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WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 30, 1889.

McGREGOR, livery stable, Brandon, has sold out.

W. M. WRIGHT, boots & shoes, Winnipeg; sheriff in possession.

A. BIGGINS will open a grocery store at Whitewood, Assa.

TAX collections for the past two months amounted to \$309,907.14

J. BRATT & Co., meats, Lethbridge, Alberta, have gone out of business.

Dr. Kennedy, druggist, Macleod, Alberta, has sold out to R. B. Barnes.

The Northern Pacific have appointed A. M. Herron agent at Deloraine, Man.

R. S. THOMPSON, furniture dealer, Glenboro, is opening a branch store at Wawanesa, Manitoba.

WHITE & McAdo, hotel keepers, Winnipeg, are giving up the hotel and going into the livery stable business.

TENDERS are asked for a stock of jewelry and watches now in the town of Maniton, in the store of J. Burr.

EDMONTON Bulletin: "The fishing at Lac la Biche has been very poor this year and the catch of fur so far this season, small.

H. W. HERCHMER and J. H. Black have purchased the law business of Mr. Lemon, of Morden, who has been appointed registrar.

THE Macleod Gazette reports a discovery of coal on the middle fork of the Old Man river, Northwestern Alberta, which is claimed to be adapted for coking purposes.

THE farmers of the Manitou district are objecting to the adoption of the coupon system by

the merchants of that place. This system has been explained in this journal.

W. F. DOLL, wholesale jeweler, Winnipeg, is sending around a portrait of the late Hon. John Bright, the widely known quaker statesman of England. It is large size and well executed.

THE Northwest Central Railway company stopped work on Thursday. The fifty miles are now about completed. Contracts, it is said, will be let and construction continued in the spring.

THE firm of Vanblaricom Renwick & Co., general merchants, Arden, Man., has been changed in style to Vanblaricom & Clarke. Wm. Renwick is erecting a building at Arden and will open shortly in hardware.

A GENTLEMAN named Fletcher, from Brantford, Ont., has bought a property at Deloraine, Man., upon which he is erecting a store, and purposes embarking in the tin and stove business, and ultimately in general hardware.

THE Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association gave a great banquet at Montreal last week, at which there were over four hundred present. The association has over a thousand members and a capital of eighty thousand dollars.

A SYNDICATE is applying for the right to establish a street railway at Calgary. They ask for a monopoly for twenty years, and agree to put up \$3,000 that a section of the proposed road will be ready to operate by the end of next year.

ABOUT one thousand beef animals and a large number of sheep and hogs have been shipped from Pilot Mound, Man., this season, says the Sentinel. Pilot Mound is apparently the centre of a good mixed farming country. The amount realized by the sales has been upwards of \$50,000

THE Commercial Bank of Manitoba has decided to open a branch in Minnedosa. The branch will be under the management of Henry Fish, now of Regina. This branch has been contemplated for some time, and early last summer it was announced that it would be opened.

THE report that the Dominion Government had resolved to abolish the duty on mining machinery has been denied, but it is understood that the matter is still under consideration, and it is likely that instructions will be given to allow certain articles of mining machinery to be admitted free.

THE Winnipeg Free Press has issued a very creditable Christmas number, consisting of twenty-four full size pages, all prepared at home. The number contains a record of the railway work done during the year, and many other impotent features. It was sent to all regular subscribers without extra cost.

It is reported that surveyors of the Qu'Appelle, Long Lake & Saskatchewan railway will commence shortly after New Year to locate an extension of the railway through the North Saskatchewan country, running westward from the Prince Albert line to the Edmonton district. Such a line, together with the road to Prince Albert, to be completed next summer, will open up the whole North Saskatchewan country.

A PARTY of railway surveyors have been locating a line into the Lake Dauphin country,

Manitoba. The line runs in a northwesterly direction from Portage la Prairie, crossing the White Mud river at Totogan, then more northerly along the west side of Lake Winnipeg to Manitoba Post, in township 22, range 11, just five or six townships east of the Lake Dauphin settlement, and into which district the line has also probably been run.

THE recent report of the Hudson's Bay Company at London, England, says: "The directors have to report the safe arrival of the company's ships from Hudson's Bay, with portions of the returns of furs of the current outfit. Further shipments have been received from Winnipeg, Montreal and Victoria, while others have been advised from Winnipeg and are expected at an early date. The total quantities of the returns are somewhat smaller than those of last year, the falling off being chiefly due to mortality and distress among the Indians, caused by the continued scarcity of food in some of the northern districts.

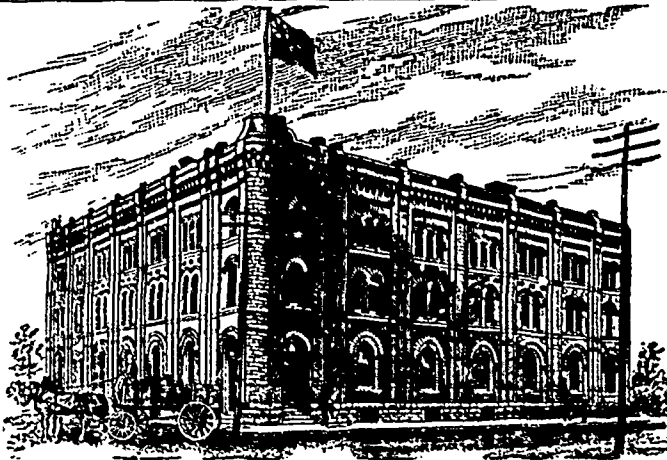
A COPY of that useful annual, The Canadian Almanac, has been received from the publishers, The Copp, Clark Co., of Toronto. It is in enlarged form this year, but the price remains the same, and it can be had at bookstores for 15 cents in paper or 25 cents in cloth covers. The book contains a vast amount of statistical and general information of a national character, which renders it indispensable in the office and counting-room. Information upon almost every subject may be found in this almanac, of a social, political, official, legal and educational nature, immigration and trade statistics, customs and excise tariffs, tables of distances, fares, and in fact upon every subject which is likely to come up in the ordinary course of events.

GENERAL MANAGER GRAHAM, of the Northern Pacific & Manitoba, returned from St. Paul yesterday. He stated, in conversation with a San reporter, that the company has resolved on a vigorous policy in Manitoba for the coming year, but would not specify. He says that work on the new hotel in Winnipeg will be commenced at the earliest moment in the spring, and will be pushed to completion. The plan, he says, as now proposed, will be even finer than the pictures of the building published represent. Speaking of terminal facilities at the Portage, Mr. Graham stated that the company was negotiating with the Manitoba & Northwestern to use their station, roundhouse, etc., and he expected a favorable arrangement would result.

THE returns of immigration at Winnipeg for the year 1889 are given below. It is estimated that out of a total immigration of 22,000, fully half that number settled in Manitoba. The following comparative table will show the returns for 1887, 1888, and this year up to date:

	Adult Male	Adult Female	Children	Total
January	141	62	70	273
February	189	79	89	357
March	3,838	1,079	1,160	6,015
April	2,700	1,130	1,132	4,962
May	1,750	684	639	2,983
June	1,115	354	252	1,761
July	1,080	504	363	1,947
August	355	253	155	1,025
September	500	210	169	889
October	351	175	126	654
November	318	180	189	687
December (not complete)	253	70	54	277
Grand total	12,602	4,705	4,392	21,700
1887	10,030	4,130	3,306	17,602
1888	10,039	5,169	2,578	17,186

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Bouchier & Higgins, Victoria, dissolved.
 C. E. Malette, lumber, Victoria, has sold out.

M. Manson will have a new steamer built, to take the place of the Rustlor, wrecked recently.

The by-law to expend \$30,000 in park improvements at New Westminster, was carried by a good majority.

Painton & Dyke, music dealers, Vancouver, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by Painton.

The United States sealing schooner Mollie Adams has been purchased by Victoria parties, and her name changed to the E. B. Mavin.

The annual meeting of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association will be held at the Board of Trade rooms, Vancouver, on Tuesday, Jan. 14th.

M. G. Terhune & Co., are engaged getting out the timber for a new tug, which will be built at their shipyard at Westminster for the Fraser river trade.

The masons and brick-layers of Victoria have decided to refuse to work on any building where Chinamen are employed. Chinese are now largely employed as hod-carriers, etc., which work they will probably hereafter be barred from.

The chattels belonging to the British Columbia Smelting Company, an English concern which undertook to build a smelter at Vancouver, but made a botch of the business, were sold by the sheriff to satisfy claims against the concern. They realized some \$406. The realty will be sold to satisfy the claim held by the Bank of British Columbia.

For the period from January 1st, 1889, to November 30th, the following were the quantities of live stock, breadstuffs, fruit, vegetables, dairy products, etc., imported into Victoria for consumption in this province: Butter and cheese, 194,863 lbs; fruits, 1,601,765 lbs; vegetables, 1,396, 996 lbs; breadstuffs, 6,148, 518 lbs; biscuits, 235,520 lbs; eggs, 67,329 dozen; cattle and horses, 648 head; hogs, 1,891 head, and sheep, 22,941.

An exchange says: For the month of November 61 sailing vessels entered at San Francisco, of which 6 were from British Columbia with a tonnage of 8,398; and 16 steam vessels, representing a tonnage of 24,778, out of a total of 43,778 tons. The clearances for the same month were 6 vessels under sail, representing 7,499 tons, and 14 steam vessels from British Columbia, representing 22,251, out of a total of 32,835 tons. British Columbia, it will thus be seen, is San Francisco's best customer in the shipping line.

A compilation of the number of business failures in British Columbia for the year gives the following result:

	No.	Liabilities.	Assets.
First quarter.....	8	\$ 85,948.51	\$ 50,075.86
Second quarter.....	8	30,000.00	30,500.00
Third quarter.....	8	26,561.49	12,800.00
Fourth quarter...	12	30,491.02	34,081.30
Total.....	35	\$173,095.02	\$132,457.16

The Vancouver News says: Potatoes are still climbing up in price and are now \$35 a ton, and scarce at that. Eggs are scarce. A small supply is obtainable from Manitoba, a consignment arriving last evening. Fresh eggs are 60c. a dozen, and case eggs 30c. There is a big stock of butter on hand and the market is depressed. Manitoba and Ontario dealers have been holding off all summer and running up big stocks, and they are now unloading. The low price of butter in California has also assisted in weakening the market. Creamery is quoted at 23c and dairy from 22c to 25c. Apples are scarce and high. British Columbia stock is jobbing at \$2 a box, and Oregon apples coming in are quoted at from \$1.85 to \$2 per box. Japanese oranges have been a drug on the market but are going more freely now. The first shipments, which were very poor, owing to the unfit state of the crop for plucking, spoiled the market for the really good stock now offered at from 75c to \$1 per box. Poultry is making its appearance in considerable quantities and the market is well supplied, principally from Manitoba and Ontario. The demand is good and prices are quoted as follows: Turkeys, 30c per lb, ducks, 30c; geese, 25c; chickens, 25c. Vegetables are about 2c a pound all around.

