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WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 10, 1890.

Manitoba.

Rapid City wants a sash and door factory.

B. Steele, blacksmith, Deloraine, has sold out.

Jas Oliver, auctioneer, Deloraine, has moved to Hartney.

H. Bolton has started a harness shop at Strathclair.

Alex. Howie, baker, Manitou, has sold out to R. H. Shore.

James Cavers, general store, Deloraine, is giving up business.

M. Ripsteine, general store, Deloraine, has sold out to A. Rosen.

J. R. Shillington, general store, Melgund, has moved to Hartney.

Mr. Gilmore is opening out in the auctioneering business at Carberry.

J. L. Blair, of Winnipeg, will shortly open a dry goods store at Carberry.

Johnson & Barclay's, oatmeal mill, at Portage la Prairie, was burnt recently.

Rountree & O'Connor, hotel, Manitou are offering to dispose of their business.

Neepawa had a butter famine last week. The price went up to 20c per pound.

R. Douglass, harness, boots and shoes, Deloraine, has opened a branch at Hartney.

H. DeSimencourt, who has charge of the Lisbyville meat stall at Winnipeg is dead.

A car load of butter was shipped to Vancouver from the Shoal Lake creamery last week.

H. E. Turner has been appointed agent for Massey Manufacturing Company at Portage la Prairie.

Morden will be lighted by electricity in the future.

W. F. Scarth, of Virden, will open a general store at Griswold.

Bell Bros, general storekeepers, McGregor, are going out of business.

Shaughnessy & Hamilton have opened a real estate office at Winnipeg.

J. Hiebert, general merchant, Pilot Mound, is adding hardware to his business.

A Coblenz, wholesale liquors, Greta, has disposed of his business to Heiman & Co.

Baird Bros. & Chalmers, of Pilot Mound, will ship another car of cattle to Winnipeg this week.

The fall show recently held at Rapid City has been a decided success, according to the Reporter.

H. Ripstein & Co., dry goods and groceries, Deloraine, have sold out to A. Rozen, who has been in charge of the business recently.

The deposits in the Dominion Government Savings Bank at Winnipeg for the month of October amount to \$18,916 00; and the withdrawals \$29,871.21.

Adam, late of Adam, Ross & Co., Lake Dauphin is erecting a new store, and purposes carrying on business under the name of A. Adam & Co., at that place.

The new store of Montgomery & Co., Deloraine, now about completed, will be a great addition to the buildings in that place. Some plate glass windows have been put in.

The post office authorities have been requested to extend the mail service from Morris to Wawanesa along the line of the Northern Pacific and Manitoba, and to establish post offices at all principal points.

The customs returns at the city of Winnipeg during the month of October shows the following: Value of exports, \$91,503; value of imports dutiable, \$160,041; value of imports, free, \$28,724; total imports, \$188,765.

At a meeting of the directors of the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition held in the city hall on Nov. 4, the solicitors were requested to prepare a charter for submission to the Manitoba Legislature at its next meeting.

The Bellevue French Coffee Co., of White-wood, are paying thirty cents per bushel of sixty pounds for chicory. The profits from the cultivation of this root should be considerable as the average yield is from 200 to 300 bushels per acre.

Collections of the Inland Revenue at Winnipeg for Oct. 1890, were:

Spirits	.....	\$14,598 20
Malt	.....	1,142 51
Tobacco	.....	9,129 40
Cigars	.....	816 60
License fees	.....	50 00
Petroleum	.....	166 50
Methylated Spirits	.....	352 67
Total	.....	\$26,255 88

Speaking of the neglect of Manitoba farmers in not raising more hogs, the Brandon Times says: "The truth of the matter is that Manitoba farmers should do more mixed farming than they are doing now. Mixed farming would cover the whole ground. More attention to and dependence upon raising stock of every kind and less reliance upon a succession of wheat crops should be the watchword of every farming district. The country cannot stand this continuous wheat drain at any rate, fertile

and all as it is, and sooner or later the farmers will have to come to it and devote more of their attention to stock. The sooner that time comes the better for all concerned."

The Pilot Mound Sentinel says: "It will be noticed that beef, pork and mutton is scarce and dear in proportion to the price of grain and yet grain could be quickly turned into meat were there any animals to feed. The scarcity of hay, oats and barley caused many farmers to get rid of stock that could be made more profitable now. As soon as men can do so it will be a great advantage to keep a portion of the produce raised one season over to another year, than all the branches of agriculture could be properly balanced."

Assiniboia.

John O'Neil, general storekeeper, Broadview, has assigned.

Wm. Bell, the cattle king, shipped 13 car-loads of cattle from Westbourne, Man., to England last week.

The Grand Hotel, San Francisco, which was burned on November 4, was one of the finest hotels in the United States.

New postoffices were opened at Cree Hill, Alberta; Elenwood, Assa; Glen Ewing, Assa; Dunallen, Man.; and Springfield, Man., on the 1st inst.

The C.P.R. Telegraph Co. have opened offices at Saskatoon, Lumsden, Terry, St. Laurent, Batoche, Duck Lake and Prince Albert, on the Regina & Long Lake railway.

Saskatchewan.

The Massey Manufacturing Co. have disposed of over \$20,000 worth of machinery in the Prince Albert district this season.

On and after the 15th November the mail for Battleford will be taken from Saskatoon twice a week each way. Leeson & Scott have the contract.

Work has been commenced on the spur track which is to connect the east end of Prince Albert with the station and that part of the town known as the Mission.

Alberta.

McLeod has applied for incorporation as a town.

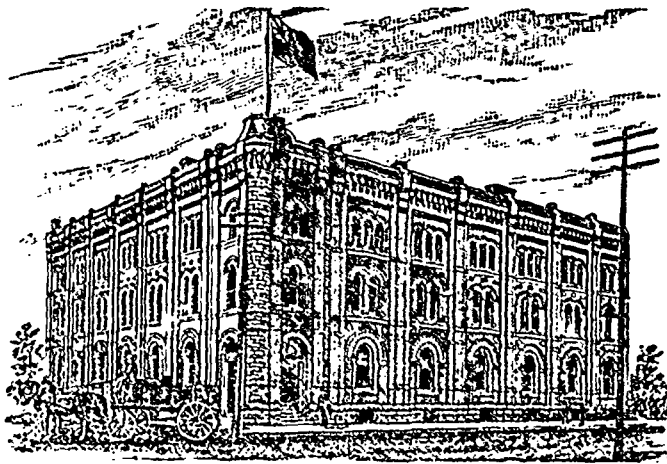
Application will be made for the incorporation of Lethbridge. The charter will provide for the exemption of the property of the Alberta Railway and Coal Company for twenty years.

The total mileage of the C.P.R. and allied lines under operation is said to be 5,815 miles.

A Toronto telegram says: McKenzie & Hamilton, who have been engaged in the woollen trade at Toronto as jobbers for several years past, have called a meeting of creditors. It is understood the liabilities will sum up between fifty and sixty thousand.

Messrs. A. G. Kidston & Co., of Glasgow, Scotland have been awarded the contract for supplying cast iron pipes, special castings and lead for the New Westminster water works system. The price agreed upon is \$52,461.14. The contract for valves, hydrants, gates, etc., has been secured by the Galvin Brass and Iron Works Company, of Detroit, Mich. Their figure was \$6,306.10.

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CORRESPONDENCE,

To the Editor of *The Commercial* :

Str,—Knowing that you have always been ready to champion the cause of those who demand justice, I make bold to call your attention to some of the unbusiness like, childish and unfair, if not dishonest actions on the part of Custom House officials in Winnipeg, to which business men have from time to time submit, without hope of redress.

I am, and have been for the past eight years quite a heavy importer, and during that period have passed many thousands of dollars worth of dutiable imports at the ports of Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg. During all these years neither myself nor my agents have had the slightest trouble with the Customs authorities at the two first named ports. But since I made the first entry at the port of Winnipeg five years ago, I have been annoyed, badgered and hounded like a criminal by a lot of ignorant and incompetent individuals filling the position of inspector and appraiser, men I suppose the Dominion Government find on their hands, and for whom they must provide bread and butter no matter what their qualifications or lack of qualifications may be: men who are prepared to resort to any trick, no matter how unscrupulous, to secure a share of the spoils, which our iniquitous Customs laws allow them out of seizures made, and who by those same laws are guaranteed immunity from punishment for any blunder they may commit in making such seizures, no matter how much injury the blunder may inflict on the importer whose goods are seized.

I have not up to this time lost any goods by seizure or been compelled to contribute anything to the gain of this knot of hungry official wolves, although it is not for lack of effort on their part to compel me so to do. I have, however, been systematically robbed by being compelled to pay duty on figures far above those of my invoice prices, and on every occasion on the valuation of an appraiser, who knows as much about the goods I import (jewelry, clocks, etc.) as a kitten knows about its grandfather; and while this extortion was being practised on myself and other importers in Winnipeg, the same class of goods were being

admitted from the same manufacturers at the valuations in my original invoices at Montreal, Toronto and other ports of the Dominion.

When I was first imposed upon by Winnipeg Customs officials I telegraphed the Honorable Minister of Customs, and subsequently wrote him at length fully explaining the position of affairs, but could get no satisfactory answer. I made a visit to Ottawa and had an interview with him in which I received plenty of promises, and on a second and third visit during two years, I received similar promises, none of which were fulfilled. I finally told the Honorable gentleman his word and promise were of no value, and left him in disgust.

My dealings through the Winnipeg Custom House have been very limited during the past two years, most of my imports having been passed at Montreal and Toronto, and everything went smoothly with me. I began to think that trouble at this port was over for good; but I was awakened from this belief recently, when my broker informed me that on October 7th and 11th thirteen out of fifteen consignments of goods had been seized or detained by the Customs authorities. Since then I have been vainly trying to find out the cause of detention, and letters of mine of the 16th and 23rd asking the cause are still unanswered.

It is now about two years since Appraiser Clarke seized a similar lot of packages, but on that occasion he condescended to inform me that they were seized for undervaluation, as they were invoiced at about one-fourth of their proper valuation. After a delay of over a month my goods were released as not being undervalued, but when I received them they were short over eighty dollars, according to the appraiser's valuation, the missing goods being rolled plate chains and lockets, which were lost or stolen while in the custody of the Customs authorities. Of course I had not only to suffer the loss from detention, but also that of the goods missing, and I have no means of recovering the price of the goods lost or stolen.

Some time ago this same Mr. Clarke tried to stop me from passing a lot of gilt rings, which are made for auction purposes, marked 18k, worth about \$6 a gross. His alleged reason for so trying was, that his smart son had purchased

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one of this class of rings at an auction, paying \$3 for it and securing a great bargain. Of course the competent appraiser believed he was right in measuring the value of those rings by the clever purchase at a snide auction.

But your readers may think I am partial in bestowing all my attentions on Appraiser Clarke. A higher official than he, namely, Customs Inspector Young, is equally as keen on the hunt for private money, and shows either an absence of conscience or an unpardonable ignorance in his efforts to secure the "blood money." He is at present defendant in a suit for seizing a man's goods as smuggled, whereas nine-tenths of the seized goods are of Canadian manufacture, and the balance were purchased from a Canadian duty paid. He has a very useful henchman in Deputy Collector Thomson, who can economize the truth with any man in Canada, but who can slink away very quietly when a wager of \$25 to be given to the General Hospital is put up on the truth or falsehood of his statements being proven.

But it is useless to follow this subject further. Your readers can see from what I have already written the uncomfortable position a man is placed in, who is at the mercy of a blundering and incompetent, if not dishonest official; for the present system of reward for seizures is a premium on dishonesty to unscrupulous men. Such, however, is the position the importers of this city are in at present.

