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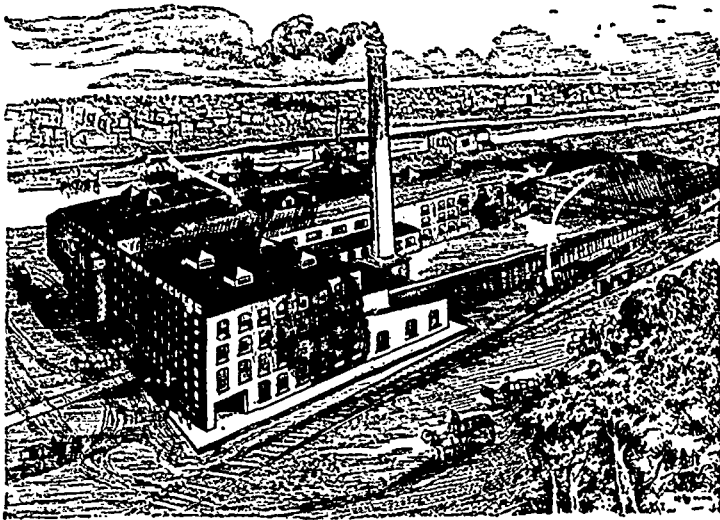
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Ochre Industry in France.

From reports of the United States consuls at Havre and Marseilles, it appears that the extraction and preparation of ochre has been an industry in France for nearly two centuries, and that the supply of the world is almost wholly French, as French ochres are peculiarly rich in oxides of iron and are manufactured with exceptional care. Vaucluse is the main seat of the industry. The total production last year was about 18,000 tons, of which Germany took 7,000, Russia 4,000, and the United States 3,000. The consumption in France itself is insignificant. Around Apt, in Vaucluse, which is the centre of ochre production, the country is dotted with hills of alluvial clay, all more or less rich in ore. Sometimes shafts are sunk, with radiating tunnels to reach the ochre, sometimes it is quarried. Owing to the expense of timber, a large amount of the material remains in the mines in the shape of supporting pillars, and all the operations are carried out in a very primitive manner. The clay is carted several miles to the valley below, and there washed, although buckets on overhead cables or some other gravity system could easily be introduced. The clay is mined in the winter only, the watercourses drying up in the summer; it is flooded with water and the ochre falls into settling basins. By means of a succession of basins various degrees of fineness are secured. At the end of the winter the tanks, or basins, are filled with pure ochre in the form of heavy mud, which, when sufficiently dried as the hot weather advances, is cut into bricks of regular size and completely dried in the sun. Sometimes the mineral is shipped in bricks, but more often it is crushed into powder. The main difficulty is to secure uniformity in shade, as the deposits are of an infinite variety of colors, from dark red to yellow or gold, but the market value declines as red asserts itself. The mines at Apt have been worked for years, and are unlikely to be exhausted for a long time. One particular mine is able to supply the world with a special shade. About forty firms are in the business locally, but all in a small way, and most of them sell to the shippers, but do not ship themselves. The condition of the industry at present is not prosperous, so far as the average qualities are concerned but the high class yellow, or gold ochres in demand in America, still maintain their prices. The prices of this class at Apt have lately ranged from 5s to 6s 8d per 220 lb. Ochre produced in other countries, but that is inferior. The French ochre of this country is largely used by manufacturers of paper, linoleum, and

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WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 15.

Conditions in the North-Western Districts of Manitoba.

During the last year the Manitoba & North Western Railway, extending from Portage la Prairie to Yorkton, a distance of 223 miles, has been taken over by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, who now run it as a branch line. The farmers who took up land along this line went more into mixed farming than is customary in most other parts, which includes cultivation of grain, and the raising of stock. As the land became better cultivated and drained it was found that grain could be grown with satisfactory results and now large quantities of wheat and oats are each year shipped off this line, besides many car loads of cattle and hogs. Of course it took time for a man starting on a small capital to collect a herd of cattle, but the condition of many of these men at the present day exemplifies the claim that mixed farming is the surest, though possibly in some cases not the quickest, way of attaining independence. In the neighborhood of Arden and Neepawa is some of the best wheat land in Manitoba, but taken as a whole, this section is particularly well adapted to mixed farming, being covered with bluffs of trees and cut up by hills and valleys which serve as a great protection to stock in winter, while the low lands give excellent pasturage. The first station reached, after leaving Portage la Prairie, is Macdonald. This is on the Portage Plains and is, therefore, an important wheat market, there being three large elevators here. During the last few years a town has sprung up in which there are now two general stores, a flour and feed store, confectionery store, implement warehouses, etc. Westbourne, the next town, is situated on the banks of the White Mud river, close to a very fine grove of trees, which has been for many years a favorite picnicking ground, excursions being run even from Winnipeg. The crops in this district were very good for this year, averaging about 100 bushels to the acre, and as the farmers will also have some stock to dispose of it is expected by the local merchants that a very fair business will be done. There are two general stores at this point. Davey Bros. and A. E. Smalley, a butcher shop, harness shop, etc. The only business change for the year is in the harness shop of S. Solvason, which is now owned by A. McMillan.

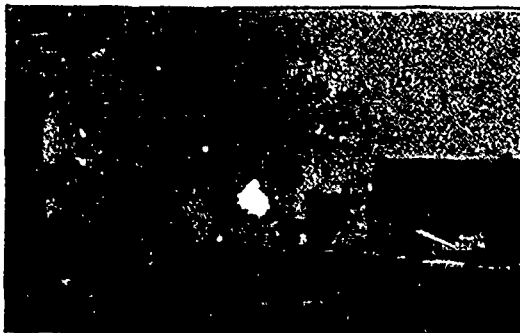
Few if any of the older towns of Manitoba can show as great a growth during the last few years as Gladstone. This growth is no doubt partly due to the Canadian Northern Railway having started their road from this point but it is also traceable to the fact that the report which had been circulated that the land tributary to this town was low and swampy and unfit for farming, has now been proved to be incorrect and a large number of settlers have taken up farms of late years. On entering Gladstone the attention is at once attracted to the number of large brick buildings, which number is being added to each year.

Since our last visit of a year ago F. C. Gabriel has built a two storey solid brick block which is occupied by W. C. Bond, hardware merchant. This store is well lighted and finished, and is one of the best stands in town. Knox Bros. have added to their furniture warehouse an addition 20x24 feet, extending along a side street, and to this A. E. Miller has built a further extension of 20x24 feet, which he is using as a tailor shop. This is a two storey brick building and is now 90x24 feet. H. J. Bickle, harness maker, built a one storey brick block, part of which he occupies, the balance being rented by

Neepawa is the most important town on this line and it ranks near the top as regards size and business importance among the towns of Manitoba. It has a population of 1,500 to 2,000 and is one of the few places in the west that are supplied with electric lights and telephones. These systems, which are owned by the town, have not been in operation a year yet, the electric light having been turned on for the first time on the 1st of January, 1900, and the telephone system was not completed until last spring, but from the following extract from the Neepawa Register it would seem that these ventures on the part

dollar, of which 11 mills is for school maintenance. On account of the poor crop prospects the building operations were not nearly so extensive this year as they would have been under ordinary circumstances. The Massey-Harris Co., Ltd., built a one-storey brick warehouse and Wm. Wigmore built a two-storey brick implement warehouse. F. Davidson, blacksmith, erected a new brick veneer building, the Union Bank completed their handsome red brick building, which they are now occupying, and several dwelling houses were also built. There are so many stores here that it would be wearisome to enumerate them. Many of the merchants carry very large stocks of goods, particularly in the general and hardware lines. In regard to business changes during the last year one of the most important is in the general store business formerly carried on by W. W. Stevenson, which is now owned by the Neepawa Trading Co., Cummings & Co., lumber dealers, have sold out and moved to Grand View, a new town on the Gilbert Plains extension of the Canadian Northern Railway. Their stock of lumber at this point was bought by Thos. Harrison and W. S. Burley, who now control this business here. The Beautiful Plains Milling Co. has been re-adjusted and is now known as the Manitoba Milling Co. This company has a flour mill of 400 bbls. daily capacity, as well as grain elevators at Minnedosa, Franklin, Neepawa, and Arden, giving total storage room for 250,000 bushels. In the new businesses, Campbell & Smith opened out this spring with a well selected stock of clothing and men's furnishings, and J. A. Calhoun has started a grocery store. The wheat yield in the country tributary to this town will not exceed an average of ten bushels to the acre and it is quite possible that it will not be even as much as that, but it is difficult to obtain as yet definite figures regarding the yield.

Franklin, the next station, is also an important grain centre, as it is situated between the large towns of Neepawa and Minnedosa it has not grown



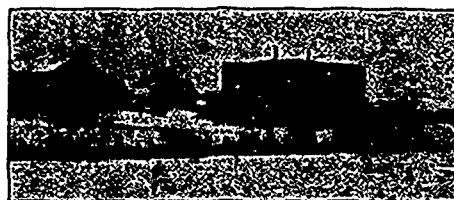
Arden, Man.

W. Huggins, butcher. One of the great drawbacks to this town has been the lack of good hotel accommodation but this year Jos. McAlpin has built a brick hotel, which will be opened very shortly and will, no doubt, meet the requirements of the travelling public. A brick school building was erected this year which will accommodate five or six classes. The Baptist congregation has built a brick church and a number of dwelling houses have also been erected so that the building operations for the season have been very extensive. Some business changes have also taken place. The hardware business of Crouter & McLean is now owned by E. Crouter. M. Hamilton, baker and confectioner, sold out to Lunn & Co., and the Merchants Bank has opened a branch here. At this point there are now three general and three hardware stores, a furniture store, two butcher shops, bakers, two harness shops, a planing mill, flour mill, lumber yards, implement warehouses, a chartered bank, private bank and a local newspaper, The Age. We are indebted to the proprietor of the Age for some of the cuts we are running in this issue.

Keys is the next station. This station until recently bore the name of Midway, but as there is a town in British Columbia of the same name freight was frequently sent to the wrong place and a change was considered advisable. It now bears the name of one of the most prominent families of the district.

At Arden we enter one of the best wheat districts of Manitoba. There are here five grain elevators and a flour mill. The mill, which is owned by Wilson & Co., is of 125 barrels daily capacity, adjoining which is their elevator of about 25,000 bushels

of the town will prove a financial success. The following figures are from a statement of the expenses and receipts of the town electric light and telephone systems for the nine months ending Oct. 1st. As the systems were hardly in working order at all during the first three months of this period, the figures are more than satisfactory, showing, as they do, that, even under adverse circumstances, Neepawa's experiment at civic ownership of franchises has proven a great success. The



Binscarth, Man.

operating receipts show a balance over expenditure. The figures are:

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| Receipts during same time . . . | 4,455 |
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| Dynamas and plant | 6,388.38 |
| Power house | 1,732.80 |
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| and material | 4,891.46 |
| Telephone system | 4,891.46 |
| | \$25,202.67 |



Photo by Walter Barré.

Strathclair, Man.

capacity. The farmers marketing their grain gives this town a very busy appearance at this season of the year. There are two general stores kept by Wm. Paterson and McCamis & Boughton, two hardware stores, B. Van Blaricom and J. A. Gillhuly, implement warehouse, lumber yard, butcher shop, harness shop and a drug store.

There are now 1,100 lights and 120 telephones in operation, which number, it is expected, will be considerably increased before the end of the year. The rate for the telephones is \$20 a year commercial and \$10 residential, and the electric light schedule is also very low. The rate of taxation was slightly increased this year, bringing it up to 25 mills on the

as rapidly as might be expected from the fine country surrounding it, but still it has a number of good stores which manage to secure a good share of the business.

Minnedosa is prettily situated in the valley of the Little Saskatchewan river, which stream flows through the centre of the town. At this point we once more enter the mixed farming district which extends along the balance of the line. This is a railway divisional point, and the money circulated by the trainmen, as well as that received by the farmers from the sale of stock, gives to the merchants a fair amount of cash business so that they are not entirely dependent upon the fall payments, as is the case in so many parts of this country. The population of this town is about 1,200 and the business places include four general and three hardware stores, two groceries, three confectionery stores, two of which are also bake shops, two drug stores, one stationery and musical goods, two butchers, two harness shops, two jewellers, furniture warehouse, two lumber yards, several implement warehouses, a grist mill, newspaper, private bank and a branch of the Union bank.

At Newdale there are three general stores, owned by G. W. Ray, A. E. Walkey and T. N. Peter, a hardware and furniture owned by A. R. Fanning, a lumber yard kept by Wm. Irwin, harness and a butcher shop, drug store, etc. There are two elevators and a grain warehouse here through which large quantities of oats are handled as well as some wheat, although the cultivation of wheat has not proved to be so profitable as that of oats. The Newdale Creamery Association's factory, which was started in 1895, turned out this year about 4,000 lbs of butter. The only business change since our last visit is in the

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|------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| | Jan. 1st, 1890 | Jan. 1st, 1900 |
| Quick Assets | \$ 2,432,135.38 | \$ 8,274,162.14 |
| Loans and bills discounted | 5,903,094.20 | 11,270,924.09 |
| Other assets | 44,956.41 | 74,669.61 |
| Bank premises | 94,975.77 | 18,640.59 |
| | \$ 8,475,161.76 | \$ 19,638,396.43 |
| LIABILITIES | Jan. 1st, 1890 | Jan. 1st, 1900 |
| Capital paid in | \$ 1,114,300.00 | \$ 1,760,900.00 |
| Reserve & undivided profits | 572,973.81 | 2,193,136.57 |
| Notes in circulation | 1,325,270.68 | 1,670,368.50 |
| Other liabilities | 194,238.36 | 198,632.96 |
| Deposits | 5,268,378.91 | 13,815,358.40 |
| | \$ 8,475,161.76 | \$ 19,638,396.43 |

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The story of the terrible typhoon at Hong Kong, in which there was great loss of life, was brought to Victoria, B. C., by the Empress of Japan.
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butcher shop of R. Greenaway, which was purchased by W. G. Wilson.