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Wheat.	Ten months ended Oct. 31—		
	1889, cwt.	1888, cwt.	1887, cwt.
Russia.....	17,694,211	16,457,489	2,604,577
Germany.....	2,227,982	2,550,128	895,997
France.....	126,431	16,299	4,906
Turkey.....	573,008	76,744	1,040
Roumania.....	1,610,417	778,896	150,577
Egypt.....	320,154	695,965	157,261
United States—			
Atlantic.....	3,902,243	6,181,148	19,352,747
Pacific.....	10,123,896	7,511,607	8,049,738
Chili.....	572,953	1,339,174	1,938,116
British India.....	7,557,010	6,279,954	7,647,934
Australasia.....	1,836,321	1,639,982	1,267,330
North America—			
—British.....	874,010	1,077,589	3,481,154
Other countries.....	1,106,949	2,093,722	1,174,607
Total.....	48,017,885	46,629,597	46,784,393
Flour.....			
Germany.....	1,015,520	659,156	439,179
France.....	67,192	78,036	68,026
Austrian territories...	1,491,357	1,512,672	1,602,614
United States.....	7,075,703	11,344,388	12,531,660
North America			
—British.....	781,612	679,412	752,874
Other countries.....	332,435	339,035	113,331
Total.....	11,366,869	14,612,697	14,957,683

The percentage of wheat, grain and flour, furnished by the United States shows a great decrease, standing as follows for the three years compared:

	1889.	1888.	1887.
Wheat grain.....	29.21	29.37	58.57
Wheat flour.....	67.50	77.64	83.79

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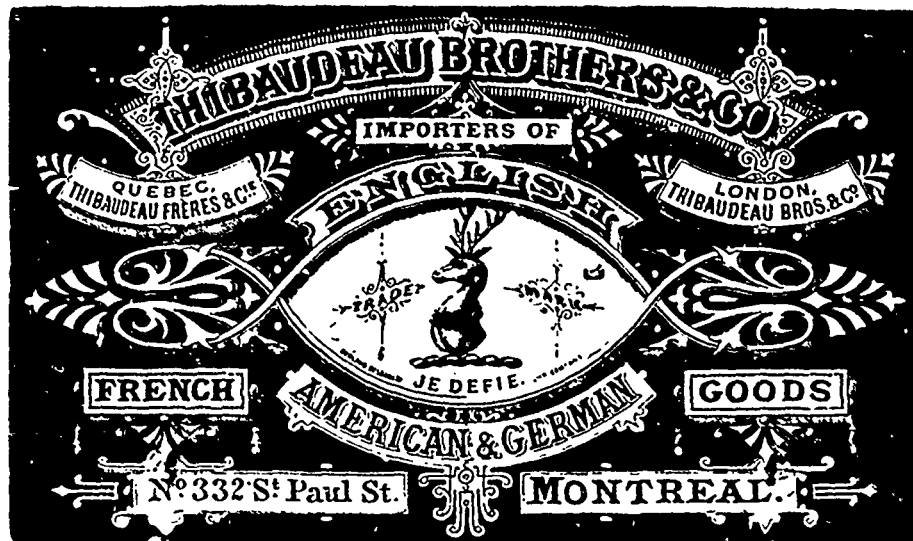
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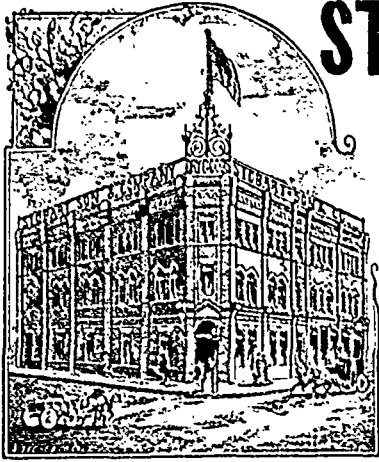
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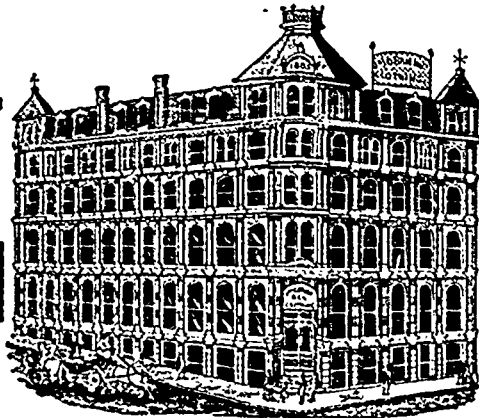
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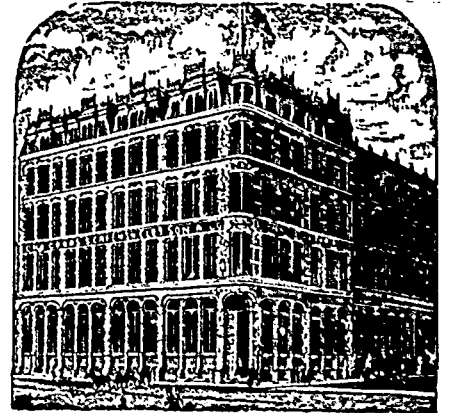
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THIS YEAR.

The year draws near its close. The mile stone will soon be passed and 1890 will be no more. Before another number of THE COMMERCIAL is issued, a new year will have been ushered in with shouts of joy and well wishes, and we will be writing it 1890.

The year now drawing to a close has been one of varied experiences for western Canada. It has been fraught with bright hopes and serious disappointments. But though in some respects the year has not given as good results as could have been desired, in other ways it has been a year of more than average advancement in the development of the country. In fact, taken altogether, western Canada has shown probably greater substantial development during 1890, than in any year since the boom times, and the prospects for the coming year are decidedly brighter than they have generally been on the first of January at any time for the past six or eight years.

Throughout the great prairie region of western Canada, the past year has been one of disappointment, when the result of the harvest is considered. Early in the spring the prospects were very favorable. The spring came in earlier than usual, and farmers were enabled to get in a large acreage under specially favorable conditions. The official returns later on showed a marked increase in the area under cultivation. But the drought of June had a blasting effect upon these bright hopes. Instead of the harvest being a heavy one, it has all around been one of the poorest gathered in recent years. Coarse grains and root crops especially suffered very severely from the drought, and in these the crop has been the poorest in many years. Wheat came through the dry spell to better advantage than other crops, and in spite of the great climatic disadvantages, some large sections of the country have had a fair crop of wheat. With all the adversities in the climatic conditions prevailing this season, the few thousand farmers of Manitoba have a considerable surplus of wheat for export, estimated to amount well up to 5,000,000 bushels.

The drought from which the prairie region of western Canada has suffered, has also extended over a vast region of country to the south of us in the United States, and in some sections has been felt even more keenly there than here. Our farmers, however, have not been discouraged. Occasional years of poor crops must be looked for in all countries, and recognizing this fact, the farmers have prepared to put in a full acreage again next season. There is every reason to believe that the area to be sown next spring will show the usual steady expansion, and that the percentage of increase in land under cultivation will be quite as large as in past years. This steady and rapid expansion year by year in the quantity of land under cultivation, is one of the best proofs of the value of the country as an agricultural region.

In other respects the farmers of the prairie region have made good advancement, as has

been shown by the results of the season. The advocates of mixed farming have been pleased to learn of the greater attention which has been given to raising stock during recent years, as shown by the exports of the past season. Train load after train load of cattle have been shipped from Manitoba this season, to eastern Canada and export markets, and the business done in this respect has been quite a revelation to many. Manitoba has now fairly entered the arena as a cattle exporting country. The number of sheep imported for local consumption has been steadily decreasing, until this year it has amounted to only a few hundred. Next year the prospects are that there will be a sufficient number of sheep to supply all home requirements without importing, and a little later we will have a surplus. The ranching interest in the western end of the territories has had several prosperous seasons, and the industry is apparently expanding, judging from exports of cattle this season.

In dairy products, poultry and general produce, the quantity marketed shows steady expansion. Heretofore a considerable quantity has been imported from the east to supply the deficiency in Manitoba markets, but this year so far the market has been nearly entirely supplied with native poultry. The quantity of cheese manufactured this season has been disappointing. Several new factories were started, but a number of the old factories were working this year on a much smaller scale. A good many of the farmers seemed dissatisfied with the results of the previous year's operations and withdrew their milk from the factories, and this is the principal reason for the light make of cheese in Manitoba factories the past summer, though the dry weather has no doubt also affected the cheese manufacturing interest adversely. Farmers who refused to patronize the factories have used their milk principally in manufacturing butter on the dairy principle, consequently the quantity of dairy butter offered this season is large. This is to be regretted, as this promiscuous mode of making and handling butter has not been found at all satisfactory, and has often proved an annoyance and loss to country merchants who undertake to handle the commodity. A number of car lots of Manitoba butter has been shipped to the Pacific coast, where it has not always been received with satisfaction, and sometimes with loss to the shipper. On the other hand, cheese has been a profitable commodity all around this year, and Manitoba creamery butter has always been welcome in British Columbia markets. If the manufacture of dairy products could be confined more largely to the factory principle, it would in the end be better for all concerned.

In point of settlement and development of the country, the past year has been a prosperous one for western Canada. The dry season has not frightened people away, but on the other hand, Manitoba and the Territories have received substantial acquisitions to their population. The returns at Winnipeg show that 22,000 immigrants have come into the country, and what is most satisfactory to note, a large portion of these people have come with the intention of following agricultural pursuits. This has been a feature of immigration for the pas-

few years, as compared with the earlier period of the decade, when people came more to speculate.

British Columbia has received a very considerable portion of the immigration to western Canada during the past year to two, and the progress made in the development of that province is very satisfactory to contemplate. The province has increased rapidly in population, and its cities have been forging ahead with giant strides. The evidences of prosperity have not been confined to one or two points, but have been distributed fairly evenly all over the country. There has been great development in the lumber industry of the Pacific province, and a number of large lumbering enterprises have been floated. The mining interest has made good progress. The first smelter has recently been completed and indications point to an era of legitimate mining development for next season such as the province has never before enjoyed. The shipping interests of the coast cities has been considerably increased, street railways, water works and other important public improvements have been undertaken in the cities, and some important local industries have been established. The fishery interest has made good progress. This has been a regular "boom" year for the salmon canners of British Columbia. The run of fish has been remarkably large, and the pack in proportion. New canneries are being established, and other schemes are on foot to utilize the great fishery wealth of the adjacent waters. The difficulty with the United States concerning sealing in Behring Sea, is the only drawback at present visible, and this is a very serious one, in view of the importance of the sealing industry to the province. Among the greatest requirements of British Columbia are railways to aid in developing the interior. There are also some fine navigable water stretches in the interior, which could be connected and improved, to great advantage. There is a fair prospect that some of these will be undertaken during the next year.

In Manitoba the year now closing has been a most gratifying one in the matter of railway construction. The activity in railway construction in the province has to a large extent neutralized the injurious influences of the poor crop. This activity, coming as it did in a short crop year, is a special cause for satisfaction. During the year Manitoba has fully entered upon the second era in the railway history of the country. The country, relieved from railway monopoly, has felt the influences of new life throughout the length and breadth of the land, and the results already attained are sufficient to show that the long struggle against railway monopoly has not been in vain. The year 1890 has been one of renewed activity in railway building, such has not been experienced since the great "boom" year of 1882, when the Canadian Pacific company was pushing its lines through the country. During the year construction has been going on on no less than seven railway lines in Manitoba, and two in the territories, not including the Red river line of the Northern Pacific and Manitoba company, which was opened in the fall of 1888, though the road was not put in good shape until the present year. During the year the

Northern Pacific and Manitoba company has completed and opened fifty miles of railway connecting Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie, and the same company has built 145 miles of railway through the centre of the province, from Morris to Brandon. Fifty miles of the Northwest Central, running in a northwesterly direction from Brandon, has been completed this year. The Canadian Pacific railway has also done considerable work in Manitoba. A short extension of the Northwestern line has been made, which takes that road into the village of Carman, the centre of a fine agricultural district. The Souris branch of the Canadian Pacific railway, which has been promised for a number of years, has been actually put under construction this year, under the stimulus of railway competition. About fifty miles of this branch has been graded, and about half this distance has been ironed. Construction has been commenced on two roads running in a southeasterly direction from Winnipeg, and a section of each graded. These roads are known respectively as the Winnipeg Southeastern and the Manitoba Southeastern. In the territories, work was done on a twenty mile extension of the Manitoba Northwestern, westward from Salcoats. Active construction was also commenced on a road running in a northerly direction from Regina, and pushed with such vigor, that though it was late in the season before the work was undertaken, 120 miles of road has been completed. This road, which is known as the Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan railway, is intended to open up the great north Saskatchewan country, and is destined to form a very important portion of the railway mileage of western Canada. In addition to these railways already mentioned, the construction of a road in a southwesterly direction from the town of Port Arthur on Lake Superior, was commenced this season. The people in that locality have been working for years to secure this road, and they are now about to succeed. The road is intended to develop the rich mineral country through which it will pass, and in time may become a section of a great trunk line to the west.

The different railways enumerated here make a gratifying showing for western Canada. All the southern half of Manitoba, which includes the settled portion of the province, with the exception of a small corner in the extreme south-west, and another corner in the south-east, is now within six to twelve miles of a railway. This is a wonderful showing, when it is remembered that the country west of the Red river was not invaded by the iron horse until the present decade. The two corners mentioned now not so well supplied with railway facilities, will not be long in their present condition. Two roads are heading through the south-eastern section, and one through the south-western district, with probably another to follow next year.

Though the record for 1899 has been a brilliant one in railway construction, yet it bids fair to be eclipsed by the work likely to be done next year. At the present time an unusually large number of men are in the woods getting out ties for next year's work. A new through line between Winnipeg and Duluth is likely to be one of the results of next year, as the com-

pletion of the Duluth & Winnipeg is promised for 1900. The Northern Pacific company is also building a cut-off, which will materially shorten its line between Winnipeg and Duluth. In the Province the Northern Pacific and Manitoba company has already announced a vigorous policy for next season, and in all probability at least two new lines will be built by this company. The Souris branch of the Canadian Pacific railway will be continued through south western Manitoba, and extensions are expected on some of the other branches of the company. The Northwest Central company also promise a vigorous extension of their line next year. In the territories west of Manitoba, the Manitoba Northwestern will not doubt continue its line westward. The Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan railway is to be pushed forward to reach Prince Albert by next fall, thus opening up that important district to railway connection with the outside world. There is also some probability of an extension of the Galt road from Lethbridge into Montana. A number of other railway schemes are developing, but they are not sufficiently advanced to speak of with authority. The projects, however, which may be counted upon with certainty, are alone sufficient to make a good record for next year. In all this nothing has been said about the Hudson's Bay railway, which road there seems good reason to believe, may be put in shape soon for a resumption of construction.

