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WINNIPEG, AUGUST 15, 1887.

A JOHNSTON, blacksmith, Winnipeg, has sold out.

— WARREN has opened a bakery at Rapid City, Man.

JOS. KERR will open business in the furniture line at Manitou, Man.

THE clothing stock of Geo. Bawden, Brandon, is advertised for sale by tender.

PREPARATIONS are being made at Calgary for the establishment of an electric light system.

J. D. CHALMERS, fruit, etc., Moose Jaw, Assa., has added boots and shoes to his business.

GARDNER BROS, traders, Rat Portage, are about to open a general store at that place.

Schneider & Taylor, commission merchants, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. John Taylor continues.

S. J. HOGG & Co., lumber dealers, Calgary have purchased J. Burch's stock of clothing, etc., for 60c. on the dollar.

THE Golden Hotel, Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Geo. Vêlie, proprietor, has been closed.

E. D. Allen, soda water manufacturer, Manitou, offers his premises for sale, with a view to moving further west.

SEED & BUCK, fruits, etc., Winnipeg, will dissolve partnership in September. Buck retires from the business.

ARTHUR BREALY has established a brick-yard at Banff, Alberta, where the clay is said to be excellent for the purpose.

THE Northwest Vindicator, published at Rapid City, Man., appeared last week in enlarged and improved form.

W. C. PAYNTE has been appointed agent at Pilot Mound, Man., for the Miniota Farmer's Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

THE Hudson's Bay Company will open a meat market at Lethbridge, Alberta, in connection with its mounted police contracts.

CREDITORS of the late Hugh Ferguson, contractor, of Winnipeg, are notified to send a statement to Patterson & Baker, solicitors.

K. MURCHISON & Co., dry goods, Winnipeg, are moving into the old Golden Lion premises, and Preston & Norris will occupy the premises so vacated.

THE Scottish Ontario & Manitoba Land Co., general storekeepers, have sold out their general store business at Millwood, Man., to Christie & Brown.

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THE article in last week's COMMERCIAL on the "Agricultural Outlook," was taken from the Prince Albert Times, and the remarks contained therein will therefore be understood to

apply only to the Prince Albert district. The name of the paper was inadvertently omitted.

THYME & HOLE, sheep ranchers. Medicine Hat, had a serious fire on their rancho lately, losing house, sheds for 3,000 sheep, stables and a quantity of hay. The fire is supposed to have been started by some wandering Indians during the absence of the men haying. The loss is about \$3,500.

COMMENCING on the 30th instant, through trains over the St. Paul and Manitoba Railway for Winnipeg, will be transferred to the C.P.R. at Gretna instead of at Emerson, as heretofore, and only local trains will thereafter be run over the Emerson branch. The train service on the Southwestern to Deloraine will also be changed.

SENATOR SANFORD, of clothing fame, who owns the property in Winnipeg on which the Merchant's Hotel stands, and who is now building a fine block on the adjoining property, will likely extend the block next season so as to cover the hotel property. The lease of the hotel expires in the spring, and it is not likely that the buildings will be re-let.

ON Tuesday last the Government paid Ryan & Haney, contractors of the Red River Valley Railroad, through the Merchant's Bank, the full amount of the first estimate on the contract, amounting to the sum of \$53,000. Under the terms of the contract this payment need not have been made until the 15th inst. The first shipment of rails for the road was made from Montreal on Tuesday.

LEE & BREALY have let the contract for a hotel on the corner of Stephen Avenue and Scarth Streets, Calgary, to W. K. Moore of that town. The building is to be of solid stone, 75x125 feet, and containing a basement and three floors. The whole building is to be finished inside with British Columbia cedar, and will be provided with an elevator. The outside of the building facing the street is to be principally of cut stone and a galvanized iron cornice, while the windows are to be of stained glass. The limit of time for finishing the building is June 1st, 1888. The cost will reach somewhere in the neighborhood of \$30,000 and will probably be the best building west of Winnipeg.

Business East.

ONTARIO.

Dodd & Sage, grocers, London, have sold out.
W. A. Douglas, druggist, Hastings, has sold out.

R. Spencer, tailor, Kingston, has assigned in trust.

Jas. C. Robb, provisions, has assigned in trust.

Alvin Watson, general storekeeper, Wheatly, is dead.

W. Howarth, books, etc., Niagara Falls, has sold out.

T. M. Williamson, grocer, Hamilton, has sold out.

M. Kassel, dry goods, Toronto, has given up business.

Geo. Earl, general storekeeper, Derry West, has sold out.

Thos. Starkey, stoves, etc., Toronto,—sheriff in possession.

Arkell & Son, stationery, Blenheim,—senior member dead.

J. A. White & Co., hotelkeepers, London, have sold out.

Geo. Vaughan, bricks, St. Thomas, has assigned in trust.

F. W. West, crockery, Brockville, has assigned in trust.

S. E. Mitchell, books, etc., Pembroke, has assigned in trust.

J. Klin, stoves and tins, Cargill, has removed to Formosa.

Wm. Tigh, general storekeeper, Cuthbert, has assigned in trust.

Gidley & Row, tailors, London, have dissolved; Row retires.

Malloy & Malcolm, carriages, Hamilton,—James Malcolm dead.

Edwin Clark & Son, grocers, etc., Ancaster, have assigned in trust.

John Vanwyck, liquor dealer, Hanover, has removed to Port Elgin.

Harvey & McQuestin, woolen factory, Hespeler, were damaged by fire.

A. W. Wray, general storekeeper, Dunsford, has sold out to Ed. Woolard.

Thompson & White, gents' furnishings, Meaford, have assigned in trust.

Varley & Smith, woollens, London West, have failed and are out of business.

C. Wilson & Son, manufacturers of scales, Toronto,—sheriff in possession.

Wm. C. Smith, general storekeeper, Cedar Springs, has moved to Blenheim.

Wagner, Zeidler & Co., manufacturers of key boards, Toronto, have dissolved.

Ryan, Bullinshaw & Co., dry goods, Guelph, have dissolved; G. B. Ryan & Co. continue.

Harte & Smith Manufacturing Co., stoves, Belleville,—business advertised for sale by tender.

J. A. Rose & Co., cigar dealers, London, have admitted Nathaniel Wade into partnership.

Bow, Ross & Co., general storekeepers, West Winchester, have dissolved; G. R. Bow continues.

The following were burned out at Manitowaning: — Butchard, blacksmith; James Reynolds, shoe dealer; C. J. Winkler, tins.

The following were burned out at Smithville: S. Adams, shoe dealer; Wm. Adkins, general storekeeper; R. H. Constable, printer; M. J. Durkee, harness.

QUEBEC.

Omer Gingras, dry goods, St. Sauveur, has failed.

L. Boutellier & Co., hotelkeepers, Montreal, have dissolved.

Cusson, Belanger & Co., foundry, Montreal, have dissolved.

Traquair & Co., frillings, Montreal, have assigned in trust.

Louis S. Bisson, tailor, Montreal, has assigned in trust.

Boston Millinery Rooms, Montreal, have assigned in trust.

Mrs. R. Barney, fancy goods, Bedford, has assigned in trust.

Levi J. Gaudet, shoe dealer, Montreal, is offering to compromise.

Pierre Pelletier, manufacturer of cigars, Montreal, has assigned in trust.

Nazaire Garron, general store and hotelkeeper, Montalembert, has assigned in trust.

T. F. Hamarahan & Co., brokers, Montreal,—new firm, composed of W. R. Hamilton as general partner, and Mrs. T. E. Hamarahan as special partner, contributing \$20,000 to July 15th, '89.

NOVA SCOTIA.

B. & H. Gladwin, crockery, etc., have dissolved. J. F. Robb, stoves, etc., Antigonish, has sold out.

W. Y. Loughheed & Co., grocers, etc., Truro, have sold out.

W. B. Fidler, carpenter, Halifax, has assigned in trust.

Peppard & McDonald, druggists, Acadia Mines, have sold out.

British Columbia.

J. H. Burns, grocer, New Westminster, has sold out.

The Hastings saw mill at Vancouver is again running.

A. H. Reisbeck, saloon, Yale, has removed to Vancouver.

J. Miller, hotel, Esquimalt, has sold out to Wm. Croft.

A. Grant, saloon, Vancouver, sold out to A. H. Reisbeck.

Beegan & Madigan, millinery, Victoria, stock sold by auction.

— Jones, grocer, Yale, has closed up shop and gone to Vancouver.

A. M. Herring will erect a theatre and public hall at New Westminster.

The Hastings saw mills at Vancouver disburse \$1,000 weekly in wages.

The lumbering industry on the coast is experiencing a very favorable season.

The Bank of British Columbia is erecting a new bank building at New Westminster.

The Dominion Express Co. have opened offices at Victoria, with Chas. Rattray in charge.

Brown & White are about to open out in the dry goods line in Gilmour & Clark's block, Vancouver.

McBride & Strong, tinsmiths, Yale, will move to Ashcroft, where they propose continuing business.