Apologising for using so much of your space, I am, etc,

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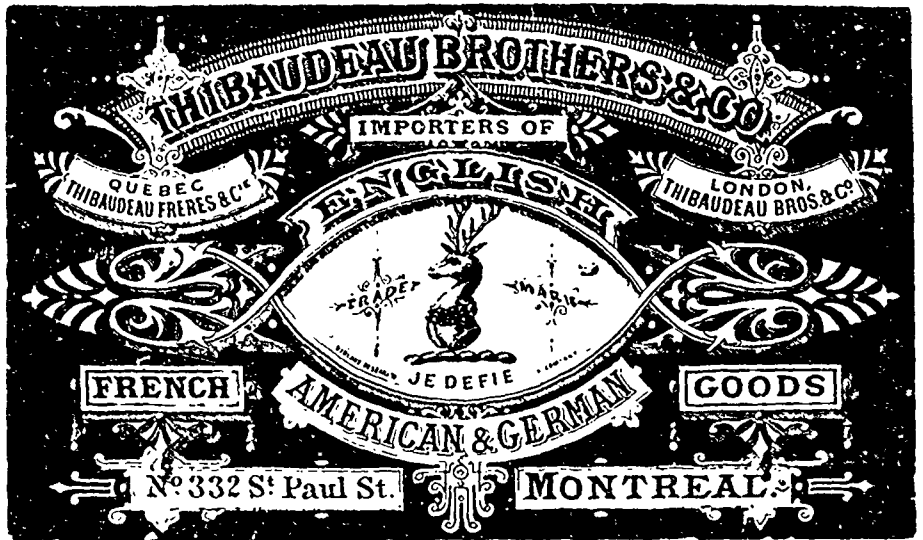
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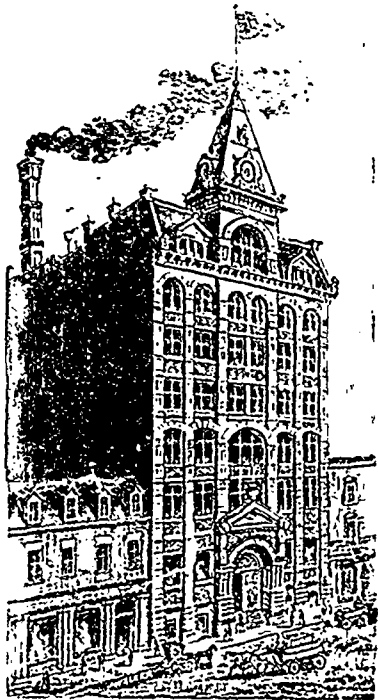


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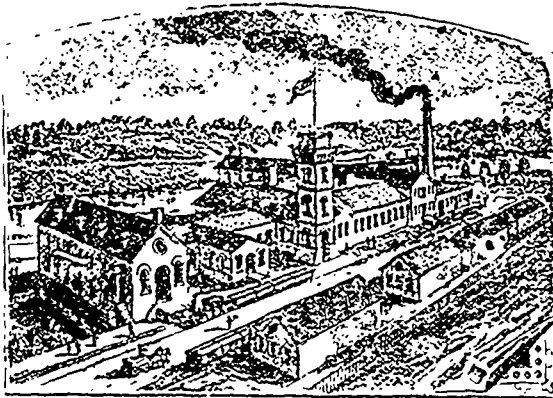
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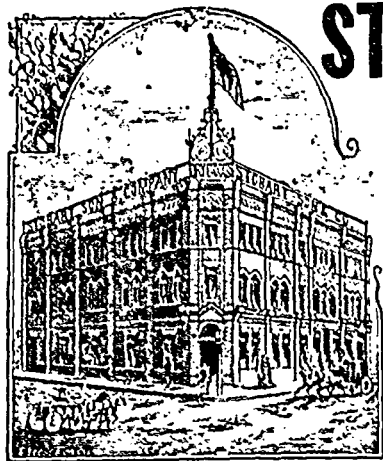
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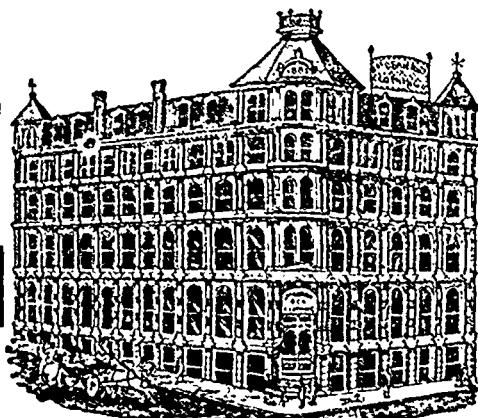
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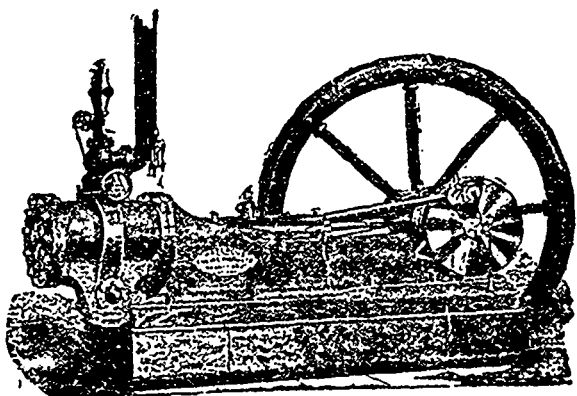
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WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 10, 1890.

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The *Northwestern Miller* of Minneapolis is naturally solicitous for the future of United States trade with Great Britain. The trade which this journal so ably represents is largely dependent upon Great Britain for an export market. This is the case to a considerable extent with the agricultural exports of the United States generally. There is a great deal of talk in the Republic about reciprocity with the South American republics, but the entire trade with those semi-civilized countries is comparatively trifling when compared with the value of British markets to the farmers of the United States. In view of this fact, it seems strange that the agricultural population of the latter country allow themselves to be so easily "worked" by the politicians.

The *Northwestern Miller* sees danger ahead as a result of the adoption of the McKinley bill. The *Miller* may be expected to take a business view of the situation, especially as regards the industry in which it is so deeply interested, unbiased by political influences, and it is fearful lest the enforcement of the higher duties should lead Great Britain to discriminate against the United States. The *Miller* says:—

"Germany, France and Spain build walls about themselves to shut out American competition; therefore, they cannot consistently complain if we reciprocate in kind. Great Britain, however, does the contrary. Should we not, therefore, show some consideration for her in making our tariff regulations? If she takes our breadstuffs we cannot see why she should not have some of the benefits of the reciprocity of which we fear so much, and in favor of which all classes of business men seem to be united. It is true that she takes them because she needs them, but does anyone buy what he does not need? That she can do without our flour we have already seen, and the question which millers should consider, not as Democrats or Republicans, but as millers, is, will she retaliate on the McKinley bill by seeking elsewhere for her breadstuffs? If she does, the benefit conferred by this legislation upon the protected classes will be but slight compared to the damage inflicted on the farmer and the miller and all others connected with them."

It is not at all probable that the fears expressed by the *Miller* will be realized, so far as any direct discrimination against the United States is concerned. The situation is certainly exasperating, and Great Britain has it in her power to inflict serious injury upon the agricultural interests of the republic. But British statesmen are noted for their calm deliberation, and they will no doubt look beyond the present rather than undertake to retaliate for the passage of the McKinley bill. Great Britain would only have to follow the reciprocity policy promulgated by Mr. Blaine to lead her to discriminate against the United States. Mr. Blaine's idea is to balance up trade by compelling other nations to buy from the United States in proportion to the purchases of the United States from these countries. Great Britain buys two to three times as much from the republic each year as she sells to that

country. Here is an excellent opportunity for the enforcement of Mr. Blaine's "reciprocity of trade" ideas, but it is an opportunity which British statesmen are not at all likely to avail themselves of. At the same time it is no wonder that the remarkable fiscal policy of the republic has alarmed those interested in the agricultural export trade of that country. The position of the United States is anything but invulnerable in this matter, and should Great Britain and a few other nations undertake to meet the republic by a resort to its own tariff tactics, it would be made anything but comfortable for the farmers of the country. The farmer is obliged to bear the brunt of the burden resulting from a protective tariff anyway, but in this case he would be the direct sufferer through any reprisals against the United States arising from the adoption of the McKinley bill.

But aside from any possibility of reprisal on the part of Great Britain, the McKinley bill will naturally have the effect of decreasing exports of agricultural products from the United States. The *Miller*, as quoted above, says that Great Britain can do without United States breadstuffs. It is quite natural therefore that she will draw her supplies as largely as possible from countries which admit her products freely. It will not require any special discrimination against imports from the United States to curtail imports from that country. The natural laws of trade provide for this. The United States government has itself placed an embargo upon exports from its own country, by making it as difficult as possible for other countries to trade with it upon anything like equitable terms.

A CUSTOM HOUSE MUDDLE.

A few years ago the trade element of Winnipeg was greatly exercised over the treatment, importers in this city were receiving at the hands of the Customs authorities here, and the agitation gathered such strength, headed by the Board of Trade, that the Minister of Customs had to institute an inquiry by a commissioner, and the agitation did not subside until one of the obnoxious officials was removed to another port and the other superannuated. It was then generally believed that all serious trouble to our importers was at an end, and that the relations between the new officials and the importing public would in future be of a more agreeable nature.

If we are to draw inferences from the communication of Mr. W. F. Doll, which will be found elsewhere in this issue, everything does not run smoothly at the Winnipeg Custom House yet, although it may be that in this instance the trouble is more owing to the iniquitous system, on which our tariff collection is conducted, than to actual incivility and annoyance from officials, which was the sole basis of complaint, when the Board of Trade took its decided stand against the late collector and surveyor at this port.

In reading the letter of Mr. Doll, it must be remembered, that it is the effusion of a man, smarting under a sense of undeserved injustice received, and with this understanding the reader will be able to take the keen edge off some of

the strong personal allusions the letter contains. It is not necessary, however, to assume that all Mr. Doll's personal complaints are unfounded, although it might be wise if not just also, to believe for the present that no motive further than one of duty actuated the officials against whom he complains.

After taking this most lenient view of the conduct of officials named in this letter it is still evident, that all of them are placed in a position of authority, in which they may, without any malicious intent, inflict serious injury upon an importer through their simple mistake, and at the same time enjoy immunity from punishment for this mistake, which is by no means enjoyed by the ordinary citizen. In fact to any person who has had occasion to inquire into the working of our Custom House affairs, it must be apparent that many of the officials of this department, appraisers in particular, have a variety of duties, requiring a versatility or knowledge of which all of them must at times fall short, and falling short must through their deficiency inflict injury upon importers, who have in many instances no alternative but submit, there being no redress within their reach.

Under the present system of fixing valuations by our custom house officials, all lies in the hands of the appraiser and depends upon his judgment. To avoid mistakes it would be necessary to have a man in that responsible position who is simply a commercial encyclopedia, profound and accurate in his knowledge of every class of imported merchandise, and possessed of a knowledge of prices of every class of products, and able to decide accurately in this respect. There is no reason for assuming that the work of fixing values of imports is entrusted to men in Winnipeg, who are greatly the inferiors of those filling similar positions at other ports. On the contrary most of our importers are satisfied that such officials here are above the average in ability. It would be nonsense, however, to assume that they possess the knowledge to prevent their making mistakes at times, and the frequency with which imports are temporarily detained, compared with the rare occasions on which they are permanently held for infraction of the tariff laws, is of itself a strong proof of the impossibility of securing appraisment which will not result in frequent errors, and an error by such an official, no matter how conscientiously he may have acted in making it, may mean very serious and undeserved injury to an importer.