In some other respects the country has made good advancement during the year. The construction of new railways has led to the building up of a number of new towns, some with promising futures before them. A large number of grain elevators have also been established throughout Manitoba, both on new and old lines of railway. On the new Northern Pacific lines alone a dozen or more elevators have been built this year. Three or four roller flour mills have also been erected at country points in the province. In a short crop year this is particularly gratifying, as showing that it has not in any way injured expectations for the future. With good crop prospects next year there will be a regular boom in elevator building in Manitoba. In the city of Winnipeg a fair amount of building has been done during the past year in the line of private residences, but very little in the erection of new business blocks. The construction of an elegant hotel has been commenced, to be completed next season, which will be one of the finest buildings in Canada. A handsome depot building and covered train shed for the Northern Pacific and Manitoba railway company is nearly completed. The same company has also erected extensive machine shops, round house, foundry, etc., in the city. Several good business blocks are already promised for next year. In this connection it may be stated that there is a fine opening in Winnipeg for the erection of a good opera house in a desirable locality. Great expectations for the future are being based on the utilizing of the water power on the Assiniboine river within the city limits.

The labor market during the year has been active, and for those willing to work as laborers, there has been no lack of employment at any time since spring opened. On the other

hand there has been a difficulty in procuring men as fast as required. Since the bulk of the railway work has been closed down, there has been a great call for men and teams for the woods, and the demand right up to the present time has been in excess of the supply. There are a larger number of men employed in the woods in Manitoba this winter, taking out saw logs, cordwood, railway ties, bridge timber, etc., than perhaps ever before in the history of the country.

Financially, the short crop has rendered the distribution of money uneven, and in districts where the crops suffered most severely from the drought, and where the people have been depending almost entirely upon grain, there is a scarcity of money. Commercial collections have therefore not been as good this fall as could have been desired. Country merchants in some districts have given a great deal of credit and are unable to collect their accounts. This renders the financial situation rather close, and is one of the most unpleasant features of the year. Municipal finances it may be said are in better shape. The baneful results of the reckless management of municipal finances during the period of inflation known as the "boom," have about disappeared, and in recent years there has been a marked disposition to exercise caution in the management of public affairs.

EARLY CLOSING.

It is noticed through the medium of our exchanges, that the merchants in two or three Manitoba towns have recently mutually agreed to close their stores at a fixed hour in the evening, the time decided upon being usually considerably earlier than the usual hour for closing. This is a movement which should be encouraged, and which it is hoped will gain strength throughout the country. The early closing movement has made considerable progress in this country during the past year. It has been tried in a large number of Manitoba towns, and has given good results to all concerned; but unfortunately some incident frequently occurs to bring back the old order of things. As a rule where one or two dealers keep open their places of business up to a late hour in the evening, the others will do likewise, though they would prefer to close at an earlier hour. In Winnipeg an early closing agreement was in force for a time last summer, and it gave general satisfaction to merchants and their employes, while it did not appear to work any inconvenience to the public at large. The agreement was allowed to lapse in the fall, and now the stores keep open all hours again. Since the lapse in the early closing movement in the city several of the principal merchants have expressed their regrets that the system was allowed to fall through, as it was in every way preferable to the style of keeping open all hours. The public very soon became used to making purchases earlier in the day, and there were few complaints on this score. After the early closing arrangement fell through, there was very little business done by keeping open late, as the public had become educated to purchasing earlier. This shows that it would be no inconvenience to the public and no injury to business to have all stores closed sharply at an early hour in the evening.

It is to be hoped that during the coming year, the early closing system will make still more gratifying progress in this country. The recognized hours of work in stores should be as firmly established as in mechanical pursuits, and indeed we would be pleased to see such places of business closed as sharply at six o'clock as is the custom in discontinuing all mechanical work at that hour. In country districts the complaint is that farmers come in in the evening to do their shopping; but there should be no greater hardship to the farmer in closing a store than in a blacksmithshop. Of course we cannot expect to have this reform in the hours of closing business places carried

out to such an extent as this all at once. If steady progress is made in this direction, however, there will be reason for satisfaction. Justice to employes in stores demands that the practice of keeping such places of business open all hours, should cease. Merchants have no right to expect that their employes should spend their entire time in their service, from the time they rise in the morning until time to retire at night. Young people require a few hours every day for recreation, and from six o'clock in the evening to the hour of retiring, is little enough time to have to themselves, and partake of their evening meal. Clerks in stores who are married, should be allowed this time to spend with their families.

From the standpoint of the interest of the merchant, the early closing system should also be preferable. The merchant cannot expect good results from a clerk who is never allowed a moment to himself, and who, with the exception of the time which he has to sleep and swallow his meals, is always in the store. Worked to this extent, as most shop assistants in this country are, they cannot be in very good condition to wait upon and gratify the whims and caprices of customers. Besides, the clerk who is not allowed any time during the evening to himself, is liable to steal a few hours from the night, when he should be resting, and is thus incapacitated from properly attending to his duties during the day.

The merchant himself requires a portion of the day as a relief from business cares, and the evening is the natural time for such repose of mind and body from the worries and cares of ordinary business pursuits. To at all enjoy life, as well as to maintain a sound mind in a sound body, the business man should forget all his business anxieties when he turns the key in his door, and this should be done early enough in the day to allow him a few hours' rest, recreation and enjoyment before a reasonable hour for retiring comes around. The time between six o'clock and the hour of retiring, is short enough to include the evening meal and devote to rest from business cares. If business were to suffer from the early closing of stores, there might be some excuse, but such is not the case. On the other hand the advantages are all in favor of early closing. In the city, for instance, the extra gas bill alone on account of keeping open late, will in the larger stores, amount to a sum sufficient to pay the wages of an additional clerk. This may be considered all a dead loss, for were the custom of closing at six strictly followed, there would be just as much business as is now done by keeping open until ten. A vast amount of worry and annoyance, and an unnecessary wear and tear of body and mind would also be saved to the merchant and his assistants, by closing at a reasonable hour, which would add greatly to their enjoyment of life and fit them to do business during legitimate hours in a more pleasant and satisfactory manner than it can be done under the existing system.

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WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

Wholesale trade has experienced the usual features of holiday week, and there has been a general state of dullness all around, and without features of importance. Some wholesalers have commenced taking stock to put in the quiet season. There have been no new features in prices.

FISH AND OYSTERS.

The market is more largely stocked with varieties of fresh fish. Quotations are oysters: \$2.25 per gallon for standards and \$2.50 for selects, for good stock. Cans are quoted at 65c for standard, 40c for selects, and 45c for extras. Finnen haddies are offering at 10c per pound. Yarmouth bloaters, smoked, per box of 100 fish, \$2.25. Fresh smelts, 12c per pound. Fresh lake fish are quoted: Whitefish, 6c; pickerel, 2½ to 3c; jackfish, 2c per pound.

FUEL.

The tendency in fuel is easier, the mild weather and plentiful supplies having the effect of lowering prices for wood. Mixed tamarac wood has sold on the market as low as \$4.50 per cord, but this is not for a good quality. Tamarac is generally held at \$5 per cord, with some quoted at \$5.50 for clear; poplar, \$3 to \$3.50 per cord; Minnesota oak and maple, \$6 to \$7 per cord. These prices for single loads delivered in the city. Soft coal is quoted at \$7 to \$8 per ton as to quality and hard coal at \$9.25 to \$9.50, per ton delivered by the load. The lower prices for fuel, as compared with last year, are due to mild weather and railway competition, prices being about \$1 lower all around.

GREEN FRUITS AND NUTS.

Prices hold steady and about the same varieties are in the market. Quotations are as follows. Lemons, Messinas, 300 count, \$6.50; 360 count, \$7 per box, do, Malaga, \$6.50 per box; Jamaica oranges, \$6.00, box, Florida oranges, \$5.50 to \$6.00; southern apples, \$4.00 to \$4.25, choice eastern Canada apples, \$4.50 per barrel; California pears, \$4.00 per box; Concord grapes, 85c per basket of 8 to 9 lbs.; Almeria grapes, \$8 to \$8.50 per keg; choice Cape Cod cranberries, \$10.25 to \$10.50 per barrel; Bell & Cherry cranberries, \$10.25 per barrel; Jersey cranberries, per box of one-third barrel, \$3.60; onions—Southern, \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; Spanish onions, \$1.25 crate; Cider, per gal., 35c; comb honey, in 14 lb. boxes, 25c per pound. Nuts—S. S. Taragona almonds, 20c per lb.; Grenoble walnuts, 18c; Sicilian, filberts, extra large, 16c; peanuts, white Virginia, green, 15c; roasted, 17c; cocoanuts, per hundred \$9.00.

GROCERIES.

There was a reduction of 1-16c in white sugars at eastern refineries early last week. Millett & Hamlen's New York weekly circular says: "Raws nominally unchanged. Refined declined ¼c. Only a small business has been done in refined. The arrivals of raws, although small, have been more than the requirements for melting, and stocks are slightly increased. The decline in refined followed the decline in raws and hence has no special significance, although the new Spreckels refinery placed a few hundred barrels of their first production on the market and promise a larger supply during the coming week. Total stock in all the principal countries is 631,916 tons, against 565,947 tons at same time last year." Prices here are as follows:

Sugars, yellow, 6½ to 7½c, as to quality; granulated, 8½c; lumps, 10c. Coffee—Rios, from 22 to 25c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 69c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 47½c; Honey-suckle, 75, 55c; Brier, 75, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunetto Solace, 12s, 45c. McAlpine Tobacco Co's plug tobacco: Old Crow, 47c; Woodcock, 52c; Beaver, 63c; Jubilee, 60c; Anchor, 59c; cut tobacco: Silver Ash, 65c; Cut Cavendish, 70c; Senator 80c; Standard Kentucky, light, 85c; do dark, 80c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1000. Lion "L" brand mixed pickles, in kegs, are quoted: Three gallons, \$2.50; do. five gallons, \$3.50; do. 10 gallon kegs, \$6.50.

HARDWARE.

Advices from outside are all strong on hardware. The Toronto *Empire* says: "The hardware merchants of Toronto, and some of Hamilton, have fixed a scale of prices in some lines of shelf goods, and these changes go into effect this week. The lines covered are coil chain, glass, hinges, wire nails, fence wire, and some oil or lines of heavy shelf goods. The iron and steel market has not by any means been easier, and full prices are being obtained for stocks on hand. Hoop and band iron have now reached 3c per lb, and no concessions are being made. Galvanized iron is particularly buoyant in the British markets, there being no marketable grades under £20 per ton, 25 gauge, which means 5½c laid down here. Recent advices from England regarding tin plates report both charcoal and cokes firm, with the exception of 14x20 cokes, which were slightly sluggish, but revived a little under the placing of a few orders in the hands of makers. In Canada plates figures are nominal as there is little if any demand at the moment, but the article is selling in this market now at prices below the cost of importation, and the impression appears to prevail that the figure may reach \$4 to consumers before the summer business sets in. Coil chain, and in fact chains of all descriptions, have increased in price this week, and the advance appears to be general, including Hamilton and Montreal. Copper has been more or less excited during the week, and ingot is now firm at 15c, with the usual advance on sheet. Makers and jobbers have advanced copper pits to 26c for plain and 30c for spun and 30c for planished copper." Prices here are as follows. Cut nails, 10d, and upwards, \$3.40; I. C. tin plates, \$6 to \$6.50 as to grade; I. C. tin plates double, \$11.50 to \$12.00; Canada plates, \$4.15 to \$4.25; sheet iron, \$4.00 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, net pieces. 1 inch, 10½c; 1½ inch, 13½c; 2 inch, 17c; 2 inch, 26c per foot; ingot zinc, 32c per lb.; bar tin, 33c per pound; sheet zinc, 8c per lb.; galvanized iron, 25 gauge, \$4 to 9c lb; bar iron, \$3.60 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½ to 6¾; per lb.; tarred felt \$2.40 to \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6½c nett.

HIDES.