Strathclair—The Presbyterian congregation here is building a stone church which is now nearly completed. The farmers in this neighborhood, like those around Newdale, go in for mixed farming. At this point there are two general stores, owned by R. Stewart and H. Roberts & Co., a harness shop of B. Prior, two confectionery stores, W. J. Foster and W. H. Jarman, one grain elevator and two flat warehouses. The only new business started this year is the confectionery store of W. H. Jarman.

Shoal Lake—Large quantities of grain are marketed at this point as is evidenced by the two elevators and two or three flat warehouses to be seen strung along the siding at the station. The crops this season were very fair and as nearly all the farmers will have some cattle to sell it is hoped that a

Tall creek, giving to the traveller a good view of a very pretty scene.

The town of Birtle is built in the valley of the Bird Tail creek, about a mile from the railway station, amidst a most charming valley scene. It is a good business point having several large stores as well as a large flour mill and a saw mill. A passenger train runs from Winnipeg to this point three days a week, but from here the traffic is handled twice a week by mixed freight and passenger trains, the passenger train only running through to Yorkton on Saturdays, returning the following Monday.

At Foxwarren, the next town reached, there are two general stores, owned by McCrinnall & Co., and Henry Leckie, and a lumber yard owned by W. R. Ridington.

Blinscarth is the junction of the branch to Russell. This town presents a very neat and attractive ap-

tory, which will, of course, result in a fair business being transacted by the local merchants. A creamery has been established here for three years and the output for the four months during which it was operated this season amounted to 20,000 lbs. of butter. There is also a large flour mill here. The local newspaper, The Banner, changed hands a short time ago, G. G. Meikle being succeeded by J. McIntyre. By the courtesy of Mr. McIntyre, we produce some photogravings of Russell buildings and surroundings. The other changes at this point during the year are: Mrs. Moynes has taken over the confectionery business formerly owned by Geo. Bryant and W. McCammon, butcher, has sold out to Cranwell & Ferguson.

Returning to the main line and proceeding west the first station reached

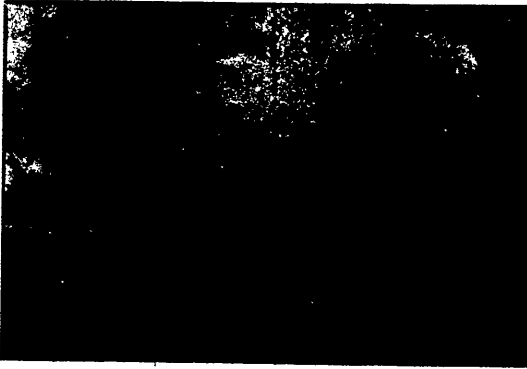
Yorkton is the terminus of this line and as there is a vast territory to the north and west without railway facilities the business from these parts necessarily passes through Yorkton. There is ample evidence that this town is still growing and each year sees some additions to the already large number of brick blocks and dwelling houses. Last year a school house was built, at a cost of about \$8,000, containing six rooms. So far only three rooms have been used, but an additional one will be opened after the New Year. Work has been commenced on a new church for the Baptist congregation, and some store buildings and residences have been built. Probably the most important addition to the business community of the year is the flour mill, of 75 barrels daily capacity, erected this year by John J. Smith. After operating this



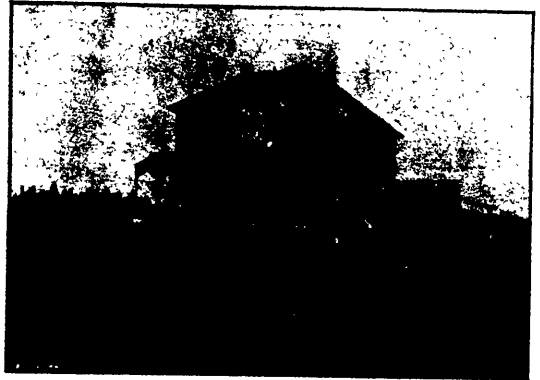
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GROUP OF RESIDENCES AT GLADSTONE, MKN.

fairly good business will be done. Previous to the last four years the farmers living near here have been raising mostly oats and cattle, the cultivation of wheat not bringing very satisfactory returns, but owing probably to better cultivation and better drainage it has been found now that wheat can be raised profitably and more attention has been given to it recently. There are three large general stores here, those of the Hudson's Bay Co., G. Manson and Robt. Scott, a hardware and lumber yard, owned by C. H. Greenshaw; a confectionery and bakery, two butcher shops, two lumber yards, furniture warehouse, three harness shops, drug store, jewellery shop, etc. This town is each year becoming better known as a summer resort and during the holiday season large numbers of people come here to spend a few weeks on the shores of a pretty lake situated near the town.

Solsirth, fifteen miles further on, has one general store owned by Taylor Bros., and a confectionery store kept by J. C. Anderson. Between this station and Birtle the track follows for several miles the course of the Bird

peartance, as the houses are well built, attractive structures. There are at this point Smellie Bros. & Co.'s large general store, Doig & Co.'s hardware and A. W. Jolly's butcher shop.

Russell is 11 miles from the main line, at the terminus of the Shell river branch. This is an important business centre, as it has tributary to it a large tract of land stretching to the north. There are some very fine timber limits forty or fifty miles north of here, where, each winter, large gangs of men are employed. While this business does not bring much money to the local merchants direct, still it gives a good market to the farmer for his oats and cattle.

Smellie Bros. & Co., Lawther & Co., and T. Hill have general stores, John J. Moon, a lumber yard and furniture warehouse, and in fact all lines are represented, in some cases there being two or three merchants handling the same class of goods. This is a great grain and cattle section and the returns to the farmers from this season's work will be fairly satisfac-

is Millwood, a small town containing a general store and a large flour mill. The scenery near this town is very fine. The wide and deep valley of the winding Assiniboine river is here crossed by the railway and from the car windows an excellent view is had, but, while this part of the valley is very pretty, there are some much more charming spots along the river's course.

Langenburg and Churchbridge are both small towns. At Langenburg P. Ulrich and R. Wallace have general stores, and at Churchbridge A. Lewartson and B. D. Westman have general stores and L. R. Rotham an implement warehouse.

Saltcoats, the next town, is an important business point. There are a number of very good stores, which, as a whole, transact a large yearly business. There is still a large amount of land lying idle around this town, and when we consider the amount of business that is now transacted it is easy to see that this is destined to become an important market when the vacant land becomes settled.

mill for a short time it was sold to Levi Beck. The demand for the flour has been greater than the supply, and it is probable that the capacity will have to be doubled next year.

A large colony of Doukhobors are settled from thirty to sixty miles north and northeast of Yorkton, with whom a large business is carried on. From reports these people are doing very well, and, while they had no grain crops in this year worth mentioning they raised a considerable quantity of roots and have prepared a lot of land for cropping next year. During the summer the strongest of the men went out working on the railways or with farmers and those at home attended to the gardens, broke up the land, etc. The colony is divided into several villages, each of which has a common fund, in charge of a head man, who does the buying. These villages are getting a number of cattle and horses now, also wagons, mowers and other farm machinery. It is estimated that during the past season these people sold about \$10,000 worth of seneca root at Yorkton, and

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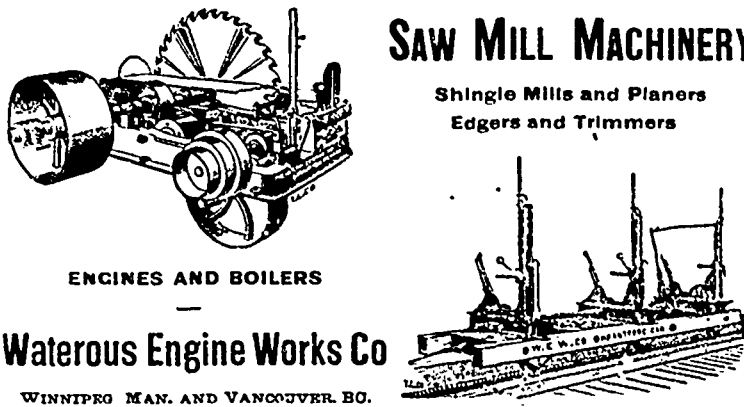
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that this money, together with that earned by those who went out working, will be sufficient to carry them through the winter.

The crops along this line turned out much better this season than was at one time expected and as nearly every farmer will have some cattle and hogs to sell the prospects are that a very fair business will be done. Collections have been very poor, but since the cold weather came the farmers have been drawing out their grain and as a result some money is now coming in and it is expected that a good proportion of the outstanding accounts will be met this winter.

Exploring the North.

A survey party consisting of Messrs. J. W. Tyrrell, C. C. Fairchild, and Archdeacon Lofthouse, of Rupert's Land, who had been commissioned by the federal government to explore the

tation surprised the explorers. It is a lovely country, well watered and wooded, and the native grass on the open plains grows to a height of two or three feet. Over these plains the musk oxen and deer roam in vast numbers, the explorers comparing them as regards numbers with grasshoppers in Manitoba. The Thelon is a noble river, quite as large as the Athabasca, and navigable for steamboats for six hundred miles from the coast. This makes the country very easy of access from Hudson Bay, and two separate routes have been mapped out by the explorers across the height of land.

Mr. Tyrrell considers that the Thelon valley will be an excellent stock raising country, but of course no other branch of agriculture could be expected to be successful in such a northern latitude. The trip was comparatively uneventful, but the whole party greatly enjoyed the experience



Russell, Man.

divide between the Hudson Bay basin and the Mackenzie River basin, arrived in the city Monday afternoon from the far north. Besides these gentlemen there were six voyageurs; in the party who acted as guides and canoe-men.

The scene of the commencement of their labors lies eleven hundred miles north of Edmonton at old Fort Reliance on the shore of Great Slave Lake, being reached by a journey principally in boat on the Athabasca river. Starting from this basis a complete exploration and survey was made through to Hudson Bay, a distance of nine hundred miles. All intervening lakes and rivers were carefully explored, also Cheaterfield Inlet on the coast, which may be of great importance in shipping. The divide occupies an area of nearly one hundred thousand square miles, and the land heretofore had been considered a barren waste. Such is not by any means the case. After a few hundred miles from the point of starting the valley of the Thelon river is reached, and here the luxuriance of the vege-

of opening up an unknown tract of country so remote from civilization. Eleven months were consumed in the operations.

Archdeacon Lofthouse who was attached to the party had a special object in view, that of paving the way to evangelising the Esquimaux in that section, and he is very well satisfied with the prospects. The ways of access are now clearly defined and the home missionaries will soon follow.

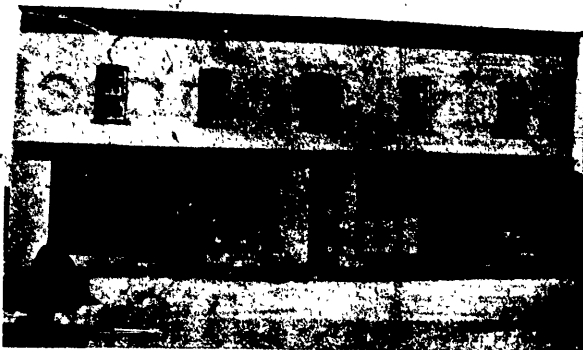
Rossland Mine Shipments.

Rossland, B. C., Dec. 10.—The output for the past week includes six shippers, and the aggregate total of 6,634 tons is well up to the average. The shipping from Le Roi No. 2 is in excess of the usual amount. This resulted from the clearance made of the bins upon the gravity tramway belonging to this mine in order that it might be used for the carriage of waste. The Le Roi is below its usual mark, which could only be expected,

seeing that so large a shipment went from the No. 2.

The War Eagle has shipped a little more ore, but this is only on the lines of the few shipments made during the

week 90, for the year 2,4888; I. X. L. for the year 552; Giant for the week 22, for the year 541; Evening Star for the year 351; Monte Christo for the year 273; Spitzee for the year 80;



Banner Block at Russell, Man.

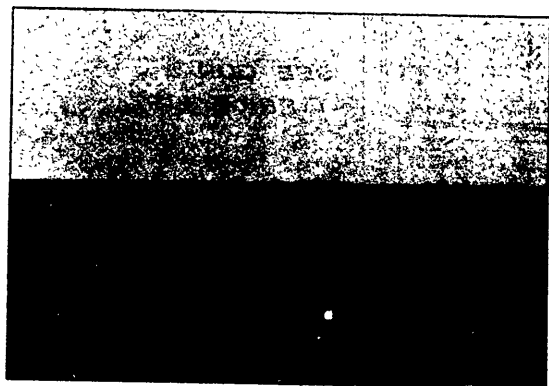
past few weeks, ore being encountered on the newer development work.

Appended is a list of the shipments for the past week and year to date: Le Roi for the week, 3,090, for the year 151,458; Centre Star for the

Iron Colt for the year 80. Total for the week 6,634, for the year 108,735.

Purchase Ratified.

London, Dec. 11.—At a special meeting of the shareholders of the Grand Trunk



Assiniboine River Valley near Russell, Man.

