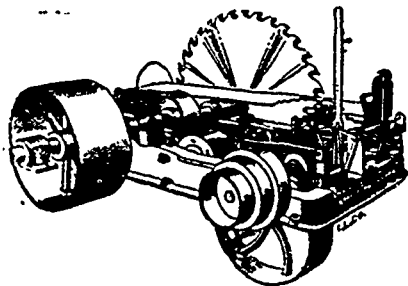
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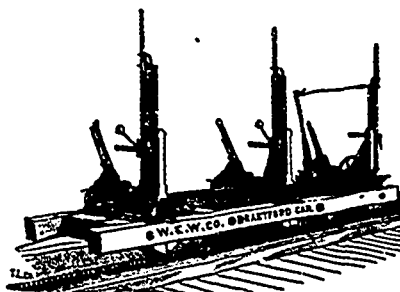
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WINNIPEG, JUNE 16.

CLOSE SEASON FOR FUR BEARING ANIMALS.

Several of the states of the Union are passing laws to protect skunks and other fur bearing animals on account of the value of their pelts. In some cases only one month in the year is allowed as an open season. In Manitoba and other parts of Canada skunk are not protected at all and a great many are killed out of season when their skins are of no value. In Manitoba, otter, fisher, sable, marten and muskrat are protected during the summer season and the killing of beaver at any season is prohibited. In Ontario, beaver, otter and muskrat are protected, the latter, however, only by one month close season (April). In the Territories, mink, fisher, marten, otter, beaver and muskrat are protected during the summer season, and the killing of beaver is illegal at any season in the eastern part of Assinibola territory. As the fur bearing animals are a valuable source of profit in Western Canada, more attention should be paid to their protection than has been done in the past. A great loss is occasioned by the killing of animals out of season, when their pelts are of little or no value. If persons interested in the fur trade or who understand the nature and habits of the fur-bearing animals would take an interest in the matter, no doubt the present law could be improved and enforced more efficiently, and much of the present waste prevented, thus maintaining for a long period our valuable fur trade.

BANK OF MONTREAL.

The principal feature of the annual report of the Bank of Montreal, is the magnificent addition to rest of the sum of \$1,000,000. This was accomplished without reducing the usual

dividend of 10 per cent. per annum, which the bank has paid for the past twenty years, with an occasional bonus in addition thereto. Since 1884 the rest account has been \$6,000,000, or 50 per cent. of the capital of \$12,000,000 of the bank. The growth of the business of the bank since the last increase in the rest account was made in 1884, has been very great. Liabilities to the public have increased during this period from 26 to 59 millions. The number of agencies has increased from 31 to 52 the staff has increased from 209 to 562, deposits have increased from 22½ to 63½ millions, etc. This wonderful growth of our leading financial institution may be taken as an indication of the general development of the country during the same period.

The remarks of the chairman and the general manager at the annual meeting, convey some interesting reading, well worthy of perusal by business men. We commented last week on the remarks of the general manager. The chairman, Hon. Geo. A. Drummond, referred to the prosperity enjoyed by the railway and steamship lines, and the development of certain industries, as showing the general prosperity enjoyed by the country at large during the past year.

Heavy Decrease in Wheat Stocks in May.

Further and pronounced progress was made in the digestion of surplus wheat stocks during the month of May, and the heavy decrease shown in American stocks during April, 9,000,000 bushels, was much exceeded by the decrease of 13,330,000 bushels shown during May. It is hardly necessary to say that this rapid elimination of wheat stocks is having an important effect upon the former heavier excesses shown in visible supplies as compared with corresponding periods one or more years ago, and as supplies in Europe, instead of increasing, as in May of one or two years ago, have shown a considerable decrease notwithstanding quite heavy exports from America and other countries, the result has been the largest decrease in the aggregate world's visible supply shown in any month for two years past. Chief responsibility for the decrease is, as above intimated, borne by American supplies, the movement monthly of which since the opening of the present year is shown in the following table:

	Total U. S. and Canada.
January 1, 1900	99,287,000
February 1, 1900	96,396,000
March 1, 1900	93,384,000
April 1, 1900	86,897,000
May 1, 1900	77,814,000
June 1, 1900	64,483,000

There is here shown a falling off of 13,330,000 bushels as compared with May 1, and of 31,648,000 bushels as compared with January 1, 1900, the result being a supply on June 1, 1900, of 64,483,000 bushels in the United States and Canada, which compares

with corresponding dates in previous years as follows.

	Totals.
June 1, 1900	64,483,000
June 1, 1899	45,727,000
June 1, 1898	30,715,000
June 1, 1897	30,196,000
June 1, 1896	71,320,000
June 1, 1895	72,820,000
June 1, 1894	80,620,000
June 1, 1893	83,700,000
June 1, 1892	32,074,000
June 1, 1891	30,454,000
June 1, 1890	33,794,000

While increases of nearly 19,000,000 bushels are shown in supplies now as compared with a year ago, and the stock held is more than double what it was in 1898, it is worth recalling that supplies are 7,000,000 bushels smaller than in 1896, 3,000,000 bushels less than in 1895, 16,000,000 bushels less than in 1894 and 29,000,000 bushels less than in 1893. It should also be noted that these decreases of recent months have gone on at a time when wheat values have ranged lower than for several years past at this date. For instance, cash wheat at New York fluctuated between 79 and 81 cents throughout May this year, while in May a year ago, the price ranged between 81 and 86 cents and two years ago, namely, in 1898, the year of the Letter "corner," the average price was \$1.54. The liberal decreases shown recently, however, lend special interest to the question of current crop prospects, which will bear close watching, in view of the manifestly improving digestive power of the wheat market.

Only a small decrease is shown in the European supply, but this fact is partly explained by the fact that the exports from this country and Canada to Europe during May were nearly 19,000,000 bushels. European supplies are slightly smaller than a year ago at this date, while slightly larger than in 1898. Compared with 1897 the gain in supplies is, however, nearly 13,000,000 bushels.

A decrease in the combined European and American supply is shown of 15,431,000 bushels, as compared with a falling off of only 1,000,000 bushels a year ago, and as compared with a gain of 4,000,000 bushels in the "boom" year 1898. It is necessary, in fact, to go back to 1895 to find as large a decrease as shown in May this year. The following table shows the position of the world's stocks on or about June 1, as compared with May 1 this year and as compared with June 1 last year and in 1898:

	1900. June 1.	1900. May 1.
U. S. and Canada	64,483,000	77,814,000
Europe and afloat	68,100,000	70,200,000
Australia	6,800,000	7,500,000
Argentina	4,200,000	3,680,000

Totals 143,583,000 159,194,000

Every country, it will be seen, contributed to the decrease of 15,611,000 bushels in the world's visible supply.

A year ago in May a gain of less than a million bushels was shown, and two years ago the increase was nearly 2,000,000 bushels. — Bradstreets, New York.

The Ottawa fire has caused a decline in the price of scrap iron in the east, the fire having thrown large quantities into the market.

A delegation of British paper manufacturers is now in America looking into the paper situation in the United States and Canada.

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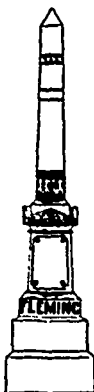
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Revelstoke, a town of about 2,000 of a population, is situated in the valley of the Columbia river, between the Selkirk and Gold mountain ranges, at an elevation of 1,475 feet above sea level. The town was originally located on the banks of the river about a mile and a half from where the railway station now is, but the

From Revelstoke a branch line runs to Arrowhead, at the head waters of Upper Arrow lake, where connection can be made for the Lardo, Slocan and Kootenay districts. Two C. P. R. steamers are employed on the Arrow lakes, running from Arrowhead to Robson, at the latter point train connection being avail-

able to Nelson, Rossland and the Boundary country. From Nakusp, on Upper Arrow lake the C. P. R. have a branch line to Sandon, connecting at Roseberry with their Slocan lake steamer. A daily service is maintained on these lines so that practically the whole of interior British Columbia is within easy reach of Revelstoke.

There are very few mines near Revelstoke, but some very fine strikes are reported to have been made in the Lardo and also in what is known as the Big Bend country, so called from the bend made by the Columbia river in passing round or through the Selkirk mountains. These properties are still mostly in the development stage, so that nothing definite is as yet known as to their producing capabilities, but the showings so far have been very satisfactory.

Kamloops, meaning "the meeting of the waters," is situated at the confluence of the North and South Thompson rivers, in a valley ranging in width from a mile to two and a half miles, which is hedged in on either side by gradually rising hills and contains a large area of land suitable for farming and stock raising. This ranching land extends for twenty-five miles to the north along the western bank of the river, to the east around Salmon Arm and to the south in the Nicola country. Large numbers of cattle are raised in these sections and shipped to the coast and other British Columbia points, including Atlin, and some fruit and vegetables are also



recent growth has been towards the station, so that it is badly scattered. The majority of the hotels and several stores are at the old town, but the most of the business places are in the newer portion, while the intervening space is partly occupied by dwellings.

Previous to the construction of the Crow's Nest Pass railway, this was a busy place as all the traffic over the C. P. R. to West Kootenay points had to come through Revelstoke. A large portion of the business now goes in by way of Nelson, but this is still an important divisional point, and is the supply depot for the Lardo district to the south, and the Big Bend country to the north, and, of course, all the traffic from the west to the Kootenay and Boundary district still comes this way.

Views at Kamloops.

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grown, but only to a limited extent as yet, as this can be done only by means of irrigation.

Kamloops has a population of about 2,000. It is an important railway divisional point and has several local manufactories comprising two saw-mills, a brewery, cigar factory, also a large number of stores and hotels, and claims to possess the longest street car line in America—the C. P. R. main rack running along its principal street. It is prettily situated and has a very fine climate.

Ranching has until recently been the principal industry here, but of late years mining has been receiving more attention as both quartz and placer claims have been staked out and are now being worked. In addition to the gold and copper, coal and mica deposits have also been found, but as yet very little has been done to prove the value of these. The coal appears to crop out in seams of from six inches to four feet in thickness, and tests made from some of the best seams showed it to be very good both for domestic and locomotive uses. A fairly high percentage of coke is obtained. The mica is said to contain great transparency at very high heat.

Placer mining has been carried on for years along the shores of the North Thompson river and tributary streams, and a movement is now on foot to have dredges constructed in order to recover the gold lying in the beds of the streams. Recently some dredging experts have been visiting this locality in the interest of English capitalists and it is understood that they were very favorably impressed with what they saw, and have secured leases of several stretches of river bed.

On some of the quartz claims a considerable amount of development work has been done. The Tenderfoot claim is four miles from Savonas station and about half a mile from the lake. Work has been going on since last December and a tunnel is being driven 120 feet, tapping a 12-foot vein of high grade copper bornite ore. There is about 120 tons of ore on the dump, and a test shipment made some time ago is said to have given returns of \$51 a ton.

The Iron Mask is considered to be one of the best claims in this district. They have shipped a considerable amount of ore which has yielded very satisfactory returns.

The Kimberley group of light claims has splendid surface showings and the vein can be traced for thousands of feet. A tunnel has been driven about 300 feet, which tapped the vein at a depth of about 125 feet. This is supposed to be the same vein as that found in the Python, two miles further west.

Two claims now being worked are the Delaney and the Truth group. On the Delaney they intend to sink to a depth of 100 feet before stopping work. These claims have excellent showings.

The Python mine is at an elevation of 1,300 feet above Kamloops, with which it is connected by a short tramway, and a wagon road four miles in length. The ore is gold-copper sulphides, copper carbonates with some bornite. The development

work consists of a 75-foot shaft with drifts and cross-cuts.

The Golden Star, Evening Star and Bill Nye, prospects appear to be all on the same ledge, and the development work so far done has given very promising indications.

The Lucky Strike and the Noonday have also been developed to a considerable extent.

The Glen Iron mine is located on the south shore of Kamloops lake, 13 miles from the city of Kamloops. The work done on this property goes to show that it is a very large body of high grade iron ore.

One thing that should help greatly in the opening up of this district is the fact that the ores can be cheaply brought to the railway by water. The North Thompson river is navigable for over 200 miles from Kamloops, and the South Thompson which rises in Shuswap lakes, is also navigable.

Improvement Co., whereby from two to four thousand acres of rich land, lying about three miles north of Ashcroft, will be irrigated and thus rendered fit for cultivation. This company has control of an excellent water power on Bonaparte creek, a small stream emptying into the Thompson near here, and it is the intention to make use of this power to pump water from the river to irrigate this land. It is understood that the intention is to lease this land in small parcels for fruit raising and farming purposes. This company at present operates the electric light and water works systems here.

As has already been stated, the bulk of the business transacted here is with the Cariboo country. A wagon road has been constructed from here to Barkerville, a distance of 280 miles, over which the goods are transported by freight teams of four

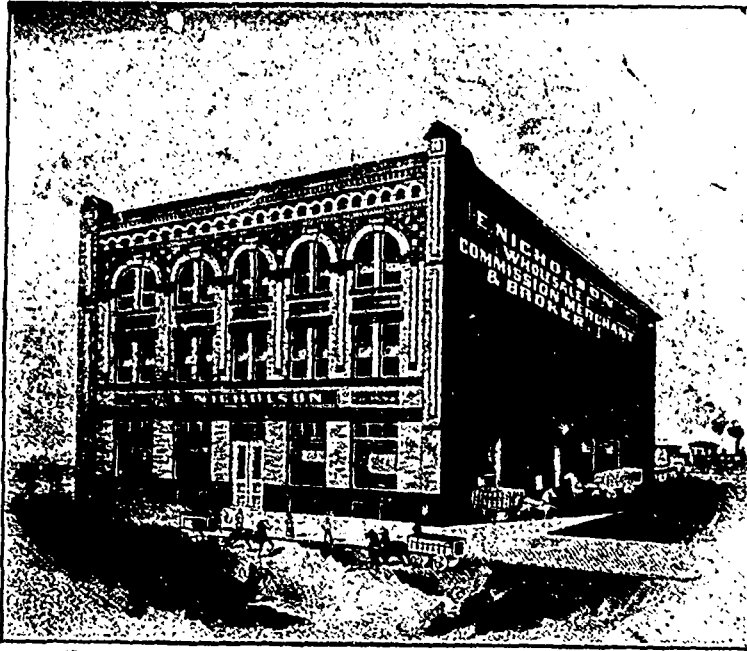


Hydraulic Mining in Cariboo.

Ashcroft is situated on the Thompson River, 203 miles from Vancouver, and 1,478 miles from Winnipeg, in a valley surrounded by hills almost destitute of vegetation or only partially covered by a light growth of grass or sage brush. It is the shipping point for the far-famed Cariboo country and it is upon the business transacted with this district that it depends almost entirely for its support, although a considerable amount of ranching and farming is done in its immediate neighborhood. Large shipments of cattle are annually made to the coast, but as yet little or no fruit or vegetables have been shipped. On account of the dryness of the climate it is impossible to farm the land here excepting by the aid of irrigation, but where this is practicable very fine samples of fruit and vegetables are raised, in fact the apples raised in this valley are accounted quite equal to those of Ontario. A scheme is now being undertaken by the Ashcroft Water, Electric and Im-

provement Co. have a line of stages, which run on schedule time and handle express and mail business, making one trip a week during the winter months and two a week during summer; the trip occupying four days. A Dominion Government telegraph line extends as far as Barkerville and it is expected that 220 miles of this will be used in the line to be built to Dawson City.

Consequent upon the discovery of rich placer gold a great rush set into this country in 1858, continuing for about four years, when the excitement began to cool down and since then very little was heard of the Cariboo until some few years ago. During the last six or seven years capital has become interested in some of the claims, and hydraulic plants have been erected and in some cases large sums expended in development work. A great deal of expense is necessary to open up some of these claims from the fact



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that the rich gravel is found only at a considerable depth, that on the top carrying very limited quantities of gold.

The company who has done the most extensive development work is the Consolidated Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Co. A very large sum has been expended during the last four years in opening up this claim. It is situated at Quesnell Forks, about 200 miles north of Ashcroft, and is in the side of a hill; the claim being so large that it is estimated it will require twenty years to work it out. The Ashcroft Journal says regarding this claim: The total operating expenses up to and including the season of 1890 were \$139,026.12, and the amount of gold recovered was \$528,000, leaving a net profit of nearly \$390,000, given while opening up the property.