There is very little doing in hides. Stocks are pretty well in, and receipts are expected to be light until toward spring. Prices still hold up here, notwithstanding the low prices east. Frozen hides are taken at 3 to 4c per pound, and heavy city butchers' up to 5c per pound. Cured hides have been offered at under 5c per pound in Toronto, and buyers

were bidding 4½c. Green are expected to go another ¼c lower in that market, which will bring No. 1 inspected down to 4c. By grade prices here are quoted as follows: Hides, Winnipeg inspected No. 1, 3½ to 4c; No. 2, 2½ to 3c; No. 3, 2 to 2½c per lb. Calf skins are quoted at 5c. for No. 1 and 4c. for No. 2 and kip are taken at 4 to 5c per pound. Sheep and lambskins are worth about 50 to 65c each for fresh killed skins. Tallow quoted: Rough, 2½ to 3c. rendered 4½ to 5c.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

"Glass continues strong. The Montreal *Trade Bulletin* says: The strong tone to the glass market noted in our last has been well maintained, and a further advance of 10c to 25c per box has taken place owing to the strong advices from abroad: The demand on spot continues good, and a fairly active business is transacted at the advance. The indications are that prices will be maintained, as stocks on spot are not large, but holders do not look for any further rise for some time. We quote first break at \$1.60, and second do at \$1.85." Prices here are as follows:—Turpentine in barrels, inscribed gages, 85c per gallon; turpentine, in barrels, guaranteed measurement, or in 5 gallon cans, 90c gallon; linseed oil in barrels, raw 72c; boiled 75c; benzine and gasoline, 50c; pure oxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar \$6 a barrel; Portland cement, \$4.75 a barrel; Michigan plaster, \$3.40 a barrel, putty, in bladders, 3½c a pound, bulk in barrels, 3c; whiting in barrels \$1.50 a cwt; Crown pure white lead, \$7.50; Royal Charter, \$7.00; Railroad, \$6.50; Alabastine, \$7.50 per case of 20 packages. Window Glass, first break, \$2.20 to 2.25.

GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT

The week has been one of inactivity in leading continental wheat markets, and prices have again averaged lower at Chicago, Duluth, Minneapolis and other important points.

The visible supply figures on Monday last showed an increase of 330,873 bushels. The total visible supply is now 34,275,178 bushels, against 38,035,894 last year, 44,247,626 bushels two years ago, and 62,261,330 bushels three years ago.

Total receipt of spring wheat at leading points in the United States since the commencement of the crop year have been 62,305,000 bushels, against 41,842,000 bushels to the same date a year ago. Receipts of winter wheat on this crop have amounted to 23,335,000 bushels against 26,112,000 bushels a year ago. The grand total of winter and spring wheat received on this crop is \$5,640,000 bushels, against 68,954,000 bushels received up to the same date last year. Exports of wheat and flour for the week ended Saturday, Dec. 21, footed up to 1,933,400 bushels. Receipts of wheat at Minneapolis and Duluth have continued to slowly decrease, Minneapolis getting between 200 and 300 cars per day and Duluth only a few cars, on some days only about half a dozen cars.

The local situation in Manitoba has been rather interesting of late, owing to the keen competition among local milling firms to secure the grain mowing. Concerning this competi-

tion some very absurd reports about corners big deals, etc., have been circulated at home and telegraphed abroad. The facts are simply such as have been stated in THE COMMERCIAL reports for the past few weeks. The early decrease in deliveries alarmed the millers, who were short of supplies, and they commenced buying actively, leading to a competition which has caused advances in prices beyond all proportion to wheat values in outside markets. Millers who had buyers at country points, have advanced prices to farmers away up, and they have also been picking up all the wheat in car lots and lots held by grain men, at fabulous prices as compared with values elsewhere. There have been no enormous deals in wheat, such as have been reported in the city daily papers, for the very good reason that there were no large stocks of wheat held in the country, to make such deals possible. At the outside not over one million bushels of wheat was held in store here, and of this a large portion was held by millers, purchased by them from farmers and in car lots, so that all the talk has been over a few hundred thousand bushels of wheat. Nevertheless, the fact remains, that nearly all this crop of wheat has passed into the hands of millers as far as marketed. There is some Manitoba wheat held east of the lakes by dealers, and dealers throughout the country are holding small quantities here and there, but the total outside of the hands of millers will not amount to much. Deliveries have fallen off to such an extent that there is practically nothing doing, so that though high prices are being paid, the quantity of wheat bought at these figures does not amount to much in the aggregate. Prices paid to dealers for lots held in store have not transpired, but they are believed to be equal to at least 76c per bushel for No. 1 hard at point of shipment in Manitoba. Prices paid farmers, at country points, by sample were up to as high as 90c at some Manitoba markets last week. Wheat prices at Canadian Pacific railway points on Friday were as follows: Grenfell, 78c; Dominion City, Holland, Glenboro, Morris, Greta, Griswold, Oak Lake, Virden, Moosejaw, Kenmay, 70c; Thornhill, 72c; Stonewall, 73c; Manitou, LaRiviere, Pilot Mound, Holmfild, Killarney, Boissevain, Deloraine, Portage la Prairie, Carberry, Alexander, Moosomin, 75c; Macgregor, 90c. These prices of course are out of all proportion to values elsewhere. These quotations would be equal to 77c on track at country points in Manitoba, on an average, which is within a cent or two per bushel of the value of No. 1 hard at Minneapolis and Duluth, which makes values here, on a basis of freight rates, relatively from 12 to 15c per bushel above prices at Duluth. How the millers expect to get even on this deal is the question, as they will have to compete with Minneapolis millers in eastern markets. It is said, however, that they are counting a good deal on the expected advance in the duty on flour, to let them out.

FLOUR.

There have been no further changes in flour, but prices are strong. The high prices paid for wheat recently, owing to keen competition among millers for the grain, has a strong effect upon the flour market, and higher prices are being talked of. Any changes will be in the direction of advances. Advices from eastern markets state that higher prices are being obtained for Manitoba grades, but other flours have not advanced in proportion. Prices are delivered in the city, or free on board cars

in broken lots as follows per 100 pounds to the local trade: Patents, \$2.60; strong bakers, \$2.40; second bakers, \$1.75 to \$1.85; XXXX, \$1.35; superfine, \$1.15; Graham flour, \$2.40; middlings, \$2.60 per 100 pounds.

MILLSTUFFS AND FEED.

Prices are unchanged at last quotations: Bran and shorts are now held at \$14 per ton. Ground feed is unchanged at \$26 per ton, at which price imported ground corn and oats is offering.

MEALS, POT BARLEY, ETC.

Prices are steady at last quotations, and are as follows. Standard, \$2.40; granulated, \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; rolled oats, \$2.49 per sack of 80 lbs. Cornmeal is held at \$1.65 per 100 lbs.; pot barley, \$2.75, and pearl barley, \$3.25 per 100 lbs.

OATS

The few loads offered on the market brought about 40c. Lots delivered in the city to dealers, still sell at 45c per bushel, or in small retail quantities at 50c per bushel.

BUTTER.

The general opinion seems to be that the quantity of butter held by country dealers is larger than usual this year. The feeling is generally quiet, and it is difficult to dispose of quantities. It is now too late in the season for buyers to be anxious to take consignments. Some large shipments have been made from country points to the Pacific coast recently, but prospects for Manitoba dairy in that direction are usually not very good at this time of year. It is too late in the season to expect a ready sale for ordinary dairy in Pacific coast markets. Local dealers seem to be more cautious than usual in handling butter, as their transactions in this article in the past have not always been satisfactory. Country dealers who are holding stocks therefore find the article slow sale, especially as they paid too high prices to farmers for a good deal of the stuff. The result will depend a good deal upon the winter. With an early spring, bringing in fresh butter earlier than usual, there is likely to be a considerable quantity of butter carried over, which will have to be disposed of at pretty low prices. Prices here for such lots as are selling here from 14 to 18c as to quality, for medium to choice dairy.

CHEESE.

Unchanged at about 12 to 13c in jobbing lots.

EGGS.

Lined are still offered at as low as 20c in some instances, though dealers are mostly quoting 21 to 22c per dozen.

CURED MEATS.

Easy in tone at last week's quotations. Prices are as follows: Dry salt, 8½ to 9c; spiced rolls, 11c to 11½c; breakfast bacon, 13; hams, 13 to 13½c per pound; bologna sausage, 7c per pound; fresh pork sausage, 8c per pound; pickled pigs feet, \$1.50 per kit of about 20 lbs.; dried beef, 12½c per lb.

LARD.

Lard is unchanged and is still held in 20 lbs pails at \$2 per pail. Three pound tins 40c each.

DRESSED MEATS.

The Christmas trade in dressed meats has been rather disappointing, the week having been a rather quiet one, and butchers are looking for a quiet time for some time to come. Householders, instead of buying from butchers, are largely taking their supplies from farmers on the market. In the winter season, with no danger of meats spoiling, the citizens can go on the market and buy a quarter of beef, poultry, pork, etc., from farmers, and make a considerable saving over butchers' prices. This has a depressing effect upon the trade. Farmers heef soils at 5 to 6c for hind and 2½ to 4c for four quarters, as to quality. Farmers sides, 4 to 5c per pound as to quality on the market. About 5c per pound by the carcass is the quotation

for ordinary beef, city dressed, with choice and western ranch beef held at 6c. About 7c per pound was the highest price paid for fancy Christmas beef. Very little business will be done in a wholesale way in beef until toward spring, as butchers have laid in stocks to carry them over the winter. Stocks held by butchers, however, are not large, as a rather slow trade is looked for this winter, and the mild weather is taken as an indication of an early spring, in which case butchers would not care to have much frozen meat on hand. There is a considerable diversity of opinion as to how prices may go toward spring, some claiming that there is likely to be a great scarcity of choice beef, as they say few beef cattle are being fed for spring, and that the large shipments of cattle east this fall has cleaned out good stock. Others, buyers it may be noted, take no stock in these predictions, and claim there will be abundance of good beef in the spring. Pork is unchanged. Good dressed hogs, suitable for packing, brought up to 6c per pound, with poor running down to 5½c. At the close of the week the feeling was easier, and the disposition is not to pay over 5½c per pound. Receipts have been fair, and better quality than a few weeks ago. Stocks of mutton are said to be light, but unchanged at 8c per pound. Lamb 9c for choice, veal 5 to 6c.

DRESSED POULTRY.

The stock of poultry has not been large, importations this year being very light, and the supply has mostly been local. Chickens bring 8c, but up to 9c per pound has been paid for choice. Turkeys are quoted at 12c to 13c, and very choice lots have sold as high as 14c per pound. Ducks and geese are worth 11c to 12c per pound.

VEGETABLES.

Vegetables are unchanged at last week's quotations. Potatoes are still selling at 70c per bushel to the trade, from store. Quotations are as follows: Carrots \$1.20; parsnips \$1.50 per bushel, beets, \$1.20 per bushel, turnips 50c per bushel, onions \$1.50 per bushel, cabbage \$2.50 per hundred pounds; celery 40c to 60c per dozen; Spanish onions, \$1.20 per crate; southern red, do, \$2.50 per 100 pounds.

HAY.

The supply of loose hay on the market has been liberal, and a great deal of pressed is offering for shipment by rail. On the market about \$9 per ton is the usual price. The reports circulated that there was likely to be a shortage, is not entertained by those in a position to judge. Everything points to an abundance of hay for all requirements. The very mild weather has rendered the consumption of hay very much less than it otherwise would have been. Farmers are said to be feeding straw a great deal this winter, and as the weather has not been at all severe, cattle have done very well on this fodder. A party who has been travelling a great deal through the country, was heard to remark the other day, that a large number of farmers had not yet touched their hay stacks, as they had been feeding straw through the mild weather.

The Northern Pacific and Manitoba.

General Manager Graham, of the N. P. & M. Railway company, who has just returned from St. Paul, where the policy of the company for the coming year was discussed, gave a Sun reporter an outline of what it is proposed to do. A vigorous policy will be pursued, especially in regard to construction. The company have got an interest in the province, and they not only intend to hold it, but to increase it very largely. The company has decided to build the Souris branch, and a prospecting survey party will be started out next week. The line is to run from a point on the Morris-Brandon branch about midway between the C. P. R. main line and the Southwestern. It is to be built to the

boundary of the province—about eighty or ninety miles—and then into Alberta about 120 miles, until the coal fields are reached. The company expects to be the means of developing these mines and making coal very much cheaper than it is at present. The company will apply to the Dominion Parliament at the coming session for a land grant in the Territories, and a vigorous push will be made to get it. There is a feeling that if the company had a land grant in the Northwest it would be a great incentive to induce it to send a portion of its immigration to this country. *Winnipeg Sun*,

Higher Rubber Prices.