The Nicola Milling and Mining Company will meet, divvy up, and dissolve on the 12th inst. at Nicola.

The arrangements for lighting Vancouver with electricity have been completed, and the light gives great satisfaction.

Shupe & Winch, dealer in fruit and fish, Vancouver, have dissolved partnership. R. V. Winch continues the business.

The vessel Von Moltke loaded lumber at Cheminus and three other vessels are chartered for this season for the same mills.

The steamer Etta White and Leonora went north last week to Jarvis Inlet to tow down a boom of logs cut by the Sea Shell Indians.

Chinese will not be allowed to work on the clearing of the pipe line for the Vancouver Water Works Co. for which tenders are called.

A man named Gintzbarger has struck a silver quartz lead across the Inlet from Vancouver, which according to the government assay, pans out \$163 to the ton.

The following gentlemen are the officers of the New Westminster Woolen Mills Company: John Hendry, president; D. Drysdale, treasurer; and J. Draper, secretary.

Tenders for plans for the proposed general hospital at Vancouver have been asked for. The final cost of the hospital will be \$20,000, and the first outlay \$4,000.

About 4,000 cases of salmon have been shipped lately from Victoria, via the Northern Pacific railway for Montreal. The fish were from the northern canneries.

A car of new pressed hay was shipped from Reaburn, Man., last week by John Lorne, for Illecillewaet, B. C. Thousands of tons will be shipped from there this season.

The collections at New Westminster for the month of July were \$3,988.64, this is \$2,707.90 less than the collections for July of 1886, and \$920.67 more than for July 1885.

The collections at the port of Victoria for the month ending July 30th were as follows: Duties, \$54,385.51; Miscellaneous, \$535.46; Chinese Immigration Act, \$770; total, \$54,693.97.

Late adv. from Cariboo state that never in the history of British Columbia were quartz mining prospects so flattering as now. The Island Mountain company has ore on its dump that assay \$219 to the ton.

Illecillewaet is booming owing to the work on the snow sheds and is now larger than Roger's Pass was last year. Every train discharges a number of miners and others for the new town. Big Bend is looming up.

The Vancouver, B. C., loan for the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars recently negotiated in London, and bearing six per cent. interest, was placed so that it will net the city ninety eight per cent. of its par value.

The customs collections for Vancouver during the month of July were \$5,065.50. This was the first report since the establishment of Vancouver as a port of entry. Previous to July

last, Vancouver collections were merged in those of New Westminster.

The new woolen mills at New Westminster, which are now completed, is described as follows: The mill consists of three flats, a basement and an engine house. On the first floor are 5 looms, 400 spindles, warping machine, press and beaming machine, shears, dresser and ruler. On the second floor 1 one set cards, 2 operators or dusters, jack and grinder. Third floor, picker, drying apparatus, etc., and store-room. The basement contains the fulling mill, dye vats and washing vats. The engine is 35 horse-power, and the boiler is capable of supplying steam for two engines of this size. Hydrants and hose, in case of fire, are on each floor. When in operation the mill will give employment to 20 hands.

The Vancouver News of August 7th says:—"The trade in butter, eggs, cheese and flour between this city and Winnipeg is constantly becoming more extensive, and the importations from south of the line are, in consequence, falling off to a large extent. A year ago nearly every pound of butter used in the city came from California and the Sound, and almost every barrel of flour came from Oregon. Now this state of affairs is fast becoming a thing of the past. Yesterday nearly 150 packages of butter and eggs were received from Winnipeg, and not a week passes which does not bring one or more carloads of flour. Both the flour and butter is of better quality than that imported from the south."

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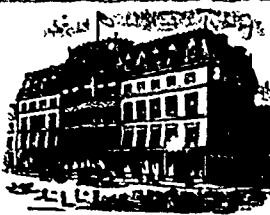
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THE LOAN COMPANIES.

There seems to exist in the minds of a great many people in Manitoba a prejudice against mortgage loan companies. Indeed, this feeling of hostility to the companies has been carried to such an extent as to have been manifested on several occasions in the Local Legislature. Bills have been passed, which, to say the least, were intended to hamper and restrict the operations of the companies. Undoubtedly many persons have had reason to regret their falling into the hands of loan companies, but this is not the fault of the companies. There are two sides to the question, and a great deal can be said in favor of the companies as well as against them. The prejudice against the companies is founded merely upon the superficial effects of some transactions with them, and not upon the real commercial nature of these institutions. As a business enterprise, the loan company is a perfectly legitimate institution, and withal a very necessary and useful one. Occasionally an improvident, or to put it milder, an unfortunate person, will suffer severely and perhaps lose his property through having negotiated a loan upon it. The effects of incidents of this nature are very apparent in a community, and at once the entire blame is cast upon the company. In this way the prejudice against the companies has been aroused. The great usefulness of the companies in many ways is not taken into consideration, nor is it even supposed that the unfortunate individual who has lost his property through foreclosure, might not have got into as great financial difficulties in other ways. In fact it is often to relieve pressing financial difficulties that recourse is had to the loan companies.

It is certainly a deplorable fact that instances of foreclosure under mortgage are unpleasantly frequent, and this is an experience not only in Manitoba, but in other countries. It is also true that sometimes these foreclosures are attended with considerable hardship; but in many cases it will be found that improvidence or extravagance is at the bottom of the trouble. In spite of these occurrences, however, a broader view of the subject should be taken, and when this is done,

the usefulness of the loan companies will be recognized.

To the provident and thrifty person, it is unnecessary to lay down rules to guide him in applying to or keeping away from loan companies. Such persons can safely be left to their own judgment, and they will seldom be found to have made a mistake. The person who is prospering in his business affairs, and who sees his way clearly and well ahead, may occasionally find it to his advantage to raise a loan for the purpose of enlarging his sphere of activity. In such cases, however, the greatest care should be taken that no room has been left for a miscalculation, or that the party negotiating the loan has not become intoxicated with past successes. In cases of sudden and unexpected losses, the mortgage loan company is often the only recourse open to the sufferer, and a little timely aid in this way is not unfrequently a very great assistance. It sometimes tides the individual safely through difficulties, where without such assistance a much greater loss would have been unavoidable. The mortgage loan should not be resorted to under ordinary circumstances to supply unnecessary comforts or luxuries. The person who is doing fairly well, should be very careful about discounting the future. He should think the matter over very carefully before negotiating a loan not absolutely necessary. Always allow something for a possibility of miscalculation or future reverses. Mr. Jones across the way may live in a more elegant house, but it would be a dangerous and foolish experiment to try and eclipse him on the strength of a mortgage loan. Do not try to grasp and carry too much business on capital raised in this way. As a rule, it is a poor policy to expect to get rich by going into debt.

The mortgage loan company fills an important and useful position in all communities. It is the abuse and not the use of the advantages offered which frequently causes so much trouble. No possible good can result, however, from attempting to hamper a legitimate business institution. On the other hand a great deal of harm may come from the passage of legislation inimical to the companies. Quite a number of the companies operating in Manitoba have temporarily ceased doing business, and a wholesale closing up of these institutions is threatened should further restrictive legislation be enacted against them. The result of such

a move would certainly be to cause a general advance in the rates of interest, to the serious injury of our commercial interests and the hindering of the development of the country. It is therefore to be hoped that in future legislation affecting the mortgage loan companies, no injustice will be done these institutions.

TRADE RETURNS.

The trade returns for the port of Winnipeg for the fiscal year ended 30th June last, have been published. The figures show a considerable expansion in every direction over the returns for the previous year. Thus for the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1886, the total value of goods entered for consumption amounted to \$1,858,343. For the year ended 30th June, 1887, the value of goods entered for consumption amounted to \$1,936,872. This shows an increase for last year of \$78,529, which, though small, is satisfactory. Whilst the total of goods entered for consumption last year was larger than for the previous fiscal year, the value of free goods entered was smaller for 1887 by \$30,000. The complete figures are: Free goods entered for the fiscal year, 1886, \$334,099; for the fiscal year, 1887, \$304,076. The increase was therefore entirely in dutiable goods as follows: Dutiable goods entered for consumption for the fiscal year, 1886, \$1,524,244; dutiable goods entered for the fiscal year, 1887, \$1,632,796. This gives an increase in dutiable goods for the last named year to the value of \$108,552. Duties collected were: For the fiscal year of 1886, \$450,205; for 1887, \$497,197, or an increase for the latter year of \$46,992. The returns of imports for the fiscal year ended June 30th last, as compared with the previous year, show as follows: Imports of free goods for 1886, \$333,584; for 1887, \$304,074. Decrease for 1887, \$29,510. Imports of dutiable goods for 1876, \$1,460,789; imports of dutiable goods for 1887, \$1,625,044. Increase for 1887, \$164,256. Total imports dutiable and free for 1886, \$1,794,373; total imports for 1887, \$1,929,120. Increase for 1887, \$134,747. Exports only show the small increase of \$39,780 for the fiscal year ended June 30th, last, as compared with the previous year. The complete figures are: Exports for the fiscal year, 1886, \$776,480; for 1887, \$816,260. The comparatively small increase in exports is of course due to the light crops which were harvested in parts of the country last

year, owing to the drought. For the present year it is safe to say there will be a very great increase in the exports, compared with which the showing for the fiscal year of 1887 will be but a drop in the bucket. In 1886 the exports reached their maximum during the month of September, when they were \$231,241. In 1887 the maximum month was August, with exports of \$228,123. This was owing to the earlier harvest in 1887. The minimum month for exports was April in both years, when the amount got down to about \$7,000 each year. Imports show nothing like the variation from month to month that is found in the figures of exports. Thus in dutiable goods the largest imports for 1887 were in June, when they reached \$197,583, and the lowest in January, when they were \$67,533.