Probably the biggest undertaking

of the Horse Fly Gold Mining Co., which last year produced about \$25,000.

The Cariboo Gold Fields and the Colonial Mines and Development Co. are developing claims near Barkerville. F. C. Laird has spent three or four years developing his property on Willow river near Barkerville, and has expended a large amount of money in this work.

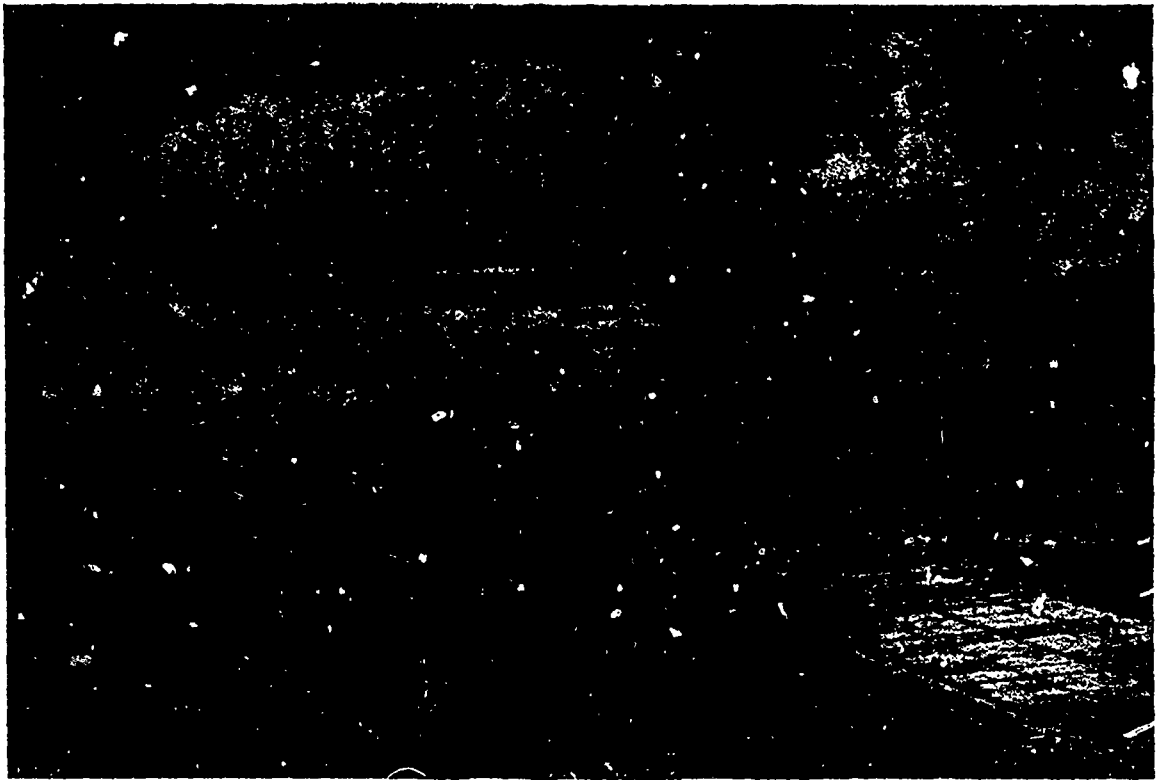
The Cariboo Consolidated Co. are opening up mines at Lightning creek, which was one of the famous producers in the early days.

The Lightning Creek Gold Gravels and Dredging Co. are also working in deep diggings. It might be said that with the exception of the first mentioned property, these are all deep diggings.

At Quesnelle Forks the New England Dredging Co. of Boston, are putting in one of the largest dredges in

track. At this point the Thompson river, after flowing through a deep and narrow rocky gorge, enters the Fraser and its bright green waters are soon lost sight of in the muddy current of the larger river. Looking north from Lytton the Fraser river with the bench lands and hills rising to the mountains on either side, form a most beautiful landscape. The scenery through the canyons of the Thompson and Fraser rivers is wonderfully grand and wild, beyond conception.

Lytton is supported largely by the Indians in the neighborhood who earn a living chiefly by placer mining and fishing. The Cobeldlek Dredging Co. are building a dredge at Lytton after the plans of those in use in New Zealand, which are said to have given the best satisfaction of any yet tried. This compar. has a lease of thirty miles of the Fraser river bed in the vi-



Experimental Farm, Agassiz, B.C.

in the Cariboo at the present time, however, and the one which, if successful, will do most to interest capital in this locality, is the work being carried on by the Miocene Gold, Gravels Co., who are operating near Horse Fly, some 170 miles from Ashcroft, on what is claimed to be the old channel of the Horse Fly river. Last season they sunk a shaft 500 feet and have commenced operations again this season intending to sink 60 or 70 feet further, at which depth they hope to strike bed rock, along which they will drift. All through this work the showings were most encouraging, and in some instances they struck so much gold that it was thought they had reached rock pan. It will readily be seen that if this company succeeds in striking the old river bed and finds that it contains rich gold deposits, as is thought to be the case, that it will open up an immense field for work along the balance of the channel.

Near this property is located that

the province, which it is expected will be completed and in operation this season.

Very little has as yet been done in this district in quartz mining, although some quartz properties have been located.

The Lillooet district lies between the Yale and the Cariboo districts, and is traversed by the far-famed Cariboo wagon road. It is still but sparsely settled, but when the projected railway is built, thus enabling the mines to be worked with profit, this section will rapidly become of more importance. Numbers of good quartz claims have been found, some of them carrying free milling gold. By means of irrigation farming can be carried on profitably, and apples, peaches, pears and other fruits are grown. This is also a good cattle section.

Lytton is a small town, 156 miles from Vancouver, occupying a piece of table land lying above the Fraser river and a little below the railway

of Lytton, which it is their intention to work thoroughly.

There are six or eight stores at this point, all of which, excepting those of Anthony & Robson and Jas. Pearson, are owned by Italians or Chinamen.

North Bend, 26 miles further west, has three small general stores, and owes its existence principally to the fact that it is a divisional point of the C. P. R. Quite a large number of Indians and Chinamen are engaged all along the river banks washing for gold, and two companies are also operating near this town. The Ottawa Hydraulic Milling and Mining Co., have been operating for some three or four years about a mile below North Bend on the opposite side of the river, and the Beatty Dredging Co. have a dredge on the river about a mile further down. It could not be ascertained what success these companies are meeting with, but as they are continuing work it is most probable that they are finding gold in paying quantities.

Agassiz is 71 miles from Vancouver. Near this point the Dominion Government has an experimental farm, which has proved of great benefit to the farmers and fruit growers of the province. All kinds of cereals, roots, fodder, plants and fruits are cultivated as well as almonds, walnuts, filberts, and chestnuts. Attention is also paid to the raising of live stock at the farm, and in the district hop growing is extensively carried on. This industry is being rapidly developed, the average crop being about 1,100 pounds to the acre.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard wheat closed at 77c Fort William.

Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$2.00; best bakers', \$1.80.

Oatmeal—\$1.85 per 80lb sack of Manitoba meal.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$10 per ton; shorts, \$12, delivered to city dealers.

Oats—Carlots on track, 41c per bushel for No. 2 mixed.

Barley—38c per bushel.

Corn—In carlots, 42½c per bushel of 56lb.

Butter—Dairy, full grass butter, 13@14c per lb, commission basis; creamery, 16@16½c at the factories.

Cheese—Large sizes, 8c per pound; small 8½c.

Eggs—13c for Manitoba fresh.

Hides—No. 1 green hides, 6½c per lb.

Wool—7½c for unwashed fleeces.

Seneca—15@21c per lb.

Hay—Baled, \$7.50@8.50 per ton on cars.

Potatoes—50@60c per bushel; carlots, 45@50c per bushel.

Dressed Poultry—Turkeys, live weight, 15c per lb.; live chickens, 80@90c per pair.

Dressed Meats—Fresh killed beef, 6½@7½c; fresh killed mutton, 11@11½c; hogs, 6@6½c; veal, 7@9c; spring lamb, 4@4½c per carcass.

Live Stock—Cattle, 4@4½c for choice steers; stockers, \$12@16 for yearlings; sheep, 5@5½c; hogs, 4½@4¾c off cars for selected weights.

Grain Freight Rates.

Chicago Trade Bulletin.—The business with eastern lines continues rather slow and rates are cut 7c on export business. The tariff on domestic grain and grain products from the Mississippi river common points is: To New York, 17½c; Boston 19½c; Philadelphia 15½c; Baltimore, 14½c; On export grain rates from Chicago are as follows: To New York and Boston, 13c, Philadelphia, 12c; Baltimore, 11½c. From the Mississippi river for export: To Boston and New York, 15½c; Philadelphia, 14½c; Baltimore, 11c. Lake and rail rates from Chicago to New York are 12c per 100 lbs. on flour, 5½c per bushel on wheat, 5c on corn, and 3½c on oats. Ocean freight room was in fair demand and freights remain steady at 3½d per bushel from New York, and 3d from Boston to Liverpool. The through rate on wheat from Chicago to Liverpool is 12.48c per bushel all rail via New York, and 12c via Boston. Flour is 25@26½c per 100 lbs., and provisions 46.57@48.70c. Lake rates are higher at 2½c for wheat and 2c for corn, and 1½c for clipped oats to Buffalo. The advance is due to the placing of a large number of boats in ordinary, owing to rates being unsatisfactory.

There are now eight lines of steamships plying between Pacific coast points in the United States and the Orient, and the business is rapidly increasing.

The painters strike at Winnipeg is still on, although some of the shops which from the first conformed to the demands of the men, have all the help they want.

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Manitoba Crop Bulletin.

Bulletin 61, the first report for the year on crops and live stock in Manitoba has been issued by the department of agriculture and immigration. It reads as follows:

The information contained in this bulletin as to acreage and condition of the crops, live stock, etc., the rainfall and other climatic conditions, is summarized from the returns received from about three hundred and fifty of the regular correspondents of the department, made under date of June 1, although reports have been compiled up to June 10.

The province is divided into districts as follows:

The Northwestern district comprises the municipalities of Shell River, Boulton, Russell, Silver Creek, Rossburn, Eillec, Birle, Shoal Lake, Strathclair, Harrison, Chm William, Archie, Minota, Hamiota, Blanchard, Saskatchewan, Odanah Dauphin, Gilbert Plains.

The Southwestern—Wallace, Woodworth, Daly, Eiton, Cornwallis, Whitehead, Sifton, Pipestone, Glenwood, Oakland Arthur, Winchester, Morton, Turtle Mountain, Cameron, Whitewater and Riverside.

The North Central—Rosendale, Lansdowne, Westbourne, North Cypress, North Norfolk, Langford, Portage la Prairie, St. Francois Xavier, Woodlands, St. Laurent, Posen and Ochre River.

The South Central—South Cypress, South Norfolk, Dufferin, Rhineland, Stanley, Penitina, Lorne, Louise and Argyle.

The Eastern—Gimli, Rockwood, St. Andrews, St. Clements, St. Pauls, Springfield, Klidonan, St. Boniface, Assiniboia, Tache, Nichol, De Salaberry, Hanover, La Broquerie, Franklin, Rosser, Morris, Montcalm, Macdonald.

Area Under Crop.

District.	Wheat Acres.	Oats Acres.	Barley Acres.
N. W.	164,700	114,369	13,400
S. W.	786,865	205,850	39,285
N. C.	211,360	79,200	32,080
S. C.	412,240	112,240	49,440
Eastern ..	152,080	63,360	38,320

Province ..	1,806,215	572,950	178,325
Total area under wheat	1,806,215		
Flax		20,437 Ac.	
Rye		1,480 Ac.	
Peas		780 Ac.	
Corn		1,309 Ac.	
Buckwheat ..		Ac.	
Brome		5,078 Ac.	

District.	Potatoes Acres.	Roots Acres.
North Western ..	2,300	1,200
South Western ..	4,520	2,030
North Central ..	4,080	1,680
South Central ..	1,920	640
Eastern	3,860	1,872

Province 10,880 7,482
Total area under grain crops 2,587,772 acres.

Total area under all crops 2,012,134 acres.

There is an increased area under wheat this year in all districts except the North Central district, which shows a decrease of 35,200 acres. The increase for the province is 170,220 acres. The increase in the Eastern district is over 50,000 acres, which is an index of the increased settlement in the Red River Valley during the past year. The increase in the North Western district is also over 50,000; in the South Western over 100,000; and in the South Central 32,000 acres.

The total area under wheat will have to be revised and corrected in the August bulletin on account of acreage destroyed by winds and the ravages of locusts.

The oat crop is 2,000 acres less than last season and the barley crop shows a decrease of 4,300 acres. The area under flax, rye, peas and corn are all less than last season, but brome grass has jumped from 1,220 acres to 5,078 acres.

The increase in the total area under all kinds of crop is 165,000 acres.

The following table for convenience of

reference gives comparisons with the acreage of 1898 and 1899:

Area under.	1898.	1899.	1900.
Wheat	1,488,232	1,629,995	1,806,215
Oats	514,824	575,136	572,950
Barley	186,068	182,912	173,675
Flax	11,361	21,780	20,437
Potatoes ..	13,791	19,151	16,860
Roots	6,148	10,073	7,482

Total crop, including rye, peas, corn, etc. 1898, 2,210,942; 1899, 2,449,078; 1900, 2,612,134.

The marvellous progress made by the province during the past decade is illustrated by the following table comparing the areas in crop in 1890, 1895 and the present year.

Area under.	1890.	1895.	1900.
Wheat	746,058	1,140,276	1,806,215
Oats	235,534	482,058	572,950
Barley	80,232	153,839	173,675
All crops ..	1,061,824	1,776,973	2,552,840

Crop Prospects.

Owing to the fine weather in April farmers were enabled to put in crops early. The land was in fine order and the work well gone. During April and the first two weeks in May, although no rain fell, there was a fair growth of plants. The continued dry weather in May checked the growth. At the present time many fields that in an average season would be a foot high and covering the ground, present a jaundiced appearance. Some reports indicate that wheat sown first week in April, now in the ground over two months, though only some six inches high, is in the shot blade. It is certainly a trying period. The continued greenness of crops during the season of drought, which has surprised many, is no doubt due to the fine, pulverized surface of the soil, to which the jetted class of farmers have bent their energies during the past year. This has prevented evaporation to a wonderful extent. It will be found on examining the fields that the delicate fibrous roots of grain plants have penetrated downwards in search of the moisture which has been so efficiently conserved by the coating of fine soil. To this the fine, green appearance of many fields, in spite of the drought, is fairly attributed. Continued high winds for three or four days each week have, in some districts where soil is light and hard rolling, done as much injury as the drought. Locusts or grasshoppers are troublesome in some districts, especially where soil is sandy. Noxious weeds though showing rather prominently in some fields have been held in check fairly well by careful cultivation before seeding and by the free use of harrows or weeders after grain was up.

Fast experiences has taught us that it is yet too early to predict what the harvest will be.

The Weather.

The past winter was noted for its mildness and light snowfall. Spring came on with a rush and farmers in all districts of the province were busy putting in the seed during the first week in April. Dry warm weather continued during April and May, exceedingly favorable for farming operations, but too dry for plant growth. Not only has seed been checked in germinating and after growth but the practices even show how vain the struggle is to appear green, when the clouds give no rain. June so far has given us a few showers, general in province over, but the province as a whole is ready for and anxiously expecting the continuous June rains which in many past seasons have changed an uncertain outlook to an assured harvest.

The following table gives the amount of rainfall at the various reporting stations throughout the province during the months of April and May:

	April	May
	Inches.	Inches.
Aveme .. ..	.11	.29
Belmont .. ..	.24	.01
Cortwright, North ..	.39	.82
Cortwright, South ..	.26	.67
Deloraine .. ..	.10	.69
Elgin .. ..	.19	.19
Hartney	1.00	.23

Hillview .. ..	.32	.22
Manitou .. ..	.26	.00
Morden .. ..	.10	.10
Norway .. ..	.70	.02
Oak Lake .. ..	.41	.41
Oakbank .. ..	.26	.18
Pilot Mound .. ..	.04	.04
Rapid City .. ..	.41	.20
Russell .. ..	.37	.22
Selkirk .. ..	.50	.18
Turtle Mountain ..	.30	.70
Winnipeg .. ..	.30	.11
Average for month of April, 39 inches.		
Average for month of May, 24 "		
Total for April and May, 63 "		

Dairying.