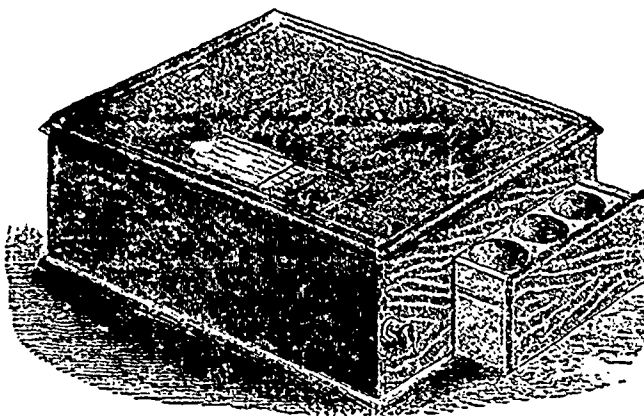
A prominent member of the rubber trade in Rhode Island states as to the effect upon the rubber business in the United States of the "granting of special privileges to the Mercantile Companhia of Brazil by the provincial government of Para," that it would raise the price. The reported reduction of 1 per cent. in the export duty allowed this company, the latter agreeing to hold the price "at 78c or higher," with rubber nominally at 65c, "means a loss to our manufacturers of \$9,600 a week," which points to an advance in prices of manufactured goods. — *Bradstreets*.

A later telegram says: "The Government of Para, Brazil, has established in its own interest a monopoly of the india rubber trade. This action has aroused emphatic protests from many export houses, chiefly American and French, doing a business of three hundred million francs annually.

THE *Vancouver News* has the following to say of the suspension of Leamy & Kyle, lumbermen, of that place, whose failure is noted in another column of this issue: "A meeting of the creditors of Leamy & Kyle, of the Commercial Mills, was held at the office of the firm yesterday afternoon. There was a large attendance and Mr. Creighton was voted to the chair. The firm submitted a statement of its affairs, which showed a surplus of assets over liabilities of nearly \$100,000. A discussion took place as to the best method of arranging the matter, and ultimately the proposal of Leamy & Kyle for an extension of credit, giving the firm 3, 6, 9 and 12 months in which to discharge its liabilities by four equal instalments, was unanimously agreed to. A. St. G. Hamersley and E. S. Scoullar were appointed a supervising committee and the meeting then adjourned. Satisfaction was generally expressed at the result arrived at and it is hoped that the firm will enjoy a season of prosperity in the continuance of its business."

A STORMY meeting of the Chicago board of trade has been held to protest against the recent advance in storage agreed upon by the elevator men. W. T. Baker castigated the elevator men for the advance, suggesting that they be prosecuted by the warehouse commissioners for various alleged violations of the law, such as giving rebates, mixing grain, etc. He also proposed that the Governor call an extra session of the Legislature to fix maximum rates for storage. He then offered a resolution that the directors be instructed to declare irregular all elevators which had agreed to advance.

A TELEGRAM from New Westminster, B. C., dated Dec. 27th says: Early this morning fire broke out in the wooden building occupied by the Columbia Printing company, Lyl & Co.,



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stationers, and Wolfenden Bros., grocers. The flames spread rapidly, and the entire building, together with the contents and James Cunningham's tin shop and stove dept., were totally destroyed. The principal losses are: Wolfenden Bros., \$18,000, insurance \$12,000; Lyl & Co., \$15,000, insurance \$4,000; Columbian Printing Co., \$18,000, insurance \$6,000; James Cunningham, \$9,000, insurance \$3,000; Ogle, Campbell & Co., \$4,000, fully insured. The strenuous efforts of the fireman, together with assistance from one steamer at the wharves and the heavy snow storm, prevented the spread of the fire to the adjoining buildings.

CALGARY *Tribune* People coming into Calgary from both east and west are surprised to find no snow, and such lovely, bright weather. Indeed, the fine weather of this fall has been remarkable even for Calgary. The cattle never were in as fine condition going into the winter, even putting on flesh during the whole of December. Very little hay has been used so far, even by the farmers, and everybody seems highly pleased with the prospects for the winter months. Early in the season everybody was prophesying a very hard winter, but so far we have Christmas with scarcely a cold day, and certainly without an unpleasant one.

VANCOUVER *News*: The smelter and lands in connection, about thirty-one acres, at Vancouver, B. C., was sold last week under a mortgage to the Bank of British Columbia. Bidding started at \$35,000 and concluded at \$39,500, the last bid made by Thos. Dunn, hardware dealer, of Vancouver. It is generally conceded to be a good bargain. A representative of this paper was informed by Mr. Dunn that it was not his intention to run the smelter himself, but that in all probability a company would be formed for this purpose. It would, however, be operated in the spring.

THE *Medicine Hat Times* says: H. S. Scatterd, has again taken his place among the busy business men of the place. He has taken over Mrs. Botterill's hardware business and will stock up extensively at once. His former popularity in the general store business here, when in partnership with W. Cousins, ought to ensure equal success now that he is going it alone.

THE Port Arthur, Duluth & Western railway is now completed to Kakabeka junction, at the crossing of the Kaministiquia river, and a branch road is being surveyed to Kakabeka falls, the site of the future town and water power.

THE seventeenth annual meeting of the Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada convened at Toronto last week. A. A. Allen,

of Toronto, president, in the chair. The directors' report shows a surplus fund of \$171,972. The meeting will be asked to pass upon the proposition to open an agency of the association in British Columbia.

DELORAIN *Times*: It is not often that as big a pack of beaver is brought into Deloraine as was the case last Thursday, when T. Ewen, of Alameda, brought in eighteen beaver skins, besides mink, etc. Mr. Ewen made a sale of the fur to P. McConnell.

THE annual meeting of the Winnipeg grain exchange takes place on January 8. The council held a meeting last week for the purpose of preparing a report to be submitted to the annual meeting.

COLUMBIAN, Westmins, B. C.: The Fraser river hatchery did a large business this fall in preparing for the hatching season, the quantity of ova laid in reaching the enormous figure of 9,233,000. A shipment of 500,000 eyed ova was sent to Naaaimo about a week ago, and will be hatched out within a month. In the Cowichan river next week there will be set free 500,000 more; this is likely all the eyed ova that will be sent away from the hatchery this season. Had these two consignments been kept in stock the Fraser river hatchery would have been seriously overcrowded. The output in the Fraser this season amounted to 4,419,500 ova.

WORK on the foundation of the new reduction works at Rat Portage was commenced last week. The cost, including the machinery which is now on the way from Chicago, will be between \$50,000 and \$60,000. The site is at the east end of the first bridge from Rat Portage. The town voted a bonus of \$10,000 toward the enterprise, and \$16,000 has been taken in stock by private citizens at 50c on the dollar.

It is reported that Charles Bremner, of Brexaylor, the half-breed who was despoiled of a large amount of valuable furs during the Northwest rebellion, is about to bring action in the courts against General Middleton, Warden Belson and Mr. Hayter Reed, to recover the value of his property. He has been advised to adopt this course as the Government have refused to settle his claim.

HARRY FRICK, baker, Vancouver, B. C., has made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors.

THE Cosmopolitan hotel and restaurant, Vancouver, has been opened under new management. Haywood & Abrey are the new proprietors.

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Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

On Monday, December 23rd, December wheat opened at 78½c, May at 83½c, and July at 82c. These prices were about the same as Saturdays' closing figures, and were the highest of the day. The tendency being downward, December declined to 78½c May to 82½c, and July to 81½c, the latter month closing at 81½c. Other options also closed a little above the lowest quotations. There was considerable talk about the proposed advance in elevator rates. It was reported that the elevator companies had arrived at an understanding for an advance in the storage rates from ½c for the first ten days to 1 or 1½c and from ½c for each subsequent ten days to ¾c or ¾c. If the change is made there will be strong opposition from grain men. Closing prices for futures were:

	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	May.
Wheat	78½	78½	—	83
Corn	32½	31	30½	32½
Oats	20½	20½	—	22½
Pork	—	9.17½	9.30	9.62½
Lard	5.85	5.87½	5.93	6.05
Short Ribs	—	4.70	4.72½	4.92½

Wheat was quiet at Chicago on Thursday, and the closing easier. Closing prices for futures were:—

	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	May.
Wheat	77½	77½	—	82½
Corn	31½	30½	30	31½
Oats	20	20½	—	22½
Pork	—	9.05	9.15	9.45
Lard	—	5.82½	5.85	6.00
Short Ribs	—	4.65	4.67½	4.85

Wheat was slow on Friday and had a weak tendency, under heavy selling. Provisions sold at lower prices. Closing prices for futures were:

	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	May.
Wheat	77	77½	—	82½
Corn	31½	30	29	31½
Oats	20	20½	21½	22
Pork	—	9.02½	9.12½	9.42½
Lard	—	5.77½	5.82½	5.97½
Short Ribs	—	4.60	4.62½	4.80

Duluth Wheat Market.

Wheat was dull and weak on Friday, Dec. 27th, with prices averaging lower. Closing quotations were: Cash No. 1 hard, 78½c; No. 1 Northern 75½c; No 2 Northern 71c. May delivery No. 1 hard, 84½c.

Minneapolis Markets.

Following were the closing quotations for wheat on Friday, Dec. 27:

	Dec.	Jan.	May.	On track
No 1 hard	70½	70½	88½	80
No. 1 northern	70½	70½	80½	78
No 2 "	73	73	78	73-76½

Flour—Prices were quoted as follows on Thursday, by the Minneapolis Market Record:—

Patents, sacks, to local dealers	\$1 75 to \$1 80
Patents, to ship, sacks, car lots	4 15 to 4 50
In barrels	4 30 to 4 70
Delivered at New England points	5 15 to 5 40
New York points	5 05 to 5 30
Delivered at Philadelphia and Baltimore ..	5 00 to 5 25
Bakers here	3 00 to 3 60
Superfine	1 70 to 2 25
Red dog, sacks	1 10 to 1 25
Red dog, barrels	1 35 to 1 50

Bran and shorts—Millers were inclined to ask a shade higher for bran and \$6 seemed to be the lowest for coarse, though some fine was hardly quotable above \$5.75 and extra coarse at \$6.25. Shorts steady at \$7 to \$7.75 for coarse and fine.

Oats—Common lots slow to sell at the quotations from 19 to 21c while nice white meeting feeders' views as to quality went fairly at 21 to 21½c.

Montreal Grain and Flour Prices.

Business was quiet in this market with no transactions of importance to note. In Manitoba wheat was strong and has gone somewhat higher, and it is said that two of the largest holders in the Northwest have been bought out by some parties there. Wheat here was in consequence strengthened, and \$1 for No. 2 hard is said to have been refused to-day. Our quotations are nominal in the absence of transactions. We quote:—No 1 hard Manitoba, \$1.02 to \$1.04; No 2 do, 99c to \$1.01; peas, 67 to 69c per 66 lbs in store; oats, 29 to 31c; corn, 50c, duty paid; barley, 45 to 50c.

The flour market to day presented few interesting features and very little business was heard of beyond some jobbing business for immediate wants. The tone continues steady, but it is only now and then that some buyers show a disposition to fill up the blanks in stock by placing a respectable order.

Patent winter ..	\$1 90 to \$3 15
Patent spring	5 00 5 10
Straight roller	4 50 4 65
Extra	4 15 4 25
Superfine	3 00 4 75
City strong bakers'	4 70 4 85
Strong bakers'	4 65 4 80
Super fine, bags	1 50 2 00
Extra, bags	2 00 2 10
Oatmeal, standard, per bag.	0 00 1 75
Oatmeal, granulated	0 00 1 85
Oatmeal, rolled	0 00 2 00

Toronto Produce Markets.

Flour—On spot local millers are getting 20c per bbl advance on Manitoba wheat flours, but outside millers, with few exceptions, have been unable to obtain any higher prices. With Ontario wheat flours at present prices and the low figures at which United States flours can be laid down, it will be very difficult for Ontario millers to get an advance. There is still a good deal of flour to be had, made and being made, from cheaper Manitoba wheat. Millers to-day offered to lay down Manitoba 90 per cents. at Quebec for \$4.60 and northern 90 per cents at \$4.40. The feeling in flour was a little firmer to-day, and \$3.80 was bid for straight roller in wood, Toronto freights. A sale of straight roller was made to day at \$3.76, Toronto freight, and it was also reported that another sale was made Saturday at \$3.90, Toronto freights.

Bran—Continues firm and in good demand. Ton lots are selling at the mills here at \$11.50 and cars on track at \$10.50 to \$11. A car of shorts sold on track at \$14.