WHEAT STATISTICS.

Of all subjects which are considered statistically, wheat takes the lead, whether considered from a point of general interest, from the quantity of statistics available, or from the puzzling nature of the mass of "information" presented in figures. These statistics are capable of being presented by the professional manipulator so as to prove a perfect glut or a famine, according to the bullish or bearish proclivities of the operator. Those who have not given a great deal of attention to the wheat question, may be easily led astray by a little manipulation of statistics. It is best therefore not to readily form opinions and draw inferences from what appears to be a remarkably clear and convincing presentation of the situation. Great progress has certainly been made during the past few years in collecting wheat statistics, but the work has by no means been yet reduced to a science. There is room for a great deal of improvement, which will have to be accomplished before the figures furnished can be relied upon as accurate. Some lines of statistics, such for instance as the visible supply statement, are no doubt correct enough as far as they go, but so far as furnishing a key to the situation is concerned, they are only of auxiliary importance. It is only when taken in connection with many other statistics, many of which are but approximations at best, that the visible supply statement is of great value. Alone it is almost worthless, and to the imperfectly informed person may prove very misleading. How unreliable crop reports may be has been dem-

onstrated from the official returns made by the United States agricultural bureau for 1886. From the quantity of wheat marketed it has been shown beyond a doubt, that the official estimates were astray about 30,000,000 bushels in the spring wheat figures. Do not therefore place implicit faith in wheat statistics, especially when applied to crops which are not yet harvested.

OUR SURPLUS COMMODITIES.

If everything goes well for the balance of the season, Manitoba and the adjoining territory will have a much larger amount of produce to export this year than ever before in the history of the country. In fact the exports of former years will be meagre indeed, in comparison with the probable exports for the present year. In our first great product of wheat and wheat flour, the exports promise to be very large from the crop of 1887, and probably double what they were last year. The lowest estimate of the surplus wheat which will be available for export, given by any person in a position to make such a statement, is 6,000,000 bushels. Other estimates run considerably over this figure. But even taking the lowest amount, the showing will be very satisfactory. Since last year a number of new roller process flour mills have been established, from which it is safe to infer that a greater proportion of wheat than ever before will be ground in the country. Available markets for wheat and flour are too well known to require a reference here.

But whilst Manitoba has made progress in wheat-growing and milling, still greater progress has been made in other directions, including mixed farming. Of other grains besides wheat the province will have a surplus of both barley and oats. Of oats there will be enough over local consumption to supply the western territories, where the grain is not yet produced in sufficient quantities to fill requirements. The three oatmeal mills in the province will also manufacture for export probably to British Columbia and Eastern Canada. The sample is excellent, and the mills will have no trouble in turning out a first-class article. Even with this distribution, there will likely be a further surplus to be disposed of. The barley crop may not turn out a very good sample as regards color, owing to recent rains, but it is not yet known just how this will be, as samples have not yet

commenced to come in. Prices for barley were very low last season in Toronto, and if this fall and winter does not show an improvement in outside markets, it is not likely that this grain will be exported to any extent, as it could be used to better advantage at home for feed. All root and vegetable crops will be very large. Potatoes will be an enormous crop, and as the crop promises to be light in Eastern Canada, owing to drought, it would not be a matter of surprise should Manitoba export a considerable quantity of potatoes eastward from the crop of 1887. There will certainly be a sufficient surplus of potatoes and other vegetables to abundantly supply the importing districts of the western territories and British Columbia.

So much for the direct products of the soil. Next in importance comes the products of the dairy. Cheese making has received a considerable impetus this season, and the pasturage has been excellent. Manitoba can produce cheese of unequalled quality in richness and flavor, the natural prairie grasses possessing the properties to a large extent most favorable to cheese making. The excellence of our product is already commencing to be recognized abroad, and a market is now being opened in British Columbia. Instead of importing cheese as heretofore, Manitoba will this year have a surplus, probably sufficient to supply the country westward to the Pacific coast. At present prices in the east, cheese could be profitably exported from this province to Montreal and Liverpool.

In butter there will be a considerable surplus for export, sufficient to supply the country westward to the coast, and perhaps even greater than this. Butter is now strong and high in the east, and a good profit could be realized from exports to Eastern Canadian cities. A considerable export movement has been going on all the season from the province, to points west as far as Victoria, B.C. In butter there is great room for improvement, both in quality and mode of packing, these things being the only drawbacks. There need be no fears as to the finding of a profitable market for butter, if the quality and mode of preparing for market is right. Manitobans, however, have much to learn in this respect. Until the mode of manufacture is changed, so that the butter will be produced largely in factories, there will always be more or less trouble about despatching a considerable portion of the product. The advantages derived from the factory, or creamery process are, that butter of a uniform quality can be turned out, whilst a uniform mode of packing can also be followed. There are several other articles available for export, to which curtailed space prevents a reference.

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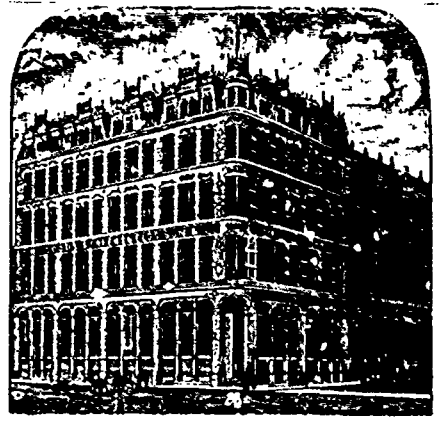
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WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

The showing on the 14th of August, as represented last week, was improved a few points by receipts on the following days, but not to any material extent. During the past week there has been nothing to change the situation in any dissection. The monetary situation will undoubtedly remain close until after harvest.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

Matters have now settled down to the harvest time quiet. The improvement of a week or two ago was doubtless caused by the purchases of farmers to carry them through harvest. These were soon filled, and a quiet time is now expected until harvest is over and fall buying commences. On this account the past week was if anything a little slower than the two previous weeks. The city retail trade is also quieter than usual, owing perhaps to the number of people out of the city, on pleasure bent, as well as a good many men who have gone out to work in the harvest fields.

ROOTS AND SHOES.

Dealers are now sending out fall stocks. Orders of this nature have been of moderate proportion, and as it is supposed that stocks held by retailers are light, a good sorting trade is expected in due time. The call for goods for immediate use is very light. Collections are about as slow in this as in other branches.

CLOTHING.

Business for present demand is almost nil. Orders for fall stocks are about all in, and dealers are now shipping them out. Some retailers have already received fall shipments from the east. There are still a few country dealers who have not placed their orders, being determined to see the crops safely harvested before purchasing. Such retailers are still being looked after. The disposition on the part of retailers to hold off has given travellers a good deal of work. Some houses have had men over the road from two to three times, and another trip will be made for fall orders, before the business is completed.

DRY GOODS.

In dry goods, as in the two preceding branches, fall orders are now being sent out. Some retailers who ordered east are already receiving their stocks. Orders taken are in about the same proportion as last year, as regards individual amounts. The sorting trade of the fall and winter seasons, however, is expected to show a considerable improvement over last year. There is very little doing in a sorting way at present, and the city trade is very quiet.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

Prices are: Howard's quinine, 75 to 90c; German quinine, 65 to 75c; opium, \$5.50 to \$6; morphia, \$2.50 to \$3; iodine, \$4.25 to \$4.50; bromide potassium, 65 to 75c; American camphor, 40 to 45c; English camphor, 45 to 50c; glycerine, 30 to 40c; tartaric acid, 70 to 75c; cream of tartar 35 to 40c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$8 to \$10; bicarb soda, \$4.50 to \$5; sal soda, \$2.25 to \$2.50; soda ash, \$3 to \$3.25; chlorate potash, 25c to 30c; alum, \$3 to \$3.75; conperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur, flour, \$4 to \$4.50; sulphur, roll, \$4 to \$5.25; American blue vitrol, 6 to 8c.

FISH

British Columbia salmon are usually in good supply and quoted at 12c.

FRUITS—GREEN, VEGETABLES, ETC.