Most of the creameries and cheese factories commenced operations between the 1st and 15th May. A few were running in April. The season started with the roads in very good condition. Feed is fairly good, and prospects are for the increase of about 20 per cent. over last year. The continued dry weather has made the pasturage rather short at the first of June, but the local show in various districts have greatly improved the conditions. The amount of cream being gathered is in excess of the production at this time last year. The flavor, the body, and the general make up of the butter and cheese has been very good up to this time.

Cheese Factories.

The following is a revised list of the cheese factories in Manitoba with number of factory, name of secretary and post office address:

- 1 Bayview, Jas. Robertson, Marquette.
- 2 Blainfort, Fenner & Jahnke, Clear Springs.
- 3 Chartrand, Nap. Chartrand, St. Laurent.
- 4 Eugene Goulet, J. D. Moran, La Broquerie.
- 5 Giroux, W. H. Elliott, Giroux.
- 6 Greenland, J. B. Pears, Steinbach.
- 7 Grove, N. Clark, Killarney.
- 8 Grunthal, Braun & Kraus, Hochstadt.
- 9 Hochstadt, Regel & Goossen, Hochstadt.
- 10 Hochfeld, F. H. Günther, Steinbach.
- 11 Judy, H. Frechette, St. Pierre.
- 12 Kieckfeld, H. L. Fast, Kieckfeld.
- 13 Lorette, Y. Lagimodiere, Lorette.
- 14 Macdonald, A. Veroneau, St. Malo.
- 15 Meadow Lea, A. McMillan, Meadow Lea.
- 16 Oak Island, J. P. O. Allaire, St. Boniface.
- 17 Oak Point, Theo. Pare, St. Annes.
- 18 Oak Leaf, W. E. Cottam, Orange Ridge.
- 19 Osterburck, H. Frechette, St. Pierre.
- 20 Ferrault, J. Mayer, Royal.
- 21 Steinbach, J. G. Barkman, Steinbach.
- 22 Stewartburn, F. L'Heureux, Stewartburn.
- 23 St. Agathe, H. Frechette, St. Pierre.
- 24 St. Claude, E. Murray, St. Claude.
- 25 St. Cathbert, J. P. O. Allaire, St. Boniface.
- 26 St. Eustache, C. G. Burd, St. Eustache.
- 27 St. Francis Xavier, P. McCaughan, St. Francois.
- 28 St. Francis Xavier, S. J. Barrie, St. Francois.
- 29 St. Laurent, E. Trudel, St. Laurent.
- 30 St. Norbert, J. Champagne, St. Norbert.
- 31 St. Rose of Lac, L. Thollmer, St. Rose of Lac.
- 32 Thompson, Thos. Tapp, Vidua.

Creameries in Manitoba.

Number of creameries, name of secretary and post office address as follows:

- 1 Larner County, W. McCann, Russell.
- 2 Bincauth, A. S. Crenar, Bincauth.
- 3 Birtle Dairy Manufacturing Co., A. Birtle, Birtle.
- 4 Brandon, Whiteaw & Race, Brandon.
- 5 Copenhagar, W. B. Gilroy, Austin.
- 6 Crystal City, W. G. Duff, Crystal City.
- 7 Douglas, J. Donsfield, Portage la Prairie.
- 8 Emerson, Whitman & Co., Emerson.
- 9 Fair Play, Wm. Grassick, Pilot Mound.

- 10. Foxwarren, A. Laycock, Foxwarren.
- 11. Gimli, J. P. Solmundson, Gimli.
- 12. Gladstone, T. L. Morton, Gladstone.
- 13. Hamiota, J. H. McConnell, Rapid City.
- 14. Joly, C. Wigneault, St. Pierre.
- 15. La Rochelle, W. S. Grant, Box 217, Winnipeg.
- 16. Lake Winnipeg, J. P. Solmundson, Gimli.
- 17. Minnedosa, H. C. Nellson, Minnedosa.
- 18. Morris, Wm. Scott, Winnipeg.
- 19. Neopawa, A. K. Baird, Neopawa.
- 20. Newdale, A. R. Fanning, Newdale.
- 21. Otterburne, S. M. Barro, Winnipeg.
- 22. Portage la Prairie, J. Lousfield, Portage la Prairie.
- 23. Rapid City, A. A. Joly, Rapid City.
- 24. Shellmouth, T. C. Gerrard, Shellmouth.
- 25. Saoni Lake, Robert Scott, Saoni Lake.
- 26. Trappist, Rev. Father Joseph, St. Norbert.
- 27. Valley, A. Grant, Rosburn.
- 28. Winnipeg, S. M. Barro, Winnipeg.

Live Stock.

	Beef Cattle.	Milch Cows.
N. W. district ..	1,460	13,600
S. W. district ..	2,495	17,550
N. C. district ..	2,480	14,040
S. C. district ..	1,314	14,880
Eastern district	3,386	23,546

Province 11,075 83,616

Farm Hands.

The demand for farm laborers was well supplied by new arrivals in March and April. The number of men now employed is estimated at 8,700. Reports indicate that there will be very few required until harvest time.

General Remarks.

The tenor of the remarks by correspondents from all districts in all parts of the province may be summed up as follows. Exceedingly fine spring for seeding. Crops now suffering on account of drought. Timothy fields a failure. No hay in meadows for want of rain. Rain needed badly and at once.

From a few districts may be added: High winds and grasshoppers have done much damage.

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BANK OF MONTREAL.

The eighty-second annual meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of Montreal was held in the Board Room at one o'clock yesterday.

There were present: Hon. George A. Drummond, Vice-President; Sir William C. Macdonald, Messrs. A. T. Paterson, E. B. Greenshields, R. B. Angus, A. F. Gault, James Ross, R. G. Reid, directors; Donald Macmaster, Q. C., John Crawford, G. F. C. Smith, R. W. Shepherd, F. T. Judah, Q. C., B. A. Boas, E. Rawlings, W. J. Buchanan, M. Burke, F. S. Lyman, Q. C., J. Try-Davies, F. H. Simms, A. W. Hooper, H. Mason, Richard White, A. T. Taylor, W. R. Miller, H. R. Drummond, Bartlett McLennan, M. S. Foley, James Tasker, H. Gordon Strathy, David Morrice, Henry Dobell, Sir Thomas Hughes, Hector Mackenzie, Nicholas Murphy, Henry Barbeau, David McFarlane, Charles M. Holt, W. H. Evans, John Morrison.

On the motion of Mr. John Crawford Hon. George A. Drummond, Vice-President, was unanimously voted to the chair, in the absence of the President, The Right Hon. Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal.

On the motion of Mr. G. F. C. Smith, seconded by Mr. Henry Dobell, it was agreed: "That the following gentlemen be appointed to act as scrutineers: Messrs. F. S. Lyman, Q. C., and W. J. Buchanan, and that Mr. James Aird be the secretary of the meeting."

THE REPORT.

The report of the Directors to the Shareholders at their eighty-second annual general meeting, was then read by Mr. E. S. Clouston, General Manager, as follows:—

The Directors have pleasure in presenting the eighty-second annual report, showing the result of the Bank's business of the year ended 30th April, 1900:—

Balance of profit and loss account, 30th April, 1899 ... \$1,102,702.72
 Profits for the year ended 30th April, 1900, after deducting charges of management, and making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts... .. 1,524,353.08

\$2,627,155.80

Dividend 5 per cent., paid 1st December, 1899 ... \$ 600,000.00
 Dividend 5 per cent., payable 1st June, 1900 600,000.00

\$1,200,000.00

Amount credited to rest account 1,000,000.00

Balance of profit and loss carried forward \$427,155.80

Since the last annual meeting of the Shareholders, a Branch of the Bank has been opened at Sydney, N. S.

A Branch Office has been opened in the leased premises of La Banque Ville Marie, on the corner of Wellington and Centre streets, Point St. Charles, Montreal.

With deep regret the Directors have to record the death of their esteemed colleagues, Messrs. Huga McLennan and W. W. Ogilvie, the former of whom had been a member of the board for upwards of seventeen years, and the latter for upwards of five years.

The vacancies on the board have

been filled by the election of Messrs. James Ross and R. G. Reid.

All the officers of the Bank including the Head Office, have been inspected during the past year.

STRATHCONA AND MOUNT ROYAL,
 President.

Bank of Montreal,
 Head Office,
 4th June, 1900.

THE GENERAL MANAGER.

Mr. Clouston then said:—

In the statement submitted to you to-day the principal changes which have taken place during the past year are: the liabilities column shows an increase in circulation of \$700,000, and an increase of \$6,500,000 in deposits bearing interest; while on the other side there is an increase of \$3,800,000 in the reserves held in

the largest in the history of Canada, and the year ends in a blaze of universal self-congratulation.

For the coming year there are some indications of over production. Stocks in the merchants' hands are too large, and in some districts collections are disappointing. In fact, at the moment there is something of a check, which, however, may prove highly salutary, if the commercial community will only proceed with caution till the new crop is assured and matters have adjusted themselves on a more satisfactory basis.

British Columbia has not shared in the general prosperity to the same extent as her sister provinces, owing to the effect of injudicious and ill-considered legislation. This has created a feeling of distrust abroad, and the inflow of foreign capital, so necessary

THE GENERAL STATEMENT.

The general statement at 30th April, 1900, was as follows:

LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock	\$ 12,000,000 00
Rest	7,000,000 00
Balance of Profits carried forward	427,155 80
	\$ 7,427,155 80
Unclaimed Dividends	2,212 01
Half-yearly Dividend, payable 1st June, 1900	600,000 00
	8,029,392 81
	\$ 20,029,392 81
Notes of the Bank in Circulation	\$ 6,161,649 00
Deposits not bearing interest	10,709,069 34
Deposits bearing interest	41,936,536 07
Balance due to other Banks in Canada	15,549 28
	58,822,804 50
	\$ 78,852,197 40
ASSETS.	
Gold and silver coin current	\$ 2,303,209 19
Government Demand Notes	2,814,430 00
Deposit with Dominion Government required by Act of Parliament for security of general bank note circulation	300,000 00
Due by Agencies of this Bank and other Banks in foreign countries	\$ 11,640,790 26
Due by Agencies of this Bank and other Banks in Great Britain	4,008,131 55
	15,648,921 81
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities	518,642 39
United States Railway Bonds	1,570,305 25
Notes and Cheques of other Banks	1,571,052 87
	\$ 24,726,621 61
Bank Premises at Montreal and Branches	600,000 00
Currents Loans and Discounts (rebate interest reserved) and other Securities and Assets	\$ 53,430,332 13
Debts secured by mortgage or otherwise	52,659 67
Overdue Debts not specially secured (loss provided for)	42,583 99
	53,525,575 79
	\$ 78,852,197 40

BANK OF MONTREAL,
 MONTREAL, 30TH APRIL, 1900.

E. S. CLOUSTON,
 GENERAL MANAGER

Great Britain, and an increase of \$10,600,000 in loans. A considerable percentage of the latter increase represents a legitimate demand from commercial customers for advances arising from the more active and expanding conditions of trade. The remainder is employed in special operations of a temporary character, which will probably be closed out in the next few months.

Canada has good reason to be well satisfied with the result of business for the last twelve months. From every province of the Dominion, with the exception of British Columbia, come reports of universal prosperity, active trade, good crops and generally speaking, satisfactory prices. The lumber trade never was in better condition; while the dairy exports have only been limited by the extent of the cold storage accommodation, which is still insufficient for the growing wants of the trade. Railroad earnings were

to the development of her immense natural resources, has been seriously checked.

The Finance Minister of Canada has introduced a number of amendments to the Bank Act, which are now before the House. They are the outcome of ten years' experience of the working of the present Bank Act, and will no doubt materially strengthen it, and make it a more workable measure. Full details of these amendments have appeared in the papers, and it is not necessary for me to refer to them here.

If there are any questions respecting the business of the Bank, I shall be pleased to answer them.

THE VICE-PRESIDENT.

Hon. George A. Drummond said:
 I do not doubt you will receive with satisfaction the statements now laid before you and the explanations of the General Manager.

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The profits have enabled the Directors to add one million of dollars to the rest and pay the usual dividend of 10 per cent. for the year. This rate of dividend has continued unbroken for twenty years, supplemented, however, in four of these years by a bonus. The addition to the rest is fully justified, I think, by the changed conditions since the year 1894, when capital and rest first attained the proportions so long maintained of twelve and six millions respectively. In 1884 the combined capital, rest and profit and loss account aggregated \$18,806,000; in 1900 they were \$19,130,000. But the total liabilities to the public, which in 1884, were \$25,941,000, had risen in 1900 to \$58,822,000. I by no means desire to convey the impression that the ability of the Bank to meet its engagements depends upon the size of its Rest, but obviously an increase of the Rest is quite in order, and no doubt will meet with your approval, as an increased Rest not only gives additional stability, but helps to steady the dividend.

A further comparison of our condition in the year 1884 with the present time, is interesting and instructive. As already said, the liabilities of the Bank had risen from 26 millions of dollars in 1884 to 59 millions of dollars in 1900. The number of Agencies or Branches had risen from 31 to 52. The number of the staff had increased from 299 to 562. The deposits had increased from \$22,588,000, to \$63,445,000, and the loans in Canada had increased from 30 millions to 53½ millions. So that to earn approximately equal profits, double the business must be done, and the cost of doing it proportionately increased. The public, therefore, is getting its banking business done for about half the prices ruling in 1884. No doubt this is a substantial benefit to all commercial and manufacturing business.

The melancholy collapse of La Banque Ville Marie in this city does not reflect on our banking system, which could not provide for a series of gross frauds, revealed in the trials of the unhappy officers; its failure had no commercial effect, but caused much distress among its depositors, many of whom could ill bear their losses, and whose case rightly excited much public sympathy.

The Board has had occasion during the year to lament the sudden and unexpected death of two of its members, Mr. Hugh McLennan and Mr. W. W. Ogilvie, and has recorded its deep sense of the loss which the Bank has experienced in being deprived of their prudent counsels. The Board considers itself fortunate in having been enabled to fill these vacancies by the election of Mr. James Ross and Mr. R. G. Reid.

In the general trade and commerce of the country we find evidences of the period of prosperity into which we have entered. Good harvests and good prices, especially for dairy produce, have caused prosperity throughout the country. Immigration has been less rapid than can be wished, but with the activity in all branches of trade and manufacture in the mother country, nothing else could be anticipated. The lumber industry has been prosperous and prices much above the average; the great destruction of sawed stuff at Ottawa has, no doubt, temporarily affected prices. The consumption of a special class of timber for the manufacture of paper pulp promises to have important effects on some districts. It appears to me that enormous waste is going on in this matter, and that some process of re-

covery whereby this indispensable material can be used more than once is looming in the future. Enormous strides are being taken in this country towards the production of iron and steel, and when the developments now in progress reach completion, we may hope that Canada will not only supply her own wants, but become a factor in the supply of foreign markets.

Fuel has advanced materially in price, though to a smaller extent in this country than in Great Britain. This is due to a considerable rise in wages and materials and supplies of all kinds, and like the other advances already noted, has an important influence in checking expansion of business. It appears to me that the fact that steam coal of similar quality to Nova Scotian is costing more in Glasgow, Scotland, than in Montreal, may very well be recorded to the credit of our protective duty on the article, the Montreal coal having been carried nearly 1,000 miles. At the pit head, Canadian coal is very much cheaper than at any point in Great Britain.

No better evidence of business activity can be had than the work done by our great carrying companies. Taking the returns of the Grand Trunk and the Canadian Pacific railways together, we get these figures:

The gross earnings for the years 1895 and 1899, under the following heads, compare as follows: Passenger traffic, 1895, \$10,133,000; 1899, \$12,836,000; an advance of 26 per cent. Freight, 1895, \$23,129,000; 1899, \$32,809,000, an advance of 42 per cent. Mail and express, 1895, \$1,804,000; 1899, \$2,268,000; an advance of 25 per cent. Miscellaneous, 1895, \$1,570,000; 1899, \$2,764,000, an advance of 70 per cent. The totals of the foregoing in these years are \$36,636,000, and \$50,677,000 respectively; or an advance of 38 per cent.