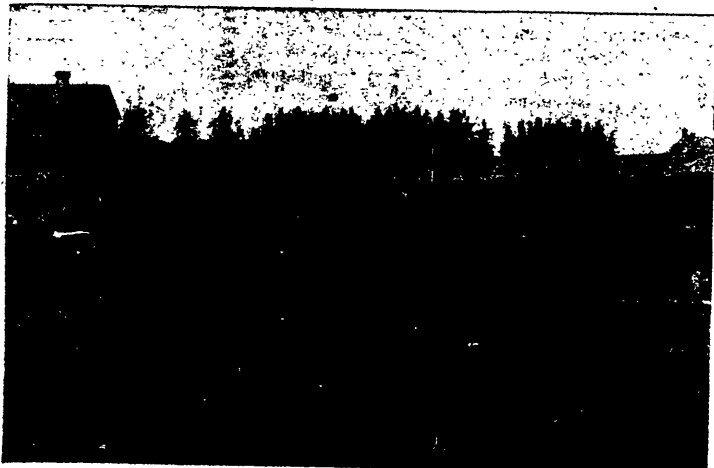
week 2,152, for the year 36,070; War Eagle for the week 160, for the year 10,822; Le Roi No. 2 for the week 520, for the year 2,801; Iron Mask for the

railroad to-day the purchase of the Chicago and Grand Trunk railroad was ratified. Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson, president of the Grand Trunk railroad, maintained that the new arrangement would reduce the obligations \$50,000 a year, enabling the whole length of the line to be double tracked, and within a short time make a magnificent system equal to any coming out of Chicago. He paid a glowing tribute to the former general manager of the Grand Trunk railroad, Mr. Chas. M. Hays, (now president of the Southern Pacific railroad), saying it was impossible to find a second Hays, but he believed Mr. George Bell Reeve, the former traffic manager of the Grand Trunk railroad and now the general manager, was the best man whose services could possibly be secured. He dilated on the sacrifice Mr. Reeve had made in giving up his retirement to take on the onerous duties of general manager.

The shareholders congratulated the directors on the action taken and gratefully bade farewell to Mr. Hays. It was announced at the meeting that Mr. Hays' staff would remain with Mr. Reeve.

Brome Grass Seed.

There was an active demand in Winnipeg last spring for brome grass seed, not only for home consumption, but also for shipment to the States. The growing of brome grass for fodder is increasing rapidly in Manitoba, and also south of the boundary, and those here who have been growing it for seed have found a ready sale for the seed. This year, owing to the wet harvest, it is said very little, if any, seed was secured in Manitoba, and if this is true dealers will have to depend on imported seed to meet the demand next spring.



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The Price of Incivility.

When a man falls in business, no matter what may have been the causes or attending circumstances, his subsequent efforts to regain a position in the world of commerce are rarely encouraged sincerely. Persons from whom he seeks credit look upon him with distrust and suspicion, often refusing to even hear or read a statement of his prospects. The same thing is true of farmers, especially dealers, who have failed, and dealers whom they owe. A true story related by a travelling man shows the folly of judging too hastily.

A young farmer, owning nothing but what was exempt, purchased on credit a lot of farm implements with which to work a place he had rented. At the end of the year, having failed to raise enough to pay his rent, he gave up the place. No part of the dealer's claim had been paid and an attempt to re-take the goods was frustrated by the landlord. Naturally the dealer was provoked. The following spring when the farmer called upon the dealer and told him he had rented another place and wanted more tools, the dealer flew into a rage, called him names which self-respecting type refuses to reproduce, and ordered him out of the place. A few days later he learned that friendly competitor, familiar with the circumstances, had sold the young man a bill of goods. Astonished beyond measure, he demanded of the competitor his reasons for accepting such a risk.

"The risk," replied the other dealer "is one that you would be glad to assume. See here."

Then he showed the astonished dealer a note covering the entire sale endorsed by the young man's uncle, a rich and respected farmer in an adjoining county.

"This note would be yours if you had given the young fellow a chance to explain to you that he had rented one of his uncle's farms and that the uncle would guarantee payment of his machine account." The probabilities are that the uncle might have been induced to stand good for the old bill had the dealer placed himself in a position to ask that favor. As the case now stands payment of the old debt has been indefinitely postponed by the dealer's hasty and ill-advised conduct; and besides that a profitable sale has been lost. The moral is not difficult to find.—Chicago Farm Implement News

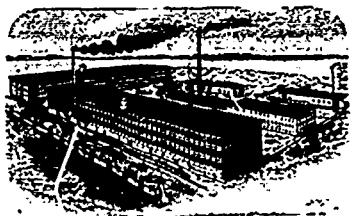
The Toronto courts have decided that the Sultana Island mining lands are under the control of the province.

Mr. C. S. Hoare is leaving Winnipeg to become manager of the Royal Bank of Canada, at Montreal.

The war has so far recovered that further bulletins regarding his health are no longer deemed necessary.

The German Imperial chancellor explained the reasons why Emperor William regretted he could not receive Kruger.

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CARTRIDGES—Rim fire, American discount 30 per cent; Dominion, 50 and 5 per cent, central fire, 60¢; American discount 5 per cent, Dominion discount, 50 per cent; military and sporting, American, 5 per cent advance on list, Dominion 15 per cent. CEMENT—Portland, barrel, \$1.25. CHAIN—Coll, proved, 3-16 in, per 100 lb, \$1.15; do, 1/2 in, \$1; do, 5-16 in, \$0.25; 3/8 in, \$0.40; 7-16 in, \$0.75; 1/2 in and up, \$1.50. Jack, iron, single, per dozen yards, 10¢; double, per dozen yards, 25¢; 7-10, \$1.50; 1/2 in, \$1. Trace, per dozen pairs, \$1.75. CHAINS—B, H. Steel frame, 55 per cent wood frame, 20 cents less net. COPPER—Tinned sheets, 25¢; planished 30¢, boiler and T. K. pits, plain tinned, per lb, 20¢; vuln, 30¢. FILES—Com. 70 and 110 per cent; Nicholson's and Black Diamond, 60 per cent. GOLF—Sweets, 15¢; 2 1/2, 12 1/2¢; steel, white, 10¢; stainless, 10¢; 2 1/2, 12 1/2¢. GREASE—AXLE—Fleming, per case, \$1.75; Diamond, light, \$1.75 case; dark, \$1.75; Mica, \$1. GRINDSTONES—\$1.50 100lb. HARVEST TOOLS—50¢ bale. HAYSEKES—Iron shoe, keg, 0 and 1 \$4.40; 2 and larger, \$4.50; less than 100 boxes, 25¢ extra. Slick shoes, 0 and 1 \$3.50; 2 and larger, \$4.00. HORSE NAILS—Pointed, finished, oval heads, list price, No. 5, \$7.50 box; No. 4, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box. Discount on these prices, 45 per cent. HUBS—Heavy T and strap, per 100 lb, \$2.75; light do, 60 per cent, screw hook and links, 5 to 10 in, 50 per lb; 12 in, 40¢. IRON—Bar, iron, 100lb, base price, \$2.75. Band iron, 100lb, \$3.05 base. Swedish iron 100lb, \$5 base. Sheet, black, 16 1/2 20 gauge \$3.50; 22 gauge, \$3.75; 23 gauge \$4. Galvalume, American, 10 gauge, \$4.25; 14 1/2 gauge, \$4.50; 21 gauge, \$4.75; 23 gauge, \$5; 25 gauge, \$5.25. Queen's head, 25¢ advance on American prices. Canadian plates, Grub and Binola, 1/2 imitation Russian sheets, 70¢; genuine Russian sheets, 70¢; 1/2 imitation. NAILS—Pig per lb, 6¢; sheets, 6 1/2¢. NAILS—Cut—30d up, \$3.15; 20d, \$3.20; and \$3.25. 8d, \$3.30; 6d, \$3.45; 4d, \$3.55; 3d, \$3.50; 2d, \$4.15. Wire nails—1 1/2 in, \$3.75; 1 in, \$3.65; 3/4 in, \$3.70; 1/2 in, \$3.75; 2 in, \$3.90; 1 1/2 in, \$4.00; 1 1/4 in, \$4.25; 1 in, \$4.75. NAILS—Navy, \$3.25 bale; U. S. navy, \$3.75; ann, \$3.00. PICKS—Clay, \$7 doz.; pick matocks, \$5 dozen. PIPE—Iron, black, per 100 feet, 1/2 in, \$3.50; 3/4 in, \$3.80; 1 in, \$4; 1 1/4, \$4.65; 1 in, \$4.70; 1 1/2 in, \$4.95; 2 in, \$5.10. Sizes \$2.40, 45 per cent discount. Galvanized, 1/2 in, \$3.00; 3/4 in, \$3.10; 1 in, \$3.20; 1 1/4 in, \$3.40; 1 1/2 in, \$3.70; 2 in, \$2.50; lead, 6 1/2¢ lb. PIPE—Stove—6 in, \$0.25; 7 in, \$10; per 100 lengths. PUTTY—Pine, \$4 per barrel. PLASTER—Per barrel, \$3.25. RIVETS AND BURGERS—Carriage, section 3 1/2 per cent; M rivets, black and lined 3 1/2 per cent; copper rivets and burrs, 3 1/2¢ copper rivets, 20¢, cartons 1¢ per lb extra net. ROPE—Cotton, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4 inch and larger, 15¢ lb; deep sea, 1 1/2¢; lath yarn, 11¢; Manila, per lb, 12¢ base; sisal, 9 1/2¢ base. SCREWS—F. H. Bright, discount, 10, 10 per cent; R. H. discount, 10; F. H. brass, discount 70; R. H. brass, discount 60 and 5 per cent; Beach wood, per doz, \$1.75; 4.50; bench, iron, per doz, \$3.25; 7 1/2¢ coach screws, 6 1/2¢ per cent. SHELLS—Loaded—Eley's, black, 12 gauge, per 100, soft, \$1.85, chilled, \$1.80; 10 gauge, soft, \$2.15, chilled, \$2.10; Kler's smokeless, 12 gauge, soft, \$2.10, chilled, \$2.25; 10 gauge, soft, \$2.60, chilled, \$2.75. SHOT—Soft, \$0.65 per 100 lb, chilled, \$1.10; buckshot, \$7.65; ball, 25, \$7.65. SOLDER—Half and half, per lb, 22¢. SOLDERING IRONS—Per lb, 32¢. SPADES AND SHOVELS—40 per cent. SPIKES—Pressed, 1/2, \$4.35; 5-10, \$4.65; 1/2, \$1.40; 7-10 up, \$4.10. STEEL—Sleigh shoe, \$3.00 base; spring, \$4.25 base; machinery, \$4.25 base; wire, com, \$4.75 base; share, crucible, \$3.50; toe cut, \$4.25 base; tire steel, \$3.75; cast tool steel, lb, \$0.72. STEEL BOILER PLATE—3-10 inch, \$1.25; 1/4, 1/2 and thicker, \$4.00. STAPLES—Galvanized, \$4.25 per 100lb. TAR—Coal tar, per barrel, \$0.50. TIN—Lamb and flag, 50 and 25d ingots, per lb, 30¢. TIN PLATE—Charcoal plates, I C, 10 1/4, 12 1/2, and 14 1/2, \$5.50; I X, same

Use box, \$0.50; I C, charcoal, 20x28, 112 sheets to box, \$10.00; I X box, 20x28, 112 sheets \$12.60. TINNED PLATES—I C, 20x28, \$10.00. TINNED PLATE—Plain, 75 and 2 1/2 per cent; returned, 70 and 10 per cent. TRAPS—Game, H. & N., No. 0, \$1.02 doz.; No. 1, \$2.25; No. 1 1/2, \$3.38; No. 2, \$4.78; No. 3, \$6.30; No. 4, \$7.42; bear, No. 5, \$7.50. TUBES—Boiler, 2 inch, 16 1/2¢ per foot; 2 1/2 inch, 21 1/2¢; 3 inch, 25¢ per foot. VALVES—1/2, 5/8, Wright's, 1 1/2; Sampson, 40-60 lb, \$0.50; 1 1/2 inch, parallel, \$2.47 each. WADS—Gray felt, 75¢ per lb; thin card wads in boxes of 500 each, 12 and smallest gauges, 20¢ per M, thin card wads in boxes of 500 each, 10 gauge, 25¢ per M. Chemically prepared black edge gray cloth wads, in boxes of 250 each, 11 and smallest gauges, 60¢ per 1,000, 9 and 10 gauges, 65¢ per 1,000; 7 and 3 gauges, \$1 per 1,000. WIRE—Brass and copper wire, 20 per cent advance on the list; clothes line wire, 15 gauge, per 1,000 feet, \$3.50. Galvanized, 4 barb, regular, \$3.75; galvanized plain, twist, \$3.75. ZINC—Sheets in casks, \$7.50 per 100lb; broken lots, \$5.00.

Winnipeg Prices, Paints, Oils, Glass, Etc.