Two or three consignments from British Columbia have been received by express. Some of these gave evidence of lack of knowledge in packing and preparing for market. They were however, in fairly good condition and sold well. The varieties were pears, grapes, peaches, apricots, etc. If packed like the California fruits, they would be more favorably received. The cases used are rather heavy, making additional cost in freight charges. Melons are in large supply, and have been sold at a loss in some instances. Prices easier. Apples are improving in quality for later receipts. Some Ontario are expected. Ontario crab-apples, plums, pears, etc., have been ordered for shipment latter on. Bartlette pears from the south have arrived. Blueberries are about out. Black native currants are arriving to some extent. California muscat grapes have been received. Oranges are scarce, and only one variety in market. Tomatoes now received from Minnesota, and prices easier. Prices are as follows: Roli oranges firm, at \$9 per box, 200 count; Messina lemons, \$7.00 to \$8.00 per box; bananas, \$3 to \$5 per bunch; apricot \$3.50 per box; cucumbers, 20c doz; watermelons \$3.00 to \$4.50 per doz.; new apples, \$5 to \$6.50 per barrel; California peaches, \$3.50 per box; California plums, \$3.50 per box; California pears, \$5.50 per box; blueberries, 5c per lb.; Concord grapes, \$1.65 per basket of 10 lbs.; California muscat grapes, \$4.25 per crate of 20 lbs; Black native currants, 8 to 10c per lb; tomatoes, \$5.00 per basket of 50 lbs.; southern onions, \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; Egyptian onions, \$7 per case of 100 lbs.; apple cider, \$7 per keg of 15 gallons; cabbages, 30c to 40c per dozen; cauliflower, 50c to \$1.00 per dozen; celery, 37c per dozen bunches; peas, 75c to \$1 per bushel; beans, 50c per bushel; lettuce, radishes, onions, carrots and beets, 20c per dozen bunches; rhubarb, 2c per lb.; corn, 8c per doz ears; turnips, 30c bushel; vegetable marrow squash, 75c to \$1.00 per dozen.

FRUITS—DRIED, AND NUTS.

Prices are as follows: Figs, Turkey, in boxes, 10 to 11c, new Elme figs, in layers, 15c per lb., or \$2 per dozen in 1 lb. boxes; golden dates, 10c; Valencia raisins, \$2.25; London layers, \$3.50; evaporated apples, 15c; dried apples, 7½ to 8c; new Turkey prunes, 6½ to 7c. Nuts are quoted: Peanuts, roasted, 17c to 18c; peanuts, raw, 15c; walnuts 18c; almonds, 20c; filberts, 12½c; Texas pecans, 17c; cocoanuts, \$12.50 per 100; maple syrup, \$15 per dozen cans of 1 gal.; maple sugar, 13c per pound, in cakes, new.

FURS

The fur trade is now considered about over for the season. A few lots may still arrive from very distant points, but it is generally considered that the business is wound up for the present. Outside buyers are taking their departure. The season has been an unfortunate one for the traders, who usually paid too dearly for their furs. They will probably be more careful another year.

GROCERIES.

Sugars and syrups hold firm at the late advances. Outside advices report the tea market dull and easy. Local trade is steady; prices are: Dark yellow sugar, 6½c; medium tobright, 6½c to 7c; granulated, 5c; lump sugar, 8½c to 9c. Coffees—Rios, 23c to 26c; Government Java, 33c to 35c; other Javas, 25c to 30c; Mochas, 31c to 35c. New season teas are now quoted as follows: Japan, season 1886-7, 20c to 45c; Congous, 1886-7, 20c to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 50c. Old range Moyune gunpowder, 25 to 70c; pan-fired Japan 23 to 45c, basket-fired, 25 to 40c; Ping Suey young hyson, 25 to 35c; Moyune young hyson, 25 to 50c; Season's congous, 1885-6, 20 to 55c. Syrups, corn \$2.25 to \$2.60; sugar, cane, \$2.10 to \$2.35; T. and B. tobacco, 50c per pound.

CANNED GOODS.

Quotations are as follows, per dozen cans: Salmon, \$1.70; mackerel, \$1.50; lobsters, \$1.87; sardines (French), ¼ tins \$1.70, ½ tins \$2.00; cove oysters, \$3; corn, \$1.65, peas \$2.00, tomatoes \$2.00, baked beans \$2.75, corned beef \$3 to \$3.25, lunch tongues, 2 lbs. \$7.00; 1 lb. \$3.50. Fruit in 2 lb. tins, are quoted: pears, \$2.50 to \$2.75, strawberries, \$2.60 to \$2.75; plums, \$2.25 to \$2.50, peaches, \$3.75.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

In this branch the past week has been quieter again. Quotations are: Cut nails, 10d and larger, \$3.75 to \$4.00; I. C. tin plates, \$5.50 to \$5.75; I. C. tin plates, double, \$11 to \$11.50; Canada plates, \$3.50 to \$3.75; sheet iron, \$3.50 to \$5.00, according to grade; iron pipe, 35 to 40 per cent off list prices; ingot tin, 23 to 30c per lb., according to quality; bar iron, \$3.00 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6¼ to 7c per lb.; tarred felt, \$2.75 to \$2.95 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 7 to 7½c.

HIDES.

Prices unchanged. Quotations are: Winnipeg inspection, No. 1, 6c; No. 2, 5c; bulls, 4c; calf, fine-haired rearing veal, 7 to 13 pound skins, No. 1, 8c; No. 2, 6c; sheep pelts, 30 to 65c; tallow, 3½ to 4c.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Prices are: Spanish sole, 23 to 32c; slaughter ole, 33 to 35c; French calf, first choice \$1.35 to \$1.50; Canadian calf, 90c to \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; slaughter kip, 55 to 75c; No 1, wax upper, 45 to 50c; grain upper, 55c; harness leather, 33 to 35c for plump stock. American oak sole, 45 to 60c; buffe, 17 to 22c a foot; cordovan, 25 to 27c; pebble, 21 to 23c; colored linings, 12c.

LUMBER

Business in this branch has quieted down probably owing to the harvest operations now going on. Latest advices regarding the getting out of logs. The Minnesota & Ontario Company have got out a good portion of their logs, which it was previously thought would be "hung up" for the season.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

Prices are as follows: Turpentine, 80c in five-gallon cans, or 75 in barrels; harness oil, \$1.25; neatfoot oil, \$1.50; linseed oil, raw, 75c per gallon; boiled, 78c in barrels or 5c advance in five-gallon lots; seal oil, steam refined, \$1; castor, 12½c per lb.; lard, No. 1, \$1.25 per gal.; olive, oil, pure, \$1.50; union salad, \$1.25; ma-

chine oils, black 25 to 40c; oleine, 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, silver star, 26c; headlight, 28c; water white, 30c. American oils, Eocene, 34c; water white, 31c; sunlight, 27c. Calcined plaster, \$3.75 per barrel; Portland cement, \$5 to \$5.50; white lead, genuine, \$7 00; No. 1 \$6 50; No. 2 \$6.00; window glass, first break, \$2.25

SADDLERY AND HARNESS.

Travellers have lately returned from a good business trip, and a good many orders were being filled for harness leather, saddlery hardware, etc. Collars and saddles were also in good demand. Country manufacturers expect a good fall trade, as the fine crops will put farmers in better shape to purchase new harness goods.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

Prices do not give indication of change. Quotations are: Gooderham & Wort's five year old, \$2.40; seven year old, \$3; old rye, \$1.75; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet DeBouche & Co., \$4.50; Martell, vintage 1885, \$6.50, vintage 1880, \$7.50; Hennessy, \$6.50 to \$7.50 for vintage 1885 to 1880; DeKuyper gin, \$3.50; Port wine, \$2.50 and upwards; Sherry \$2.50 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$1.00 to \$1.50; DeKuyper red gin, \$11.50 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$6.50 per case; Tom Gin, \$9.00 to \$10.00; Martel and Hennessy's brandy, one star, \$14 per case of 12 bottles; v. o., \$19; v. s. o. p., \$22.

WOOL.

Prices are: Cotswold and Leicester, washed and in merchantable condition, 12 to 15c; do. unquality. Pure Southdown and Shropshire, washed and in good condition, 15 to 18c; do. unwashed, 10 to 12c. Montana and Oregon fine wools, unwashed, 13 to 15c, when in good condition.

THE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

The crops have not come on as fast as was expected, but in several districts of the province barley cutting was about completed last week, and the cutting of wheat and oats had become general. This week will bring harvest operations into full swing pretty well all over the country, and therefore dry sunny weather for the next two or three weeks will be most desirable. The rains of last week would not do any damage, except perhaps in discoloring barley. Indeed, for the later crops the rain would prove a decided advantage. One or two reports of hail storms have come in, and in some districts, owing to the very heavy nature of the crops, the grain has been laid down to some extent, but altogether the damage done from storms has been very slight in the aggregate, and not greater than is usually the case. Good harvest weather for the balance of the season will ensure an excellent crop.

WHEAT.