The North American steamship companies have had a fairly prosperous year; many of their vessels have found profitable employment in the various transport services connected with the South African war, and the decreased tonnage thus available for their regular trade has tended to enhance freight rates, more especially on export cargoes. The volume of imports carried by the Canadian lines was somewhat less than during the previous twelve months, the freight rates were somewhat dearer and the number of vessels fewer. The volume of exports was smaller, and the average of freight rates, more especially on grain and provisions, was higher. The current season has opened favorably and the volume of export traffic is likely to be fully equal to the available tonnage during the next two or three months. The passenger traffic was moderately satisfactory and the companies anticipate a free movement both east-bound and west-bound during the year. They complain of the large advance in the price of coal and of the enhanced wages, but their profits are, nevertheless, said to be adequate.

As regards the port of Montreal, the last two years compare as follows: The total value of merchandise entered for consumption in the year ending 30th April, 1899, was \$54,282,140; and for the year ending 30th April, 1900, \$59,997,767; an increase of 10½ per cent. On the other hand, the value of goods produced and otherwise exported in the former year was \$62,170,354; and last year, \$65,107,222, or an increase of 4.7 per cent.

The aggregate trade of Canada by years is as follows:

	Entered for Consumption.	Exported.
1895	\$105,252,500	\$113,638,890
1898	130,698,000	164,152,700
1899	154,051,000	158,896,000

In the last five years, therefore, the excess in value of total exports over total imports has been \$44,153,300, and this excess of exports over imports has happened only once before in the history of Canada, i.e., in 1800.

One important evidence of better times is to be found in the comparative immunity from losses by business failures, which in the respective years are as follows: 1896, \$17,300,000; 1898, \$10,000,000; 1899, \$10,727,000. If we except the reigning stagnation on the Stock Exchange, due to a general pause in speculation and dearer money, the indications are of a continuation of good times. It is probable that some revival will be consequent on a decline in the cost of staple raw material, which appears probable. It is impossible to follow the progress of all branches of trade, but the general result, with some special exceptions, is the same, full employment, press of business, good prices, advanced wages. In the middle of all this we are apt to forget that bad times will recur; there are evidences already, however slight, of a reaction. The high prices of lumber and labor, are causing a cessation of building, and iron and steel are getting cheaper.

One important factor, which may affect our manufacturing industries, is the evidence of a spirit of aggression in outside markets by the great American combinations and trusts; this may develop into proportions which will produce consequences now unforeseen.

Nothing in recent times has excited so intense an interest in this country as the war in South Africa, now happily drawing to an end. Its progress day by day, indeed, hour by hour, has been watched with feverish anxiety. The successive relief of the heroic beleaguered garrisons of Ladysmith, Kimberley and Mafeking and the capture of the Boer centres have given occasion for general rejoicings. That a considerable body of Canadian volunteer soldiers sent out by the Dominion, have, for the first time in our history, been fighting on another continent, side by side with the best soldiers of the empire, and proving themselves by courage and soldierly qualities equal to the honor, has intensified our interest. To ourselves it is a source of pride that among them is a corps of mounted infantry, consisting of 589 men, equipped, armed and carried to the seat of war through the princely liberality of the president of this Bank. Heavy as is the price exacted in war for any benefits—not in treasure alone, for that is secondary—but in blood, Canadians now occupy a place among the nations not hitherto accorded them, and can realize as never before that their country is part and parcel of the Empire, while the most distant shore where our flag flies is but a portion of our heritage.

No one who has made himself acquainted with the facts can doubt that the war was not only a just and most righteous, but also an unavoidable one, or only to be escaped by Great Britain confessing herself unable to protect her citizens, and abandoning all pretensions to Imperial power. I hail the resolve that the territories now conquered at such a heavy price shall be held under the British flag, with the security to life, liberty and property which it everywhere guarantees.

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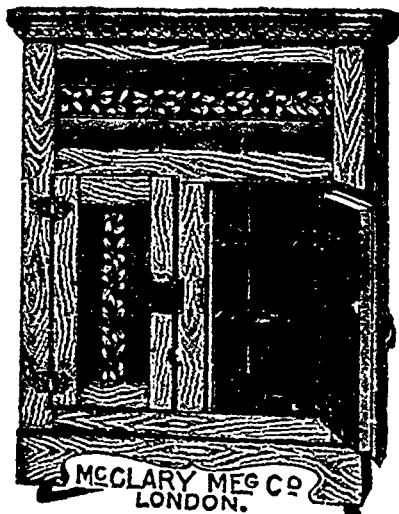
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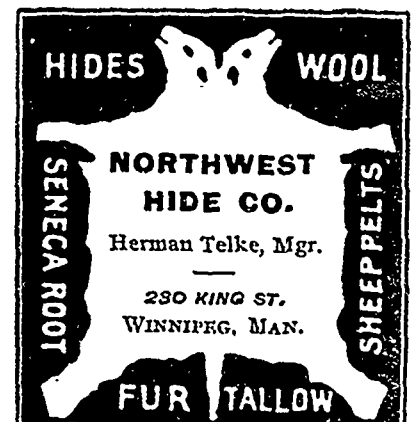
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I will move: "That the report of the Directors now read be adopted and printed for distribution among the Shareholders."

The motion was seconded by Mr. A. T. Paterson.

THE DISCUSSION.

After a few remarks by Mr. John Morrison, Mr. John Crawford touched on the question of parallel columns in the annual financial statement, so that the business of each year could be compared with its immediate predecessor, and he likewise expressed the opinion that a Rest Fund of 50 per cent. was sufficient and that when that had been reached the Shareholders should benefit from the profits in the shape of a bonus. In connection with the Banking Act, he asked that the Vice-President, when attending to his senatorial duties at Ottawa, would, if he saw eye to eye with him (Mr. Crawford), use his efforts to have the words "gross proceeds and gross expenses," substituted for the words, "net proceeds." This would be in accordance with what was the constitutional practice of every bank in England and Scotland. The financial statement of these banks showed the gross proceeds and expenses and gave the Shareholders some data on which to form an opinion as to the management of the bank. The Vice-President had referred to the South African war, and he (Mr. Crawford) would like to say that there was not a shareholder of the Bank who would not hold up both hands in congratulating the Directors on having subscribed to the Patriotic Fund. He trusted that they might long live to act upon the same principle. They also subscribed towards the relief of the sufferers by the great conflagration at Ottawa. They did not wait to convene a meeting of the Shareholders, but responded not only for the Bank by liberal donations, but also very generously for themselves. At the same time he did not wish any banking institution to consider itself a benevolent institution, and though under similar circumstances to those which had occurred, he would have done the same thing, he thought it would be well to have some indemnity clause inserted in the Banking Act. As to the proxy system he urged that an effort be made to get it to conform to the English system—one year. Reverting to the question of the Rest, he said that several of the best banks in England were satisfied with less than 50 per cent., although one had 60. If the directors of the Bank of Montreal did not think that 50 per cent was sufficient, they had only to improve the character of their assets. He thought that the Shareholders were perfectly satisfied with the magnificent financial statement that had been presented.

The Chairman, in replying to Mr. Crawford, said: No one has a greater respect for Mr. Crawford than I have and we should miss him very much if he forbore, even for one year, his criticisms of our administration. I devoted a portion of the few remarks I made to dealing with the question of Rest, and showed that the Bank had more than doubled

its responsibilities since the date at which \$6,000,000 was considered a sufficient Rest. It appears to me to be a perfectly obvious proposition either that \$6,000,000 were too much in 1884, when the responsibilities were about \$25,000,000, or they are too little now, when the responsibilities were more than doubled. Consequently, I do not agree with him about the rest; and if he will cast his memory back to the last meeting, he will remember he asked my opinion about the Rest, whether it should exceed 50 per cent. or not, and I, carefully guarding myself against committing the Board, which I could not do, expressed my own opinion that that it was insufficient, and ought to be added to. I am still of that opinion, and I think the addition to the Rest is a wise and conservative measure which will increase the public confidence in the Bank. With regard to the publication of the gross profits, an item Mr. Crawford referred to, it is an old story comparatively. Some ten years ago, when the Banking Act was being revised, Mr. Crawford brought up the question, and as the incident is likely to be forgotten now, I may say that he persuaded the House of Commons to pass, unanimously, a clause calling for a declaration of the gross profit. I had the honor of opposing it in the senate, and I also was the only speaker on that occasion, and the Senate unanimously threw it out; so that it was carried unanimously in the Commons and was discarded unanimously in the Senate. I am still of the opinion that for a bank to disclose its gross profits is an improper disclosure to the public, and likely to do a good deal of harm. I need not take up your time with a lengthy argument on that point. While it is true railways and other institutions disclose their gross profits, in many cases there is a special feature about credit, which is a very delicate thing, and which makes it improper in a bank to have to declare how much is written off for bad debts or anticipated bad debts in any one year. If, for example, a very considerable sum were written off by this bank for bad debts or anticipated bad debts, the first effect produced on the mind of every critic would be, "Who is likely to fail? What in the world are they expecting? What is going to happen?" The whole fabric of credit would be shaken from the very foundation. That is my view of the result which would legitimately and logically follow the stating of how much we wrote off each year for bad and doubtful debts, and providing for them. As for yearly proxies, I don't object to them at all. Referring to the percentage of Rest, Mr. Crawford expressed the opinion that 50 per cent was above the average. There is nothing in the nature of finality about the percentage of a Rest for a bank; it is what the Shareholders and directors think right in their own eyes. The Bank of Toronto has a Rest of 90 per cent; Molsons Bank, 69 per cent; Standard Bank, 60 per cent; Imperial Bank, 65 per cent; Merchants Bank of Halifax, 85 per cent; Bank of Nova Scotia, 102½ per cent; Bank of Montreal, (with the addition of \$1,000,000), 58½ per cent. In England and Scotland things come out pretty much the same. The Commercial Bank of Scotland, has a Rest of 82½ per cent; the London City & Midland, 100 per cent; and so on to the Manchester and County Bank, which has 103 and a fraction per cent. Carefully guarding my late brother directors from any re-

sponsibility in this matter, for they have never expressed an opinion on the subject, I have once more to record my opinion that the addition to the Rest is not excessive; in fact, I would rather see it increased than diminished. Mr. Crawford and others who think with him, get, in the additional price of their stock, a certain equivalent for the bonus they desire.

Mr. John Crawford explained that he had not alluded to gross losses at all; only gross profits and gross expenses. He could quite understand that if a bank published a large amount of loss, it might affect credit. The Chairman then put the motion for the adoption of the report, and it was carried unanimously.

VOTES OF THANKS.

Mr. Donald Macmaster moved:—

"That the thanks of the meeting be presented to the President, Vice-President and Directors for their attention to the interests of the bank."

This was seconded by Mr. F. T. Judah, C., and adopted, and was briefly acknowledged by the Chairman.

Mr. John Crawford moved:—

"That by-law No. 9 be amended by striking out the word 'fifteen' in the second line of the by-law, as printed, and inserting in its place the words 'twenty-five.'"

He explained that it was simply adding \$10,000 to the remuneration given to the Directors under the by-law. He made the motion with a great deal of pleasure, and spoke a few kindly words of the President of the Bank.

The motion was seconded by Mr. B. A. Boas, and was carried.

Mr. James Ross moved:—

"That the thanks of the meeting be given to the General Manager, the Inspector, the Managers and other officers of the Bank for their services during the past year."

The motion was seconded by Mr. R. G. Reid, and having been unanimously concurred in, was acknowledged by the General Manager.

Mr. E. Rawlings moved:—

"That the ballot now open for the election of Directors be kept open until 3 o'clock, unless fifteen minutes elapse without a vote being cast, when it shall be closed, and, until that time and for that purpose only, this meeting be continued."

This was seconded by Mr. Angus W. Hooper, and unanimously agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. John Morrison, seconded by Mr. John Crawford, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman for his conduct of the business of the meeting, and he acknowledged the same.

THE DIRECTORS.

The ballot resulted in the election of the following Directors.—

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HON. G. A. DRUMMOND.
A. F. GAULT, ESQ.
E. B. GREENSHIELDS, ESQ.
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Grocery Trade Notes.

Since the 31st of May beet sugar abroad advanced $4\frac{1}{2}$ to $5\frac{1}{4}$ d.

Since 1895 the demand for Ceylon teas in the United States has increased over 75 per cent, the total imports amounting to 13,768,000 pounds.

Estimates of the probable outturn of Smyrna figs this season place the quantity at 60,000 to 70,000 camel loads which is about an average crop.

A private cable received from Yokohama reported the market for Japan tea active, with a general good demand, according to the Montreal Gazette. The settlements to date were 108,000 piculs, as against 138,000 for the same period last year, showing a decrease of 30,000 piculs. The crop is said to be short; in consequence, importers here have been compelled to pay an advance of 10 per cent. over the price they paid last year for good medium grades. Locally business continues very quiet.

Dry Goods Trade Notes.

Chiffon printed in imitation of Roman scarfs is being used by the millinery trade and also as a trimming. It is called "Ladysmith" chiffon or veiling, as it is used frequently on the hats of the same name.

A movement is on foot for the establishment of a cotton mill plant at Toronto. The council of the board of trade has declared itself in favor of exempting such mills from taxation and granting a free site. Louis Simpson, late manager of the Valleyfield Cotton Mills, is pushing the scheme.

A good trade is being done in lace curtains and the market for that line is very active. Values are firm. The goods now in stock cannot be repeated for less than 15 to 20 per cent advance on the cost price. Merchants are taking advantage of the present offerings of these goods to supply future requirements, knowing that the values at which the goods are now offered are right.—Toronto Globe.

THE HARDWARE TRADE.**UNITED STATES IRON AND STEEL PRICES.**

Prices of iron and steel have yielded this week in various directions, says Iron and Steel, of Chicago. In several instances nominal quotations that had been shaded previously were marked down to about the actual figures at which business had been transacted. There is a friendly overture on the part of sellers to resume trade relations with their diffident customers. And the latter are cautiously feeling their way towards more pretentious bargainings. It is a critical period in the iron and steel trades, critical alike to buyer and seller. For while the latter is confronted by prices that are slipping away from him, the former is confronted by his own accumulating needs that are insistently demanding recognition. Both factors would find relief in a state of things that gave promise of some stability. It is recognized that the markets are in a transitory condition. The course is leading downward, and the weakness does not add to the inclination of consumers to buy. But when and where the transition will end is a question upon which no one seems willing to venture an opinion. For the three months beginning July 1, the Pittsburg and Valley manufacturers of Bessemer pig iron have made a price of \$20 per ton, the previous quotations having

been nominally \$30 to \$28. At Chicago, foundry grades of pig iron have been reduced from 50 cents to \$1 per ton. Bars are weak in thought, and sometimes, when a choice order comes along, in act also. Plates are already so weak that it is almost an insult to call further attention to the fact. Merchant steel is slipping a few cogs here and there. Sheets are putting on a smiling face, but inwardly trembling. Track supplies are irregular in their habits. Old material is experiencing the torments of the unappreciated, and metals have joined in the rout. Manufactured articles of various sorts are keeping in touch with the general decline, and a readjustment in wire and nail prices brings a slight reduction. But one of these days things may change with a sharp turn. The prevailing opinion is that a good fall trade is in prospect.

MANUFACTURERS' AGENCY.

The hardware trade of the west will be pleased to learn that James Burrige, who for many years managed the Gurney Stove and Range Company's business at Winnipeg, has launched out for himself as an independent agent here handling a number of important lines. Mr. Burrige has opened an office in the Foulds' block, on the corner of Main and Market streets, and has secured ware rooms on Princess street. After the first of the year he expects to have a fine new warehouse and office on the transfer track. Some of the lines which Mr. Burrige will handle are: Stoves and ranges of steel and cast iron; hot air furnaces; steam and hot water boilers and radiators; tin and granite ware, tin plate and Canada plate, metal siding and shingles, the Burrows, Stewart and Milne scales; Adam Hall's lumberman steel camp ranges; M. & L. Samuel Benjamin Co.'s metals, etc. He will also handle the Gurney Foundry Co.'s goods.

HARDWARE TRADE NOTES.

Castor oil advanced $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1c at Toronto last week, the quotations now being 10 to $10\frac{1}{2}$ c for East Indian in cases.