The defect pointed out, opening the door as it does to official blundering, is a serious one, but it looks trifling when compared with the system, or to put it more correctly, the lack of system in rectifying and redressing such blunders. An importer, once his goods are detained has just to wait patiently until his goods are released. He may not even be informed of the reason of detention, or be able to know on what official authority his goods are held. He is at the mercy of a commercial Inquisition, which can decide without allowing him to be heard, and even when the decision is in his favor and his goods are returned to him, he has no right to ask or receive any explanation, and has no means of securing any indemnity for loss he may have suffered. The

actions of the Inquisition or the Star Chamber, so often sneered at in the present day, never were more tyrannical and unreasonable, than are the actions of the Canadian Customs Department in this respect. In the United States for years past, the system has been when a dispute as to valuation arose, for the importer to select one competent appraiser and the custom's house another, and these two independent judges give their decision, which is a settlement of the difficulty that will appeal to the intelligence of any reasonable man. But in Canada there is no such chance of a sensible solution of a custom house difficulty. The importer who pays the revenue of the Dominion must be sacrificed to save the incompetent official, who in nine cases out of ten owes his appointment more to the party influence of his friends and himself, than to his qualification for the position he holds.

One weakness peculiar to human nature is an unwillingness to admit a mistake. A man may do that very promptly when he inadvertently puts the lighted end of his cigar in his mouth, but when his judgment of a matter of importance is questioned he retreats very unwillingly. In this respect the Canadian customs official is happily placed. Fear of consequences will make the average man admit a mistake. But the official has nothing to fear. The Inquisition of his department hedges him in on all sides, and he can treat with silent contempt the demand for an explanation of his conduct, even when it comes from a man whom he knows he has deeply injured without cause.

The adoption of some system, similar to that practised in the United States, might in some measure lubricate the clumsy and eccentric machinery of the Canadian Customs, but there is little hope of any such sensible move being made. Blunder must be heaped upon blunder until the public, tired of legalized robbery, carried out by incompetence, will insist on a return to a system of specific tariff, framed purely with a view of raising a national revenue.

THE LAST STRAW.

Independent onlookers who have been watching the drift of tariff legislation in the United States during the past two years have been looking with confidence for a revulsion of feeling in that country, and the passing of the practically prohibitory McKinley tariff bill was generally viewed as the last straw which would weigh down the camel of national cupidity and vanity if it did not actually break the back of the previously overburdened animal. It is very questionable, however, if the keenest observers were prepared for the crushing blow the camel received at the late Congressional elections, or that its collapse would be so complete and overwhelming. That its spinal cord has snapped, is now a certainty, and that any treatment of tariff tinkering or patching will ever set it firmly on its feet again is very improbable.

The returns from the late elections show on their surface that the United States as a nation has had an overdose of protective legislation, against which the revulsion is general, and has reached almost a national nausea, which will preclude even the administration of small doses

of the objectionable commodity for many years to come. The great Republican party with its well flaunted war record and its ultra tariff tendencies has received a crushing defeat by the voice of the people, such as it has not sustained since long before the days of the great civil war, and the defeat can only be attributed to its ultra tariff tendencies.

If a look under the surface of the election returns is taken the view only strengthens the assumption that high tariff has towered above its allowed height and met with the crush an unwarranted towering will bring. This is most plainly evident in the returns from Western States, and the shout from Kansas betokens a terrible crash for tariff advocates.

During the past twenty years those agricultural states west of the Upper Mississippi have been the strongest supporters of the Republican party, such states as Iowa and Kansas having given candidates of that stripe majorities as high as 80,000. Until late years sectional hate, war prejudices and liquor prohibition were ties strong enough to bind such states to the Republican party and blind the agriculturalists there to their real interests on the tariff. Lately, however, the pocket argument has been gaining upon that sentiment and prejudice, and loud mutterings against a tariff, which loaded the farmer to enrich the manufacturer and capitalist, were heard from beyond the great river. Farmers there began to learn that ninety per cent. of their products had their price fixed in an export market, and no eastern manufacturer or capitalist could be found patriotic enough to pay for the home farmer's products one cent more than the quotations of an export market compelled him to pay.

There is scarcely a doubt but the McKinley bill was framed with the aim of pulling the wool over the eyes of the western farmer on this point, and by high duties on everything he produced to make him believe that he had a valuable protective wall around him. Unfortunately for the framers of the bill, the western farmer has learned through long years of struggle against great difficulties that duties on ninety per cent. of what he produces are purely ornamental arrangements, not without their value as a means of instructing children in arithmetic, but utterly useless to him as a protection against competition, seeing that competition in a foreign market with the producers of the whole world is about the only thing he can expect under any circumstances, and this he would be much better able to do, could he purchase his manufactured supplies in a cheap free trade market, instead of buying them as he now does with all the manufacturer's protection added to their actual value.

How utterly the framers of the McKinley bill have failed this time in gulling the western farmer with tariff sophistry is manifest in the returns from Kansas where the ultra republican party has been almost obliterated, and in Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and even Ohio, McKinley's own state, where the power of that once omnipotent party is utterly broken. Truly the McKinley bill may be taken as the last straw which broke the back of the tariff camel, and while the break down has been pretty general all over the United States, it has been most marked in western agricultural

states, where it was intended that its provisions should cajole and blindly lead the gushing farmer.

IMPATIENT.

There can be no doubt but the fall now drifting into winter has been a disappointing one to the people of Manitoba generally, while it has been specially so to our grain raisers. A succession of unfavorable weather since the last week of August has interfered very seriously with harvesting, stacking and threshing, and has prevented the movement of grain to market for nearly six weeks longer than it would have been in starting had the weather been favorable right along. Thus it is now that in November the grain movement has not more than reached the proportions it has usually assumed by the first of October. How tantalizing this experience has been to our farmers can be better imagined than clearly understood by those living in cities and engaged in commercial pursuits.

But the commercial community of this country have had to bear their share of the burden brought on by this unfavorable harvest weather. With grain unthreshed, and in some instances unstacked, and roads throughout the country in an almost impassible state from continual rains, the cash returns of the retail merchant from his farmer customers have been sadly delayed, and the returns to the jobber from the retailer have been equally unsatisfactory. It is not a matter of surprise, that many of our wholesalers both in this province and the east, are becoming a little impatient under the delay, and some who have not the means of posting themselves on the real situation, have grown a little skeptical about the reports of a heavy grain crop this year. In an agricultural country like the Northwest, there must necessarily be considerable financial strain for two or three months before a crop comes to market, and after a short crop like that of 1899 the strain is abnormally heavy. When, however, the strain is kept up for six weeks longer than the reasonable calculations of three months ago, some dissatisfaction and impatience on the part of those waiting for returns is nothing more than a natural result, and too much blame must not be laid upon those, who begin to get fidgety and restless.

While admitting that there has been reasons for impatience over the slowness of our grain crop in coming to market, there is not the slightest ground for skepticism about the abundance of the crop. The past week was the first one in which roads were in a state that would admit of farmers hauling loads to market, the frost having made a hard bottom on which to travel. The result has been that grain receipts increased with wonderful rapidity at all outside points, and before the close of the week reached a volume, which if kept up for a month, would throw quite a liberal circulation of money throughout the entire country. Should the cold weather continue, and winter settle down, there is every indication that before the close of 1899 the railways going east will be taxed to their full powers, to relieve the country of a plethora of grain, and it is not at all unlikely our exporting facilities may fall considerably short of the immediate necessities.

The danger of this will be considerably increased, now that lake navigation is about to close for a season. In so far as all rail shipments to the east are concerned; but with access to the Duith elevators, and the greatly increased storage of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company at Port Arthur and Fort William, there should be very little difficulty about getting grain to a storage point, and secured its value to swell the volume of money in circulation. Those therefore who are impatient have the prospect, that the cause of their impatience will be soon removed.

The members of the British Iron and Steel Institute and Steel Association who have been visiting Canada's mining districts are much pleased with the nickel mines at Sudbury, Ont.

A Sioux Falls, South Dakota, paper says: — "At least 50,000 acres of land in Beaulieu county alone will be irrigated the coming season. Brown county will soon vote on a proposition to put down 200 wells, and there is every prospect of a successful issue. Other counties are doing likewise. Next summer will see nearly 1,000 square miles of land under bountiful crops, the result of irrigation."

Tuesday, Oct. 21st was the tenth anniversary of the signing of the contract between the Dominion Government and the Canadian Pacific Syndicate for the construction of the Canadian Pacific railway. That contract stipulated that the line was to be completed by the middle of 1891, in reality through trains have been running between Montreal and the Pacific coast since the middle of 1886, five years sooner than the contract for.

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WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

Monetary affairs have been moving along in the city under some pressure during the past week. There has been quite a demand for funds for crop handling, which increased in volume very rapidly towards the close of the week. At the same time there has been quite an amount of general mercantile paper both fresh and renewed going to discount, making a drain upon the banks, which has been freely met so far. A few weeks of the present increased grain movement will no doubt relieve greatly the volume of renewed paper, and leave funds for grain handling more liberal, but it will be near the close of November before any material slackening of the tension will be felt. While meeting the demands of regular customers, banks are not anxious to touch any business of a promiscuous nature, nor are they inclined to be too liberal to casual customers. The rates of discount hold steady at 7 to 8 per cent. In real estate mortgages the demand has been light, and companies' agents are not inclined to push new business in the country, until there is an increase in the payments of interest, which have not been as prompt or heavy as could be wished during the past few weeks, owing no doubt to a great measure to the lateness of the crop movement. Now that a freeze up has made solid roads better returns in this respect are looked for during November.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

In wholesale circles during the past week there has been a more hopeful feeling than for several weeks previously, and in several branches in which the report has been rather blue, the opinion was expressed that matters were on the upward turn. The feeling was not so jubilant, however, as to cause any relaxation of the cautious policy which has been pursued for months back by houses which were depending upon crop returns for improvement in trade. What little improvement there was in feeling was due mainly to a little more freedom in cash returns from the country, which was observable in the latter part of the week. The rapid increase in the movement of grain has also had a stimulating effect, and houses handling staple lines believe that their turn for better cash returns is close at hand. While cold weather has increased the grain movement it has also made a little rush for lines used in building and out door contracting, the fear of real winter settling down creating an anxiety to get such undertakings finished up as quickly as possible. In season goods the feeling has been quiet, but it is expected that the cold weather near the close of last week will stir up a demand for winter sorts during the present one. So far as collections are concerned there has been an improvement, but it is far short of what will satisfy wholesalers, and now that grain is fairly on the move, and more money going into circulation, there will be some persistent drumming in of overdue accounts and notes during November. The belief is certainly gaining, that the financial tension has passed its height, and the slacking up will be steady if not rapid from this date onward towards the spring, and that even a month will materially relieve affairs, and bring about a more general feeling of satisfaction.

DRUGS.

The volume of sales has been steady and

about the same as reported in last issue, while there have been a little better collection. Colder weather is expected to increase the volume of sales. Prices of goods are unchanged and stand as follows:—Howard's quinine, 55 to 65c; Germain quinine, 45 to 55c; morphia, \$2.25 to \$2.50; iodide of potassium, \$4.25 to \$4.75; bromide potassium, 60 to 70; English camphor, 80 to 90c; glycerine, 30 to 40c; tartaric acid, 65 to 75c; cream of tartar, 35 to 40c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$6 to \$8; bicarb soda, \$3.75 to \$4.50; sal soda, \$2.50 to \$3; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$1 to \$3; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur flour, \$1.50 to \$5; sulphur roll, \$4.50 to \$5; American blue vitrol, 10 to 12c.