ALABASTINE—Cases of 20 packages, \$0.50; Mural, do, \$0.50. BROWN—50¢ per case. DRY COLOIS—White lead, lb, 7 1/2¢ red lead, 7¢; yellow ochre in barrel lots 2 1/2¢, less than barrel lots, 3¢; golden ochre, b. res, 3 1/2¢; less than barrels, 4¢; Venetian red, barrels, 3¢, less than barrels, 3 1/2¢; American vermilion, 15¢; Eng'ish vermilion, \$1 per lb; Canadian metallic oxide, barrel lots 2 1/2¢, less than barrels, 3¢; English purple oxides, in casks, 3 1/2¢, less quantities, 4¢. GASOLINE—Stove, per case, \$3; naphtha, \$2.50. GLASS—Single glass, first break, 10 to 25 united liches, \$2.50, 23 to 40, \$2.75; per 50 feet box; 40 to 60, \$3; 61 to 60, \$3.60; 61 to 70, \$7 per 100 feet boxes. LINED OIL—Ran, gal, \$7¢, boiled, gal, 90¢ in barrels, less than barrels, 6¢ gal, extra with additional charges for cans and cases. OILS—Black oils, 25 to 30¢ gal; clear machine oil, 30¢; cylinder oil, 50¢; 78¢, as to quality; castor oil, 1 1/2¢ per lb.; tanners' or harness oil, 60¢; neatfoot oil, \$1; steam refined oil, 50¢; pure water-blended sperm oil, 25¢. BLENDING PAINTS—Pure liquid colors, gal, \$1.50; \$1.00, as to shade and quality. PUTTY—In bladders, barrel lots, 2 1/2¢ lb; in 100lb kegs, 2 1/2¢; do, less than barrels, 3¢ lb. REFINED PETROLEUM—Silver Star, 1 1/2¢; Oleophene, 21¢, Sunlight, 22¢, Esocor, 2 1/2¢; Solar, 22¢; Brilliant, 2 1/2¢ per gal. in barrels. T. & P., cases, \$2.75; Solar, case, \$2.55. TURPENTINE—Pure splits in barrels, 71¢; less than barrels, 70¢ per gal. An additional charge for packages of small quantities. VARNISHES—No. 1 furniture, per gal., \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1, \$1.50; \$1.50; \$1.75; No. 2, \$1.50; \$1.50; \$1.75; No. 3, \$1.50; \$1.50; \$1.75; No. 4, \$1.50; \$1.50; \$1.75; No. 5, \$1.50; \$1.50; \$1.75; No. 6, \$1.50; \$1.50; \$1.75; No. 7, \$1.50; \$1.50; \$1.75; No. 8, \$1.50; \$1.50; \$1.75; No. 9, \$1.50; \$1.50; \$1.75; No. 10, \$1.50; \$1.50; \$1.75. WHITE LEAD—Pure, \$7.25 per 100lb; No. 1, \$7.00. WHITING—\$1.25 per 100lb gross weight.

Winnipeg Lumber Prices.

Following are wholesale prices, delivered at Winnipeg, for pine lumber: TIMBER AND DIMENSION—Timber, 4x10 and 12, \$10; 12, and 8x8 and 12x12, 12, 14 and 16 feet long, \$20; timber, 8x8 to 6x8, 4x4 to 4x8, and 3x8 to 3x12, 12, 14 and 16 feet long, \$18; dimension, 2x4 to 2x12, 12, 14 and 16 feet long, \$17.50; dimension, 2x4, 10 feet long, \$18; dimension, 2x8 to 2x12, 10 feet long, \$17.50; dimension, 2x6, 10 feet long, \$16.50; dimension, 2x6 to 2x12, 6 and 8 feet long, \$16; cut plank, all widths, \$12; cut plank re-sawn \$12, \$1 per M advance on each inch over 12 in. in depth and width, \$1 per M advance on each 2 feet over 10 feet. BOARDS—First common boards, red pine, 10 to 18 feet, \$23; second common, 10 to 18 feet, \$18; third common, 10 to 18 feet, \$17.50; cuts, 10 to 18 feet, \$18; 1/2 inch sheathing, S.I.S., 10 to 18 feet, \$14; second common stock, 10 in, 10 to 18 feet, \$13.50; second common stock, 8 to 10 in, 10 to 18 feet, \$13.50; No. 1 wide box boards, 10 to 18 feet, \$23; No. 2 wide box boards, 10 to 18 feet, \$20.50, \$2 per M less for 6 and 8 feet. Re-sawn boards \$1 per M extra. SHEET-P—Shipplap, 8 and 10 in, \$10; shipplap, 6 in, \$18; shipplap, cuts, 8 and 10 in, \$10.50; 6 in, \$13.50, \$2 per M less for 8 feet and under. FLOORING, SIDING AND CEILING—Flooring and siding, 8 and 10 in, \$20.00; flooring and siding, 6 and 10 in, \$18.50; flooring, siding and ceiling, 4, 5 and 6 in, first white pine, \$36; do, second white pine, \$32; do, third white pine, \$28; do, 5 and 6 in, first and second red pine, \$27.50; do, 4 in, first and second red pine, \$26; do, 5 and 6 in, third red pine, \$22.50; do, 4 in, third red pine, \$21.50; do, 5 and 6 in, fourth red and white pine, \$16.50; do, 4 in, fourth red and white pine, \$17.50; do, 4, 5 and 6 in, cuts, \$16.50, \$2 per M less for 8 feet and under, \$1 per M advance for dressing cut sides, 1 1/2 and 1 1/4 in. flooring, \$1 per M advance over 1 in. Bevel siding, No. 1,

1/2x6 in., \$21.50; bevel siding, No. 2, 1/2x6 in., \$18.60. FINISHING—1 1/4, 1 1/2 and 2 in. first, second and third clear white pine, \$45.50, do, select white pine, \$38.50; do, also, \$30.50, \$5 per M advance on 2 1/2, 1 in. and thicker, 1 1/4, 1 1/2 and 2 in. clear red pine, \$31.60; do., selected red pine, \$27; 1 in. first and second clear white pine, \$48; do., third clear white pine, \$37; do., B. select white pine, \$30.50; do., C. select white pine, \$25.50; No. 1 stock white pine, 12 in, \$42.00; do., 8 and 10 in, \$40; No. 2 stock white pine, 12 in., \$37; do., 8 and 10 in., \$35; No. 3 white and red pine, 12 in, \$30; do., 8 and 10 in., \$28; 1 in. clear red pine, \$31.50; do., select, \$20.50. Selected vitals, \$2 per M extra. Moulding—Parting strips, per 100 lineal feet, 40¢; window stops, do, 50¢; door stops, do, 75¢; quarter round and cove, do, 20¢; casing, do, \$1.60; 6 in. casing, do, \$2; 6 in. casing, do, \$2.40; 8 in. base, do, \$3.25; 10 in. base, do, \$4. All other mouldings, 50 per cent disc ant off universal moulding list. Lath, per M, \$5.50, pine shingles, 6 in. clear butts, per M, \$1.75.

MINING MATTERS.

BRITISH COLUMBIA. J. M. Burks has sold his interest in the Great Britain mine, Lardeau, to J. B. McArthur for \$1,500.

The Virtue Mining Company has received a cash offer of \$200,000 for the property known as the "Old Virtue mine," which has not been working since the "Cumberland" was purchased by the Virtue company.

The Brooklyn mine, Phoenix Camp, has resumed operations after being shut down for eight months. An entirely new staff has been engaged. This group of mines is owned by the Dominion Copper Company. It is reported that a smelter will be erected on the property.

The Winnipeg Mining and Smelting Company, Rossland, has been re-organized as the Winnipeg Mines, Limited. The stock has been made assessable to the extent of five cents per share. The new company announces its intention to work the mine vigorously. New machinery has been purchased.

A. A. Ayer, a prominent Montreal business man, who is one of the trustees of the Republic Mining Company, has returned to Montreal from a trip to Republic camp. He reports matters in very satisfactory shape at the mine and the new mill is a decided success. This was gratifying to the company as many people were becoming discouraged over the delay in getting the mill ready for operation. Mr. Ayer stated that the first gold bars would be shipped about Dec 15th.

Reports have been received from the Northern Belle mine at Rossland which show that this property has been worked steadily since last June by means of a tunnel. Latest advices say that 2 1/2 feet of ore has been struck in the tunnel, which runs from \$2.50 to \$9.50 in gold and copper. Since commencing work a tunnel 260 feet in length has been run. The present contract is for 225 feet, of which 40 feet has been finished; it will take possibly three months to complete this tunnel. The fact that the ledges in the White Bear have been located by the diamond drill has encouraged the

management of the Big Four to renewed effort, says the Rossland Miner. A contract is to be let for 200 feet of work. The property of the Big Four consists of 52 acres, located to the west of the White Bear, the San Francisco and the Mariposa mineral claims intervening. It is claimed that the main ledge, located in the White Bear runs through the San Francisco and the Mariposa and the Big Four.

The Rossland Miner says. Considerable mining machinery is now being purchased. The British Columbia Copper Company has just bought a three drill Ingersoll-Sargent compressor for their No. 7 property at Greenwood. The Jencks Machine Company agency of this city has sold a 25-horse power hoist, a No. 6 Cameron pump, hose, wire rope, cars, bucket and tools to the Quebec Copper Company, which is operating the Marguerite, near Greenwood. The Canadian Rand Drill Company yesterday sold a seven-drill compressor, 16x24, and three 3 1/2 hand drills to the British Columbia (Rossland) and Slocan syndicate, to be used at the Snowshoe mine, which is being operated by that company. The Jencks Machine Company has sold to the Winnipeg Mines, Limited, a hoist.

NORTHWEST ONTARIO MINING

A deputation representing the Central Canada Chamber of Mines of Winnipeg, waited upon the Ontario government a few days ago to ask for a grant of money towards the carrying on of its work. The object of the chamber was stated to be to advertise the mineral resources of Central Canada and the encouragement of investments in its mines.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Enquiries have been received from a Paris manufacturer by the Ontario bureau of mines for information regarding the corundum deposits of Ontario. This gentleman's attention was called to the subject by the bureau of mines' exhibit at the exposition The Canada Forum Company is developing the deposits of corundum referred to, which are located in the counties of Hastings and Renfrew.

November Fire Loss.

The fire loss of the United States and Canada for the month of November, as compiled by the Journal of Commerce aggregates \$9,518,000. This is a gratifying reduction from the figures for the same month of 1909, as will be seen from the subjoined table—

| | 1899. | 1890. | 1900. |
|-------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Jan | \$9,472,500 | \$10,718,000 | \$11,755,000 |
| Feb. | 12,462,500 | 18,463,000 | 15,427,000 |
| March | 7,645,200 | 11,493,000 | 13,349,200 |
| Apr. | 8,211,000 | 9,213,000 | 25,727,000 |
| May | 11,072,200 | 6,691,900 | 15,759,400 |
| June | 9,201,900 | 9,714,850 | 21,281,000 |
| July | 8,223,750 | 11,426,400 | 13,600,100 |
| Aug. | 7,797,500 | 9,763,700 | 10,598,250 |
| Sep. | 14,263,500 | 12,778,800 | 9,110,300 |
| Oct. | 7,559,400 | 12,046,250 | 7,107,000 |
| Nov. | 10,255,000 | 11,857,650 | 8,518,000 |
| Total | \$106,938,400 | \$123,512,550 | \$151,941,550 |

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Manitoba.

J. W. Callander has opened a restaurant at Souris.

R. P. O'Donohue, hotel keeper, Winnipeg, has assigned.

The village of Franklin is adopting the early closing movement.

W. H. Wallace, Jeweller, Dauphin, will open a branch at Gilbert Plains. Thos. Stubbs, of Miami, has bought the furniture business of Wm. Ferlis.

A flour, feed and grocery store has been opened at Dauphin by Louis Cohen.

Albert Nex, formerly of Dauphin, has opened a store at Minitonas Hill, Swan River.

Several Winnipeg merchants have been fined for maintaining swinging signs across the street.

H. N. McNeill, of Dauphin, will open a branch of his furniture establishment at Gilbert Plains.

Two fires in the lumber camps at Marchand last week destroyed a number of valuable horses.

G. Oddson has sold out his harness business at Binscarth to J. Fletcher, and will open in the same line in Winnipeg.

T. O'Grady & Sons, butchers, Selkirk, have opened up a branch store at Tyndall, with a restaurant in connection.

J. W. Phillips has purchased the Central livery barn at Carman, together with horses and rigs from L. R. Adams.

Arthur Creighton, general merchant, Cypress River, is giving up business and is advertising a clearing sale.

The tailor shop of Fred Boyd at Portage la Prairie was damaged by fire on Wednesday evening. The stock was practically destroyed. A heating stove was responsible for the blaze.

O. M. Hatcher, who has managed the Winnipeg branch of the Deering Harvester Company of Chicago for a number of years, has resigned that position and is now connected with the Williams' piano agency here.

Adams Bros., of Brandon, have sold out their boot and shoe and harness business at Virden to Robert Duke, of Elkhorn. Duke will move his present Elkhorn business to Virden and will add clothing and gent's furnishings to the business.

The farmers' elevator at Alexander was burned to the ground on Tuesday morning. The building contained 18,000 bushels of wheat, which was insured for the market value. The building was insured for \$5,000. The books were saved.

R. T. Campbell, whose furniture store at Portage la Prairie, was destroyed by fire some weeks ago, intimates that he expects to erect a fine building next spring. He estimates his recent loss at about \$5,000 and insurance will net him over \$3,000.

A board of trade has been formed at Hamilton with the following officers: President, F. J. Boulton; secretary-treasurer, M. B. Jackson; council, C. H. Greenshaw, Wm. Chambers, Wm. Thomson, and Hugh Fraser. The board is taking up the matter of better grain marketing and has already sent a delegation to Winnipeg to interview the warehouse commissioner on the subject.

The civic elections in Winnipeg on Tuesday resulted in the return of John Arbuthnot for mayor, B. E. Chaffey, John Russell, Jas. T. Lattimer, Jas. G. Harvey, D. D. Wood and J. W. Cockburn for aldermen, and D. W. Boie, Dr. Popham, Jas. Scroggie, P. H. Winram, J. A. McKerchar and J. H. Dulmage for school trustees. Three money bills which were submitted for the approval of the ratepayers were defeated, one of them being for the purpose of raising \$20,000 for a subway under the C. P. R. tracks on Main street.

Arthur Congdon, jobber in felt footwear, rubbers, etc., Winnipeg, announces that he has made a contract with the Whitham Shoe Co., Limited, of Montreal, and in future the entire business of the latter company in the west will be handled from Winnipeg. The Whitham Shoe Company was recently reorganized, with A. A. Ayer, a well-known Montreal capitalist as president. The company has for years given special attention to the manufacture of felt sole shoes, which is also one of Mr. Congdon's specialties. The company is now making a new line of felt soled shoes with Alfred Dolge sole

felt on each pair, specially for Mr. Congdon's trade.