A few samples of new wheat have found their way in to dealers, and all are of fine quality. It is expected that the movement will commence about the first of September. Outside markets continue depressed and prices low. The movement of new winter wheat at Southern and Eastern markets has fallen off, owing it is said, to the

refusal of farmers to accept present prices. The visible supply, as stated on Monday of last week, only showed an increase of 558,247 bus, and now stands at 33,690,359 bushels, or about 3,000,000 bushels less than one year ago. Exports from Atlantic ports continued very large amounting to the magnificent total of 4,300,000 bushels (wheat and flour) for the week ended August 7th. Last year at this date the visible supply increased at the rate of about 2,000,000 bushels per week. The large export and light receipts should tell on prices soon, if kept up.

FLOUR.

There has been a decline in the local market of 10c for patents, owing to large stock of this grade. Low grades are stronger. At Montreal Manitoba strong bakers' was in fair demand at \$4.35, with medium at \$4.20. Prices here to the local trade were: Patents, \$2.15; strong bakers, \$1.90; XXXX, \$1.35 to \$1.40; superfine, scarce at \$1.15 to \$1.25.

MILLSTUFFS.

Unchanged at \$9 per ton for bran and \$11 for shorts. Ground feed \$30.00.

OATS.

One car of old oats sold at 12c. Some new were offered by sample, but no sales reported. About 35c was talked of as the probable price for first cars of new, with lower prices latter on.

BARLEY

Four loads of new barley, the first of the season, were marketed here on Friday. The sample was a little off color, but a very fine plump berry. It came from the Morris district.

OATMEAL.

Granulated held at \$2.60 per sack, and standard at \$2.45.

POTATOES.

Were not so plentiful, as farmers will not take time to deliver during harvest. About 40c was the usual price, though early last week sales were made at 35c. Owing to the drought in the east, it is thought Manitoba potatoes may find a profitable market in that direction, as the crop here will be very heavy. About 500 bushels to the acre is talked of.

EGGS.

Prices were easier last week, 15c being about the ruling figure for case lots, with some sales made at 14c toward the close of the week. The demand is slackening up, the quality not being such as to encourage a large consumption. Some express lots were shipped to British Columbia.

BUTTER.

Receipts are very light. There is plenty in store in the city, but the quality is not good, stocks being mostly spring receipts. Such sell at from 10 to 11c for the best. There is a better demand from the city trade for choice butter, and if such could be had, probably a better price could be obtained. Sales of some choice newly received, were reported at 12½c. Prices east for both butter and cheese are very strong, the drought having interfered with production there. Manitoba butter and cheese of the right quality could now find a profitable market in Montreal and other eastern markets. All that is wanted is the right quality, properly packed, to render shipment east a profitable business.

CHEESE.

Small lots were selling to the retail trade at 11 to 12c, and it is reported that sales were made as low as 10c in this way. Prices east were very strong last week, ruling higher at Montreal for export than is obtained here. Some sample boxes were forwarded from here to British Columbia during the week.

LARD.

Unchanged at \$2.30 per 20-pound pail nett; 10c allowed for pail on return.

CURED MEATS.

Packers are busy cutting up all the hogs obtainable, but the product is taken as fast as turned out, and then the market cannot be supplied. Long clear was about out last week. A good deal of imported hams, bacon, etc., is being consumed, and prices for the latter rule at ¼ to 1c advance on home-cured. Chicago hams sell at about 15½ to 16c. Quotations for the home-cured product, plain, are: Long clear, 10c; smoked breakfast bacon, 12½c; rolls, 11½c; hams, 14c; pickled shoulders, 10c; canvassed hams, bacon and rolls, ¼ to 1c advance on quotations; mess pork, \$18 per barrel; mess beef \$13 per barrel; Bologna sausage, 8c.

DRESSED MEATS.

Beef easy at 5 to 5½c for sides; pork firm and higher, at 6½ to 7c; mutton, 10c; veal, 7 to 8c.

LIVE STOCK.

Hogs are scarce and prices firm. Larger deliveries are expected immediately after harvest. One car, averaging 240 pounds per head, was delivered at a cost of about 5c at the yards here. Another mixed car of hogs and cattle arrived, the hogs bringing 5c. Cattle are thought to be at rock bottom prices, and still rule at about 2½c for good to choice, and 2c for common to good.

Lumber Cuttings.

The sawmill of Prince Brothers, at Battleford, Sask., is again at work.

It is reported that the bulk of the logs lately "hung up" on streams tributary to the Lake of the Woods, have been got out all right.

Forest fires are still devastating timber in the mountains. "Cills" timber limit at Palliser, B. C., has sufficed; and at one time the mills were in danger.

Mr. Lane, of McMillan & Lane, lumber dealers, Morden, Man., is at present residing in Winnipeg, but intends to move to Morden permanently.

W. T. Finlay, lumber dealer, Medicine Hat, has gone to British Columbia to arrange for a supply of lumber from that quarter.

P. McLaren, the well-known Ottawa lumber man, was in Winnipeg last week on his way to the Pacific coast. Mr. P. will be remembered in connection with the famous "Rivers and Streams Bill," of the Ontario Legislature.

A. Cameron and I. K. Kerr, of the Eau Claire Lumber Co., arrived at Calgary lately, and will make a thorough inspection of the limit and all matters in connection with it before their return.

The residents of Ellice municipality, Man., are moving in the direction of establishing a cheese factory.

EASTERN MARKETS.

CHICAGO

Wheat was quiet on Monday, and with but a slight range in prices. Closing prices were.

	Aug.	Sept.
Wheat	67½	69½
Corn	40½	41
Oats	24½	25½
Pork	—	—
Lard	6.52½	6.57½
Short Ribs	7.95	7.97½

On Tuesday wheat closed just about where it opened. Closing prices were:

	Aug.	Sept.
Wheat	68½	69½
Corn	41	41½
Oats	24½	25½
Pork	—	16.50
Lard	6.52½	6.55
Short Ribs	7.87½	7.90

On Wednesday corn was the leading feature of interest, prices being strong on poor crop reports. Wheat was stronger in sympathy with corn. Closing prices were:

	Aug.	Sept.
Wheat	69½	69½
Corn	42½	43
Oats	25½	26½
Pork	—	—
Lard	6.52½	6.55
Short Ribs	7.85½	7.97½

On Thursday corn was easier, on reports of rain. All cereals fell away in sympathy. Closing prices were:

	Aug.	Sept.
Wheat	68½	69½
Corn	41½	42½
Oats	25½	26
Pork	—	—
Lard	6.55	6.57½
Short Ribs	7.97½	8.00

On Friday closing prices were:

	Aug.	Sept.
Wheat	69½	72½
Corn	—	—
Oats	—	—
Pork	—	—
Lard	—	—
Short Ribs	—	—

MINNEAPOLIS.

Closing prices on Thursday, were:

	Cash	Sept.	On track.
No. 1 hard	72	71½	73½
No. 1 northern	70½	70½	72½
No. 2	63½	68½	70½

Flour quotations were as follows: Patent sacks to local dealers, \$4.05 to \$4.15; patent, to ship sacks, car lots, \$4.00 to \$4.10; in barrels, \$4.10 to \$4.20; bakers', \$3.35 to \$3.55; superfine, \$1.75 to \$2.40; red dog, sacks, \$1.30 to \$1.45; red dog, barrels, \$1.60 to \$1.65.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

Closing prices for No. 1 hard on each day of the week were:

	Cash	Sept.	Oct.
Monday	71½	70½	71½
Tuesday	71	70½	71½
Wednesday	71½	70½	71½
Thursday	—	—	—
Friday	—	70½	71½
Saturday	—	—	—

MONTREAL MARKETS.

GRAIN.

Prices unchanged as follows: Canada red winter wheat, 82c to 84c; white winter, 82c to 84c, Canada spring, 82c to 84c; peas, 66c per 66 lbs.; oats, 24c to 25c per 32 lbs.; rye, 50c to 55c; barley, 48 to 55c.

FLOUR.

Trade quiet and prices unchanged as follows: Patent, \$4.05 to \$4.65; Canada strong bakers', \$4 to \$4.05; Manitoba do., \$4.35; American do., \$4.40 to \$4.60.

BUTTER.

The butter market continued firm, and 20c is paid for choice townships in the country. Creamery is stiff at quotations, showing a further advance of two cents for choice. Prices were: Creamery, 20½c to 23c; townships, 17c to 20c; western, 15c to 18½c; low grades, 8c to 11c.

CHEESE.

Cheese was again strong, and prices were 1 to 2c higher; 12½c has been paid for late futures. The feeling, however, was somewhat uncertain. The latest quotations were as follows: Finest white, 11½ to 12c; finest colored, 11½ to 12c; medium to fine, 9½c to 11c.

PROVISIONS.

Prices were: Mess pork, \$17.00; hams, 11½ to 12c; bacon, 10½ to 11c; shoulders 10c; lard, 9 to 9½c; eggs, 14 to 14½c.