DRIED FRUITS.

The firm tendency still continues in almost every line of dried fruits, but as yet the local trade have not advanced prices to any appreciable extent. Quotations are: California London layer raisins, \$3.00 per box, do. 1/4 boxes, \$1.00; Valencia raisins, \$2.25 to \$2.35 per box; Valencia layer raisins, \$2.75 per box; currants, 7c per lb.; dried apples, 9c per lb., evaporated apples, 15c; choice new Eleme figs in 10 lb. boxes, 16c per lb.; choice figs, 13c per lb.; fancy Eleme layer figs, 20 lb boxes, 18c per lb.; figs in 1 lb cartons, per doz., \$1.75; golden dates, in 50 lb. boxes, 9c per lb.; California evaporated fruit—apricots, 22 to 24c per lb.; peeled peaches, 27 to 30c per lb.; pitted plums, 18c; raspberries, 35c; prunes, 9 to 11c per lb. as to quality, the higher quotation for choice of best varieties; nectarines, 21 to 23c.

FISH AND OYSTERS.

Fresh haddock have sold at 12 1/2c; Finnan haddock 12 1/2c in boxes; white fish at 6 to 7c a pound. B. C. Salmon at 15c. Oysters are quoted in bulk at \$2 to \$2.50 per gallon.

FUEL.

As cold weather approaches more attention is given to fuel. Anthracite coal is being sold rather close this season, the price in the Winnipeg market being 25c lower than a year ago. Pennsylvania anthracite, delivered in the city, is quoted at \$9.25 per ton, and a reduction of only 25c per ton is made on this figure in quantities. Galt mine coal sells delivered, retail, at \$7.50 per ton, and eastern soft coal at \$8 per ton. These prices for coal are expected to hold. At any rate, lower prices are not probable, though there is a possibility of an advance on anthracite before the winter is over. Wood is not plentiful, and good tamarac wood is very scarce, that in the market being about all dead, dozy stuff. Wood will not likely be offered very plentiful until there is snow to facilitate hauling out of the woods to the railways. Some Minnesota maple and oak wood is obtainable. Tamarac is worth about \$4.75 per cord in car lots on track, and \$5.50 to \$5.75 delivered in the city in single cords. Poplar wood is worth \$3 per cord on track in car lots, and about \$4 delivered in the city. Minnesota hard maple sells at \$6.50, and oak at \$6 per cord, delivered.

GROCERIES

The movement during the week has been fairly good, and somewhat freer than during the previous one. There has been no material changes in prices. Quotations are Sugars: Yellow, 6 1/2 to 6 3/4c; Granulated, 7 1/2c; Coffees, green,—Rios, from 24 to 25c; Java, 27 to 29c; Old Government, 29 to 32c; Mochas, 33 to 35c. Teas: Japan, 23 to 40c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; youind hyson,

26 to 50c. T. & B. tobacco, 56c per pound; Lilly, 7s, 52c; diamond solace, 12s, 48c; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W., caddies, 47 1/2c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunnetto Solace, 12s, 48c. McAlpine Tobacco Co's plug tobacco: Old Crow, 46c; Woodcock, 52c; Beaver, 63c; Jubilee, 60c; Anchon, 59c; cut tobacco: Silver Ash, 65c; Cut Cavendish, 70c; Senator, 80c; Standard Kentucky, light, 85; do dark, 89c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$10; Terrier, \$30 per 1000. Mauricio, \$42.50; Soudin Whips, \$10.00; Turkish Caps, \$35.00; Commercial Traveller, \$25. Special selects, \$55; Selects, \$15; Columbia, \$15; Canucks, \$10; Derby, \$35; Sports, \$30. Lion "L" brand mixed pickles in kegs, are quoted: Three gallons, \$2.50; do five gallon, \$3.50; do 19 gallon kegs, \$6.50.

HARDWARE.

Changes in eastern markets seem to have but little effect upon our local market, but the closing of lake navigation and raising of freight from the east is likely to show its effect here at any time, although it has had none as yet. The volume of business during the week has been fairly heavy, and in lines necessary for building purposes quite active, owing no doubt to the fear of winter setting in early. Prices are as follows:—Cut nails 10d, and upwards, \$3.25; I. C. tin plates, \$5.75 to \$6.25 as to grade; I. C. tin plates double, \$11.75 to \$12.50; Canada plates, \$4 to \$4.15; sheet iron, \$4.25 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, net prices, 1 inch, 10 1/2c.; 1 1/2 6 1/2 to 7 as to quality; granulated, 7 1/2 to 8; lumps inch, \$13 1/2c.; 1 1/2 inch, \$16 1/2c.; 2inch, 25 1/2c per foot; ingot tin, 30c per lb; bar tin, 31c per pound; sheet zinc, 7 1/2 and 8c per lb.; galvanized iron, 28 gauge, 7 1/2 to 8 1/2c lb; bar iron, \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6 to 6 1/2c per lb.; tarred felt \$2.30 to \$2.40 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6 1/2 nett.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Cold weather has caused a general stir in this branch, and the increased demand for glass noted in last issue has been supplemented by liberal calls for every class of goods requisite for building finishing. There are no changes in prices to report, and quotations stand as follows: Turpentine in barrels, 76c per gallon; in 5 gallon cans, 81c gallon; linseed oil in barrels, raw 80c; boiled 83c; benzine and gasoline, 50c; pure oxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar \$6 a barrel; Portland cement, \$4.90 a barrel; Michigan plaster, \$3.25 a barrel; putty, in bladders, 3 1/2c a pound, bulk in barrels, 3c; whitening in barrels, \$1.50 a cwt; Crown pure white lead, \$7.25; Royal Charter, \$6.75; Railroad, \$6.25; Elephant pure white lead, \$7.25; Elephant No. 1. do., \$6.25; Bulls head do., \$5.75; Calsomine, \$6 per 100 pounds; Alabastine, \$7.25 per case of 20 packages. Window Glass, first break, \$2.10.

RAW FURS.

As yet there are no local receipts beyond an occasional lot of a few very poor skins. The London October sales have caused very little surprise here except in the item of black bear, which contrary to all expectation shows a big advance in prices. Telegrams to Messrs. Stobart, Sons & Co. of this city, give the following ratio of advance or decline in prices as compared with the figures realized at the June

sales: Raccoon, 7½ per cent lower; skunk, 5 lower; red fox, 7½ lower; martin, 10 lower; Russian sable Kamschatka, 10 lower; Takutsky, 5 lower and Amorsky no change; otter, Northwestern, 15 higher, other kinds no change; white fox, 20 lower; lynx, no change; bear, black 40 higher, brown 15 higher, grizzly no change; gray fox, 10 higher; wolf, 7½ lower; badger, no change; cat, common, 20 lower; dry hair seal, 5 higher; opposum, 30 lower.

WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT

The past week has been one of little excitement or oven stir in any of the leading wheat markets of this continent, while reports from the other side were equally without interest to speculators. The tendency generally has been towards weakness and a slightly lower range in prices, although there has been no marked drop anywhere. The causes of the weakness in central markets have been of the very natural class. The British demand has been anything but active, and in no way tending to stimulate prices on this side, while the nearing of closed navigation on the lakes has had its weakening effect upon all markets from Chicago westward. A heavy increase of the visible supply at all western points the previous week had a bearish effect also, as it well might, judging from the following figures. Increase at New York, 216,000 bushels; at Chicago, 13,000 bushels; at Minneapolis, 818,000 bushels; at Duluth, 267,000 bushels; and at St. Louis, 166,000 bushels. Besides these stocks it was generally known that heavy ones were also stored by private parties all over the country. Thus every circumstance constituted to create a weaker feeling, though not to materially break prices.

In our own country the week was the first of the season in which there has been anything worthy of being called a movement in wheat. Solid roads resulting from cold weather was the sole cause of the increased movement, hauling loads being an impossibility in most localities for weeks previously owing to bad roads. The movement did not fairly set in until Wednesday, but from that day to the end of the week receipts kept increasing at all outside points, until an aggregate for the whole country for the week must have exceeded 300,000 bushels. The quality of grain generally was somewhat better than the receipts in October, but quite a large proportion was low grades and damaged. As the week was the last in which lake and rail shipments could be made prices held up fairly well, although showing signs of declining. No. 1 hard was quoted nominal at 50c at point of shipment, although a slight advance upon this figure could have been got had there been any considerable quantity available. No. 2 hard was quoted 5c lower, No. 2 northern 5c still lower, and No. 3 hard at about 60c. Frosted samples fit for milling ranged from 40 to 55c. These figures are in a great measure nominal, as the great bulk of the trading had to be done by sample, and will probably have to be done in that way during the entire season.

FLOUR.

Mills in the city and most of those in the country have been running full power during the week, but as yet no stock of any consequence

has accumulated at any point. Shipping east has been going on lively, the week's exports being somewhere in the neighborhood of fifty cars. The local trade has been steady with a fairly heavy volume, and prices have not changed. Quotations are:—Patents, \$2.70; strong bakers', \$2.50; XXXX, \$1.40; superfine, \$1.20.

MILLSTUFFS.

Under a brisk eastern demand mills have been able to get away with all their output at fairly good prices, and are holding to their figures on the local trade. How long they will maintain this is a question, but as yet bran is held firm at \$12 a ton and shorts at \$14, with no surplus stock in the city.

OATMEAL, OIL CAKE, ETC.

New oil cake is now in the market and offered at the mills in bags at \$21 a ton. Oil cake meal is quoted at \$26.50 in single tons, and in car lots at \$25 a ton. Oatmeal, standard \$2.60; granulated, \$2.70 per 100 pounds; rolled oats, \$2.70 per sack of 80 pounds; Cornmeal is held at \$1.50 per 100 lbs. Pot barley, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.

GROUND FEED.

The range of prices remain unchanged. Outside quotations are made as low as \$18 a ton on track, while in the city ton lots are quoted at \$20 to \$22.

OATS.

Receipts throughout the country have not increased in the same ratio as those of wheat, and there is as yet no surplus stock. At outside points they are quoted as low 25c on track, but in the city the range is from 29 to 31c, the latter quotation being for choice milling lots.

BUTTER.

Inquiry reveals the fact that neither in the city nor by country merchants is there any stock held, but with improved roads much heavier receipts from the country are expected, especially if present prices can be maintained. A round lot of really choice would bring 18c in the city, and all high grades are worth 16 to 17c, while there has been considerable demand for good medium stock at 13 to 14c. Creamery is rather scarce in the city, and will be held by those who have it until an offer of 25c is made for it.

CHEESE.

Factories are now out of stock, and the supply in the city is not heavy. Even in jobbing lots 11 is asked for choice, and it would take a big sale to bring a shade on this figure even of a quarter cent.

EGGS.

Some case lots are still offered at 21c, but for really fresh 22c is the regular quotation.

LARD.

No change reported. Held at \$2.15 per 20 lb. pail.

CURED MEATS.

The movement has been lighter than the previous week, while prices hold firm and steady. Quotations are: Dry salt bacon, 10c; smoked long clear, 11c; spiced rolls, 12½ to 13c; breakfast bacon 13½; boneless, 14c; smoked ham, 14½ to 15c; mess pork \$18.50 p-r barrel. German sausage, 9c per lb.; Bologna sausage, 8c lb.; ham, tongue and chicken sausage, 9c per ¼ lb. package.

HIDES.