A very large demand for all kinds of glass is reported for the Northwest States and factories are quite unable to fill all their orders.

An active foreign demand has forced up the price of steam refined seal oil at Montreal to $52\frac{1}{2}$ c per gallon wholesale, an advance of $6\frac{1}{2}$ c within a month.

The St. Louis street car strike has created a great boom in that city for bicycles and it is said that everybody who can possibly scare up a wheel has started riding. The repair shops are doing an enormous business fixing up old wheels.

Montreal jobbing prices for turpentine are now 74 to 75c per gallon; for resins, \$2.75 to \$4.50 as to brand; coal tar, \$3.25 to \$3.75; cotton waste, $4\frac{1}{2}$ to $5\frac{1}{2}$ c for colored, and 6 to $7\frac{1}{2}$ c for white, oakum, $5\frac{1}{2}$ to $6\frac{1}{2}$ c, and cotton oakum, 9c.

Cordage prices at Montreal weakened last week for much the same reason that binder twine fell off in other markets, namely, unexpectedly large receipts of manilla hemp at New York and weaker advices from consuming centres. The decline on manilla rope amounted to 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ c per pound. The demand for cordage at the Canadian factories is reported good and production very heavy. Jobbing prices for rope at Montreal

are now as follows: Manila, $14\frac{1}{2}$ to 15c for 7-16 and up; 16c for $\frac{3}{8}$, and 16c for $\frac{1}{4}$ and 5-16. Sisal, 11 to $11\frac{1}{2}$ c for 7-16 and up; 12c for $\frac{3}{8}$, and $12\frac{1}{2}$ c for $\frac{1}{4}$ and 5-16.

Canadian varnish makers at a meeting held in Toronto recently decided to adopt uniform terms and discounts. Hereafter the terms will be four months with 3 per cent off for cash. It was also decided to make a new net price list and quote a discount for all price changes.

Implement Trade Notes.

Minneapolis jobbers now quote twine as follows: Standard and sisal 11c; manilla, 60 foot, $13\frac{1}{2}$ c, and pure manilla, $14\frac{1}{2}$ c per pound, with the usual reductions for large quantities.

The Threshers Lien Act of Manitoba will be amended at the present session of the house so as to give workmen a lien upon half the earnings of a machine for wages earned when working therewith.

Twine dealers throughout the neighboring states are being warned against the twine being offered at less than the regular prices by catalogue houses, as much of this twine is of decidedly inferior quality. Some of it is twine that has been rejected at the factories by the McCormick and other companies as not being up to their standard of excellence.

Lumber Trade Notes.

Last week's rain helped the situation in the lumbering regions of Manitoba and the adjacent States considerably.

A new saw mill has commenced operation at Rapid River in the Rainy Lake region. It is owned by Clemensen.

In the larger cities of the Northwestern States labor troubles are still interrupting the lumber trade. The Chicago strike situation is almost unchanged and other cities where trouble exists are waiting to see the outcome there before settling their own disputes. A speedy settlement is predicted by some. At Kansas City the contractors have won in a building trades strike.

The Deering Harvester Company of Chicago have purchased a tract of land in the state of Missouri containing 54,000 acres, which is heavily timbered with hardwoods. On this land they intend to put a force of men whose duty it will be to scientifically handle the trees so that the company will have a perpetual supply of hardwoods for use in manufacturing their various lines of implements.

A tender has been let for the construction of the British Columbia building at the Winnipeg exhibition grounds. The amount of the tender was \$540.

Changes are to be made in the customs act of Canada, by which hereafter the statistical department will be centralized at Ottawa also and will consist of two appraisers, two members to be appointed, and the commissioner. This board will adjudicate all cases at Ottawa instead of going about from port to port. The most important change provides that after a certain date all invoices must be made out in triplicate, one copy to go to Ottawa, one to the port of entry, and the third to the consignee. This change is made for the purpose of preventing inequalities at different ports, as the Ottawa invoice will be carefully examined in the department.

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Manitoba.

Annie Campbell, general store, Altonlea, has made an assignment.

P. F. Curtis, general merchant, Bal-dur, will erect a \$7,000 store building this summer.

Landry, formerly of Altamont, Man., is opening a lumber yard at Marleapolls.

Herron & Wilson have opened a real estate and insurance office at Deloraine, Man.

Smith & Burton, grocers, Brandon, have added a crockery and glass-ware department.

F. S. Moule, general merchant, Killarney, Man., has sold out his business to R. H. Climie.

G. D. Minty has been admitted to partnership in the law firm of Tupper, Philppen & Tupper.

Chas. Hasselfield has bought out the drug business of A. J. Wallen & Co., at 180 Main street, Winnipeg. Wallen will continue his south end store.

Permits have already been granted this year by the building inspector of Winnipeg for \$600,000 worth of new buildings and improvements in the city.

The Caterers' Picnic association, of Winnipeg, will hold its annual meeting next Thursday evening, when officers will be elected and the annual picnic arranged for.

The committee on law amendments of the Manitoba legislature, threw out the proposal to authorize a tax on bicycles which was made by the Winnipeg city council.

Brown & Rutherford's new planing mill on Point Douglas, Winnipeg, replacing the one burned a short time ago, is now completed and work was resumed last week.

The Western Canada Business College is applying to the local legislature for a charter empowering it to carry on business in this province. The capital stock will be \$40,000.

John L. Hettle & Co., are opening in business as general merchants at Fairfax, Man., one of the new places on the Belmont extension of the Northern Pacific Railway. A new building is being erected.

The Winnipeg Exhibition Association board met on Wednesday afternoon. Routine business was transacted. G. W. Erb, of the Waterous Engine Co., Winnipeg, was elected to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of H. Agur.

The Manitoba Felt and Yarn Works, Limited, is applying for incorporation. The object is to manufacture felt and felt goods, and all kinds of knitted and woven goods at Brandon. The capital is to be \$30,000.

A pamphlet descriptive of lands for sale in the Winnipeg district has been issued under the joint auspices of the city council, the board of trade and the Winnipeg Retailers' association. The land ranges in value from \$3 to \$50 per acre.

Before the works committee of the Winnipeg city council on Wednesday evening the case of wide tires vs. narrow tires, was argued by delegations representing property owners and teamsters of the city. The wide tire by-law which recently went into force is hitting some vehicle owners hard and steps have accordingly been taken for its modification. The committee agreed to recommend a compromise to the council embodying certain modifications with regard to the width of tires and to recommend

that the enforcement of the law be postponed until next spring.

Fifteen machinists employed in the works of the Vulcan Iron Company at Winnipeg went on strike Thursday morning for an advance of 5c per hour in their wage scale. The rate has heretofore been 20 and 25c per hour. They also want the Saturday afternoon holiday.

The Killarney Trading Company, of Killarney, Man., is applying for incorporation. The applicants are R. H. Climie, C. G. Grundy, G. A. Mantle, F. W. Louthhead, and A. Hicks. A general trading business will be done. The capital stock will be \$20,000.

A meeting of vehicle owners was held at Winnipeg Saturday evening last to discuss the wide tire by-law which the city is now endeavoring to enforce. A number of objections were raised to the by-law as it stands and it was finally decided to interview the city council with a view to obtaining the desired modifications.

John Kussell, manager in Winnipeg for many years for the Freehold Loan Co., now amalgamated with the Canada Permanent and the Western Canada Mortgage corporation, is leaving this week for a holiday trip in the east. On his return Mr. Russell will open a law office in Winnipeg, and will have the management of a trust company.

A bill has been read the second time in the Manitoba house to amend the municipal act so as to give Winnipeg authority to pay its mayor a salary of \$2,000 per year; also to give the city authority to issue \$50,000 debentures for a public library; also \$15,000 for the erection of buildings on the exhibition grounds; \$25,000 for a public bathing house, and \$65,000 for a bridge across the Red river at the foot of Aberdeen avenue.

A delegation from the municipalities adjoining Winnipeg, together with members of the city council waited upon the local government this week to confer regarding improvement of the roads leading into the city. A scheme was submitted whereby the burden of expense would be borne by the several bodies represented and the maintenance would be undertaken by the government. The government promised hearty co-operation subject to approval of the house.

A suit is pending between the city of Winnipeg and the owners of the property on the corner of William avenue and Main street, on which the Commonwealth store and the adjoining block south are situated, over the ownership of that portion of the corner which would be cut off were the west side of Main street to be continued in a straight line instead of turning in a northerly direction as it does. The city claims that this section of the corner belongs to it, while the property owners claim that it belongs to them.

Assinibola.

Wm. Trench has purchased the drug business of W. M. Wright at Sintaluta.

Alberta.

Charles Chatfield will open in the jewellery business at Macleod.

J. E. Atkey has succeeded to the bakery business of G. Berg, at Edmonton. Berg will devote his attention to confectionery and fruits

A change of time takes place on the Alberta Railway and Coal Co. and Great Falls & Canada Railway Co.'s railway this week when a tri-weekly passenger train will be put on from Lethbridge to Shelby Junction, and daily from there to Great Falls. The trains will leave Lethbridge on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 10.45 p. m., and arrive on the same days at 8.40 p. m.

The annual meeting of the Lethbridge board of trade was held on May 30. Officers for 1900 were elected as follows: President, Wm. Colpman; vice-president, M. Barford; secretary, C. B. Bowman; treasurer, T. D. Kevin; executive committee, C. F. P. Conybeare, R. E. Sherlock, C. A. Magrath, T. D. Kevin, A. B. Stafford, and E. N. Higinbotham. A resolution was passed endorsing the petitions of settlers in the district for government aid in the construction of a colonization railway. The secretary was instructed to write to the postmaster general asking that a mail clerk be put on the trains on the C. N. P. Ry., and also to write to the minister of public works, Regina, for an appropriation to cover the cost of well boring in this district.

Northwest Ontario.

T. L. Waddingham, brick maker, Wabigoon, has assigned.

The Northwest Provision Company of Winnipeg is opening a branch at Rat Portage.

J. L. Wells, hardware merchant, Winnipeg, has opened a branch at Fort Francis.

The Hamilton Powder Company has appointed John Dean its agent at Rat Portage, general agent for the west as far as the Mountains and will carry on the business from Rat Portage.

The Carlo has arrived at Fort William with a load of steel rails. She is a Norwegian boat, direct from Norway. She is the second boat to come direct from the ocean to Fort William, this year.

The annual meeting of the board of trade of the district of Rainy River was held at Rat Portage on the 6th inst. The remarks made by the retiring president, Wm. Margach, indicate a great increase in the volume of business transacted last year. In the lumbering industry the increased output of last season was particularly noticeable. On account of low water a large quantity of logs are still up the various streams, and he recommended some action by the board towards securing government assistance in building dams and reservoirs. During the past year this board succeeded in securing appropriations from the government for two lighthouses, colonization roads, weekly mail to Rainy River points, etc. Mr. Margach also said that government aid should be sought with the view of constructing locks on Rainy river.

"During the month of May the exports from Canada to Great Britain consisted of 6,725 head of cattle, valued at £112,630; 267 sheep and lambs, valued at £534; 482,300 cwt. of wheat valued at £163,572; 51,800 cwt. of wheat meal and flour, valued at £26,075; 43,400 cwt. of peas, valued at £14,091; 52,314 cwt. of bacon, valued at £106,143; 14,788 cwt. of ham, valued at £32,722; 621 cwt. of butter, valued at £2,710, 26,225 cwt. of cheese, valued at £68,672, and 115 horses, valued at £3,450. The total value amounts to £1,936,212. The imports from Great Britain totalled £377,733.

THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, June 16, 1900.

The trading community has become considerably concerned over the poor crop prospect this year, due to the drouth which has prevailed throughout the season. Until this week hopes were entertained that the regular June rains would save the situation, but these rains have not so far materialized, excepting to a very limited extent, and what has hitherto been only a feeling of uneasiness has now developed into one of considerable alarm. Best authorities agree that the most favorable weather from now on cannot result in more than a half crop of wheat. If the weather continues dry for another week or two even this much can hardly be hoped for. This outlook has started the trading community on a policy of retrenchment and business has been quieter this week in consequence. It is satisfactory to see that the difficulty is being met with good grace and that proper precautions are being taken to insure a minimum of inconvenience.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Saturday, June 16.

(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.)

BICYCLES.

This has been a good season for bicycle dealers, and sales to date have been larger than usual in this market. All leading lines of wheels have largely sold, besides about the usual number of cheap machines. The weather has been so dry and the roads good so that wheeling has been almost uninterrupted.

BINDER TWINE.

The twine situation has not changed materially from last week. The unfavorable crop news is further depressing the market, but prices have not declined any further. We quote: Sisal, 11½¢ per pound; standard, 11½¢ per pound; Manila, 12½¢ and pure Manila, 14½¢, f. o. b. Winnipeg.

FISH.

Supplies are now ample for requirements. The demand from all parts is large. Prices are: Whitefish, fresh caught, 6½¢ per pound; pickerel, 4¢; pike, 3¢; trout, 10¢; salmon, 12½¢; halibut, 12½¢; mackerel, 15¢; herring 20¢; salt cod, 7¢; haddies, 7¢; Labrador herring, half barrels, \$4.

GREEN FRUITS.

The fruit market is practically on a summer basis now. Peaches, plums, apricots, etc., are becoming more plentiful. Ontario strawberries are expected next week. Georgia watermelons will be in about the 22nd and will sell at \$6 per doz. Messina lemons have advanced 50c. Late Valencia oranges are now quoted as high as \$5.50 per case and Med. sweets as high as \$5.25. New potatoes are being offered by the fruit houses at 2½¢ per pound. We quote prices as follows: California Med. sweets, \$4.25 to \$5.25, according to size; St. Michael's, \$4.75 to \$5.25; late Valencias, \$4.75 to \$5.50; Messina lemons, per box, \$5.75; ban-

anas, \$3.00 to \$3.25 per bunch, as to size; cherries per box, \$1.50; pineapples per dozen, \$2.75 to \$3.00; strawberries, \$3 to \$3.25 per case; apricots, \$2 per crate; peaches, \$2.40 per case; plums, \$3.00 per case; coconuts, per dozen, 30¢; Grenoble walnuts, 15¢; Tarragona almonds, 15¢; filberts, 12¢; peanuts, green, 9¢; roasted, 12¢; pecan nuts, 15¢ per lb.; maple sugar per pound, 11 to 15¢; maple syrup \$0.75 per case of 1 dozen ½ gal. tins; apple cider, 35¢ per gallon in barrels and half barrels; fruit cider put in 20 and 30 gallon kegs, per gallon 30¢; California layer figs in 10 lb. boxes, \$1.40; new Smyrna in glove boxes, \$2 per dozen; 10 lb. boxes, \$1.50 per box; dates, 7¢ per lb. in 1 lb. cartons, 10¢; honey in 1 lb. glass jars, per dozen jars, \$2.50; onions, 4¢ per pound; green onions 30¢ per dozen bunches; lettuce, 40¢; new California cabbage 4¢ per lb, cucumbers, \$1.00 per dozen; pieplant, 2¢ per lb in 200 lb cases; butter beans in boxes, \$2.50.

GROCERIES.

The demand for all kinds of groceries keeps good and local jobbers are busy. The crop prospects are causing some uneasiness for the future and collections are poor, as they have been for several months. As regards stocks and prices it may be noted that canned peas are becoming scarce in this market and the lowest quotation now obtainable is \$2.00 per case. The old pack of peas has been very short. Canned pumpkin is also scarce and higher. New pack raspberries and strawberries are expected in shortly and will sell at 25¢ per case over figures given for old goods. In syrup both raspberries and strawberries, new pack, are quoted at \$3.25 and preserved at \$3.50 per case. The market for coffee is much stronger and although prices are as yet unchanged here they have advanced from ¾ to 1¢ per pound at New York on unfavorable crop reports and appearance of plague in Brazil. Prunes are being pretty well cleaned up in primary markets. For Winnipeg prices see page 1316.

HARDWARE.

The market for hardware and metals is for the most part unchanged. Prices seem to be firmly held by local houses, and there are no changes to note this week.

LEATHER.