THIS number of THE COMMERCIAL is issued somewhat earlier than usual, in order to allow the employes of the office to attend the printers' and publishers' picnic. This accounts for the fact that some market reports are not complete to date.

THE *Emigrant* for August has been issued. It is an excellent number. An interesting feature is a lengthy sketch of the Lethbridge coal mines, profusely illustrated.

HARRY MCINTOSH, late of the Grand Pacific hotel, took possession of West's soda water works, which he has leased, on Wednesday last. He will continue the business in every branch.

THE Manitoba Wine Company, of Portage la Prairie, manufacturers of a great variety of beverages, have opened a branch in Winnipeg for the manufacture of Meyers' celebrated ginger beer. A representative of the company will be found at West's soda water works, Bannatyne street east.

JOHN TAYLOR, who continues the commission business of Schneider & Taylor, the dissolution of the partnership of which is noted in another column, has been the real life of the business since its inception. He has all along been the working member of the firm, and has devoted himself to carefully studying the interests of the producers of Manitoba. His circulars sent out, dealing with the butter, cheese and other questions, have given evidence of his practical knowledge of the situation, and his advice to country shippers has usually been most reliable and of more than average interest and value to them. Mr. Taylor has had to contend against many difficulties since he came to Winnipeg,

but has generally come out on top. It is to be hoped he will have as great success in the future.

Personal.

Senator Ogilvie, of the Ogilvie Milling Company, arrived in the city last week, on a brief visit.

Mr. John A. Tees, wholesale grocer, etc., successor to Bissett & Son, has returned from the east.

Hon. S. C. Wood, of Toronto, manager of the Freehold Loan and Savings Company, arrived in the city last week. He will drive through the province, inspecting the crops and the general outlook, in the interest of his company.

Dairy Matters.

The first shipment of this season's cheese from the Rockwood factory, was made on Tuesday last. The article is first-class.

Grant & Horne, of Winnipeg, have forwarded five boxes of cheese from the Woodlands, Man., factory to Victoria, British Columbia, as a sample, from which they expect to fill larger orders.

The cheese factory at Shoal Lake, Man., writes a correspondent, is very successful, and forms quite an item in the industries of the town. Farmers need have no surplus milk now on their hands, but can send it to the factory and get a good price for it. The milk from 300 cows is obtained every day, allowing an output of 500 pounds of cheese per day. Up to date 600 cheeses have been made, being about 34,000 pounds, of which only 8,500 pounds have as yet been shipped.

W. D. PETTIGREW & Co., hardware merchants, Winnipeg, have now got thoroughly located at their new quarters, 538 Main street, nearly opposite their old stand, where they have much more roomy and convenient premises. The building has been fitted up in good shape throughout for the carrying on of the extensive business which will be done within its walls. There are three floors and a basement in all, in the main building, each 90x30 feet in size. The ground floor is used for the retail business, and is handsomely fitted up. The basement beneath is packed full of surplus stock. The two upper flats are used for the wholesale business of the house. On the first flat are also located the offices. A fifteen feet addition is being added to the building, also three stories high. The ground floor in the addition will be used for a shipping room, the first flat for packing, and the second flat for the manufacturing department in tinware, etc. An elevator has been placed in the building. Out-houses for storage, oils, etc., will also be erected. The firm have found this move necessary owing to steady growth of their business, which rendered their old quarters unsuitable. They will have just three times as much room as at their former location, and still will have none to spare. The wholesale trade of the house in shelf and light hardware, which includes the lines carried, has steadily extended, and with it the amount of stock carried has also grown, until it is now thought to be as large as the present requirements of the country will warrant.

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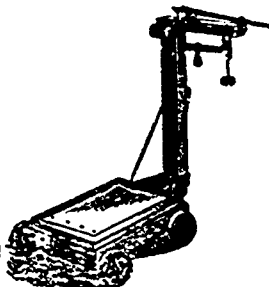
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Northwest Trade and General News.

Farm hands are very scarce all over the province.

The open season for duck shooting commences to-day, Aug. 15th.

A threshing machine for the Indians of the Battleford Agency, was received lately.

The C.P.R. Co will move their passenger audit department from Winnipeg to Montreal.

A Dominion lands office will be opened at Yorkton, Assa., north of the Qu'Appelle river.

The council of the municipality of Ellice offers a bounty of two dollars for each wolf killed.

1,033,870 lbs. of freight were sent from or received at Minnedosa, Man., during the month of July.

It is stated that the Union Bank of Canada, at Lethbridge, Alberta, will erect new premises, nearer the business portion of the town.

The ladies of Birtle, Man., are petitioning the Town Council to pass a By-law prohibiting the granting of licenses for the sale of liquor within the corporation.

Mr. Stewart, government engineer, has located the stations along the line as follows:—St. Norbert, St. Agathe, Aubigny, St. Jean Baptiste, Marais River and West Lynne.

W. K. Cameron, formerly law solicitor for the Michigan Central Railway company at St. Thomas, Ont., has entered into a law partnership with A. S. Wink, town solicitor at Port Arthur.

At Medicine Hat, butter is selling at 30c per pound or 20 to 25c for tub. Eggs 30c per dozen fresh, and 15 to 20c for packed. Flour \$2.30 to \$2.60 per sack. Oats 65c per bushel, ground feed \$35 per ton.

The by-law submitted at Calgary to issue debentures for a loan of \$30,000, to meet incurred expenditures and establish improvements, was carried by a large majority, only one vote being recorded against the by-law.

Quite a number of Moisons, from the United States, have settled recently in the Lethbridge, Alberta, district. Over 50 families are already there, and 100 more are said to be coming. They are described as a thrifty and industrious people.

J. J. Hill, president of the St. P., M. & M. road, is said to have contracted for six large steel steamers to ply between Duluth and Buffalo in the grain trade. They will be run in the special interest of his road in carrying off northwestern wheat.

A new post office has been established in the Banff Park, with Mr. Donoghue as postmaster. In future letters for parties at the depot should be addressed "Banff, Alb.," while for parties at the Sanitarium, Moultons, etc., should be addressed simply "National Park, Alb."

Birtle Observer: A bellows, anvil, and complete blacksmiths' outfit has been received at the agency here for the Indians at Fort Pelly. It seems that one of the natives has developed a genius for working in iron, and as there is no blacksmith in the district a forge is to be established.

At the meeting of Louise Council on Wednesday last, \$1,146.13 were paid as indemnity for gopher tails. This amount represents the demise of about 100,000 gophers. The festive little animal has been quite a tax on the funds of the Treasury, but it is believed the means adopted by the Council for the extermination of the pests have been pretty successful, and have resulted in saving a large amount of crop from destruction.—*Manitou Mercury*.

A meeting of all the factors in the Hudson's Bay company will be held at Winnipeg commencing Aug. 30. Already quite a number have arrived, principally from the far north, and it is expected that by the first of September several hundred trappers will be in the city. Mr. Wrigley, the commissioner, proposes that a general trade conference shall be held to discuss the business of the company and arrange a programme for future work. The business of the company in all the districts will be discussed and organization perfected with a view of making the very most out of it.

A special meeting of the shareholders and directors of the Wood Mountain Railway company was held recently, at which, we understand, effect was given to arrangements made some time since, looking to the construction of the road. We learn that some changes have been made in the personnel of the directorate, and that the board was empowered to issue bonds for the portion under contract to be built this season. Material is now being purchased and operations will be in full blast in a few days. The intention is, we learn, to hire men and teams here, if they can be had, in preference to importing them.—*Qu'Appelle Vidette*.

At a meeting of the retail and wholesale grocers, connected with the grocers' association, of Winnipeg, held on Wednesday evening, to discuss the advisability of holding a big picnic this month, the suggestion was unanimously agreed to, and it was decided to make it the event of the season. A committee consisting of Bell, (Bell Bros.) Campbell, (Sutherland & Campbell) and Taylor, (McMillan Bros.) was appointed to arrange the details. The picnic will be held on Thursday, of next week, 18th inst., and it is proposed if the C.P.R. will grant a \$1 rate, to visit Rat Portage, leaving here at seven or eight o'clock in the morning and returning about 22 or 23 o'clock. If a cheap rate cannot be secured, some other spot will likely be selected, but at any rate the grocers intend closing their places of business that day and having a high old time with their friends.

Grain and Milling News.

Urban & Co., millers, Buffalo, N.Y., have a brand of flour which they call "Pride of Manitoba."

It has been again reported that McLaurin's elevator at Brandon, recently burned, will be replaced at once, in time for this season's business.

E. P. Allis & Co., of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, have the contract for completing the flour mill at Moosomin, Assa., which has been in an unfinished state for about a year. The mill will be given a capacity of 100 barrels.

The Ogilvie Milling Company has appointed A. T. Gordon agent at Pilot Mound, Man., for the Company.

D. Moore, jr., late one of the proprietors of the Oak Lake, Man., mill, is said to be negotiating for a mill near Emerson.