A reduction of ½c all round in hides last week was caused by a heavy accumulation of stocks in the city. A further decline may be expected this week as prices here must reach a basis more in accordance with eastern markets before any great movement will take place. Quotations here are 5½c for No. 1 steers, and 5 for No. 1 cows, 4 for No. 2 and 3c for No. 3; Sheep and lambskins are now worth about the same figure, and newly killed will bring 35 to 45c each. Tallow, 2½c for rough and 4½ to 5c for rendered.

DRESSED MEATS.

Generally speaking the market was about

the same last week. Pork has still ruled high. A few dressed hogs came in, and sold at \$4 to 9 cents a pound. City dressed were held at 1½c. Beef sold a trifle lower, and was quoted at 5 to 5½ for good city dressed per pound, with country dressed at 4½ to 5½ cents as to quality. Mutton held at 10 to 11 cents, and lamb 11 to 12c. Veal is worth about 5 to 7 cents.

POULTRY AND GAME.

Dressed chickens were offered in fairly large quantities, 11 cents being quoted for good clean birds. Prices were inclined to be easier but no change is reported yet. Turkeys, if they are well dressed, bring 15 cents per pound, 20 to 25 per pair is offered for wild ducks, and 50 to 60c a pair for prairie chickens.

VEGETABLES.

No change of any consequence were to be noticed in this market last week. Tomatoes are now considered to be out of the market, as are also Citrons and Hubbard squash. Prices for others remain at Cauliflower, 30 to 60c per dozen heads. Cabbage \$3.50 per hundred. Onions, 2 to 3c per pound. Celery, 25 to 40c per dozen heads; vegetable marrow, 40 to 75c per dozen. Turnips, 15 to 20c per bushel. Carrots, 40 to 50c per bushel; beets 35c per bushel. Parsnips, 1½ to 2c lb. Pumpkins, 1½c per lb. Winter squash, 60c to \$1 per dozen; horse radish, 10c per lb.

POTATOES.

Still coming in in considerable quantities but there is little buying for shipment, 25c is the ruling price but occasionally 33 is obtained for a choice lots.

HAY.

Hay was offered freely on the market last week and dealers report a lively business being done. Prices remain at \$5 to \$8 for loose, and \$5 to \$9 for pressed hay on track.

LIVE STOCK.

Beef was scarce, and a fraction lower, being quoted at 2½ to 2¾c. A few choice steers would bring 3c. Hogs are not to be had in sufficient quantities to make them quotable, but they may be put at 6 to 7 cents.

Grain and Milling.

Receipts of grain at Shoal Lake have now reached two thousand bushels a day.

Gladstone, Man., has now five grain warehouses, another having just been completed.

The new elevator at Martinville Station Man., has taken in a considerable quantity of wheat already.

A new elevator company has been incorporated at Minneapolis under the name of Midway Elevator Company.

Owing to the scarcity of threshing machines farmers around Nelson Man., have been unable to get their grain all threshed yet. The quality of wheat in that district is turning out very fair.

Two schooners are being fitted out at Halifax for the Pacific coast seal fisheries.

W. J. Buchanan, general manager of the Bank of Montreal, has resigned owing too ill health.

Mr. R. Balfour, who has charge of the construction of bridges on the Calgary & Edmonton railway was in Winnipeg last week.

W. R. Busenbark, general passenger agent of the Chicago, St. Paul & Kansas City road has been appointed general traffic manager with headquarters at Chicago.

An action to recover \$100,000, the value of 4,000 sealskins, which were recently discharged by the revenue cutter Rush, has been commenced by the Alaska Commercial Company against the North America Commercial Company, in San Francisco.

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A branch of the Commercial Bank will shortly be opened at Port Arthur.

The Dominion Cotton Mills Company, Ltd., with a capital of \$100,000 and headquarters in Montreal, is about to be incorporated.

A consignment of opium recently received at San Francisco consisted of 162 cases, valued at \$132,840. This brought the government \$80,000 for duty.

The contractors who built the first fifty miles of the Great Northwest Central Railway are now in Ottawa at the request of the company to settle for their work.

The output of coal from the United States last year according to the estimates of competent authorities was 132,000,000 tons of bituminous and anthracite combined.

A meeting of the creditors of Latham & Low, manufacturers of shirts, overalls, and trousers, Toronto, has been called. The liabilities are put at \$50,000; assets, nominally the same.

Mr. Glass, of the firm of Stevens Glass & Clarke, manufacturers of boots and shoes, London Ont., arrived at Winnipeg on Friday last on his way to the coast. Mr. Glass is one of the old time travellers of this country.

Messrs. Roblin & Sadler, of Montreal, have just completed for the Manitoba Electric and Gas Light Company, Winnipeg, a belt 85 feet long, 40 inches wide, made of three ply heavy leather. This is the largest and heaviest belt in Canada.

Waghorn's Guide for November is to hand, embodying all changes in travel including the new N. P. & M. time card, and business tables for the current month, new post offices opened,

etc. By the completion of the Prince Albert branch numerous alterations of service come with operation diverting the regular mail and stage service from its former routes via Qu'Appelle and Swift Current.

A new use is reported to have been discovered for English hops—namely, for the curing of bacon. It is found that a sprinkling of hops in the brine when bacon and hams are put in pickle adds greatly to the flavor of both, and enables them to be kept an indefinite period.

The market for ocean grain tonnage at Montreal was firmer at 1s 9d to 2s to Glasgow, and 2s 3d to 2s 6d to London. Sack flour is quoted 7s 6d Liverpool and 10s to 10s 6d Glasgow and London. Butter and cheese, 20s London, Liverpool and Glasgow, and 25s Bristol. The rates on apples continue low, engagements being reported at 2s per barrel Liverpool, and 2s 3d to 2s 6d Glasgow and London.

The *Northwestern Miller*, of Minneapolis, is getting the opinion of the millers on the McKinley bill. The *Miller* says: "Speaking of that much discussed thing, the McKinley bill, leads us to remark that not long ago we sent out to a number of millers a circular letter, asking their opinion as millers (not politicians) of this bill, and their ideas on protection generally. We are receiving a number of replies daily, but we think we notice a decided disinclination on the part of some of those addressed to commit themselves on the eve of election. In order to reassure them, we desire to explain that the answers received by us will not be published individually, but collectively, and not until the election is over. In fact these replies will form an interesting feature in our forthcoming holiday number."

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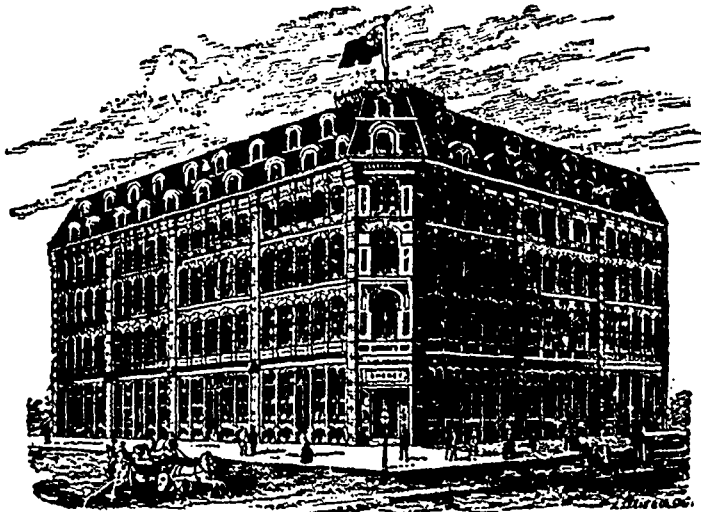
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Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Wheat was very dull and quiet on Monday and declined about 1c towards the close of the day. Corn was fairly active and easy, closing about 1/2c lower than Saturday. The receipts of oats were large, prices showing a slight decline. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat	99 1/2	1.02 1/2	—	1.08
Corn	53 1/2	53 1/2	52 1/2	55 1/2
Oats	43	43 1/2	—	40 1/2
Pork	9.85	10.00	12.20	12.92 1/2
Lard	6.20	6.30	6.00	7.02 1/2
Short Ribs	5.47 1/2	5.65	5.95	6.40

Tuesday being election day the board did not meet.

On Wednesday wheat was weaker than it has been for some time, the continued liberal receipts being the principal cause. November ranged from 93 1/2 to \$1.00 and closed 1 1/2c lower than Monday, December from \$1.00 1/2 to \$1.01 1/2, and May from \$1.06 1/2 to \$1.07 1/2. The provision market was quiet and averaged somewhat lower than Monday. Closing prices were:—

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat	98 1/2	1.00 1/2	—	1.06 1/2
Corn	52 1/2	52	51 1/2	54 1/2
Oats	42 1/2	42 1/2	—	40 1/2
Pork	9.85	10.00	12.10	12.80
Lard	6.15	6.25	6.62	6.95
Short Ribs	5.47 1/2	5.62 1/2	5.90	6.35

Wheat recovered a little on Thursday, and showed considerable firmness towards the end of the day. The opening was weak on heavy receipts and a decline of nearly a cent made it appear as though Wednesday's experience would be repeated, but firmer cables and an increase of sales for export sent prices up to a more reasonable figure. Closing prices were:—

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat	99 1/2	1.01 1/2	—	1.07
Corn	52 1/2	52 1/2	—	54 1/2
Oats	42 1/2	43	—	46 1/2
Pork	9.85	10.05	11.92 1/2	12.70
Lard	6.07 1/2	6.17 1/2	6.42 1/2	6.87 1/2
Short Ribs	5.37 1/2	5.52 1/2	5.85	6.30

On Friday the wheat market was badly demoralized, and declined fully 3c in the early part of the day but recovered later and closed about 1/2c lower than Thursday. Oats declined about 1c in sympathy with wheat but closed only 1/2c lower than yesterday. Closing prices were:—

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat	97	98 1/2	—	1.05 1/2
Corn	52 1/2	51 1/2	—	54 1/2
Oats	42 1/2	42 1/2	—	45 1/2
Pork	9.75	9.85	11.90	12.57 1/2
Lard	6.02 1/2	6.07 1/2	6.35	6.85
Short Ribs	5.32 1/2	5.37 1/2	5.80	6.25

On Saturday, Nov. 8, at 10 o'clock, wheat was quoted at 93 1/2c for December and \$1.05 1/2 for May.

Minneapolis Market.

The trade in wheat futaras was fair at lower prices. Very little, if any wheat was sold against country stocks as the receipts have been light for a few days and about equalled by the shipments. The demand for milling was fair and there was little bought to be sold again by handlers or storage companies.

Following were closing wheat quotations on Thursday, Nov. 7:—

	Nov.	Dec.	May	On track
No. 1 hard	98	—	—	99
No. 1 northern	94	91 1/2	1.02	95
No. 2 northern	91	91 1/2	—	91

Flour.—Quoted at \$5.10 to \$5.50 for first patents; \$4.80 to \$5.00 for second patent; \$3.80 to \$4.40 for fancy and export bakers;

\$1.90 to \$2.25 for low grades in bags, including red dog.

Bran and shorts —Shipments 745 tons. Quoted at \$13.25 to \$13.75 for bran, \$15.90 to \$15.50 for shorts, and \$15.75 to \$16.25 for middlings.

Corn.—Corn was in light supply and quoted at 53 to 53 1/2c on track.

Oats.—The feeling was easier with 3 white at 42 1/2 to 43 1/2c and 2 white at 41 to 41 1/2c and some very choice held at 45c.

Barley.—Quoted at 55 to 63c for good to fine samples of No. 3.

Feed.—Millers held at \$20.75 to \$21.25 and corn meal at \$20 to \$20.50.