The market is dull and there is no great movement of stocks. Prices are unchanged here for ordinary accounts but cash customers can buy a little under our quotations as given elsewhere in this issue. For common country tannage prices are a little broken and these lines can be bought under the regular scale, but standard makes are pretty well maintained. Findings and saddlery hardware remain unchanged.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

The only change to note is a decline of 2¢ per gallon in the price of turpentine, which is now being sold by jobbing houses here at \$3c per gallon for barrels, and 88¢ for less than barrel lots. Jobbing houses are experiencing a very good demand for all seasonable lines.

SCRAP.

The market is unsettled and there are reports of lower prices in some eastern markets during the week. Receipts here are fairly large and there are numerous enquiries from country points for quotations. Our quotations for No. 1 cast is being exceeded in some cases, and in others less is being paid. Wrought iron scrap is about 50¢ per ton lower here. We quote: No. 1 cast iron, free from

wrought and malleable, \$12 per ton; No. 2, \$6 per ton; wrought iron scrap, \$4.50 to \$5, per ton; heavy copper 10¢ per pound; red brass 8¢ per pound; yellow brass, heavy, 7¢ per pound; light brass, 4½ to 5¢ per pound; lead pipe or tea lead, 2 to 2½¢; rags, country mixed, 50¢; rubber free from rivets, buckles and articles, 5¢ per pound; zinc scrap, 1¢ per pound.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—The wheat market has had a week of almost feverish trading, but it has been confined mostly to the speculative markets. There has not been any further heavy advances in price, but considerable fluctuation around the price reached at the end of last week, until yesterday a new level was reached. American markets closing with an advance of 1 to 1½¢ over the previous day, and this also is the net advance on the week. The cause of the advance is the untoward situation in the northwest spring wheat crop. Many places report rains about the end of last week and beginning of this, but these have been more or less local, and most of them only very light. Put altogether they have been in no way sufficient to break the drouth, and the northwest spring wheat country is now suffering under the severest drouth in 20 years at least. While the situation is now being vividly recognized by the American markets, European markets are not yet alive to the facts, and may not be for some time as there is a good deal of wheat yet in sight on ocean passage, and other visible reserve stocks, and without the support of these markets to a greater degree than yet given, the markets on this side may easily have a sharp though temporary setback, more especially should the northwest be favored by really good rains the latter part of June. While these could not now effect any great improvement in the spring wheat yield, owing to the length of time the plant has been in the ground under adverse conditions, they would have a very sudden and depressing effect on speculative holders, who under such circumstances would be almost certain to throw their holdings on the market and cause a sharp decline. While this may happen, the world's wheat situation seems to be growing stronger every day. There is now no doubt of a serious shortage in the spring wheat crop of the American northwest. The winter wheat crop of the States is likely to result in a yield of only moderate dimensions. European crops show no signs of bumper yields anywhere. France is seriously short and is expected to be a considerable exporter during this crop year. The rye crop in Germany is very poor and crops in England are only of middling prospect, besides which all over Western Europe the crops are reported to be backward to the extent of two or three weeks. Thus there is a very good prospect of much higher prices for wheat later on whatever the immediate future may bring. The American visible supply decreased 207,000 bushels last week previous week decreased 51,000 bushels, last year increased 1,416,000 bushels. The world's shipments the past week were 7,422,000 bushels and the world's visible supply, according to Bradstreet's figures decreased 1,505,000 bushels, compared to a decrease previous week of 3,348,000 bushels, and an increase same week last year of 630,000 bushels. The United States government

report for June issued on Monday last, gave the condition of winter wheat on June 1st, 82.7, against 88.0 May 1st, and 67.3 on June 1, 1899, and condition of spring wheat 87.3 June 1, against 91.4 on June 1, 1899. Taking into consideration the deterioration of the crop since June 1, it is estimated that the present position points to an aggregate yield of about 550,000,000 bushels, the final government estimate for last year was 547,000,000 bushels.

The local market has been strong and dull by turns according as Chicago market has moved up or down. Exporters are scarce in the market, prices for export being out of line. During the week the value of 1 hard spot Fort William has fluctuated between 71 $\frac{1}{2}$ c and 74 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, the closing price yesterday being 74c. The demand is light, as in the absence of shipping orders trading is principally on speculation and investment. 2 hard is 2c under 1 hard and 1 northern 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c under 1 hard.

FLOUR—The expected advance has been made in flour prices and both the leading mills are now quoting \$2 per bag for their best brands of flour. This advance is due to the poor outlook for this year's wheat crop. The demand for flour is moderate. We quote: Ogilvie's Hungarian Patent, \$2 per sack of 98 pounds; Strong Bakers, \$1.85; Lake of the Woods Five Roses brand, \$2, Patent, \$1.85.

MILLFEED—Prices are steady at \$11 per ton for bran and \$13 for shorts in bulk, delivered to the trade.

GROUND FEED—We quote. Oat chop, \$24 per ton; barley chop, \$19, mixed feed of barley and oats, \$22; oil cake, \$27.

OATMEAL—The regular price for imported oatmeal in carlots is now \$150 per sack of 80 pounds. A car of United States meal has been sold in the city for early delivery on this basis. Manitoba mills are selling to retail dealers at \$1.70 per sack, with 5c off for cash.

OATS—The market is a little firmer at 32 to 33c per bushel for No. 2 white oats in carlots on track and 31 to 32c for No. 2 mixed.

BARLEY—Dealers are paying 34 to 38c per bushel for barley in carlots. Trading is very light. Farmers are getting 28c at country points.

CORN—About 46 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per bushel represents the value in carlots here for No. 3 corn. There is not much movement.

WHEAT—Buyers are paying farmers about 60c per bushel for best wheat at country points.

FLAXSEED—There is no market for flax seed, as none is offering.

HAY—Receipts are fairly large and quite sufficient for all present requirements. For fresh baled hay from \$6 to \$6.50 per ton is paid on track. Loose hay on the street is worth from \$4 to \$6 per ton. The continued dry weather has ruined the hay crop of this year and has made it almost a total failure. It is now certain that there will be no upland hay to speak of and farmers will have to resort to the sloughs and water beds, which are a very poor source of supply. A considerable quantity of hay has been held over from last season, which will be ample to supply all requirements of the immediate future.

BUTTER—Creamery — Creamery butter is worth 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per pound at the factories, and dealers have been buying this week on that basis. The quantity offered is fairly large.

BUTTER — Dairy — Choice dairy butter is worth here, commission basis, as high as 14c per pound, and prices range from 12 to 14c for best grades. Seconds are worth from 10 to 12c.

EGGS—Prices have jumped 2c this week, and we quote now 13c per dozen net here. The early spring and hot weather has had the effect of making the hens lay early, with the result that they are now quitting again and receipts are falling off in consequence.

VEGETABLES — The market is steady for most lines. Imported cucumbers are now 25c per doz. cheaper. It looks as if the vegetable and root crops are to be short this season owing to drouth. In many districts scarcely any growth has yet been made. New potatoes are now in from the south and sell at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per pound. We quote: Potatoes, 45 to 50c per bushel for farmers loads, carlots on track 45c per bush.; parsnips 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb.; imported onions, 4c per pound; rhubarb, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2c per pound; Bermuda onions, 7c, radish, 3c; California cabbage 5c per pound, lettuce, 25c per dozen, parsley, 30c; green onions, 20 to 25c per dozen, asparagus, 40 to 50c per dozen; spinach, 5c per lb. cucumbers \$1.00 per dozen.

DRESSED MEATS—Butchers are beginning to feel the pinch for good beef cattle which are becoming scarce. Prices have advanced to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c this week for best quality of beef. Hogs are also higher at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per pound for choicest weights. Range cattle will soon be in the market and will have the effect of reducing prices. These are earlier than usual this year. In fact, some have already been slaughtered here. We quote prices as follows. Beef, extra choice, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per pound, choice, 7 to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, veal, 5 to 9c, mutton, 10 to 11c, hogs, 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ c, spring lambs, \$1 to \$5 each.

HIDES — The market continues weak and is now down to a straight quotation of 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for No. 1 hides as against 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c a week ago. Dealers are not very keen buyers. We quote: No. 1 inspected hides, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per pound; No. 2 5 $\frac{1}{2}$; No. 3, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$; calf-skins, 8 to 9c; deakins, 25 to 35c each; horse hides, 50 to 75c each.

WOOL—Wool is only coming in in small quantities and holds steady at 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ c to 9c per pound for unwashed Manitoba fleece.

TALLOW—Dealers pay 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 4c per pound for best tallow at country points.

SENECA ROOT—Root is weak and the market declining. Advices from Minneapolis by wire to The Commercial yesterday quoted 30c for best root there. Dealers here seem uncertain and are quoting from 24 to 28c per pound delivered.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—Manitoba cattle are becoming quite scarce and some shipments have had to be brought in from the ranges west to fill out the local supply. It is expected that some western cattle which have been partly grain fed will be sent east for export next week. Stocker trade is about over. We quote: Choice steers, off cars Winnipeg, 4c per pound, second grades, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, and common stock, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3c. Yearling stockers are worth about \$15 to \$18 each.

SHEEP—No sheep are coming in and none are wanted. Butchers are still supplied with frozen mutton held over last winter, and consequently are not anxious to buy sheep. About 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per pound represents the value at stock yards now.

HCS—Hogs are steady at 4 to 5c per pound, according to weight and quality.

MILCH COWS—Cows are in good demand and readily bring from \$30 to \$40 each.

Weather and Crops.

The Manitoba government crop report, issued on Thursday of this week, does not give a very favorable statement regarding the crops. Indeed, as might be expected, the report of the condition of the crops is very unfavorable. The report states that the weather for seeding was favorable and grain was sown under good conditions. Up to the middle of May crops progressed favorably, but since that date the drouth has checked the growth. Early sown grain is now in the shot blade, though only six inches high, in some cases. High winds are reported to have done much damage. Hay crops are reported a failure owing to drouth. The average rainfall for April and May combined is placed at only .63 of an inch. The serious condition of the crop is certainly not overdrawn in the official report. This report is based on information obtained up to June 1 to 10. Since those dates the situation has not improved, but rather the contrary. The rains toward the close of last week, which caused a hopeful feeling that rainy weather had at last set in, did not prove heavy enough to be of more than very temporary benefit. The wheat crop has now been sown about two months and since seeding there has not been enough rain to more than moisten the surface. The weather has been very warm, much of the time, and day after day strong winds have prevailed, blowing about the loose, dry earth. Such conditions could not be otherwise than very damaging to the crops. A considerable area of the wheat crop has certainly been practically destroyed by high winds, insects and drouth. Even with favorable weather from this date forward, the balance of the wheat crop can hardly recover sufficiently to give more than a half yield. Insects have been unusually destructive this season, owing no doubt to the very dry weather, which is favorable for the propagation and operation of insects. With favorable weather, late crops, consisting of oats, barley and flax, might turn out fairly well even yet, but the change in the weather must come soon to save these.

As regards the area of the various crops, the official report issued this week cannot now be taken as correct, the unfavorable weather conditions having altered the figures considerably. The report shows an increase in the wheat area of 176,220 acres, as compared with last year, or an increase of nearly 11 per cent. This would be very satisfactory were it not known that this area has been considerably reduced by the destructive winds and drouth. Some of the destroyed area has been re-sown with barley, oats or flax. In other grain crops the figures of area given in the report show a very slight decrease, as compared with last year, but these figures will also have to be revised for the next bulletin.

Seneca Root again Lower.

The McMillan Fur & Wool Co., Minneapolis, again wired yesterday a drop of 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents on seneca root in that market, making 30c the top price. This is a drop of 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents in two weeks.

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Interesting Legal Decision.

A legal decision of considerable interest to the trading community was rendered at the Winnipeg court house a few days ago. In the case of the Lake of the Woods Milling Co. vs. Collins. In the month of November last, defendant's premises in St. Boniface were destroyed by fire. Before the insurance companies were furnished with the proofs of loss plaintiffs garnished the insurance money. Subsequently defendants assigned and application was made on behalf of the creditors to set aside the garnishing order. The question was whether insurance monies are garnishable before the loss under the policies has been adjusted. Judgment was delivered in favor of defendant.

Monthly Trade Returns.

The customs returns for May, 1900, as compared with the same period in 1899, at Winnipeg, are given below :

	1899.	1900.
Goods exported ..	\$ 94,161	\$ 75,496
Entered for consumption—		
Dutiable ..	328,164	337,500
Free ..	157,587	109,106
Total ..	\$485,751	\$487,406
Duty collected ..	\$88,814	\$89,115

The returns from the department of inland revenue show the collections at the port of Winnipeg for the month of May to be as follows :

Spirits ..	\$10,707.77
Malt ..	1,006.49
Tobacco (mfd.) ..	15,175.00
Tobacco (raw leaf) ..	774.50
Cigars ..	2,591.40
Total ..	\$20,255.16

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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	419,000
Toronto	27,000
Kingston	30,000
Coteau, Que.	192,000
Detroit Harbor, Ont.	289,000
Winnipeg	250,000
Manitoba elevators	1,950,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	2,425,000

Total June 2	5,591,000
Total previous week	6,300,000
Total a year ago	6,984,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's June 2, were 57,617,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 42,092,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on May 1 were 6,866,000 bushels, compared with 3,635,000 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 June 9, was 44,407,000 bushels, being a decrease of 297,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 27,601,000 bushels, two years ago 19,682,000 bushels, three years ago 22,680,000 bushels, and four years ago 50,147,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 6,135,000 bushels, compared with 8,005,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 12,223,000 bushels compared with 13,236,000 bushels, a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

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

	Bushels.
1900	132,583,000
1899	116,267,000
1898	99,662,000
1897	91,696,000
1896	133,329,000
1895	159,320,000

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	77,823,062	83,226,636
Milwaukee	10,367,642	12,261,656
Duluth	50,150,646	67,797,243
Chicago	22,738,159	32,382,168

Total 161,069,509 195,669,703

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	10,866,350	13,430,329
St. Louis	9,040,719	13,914,233
Detroit	3,651,767	4,925,610
Kansas City	15,108,543	23,670,943

Total 38,670,981 55,941,145

Business failures in Canada during last week numbered 20, against 21 the previous week, 19 in the same week a year ago and 26 two years ago.

An erroneous statement was made in a city paper a few days ago to the effect that "owing to the falling off in the demand for lumber, freight rates are now lower than they have been for some months past. Prices have recently dropped 60 cents per one thousand feet." As a matter of fact there has been no falling off in the demand for lumber and freight rates have not been reduced. No reduction has been heard of in lumber circles here.

Grain and Milling Notes.

The Ogilvie Milling Company will give three prizes at the Winnipeg exhibition for the best loaf of home-made bread, made from their flour. The prizes are \$25, \$15 and \$10.

Shipments of United States oats to Great Britain via Montreal have been a feature of the grain business of that port lately. Last week the movement totalled over 75,000 bushels.

The visible supply of flaxseed in Minneapolis, Chicago and Duluth on the 22nd of May was 248,000 bushels, as against 1,188,000 bushels a year ago. These are the principal points of accumulation for the northwestern states.

Wool.

The New York Commercial says:—The best authorities agree that there are 250,000,000 pounds less wool in the country than there was at this time a year ago. There is no one who does not admit that lowest prices have been touched abroad, and are advancing now in London. The consumers have purchased but little more than half as much wool since the first of January as they did during the same time last year. Stocks in the hands of manufacturers are lower than at any time during the last year, and yet the situation does not improve. Manufacturers seem to take but little interest in the market, and yet the next lightweight season is near at hand. The middle men, however, know what the needs of the manufacturers are bound to be, and they are not to be frightened. They are going right ahead and paying 2c more for wool in the west than the Boston prices. It is said that stocks in the hands of European manufacturers are low, and that they must soon become heavy buyers. It has been the rule abroad that when prices have touched lowest mark during the May sales there has been a sharp reaction during the last half of the year. There seems at the present time to be a decided shortage in merino wool, although a large amount was offered at the May sales and then withdrawn. Some estimates make the supply less now than at any time during the past 15 years.

About 8,000 people have gone to Cape Nome this year via Seattle.

During the month of May there were ninety-six business failures in Canada involving \$931,251 of liabilities, an increase of 13 per cent in number and of 75 per cent in liabilities over May, 1899.