Wheat—Was firm and in demand. No. 2 white, red and spring, sold outside at 81c, and on track it was wanted at 85 to 86c. No quotations were reported for Manitoba wheat on spot, though there was some enquiry. Buyers on spot were willing to pay 86c for any No. 2 white or red offered. No. 1 hard nominal at \$1.05 asked and \$1 bid. No. 2 hard sold at 97c.

Oats—Easier, and not so much business doing. Mixed sold at 30 to 31c on track, and white on the C. P. R. west at 27c.

Butter—The supply fairly large. Good dairy tubs were in demand at 17 to 18c. Large rolls were plentiful and sold at 15 to 16c. Low and medium grade butter sold from 10 to 11c. Creamery, 22 to 26c.

Cheese—10½ to 11c.
Dressed hogs—Firm and in demand. Packers have now almost overtaken stocks, and as the weather promised to be more favorable they were more inclined to buy. A number of cars were offered, and some sales were reported at \$5 40 for cars delivered here. Butchers' hogs were firm and in demand at \$5.75 to \$6 25.

Provisions—Long clear sold in case lots at 7½c, and in tons at 7½c. Mess pork sold at \$14, a lot of 40 bbls Canadian changing hands at that figure. Hams and rolls were much about the same, at 11½c and 9c, respectively. Lard easy at 8½ to 9c.

Eggs—Scarce and firmer. Only a few lots of fresh offered; they sold readily at 22 to 24c. Lined firm at 17 to 19c.

Hides and skins—Supply of skins light and demand good, \$1.10 to \$1.15. Hides weak, but it is not likely that dealers will reduce the buying prices of green until after the turn of the year. Cured are offered at 4½c, with buyers at 4½c.

Poultry—Receipts were pretty large, but the demand was active and everything sold at advanced prices. Geese were especially wanted and sold from 7 to 8c per lb. Ducks ranged from 60 to 75c a pair. Turkeys firm at 11 to 12c per lb. Poor quality chickens sold at 30c a pair, while fine dry plucked were a ready sale at 5½c.

Dried apples—Are unchanged; holders ask 6 to 6½c for small lots. Evaporated also slow; old stock can be bought at 7 to 8c, and for new 9 to 11c is asked.—Empire.

Montreal Produce Prices.

EGGS—Strictly fresh eggs in demand at 27c to 29c; good held fresh, at 24c to 26c; medium do., at 19c to 22c; choice lined, 19c to 20c, and poor, do., 16c to 18c per dozen.

DRESSED HOGS.—Quiet at \$5.50 to \$6 per 100 pounds.

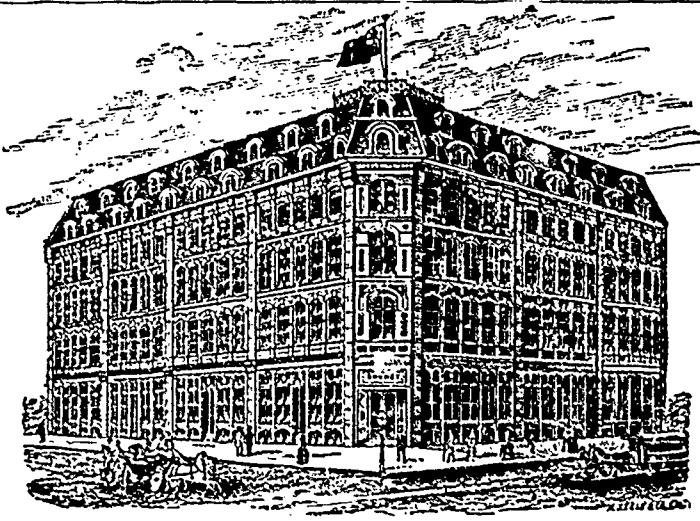
POULTRY.—Demand in excess of supply. Chickens quoted at 7c to 9c; ducks at 9c; turkeys, 10½c to 11c, and geese at 7c to 8c per pound.

FREE PRESS: The Mennonites who have settled in parts of Southern Manitoba some years ago already find their colonies too small for the increasing population; and some of them are moving into the Territories, where there is plenty of land for themselves and children. By the request of those who have decided to emigrate, the Government has reserved for them two townships south of the Bow River and east of High River, in ranges 25 and 26, west of the fourth meridian. Twenty homesteads have already been applied for, and many more will be taken up in the spring.

It is now stated on good authority that the Brandon line of the Northern Pacific will not be completed into Brandon this year, though track-laying is within a short distance of the town.

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Behring Sea Seals.

Evidently the United States Government has no intention of changing its regulations regarding the taking of seal in Alaskan waters. The charter of the Alaska Commercial Company, which has heretofore had a monopoly of the sealing industry in Alaskan waters, has now expired, and the Government are calling for tenders for the exclusive right to take fur seals in the waters named. The right to take seal is let by tender to the highest bidder, and the present time specified is for twenty years. The number of seals allowed to be taken under the proposed contract is to be limited to 60,000 for the year ending May 1, 1891, and the Secretary of the Treasury will fix the number to be taken in succeeding years, during the existence of the contract. The Alaska Commercial Company, whose contract now expires, was limited to 100,000 seal per year. The letting of this contract in no wise affects the question as to the jurisdiction of the United States in Behring Sea, as the contract merely grants the exclusive right to take seal upon certain islands of Alaska, where the seal congregate. The form of tender does not specify the exclusive right to take seal in Behring Sea, but merely "upon" certain islands in the sea. The jurisdiction of the United States upon these islands, of course, has never been disputed; but the claim of that country to exercise control over the entire sea, many miles from land, is the cause of the controversy.

The Travelling Men.

The annual meeting of the Commercial Travellers' Association was held on Saturday, December 21, in the board of trade rooms, Winnipeg. The officers elected for the ensuing year, are: President, R. O'Loughlin; vice-president, Fred. Chilcott; secretary, John M. O'Loughlin; treasurer, Andrew Strang; Board of Directors, W. B. Gordon, L. C. McIntyre, H. Bell, T. Montgomery, W. W. Rublee, J. H. Holman, J. K. Whinnery. Mr. Girdlestone, seconded by Mr. McIntyre, made the following motion which was unanimously adopted:—

"I have much pleasure in moving a vote of thanks to the retiring president who has filled the chair for nearly two years past to the entire satisfaction of the board of directors and member of the association and with credit to himself. From the inception of the association he held the responsible position of treasurer, and gave perfect satisfaction to all concerned. Under his administration the society has prospered and will rank with any sister association of its age in Canada. I take great pleasure in moving this vote of thanks.

The treasurer's and president's reports were read and adopted. They are as follows:—

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

To the members of the Northwest Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada.

GENTLEMEN,—

In presenting the seventh annual report your directors take pleasure in renewing the congratulations conveyed in the last report regarding the continued growth and prosperity of our association.

At the last annual meeting the by-laws were amended so as to increase the number of direc-

tors from five to seven, and at the annual meeting held in April. Messrs. Fred. Chilcott and Jas. C. McLean were elected to the offices thus created.

Our financial gain is a matter for congratulation. At our last annual meeting the surplus amounted to \$2,401, now increased to \$3,373, showing a gain of \$972. We have no liabilities. The money is deposited on call in the Commercial bank of Manitoba, so that the new board will be in a position to take immediate advantage of any opportunity that may be afforded of placing the funds either in bonds or first mortgage on real estate.

We would again call your attention to the many advantages afforded by the Commercial Travellers' Mutual Benefit association. For an annual outlay of about seven dollars (\$7.00) every traveller may ensure the payment of \$1,000 to his heirs in the event of his decease. At the last meeting of the C. T. M. B. A. of Toronto, your retiring president was unanimously elected the trustee for Manitoba and N. W. T., and we trust that the compliment may be acknowledged by a large increase in membership from this association.

Our relations with the railway companies are most cordial. No cases of breach of privileges have been reported against any members of the association, and we trust this may always continue. The question of reduced excess baggage rates has been brought before them and we hope for a favorable reply in the near future.

Our insurance contract with the London and Accident Guarantee Association of London, England, has been carried out to our satisfaction. As our financial year closed on the 15th instant, and as some other companies have expressed a desire to compete for the business of the association for 1890, your directors have thought it best in the interests of the association to leave this matter for the consideration of the new board to be elected to-night.

We beg to remind the members that the library of reference is open at the Board of Trade rooms every day for the free use of members of the association, and we would be glad to know that this privilege is freely made use of.

In relinquishing office your officers and directors express the hope that continued prosperity may attend the future operations of the association.

We would again place on record our high appreciation of the services of the secretary during the past year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. M. RONALD, President.

JOHN M. O'LOUGHLIN, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Gentlemen:—I herewith beg to present the usual annual financial statement for the past year, and it shows a substantial increase in amount of funds on hand.

I had hoped to be able to invest a good amount of the funds in securities, bringing us more than four per cent. allowed by the bank, and with that in view, the secretary advertised money to loan, in the papers, for some time; we had several applications for loans, but the securities offered were not what the board deemed it safe to lend it on, in some cases, and in others the title to property was not acceptable to our solicitor.

We also endeavored to buy rural school debentures, but the Provincial Government appears to get nearly all of these.

The books and vouchers have been duly checked over and audited, and auditors have certified to them and the statement herewith. There are no unpaid accounts.

There is now the respectable sum of \$3,373.48 to the credit of the association in the Commercial Bank, an increase of \$972.25 during the year.

Thanking you for my re-election,

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Dairy Matters.

H. J. Rockett has decided to run the Manitou cheese factory on his own responsibility next season, and will purchase the milk from patrons at sixty-five cents per 100 pounds.

The *Manitou Mercury* says: "A representative of one of the leading wholesale firms in Winnipeg estimates that there are about thirty two thousand dollars' worth of butter stored at the different towns along the railway between Winnipeg and Deloraine.

British Columbia markets are reported loaded up with Manitoba and Ontario butter, which is very slow sale, as is always the case at this time of year in Pacific coast markets. The British Columbians are looking for fresh grass butter from California, and do not care to eat ordinary Manitoba dairy.

A meeting of the directors of the Manitoba Dairy Association was held in Winnipeg Dec. 21, Wm. Wagner, president, in the chair. The principal business was to arrange for holding the annual meeting, which, on motion of Hon. W. Clifford, was decided to be held at Portage la Prairie on the third Wednesday of January, in the town hall. The meeting will be held both afternoon and evening, at which interesting papers will be read.

It is the general belief that the quantity of butter held by country merchants in Manitoba, this year is very large, and the outlook for the sale of this is not encouraging. The season is past for handling butter to advantage for British Columbia trade, and to ship it eastward means low prices. The farmers are likely to come out better on their butter transactions this year than country merchants, as the prices paid by country retail dealers to farmers have averaged pretty high.

Lumber Cuttings.

The new machinery for the saw mill at Chemoimus, B. C., has arrived from Peterboro, Ont. The shipment amounted to some fifty tons.

A. Haslam, proprietor of the Nanaimo saw-mills, B. C., has perfected arrangements for the establishment of a sash and door factory in the large building opposite the Nanaimo gas works and which was built and occupied many years ago for a similar purpose. The factory is expected to be in operation by February next.

The *News* says: Leamy & Kyle, of the Commercial saw mills, Vancouver, B. C., have suspended. The cause of suspension is due to lowness of prices and over-production for local supply. The assets are considerably greater than the liabilities, but overstocked the firm was unable to meet payments. It is thought that satisfactory arrangements will be made for continuing the business.

The *Times*, Victoria, B. C. says: A meeting of those interested in the Hastings sawmill, Vancouver, was held in this city a few days ago when it was decided to enlarge the capacity of the mill four-fold. The matter of the general offices was discussed, and it is understood the general office will be removed to Burrard Inlet, Vancouver, with a branch office in this city. The Hastings sawmill has one of the largest banking corporations in the world behind it, which assures almost unlimited capital in its ramifications.

The *Brandon Times* says: J. A. Christie has fifty men in the Riding Mountains where

he intends taking out 3,000,000 feet besides 125,000 ties. These will come down the Little Saskatchewan. He also has 1,000,000 feet of logs lying at the mouth of the Birdtail, which were cut year before last and were caught by low water. Farther up the Birdtail he has the entire cut of last season 3,000,000 feet, which never moved from where they were rolled down the bank. It is expected that the entire stock will arrive at the Brandon mill next season. Besides this stock, McArthur & McCrea, who have purchased the old Leacock limit from the Federal and Merchants' banks, are negotiating to send 5,000,000 feet here for manufacture by Christie. This firm are also getting out large stocks of ties for the N. W. C. and M. & N. W. Malcolm Thompson, of Rapid City, has bought the right to cut held by Mitchell & Bucknell on Shell river and is taking out ties there in large numbers for the Central and M. N. W. He has also purchased a limit on the Saskatchewan which he is now operating.