Hay—Choice wild quoted at \$8 to \$8.50 and timothy at \$9.25 to \$9.50. Fair wild brought \$7.25 to \$8.

Eggs.—Market firm with most sales being made at 19 1/2c including cases. The local demand is very fair with receipts scarcely enough to supply it. Storage eggs in good supply with a fair movement.

Potatoes.—Market is firm but unchanged. There is a good demand for fancy Burbank with small supply. Early Rose and Hebron find good demand at about 60c. Some mixed stock moving at about 55c. Sweet potatoes are in fair supply and steady.

Vegetables.—Good supply of about all varieties at following prices: Beets, 35c per bush; carrots, 30 to 35c per bush; cauliflower, 75 to \$1 per doz; cabbage, 40 to 50c per doz; celery, 25 to 35c per doz; onions, 60 to 75c per bushel; parsley, 10 to 15c per doz. bunches; Hubbard squash, 50c to \$1 per doz; tomatoes, \$1.25 per bush.; turnips, new, 30 to 40c per bush.

Butter.—Receipts of all classes of butter are light and the market is closely cleaned up, holders finding no trouble whatever in selling out at quotations. Prices are firm though not notably higher. Stocks are light. Most receivers are not getting enough to supply their regular customers. Packing stock is in good demand at the prices quoted: Creameries, strictly fancy, 22 to 24c, good to choice, 17 to 19c, fair to good, 12 to 16c; dairies, fancy, special brand, 22 to 24c, fancy selections, 18 to 20c, good to choice, 15 to 17c, fair to good, 8 to 12c; packing stock, fresh, sweet, 7 to 8c.

Cheese.—The market is strong and notably firm on fancy makes but slow on poor stock. Swiss is a little slow with offerings in excess of demand. Brick is firm with good demand for fancy.

Full cream, September, chodder, 9 1/2 to 10 1/2; Swiss cheese, 12 to 13c; Limburger, full cream, choice, 12 to 14c; buick, full cream, 11 1/2 to 12 1/2c.—Market Record.

London Fur Sales.

The New York Fur Trade Review has the following report of the London fur sales: C. M. Lamson & Co. offered on October 27: Alaska fur seals, salted, 21,000 skins; Copper Islands, salted, 42,000; Northwest coast, 15,000 skins.

October 28.—Raccoon, 69,600; skunk, 25,000; red fox, 2,200; marten, 13,000; Russian sable, 1,300; lynx, 250; white fox, 2,100; otter, 700; Am. opossum, 130,000; gray fox, 1,200; wolf, 900; house cat, 700; badger, 1,400; dry hair seal, 2,800; bears, black, brown, white and grizzly, 900.

October 29.—Muskrat, 90,000; mink, 14,000; Japanese foxes, 30,000; chinchilla, 21,000; Australian opossum, 400,000; wallaby, 4,000; silver-gray rabbits, 20,000; wombat, 2,000.

Sundries. Results by cable—Alaska fur seals average advance 88 per cent; middling pups advanced 100 and small pups advanced 113 per cent. Copper Island seals, average advance 52 per cent. Northwest Coast seals, average advance 55 per cent. Lobos Island seals, average advance 50 per cent.

Prices of fur seals:

	Alaskas.	Coppers.	Vic orias.
Middlings and Smalls	151s	89s	...
Smalls	163	94	...
Large Pups	137	91s 11d	93s
Middling Pups	142	96	98
Small Pups	130	91s 8d	80
Ex. Small Pups	104	81s 5d	60
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Raccoon 7 1/2 per cent. lower than in June. Skunk 5 per cent. lower than in June. Red Fox 7 1/2 per cent. lower than in June. Marten 10 per cent. lower than in June. Russ. sable, unnoorsky same as in June. Russ. sable, Camtschatka 10 per cent. lower than March. Russ sable, Yakutsky 5 per cent. higher than March. Otter, Northwest, 15 per cent. higher than June.

Otter, other sorts, same as in June. Lynx, " " " " Badger, " " " " Grizzly bear, " " " " Black bear, 40 per cent. higher than in June. Brown bear, 15 " " " " Gray fox, 10 " " " " Hair seals, dry, 5 per cent. higher than in June.

Opossum, 30 per cent. lower than in June. White fox, 20 " " " " Wolf, 7 1/2 " " " " Wild cat, 20 " " " " Muskrat, same as in June. Japanese fox, same as in June. Mink, dark skins advanced, pale skins declined, average, same as in June.

Messrs. Phillip, Politzer & Co.'s report: Alaska seals—Middlings and smalls advanced 75, smalls 65, large pups 80, middling pups 100, small pups 113 per cent.

Copper Island seals advanced 40, middlings and smalls 35, smalls 63, large pups 60, middling pups 55, small pups 50, extra small 35 per cent.

Northwest Coast seals advanced 50 per cent.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Grand Trunk Railway was held in London on October 31st.

Duncan McArthur, manager of the Commercial Bank at Winnipeg, went to Montreal last week.

The latest publication of the Canadian Pacific passenger department is a pamphlet entitled "Around the World." This pamphlet has been published for the purpose of advertising a voyage which will presently be made by the new C.P.R. steamers "Empress of India," "Empress of China" and "Empress of Japan." Starting from Liverpool the steamers will proceed via the Suez Canal to China, Japan and Vancouver and from the latter place the Canadian Pacific Railway will take passengers to all points in eastern Canada and the United States. The trip around the world will be made in about 80 days.

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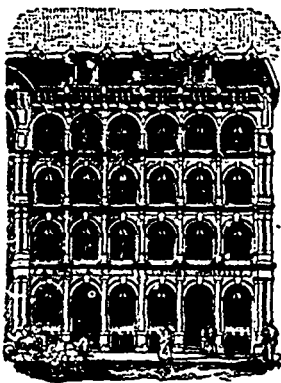
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Eastern Business Changes.

ONTARIO.

F. Webb, hotel, Uxbridge, has sold out.
 A. Reardon, jeweler, Thorold, has sold out.
 A. McBean, hardware, Woodstock, has sold out.
 G. C. Smith, general store, Avon, has sold out.
 A. Stiver, hotelkeeper, Ringwood, has sold out.
 G. W. Faulkner, banker, Stirling, has assigned.
 J. L. Grass, fruits, etc., Sault Ste. Marie, has assigned.
 Wm Troop, general store, Harwood, has assigned.
 John Mosely, merchant, Newmarket, has assigned.
 E. D. Holliday, merchant, Port Perry, has assigned.
 J. P. Whitworth, hardware, Toronto, has assigned.
 J. R. Carmichael, agent, Tottenham, has assigned.
 T. Beattie & Co., dry goods, London, have sold out.
 W. F. Thompson, hotel, Parry Sound, has sold out.
 Cooney & Kidd, hotel, Sarnia, have dissolved; Kidd retires.
 J. B. Brewster, general store, Clandeboye, has sold out.
 P. Slavin & Co., dry goods, etc., Napanee, have sold out.
 R. J. Budd, fruit and confectionery, Arnprior, has assigned.
 Head & Wheeler, dry goods, Woodstock, have assigned.
 Pittaway & Jarvis, photographers, Ottawa, have dissolved.
 R. Tew & Co., wholesale crockery, Toronto have suspended.
 J. Spence, insurance agent, Bellwood, is moving to Galt.
 P. J. Dwyer, hotel, Collingwood, has moved to Parry Sound.
 J. F. Clark, jeweler, Millbrook, has moved to Campbellford.
 J. D. Allan, grocer, etc., Bracebridge, has given up business.
 W. B. Battram, cabinet maker, Bridgen, has moved to Oil Spring.
 Thos. Bunston, woolen mill, Wroxeter, has moved to Belmore.
 Alex. Watson, hotel, West Toronto Junction, has moved to Uxbridge.
 Rosebrough Bros., general storekeepers, Harrow, have assigned.
 R. T. Lowry, books and stationery, Sault Ste. Marie, has assigned.
 C. Brock, general store, Thamesford, has sold out to N. C. McCarty.
 W. O. Quibell, dry goods, Sault Ste. Marie, is advertising his stock for sale.
 Jos. Pittman, hotelkeeper, Hamilton, is advertising to sell out by auction.
 H. Johnston & Co., pumps, Ottawa, have dissolved. H. Johnston continues.
 Snowden Lumber Co. Ltd., Toronto and Kinmount; mill at Kinmount burned.
 L. A. Webb, (late Webb & Sumner,) confectionery, etc., Ridgetown, has assigned.
 Latham & Low, manufacturers of overalls, Toronto, is calling a meeting of creditors.
 Goodwin & Jennings, cabinet makers, St. Thomas, have dissolved; Jennings continues.

QUEBEC.

Drolot & Co., shoes, Quebec, have assigned.
 H. A. Houde, grocer, Quebec, has assigned.
 A. McCallum, jeweler, Quebec, has assigned.
 Rolland & Co., shoes, Montreal, have assigned.
 John McIntyre, millwright, Montreal, has assigned.
 E. Arcand, general store, St. Cesaire, has assigned.
 T. Slayton & Co., importers, Montreal, have assigned.
 J. Kearney, of J. & P. Kearney, teas, Montreal, is dead.
 Vineberg & Co., pawnbrokers, Montreal, have dissolved.
 A. Labine, dry goods, Montreal, is offering to compromise.
 E. Donahue & Co., general store, West Farnham, have assigned.
 David Brady, plumber, Montreal, has called a meeting of creditors.
 Gauthier & McGoldrick, gents' furnishings, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Desnoyers & Co., sash and door factory, Montreal, have dissolved.

NOVA SCOTIA.

D. T. McCallum, Windsor, has assigned.
 W. S. Cox, tanner, Truro, has assigned.
 J. F. Layton, grocer, Amherst, has assigned.
 Mrs. C. H. Bent, millinery, Amherst, has sold out.
 J. D. Metcalfe, musical goods, Windsor, has assigned.
 J. F. Crow & Son, general store, Lower Stewiacke, have sold out.
 John Fry's bakery, Halifax, has been damaged by fire; no insurance.
 The American Steam Compressed Fish Company, Ltd., Halifax, are advertising their plant for sale.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Wm Wheeler & Co., wholesale metals, St. John, have sold out.
 Stewart & Co., wholesale and retail confectionery, St. Stephen, have dissolved. C. F. Stewart retiring. J. A. S. Berryman has been admitted as partner under old name.

Vancouver's Retail Trade.

New towns established at points which are expected to become places of importance, are generally overdone from the start in the direction of retail stores. There is generally a rush for such a place, with the idea of growing up with the town, and as it requires less capital as a rule to embark in store business than in manufacturing enterprises, the former is selected in preference to the latter. Vancouver, B.C., from the start has been well represented in the matter of retail stores of all kinds. As soon as it was known that the terminus of the railway would be located there, there was an influx of retail dealers, and though the trade of the place has expanded enormously since then the number of new stores established has kept pace with the growth of trade, so that to-day it may be said that as a general rule there are fully as many retail stores in the different branches as the trade of the city will warrant.

The growth of Vancouver's trade, considering that the city was established only four or five years ago, right in the wilderness we might say, is really wonderful. Despite the crowding which is expected in a place with such great

prospects as Vancouver, failures have been few. A great many traders with limited capital might be expected to be attracted to a city like Vancouver, and in the earlier history of the city a considerable number of failures might naturally be expected. Vancouver, however, has been fairly free from failures of importance, and many of the merchants have done well, notwithstanding the tendency to overdo business. The city is now established, manufactories are springing up, and the business of the place may now be said to be on a solid basis.