Assinboia.

The large livery and feed stables owned by Johnston & Creamer, at Qu'Appelle, were destroyed by fire on Saturday night. It is understood the buildings were fully insured.

Saskatchewan.

K. C. Neufeldt is opening a butcher shop at Rosthern.

Alberta.

E. C. Price is erecting a building and will open in the grocery business at Ponoka.

Forster & McCullough have opened in lumber produce and general commission business at Lethbridge.

Parsons & Co. are opening a tin-smithing shop in connection with their hardware business at Edmonton.

Jno. F. Smith, of Strathcona, has bought out Joseph Valet's hotel business at Leduc and took possession this week.

C. H. Banks, agent of the Singer Sewing Machine Company, for Southern Alberta, whose headquarters were at Lethbridge, has disappeared. Foul play is suspected.

The first issue of Crag and Canyon, a weekly newspaper published at Banff, is now in circulation. This takes the place of the National Park Gazette and is published by J. Byers.

J. B. Kelly, boots and shoes, Calgary, has made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. Kelly was granted an extension last year, but this does not seem to have helped him much.

Northwest Ontario.

Wilfrid Lavoie has bought the butcher business at Rat Portage, recently controlled by J. A. Partington.

Orvis, of Dymont, has sold out his general store at that place to A. F. Botsford, who will carry on the business and keep the post office.

The Commercial Men.

S. M. James was at his sample rooms in the McIntyre block this week.

W. Hargreaves, of G. F. Stephens & Co., Winnipeg, has returned from an eastern trip.

A. C. Foster, northwestern representative of the Claus Shear Works, is travelling California and Nevada during the winter months. He will return to his old route in Western Canada about the first of April, returning by Spokane and Kossland and the Crow's Nest Pass route.

J. Ranton, manufacturers' agent, Winnipeg, has returned from a western trip, which included interior and coast points in British Columbia. He reports business somewhat improved in British Columbia, and in fact found business good at nearly all points from Indian Head westward.

R. M. McGowan, one of the best known western travellers, has engaged with Arthur Congdon, Winnipeg, and will hereafter carry footwear samples. Mr. McGowan has been about thirteen years on the road in the west, during which time he has visited about every point between Lake Superior and the coast. All this time he was with J. Y. Griffin & Co., Winnipeg. He will work Manitoba towns in his new role as a shoe traveller.

Buy Early.

It will be a great convenience to retail merchants if their customers will make their holiday purchases as early as possible. Early buyers will also have the advantage of having the pick of the stock, and they will receive greater attention than can be given them when the final rush is on.

Silver.

No features of any consequence developed in the London silver market this week. Quotations, both there and in New York, were steady, with a tendency to harden in the last few days. It is thought that the Indian government will soon have to purchase silver for coinage in rupees on a large

scale, and this tends to keep prices up. Prices are:—

London, Dec. 1, 2 3/4%; Dec. 7, 20 13-10d. New York, Dec. 1, 6 1/2%; Dec. 7, 6 1/2%—Bradstreet's.

Statistical Wheat Report.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

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

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| Montreal | 78,000 |
| Toronto | 71,000 |
| Coteau, Que. | 70,000 |
| Depot Harbor, Ont. | 423,000 |
| Kingston | 50,000 |
| Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin | 1,695,000 |
| Winnipeg | 320,000 |
| Manitoba elevators | 2,250,000 |

Total Dec. 1, 5,541,000
Total previous week, 4,337,000
Total a year ago, 8,655,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's, Dec. 1, were 84,591,000 bushels, being a gain of 1,527,000 bushels, compared with the previous week.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 81,657,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report. Stocks of wheat at Pacific coast ports on Dec. 1, were 10,037,000 bushels.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Dec. 8, was 61,491,000 bushels, being a decrease of 685,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 54,222,000 bushels, two years ago 23,728,000 bushels, three years ago 34,751,000 bushels, four years ago 34,234,000 bushels, five years ago 66,834,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 10,875,000 bushels, compared with 6,077,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 8,762,000 bushels, compared with 11,246,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

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

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|------|-------------|
| 1900 | 170,348,000 |
| 1899 | 166,465,000 |
| 1898 | 164,610,000 |
| 1897 | 127,503,000 |
| 1896 | 172,181,000 |
| 1895 | 187,304,000 |

CROP MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States spring wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, Aug. 1, 1900, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

| | | |
|-------------|------------|------------|
| | This Crop. | Last Crop |
| Minneapolis | 36,053,670 | 38,465,700 |
| Millwaukee | 3,615,320 | 5,178,472 |
| Duluth | 10,822,133 | 11,523,029 |
| Chicago | 23,088,370 | 14,679,651 |
| Total | 76,601,702 | 80,815,222 |

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States winter wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, July 1, 1900, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

| | | |
|-------------|------------|------------|
| | This Crop. | Last crop. |
| Toledo | 6,574,633 | 9,838,845 |
| St. Louis | 14,194,615 | 6,681,889 |
| Detroit | 1,436,062 | 2,774,029 |
| Kansas City | 24,451,417 | 9,627,130 |
| Total | 47,515,157 | 28,921,931 |

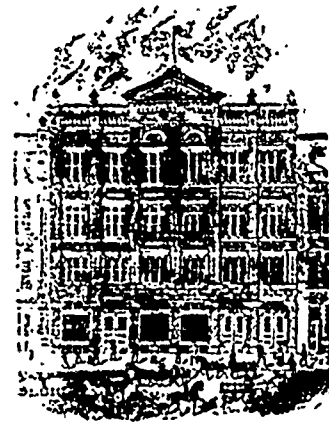
Grain and Milling Notes.

The Dominion Milling Company is about to install a steam heating plant in its flour mill at Dauphin, Man.

The Duluth Commercial Record says:—"Navigation closed here yesterday, leaving less than 75,000 bushels flaxseed in store and about 2,500,000 bushels of No. 1 northern wheat and 1,000,000 bushels more is bought to arrive this month."

The Wheat Supply.

There is much speculation in the grain trade as to where all the wheat comes from that reaches Minneapolis. Compared with last year and with most former years the arrivals here are large, so that the impression goes out that the production was severely under-rated. A year ago, with what we called a large crop, Minneapolis had received to this date practically 33,000,000 bushels against about 36,500,000 bushels this year, making only about 2,500,000 less than in the previous year. But when the arrivals at Duluth are regarded they are now about 11,000,000 bushels against about 32,000,000 bushels this time last year



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or one-third as much. This year, owing to the short crop in the northwest and the dependence thereby upon receipts from outside sources, Montana, Washington, Idaho, Nebraska and Iowa, were called upon to contribute from their surplus. If the amount coming to Duluth from outside of Minnesota and the Dakotas is as great as it is said to be, then it follows that with the amount of Nebraska and Iowa wheat coming to Minneapolis, two-thirds only of the combined receipts of Minneapolis and Duluth were raised in the northwest states or more properly, Minnesota and the Dakotas or in all of Minneapolis, the interior and the head of the lakes will grind at least 100,000,000 bushels this season. In most years this wheat is raised in Minnesota and the Dakotas or in all seasons when there is a full to large crop, but with the smaller yield this season, the production was too light to supply these mills and meet the drafts for shipments to various other points.—Minneapolis Market Record.

Commencing on Friday and every Friday hereafter an accommodation train service was inaugurated on the newly opened Lac du Bonnet branch of the C. P. R. The train will leave Winnipeg at 7 a. m., arriving at 12:05 p. m. Returning on the same day the train will leave at 12:25 and will reach Molson at 2:25, connecting with the regular mixed train, which arrives at Winnipeg at 6 o'clock. This service will be given until further notice.

THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Saturday, Dec. 15.

The weather this week has been more reasonable. A good fall of snow is needed to make things lively as the country roads are not yet in good shape for sleighing, which naturally retards business. Jobbing houses report a fairly good trade doing in reasonable lines of goods. Christmas goods are especially active. Groceries and provisions are moving freely. Deliveries of wheat at country points are light owing to poor sleighing and the close of navigation. Coarse grains are also coming forward very slowly. Farm produce is in better supply. Home grown poultry is more plentiful than usual. Labor is pretty well employed throughout the west, especially skilled labor. Men are still wanted by some contractors for bush work. Railway traffic is quite heavy especially eastbound passenger business. Bank clearings at Winnipeg for the week show a falling off of about \$200,000 as compared with a year ago, but are over \$100,000 larger than two years ago.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Saturday, Dec. 15.

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

BOOTS AND SHOES.

Jobbing trade is steady and in moderate volume. Retail dealers both in the city and country report that bad roads is interfering with business to some extent. A good fall of snow would improve matters.

DRY GOODS.

There is a fair sorting trade being done in holiday goods, but this will be over in a few days now. Stock-taking has been engrossing the attention of wholesale houses, which operation they expect to complete in a few days. The phenomenal drop in raw cotton prices at New York which is noticed in our news columns, has been a subject of interest in the trade abroad.

DRUGS.

The market is steady and fairly active. There is the usual winter demand for cough and cold medicines, cod liver oil, etc. At New York, the leading drug market of the continent, the majority of the prices changes this week have been in a downward direction, which is a change from the prevailing tendency of the past few months. Quinine for instance has declined 5c per ounce and a number of minor lines have also declined.

FISH.

Stocks of fish are moderate and many varieties of sea fish are scarce. The Lake Winnipeg Fish Company is offering dressed whitefish at 4c.

Prices are as follows: Whitefish, 5½ to 6c per pound; pickerel, 1c. pike, 5c; trout, 10c; salmon, 12½c; halibut, 12½c; Lake Superior herring, 20c per dozen, salt cod, 6½c; Labrador herring, per barrel, \$1.90; salt mackerel, \$2.25 per kit, shad, ½ bbis \$7.50; Digby chicks, 15c; box boneless cod, 7½c lb; boneless fish, 5½c lb, sinned haddies, 10c per pound; oysters, select, \$2.25 per gallon, standards, \$2.00.

GREEN FRUITS, ETC.

The feature of this branch of trade just now is the country demand for Christmas goods. The city trade has hardly commenced yet. There is a good demand from all parts of the west for apples, oranges, nuts, candles, holly, wreathing, etc. The heated car service on the railways is giving excellent transportation facilities. So far as prices are concerned there are no changes to note. Oranges are coming forward from California freely and show better color and flavor now. It is worth noticing that the California oranges are running very much to the large sizes this year, and retail dealers would do well to take this fact into account when buying. We quote: Apples, Spies, \$1, Baldwin, Ben Davis and Pippins, \$3.50 to \$4.75, greenings and russets, \$3.25, California navel oranges, 17c to 20c count, per box, \$5; 150 count, \$4.50;

12c count, \$4; Florida oranges, \$4.75 to \$5.50 per box, California lemons, per box, \$4.75 to \$5.25, as to size; bananas per bunch, \$3.50, cranberries per barrel, \$12, California pears, per case, \$1.00, Malaga grapes, per keg, \$8.50, onions, per lb., 3½c, or in 5-sack lots 3c, sweet potatoes, \$8, mince meat in 25 lb tins, 10c per pound, cartoon dates, per package of 1 lb, 10c, now dates, 6 to 6½c, new figs, \$1.40 to \$1.60, cider in kegs or barrels, 30c per gal., honey, 1-lb. jars, \$2.50 a dozen, maple sugar, 12c, citrons, 2c per pound.

GROCERIES.

Notwithstanding the dull season trade in this line has been very good and the usual Christmas demand has been experienced. Collections while slow in many cases are better than it was expected they would be and this has in turn helped to create buying activity. In regard to prices there is not a change to report in our list as given elsewhere in this issue, but there are some alterations in the position of a few lines which may lead to changes later on. In reference to cereals it may be said that owing to the proposed change in the customs regulations rolled oats will probably advance from 6c to 10c per sack in the near future, and to this may be added another few cents owing to navigation having closed on the lakes which makes the rail rate of freight operative on Ontario meal. These two factors combined will possibly mean a difference of 12c per sack. The market is still supplied with meal bought at old figures so that in the meantime there is no change. Although an easier feeling developed some weeks ago in the current market there is now a tendency to return to the old conditions and former figures. Beans are again higher and the present quotations for prime mediums is \$1.65 per bushel, and for hand-picked \$1.55, with prospects of still further advances. Valencia raisins have been coming in at somewhat lower figures than we quote but this is largely owing to the fact that there has been a large quantity of rain-damaged fruit packed this season and the lower priced goods have been found to be inferior in quality. For choice Valencias the higher prices still prevail and these are very scarce as well.

HARDWARE.

Business is quiet and prices unchanged. The feeling in the market is one of confidence so far as prices are concerned. Iron and steel values in producing markets seem to have reached a more permanent level and it is reported that large consumers are now buying freely at both Canadian and United States mills.

LUMBER.

There is little or no wholesale trade doing and in the city retail business has also become very light. Beyond a few late jobs which are taking hardwood floorings and finishing materials there is no demand for lumber of any kind. Dealers are preparing for stocktaking. They report the season's trade to have been quite as large as last year's and in some ways more satisfactory. Logging operations in the bush are now in full swing.

OLD MATERIALS.