Petitions are being circulated in the vicinity of Holland, Man., for a bonus of \$3000 in aid of the erection of a grist and flouring mill at that place.

The Morden district has been visited by a heavy hail storm. A full account of the damage has not been given, but a telegram to the Ogilvie company here stated it was light.

The milling company at Shoal Lake, Man., have finished grinding for this season. They are renovating the mill from bottom to the top, preparing for an extensive business this fall.

A Winnipeg daily recently gave an exhibition of editorial laziness in the reproduction as a leader in its editorial columns, of an article on the wheat question, clipped *holus bolus* from an exchange. Singularly enough, on the same day another city daily contained the same article, duly credited to the paper whence it was taken.

The *Mark Lane Express* of Aug. 1st in its weekly review of the British grain trade says: "The harvesting of wheat is becoming general. A large proportion of the oat crop is already cut. Values are tending downward. The crops being reaped are in good milling condition. Prices are expected to be lower than ever. Rates for foreign wheat are in all buyer's favor. Liverpool has recorded a decline in spot wheat every market day.

J. H. Nye, a foreman millwright for E. P. Allis & Co., was here yesterday, en route for Keewatin, Ont., where he will superintend the construction of the 1,200 bbl. mill which his firm have the contract for building. Most of the millwrights employed on the job will be hired from Minneapolis. Wm. McClosky accompanied Mr. Nye, and other millwrights will follow shortly. Mr. Nye will first turn his attention to the erection of the mill houses and the elevator.—*Minneapolis Northwestern Miller*.

Latest reports concerning the proposed flour mill at Keewatin are to the effect that the mill will have a capacity of 1,200 barrels per day. The mill will be built of granite, which abounds in the vicinity. The elevator will have a capacity of 200,000 bushels. A barrel factory will also be established in connection with the mill. The mill will be completed early next year. A force of men are now at work on the buildings. It is said the company will purchase about 1,000,000 bushels of this season's crop. The company will be known as the Lake of the Woods Milling Company, (Limited). Capital stock \$300,000. The shareholders include: Allan Gilmour, Ottawa; Hon. John Hamilton, Hawkeburg; Mr. Reid, Sir Donald Smith, Sir George Stephen, Alex. Mitchell, J. Turnbull, Wm. Cassils, Montreal; John Mather, Keewatin; Robert Meighen, Perth. Mr. Mitchell was elected president of the company, and the following gentlemen were elected first directors: J. Mather, R. Meighen, J. Turnbull and Wm. Cassils.

Grain and Milling News.

The Ogilvie Milling Company have forwarded a shipment of flour, from their Winnipeg mill, to Japan.

Win. Pieper, formerly of Morden, Man., but who has been living in Ontario for the last year or two, has returned to Morden, and will take his old position in the Ogilvie elevator.

James Jermyn of Minnedosa, Man., was in Winnipeg last week making arrangements for the fitting up of his mill as a roller process one, for which a bonus by-law was lately carried.

Mr. Leitch, Reeve of Oak Lake, who is one of the firm which purchased the Oak Lake flour mill, has resigned his municipal office, owing to the bonus arrangement which the mill has with the municipality.

The first sample of new wheat to arrive in Winnipeg came from the farm of A. D. Irish, of Springfield, sixteen miles from the city. It was received on Monday of last week. The sample was of the White Russian variety, and of No. 1 quality.

Geo. Buckpitt, miller at Balmoral, Man., last week informed S. Spink, grain dealer of Winnipeg that the damage from the hail storm in the Balmoral district had been greatly over estimated. Mr. Buckpitt placed the entire loss at 4,000 to 6,000 bushels. Some farmers who supposed their loss was complete, will yet get a partial crop. The loss, though not great, is very severe upon a few settlers.

Mr. Alexander Mitchell of Montreal, of C. P. R. grain syndicate fame and now connected with the Keewatin milling enterprise, has been letting a Winnipeg reporter into the mysteries of the wheat situation. The cause of the low prices for wheat, he says, is owing to "the low rates of freight to Britain." Evidently what Alexander doesn't know about wheat would fill a large volume.

The grain examining committee of the Winnipeg board of trade, met Thursday afternoon and elected Geo. J. Maulson chairman for the current year. Arrangements were made to gather samples of grain to send down to the annual meeting of the examiners for the Dominion at Toronto next month, at which time the standards are selected for grading all grain marketed during the season.

Regarding the Keewatin flour mill project Senator Ogilvie, being interviewed by a Winnipeg *Sun* reporter, spoke as follows: "Already their company was manufacturing twice as much flour as was required for the local and eastern trade, and when the new company started in on their proposed gigantic scale it would be sure to curtail the operations of the Ogilvies. In his opinion there were at present more mills in the country than were required. He did not, however, see that the operations of the new company could affect Manitoba in a manner otherwise than beneficially. Competition could hardly result in reducing the price of wheat, because there was a certain demand for Manitoba flour which must be had no matter what the cost. The only danger that he foresaw was that the company might obtain a preference in rates from the C. P. R., but from what he knew of George Olds, the general traffic manager, he did not think this

would be done. If it were, the result might be that local buyers would combine and withdraw from the field of competition, but he hardly expected this contingency to arise. Speaking of the crop prospects here, he said they were by all odds the finest he had ever seen anywhere, and was confident Manitoba would have a surplus of at least seven million bushels of wheat.

Northwest Trade and General News.

A. F. Munson, druggist, Shoal Lake, Man., has been appointed an issuer of marriage licenses.

McGregor's brick yard at Morden, Man., has proved a success. The brick are of good quality and color.

A refrigerator car of produce for British Columbia will be forwarded from Winnipeg on August 17th.

There is no better point in Manitoba for the establishment of a bank than Portage la Prairie. Such an institution would be a great desideratum to the business men of that town, and should receive a profitable business.

J. H. Ashdown, of Winnipeg, attended the Board of Trade meeting at Brandon on Friday evening, and gave an address on the Red River Valley Railway.

The steamer Parthia left Yokohama August 7th. Her cargo is 1,750,000 pounds of tea, 220 bales of silk for eastern points, 199,000 pounds of tea for San Francisco, 22 cabin passengers, 7 Japanese and a number of Chinamen. She is due at Vancouver about the 21st.

The managers of the proposed Winnipeg grocers' picnic have decided to invite the city butchers to co-operate in the affair. The rate offered by the C. P. R. of \$1.50 to Rat Portage and return was accepted, and the date was fixed for next Thursday.

A committee of the Winnipeg Board of Trade had an interview on Saturday with the Postmaster-General, to urge an improvement in the postal system between here and Brandon. It is urged that the local train which runs as far west as Brandon on Wednesdays, returning on Thursdays, should be utilized to carry a local mail on those days, there being no through train going west from here on Wednesdays, nor arriving here from the west on Thursdays.

Northwestern Crops.

Jos. Redford, near Winnipeg, threshed oats and barley on August 1st.

F. W. Seymour, Fort Qu'Appelle, has a field of barley which will average about sixty bushels to the acre.

A Wapella, Assa., correspondent writes: "We can safely say the average yield will be double that of last year in this district. Hail has done a little damage."

The Morden *Monitor* of August 11th says: Harvest is in vigorous progress, and by the end of the week the great bulk of the crop will be in stook, if the weather continues favorable.

At Portage la Prairie farmers are well into harvesting, wheat cutting being quite general there last week. The crop gives ample evidence of yielding quite as much as has been looked for,

The crops damaged by hail north of Balmoral, Man., are not as great a loss as was anticipated. A number of the sufferers now say they believe they will secure enough to have bread and seed for next season.

A Moose Jaw correspondent writes on Aug. 9th: Barley is all harvested and a good crop. Wheat and oats are now being cut and with the exception of where the gopher has injured them are a good crop, and farmers are very busy.

A Shoal Lake, Man., correspondent writes: Wheat averages from thirty-five to forty bushels to the acre, and all of fine quality, being full and large, the best crop ever known in this settlement, which is some eight years old.

Qu'Appelle *Progress*: We are pleased to be able to say that those farmers who have waged an incessant warfare against gophers will have a fine crop. In some localities the dry weather has blighted much of the crop, and in others the crops are really good. Some fields of wheat are excellent. Barley and oats will be a good crop.

A Rapid City correspondent writes on August 10th: "Barley and oats are being cut all over this district this week. There will not be much done to the wheat until about the 15th inst. on account of the awfully heavy crops and the late cool weather making it slow to ripen. If the wheat crop all over the province is as heavy as that of Minnedosa County, the reports of the correspondents who estimate a yield of 25 bushels an acre for wheat are below the mark; I am prepared to wager that the County of Minnedosa will return an average of over 30 bushels to the acre this season, and oats, barley, potatoes and every description of crop proportionally as good."

A WINNIPEG tailor, who had been obliged to call frequently upon a delinquent customer for the settlement of "a little bill," was recently checked by the customer with the statement that his coat had been made too short. "It will be long enough before you get another one," gruffly replied the tailor.