Insurance Briefs.

Ex Mayor Dalby, of Victoria, has been appointed manager of the British Columbia Insurance company, vice M. H. Cowan, resigned, and A. G. Biliantyne has been appointed secretary-treasurer.

The last issue of the *Manitoba Gazette* contains notice of application for incorporation of The British and Canadian Insurance association with a capital stock of \$250,000. Fire, lightning, hail and damage from storms, etc. are the lines to be taken by this company.

The *Insurance and Commercial Magazine* of New York, has completed its 27th volume, under the same management since its organization. This is an excellent journal, and one which should be in the hands of all insurance men.

Insurance Magazine: With business capital unappreciated, interest 3 per cent., life insurance presents an inviting field for wise investment by capitalists. All intelligent agents are wisely utilizing these facts to secure increase of business.

Life insurance companies are "booming," all efficiently managed, showing large increase of business over 1898, and a magnitude of new business unprecedented in the world's history.

Grain and Milling.

The receipts of Manitoba wheat at Lake Superior elevators for the week ended Dec. 21 were 82,699 bushels, and the amount in store on that date 346,946 bushels.

David Moore, of Neepawa, Man., goes to Ontario the first week in January to purchase the mill machinery for the mill which he will built at Arden, Man. The capacity of the mill will be about 100 barrels. John McFarlane, of Dunblane, Ontario, miller, will be associated with Moore in the enterprise.

The following description of J. W. Cochran's new roller flour mill, located at Crystal City, Manitoba, has been published. The boiler house, 24x30 in size, is a very strong stone building, with a fire-proof wall separating it from the mill. In it are the 60 horse-power engine and boiler, built by John Doty, of Toronto. The engine is the celebrated Corliss

pattern that was on show at the late exhibition at Toronto. It is the highest class engine of the kind west of Winnipeg, and very economical on fuel. The mill building is 30x40, four storeys high, with twelve inch timber in the two lower storeys and ten inch on the upper floors. It contains six pairs of rolls and two sets of stones. The mill has a capacity for 100 barrel per day, with storage room for 5,000 bushels of grain, and chopping-stones for feed.

The residents of Neepawa, Man., have been working for years to secure a roller flour mill at that place, but so far have been unsuccessful. A local company is now being organized to build a mill with the following directors, J. Wake, P. M. Stewart, D. A. Stewart, John Smith, the first named being chairman of the board. The capital stock has been fixed at \$30,000. R. C. Ennis, recently a general merchant at Neepawa, holds a controlling interest and has been appointed manager by the directors. The intention is to erect a mill of 100 barrels capacity, and have it ready for next season's crop. The town is to be asked for tax exemption for fifteen years and the surrounding rural municipalities will be asked to grant a bonus of \$6,000 to the scheme. With a mill to be built at Arden next summer, and the prospect of a mill at Neepawa, the Northwestern railway country will be well supplied with mills, there being now seven roller flour mills in operation in that region.

The English syndicate which has secured control of elevators at Chicago, has advanced the rates, instead of lowering them as was expected. The following rates have been fixed on all grain received on and after January 1, 1899: One cent per bushel for the first ten days or part of same, and 2c per bushel for each additional 10 days or part of same so long as it remains in good condition. On and after January 1, 1899, storage will be at the foregoing rates until 4 cents per bushel have accrued after which no additional storage will be levied until the 1st day of May, 1899, so long as the grain remains in good condition. On and after the 1st day of December next storage will be at the foregoing rates until four cents per bushel have accrued after which no additional storage will be charged until the 1st day of May, 1899, so long as the grain is in good condition. The same line is likely to be followed in connection with the purchase of Minneapolis flour mills by an English syndicate. The Englishmen are after profits, and there is likely to be less cutting of prices in flour by the big syndicate than there was while the mills were under the old individual management. Outside millers will probably have less competition from the big mills of Minneapolis, so far as cutting prices is concerned, under the new order of things.

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ONTARIO.

P. Carran, hats, Toronto, has assigned.
 M. Foley, furniture, Toronto, has assigned.
 S. Mockridge, tailor, Toronto, has assigned.
 R. Williams, hotel, Brockville, has assigned.
 W. Hamblin, builder, Toronto, has assigned.
 O. E. Dores, grocer, London, has been sold out.
 W. M. Martin, grocer, Port Robinson, burnt out.
 W. M. Finch, books, etc., Strathroy, sold out.
 Geo. Warren, confectioner, Sudbury, burnt out.
 M. R. Burlington, hotel, Trenton, burnt out.
 D. B. Calbrick, furniture, Wingham, has sold out.
 G. W. Barnes, carriages, Komptville, is dead.
 D. McKechnie, grocer, Georgetown; in difficulty.
 Henry Wells, harness, Kingston, has assigned.
 T. T. Laionde, shoes, North Bay, has assigned.
 Wm. Brown, merchant, Petrolia, has assigned.
 H. Chester, printer, Plattsville, has assigned.
 Ellis & Ellis, tins, Port Rowan, has assigned.
 C. A. Owoz, tailor, Streetsville, has assigned.
 Robinson & Boyd, roofers, Toronto, have assigned.
 P. B. Clark, general store, Westport, has assigned.
 Mrs. T. Norris, millinery, West Lorne, has assigned.
 G. H. Keyes, confectioner, Wallaceburg, has assigned.
 A. R. Davidson, grocer, etc., Warton, has assigned.
 H. F. Hopper, butcher, Richmond Hill, has assigned.
 Mr. John Darrach, furniture, Stayner, has assigned.
 Alex. McIntosh, general store, Minden, has assigned.
 J. C. Buchanan, general store, Peffers, has assigned.
 R. & E. Winnett, boilermaker, London, have dissolved.
 Queen City Upholstering Co., Toronto, have dissolved.
 T. & J. Coulter, grocers, etc., Port Robinson, burnt out.
 C. B. Bennett, general store, Port Robinson, burnt out.
 C. B. Bennett, general store, Port Robinson; in difficulty.
 Mrs. Rachael Hunter, fancy goods, Listowel, has assigned.
 S. Stewart, grocer, Petrolia; style is now S. & A. Stewart.
 Riggs & Secord, carriage-makers, Toronto, have dissolved.
 Thos. Frood, drugs and general store Sudbury, burnt out.
 J. A. McGregor, commission merchant, Windsor, has assigned.
 Stanley & McLaggan, hardware, Chesley, burned out, partially insured.

H. E. Hamilton & Co., wholesale boots and shoes, Toronto, have assigned.
 Canada Pure Whiskey & Wine Co., A. S. Buchanan, prop., has sold out.
 Walker & Reed, general store, Ravenna, have called a meeting of creditors.
 J. R. Wilson & Co., dry goods, Toronto, settled with creditors at 40c. in \$.
 Donaldson, Milne & Bellsmith, accountants, etc., Toronto, dissolved and in liquidation.
 Wm. Thompson & Co., wholesale hardware, Toronto, have compromised at 60c. in \$ cash.
 Nichols & McRoberts, general store, Melbourne, have dissolved and Nichols continues.

QUEBEC.

J. A. Allard, shoes, Hull, has assigned.
 Edmund Eaves, jeweler, Montreal, is dead.
 T. Beaudoin, general store, Boughton, burnt out.
 J. A. Allard, shoes, Hull, demand of assignment.
 F. X. Lepage, dry goods, Quebec, has assigned.
 Nap. Mertel, general store, St. Ours, has assigned.
 M. Guerin, general store, St. Philippe, has assigned.
 R. F. McKee, grocery, etc., Richmond, has sold out.
 Michael McQuirk, hotel, St. Joachim, has sold out.
 Belanger & Frere, grocery, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Gougeon & Slevin, builders, Montreal, have dissolved.
 A. P. Laurent, dry goods, Sherbrooke, damaged by fire.
 Alex. Mahen, general store, St. Chrysostome, has assigned.
 G. W. McKee, shoes, Coaticook; held meeting of creditors.
 Bonin & Allaire, furniture, Montreal; meeting of creditors.
 A. K. F. McAllen, wholesale leather and twine, is dead.
 F. Mahon, confectioner, Montreal; bailiff's sale 23rd instant.
 M. Guerin, general store, St. Phillippe, demand of assignment.
 Mullarky & Co., shoe manufacturers, Montreal, have assigned.
 A. Ramsay & Son, wholesale, paints, oils, etc., Montreal, have dissolved.
 F. L. Lamont & Co., general store, Batican; demand of assignment.
 Valois, Lusignan & Co., manufacturers of ginger ale, etc., have assigned.
 Valiquette & Co., manufacturers of wood shovels, etc., Montreal, have dissolved.
 Schwob Bros., wholesale watches, etc., Montreal; A. A. Schwob of this firm is dead.
 L. Nadeau, hotel, Roxton Pond, has sold out and gone into general store at St. Joachim.
 J. Landsberg, dry goods, Sherbrooke and Frelighsburg, has sold out Frelighsburg business.
 Victor Cadieux, general store, St. Joachim, has sold out and gone into hotel at Roxton Pond.
 Hudon & Caron, general store, Richmond, will dissolve 15th prox. and A. J. Hudon will continue.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Carter Bros., general store, Hantsport, have dissolved.

M. R. McDonald, general store, Linsmore, has assigned.

R. H. Morrison, general store, Tor Bay, has removed to Guysboro.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Edwards Price, boots and shoes, St. Stephen, has assigned.

John Babbitt & Co., lumber, Audover; J. Babbitt is dead.

R. C. Tait, carriages and agricultural implements, Shediac; Hugh Carr admitted partner, style now Tait & Carr.

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Raw Furs at Montreal.

Beaver and otter are in fair demand for the local trade, and good prices are paid for prime skins. There is scarcely any enquiry for bear, lynx and skunk, and prices are declining. In other lines there is virtually no change to mention. A few lots of mink, skunk and muskrat are coming in and realizing within the range of quotations which are for average primeskins. Extra size or quality are worth more, damaged or unprime skins proportionately lower.

Beaver, per lb.	.....	\$ 4 00 to	4 50
Bear, large, per skin.	\$10 00,	12 50	15 00
Bear, cub, per skin.	.....	\$4 00,	6 00 8 00
Fisher	.....	4 00	5 00
Fox, red	.....	1 25	1 40
Fox, cross	.....	2 00	3 00
Lynx	.....	3 00	4 00
Marten	.....	1 00	1 25
Mink	.....	1 00	1 50
Muskrat	.....	0 15	0 18
Otter	.....	10 00	12 00
Raccoon	.....	0 50	0 75
Skunk	.....	0 50	0 60

—Trade Bulletin.

Toronto Grocery Market.

The local market presents no important features. The weather this week has been so damp and disagreeable as to seriously affect the Christmas trade. Payments are dull. Teas are fairly active; small lots of low grade Japans have sold at 15 to 18c, and sales of Young Hysons have been made at 23 to 25c, and blacks at 30 to 35c. Coffee dull but firm at 22c for good Rios, and 25 to 28c for Javas. Sugars dull and unchanged; refiners say that yellows are now comparatively lower here than in New York, and that they have made no concessions; prices range from 5½c for a no brand to 6½c for a bright; granulated remains at 7½ to 7¾c. Porto Rico molasses are offered in 140 gal puncheons at 37c. Rice and spices are unchanged. Canned goods are fully as active as usual for this time of the year; tomatoes are selling at \$1.10 to \$1.20; corn, at \$1.10 to \$1.35; peas, \$1.25 to \$1.35; peaches, at \$2.25 for 2's and \$3.25 for 3's. Apples are not so firm, 3's are selling at 90 to 95c and gallons at \$2.25. Dried fruit has been quite active. Valencia raisins are very firm; small lots are selling at 7c, and jobbers are buying at 6½c for prime off-stalk. Currants are firm, at 5½ to 5¾c for ordinary provincial, in barrels; a few old are offered at 4½c. Dates are selling at 5½c in lots, and 6 to 6½c for retailers' quantities. Mat figs scarce and firm, at 5c. Prunes unchanged; cables firm. London layers slow, at \$3.15 to \$3.25. New Grenoble walnuts in good demand, at 16c.—Toronto Empire.

The Flour Moth.