Business has tapered off considerably and the market is quiet. Scrap is not usually gathered in the cold weather and the trade now doing is principally confined to held lots. Values remain steady, excepting for bottles which have hardly any value now owing to uncertainty concerning the provincial liquor act. If the act is enforced old bottles will be a drug in the market, but if it should be repealed or modified those who hold stocks of bottles bought at present values will make considerable money out of them. We quote: cast iron, free from wrought and malleable, \$12 to \$13 per ton. No. 2, \$100 to \$5 per ton. wrought iron scrap, \$5 to \$6 per ton. heavy copper 10 to 12c per pound, red brass, 10c per pound, yellow brass, heavy, 7 to 8c per pound, light brass, 5c to 6c per pound; lead pipe or tea lead, 2 to 2½c per pound; rags, country mixed, 50c per 100 pounds, rubbers, free from rivets, buckles and arotics, 6c per pound; zinc scrap 1c per pound; bones, clean, dry and bleached, \$5 to \$6 ton, bottles quart, 20c per dozen pints, 12½c per dozen.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Trade is quiet and prices here un-

changed. The feature of the week has been the strong advices from the east regarding glass and it is now certain that higher prices will be inaugurated about the first of the year, amounting to an advance of 25c per box of 50 feet first break. Eastern brokers have advised the trade here of an advance in prices in Belgium, which amount to from 5 to 20 per cent. This is due to continued trouble between manufacturers and their employees which practically means an indefinite prolongation of the existing strike. Linseed oil is steady and the market has been in no wise affected by the reports of a large Argentine crop as it is well known that that crop cannot come into the market in the shape of oil until about May next. Oil could be bought now for May delivery at less than the present price, but that does not make any difference in the quotations for spot goods. Turpentine is steady and firm.

REFINED PETROLEUM.

Jobbing prices at Winnipeg are given in our regular oil list elsewhere in this issue. While these prices are being pretty closely adhered to so far as country trade is concerned we understand that there has been some cutting done on city business by the concerns selling oil in a wholesale way. According to some in the trade as much as two and three cents has been taken off the regular price in order to secure certain business.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—There is very little of special interest to write about on the wheat market these days. Last week closed with a moderate decline in prices and the present week opened with scarcely any change in quotations. Towards the middle of the week the feeling seemed slightly stronger, but it worked towards a more easy feeling by yesterday's close and on the week prices are practically unchanged. There seems nothing in the present situation, or any prospect in the near future to cause any important alteration in the even tenor of the wheat and flour trade. Visible reserve stocks are as large as they were last year at this time. The reports of the growing wheat crops in Europe and America are very favorable, and the acreage under crop as large or larger than ever before. These crops are now fairly into winter quarters, and for two or three months little change will take place in their standing. The primary receipts of wheat in the States continue daily to overrun the receipts for corresponding date last year, and the demand for cash wheat is on an ordinary scale. Thus, until supplies drop off sharply or crop damage reports become prominent, trade is apt to follow closely in the channel of supply and demand, and prices will not fluctuate to any great extent from present figures. This week there has been no fresh news from Argentine so that it may be presumed that harvest is proceeding under favorable conditions in that country. The American visible supply decreased last week 65,000 bushels compared to a decrease of \$2,000 bushels previous week and an increase of 511,000 bushels same week a year ago. The world's shipments were 6,028,000 bushels compared to 5,850,000 bushels previous week and 7,533,000 bushels same week last year. The world's visible according to Bradstreet's decreased 2,741,000 bushels compared to a decrease of 1,477,000 bushels previous week and an increase of 3,670,000 bushels same week last year.

The local market is dull and stagnant and very little business doing. Lake navigation is closed, and the movement of wheat from the west shows a considerable falling off. As yet very little is doing for all rail shipment, the demand from Ontario is very light, and export is not seriously thought off. Quotations at the end of this week are as follows: 1 hard, 70½c, 2 hard, 72c, 3 hard, 65c; 3 northern, 61½c; 2 hard tough, 67c; 3 hard tough, 61c, and 3 northern tough, 53c, all in store Fort William.

FLOUR—We quote: Lake of the Woods, Five Roses, \$2.10; Red Patent, \$1.95; Medora, \$1.60; N. XXX, \$1.75 per sack of 48 pounds, Ogilvie Milling Co., Hungarian, \$2.10; Genoa Patent, \$1.95; Manitoba, \$1.60, and Imperial XXXX, \$1.20 per sack of 35 pounds.

MILLFEED—Prices of both bran and shorts are \$1 per ton higher. We quote: Bran in bags, \$13 per ton, shorts, in bags, \$15 per ton.

GROUND FEED—Small lots are

quoted here at \$25 per ton for pure oat chop, \$23 for mixed barley and oats, and \$20 for corn. These prices are for pure ground feed of good quality. Mixed mill and inferior feeds have been offered much lower, but are not wanted.

WHEAT—Prices to farmers.—Deliveries by farmers in country markets are smaller, no doubt owing to the decline in prices on the close of navigation and bad roads. A number of the elevators at country points have been closed down, as receipts of grain were not large enough to pay for operating the houses. The feeling is easier particularly for the lower grades which involve greater risk in carrying over winter in store. Prices are lower. Prices quoted to farmer vary widely at different points, and range from 52c to 55c for No. 3 hard to 62c to 63c for best grades. In Winnipeg farmers are paid 57c for No. 3 hard.

OATS—There is no great quantity offering and the market is quiet. Up to 37 cents has been bid for Northern Alberta oats, delivered here, for a No. 1 white sample. Prices on track here range from 30c for light samples up to 34 to 35½c for the best. At Manitoba country points 25 to 28c is paid to farmers as to quality.

OATMEAL—The market is firmer since the advance in rates went into effect from the south, though \$1.00 has been quoted still for cars on track here c. i. f.

BARLEY—Offerings very light and quoted at 34 to 36c for feed grades. Maltling quoted at 38 to 40c as to grade.

CORN—Prices are firm. Carlots on track are worth 43c to 44½c per bushel.

LAX—Dealers are offering \$1.40 to \$1.45 per bushel for flax at country points.

HAY—Up to \$5 was paid for choicest, but most of the hay offering is very poor quality for which the usual quotation is about \$7 to \$7.50 per ton as to quality, loose hay, \$7 to \$8 per ton. Offerings of hay are large.

HOG PRODUCTS—A brisk demand is reported for hog products, for which lines prices are reported steady.

POULTRY—The market is pretty well supplied with dressed poultry with the exception of ducks. These are none too plentiful and are in good demand. Dealers would pay slightly more than our quotation of last week for nice ducks. Geese are very plentiful and the price is lower. About the usual quantity of Ontario turkeys have been brought in for the Christmas trade. We quote: Mixed lots of chickens, 5c per pound; ducks, 6½c; geese, 5½c; turkeys, 11c. These are the net prices which dealers will pay delivered here.

GAME—Frozen wild ducks are selling at 25c to 30c per pair for fall ducks. Dealers are paying 6 to 7c each for rabbits, and 25 to 30c each for Jack rabbits.

DRESSED MEATS—The usual preparations are being made by city butchers for the Christmas trade and fancy meats of all kinds will be shown. Better prices are being paid for carcasses for this purpose. In the regular quotations there has been no change and we quote these as follows: Beef, country dressed, 4 to 4½c, city dressed, 5c to 6c, stags and rough beef, 4 to 4½c, veal, 5 to 7c, mutton, 5½c; lamb, 5 to 10c, hogs, 6 to 6½c.

BUTTER—Creamery.—A few lots of creamery are offering. Market nominal at about 20c to factories.

BUTTER—Dairy.—Receipts are fairly large, especially of rolls and bricks. We quote: Really fine fresh tubs and boxes, 15 to 16c, fresh rolls and bricks, 15c held stock, 13c net prices.

CHEESE—The market is easier. Cheese is jobbing here at 9½ to 10½c.

EGGS—Receipts are light and the price is firm at 18c per dozen net for fresh case eggs here.

VEGETABLES—We quote: Potatoes, farmers' loads, 40c bushel; parley, 30c, carrots and beets, 35c per bushel, turnips, 20c per bushel, parsnips, 2c lb, onions, 2½ to 3c lb, cabbage, 30 to 40c per dozen, celery, 2 per dozen, lettuce, 40c.

HIDES—The market for hides is weaker owing to a decline of about ½c at Chicago. Frozen hides are 1c lower here. We quote 6c for frozen hides, flat rate, 5 lbs. tare. R., 9

same price as hides. Deakin skins, 25 to 35c each. Sheepskins, 45c for fresh killed.

WOOL—Market is nominal. Dealers quote 8 to 8½c per pound for unwashed fleeces and 12½c per pound for washed.

TALLOW—Quoted at 4c for best grades.

SENECA ROOT—Prices firm. For good, clean, dry root 35c would be paid delivered here, and the market may be quoted as ranging from 33 to 35.

LIVE STOCK.

There has been some demand for extra fine cattle for the Christmas trade, but otherwise the market is quiet. Cattle are quoted steady at 2½ to 3½c off cars here as to quality, for the general run. Fancy Xmas cattle, of course, not included.

SHEEP—The market is nominal, as none are offering. Liberal stocks of mutton are held here.

HOGS—Packers are paying 5c per pound for best weights, off cars here, and there is a good demand for all offerings.

MILK COWS—There is the usual good demand for milking cows. From \$30 to \$45 is being offered for these.

HORSES—The market is very quiet. Horses are decidedly slow sale at present, and the only demand is for bush work. Good sound working horses of medium weight are worth from \$125 to \$175 each. A good many farmers have been offering their work horses for sale as they have no feed for them.

Cattle Exports for 1900.

The export cattle business from Manitoba and the Territories for 1900 has shown considerable expansion. Mr. Shaw, of the Canadian Pacific Railway traffic department, Winnipeg, reports that in round numbers about 47,000 head of beef cattle have been exported from Manitoba and the Territories for the present season. This is in excess of any previous season, taking the exports of beef cattle alone. This shows an increase of 15,000 head over last year, but last year's exports were 3,000 less than the previous year, owing to unfavorable weather. The increase this year in shipments of beef cattle has been mostly in range animals, the shipments of domestic cattle being only a few thousand in excess of last year. The result shows that the live stock industry in our western range country is expanding.

The trade in stocker cattle is not quite as heavy as last year. It is estimated that about 25,000 head of stocker cattle have been sent from Manitoba and the eastern districts of the territories to the western ranges. About 5,000 head of stockers have also been shipped to the States. It is pleasing to note that fewer stocker cattle have been shipped out of the country this year than usual. Last year it was estimated that about 15,000 head of these unfinished animals were sent to the United States, where a profit would be made in finishing them for the market. By keeping them at home until they are ready for export as beef cattle, our own people get the full benefit which should accrue to them from the cattle raising industry.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There were 1,138,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on Dec. 8. Receipts for the week were 59,000 bushels, and shipments were 617,000 bushels, compared with receipts of \$90,000 and shipments of 73,000 bushels for the corresponding week last year. A year ago stocks in store at Fort William were 1,822,000 bushels. Stocks in store at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and Interior points were estimated approximately at 4,850,000 bushels, compared with 7,800,000 bushels a year ago, and 6,730,000 bushels two years ago.

Lower Coal Tariff.

A reduction in the freight tariff on coal has been made to all points on the Manitoba Northwestern and the Northwest Central railways in Manitoba, of from 45 cents to 51 per ton, according to point whence coal is billed. These reductions are a result of the acquiring of the two roads named by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and it simply means that the coal rates have been equalized with other points on the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's system in Manitoba.

BRITISH COLUMBIA
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Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 11.—As indicated by the bank clearings and the inland revenue and customs returns the volume of business transacted last month was not as large as the corresponding month of last year, and there has been a greater moderation in purchasing goods and liquors. Retail business has picked up wonderfully owing to the proximity of Christmas and there is an air of bustle on the street that has not been noticed for months. From appearances the merchants will be recouped in a large measure by the Christmas trade, after a somewhat prolonged period of "quiet times." Building operations are not as active as formerly.

The lumber industry is still suffering severely from the scarcity of ships, and all the mill owners are considering a proposition of McLaren Brothers, the millionaire owners of the Barnett lumber mills to organize a joint stock company for the purpose of building a fleet of lumber ships, that British Columbia mills may be independent of the Puget Sound and California shipping concerns, with their outrageous freight charges, for all time. The mill owners propose to ask the citizens to take stock. The government propose to put a tonnage bonus on the ships in the way of helping the industry out. The lumber men are pleased with the government's attitude in this respect, but are not pleased at the government's decision to discontinue the rebate of stumpage dues on exported lumber. They think their pathway is sufficiently thorny now, and this week they will interleave the government in a body regarding the matter. The Dominion government reserve for themselves a timber belt on each side of the Canadian Pacific Railway and the stumpage charges in this belt are half what the provincial government charges on provincial lands. Hereafter the provincial government has evened matters up by rebating half the charge when the lumber was exported. Now they have discontinued the rebate and the lumbermen say if they insist the poor loggers will have to stand it, as they must reckon on the cost of producing the lumber to make a living profit.

In the world of salmon the only news of importance is the decision of the courts that the cannery, according to the law passed during the attorney generalship of Jos. Martin, are responsible for the poll tax of the Japanese who catch fish for them. The Japs are almost all under heavy obligation to the cannery from last season and the cannery hold their boats as security. White fishermen recently approached them with a view of an early arrangement for a strike should the cannery refuse their price for fish. The Japs informed the whites that they were under too much obligation to the cannery to fly in their faces with demands that would not be granted, and that they must fish and earn money. They wanted no strikes.

The best news in the mining world is the announcement of John Cobble-dick, of England, that the results of his seasons gold dredging on the Fraser river was satisfactory and that he had proved to the world that with a properly constructed dredge the millions lying in the mud of the mighty Fraser could be recovered.

British Columbia Markets.

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

PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

(By wire to The Commercial.)