The important wholesale, manufacturing, financial institutions, etc., of the city have been mentioned in previous articles in this journal. There are some establishments in retail lines as fine as can be found in most cities. In the dry goods line there is the large and handsome establishment of Cope & Young, occupying two ground floors in the elegant Ferguson block, with a frontage of 60 feet, 80 feet deep. Geo. J. Wilson, dry goods, was one of the first on the ground, and he is still in the front rank, carrying a large stock, and is regarded as a progressive citizen. Chas. H. Strutt, formerly of Selkirk, Man., also has a fine store in this branch of trade. He has been nearly two years in Vancouver, and is satisfied with the place.

In the clothing, tailoring and furnishing line there are a large number of establishments. Jenkins & Calderwood confine their attention to furnishings alone, and they pride themselves upon carrying the finest class of goods. They have been five years established, and are pleased with the prospects. G. S. Stirton & Co. carry clothing, furnishings, and do tailoring, and find trade increasing since they started in Vancouver over two years ago. They also have a large stock. Johnson Kerfoot & Co. is another clothing and tailoring house, established over a year ago and already doing a large trade. J. J. Johnson of this firm is another old Manitoban, many of whom are among Vancouver's leading men. He was formerly in business at Emerson, Man. R. Robertson has been about a year in business, and he carries a good stock in clothing and furnishings, hats, caps, etc. Mortimore Bros., formerly of Winnipeg, started in Vancouver over a year ago in the merchant tailoring line, and they report business fairly satisfactory and improving steadily with them. D. J. McLean, (formerly Abrams & McLean), carries a large stock in clothing, furnishings, hats, etc. Mr. McLean is on the whole pleased with the business done. The Montreal Clothing House is carried on by Lewis Davis, who also has a branch store in Nanaimo. He is in his second year in Vancouver, and finds business very good. Robert Clark is another merchant who carries a large stock in clothing and furnishings. J. W. Morrison, merchant tailor, has one of the finest establishments of the kind in the city, and is satisfied with his two or three years experience in Vancouver. He is another merchant who comes from Manitoba's capital.

In general merchandise there is the business of the Hudson's Bay Company, of which C. W. Robson is the manager. This great company established business in Vancouver in its early days in groceries and liquors, on Cordova street, and last spring a fine new block on Granville street was secured, and dry goods was added to the business. The Granville street block gives a frontage of 50 feet, by 80 feet deep, and is comprised of two stores, connected

by an arch. The stores on Granville street will also be continued. Another large establishment handling general merchandise is the Hastings Mill store. This store is a part of the estate of the Hastings Saw Mill, and is in charge of C. Simson. The store does considerable city trade besides the mill business. A large stock is carried, and a large quantity of goods is carried in a bonded warehouse, for the shipping trade. Ships leaving for foreign ports have the privilege of purchasing imported goods in bond, which saves the payment of duty, as the goods are taken out of the country. The little town of Emerson, Manitoba, has established quite a colony among the merchants of Vancouver. There are no less than three boot and shoe stores carried on by former Emersonians; these are J. A. Pyke, G. L. Allan, and R. Mills. Mr. Mills has a large store on Cordova street. He has been over three years in Vancouver, and has twice moved into larger premises. would indicate that his trade is increasing. G. L. Allen has also been obliged to secure larger premises, and he now occupies a store on Cordova street, 80 feet deep. He has been four years in Vancouver. J. A. Pyke has been nearly two years in Vancouver, and he has a fine store in a central location, and likes the place.

In the grocery line, Weeks & Ford have one of the finest stores in the city, in the handsome new Thompson block. Mr. Week is an old Winnipegger, and was formerly manager for the Hudson's Bay company at Vancouver. Berteaux & Co. carry a nice stock in the grocery line, especially in fine goods. Mr. Berteaux is a prominent member of the board of trade. Philip Bros. came from Ontario over a year ago and opened in the grocery and provision line. They are satisfied with the change. D. J. Campbell, formerly Campbell & Martin, does a good business as bakers and grocers. In his bakery he uses Manitoba flour exclusively, as it makes a better article, and he says that Manitoba flour is cheaper, even if it costs fifty cents per barrel more, as owing to its great strength it will make more bread than any other flour. Gray & Co., groceries, have elegant quarters in the Sir Donald Smith block, and have worked up a good trade during their four years in Vancouver.

In the meat line, Hayes & McIntosh have the finest establishment. Mutton and pork is nearly all imported from the states to the south. The home supply of beef is generally equal to the demand. Pork is usually worth about 11 cents, mutton 8 to 9 cents and beef 7 cents per pound, by the carcass, though prices are occasionally temporarily higher, especially in the spring season.

There are several fine stores in the drug line. I. R. Morrow is an old Winnipegger who carries on business in this branch. H. McDowell & Co. do business in the same line, and have a fine store in the Dunn block. A. W. Draper has a handsome drug store on Granville street.

In the furniture line, Shelton & Co. occupy handsome premises on Hastings street, where they have three floors, 85 feet deep. A warehouse in the rear is also occupied, where the manufacturing department is carried on. A large stock of fine furniture is carried. Lieutenant Shelton, well known in Winnipeg, is the manager of this business. Smith Bros.

are also two old Winnipeggers, and they carry on business in furniture and upholstered goods, house furnishing, carpets, etc., and have a very nice stock, particularly in upholstered goods.

In the book, stationery and news line, S. T. Tilley has been established for years. Thompson Bros., who also do business at Calgary, have a fine store in the stationery line.

In the hardware branch, there is the well-known firm of McLennan & McFeely, who also do a large business at Victoria in the same branch—namely, stoves, tinware, etc., and they have an important manufacturing department in roofing, etc. E. L. Scoullar & Co. have a fine store and large stock in the same line. There is also the large general hardware business of Thos. Dunn & Co. wholesale and retail, mentioned formerly in connection with an article on the wholesale trade of the city.

Though not in the commercial line, we might mention the business of John Devine & Son, financial agents, collectors, commission and general agents, etc. Mr. Devine, senior, has been a resident of Vancouver since the town was started, and he was for a time secretary of the board of trade. A. O. Leask also does business as agent and commission merchant, broker, etc. In connection with our former articles on the wholesale, manufacturing and other branches of business in Vancouver this will fairly cover the trade of the place. Of course there are a large number of smaller concerns not mentioned in the retail lines especially.

British Columbia.

C. Phillips, blacksmith, Vernon, has sold out.

Mrs. T. W. Clark, milliner, Vancouver, has sold out.

McNeill & Blomberg are starting a hotel at Ainsworth.

Migney & Co., wholesale liquors, Vancouver have sold out.

J. Craig, has opened a wholesale produce house at Vancouver.

Pomeroy & Blois have opened out in the hotel business at Vancouver.

J. Murray, general storekeeper, Spence's Bridge, has assigned.

Graves Bros., bakers and confectioners, of Vancouver, have assigned.

Chas. Lang has opened out in the grocery and confectionery line at Sepperton.

The Hudson's Bay Company are having plans prepared for a commodious store at Victoria.

W. F. Teetzel is opening a drug store at Donald. He also contemplates opening one at Nelson.

Oppenheimer Bros., wholesale grocers, Vancouver, are about to erect a large warehouse at that city.

Messrs. Haley & Sutton, of New Westminster, have purchased the boot and shoe stock of G. Grant of that city.

W. J. Glencross has purchased the Queen's Hotel at New Westminster, and will conduct that establishment in future.

John Inglis & Sons, Toronto, have the contract of supplying the boiler and engines for the Westminster electric light works.

F. G. Tilden, feed and grain, New Westminster, is opening a branch store at Nanaimo to accommodate his business at that place.

Messrs. Crane, McGregor & Boggs are making arrangements for the opening of a fruit and sardine canning establishment at Victoria.

A heavy fog which prevailed on the coast from Oct. 28th to the 31st had the effect of stopping navigation between Victoria and the mainland.

Capt. Webster, manager of the Union Steamship Company, of Vancouver, has gone to England to purchase or have built another steamer.

The Vancouver World says: An effort will be made to hold a grand Dominion exposition in Vancouver in 1892. The initiatory steps have already been taken.

The customs returns for the port of Vancouver for the month ending October 31st, are as follows: Value of imports, free, \$27,038; value of imports dutiable, \$53,845; total imports, \$80,883; value of exports, \$104,955.

On November 1st the banking department of the Vancouver Land and Securities Corporation, Limited, commenced operations in their new offices at Vancouver, with W. E. Green as manager. A general banking business will be done.

The Vancouver Fisheries Company, held a meeting on Oct. 28th, at which the following were elected directors: B. Springer, F. C. Cotton, W. F. Salisbury, W. D. Creighton, H. T. Ceperley, A. H. B. McGowan and J. L. Anderson.

The Kloops Electric Illuminating company will soon be in a position to supply that town with light. A thirty-five horse power engine and the necessary generating apparatus is now on the way there, and the end of this month will probably see them running.

The Westminster Truth says: "It is reported that the Great Northern railway is securing a right of way for a branch railroad from Ferndale to Sumas to connect with the Cornwall road from the Canadian Pacific. This branch will pass through Snyder and Whatcom."

Application has been made to the city council of Vancouver by the Phoenix Water Works Company for permission to construct water works for the supply of that city with water. In consideration the bonds of the company are to be guaranteed to the extent of \$350,000 and interest thereon for a number of years. It is not known yet whether this offer will be accepted or not.

The railway bridge across the Kootenay, 4 miles below Nelson, will be one of the longest single-span wooded truss-bridges on the whole Canadian Pacific system. The main span will be over 180 feet in length, and will be thrown across without the aid of false work, the river at that point being so rapid as to make it impossible to put in work of that kind. The castings for the bridge were made at Vancouver, the heaviest piece weighing 950 pounds. The rods come from Montreal. All the timber used in its construction, except the stringers, will be procured at points along that river between Kootenay lake and Sproat. The stringers were brought from the coast.—Nelson Miner.

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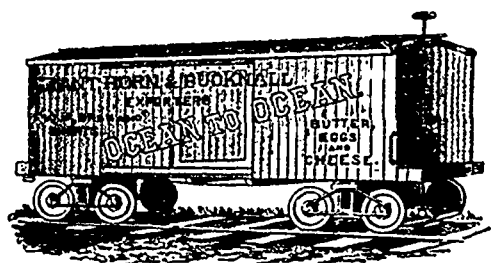
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The United States Tariff.

A Minneapolis paper, *Farm, Implements and Hardware*, has the following to say upon the new United States tariff.—

"The reciprocity policy of Secretary Blaine is being universally commended by all the trade papers of the country, which naturally sustain very intimate relations with the manufacturers. The *Farm Implement News* thinks it is rather remarkable that the policy should have created so much comment and very pertinently says: 'No commercial proposition could be simpler or plainer, and there is nothing new about it, The *Farm Implement News* and a few other papers, neutral in politics, have discussed it for the past three or four years in all its various bearings. But our political leaders seldom see anything behind the party platforms or party lines, until the "strained conditions" within, or open rebellion, force them to look outside for relief. It has been perfectly evident through all the discussions over or relating to the so called McKinley bill that the rank and file—the working classes, both operatives and farmers—were opposed to increased tariffs and in favor of reductions; they asked for the latter, but not for the former. It was manifest that instead of favoring high duties for protection they leaned toward the free list. Blaine saw the tendency and that the politicians were getting the party into a hole, so with characteristic shrewdness he opened the gate, reciprocity, through which they may escape without publicly discarding their shibboleth, protection; and in this he is not acting inconsistently with his course previous to the Pan-American congress. Will the party leaders act promptly, or will they wait until they see the hand-writing on the wall—when it will be too late? For many years labor that could not find occupation in the development of farms, has been pouring in, and manufacturing capacity has been increasing until now it is greater than is necessary for domestic demands. The

country is congested and relief can only be found in the expansion of trade, in the exportation of our surplus wares and products, and reciprocity with nations which want them will be the chief factor of this accomplishment of such expansion." This is a non-partisan view of the case. The sentiment of the country has certainly been tending towards free trade, and while *Farm Implements and Hardware* is in no sense a political journal, it very much doubts whether the dominant party could win again on the same high protective platform as it maintained at the last general election."