THE opening of a bank at Rat Portage would be much appreciated by the enterprising merchants of that place. The keeping of large sums of money at their different places of business is enticing to light-fingered gentry who have operated once or twice lately, though fortunately unsuccessfully. We regard Rat Portage as a good point for a profitable bank business.

At the meeting of the creditors of D. W. Fleury, dry goods dealer, Winnipeg, on Monday last, it was decided to accept an offer from Mrs. Fleury, of 50 cents on the dollar for the stock. The inventory showed the stock to be considerably in excess of first estimates, the full assets being placed at \$24,000. This amount includes a few hundred dollars worth of shop fixtures. In addition to the amount named, there are book debts to the amount of \$2,800, which the creditors of the estate still hold, these latter not being included in the sale to Mrs. Fleury. The liabilities footed up to be between \$24,000 and \$25,000. The estate will, therefore, pay about 50 cents on the dollar. It is understood that cash or about its equivalent was paid for the stock,

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Toronto coal dealers have decided to raise the price of coal 50c per ton to other than cash customers.

The three following private bills, passed at the last session of the Manitoba Legislature, all of which incorporate railways running to the boundary, have been disallowed: The act to incorporate the Manitoba Central Railway company, the act to incorporate the Winnipeg & Southern Railway company, the act to incorporate the Emerson & Northwest Railway company.

General Notes.

Benj. S. Palmer, manager at Montreal for the coffee house of Chase & Sanborn, has been transferred to the management of the western business of the firm, with headquarters at Chicago. Norman H. George will take charge at Montreal.

We learn that the estate of McDougall, Logie & Co. will shortly be put up to tender, and in all probability, the house, as a business concern, has come to an end. A variety of matters in connection with its affairs will, in all likelihood, be further ventilated in the courts, as there appears to be an indisposition on the part of many of the creditors to allow many most glaring irregularities to be in any way condoned. Meantime matters are in *statu quo* and much will depend upon the future course of Alexander Ferguson & Co., of Glasgow who, it is claimed, must make good any amounts that were involved at the time of their withdrawal from supposed direct interest in the establishment.—*Canadian Trade Review.*

The yield of the famous Montreal fameuse apple this year promises to be light, but the fruit is clean and comparatively free from the speck which affected it last year to a great extent. There is a fairly good hang of early apples, such as Peach, St. Lawrence, Strawberries, etc. The latter are ripening fast, and soon will be on the market.

A leading Ottawa forwarder says that during the present season there has been shipped by boat some 150,000,000 feet of sawn lumber.

Some of this was last year's cut, but the greater part has been cut this year. Of this amount more than three-quarters has gone to the United States and the remainder to England.

The Nova Scotia Cotton company earned \$20,000 last year and will declare a dividend for the first time in five years.

A cargo of Cape wool amounting to 800 bales has arrived at Boston lately for Montreal account, and about 200,000 lbs. of it has been sold at 14½ to 15c.

The price of leaf tobacco in New York advanced from 50 to 100 per cent. during the present month. A short crop and an increased demand are the causes.

At St. John, N.B., the cotton mills now employ 500 hands and are still five months behind with their orders, and every other branch of trade is complaining of the scarcity of skilled labor.

The contract for the stone work of the Canada Life Insurance Company's building in Toronto has been awarded. The building will cost \$400,000, and will be completed in 18 months.

The Montreal trade returns for the first six months of the year show a steady improvement in trade. Both exports and imports are increased, the former \$1,106,194, and the latter \$1,083,992.

The Spanish steamship Navarro arrived at Montreal some days ago from Cuba with the largest cargo of sugar on board that ever came to Montreal. It consisted of 2,800 hogheads and over 8,000 bags.

Flax-growing in Canada.

Now that the lands of many of the old flax-growing countries are showing signs of exhaustion, and the fibre deteriorating in quality, and while the demand for linen fabrics is well maintained, it would be useful to enquire whether there are not new sources of supply to which British manufacturers might turn. As to the adaptability of the soil and climate of Canada, flax of excellent quality has been grown in every province of the Dominion, and has been utilized to a considerable extent in domestic manufactures ever since the first settlements. In 1881 there were reported 2,836,338 lbs. of dressed flax and 1,293,892 yards of home made linen produced in Canada, of which over 1,005,000 yards were made in Quebec, 68,038 yards in Nova Scotia, 51,456 in New Brunswick, and 30,088 yards in Prince Edward Island. This, however, showed a decline of half a million yards since 1881. In the Canadian Northwest three species of indigenous flax grow luxuriantly over a vast area of country and might, no doubt, be utilized one day to good advantage in the manufacture of twines, etc., when machinery was introduced to work up the fibre. The true flax plant has been introduced by the French Canadian pioneers in the reign of the Hudson Bay Co., 200 years ago. It was, however, only within the last few years that a true conception was beginning to be formed of the special suitability of the Canadian Northwest for flax-growing, of the vast area that could be brought under cultivation and of the excellence of the fibre for the purposes of the manufacturer. A comparison of the soils of Egypt, Belgium and Holland, where the fine fibres of the world were grown, and from Russia, where the largest quantity was produced, with that of the Canadian Northwest, showed that the conditions for obtaining quantity and quality were there present in almost every part of the country. Professor Macoun has recently stated that he had seen flax growing 12 feet high in the Canadian Northwest, that the well regulated rain falls prevented the land from becoming sour, and the severe and continued frost pulverized the ground deeper than any other subsoiling process could possibly do. Flax could be grown not only in large quantities in Canada, but also at a large profit. Out of 100,000 tons of flax used in Great Britain last year over 83,000 tons were imported. England produced less than 450 tons and Ireland less than 21,000 tons. Thus England paid out £3,200,000 for her raw material in flax last year. From Russia alone she bought flax valued at £2,083,590. This shows a great market in England. A very large trade might also be done in flax seed for the manufacture of linseed oil and oil cake for feeding cattle. Eight acres of land would produce a ton of dressed fibre, of which the average value would be £41, which would give a total result much better than wheat at its present price in Manitoba and the Northwest. There were 250,000,000 acres of virgin soil in the Northwest that could be thus treated with in "the wheat belt" alone, and if one crop and no more were taken off each new field as it was brought first under cultivation it would supply the factories of England, Ireland and Scotland with fibre for 80 years to come.

—By E. Biggar, from the Emigrant.

The Sea Otter's Pelt.

To the rich pelt of the sea otter, when in prime condition, must be accorded the first place in point of value. In 1880 the census reports state that 50,283 sea otter skins were shipped to San Francisco in ten years, 1871 to 1880, or 4,028 per annum. Reliable data show that during the last six years, 1880 to 1886, the yield of sea otter skins has somewhat diminished. The reason of this decrease is that with in the last few years the hunters, both white and native, have been using breech-loading fire arms to shoot the animals, and, furthermore, stimulated by the high prices paid by rival traders, the otter is pursued with greater avidity than in former years. Naturally timid, the sea otter now seeks rest upon the most inaccessible rocks and reefs amid the surf-lashed inlets off the Aleutian archipelago and Alaskan shores. The prices paid by the traders to the hunters vary. For a first class, full grown, silver tipped skin as high as \$100 has been paid; the second class ranges from \$60 to \$80; the third grade from \$25 to \$50; the fourth grade, \$10 to \$20; while a pup skin fetches from \$5 to \$10, the value of the skin being judged by the richness of fur, depth of color, size and general condition. Its uses for garments is confined to trimming sealskin sacsques and cloaks and for muffs and caps. The major portion of sea-otter skins are sent to Europe, and, in common with the land furs, are disposed of, at the great auction sales which are held biannually in London and Leipsic. At the Leipsic sale buyers from every great city in Europe are in attendance, the largest purchasers being from Russia, in which country the bulk of the sea-otter skins find a ready market.

Beaver skins when viewed in their raw state present a very unattractive appearance. The long, reddish-brown hair has to be plucked, and after that operation is concluded the rich, soft light-brown fur is exposed. The yield of beaver pelts has been gradually diminishing during the last few years, and there is no doubt that before long the animal will become extinct. Prices of beaver fur have advanced from \$3 per pelt in 1880 to \$5 in 1886, and the probabilities are that the values will yearly progress. For trimmings, victorines, capes, muffs, and in some special cases, as linings for coats, beaver is highly prized.

The Portage la Prairie *Liberal* is now published by Cowan, Mashinter & Co.

It is reported that freight room has already this week been taken for not far from 50,000 sacks of flour to be exported. The room was arranged for in Chicago, but the flour does not go from this city nor pass through it. Duluth will be the collecting point, and the contributors will be millers at different places along the line of the Northern Pacific Railroad. That section is looming up as a competitor even with Minneapolis, which has hitherto been pointed to with pride as the one source of future supply for the flour wants of Europe. The rate from Duluth is only 5 cents per 100 pounds more than from Chicago, and the smallness of the difference sufficiently explains why the flour export business in this city is dull.—Chicago Tribune.

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