Vancouver, Dec. 11.
GRAIN—Oats, \$25 per ton; wheat, \$28.
FLOUR—Delivered R. C. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$5.00, strong baker, \$4.40; Oregon, \$4.50 per barrel. Under by R. C. patents, \$5.00.
FEED—National mills chops, \$24 per ton; bran, \$20, shorts, \$22; oil cake meal, \$25 to \$30, f.o.b. Vancouver, including duty paid on imported stuff.
MEAL—Per ton, \$12.
MILK—Rolled oats, 90lb sack, \$2.60; two 45lb sacks, \$2.70; four 22½lb sacks, \$2.90; ten 7lb sacks, \$2.50; oatmeal in 10lb sacks, per 100lb, \$3.25; in 50lb sacks, \$3.00 per 100lb.
HIDES AND WOOL—Sound heavy steers, 1½c per lb., medium, 1½c, light cows, 1½c, sheep pelts, November killed, 30c each; deer skins, green, 8c lb.; deer

skins, dry, 20c lb., wool, 60¢10c lb.
LIVE STOCK—Steers, \$4.50 per 100 lb.; butchers' cows, \$3 per 100 lb.; sheep, \$5.00 per 100lb; lambs, \$4.00(\$4.50 each, hogs, \$6.00 per 100lb.
POLTRY—Chickens, \$3.75 doz.; ducks, \$4.25; geese, \$10 doz.; turkeys, 10¢20c lb live.
DRESSED MEATS—Beef, 7½c; mutton, 11c, pork, 8c, veal, 8¢10c.
GAMES—Mallard ducks, 60c per pair; grouse, \$1.25 per pair, venison, 5¢7c, snipe and plover, 15¢.
OYSTERS—Cans, 6c dozen, shell, 35c dozen.
CURED MEATS—Hams, 14c, breakfast bacon, 10c, backs, 14½c; long clear, 12½c, rolls, 12½c; smoked sides, 13½c.
LARD—Tins, 13c per lb.; pails, 12½c; tubs, 12½c.
BUTTER—Local creamery, fresh, 30c; Manitoba creamery, 25¢26c; gov't creamery, 24c; fresh dairy, 21c.
EGGS—Fresh local, 50c; eastern eggs, 21¢24c.
VEGETABLES—Eastern, 13¢13½c.
VEGETABLES—Ashcroft potatoes, \$22 per ton; silver skin onions, 2½c per lb.; lettuce, \$2 crate.
FISH—Flounders, 3c; smelts, 6c; sea bass, 4c; whiting, 5c; soles, 5c; halibut, 6c; salmon, 7c; cod, 6c per lb.; crabs, 60c per dozen; smoked salmon, 10c; smoked halibut, 10c.
GREEN FRUITS—California navel oranges, \$3.50; Oregon apples, \$1.00(\$1.50 Oregon apples, 1½¢50 box lemons, \$2.50 \$3.50.
DRIED FRUITS—Apricots, 11c; peaches, 10c; pitted plums, 11c; prunes, French, 5¢10c, London layer raisins, \$2.25 per box, Muscatel raisins, 2 crown, 8½c; 3 crown, 9c; 4 crown, 9½c; dates, 1c, black figs, 1c; white figs, 9½c; layer figs, 10lb box, \$1.25; silver prunes, 9½c; quartered pears, 10¢11c; half pears, 11¢12c; nectarines, 11c; sultanas 11¢14c; blackberries, 15c; raspberries, 25c, seeded raisins, 11c.
NUTS—Almonds, 17c; filberts, 12½c; peanuts, 8½¢10c; Brazil, 16c; walnuts, 14c per lb.; peanuts, 8c per lb.; coconuts, 10¢\$1 doz.
SUGARS—Powdered, icing and bar, 7c; Paris lump, 6½c; granulated, 5½c; extra C, 4½c; fancy yellows, 4½c; yell low, 4½c per lb.
SYRUPS—30 gal. barrels, 2½c lb.; 10 gal. tins, 2½c; 5 gal. tins, \$1.75 each; 1 gal. tins, \$1.50 case of 10; ½ gal. tins, \$3.25 case of 20.
TEAS—Congo, fair, 11½c; good, 18c; choice, 20c; Ceylon and India, fair, 20c.
RICE—Chinese rice, \$74 ton; Japan rice, \$93¢\$94 ton; tapioca, 5c; sago, 5c.
CANNED GOODS—Corn, \$1.05¢\$1.10; peas, \$1.05¢\$1.10; tomatoes, \$1.25, beans, \$1.10.
HARDWARE—Bar iron—Base, \$2.75; Horse shoe nails, discount, 40 per cent; horse shoes, kegs, \$5.25. Wire nails—Base price, \$1.00, cut \$3.35. Rope, Manilla, 15½c; boiled oil, \$1.00. White lead, 5¢, putty, \$3.50. Barbed wire, \$4.75 per 100 lb. Glass, first break, \$4.75.

PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY

Special to The Commercial: Nelson, Dec. 15
Butter—Choice dairy, 21c, creamery, 24½ to 25½c.
Cheese—New cheese, 13c.
Eggs—25 to 28c.
Oats—Per ton, \$28.
Millfeed—Bran, \$20; shorts, \$22 per ton.
Flour—Manitoba patent, \$5.20.
Hay—Per ton, \$23.
Potatoes—Per ton, \$18.

British Columbia Notes.

John Love & Co., druggs and stationery, Fairview and Camp McKinney, have dissolved partnership. E. F. Scott retiring. Love will continue the business.

G. F. and J. Galt, wholesale grocers, Winnipeg, are establishing a branch factory for packing tea at Vancouver under the management of their representative there, J. D. Roberts.

Fire damaged the premises of Mrs. Wedlake, dyer, Cooper & Petch, bakers and the Ottawa hotel, at Rossland, last week. The loss on the buildings was fully covered by insurance, but there was no insurance on the stocks.

The Rossland Evening Record, published by William K. Essling, ceased publication last Saturday. It was established in February, 1883, and was the oldest paper in the Kootenay. The suspension is due to the stand the paper had taken during the labor troubles of last spring. This resulted in a boycott from which the Record never recovered.

David McNeill and Thomas Tait, of Montreal, and Harry Abbott and Geo. McL. Brown, of Vancouver, will apply at the next session of the Dominion House for an act incorporating a company under the name of "The Kootenay and Arrowhead Railway Company," with power to construct or operate a railway from a point near Arrowhead, B. C., by the most direct route via Trout Lake or Duncan

River to a point at the north end of Kootenay lake.

Notice has been given of the application for letters patent to incorporate the "Pacific Coal Company, Limited," for the purpose of carrying on business as colliery proprietors, coal and coke manufacturers, iron masters, quarrymen, etc. The capital is \$1,000,000. The applicants are: Sir William Cornelius Van Horne, Richard Bladworth Angus and Charles Rudolph Hosmer, Montreal, Edmund Boyd Osler and Willmot Delout Matthews, Toronto, all of whom are to be first or provisional directors of the company.

The Victoria Times says. The B. C. Land & Investment Agency have purchased the local improvement debentures of the corporation of the city of Victoria at par. The debentures amount to \$15,350-\$7,500 and \$7,850, under the authority of the Yates and Broads streets local improvement by-law. The debentures are redeemable in ten years, and bear interest at 4 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually with principal and interest. The last three issues of debentures have been purchased by the same company.

The following new companies have been incorporated, under the laws of British Columbia. A. W. Moore & Co., Ltd., capital, \$10,000; B. C. and Klondyke Trading Company, Ltd., capital, \$20,000; Georgia Logging Company, Ltd., capital \$10,000; Grand Prairie Musical and Literary Society; and the Mark Long Company, Ltd., capital \$10,000. The following extra-provincial companies have been licensed. Canadian Birbeck Investment and Savings Co., of Toronto, capital \$5,000,000, Colonial Investment and Loan Co., of Toronto, capital, \$4,000,000 Columbian Proprietory of England, capital \$500,000; United Gold Fields of B. C. Ltd., capital \$320,000, headquarters in England.

Minneapolis Markets.

Flour prices in barrels: First patents, \$3.75 to \$3.95, second patents, \$3.55 to \$3.75.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$11.25 per ton; bran in bulk, \$11.50 per ton, corn feed, \$13.50 to \$14.75 per ton.

Oats—23 to 24c as to quality.

Barley—35 to 50c as to quality. Corn—Quoted at 33½c per bushel for No. 3.

Flax seed—Cash flax, \$1.02; May, \$1.02.

Eggs—26c for strictly fresh, including cases; storage, 22c to 23c.

Butter—Creamery, 22c to 24c for choice to extras, seconds, 21c to 22c, dairy, 18 to 20c for choice to fancy, seconds, 17 to 18c.

Cheese—8 to 12c per pound.

Dressed Poultry—Roosters, 4c; hens, 6c to 7c, spring chickens, 6c to 7c, turkeys, 6 to 9c; geese, 6 to 7½c, ducks, 7 to 8½c.

Dressed meats—Veal, 4 to 7c; mutton, 5 to 6½c; lamb, 3c.

Vegetables—Potatoes, 35 to 40c; onions red, 55 to 70c, white, 75 to 90c per bushel.

Hides—Green salted, heavy cows, 8c for No. 1, 7c for No. 2; steers, over 60 lbs., No. 1, 8½c; No. 2, 7½c; sheepskins, 25 to 60c each; veal, calf, 8½ to 10c for No. 2 and No. 1; zebu-a root, 30 to 35c, according to quality, tallow, 3¼ to 4½c.

Wool—Unwashed, fine, 13c to 14c, medium fine, 14 to 15c, medium, 15½ to 16c, coarse, 14 to 15c.

Hay—Timothy, \$10.25 to \$14.25 per ton, as to quality; prairie, \$8.00 to \$12.50.

Beans—Fancy hand picked, \$2.25; medium, hand picked, 2c; medium, \$1.25 to \$1.50.

Apples—Ben Davis, \$2.75 to \$3.00; Greenings, \$2.75; Baldwin, \$3 to \$3.25; Jonathan, \$4.50 to \$5.00 per barrel.

The first large deposit of gypsum to be found on the Pacific coast has been discovered on Chichagof Island, sixty miles west of Juneau, says the Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter. The find was made a year ago by J. Rinehart, of Tacoma, but kept secret until arrangements were completed for mining the deposit and putting it on the market. The property is located a quarter of a mile from tidewater, making it possible to ship the gypsum in cargo lots to California, where it will be used for fertilizing purposes. It is in special demand there for fertilizing vineyards and fruit ranches.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE. Special to The Commercial:

Toronto Dec 15. Dry Goods—More active with cold weather. Winter lines are moving actively. Holiday goods in big demand. Jobbers covering cashmere in foreign markets, look for advance. Hardware—Less active. Cold weather is assisting some lines. Fewer orders are being booked for the spring. Barb wire here is now \$3.10. Metals quiet. Pig tin, 1 1/2c lower here at 32 to 33c. Turpentine declined 1 cent here to-day, to 60 cents, and linseed oil 2c to 5/8c for raw, and 5/8c for boiled. Groceries—Active. Table fruits and fancy groceries are in good demand. Valencias are slow sale owing to high prices. Salmon firm. Sugars firm. Cranberries are 50c to \$1.00 dealer. Jamaica oranges are 50c lower.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE. Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Dec 15. The grain markets are dull. Ontario wheat is weaker at 1/2c bid and 1/4c asked, west. No. 1 Manitoba hard is 1/2c lower at 31c, grinding in transit. Flour is dull and easy. Oats are firmer at 21c for No. 2 white west. Choice dairy butter is in large supply and prices are easier. Creamery butter is active and easier. Fresh gathered eggs are scarce and firm. Potatoes are dearer. Poultry receipts are light and turkeys are lower. Flour—Manitoba Patent, \$4.35. Manitoba bakers, \$4.05 for carlots at Toronto. Ontario patent, \$2.80 to \$3.00. Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, 63 to 64c for red and white west. Ontario spring, 65 to 66c. No. 1 hard, 61c, and No. 2, 57c, grinding in transit. Toronto and west, 59c for No. 1 hard. Oats—No. 1 white, 26 to 27c east. 2 white, 24c on cars north and west. Barley—No. 1, 1c; No. 3 extra at country points west. Millfeed—Shorts, \$13 per ton for cars west, bran, \$12. Oatmeal—\$3.20 in bags per barrel, and \$3.30 in wood for carlots, Toronto. Hay—Carlots on track, \$9.50 to \$9.75 per ton. Eggs—21 to 22c for fresh gathered, and 25 to 30c for new laid per dozen, as to quality. Hmed, 15 to 16c. Butter—Choice fresh dairy in tubs and pails, 18 to 19c, as to quality. Medium, 13 to 14c, large rolls, fresh, 17 to 18c, pound rolls, 18 to 19c. Creamery packages 19 to 21c prints, 21 to 22c. Cheese—11 1/2c for job lots. Hides—8 1/2c for No. 1 cows. No. 1 heavy steers 9 1/2c, country hides 4c under these prices; calfskins, 8c for No. 1, and 7c for No. 2. Sheepskins, 90c each, tallow, 5 to 5 1/2c. Wool—Washed fleece, 16 to 18c, unwashed, 9 to 10c. Beans—\$1.35 to \$1.45 per bushel for handpicked, job lots. Dried Apples—3 1/2 to 4c for round lots, evaporated, 5c. Honey—10 to 10 1/2c per pound. Poultry—Chickens, 30 to 50c per pair, turkeys, 5 1/2 to 9 1/2c per pound. Ducks, 50 to 70c per pair, geese, 6 to 10c per pound. Potatoes—30 to 34c per bushel for carlots. Dressed Hogs—Car lots offering at \$6.50 to \$7.25 per 160 pounds.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET. Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Dec 12. Receipts at the semi-weekly market yesterday were 500 cattle, 733 sheep and lambs, and 1,485 hogs. Export Cattle—Market firmer. Offerings few. The best sold at \$4.50 to \$4.75 per cwt, and lighter grades at \$1.25 to \$1.50. Butchers' Cattle—Choice brought good prices. Picked lots sold at \$1.40 to \$1.75 per cwt. Choice sell readily at \$4 to \$4.40. Buyers do not want poor cattle which range from 2c upward. Export Bulls—Trade active; demand good. \$4.25 per cwt was paid for a number of heavy bulls. Feeders—Offerings light. Prices firmer at \$3.60 to \$4 per cwt for short keep and \$3.40 to \$3.60 for heavy. Light feeders are worth \$3 to \$3.40 per cwt. Stockers—Prices firmer, ranging from \$2.50 to \$2.75 per cwt for a number of 500 to 800 lbs. Off color and heifers, \$1.75 to \$2.25.