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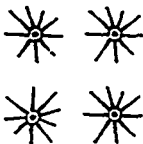
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Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, June 11.
Wholesalers are still complaining that trade is not what it should be at this time of year. It is true that there is some improvement just at present owing to the rush of passengers to the northern gold fields and the coast logging and mining camps, but even this trade is not what it was in former years, particularly in the case of the Klondike business; as there are American supply houses at Skagway, which supply a great deal of produce to Klondikers. One dealer said that in spite of the fact that four large wholesale houses had gone out of business in Vancouver there was no appreciable difference in the volume of trade done by those at present in business, which would indicate a decrease in the demand for goods. The tendency of prices is lower throughout the market. The price of fresh meat has dropped, while eggs, butter, vegetables and fruits are considerably lower.

British Columbia Markets.

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

PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, June 16.

(By wire to The Commercial.)

The fight goes on in the butter market between local creameries, in consequence of which prices are depressed still. Eggs are 1c lower on the inside price. Strawberries are down to \$2 per box. Seeding oranges are 25c higher per box. New California apples are offering. Apricots are down to \$1.50.

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

FLOUR—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.50; strong bakers, 4.30; Oregon, \$4.25 per barrel.

FEED—National mills chop, \$25 per ton; bran, \$18; shorts, \$20; oil cake meal, \$5 ton, f.o.b. Vancouver, including duty paid on imported stuff.

HAY—Per ton, \$14.

MEAL—Rolled oats, 50lb sack, \$2.50; two 50lb sacks, \$2.60; four 25lb sacks, \$2.80; ten 7lb sacks, \$2.50; oatmeal in 100lb sacks, per 100lb, \$3.25; in 50lb sacks, \$3.00 per 100lb.

LIVE STOCK—Steers, \$4.75@5 per 100 lb; butchers' cows, \$4@4.25 per 100 lb; sheep, \$5.00 per 100 lb; lambs, \$5@5.50; each; hogs, \$6.75 per 100 lb.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef, 9c; mutton, 10c; Australian frozen mutton, 8 1/2c per lb; pork, 9c; real, 11c.

CURED MEATS—Hams, 15c; breakfast bacon, 14@14 1/2c; backs, 17c; long clear, 11c; rolls, 12 1/2@13c; smoked sides, 12c.

LARD—Tins, 12c per lb; pails, 11c; tubs 10 1/2c.

BUTTER—Local creamery, 21c; Ontario creamery, 22 1/2@23c; fresh dairy, 16@18c.

EGGS—Fresh local, 24@25c; Manitoba eggs, 19@20c.

CHEESE—California cheese, 14 1/2@15c; eastern, 14 1/2c.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, Fraser river stock, \$15@16 per ton; Ashcroft potatoes \$18.00 per ton; new potatoes, 1 1/2c per lb; cabbage, 2c lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12 per ton; California onions, 2c.

FISH—Flounders, 3c; smelts, 5c; sea bass, 4c; whiting, 5c; soles, 6c; halibut, 6c; salmon, 7c; cod, 6c per lb; crabs, 60c per dozen; smoked salmon, 10c.

GREEN FRUITS—Oranges, navel, \$3.75 @4.00; seedlings, \$2.75@3.00; California lemons, \$3.50; bananas, \$3.00; strawberries, \$2.00; peaches, \$1.75 per box; apricots, \$1.50 per box; cherries, \$1.10@1.25 per box; Tasmanian apples, \$3.00 per box; California apples, \$2.50 per box.

DRIED FRUITS—Apricots, 17@18c; peaches, 10@11c; pitted plums, 12 1/2@13c; prunes, French, 6 1/2@7c; London layer raisins, \$2@2.25 per box; Muscatel raisins, 2 crown, 3c; 3 crown, 3 1/2c; 4 crown, 4c; dates, 8c; black figs, 6c; white figs, 5c; large figs, 10lb box, \$1.45; half-ter prunes, 3 1/2c; quartered pears, 11 1/2@12 1/2c; half pears, 12 1/2@13c; nectarines,

14c; Valencia raisins, 7 1/2c; sultanas, 11@14c; blackberries, 10c; raspberries, 25c; seeded raisins, 5 1/2c.

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

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

SYRUPS—50 gal. barrels, 2 1/2c lb; 10 gal. kegs, 2 1/2c; 5 gal. tins, \$1.75 each; 1 gal. tins, \$4.50 case of 10; 1/2 gal. tins, \$5.25; case of 20.

TEAS—Congo, fair, 11 1/2c; good, 18c; choice, 22c; Ceylon and India, fair, 20c.

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PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

Special to The Commercial.

Nelson, June 16.

We advise again strongly against shipping second grades of butter to this market. Such grades are not wanted, and can only result in loss to the shippers. Choice fresh goods in the dairy class only are wanted. Cheese is 1/2c lower. Other prices steady.

Butter—Manitoba creamery, 21c; choice dairy, 18c.

Cheese—New cheese 13 1/2c.

Eggs—Fresh eggs, 19c.

Oats—Per ton, \$25.

Millfeed—Bran, \$20; shorts, \$22 per ton.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$5.00.

Hay—Per ton, \$26.

Potatoes—Per ton, \$16.

British Columbia Notes.

R. E. Smith is opening a dry goods store at Kamloops.

The S. Reid Co., Ltd., of Victoria, is incorporated with a capital of \$40,000.

J. V. Evoy has opened at Greenwood in men's furnishings, boots and shoes, etc.

The Southern hotel at Trail was burned on June 14. The loss is about \$2,000.

C. St. Barbe has opened in business as general agent and stock broker at Nelson.

Harvey, Bailey & Co., general merchants, Ashcroft and Enderby, have dissolved partnership.

Sealed tenders for lock and dam at St. Andrews rapids in Red river, are called for by the Dominion government, until Monday, the 16th day of July.

Customs collection at Rossland for the month of May totalled \$11,030.81. The total imports free and dutiable, rwee \$58,203. Inland revenue collections amounted to \$2,772.20.

The following extra provincial companies have been registered under British Columbia laws: The Pendugwig Mining Syndicate, of England, capital \$60,000, local office Atlin City; Engineering Mining Co., of Skagway, capital \$500,000, provincial office at Lake Bennett; Alaska Pacific Express Co., of Seattle, capital \$100,000, local office Victoria.

Movements of Business Men.

Arthur Congdon, left Winnipeg this week for a business trip to the Pacific coast.

D. R. Dingwall, Jeweller, Winnipeg, who has been in Europe on a purchasing trip, returned this week.

C. S. Hoare, manager of the Imperial Bank at Winnipeg, left on Saturday last for England on personal business.

F. W. Thompson, of the Ogilvie Milling Company, leaves for the east Saturday on business connected with his company.

T.B. Caldwell, of the Lanark Woolen Mills, and A. Strachan, Kingston, are now in the Northwest Territories on a wool buying trip.

Mr. Thos. Skinner, of London, Eng., one of the directors of the Canadian Pacific railway, will arrive in Winnipeg to-morrow on a western trip.

A. E. Ogilvie, president of the Ogilvie Milling Company, returned east the end of last week highly pleased with his trip to Manitoba. The only drawback to the outlook, he said, was the want of rain.

The following commercial travellers registered at the Leland House this week: R. Baker, Toronto; S. Ashfield, Montreal; John Dromgold, London; S. H. Ross, Hamilton; L. S. McKindrey, London; J. B. McMahon, Toronto; S. S. Hart, Windsor; G. M. Newton, Montreal; W. A. Walker, Toronto; Alex. Munro, Hamilton; J. H. Glass, Jr., London; Fred C. Shorey, Montreal; J. L. Gibson, Glasgow; W. A. Dewar, Toronto; M. Richardson, city; J. W. Gleisen, Woodstock; J. Skil, Toronto; James Stevenson, Toronto; Walter H. Beeks, Toronto; G. B. Gross, Montreal; Robt. Greig, Toronto; S. H. Smith, Toronto.

A. G. Watson, manager for the Watson Manufacturing Company's Winnipeg branch, returned this week from a trip east. Mr. Watson visited the factory and headquarters of his company in Ontario, and a number of other places in that province, returning via Chicago where he spent a short time visiting the leading implement houses. Mr. Watson found the implement factories on both sides of the line very busy and there seemed to be very little indication of a let up in the rush for goods. The crop outlook in the south is considered very indifferent, and may lead to a decline in business activity later on.

Manager Thompson on the Crop Outlook.

Being interviewed yesterday by The Commercial on the crop outlook, F. W. Thompson, manager of the Ogilvie Milling Company, expressed the opinion that, "If we don't have copious rains within a week or ten days there will be very little wheat for export from Manitoba this year. The position to-day indicates about one-half of a full average crop if conditions are favorable throughout the remainder of the season."

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There were 2,120,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on June 11. Receipts for the week were 335,000 bushels and shipments were 399,000 bushels. A year ago stocks in store at Fort William were 2,122,000 bushels; 526,000 bushels two years ago, 3,250,000 bushels three years ago; 3,612,000 bushels four years ago; 589,000 bushels five years ago; 1,543,000 bushels six years ago. Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and Interior points were estimated approximately at 1,650,000 bushels compared with 6,550,000 bushels a year ago; 1,580,000 bushels two years ago; 6,328,000 bushels three years ago; 8,000,000 bushels four years ago, and 3,000,000 bushels five years ago.

The Belmont, Manitoba, Star has ceased publication. Robt. Scott was the proprietor.

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Tenders.

Tenders are wanted for the erection of a town hall at Whitewood, Assa. To be in by June 23.

The time for receiving tenders for the new Merchants Bank building at Winnipeg, has been extended to the 18th inst.

Strathcona public school district is advertising for tenders for the erection of a brick school building. A. C. Kathuiferd, secretary-treasurer, Strathcona, Alberta.

Offers will be received up to Monday, June 25, for \$1,000 school debentures. Address D. Beveridge, Secretary-Treasurer, P. O. Box 912, City.

Tenders addressed to Dr. J. McDiarmid, chairman building committee, will be received up to noon, on Saturday, June 30, for the construction of the basement of the new Presbyterian church, Brandon, Man.

Tenders are wanted by the Manitoba public works department for the construction of the substructure of a bridge across the Assiniboine river near the town of Portage la Prairie. The work will consist of concrete piers and abutments upon pile foundations and a pile trestle approach about 50 feet long. Bids to be in by the 25th inst.

Shipments of fresh eggs to Great Britain from Montreal commenced last week.

Winnipeg Bank Clearings.

Returns for the Winnipeg Clearing House for the week ending Thursday, show as follows:

Week ending June 14, 1900	....	\$2,382,434
Corresponding week, 1899	....	1,871,869
Corresponding week 1898	....	1,799,072

Money:

Interest rates are firmly held in the city by banks and loan companies. The bank rate ranges from 6 3/8 per cent for mercantile loans, according to name. Loan company rate, 5 3/4 per cent for loans on city property and 7 per cent for farm loans.

Financial Notes.

A committee of Brandon Business men waited upon H. G. Marquis, the manager of the Bank of British North America, at that place, who is being transferred east, and presented him with a well filled purse, and an address expressing regret at the fact that he was leaving the city.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Bank of Commerce will be held on the 19th at the head office, Toronto. The bank's statement is understood to contain a splendid showing. The balance at credit of profit and loss is \$55,738.53, and the net profits for the year have been \$766,582.52, after all bad and doubtful debts are provided for. This makes a total cash surplus of \$922,321.05. This has been appropriated as follows: Dividends, Nos. 65 and 66 at 7 per cent per annum, \$420,000; transferred to rest account, \$250,000; written off bank premises, \$100,000; transferred to pension fund, \$10,000; grant to national patriotic fund, \$5,000; grant to fund for relief of sufferers by Ottawa fire, \$2,500; balance carried forward, \$31,821.05. Total, \$822,321.05.

Insurance Notes.

The Confederation Life Association will move their offices up one floor in their Winnipeg building, to the quarters lately occupied by the Freehold Loan Co. This, however, is only a temporary move, to permit of the remodelling of the ground floor apartments of the building.

Geo. B. Wood, general manager of the Continental Life Insurance Company, has been in Winnipeg since Sunday last, arranging for his company to do business in this province. An office will be opened in a few days and general and local agents will be appointed for the various districts throughout Manitoba and the Territories.

The Canada Sugar Refinery advanced its prices on Monday to correspond with the advance made the previous week by the St. Lawrence company.

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A serious gas explosion occurred in the coal mines at Canmore, Alberta, on Thursday, by which eight men lost their lives and several others were injured. The explosion was caused by a miner wrongfully opening his safety lamp.

The Montreal hide market like all other hide markets has developed considerable weakness of late and reports of last week forecasted a decline of 1/2 to go into effect this week. Stocks of hides in the old country are said to be quite large which has restricted the demand from that quarter.

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TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, June 16.

Dry Goods—Sorting trade is good. Local houses report an increase in May sales of 10 per cent. Deliveries of domestic mills are slow on cotton staples and prices are firm. Fall business is fair but uncertain crop conditions are checking the Northwest demand.

Hardware—Trade is fair but confidence in prices not being restored still checks business. Letter orders from the west are fair. Prices generally are steady. Glass prices have been revised and all sizes of star and double diamond up to 85 united inches have been reduced. Sizes from 88 up are higher. Pig iron is unsettled. There is less cutting in iron pipe and one inch is now quoted at \$5.50, and two-inch at \$11.93. Galvanized pipe, one inch, \$3.34. Some lines of enamelware are easier. Turpentine is 2c lower at 72c per gallon here. It is not likely to go further. Linseed oil is dearer in Liverpool, and would now cost on this basis 51c duty paid here. The local price is 51½c. Binder twine is lower, sisal being now quoted at 11c and manilla at 14c.

Groceries—Business is fair. Currents are stronger owing to higher cables. Valencia raisin stocks are light and prices high. Selected stock is quoted at 3½c. In canned goods there is but little sorting demand and trade is quiet. Corn is now \$1.10; tomatoes 85c, and peas 75 to 80c. Japan teas are firm; India and Ceylon teas easy.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, June 16.

Grain deliveries are small and the market firmer. Ontario millers are paying 67c for winter wheat west. Spring wheat sold at Ontario lake points to-day at 69c. Manitoba wheat is 2c higher. Flour is in good export demand and the market strong. Barley is 1c higher. Dairy butter is scarce and firm. Creamery butter dearer at 18½ to 19c. Hides have declined ¼c, compared with a week ago, and the market is weak. Wool is a shade firmer, and a higher range of prices has been paid this week.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$3.75 to \$3.90; Manitoba bakers, \$3.50 to \$3.65 for car lots at Toronto. Ontario patent, \$3 to \$3.10 in barrels, for car lots west.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat 67c for car lots at country points. Ontario spring, 69c at lake ports; No. 1 hard, 83c, Toronto, and 85 to 85½c grinding in transit.

Oats—25½ to 28c at country points for car lots at country points; On-freights.

Barley—No. 2, 39 to 40c country points.

Millfeed—Shorts, \$14 per ton; bran, \$12 per ton for cars at country mills. Oatmeal—\$3.10 in bags per barrel, and \$3.20 in wood for carlots, Toronto.

Eggs—New laid, 12 to 12½c per dozen.

Butter—Choice fresh dairy, in tubs, 14 to 16c, as to quality; second grade, 12 to 13c; creamery, tubs, 18½ to 19c; prints, 19 to 20c.

Cheese—10¼ to 10½c for job lots. Hides—8c for No. 1 cows; No. 1 heavy steers, 8½c; country hides, ½c under these prices; sheepskins, \$1.25 to \$1.40 spring lambs, 20 to 30c; calfskins, 9c for No. 1, and 8c for No. 2; tallow, 5 to 5½c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 15 to 16c; unwashed, 9½ to 10c.

Beans—\$1.70 to \$1.75 per bushel for choice hand picked.

Dried Apples—5½ to 6c for round lots; evaporated, 6½ to 7c.

Honey—Held at 9 to 10c in bulk.

Poultry—Chickens, 50 to 75c per pair; turkeys, 9 to 12c per pound.

Potatoes—Quoted at 32 to 35c per bag for car lots.

Hogs—Dressed hogs, \$7.50 to \$8.00 per 100 pounds for car lots on track, as to grade.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, June 13.

Receipts at the semi-weekly market yesterday were 1,500 cattle, 735 sheep and lambs, and 1,800 hogs.

Export Cattle—Good demand at \$5 to \$5.25 per cwt for choice and \$4.60 to \$4.90 per cwt for light stock.