Canned Goods at Toronto.

The recent advances in salmon at the coast are beginning to show their effects on this market, for dealers are asking 5 to 10c advance on ordinary brands, \$1.30 to \$1.40 being now the range, though round lots can be bought at \$1.25. Horse Shoe are held at \$1.40 in lots and \$1.45 for smaller quantities. Lobsters and mackerel unchanged. Tomatoes are gathering strength slowly but surely; \$1.15 was bid for 3,000 cases to day, but holder refused to sell. At the same time small lots are selling to retailers at \$1.15 to \$1.20. Corn held at \$1.10 to \$1.15, and peas \$1.20. Offerings of fruits are light. Peaches remain at \$2.50 for 2's and \$3.50 for 3's, and piums at \$1.85 for gages and Lombards.

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Salmon, 1's, flat.....	\$1 00 to \$1 65	
Salmon, 1's, tall.....	1 30	1 45
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Labster, other 1's.....	1 95	2 20
Mackerel.....	1 40	1 50
Sardines, French ½s.....	0 09	0 11
Sardines, French ¾s.....	0 14	0 22
Sardines, American ½s.....	0 08	0 08
Sardines, American ¾s.....	0 09	0 11

Fruits and vegetables—

Corn, 2's.....	1 10	1 15
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Strawberries, 2s.....	2 20	2 25
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Good humor is an excellent quality for salesmen to cultivate. A frown, an impertinent expression, or exhibition of incivility has sent many a customer away from the store and has created a prejudice against the establishment that the proprietor has subsequently found it hard to overcome. If we were asked what should constitute the most important quality in a salesman, we would say patience; for in no occupation is that virtue more necessary than in selling goods to customers, who are hard to please and who often do not know what they want when they go into a store. The salesman should not lose his interest in a customer from the time he makes his appearance until he goes away. He should not lose his temper if the customer argues with him as to the merits of the goods and wares shown. He should wait upon him as politely as possible and never be disagreeably persistent in pushing the sale of goods. A careful observance of these points are vital to the success of a salesman, and merchants cannot be too careful in calling attention of their clerks and employees to the points we have above enumerated.—*Grocers' Criterion*.

The Montreal *Herald* of Oct. 27 says: "The grocery markets are quieter. Medium grades of Japan teas are wanted for country orders round 15 to 17c per pound, and merchants also report a fair inquiry for the finer qualities. Coffees are all firmer with slight advances on Java. Granulated sugar continues to sell at 6½ to 6½c per lb; yellows 5 to 6c per lb. Stocks of raw are very low, and prices are firm and advancing. Dried fruits are scarce at producing points and very firmly held at an advance, especially for Valencia and Sultan raisins.

Lumber Cuttings.

Mr. Neilson, of Selkirk, is opening a lumber yard at Carberry, Man.

Letters patent have been issued incorporating the Snider Lumber company, of Waterloo, Ont., with a capital of \$10,000.

N. Slaughter, a Michigan lumberman, is about to erect a large saw mill on the Frasier river, a few miles below New Westminster.

The explorers sent out by the Quebec government are reported to have discovered immense forests of excellent pine timber in the region about the headwaters of the Gatinea and Ottawa.

An Ottawa paper says that one of the largest deals in lumber mills and timber limits ever made in Canada will shortly be consummated by the purchase by E. W. Rathburn & Co., of Deseronto, of the mills and timber limits on the Trent river of David and Allan Gilmour.

In commenting on the increasing lumber trade between British Columbia and Australia, the *Victoria Times* says: "The lumber trade between Canada and Australia, besides yearly increasing, is also more closely connecting the two greatest colonies of England, and in a short time as steam is beginning to be more generally used we may expect to have steam communication between the two places. For years past the large amount of British Columbia lumber shipped to Australia has been between two and three months on the trip, but these long voyages will be before long done away with if the scheme of shipping lumber by steamers proves a success, as it is almost sure to do. A steamer built for this trade would hardly be a fast one, but the trip can be made in 23 days with a moderately slow one. This would reduce the time by nearly two months, but of course, as yet, it has to be proved, which would be the cheapest mode of transporting the lumber of British Columbia to Australia. One thing about the new scheme is that it will increase the trade relations and British Columbia will naturally benefit by that. The first move in the direction of lumber steamers between the colonies has already been made, and the steamer *Remus*, which is well adapted for the business, is now on her way here. She will load lumber at Moodyville for Melbourne, Australia, and it is expected that she will take a much larger load than any yet taken out of these waters."

Leipzig Fur Trade.

The Leipzig correspondent of the *New York Fur Trade Review* writes that journal as follows: Business has shown an increased activity during the past month; transactions, however, were not important. The trade at Nijni Novgorod was only moderately good, and the Michalemiss Fair here has been as dull—the demand for American furs was especially slow. The fact that the higher rate of exchange for Russian money has not yet caused an advance on American furs is an unfavorable circumstance. We believe American furs would be in better favour in Europe if they had not been so extensively manipulated to advance prices beyond reasonable limits. Musquash, which was in good demand during the past nine months, sells more slowly; and prime skins for seal imitation are in little request; musquash linings sell to some extent, but profits are very small; there is some inquiry for black musquash and superior racoon

for Russia; in cheaper sorts of racoon there are no sales, and even the buyers are cautious as they have large stocks. Skunk is in very little request, and European buyers place only a medium value on the article. Mink is taken as a lining for men's coats in various European countries; prices are depressed, and good colored sorts are offered very cheap. Prospects for marten are very low, as Russia and England are only moderate buyers; there is no request from other countries. American opossum has been purchased for Berlin, for black dyeing; there have been some transactions in Australian opossum, dark and blue sorts being preferred, and lower grades neglected. Small orders have come from Russia for large, low grade beaver skins. Nutria is in sufficient supply, and cheaper than one year ago; sales are slower, especially to Berlin trade. Red fox finds some sale in Russia; lynx is in poor demand; American otter sells as usual for consumption in Germany. If American collectors pay high prices for raw furs this winter, they will experience losses in London next spring—a word of warning in season; but those who are not wiser than they think, will pay the piper as formerly.

Black dyed racoon has met with a fair demand; brown dyed skins have been used in limited quantities; there has been a good request for beaver and sea otter imitations; sheared and brown dyed opossum has been prepared in considerable parcels, but sales are not yet general; fancy colored white fox and red fox meet with the usual demand; black dyed rabbits are extensively used; black dyed hair have been taken of late by Berlin and Provincial wholesale manufacturers; seal skins have sold readily in anticipation of an advance in London.

Western Wool.

Our dealers have a good word to say for wool from the Canadian western territories, and think it will be an important factor in time. It is already a competitor with grades of foreign, and is almost as fine as the Cape that comes here. There are several kinds of it and it has to be graded out as not much care is shown before shipping. On arrival it is extremely dirty and greasy, and there is a shrinkage loss of 50 to 55 per cent. There have been sales here at 16 to 17½c, but it is worth 40c clean, while Ontario brings 27c clean. In Ontario the wool is washed to some extent before shipping but this is neglected in the west, the consequence being that freight is paid on grease and dirt and the wool sells for less per pound. Western wool is beginning to be used extensively for knitted goods and has been found to answer admirably, among the purchasers being the Almonie knitting company. —*Montreal Journal of Commerce.*

Fur Items.

Statistics of the fur trade of the Hudson's Bay company have recently been published, and shows some interesting and significant figures, as follows: In the calendar year 1887 the company's total catch was 142,157 skins. In the next it fell to 133,714, and last year it fell again to 100,386 skins, a decline of 25 per cent. The decrease is especially noticeable in beaver skins, which show a decline of 3,000 to 4,000 skins in 1889, as compared with the two previous years; while martens have fallen off 2,200 and 2,500, mink 2,300 and 3,600 and

musquash 19,300 and 26,000 in the two years respectively. There have, on the other hand, been increases as compared with the same two years of 500 and 600 in bear skins, 350 and 400 in fox skins, 300 and 1,300 in lynx, and 300 and 500 in otter skins.

The *Montreal Gazette* says of raw furs:—It is too early yet to report any business in fresh skins, but there is every prospect of a good season's trade. With the exception of black bear, which has had some drop from last year's figures, our prices of a week ago gave a fair representation of values. Quotations are:

Beaver, per lb.	\$ 4 00 @	\$ 0 00
Bear, large, per skin	10 00 @	15 00
Bear cubs, per skin	5 00 @	8 00
Fisher, per skin	3 50 @	5 00
Fox, red, per skin	1 00 @	1 25
Fox, cross, per skin	2 50 @	5 00
Lynx, per skin	2 00 @	3 00
Marten, per skin	0 75 @	1 00
Mink, per skin	1 00 @	1 25
Muskrat, fall	0 08 @	0 10
Muskrat, kirts	0 03 @	0 00
Otter, per skin	8 00 @	10 00
Raccoon, per skin	0 25 @	0 50
Skunk, per skin	0 15 @	0 75

Wm. Webster, manager of the Union Steamship Company, Vancouver, B.C., was in Ottawa last week and had an interview with Hon. Mr. Tupper. He goes to Paisley, Scotland, where he intends getting a steamer built for his company to run between Vancouver, Nanaimo and Comox, so a telegram reads.

E. A. Bigelow & Co., of Chicago, in their market letter of October 23 say: "Oats are now commanding a good price, but the movement from first hands has not been adequate to the shipping and consumptive demand, and it is quite possible that oats may range up alongside corn. The crop is the shortest in eight years as may be seen by the following official estimates of yields: 1890 615,000,000 bushels, 1889 751,000,000 bushels, 1888 701,000,000 bushels, 1887 956,000,000 bushels, 1886 624,000,000 bushels, 1885 629,000,000 bushels, 1884 583,000,000 bushels, 1883 271,000,000 bushels."

"It is stated," says a Seattle paper, "that the United States sealers are going to turn British with the close of this season. Fully four-fifths of the fleet that hunted in the north this year will go back next year under the British flag. The matter has long been talked of, but assumed no definite shape until lately. Capt. A. O. Decker, of the schooner *George R. White*, was the first to declare in favor of the change, and his example will be followed by a number of others." The reason given is that British ships were not molested in Behring sea, while United States ships were greatly hampered by the restrictions of their own government.

The movement of wheat in the winter wheat states, says the *Minneapolis Market Record*, is 7 per cent. smaller than last year. It is 21 per cent. smaller in the spring wheat states, making an average falling off in wheat receipts in this country equal to some 15 per cent., and the combined movement is 39,700,000 bu., against 42,600,000 in 1889. The small receipts of wheat this year are due to small production and a disposition of farmers to hold for higher prices that they generally seem to expect. The winter wheat people have done fairly considering their small crop but some portions of the spring wheat belt have held their wheat granaries more stubbornly than usual.

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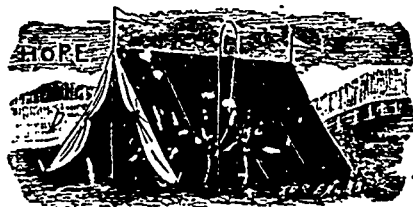
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