In Ontario, says the *Toronto Globe*, a new insect has appeared, the flour moth, (*ephestia kühniella*), which threatens serious trouble and injury to millers and all others whose business it is to handle flour. The Ontario board of health has issued a pamphlet containing a description and cuts of the moth, an account of its ravages, and advice as to the best measures for its extermination. The moth, it is said, came in with milled goods imported as chilean foods from some port of the Mediterranean, of whose coast it is a dreaded scourge. Its first appearance was in the month of March, 1889, when a single moth was seen flying about near an Ontario mill. In July the moths and worms became so numerous that the mills were shut down. Later the work of taking remedial measures, however, fell to the Toronto government. Mr. Blue, the deputy minister of agriculture for Ontario, visited the mill and called in Dr. Bryce, secretary of the provincial board of health, who dealt thoroughly with the question of prevention. He advocates "a rigorous quarantine of grains coming from Mediterranean ports," and advises every miller to become thoroughly acquainted with the appearance and habits of this moth, and destroy any that he sees.

Trade at Montreal.

The weather of the past few days has rather interfered with the volume of trade for the week. In some lines merchants hoped for a moderate run of business before the holiday week, and had some prospect of doing it until the soft weather ensued. Now, however, more especially to the dry goods and fur trades, reports from their travellers are not satisfactory, and some have recalled their men before they usually do at this season. Reports concerning remittances continue of a more or less conflicting nature, but it seems on the whole that they are not as satisfactory as they should be. The movement in holiday goods has not assumed its full volume yet, but appearances indicate that it will be of the usual dimensions.

In the iron trade the tone is unaltered, both on pig and manufactured iron. Nails and horse shoes have had a temporary spurt during the week, some of the mills pushing forward the balances of orders on hand preparatory to closing down. It is expected that most of the mills will do this during the early portion of next week.

The sugar market still shows strength, and a fair business has been done all around. Yellow refined is selling at 5½ to 5¾c, and is in request at those prices. Syrups are down and quiet at 3½ to 4½c, with some sales at those prices, while Barbadoes molasses is strong and held at 45c for round lots, and 47½c for smaller quantities.

The tea market in Montreal has been dull during the week. In London teas are very low, as English houses are anxious to reduce stocks, and in consequence are offering them very cheaply.

The features of the fruit market have been the activity of currants on the part of dried fruit and oranges for green fruit. The former have advanced fractionally, and during the week there has been considerable business on the basis of 5½ to 5¾c for new, and 5c for old. Raisins steady at: Valencias 6½ to 6¾c, and

layers 7½ to 8c. For oranges, prices have been marked up all round, Jamaicas \$4.50 to \$5.50, and Florida \$2.50 to \$3.50, Valencias are quoted at \$4.50 to \$5.

Wool is a very scarce commodity, and prices are very firm at 1½ to 2½c for Cape. For Australian it would certainly cost from 20c to 26c to lay it down here, and about 24c to 25c for New Zealand.

The fur trade during the week has been quiet and the trade are preparing for the turn downwards that generally takes place after the new year. Beaver and otter are wanted locally, and good prices are paid. Bear, lynx and skunk are much neglected and prices are lowering. Other lines without change on last marks.

The upward symptoms of glass noticed a week ago are developed now and the article is very firm at an advance of 10c, the figures being \$1.60 for first and \$1.70 for second break. In New York the stock of turpentine has been rapidly increasing, and receivers are more disposed to meet buyers, and prices have receded fully 2c. — *Montreal Gazette*.

Rainfall in the West.

Speaking of the dry seasons which have prevailed in the west of recent years a writer in the *Northwest Magazine* published at St. Paul, Minn. says: "The expert climatologists know that real changes of climate are taking place on any part of the American continent. This conclusion comes from more than a century of observations in the east and from nearly half a century of observations at the military posts in the west. It is not, therefore, true, as some of the recent Dakota settlers seem to apprehend, that the climate of that region is changing for the worse. The next five or six years will bring the rain record up to the average of any period of ten or twelve years prior to 1881. The old lake beds and dry sloughs, which were fully of water within the recollection of the settlers who went into the country prior to the dry period now closing, will fill up again, and there will be abundant rain fall and snow fall for the production of heavy crops. If the climatologists are correct, this alternating series of wet and dry periods will go on indefinitely, like the rising and falling of the tides. Five or six years of such heavy harvests as were reaped prior to 1883, will pay off the farmers' debts, enable them to improve their buildings and lands, and give them a surplus to carry them over the light crop seasons. They will increase their acreage of wheat, knowing that the crop will surely be profitable. When the period of diminished rain fall begins again they will limit their wheat acreage, raise more barley and roots, sow fodder crops, rely on their land instead of on the stores for food for their families, keeping hogs and fowls and more cows — making less money, perhaps, than for heavy yields of wheat, but not running behind. The Dakota soil is so rich and supports a drouth so well that even in the driest years the wheat harvest averages better than in favorable years in the eastern states. A highly prosperous country can be built up on the basis of this rich soil and the alternating periods of more or less moisture, which are now believed to prevail as soon as the climate is thoroughly understood and the farming is made to conform to its peculiarities. The periods of abundant moisture will be periods of active development, of

heavy immigration of towns and country, and the periods of decreased moisture will be characterized by the comparative quiet, which has prevailed in Dakota during the past five years."

Ontario's Timber Reserve.

North Bay is of picturesque appearance, situated on the north shore of Lake Nipissing, a beautiful sheet of water 70 miles long and twenty to thirty wide. By some difficult portage & passage is had by French River to Georgian Bay. Lake Noshousing, nine miles to the southwest, is also a fine sheet of water and is surrounded by high mountains and green glades, forming, with Trout Lake, the head waters of the river Mattawa. From North Bay a government road has been constructed in a line due north to the head of Lake Temiscaming, a distance of 80 miles. This road, although not yet available for summer travel, opens up a large and valuable timber and agricultural country, which up to a very recent period has been a veritable *terra incognita* known only to the voyageur or the Hudsons Bay trapper. Although it can never be what may be called a good agricultural country, yet millions of productive acres lie between North Bay and Lake Temiscaming, and millions more between that and Temiscaming, where already twenty-five new townships have been surveyed by the Roman Catholic Colonization Company, and about 60 per cent. of this is said to be good land. Beginning about fifteen miles north of North Bay in a country north and west for about fifty miles is the great timber reserve of Ontario. Here are thousands of miles of pine, spruce, tamarac and hardwood yet untouched by the lumberman's axe, and here also is the home of the moose, cariboo, elk and red deer, and the otter, beaver, mink and martin. Its only inhabitants are a few Indians, a branch of the Algonquin tribe, who speak the Ojibway dialect. The climate as far north as Temiscaming lake, where vegetables and all kinds of cereals have already been cultivated, is not much colder than that of Montreal, Lake Temiscaming opens clear of ice about the first of May. The scenery around this lake, as well as many others is charming, varied by mountain peak and waterfall. As no large rivers traverse this region and the small streams are obstructed by rapids and chutes, a railroad must in the near future be constructed to convey to market the valuable timber and minerals which abound in almost inexhaustible quantities. This has already been surveyed and subsidised by the Ontario Government to the head of Lake Temiscaming with a view of its being continued to James Bay, 400 miles further north, near which large anthracite coal deposits have recently been discovered. This road will be a great boon to the lumberman on the Kippewa and Temiscaming districts, who have now to bring their supplies via the Canadian Pacific Railway to Mattawa, then by steamer to Le Clave, then a portage of three miles, then a water stretch to Les Arables, another portage, another water stretch to La Montaigne, then another portage at the Sault, and another water stretch Seven League Lake, thence by the Colonization Railway and teams, while if the North Bay branch was built, supplies could be brought direct from Toronto or any point west via the Grand Trunk, Northern & Pacific Junction. — *Canadian Lumberman*.

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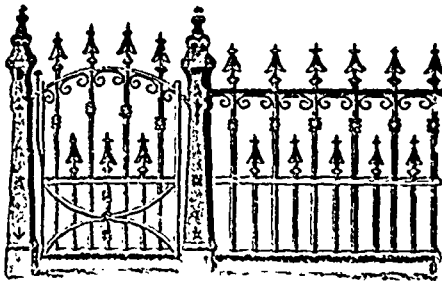
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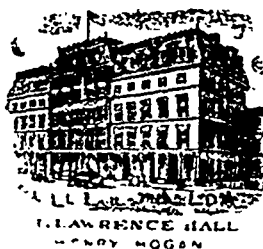
TIME TABLE.

Read Down. GOING EAST. No. 1 Daily.	STATIONS.	Read Up. GOING WEST. No. 2 Daily.
14 00 De	Lethbridge	Ar 1 30
16 55	Woodpecker	23 35
16 50	Purple Springs	23 40
17 45 Ar	Grassy Lake	21 45
18 00 De	Cherry Coulee	20 55
18 50	Winifred	De 20 00
20 00	Seven Persons	Ar 19 55
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22 10 Ar		De 17 30

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Time Table taking effect Sept. 1, 1889.

North Bound			South Bound		
Daily Passenger	Daily except Sunday.	Miles from Winnipeg.	STATIONS.		
No. 53	No. 55		Central	Standard Time.	No. 54, No. 56
1:30 p	4:20 p	0 A	Winnipeg	10:50 a	4:30 p
1:25 p	4:17 p	1 0	Kennedy Avenue	10:53 a	4:35 p
1:15 p	4:11 p	2 0	Portage Junction	10:57 a	4:45 p
12:47 p	3:59 p	9 0	St. Norbert	11:11 a	6:08 p
12:20 p	3:45 p	15 3	Cartier	11:24 a	5:3 p
11:32 a	3:27 p	23 5	St. Agathe	11:42 a	6:05 p
11:12 a	3:19 p	27 4	Union Point	11:58 a	6:2 p
10:47 a	3:07 p	32 5	Silver Plains	12:02 p	6:4 p
10:11 a	2:48 p	40 4	Morris	12:20 p	7:09 p
9:42 a	2:33 p	46 8	St. Jean	12:34 p	7:35 p
8:58 a	2:13 p	56 0	Letellier	12:55 p	8:12 p
8:15 a	1:59 p	65 0	W. Lynne	1:17 p	8:50 p
7:15 a	1:40 p	75 0	Pembina	1:25 p	9:05 p
7:00 a	1:30 p	80 0	Grand Forks	1:25 p	9:05 p
			Winnipeg Junction	1:50 p	
			Minneapolis	6:35 a	
			St. Paul	7:05 a	
			Eastward.		
	10:20 a		Bismarck	12:35 a	
	10:11 p		Miles City	11:00 a	
	2:50 p		Helena	7:20 p	
	10:50 a		Spokane Falls	12:40 a	
	5:40 p		Pasco Junction	6:10 p	
	6:45 a		Portland	7:00 a	
			(via R. O. & N.)		
	6:45 a		Tacoma	6:45 a	
			via Cascade div.		
	3:15 p		Portland	10:60 p	
			(via Cascade div.)		

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE BRANCH.

Daily ex St. Paul	STATIONS.	Daily ex St. Paul
11:10 a	Winnipeg	6:45 p
11:05 a	Kennedy Avenue	6:49 p
10:57 a	Portage Junction	6:58 p
10:24 a	Headingley	7:31 p
10:00 a	Horse Plains	7:55 p
9:35 a	Gravel Pit Spur	8:29 p
9:15 a	Postville	8:41 p
8:52 a	Oak Hill	9:03 p
8:25 a	Assiniboine Bridge	9:3 p
8:10 a	Portage la Prairie	9:45 p

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Manitoba and Northwestern Ry.

CHANGE OF TIME.

PASS Tuesday Thursday and Saturday	Miles from Portage	STATIONS.	PASS Monday Wednesday and Fridays
LEAVE 16 15		Portage la Prairie	ARRIVE 14 15
18 00	35	Gladstone	12 50
19 00	61	Neepawa	11 23
20 00	79	Minnedosa	10 40
21 00	94	Rapid City	9 15
21 40	115	Snoal Lake	8 45
23 00	138	Birtle	7 45
23 38	155	Bismarck	6 47
24 15	166	Russell	6 10
24 45	180	Lanenburg	5 40
1 45	206	Salcoats	4 40
ARRIVE			LEAVE

Meals.

*Trains for Bismarck leave Birtle Tuesdays and Saturdays only at 23:00, returning leave Bismarck Wednesdays and Mondays only at 6:47. For Russell leave Birtle Tuesdays only at 23:00, returning leave Russell Wednesdays only at 6:10. For Lanenburg and Salcoats leave Birtle Saturdays only at 23:00, returning leave Salcoats Mondays only at 4:40. For Rapid City leave Minnedosa Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 23:10, returning leave Rapid City Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:15.

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For information as to Freight or Passenger Rates apply to A. Macdonald, Assistant General Freight and Passenger Agent, Portage la Prairie, or to W. R. RANKIN, General Superintendent.

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