Butchers' Cattle—Demand brisk; prices firmer at \$4.35 to \$4.60 per cwt for choice, \$4 to \$4.25 for good cattle, \$3.50 to \$3.90 per cwt for medium mixed lots and \$3.25 to \$3.50 for common cows.

Stockers—Sold from \$3.25 to \$3.75 per cwt.

Feeders—Short-keep steers of 1,100 to 1,200 lbs sold at \$4.25 to \$4.50 per cwt.

Sheep—Easier at \$4 per cwt. Yearlings lower at \$4.50 to \$5 per cwt; spring lambs firm at \$3.50 to \$4.50 a head.

Hogs—Unchanged and firm at \$6.87½ per cwt for selections of 100 to 200 lbs natural weight, \$6.25 per cwt for fats and \$6 per cwt for lights.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, June 16.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday receipts were 48 carloads, including 300 sheep and lambs, and 1,500 hogs.

Export cattle are higher, sales having been made at \$4.75 to \$5.35. Offerings of butchers cattle are small and prices firmer at \$4.50 to \$4.75 for choice stock. Rough \$3 to \$3.25. Feeders are dearer at \$4.35 to \$4.60 for short keep; lighter sorts, \$4 to \$4.25. Stockers are easier. Export and butchers' sheep ¼ to ½c higher. Lambs and hogs are unchanged from Tuesday.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, June 16.

Oats are strong at 31½c afloat. Barley is ¼c higher at 48½c. Flour is steady and active. Meal is selling at \$1.60 to \$1.65 and quiet. Feed is weak and 50c lower for bran. Eggs are moving slowly. Butter is higher and very firm. Dairy rolls at 16 to 17c, an advance of ¼c. Creamery is 1c higher. Cheese firmer, western selling at 9½ to 10c, and eastern at 9½ to 9¾c. There is a fair export enquiry for butter and cheese. Potatoes and beans are unchanged. Prices are: Oats—To arrive, 31½ to 32 afloat. Barley—No. 1, afloat, May, 48½ to 49c.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.40 to \$3.70; Manitoba patents, \$3.75 to \$4.10.

Millfeed—Bran, \$14.50 per ton; shorts, \$16, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Roasted oats, \$3.30 a barrel on track and \$1.60 to \$1.65 per sack.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 8½c; No. 2, 7½c, No. 3, 6½c; calfskins, No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 8c; lambskins, 25c; sheepskins, \$1.10 each; tallow, 4 to 4½c.

Eggs—Strictly fresh, 11½ to 12½c; straight lots 11c.

Butter—Choice, fresh, dairy, 10 to 17c.

Buter—Choice creamery, 20 to 20½c per pound.

Cheese—Western, 9½c to 10c; eastern, 9¾c to 9½c.

Maple syrup—New western, 85c per large tin and 75c per wine-gallon tin or 6½ to 7c per pound; pure sugar, 9½c to 10c per pound.

Honey—White clover in comb 14 to 15c per pound; white extracted in large tins, 9 to 9½c.

Beans—\$1.60 to \$1.65 per bushel, as to quality.

Potatoes—Car lots on track, 30c per bag.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Montreal, June 12.

Receipts of live stock at the East End abattoir market yesterday were 250 cattle and 300 sheep and lambs.

The supply of cattle was small. The market was strong and full prices were demanded by holders for all grades of stock. Demand from local buyers was good. Choice steers sold at 5 to 5½c; good at 4½ to 4¾c, fair at 3½ to 4c, and common at 3 to 3½c per lb. live weight. There was a good demand for sheep for shipment, and shippers paid 4 to 4½c per pound for the same. Butchers paid 3½ to 4½c. Lambs ruled higher at from \$2.25 to \$4.25, each as to size and quality.

At the Grand Trunk stock yards at Point St. Charles, the receipts of live hogs were only fair, for which the demand was good and prices ruled firm at 5½ to 6c per lb., weighed off cars for straight lots.

Ocean freights are in good demand and any offering is picked up readily at full rates. In some cases an advance of 5s is being asked.

THURSDAY'S MARKET.

Montreal, June 15

At the East End abattoir yesterday cattle receipts were 275 head, and sheep and lambs 300.

The market for cattle was quiet and offerings lighter. Best cattle brought 5 to 5½c, fair to good, 4 to 4½c, others 3½ to 3¾c. Sheep sold at 4c, and lambs at \$2.25 to \$4.50 each. Hogs \$5.50 to \$6.00 off cars.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET
Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, June 15

Cattle are weaker at 12 to 13c dressed.

LONDON SUGAR MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

London, June 15.

Beet sugar is weaker at 10s 9½d for June and 10s 10½d for July.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.
By wire to The Commercial.

Liverpool, June 15.

Cheese is quoted at 50s.

BROCKVILLE CHEESE MARKET.

Brockville, June 14.—Finest cheese sold to-day at 10 3-16c for both white and colored, an advance of 17-16c from last week.

ONTARIO CHEESE MARKETS.

Campbellford, June 12.—To-day 1-215 white were boarded. Cook bought 190 at 9 13-16c, Hodgson Bros, 250 at 9¾c, Brenton 100 at 9¾c, McLaugh 265 at 9¾c, Watkins 90 at 9¾c. Balance unsold.

Ingersoll, June 12.—Offerings to-day were 520 boxes; no sales; 49-16c offered; small attendance, majority of factories having sold between markets for less money.

New York Wheat.

New York, June 11.—Wheat, July opened 76 1-4c, closed 77 3-4c, Sept. opened at 77 1-4c, closed 77 3-4c.

New York, June 12.—Wheat, July opened 76 1/2c, closed 77 1/2c b. Sept. opened at 78c, closed 79 1/2c a.

New York, June 13.—Wheat, July opened and closed 76 1/2c. Sept. opened 78c, closed 78 1/2c a.

New York, June 14.—Wheat, July opened 78 1/2c, closed 77 1/2c a. Sept. opened at 79 1/2c, closed 78 1/2c a.

New York, June 15.—Wheat, July opened 76 1/2c, closed 78 1/2c b. Sept. opened at 77 1/2c, closed 79 1/2c a.

New York, June 16.—July wheat closed to-day at 79 1/2c; Sept. closed 80 1/2c.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

Chicago, June 11.—Wheat, July closed 72 1-4c. July opened 72 1-2c, closed 73 1-4, b. Oats, July opened 22 1-2c, closed 22c, b. Corn, July opened 39 1-2c, closed 38 3-4c b. Pork, July opened \$11.80 b, closed \$11.75. Sept. opened \$11.85, closed \$11.80 b. Lard, July opened \$6.57 1-2c, b, closed \$6.87. Sept. opened \$6.57 1-2c, b, closed \$6.85 to \$6.87. Flax, cash, \$1.80, Sept. \$1.34 3-4, Oct. at \$1.29 3-4.

Chicago, June 12.—Wheat, July opened 73 1/2c, closed 73 1/2c b. Oats, July opened 22 1/2c, closed 22 1/2c b. Corn, July opened 38 3/4c, closed 38 3/4c. Aug. opened 39 1/2c, closed 39 1/2c b. Pork, July opened at \$11.70, closed 11.57 1/2. Lard, July closed \$6.67 1/2 b. Sept. closed \$6.77 1/2. Flax, cash \$1.80, Sept. \$1.33, Oct. \$1.29 a.

Chicago, June 13.—Wheat, July opened 72 1/2c, closed 73 1/2c a. Corn, July opened 38 1/2c, closed 38 1/2c a. Aug. opened 39 1/2c, closed 39 1/2c a. Oats, July opened 21 1/2c, closed 22 1/2c. Aug. opened 21 1/2c, closed 22 1/2c. Lard, July opened \$6.62, closed \$6.55. Sept. opened \$6.67 1/2, closed \$6.55. Pork, July opened \$11.35 to \$11.40, closed \$11.25. Sept. opened \$11.45, closed \$11.35. Ribs, July opened \$6.65, closed \$6.55. Sept. opened \$6.65 to \$6.67, closed \$6.55. Flax, cash \$1.80, Oct. \$1.28 b, Sept. \$1.35 b.

Chicago, June 14.—Wheat, July opened 74 1/2c, closed 72 1/2c a. Aug. opened at 75 1/2c, closed 73 1/2c. Corn, July opened 38 1/2c, closed 38 1/2c a. Oats, July opened 22 1/2c, closed 22 1/2c. Aug. opened 22 1/2c, closed 22 c. Pork, July opened \$11.27 1/2, closed \$11.22 1/2. Sept. opened \$11.30 to \$11.37, closed \$11.32 1/2. Lard, July opened \$6.57 1/2, closed \$6.47 1/2. Sept. opened \$6.57 1/2, closed \$6.55. Ribs, Sept. opened \$6.60, closed \$6.55. Flax, cash \$1.80, July \$1.32, Oct. \$1.27.

Chicago, June 15.—Wheat, July opened 74 1/2c, closed 74c b. Aug. opened 73 1/2c, closed 74c. Corn, July opened 38 1/2c, closed 38 1/2c b. Aug. opened 39 1/2c, closed 39 1/2c. Oats, July opened 22 1/2c, closed 22 1/2c. Pork, July opened \$11.27 to \$11.27, closed at \$11.22 1/2. Sept. opened \$11.40 to \$11.42, closed \$11.40. Ribs, July closed \$6.55 b. Sept. closed \$6.60. Lard, July opened \$6.60, closed \$6.52 1/2. Sept. opened \$6.56, closed \$6.60. Flax, cash \$1.80, July \$1.32 1/2 a, Oct. \$1.29 a.

Chicago, June 16.—July wheat opened at 74 1/2 to 75c, and ranged from 74 1/2 to 75 1/2c.

Wheat—June, 74 1/2; July, 75 1/2-1/4c.
Corn—June, 39 1/2c; July, 39 1/2c.
Oats—June 22 1/2c; July, 23c.
Pork—June, \$11.50.
Lard—June, \$6.70.
Ribs—June, \$6.65.

A week ago July option closed at 71 1/2. A year ago July wheat closed at 77 1/2c, two years ago at 72 1/2c; three years ago at 68 1/2c; four years ago at 57c five years ago at 60 1/2c, and six years ago at 59 1/2c.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, June 16.—The market for flax closed to-day at \$1.80 for cash and June; Sept., \$1.34; Oct. \$1.25.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

There was no trading to-day here. Holders were firm. No. 1 hard was quoted at 75 1/2c, in store Fort William. A considerable quantity of wheat was sold when the bulge set in, which has relieved the pressure on the market by sellers, and holders are now very firm in their views, on short crop prospects.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—July 72 1/2c; Sept. 73 1/2c.
Tuesday—July, 73 1/2c; Sept. 74 1/2c.
Wednesday—July, 73 1/2c; Sept. 74 1/2c.
Thursday—July, 72 1/2c; Sept. 73 1/2c.
Friday—July, 74c; Sept. 74 1/2c.
Saturday—July, 75 1/2c; Sept. 76c.

On Saturday cash 1 hard closed at 76 1/2c, and cash 1 northern at 74 1/2c.

A week ago July wheat closed at 70 1/2c. A year ago July wheat closed at 77 1/2, two years ago at 82 1/2c, three years ago at 72 1/2, four years ago at 57 1/2c.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Minneapolis, June 16.—Wheat closed at 72 1/2c for July, cash No. 1 hard closed at 75 1/2c, and cash No. 1 northern at 73 1/2c.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, June 15.—Wheat, spot steady; No. 1 northern spring 3s 11d; No. 1 California 3s 2d; 3d Futures: July 5s 10d; Sept. 5s 10 1/2d; Dec. 5s 10 1/2d.

Liverpool, June 16.—Wheat closed 1 1/4d higher per cental.

BRITISH STOCKS

London, June 15.—1 p.m.—Consols for money 101 1/2; do. for the account 101 11-16; Atchafson 20 1/2; Canadian Pacific 95 1/2; St. Paul 117 1/2; Illinois Central 114 1/2; Louisville 79 1/2; Union Pacific preferred 75 1/2; N. Y. C. 134; Erie 11 1/2; Pennsylvania 66 1/2; Reading 8 1/2; Erie first preferred 37 1/2; N. P. preferred 75 1/2; G. T. R. 8 1/2; Anaconda 8 1/2; Rand Mines 40 1/2. Bar silver steady at 27 11-16d per ounce. Money 1 1/4 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 2 1/2 per cent; do. for three months bills 3 1/4 per cent.

BRITISH LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

London, June 11.—The trade in cattle was weaker owing to the tropical weather, and prices for choice States show a decline of 1/2c since this day week with sales at 14 1/4c. There was no Canadian stock on the market.

DAIRY TRADE NOTES.

During the week ending June 6, 4,373 packages of butter and 50,378 boxes of cheese were shipped from Montreal to England. The season's shipments to that date were 9,338 packages of butter and 176,126 boxes of cheese.

LIVE STOCK TRADE NOTES.

This year's crop of calves in the ranching country west is unusually large owing to the fine, mild weather which has prevailed throughout the winter and spring.

Recent cable advices from Great Britain indicate unusual strength in the cattle markets. Canadian cattle sold in London on Monday at as high as 14c, which was some cents higher than at this time a year ago.

Shipments of cattle from Montreal to British markets during the week ended June 2, totalled 3,338 head, as against 2,241 the previous week. Of sheep 1,385 head were shipped, as against 631 the previous week. Shipments of cattle for the month of May

amounted to 11,426 head and of sheep 2,314 head. During May, 1899, cattle shipments amounted to 12,983, in May, 1898, to 15,563, in May, 1897, to 18,073, and in May, 1896, to 14,827.

WESTERN BUSINESS ITEMS.

H. E. Hamilton, implement dealer, Sidney, Man., has built a fine new warehouse.

The provincial government proposes guaranteeing the debentures of the town of Morris.

Voting on the by-law to raise \$20,000 on debentures for school purposes at Calgary, Alberta, resulted in carrying the by-law.

W. Cousins, general merchant, Medicine Hat, Assa., has disposed of his business to A. DesBrisay, who will carry on the business.

J. A. MacIntyre, of Williamson & MacIntyre, hardware, Medicine Hat, Assa., has disposed of his interest in the business to Jas. Rae.

The frost of June did considerable damage in some western and central districts of Manitoba, where it was severe enough to cut down grain crops.

Fire at Carmen, Man., on June 15, burned a stable belonging to R. McInnis and the Jickling block, occupied by private residences. Loss \$3,000. Partly insured.

A deputation of druggists interviewed the government this week to protest against the proposed legislation concerning the sale of alcoholic liquors, so far as it affects the druggists. They asked that the law should remain as it is, so far as druggists are concerned.

William Christie, head of the well-known biscuit manufacturers of Christie, Brown & Co., Toronto, died after a long illness, on Thursday. He was in his 73rd year.

The retail grocers of Toronto have agreed that after July 1 they will neither buy, sell, handle nor give away in any manner any trading stamp, cash coupon or similar device.

The Canadian commissioners for the Paris Exhibition have issued a neat little illustrated pamphlet on Agriculture in Canada for distribution among the visitors at the fair. The reading matter is by Dr. Saunders, director of experimental farms, which is a guarantee of its excellence and accuracy.

For Sale.

In British Columbia—A good paying business, in first class location on main line C. P. R. Stock about \$4,000 (four thousand), store, warehouse, good well, etc; \$1,500 (fifteen hundred). Half cash, balance on good security.

Apply to B. C., care "Commercial," Winnipeg.

For Sale.

Best Mill in Northwest. No. 125. bbl. Nordyke & Marmon mill, built last fall. First-class and up-to-date in every respect. In best district in country for local trade, is on two lines of railroad, on switch connecting both roads. Only one mill within sixty-five miles. Plenty of wheat to buy. Will sell for exact cost of mill, or will take partner with \$5,000 capital. Address Miller, care The Commercial, Winnipeg.

WINNIPEG PRICES CURRENT

GROCERIES

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

Table listing various grocery items such as Canned Goods, Dried Fruits, Cured Fish, and Cereals with their respective prices per case or pound.

Table listing various grocery items including Raisins, Dried Fruits, Nuts, Syrups, Molasses, Spices, and Teas with their respective prices per pound or case.

Table listing various tobacco products including T. & B. Cigs, Brier Cigs, and Dominion Tobacco Co.'s List with their respective prices per pound.

Table listing various drug and leather products including Alum, Bleaching Powder, and Leather with their respective prices per pound or box.