Sheep and Lambs—Offerings large. Demand good. Export ewes easier at \$3 to \$3.25 per cwt. Lambs higher at \$3.50 to \$4.25 per cwt and \$2.50 to \$3.75 each. Hogs—Offerings large, but all were wanted at steady prices. Selects sold at \$6 per cwt and lights and fats at \$5.75.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS. Toronto, Dec. 15.

Receipts at the semi-weekly markets yesterday were 63 cars, including 1,100 sheep and lambs, and 1,500 hogs. Offerings of export cattle were large and the demand good. Sales were made at \$1.60 to \$1.65. Heavy offerings are reported for the next week. Butchers' choice Christmas stock brought \$5.00. Poor grades were slow sale. Export bulls were easier at \$3.25 for light weights to \$4.25 for heavy. Offerings of stockers were large and prices steady. Sheep sold weaker. Export ewes, \$3.00 to \$3.15, bucks, weak, at \$2.00 to \$2.50, and lambs lower at \$3.50 to \$4.25 per cwt. Hogs unchanged and the prospects for next week are that prices will be lower.

MONTREAL GRAIN & PRODUCE. Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 15. The grain markets are quiet. Oats are weaker at 1/2 to 3/4c decline. Receipts of oats are decreasing and the demand is slow. Barley is nominal at 1c decline. Spring wheat is difficult to quote. Flour quiet and easy at 1c decline on Manitoba patents and 15c on bakers. Rolled oats are weaker and 5 to 10c lower. Feed is scarce and strong. Manitoba bran is \$1 higher. Hay is active and firm. Cheese is firmly held. Butter is strong and 1c higher. Demand is fair. Eggs are fairly active. Maple syrup and honey are quiet. Poultry is in good demand and prices firmer. Game is scarce. Receipts of dressed hogs are light and the demand good, values being firm. Provisions are fairly active and firm. Wheat—No. 1 spring wheat, 73 to 73 1/2c. Barley—15c. Oats—50 to 30 1/2c. Flour—In fair demand. Manitoba patent, \$4.30 to \$4.35, Manitoba strong bakers, \$4.55 to \$4.65, straight rollers, \$3.15 to \$3.40. Rolled Oatmeal—\$3.20 to \$3.25 per barrel, and \$1.55 to \$1.60 for bags. Feed—Market firm, good demand. Manitoba bran, bags, \$16; shorts, \$17. Baled Hay—Choice, \$10 to \$11, No. 2, \$8.00 to \$9.50. Cheese—Western September, 11 1/2 to 12 1/2c; October 10 1/2 to 10 3/4c; eastern 10 1/2 to 10 3/4c for late, and 10 to 10 1/2c for under grades. Butter—Finest creamery, 21 1/2 to 21 3/4c; seconds, 20 1/2 to 21c; western dairies, 18 to 19c. Eggs—Prices firm. New laid, 24c; cold storage stock, 14 to 15c; Montreal hmed, 15 1/2 to 16c; western hmed, 14 1/2 to 15c. Maple Syrup—6 1/2 to 7c in wood; tins, 50 to 60c. Honey—White clover, comb, 13 to 14 1/2c; buckwheat comb, 10 to 12 1/2c, extracted, 7 to 8c. Hides—No. 1, Steg. No. 2, 7 1/2c, No. 3, 6 1/2c; calfskins, 8 and 6c; lamb-skins, 90c for good fresh skins. Potatoes—Carlots, 40c; broken lots, 45 to 50c. Poultry—Turkeys, 5 1/2 to 9 1/2c; chickens, 7 to 7 1/2c; ducks, 8 to 9c; geese, 5 1/2 to 6 1/2c. Game—Partridge, firsts, 70c a pair; seconds, 45 to 50c; deer, carcasses, 4 1/2 to 5c per pound. Dressed Hogs—Car lots, \$7.25 to \$7.50.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK MARKET. Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 11. Receipts of live stock at the East End abattoir on Monday were 600 head of cattle and 600 sheep and lambs. The below zero weather did not prevent the butchers from coming out in large numbers, and there was an active demand and firm prices for fair to good cattle, but the common stock were neglected. Good steers and heifers sold at 4 1/2 to 4 3/4c per lb, fair cattle sold at 3 1/2 to 4c, and the common stock at 2 to 3c per lb. Calves sold at \$3 to \$3 each. Shippers did not buy any sheep, and the butchers paid 2 1/2 to 3c per lb. Good lambs sold in lots at 4 to 4 1/2c per lb, and the common lambs at 3 1/2 to 3 3/4c. Fat hogs sold at 5c per lb, for coarse, heavy hogs, up to 6c per lb, for selects, weighed off the cars.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS. Montreal, Dec. 14.

At the East End abattoir yesterday receipts were 500 cattle, 500 sheep and lambs, and 200 hogs. Choice cattle were scarce and wanted at 4 1/2 to 4 3/4c. The demand was good and tone of market stronger. Good stock sold at 4 to 4 1/2c, fair at 3 1/2 to 3 3/4c, and common at 2 1/2 to 3c. Sheep were steady at 2 1/2 to 3c. Lambs sold higher at 2 to 4 1/2c for choice and 3 1/2 to 3 3/4c for common. Hogs easier at 5 1/2 to 6c.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET. Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec 15. Seal oil is strong and scarce at 55c to 60c. Otherwise the market is unchanged. Pig iron, summerlee, No. 1, \$24 to \$25.00; Nova Scotia, \$18.00 to \$20.00; bar iron, \$1.50 to \$1.60; tin plates, cokes, \$3.85 to \$4.00; charcoal, \$1.25 to \$1.50; Canada plates, \$2.50 to \$2.00; ternac plates, \$7.50; Ingot tin, 29 to 30c; copper, 18 to 19c; lead, \$1.15 to \$1.25; manilla cordage, 12 to 13c; sisal, 9 to 10c; linseed oil, raw, \$1 to \$2c; boiled, \$4 to \$5c; seal oil, 55c to 60c; turpentine, 62c to 63c; cement, German, \$2.50 to \$2.70, English, \$2.40 to \$2.50; Belgian, \$1.90 to \$2.10. Canadian, \$2.20 to \$2.35; white lead, standard, \$6.50; coal tar, \$1 to \$1.50.

MONTREAL GROCERY TRADE. Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 15. Teas are more active. Sugars steady. Dried fruits quiet. Prices are: Sugar, granulated, \$4.85 per 100 lbs. yellows, \$4.05 to \$4.65, molasses, 40 to 41c. Valencia raisins, fine off stalk, 7 1/2 to 8c, selected, 5 1/2 to 5 3/4c; layers, 8 1/2 to 9 1/4c; currants, 9 1/2 to 10 1/2c; canned goods, tomatoes, \$2 1/2 to \$3c; peas, 75 to 80c; corn, 80 to 90c; salmon, \$6 to \$6.75 per case; Japan teas, 16 to 20c. Provisions—Quotations are: Pork, \$17.50 to \$18.50; lard, pure, 10 1/2 to 11 1/2c; hams, 12 to 14c; bacon, 13 to 14c.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET. Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Dec. 14. Cheese quoted steady at 5 1/2 to 6d to 5 1/2 to 6d, which is unchanged from a week ago.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET. Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Dec. 14. Cattle steady at 11 to 12c, dressed weight, sheep, 11 to 12 1/2c, lambs, 13 to 14c.

LONDON SUGAR MARKET. Special to The Commercial.

London, Dec. 14. Beet sugar steady and unchanged at 5 1/2 to 5 3/4d.

HOG PRODUCTS. Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Dec. 15. Hog products are holding firm, especially lard in small stocks. This is in big demand. Prices are: Pails, 10c; tubs, 10 to 10 1/2c; terces, 10 to 10 1/2c; dressed hogs are firm at \$7.25 asked, and \$6.90 bid for choice weights.

Calgary Stone.

Mr Shaw, of the Canadian Pacific traffic department, Winnipeg, has in his office a sample block of the Calgary sand stone. This magnificent building stone has been used quite largely at Calgary where some very handsome stone blocks have been erected. It has also been used to some extent at other points along the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, but not as largely in the past as the merit of the stone would warrant. This has been due to some extent no doubt to the lack of economical methods in quarrying and preparing the stone for shipment. J. G. Watson, a practical man in the stone business, has now put in a modern plant for cutting the stone, and no doubt this beautiful stone will be largely used in the future for building purposes all along the line between Winnipeg and the coast. It is the intention to ship quantities of the stone to Winnipeg, where it will be cut to any sizes required, for building purposes. Large quantities of stone have heretofore been imported from

the south, for building purposes in Winnipeg, and this demand will no doubt in future be partially at least supplied by the Calgary article.

Western Business Items.

The premises of R. Wyatt, hard ware, Winnipeg, were damaged by fire last night.

McNeill's hotel, at Summit City, B. C., was destroyed by fire on Dec 13. Loss about \$5,000.

E. Hagel has entered into partnership with E. T. Saunders, of the Lethbridge, Alberta, News.

The stock of Parson & Arundel, produce, Winnipeg, was damaged by fire and smoke last night.

Dr. T. M. Milroy has disposed of his practice at Portage la Prairie to Dr. Baysfield, a recent arrival from Nova Scotia. Dr. Milroy has moved to Winnipeg.

The general stock of Roberts & Co. Strathclair, Man., has been placed by the hands of Newton & Davidson, Winnipeg, as trustees. The estate is valued at about \$15,000, and shows a deficit, compared with liabilities, of about \$2,000.

The proposed pulp mill at Keewatin, northwestern Ontario, is said to be taking shape. The company having the matter in hand, are looking to the securing of a timber supply from the Ontario government before going on with the enterprise. They want a lease of pulp wood land for a term of years, instead of buying the wood annually from the government.

Tenders.

Tenders addressed to Perley G. Keyes, secretary, Department of Interior, Ottawa, and marked on the envelope "Tender for Timber Berth 935," to be opened on the 14th of January next, will be received until noon on Monday, the 14th January, 1901, for a permit to cut timber on Berth No. 935, comprising the tract of land described as follows: Commencing at a point on the easterly shore of Lake Winnipeg about one mile northerly from the mouth of Bloodvein river, thence up the said easterly shore of Lake Winnipeg in direct distance six miles, by a depth throughout of 2 miles, the upper and lower boundaries to be measured at right angles to the general bearing of the said easterly shore within the berth, containing an area of 12 square miles, more or less.

Canada Bank Clearings.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Amount. Montreal \$13,726,447; Toronto 11,730,170; Winnipeg 2,761,614; Halifax 1,615,442; Hamilton 889,911; St. John 768,444; Vancouver 769,580; Victoria 550,564.

Industrial Prosperity.

Brussels, Dec. 13.—The international conference for the protection of industrial property, at which United States Assistant Patent Commissioner Chamberlain and Minister Townsend were the American representatives, has adopted the following resolutions: First—The period of exclusive rights, previously fixed at six months for patents and three months for industrial designs, models and trade marks, is extended to a year for the first named and four months for the second named. Second—Countries signing the convention enjoy reciprocally the protection accorded by each country to its own citizens against unfair competition. Third—Patents cannot lapse because they are not put in circulation, except after a minimum delay of three years, dating from the first application in countries where the patent is allowed and in cases in which the conditions of the patent do not justify causes of inaction.

Extradition Treaty.

Washington, Dec. 13.—A treaty has been concluded between the United States and Great Britain amendatory of the existing extradition treaty and intended to correct certain imperfections in that instrument developed by recent experience. The changes do not materially affect the scope of principles of the existing treaty, the chief item in the list being a provision classifying as crime subject to extradition the obtaining of money under false pretences. At present the treaty makes extraditionable the reception of money obtained under false pretences and the omission of the principle of the crime constituting a manifest absurdity the amendment is made.

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The Dominion House of Parliament will be summoned to meet for the dispatch of business on Wednesday, February 6.

Minneapolis Market Record: "There are rumors of rate cutting, but cars are getting scarce. Lake navigation has closed and the demand for cars has increased. The tariff on flour is on the basis of 17 1/2c per 100 lbs. for flour and 30c for provisions from Chicago to New York. Ocean room was in fair demand and rates lower. Rates are 2 3/4d per bushel on grain from New York, and 2 3/4d from Boston to Liverpool. The through rate on wheat from Chicago to Liverpool is 15.76c per bushel lake and rail via New York and 15.00c via Boston, and on corn from New York 15 1/2c and Boston 15 1/2c. Flour is 24 1/2c per 100 lbs and provisions 41.06@46c.

THE IMPLEMENT TRADE.

THE TWINE MARKET.

The schedule of prices named last week, and pronounced at that time unstable, has been shaded during the past week in solicited quotations and in instructions issued by one of the largest companies to their many salesmen, says Farm Implement News of Chicago. These instructions were doubtless issued reluctantly under pressure of the salesmen's requests that they be placed in a position to talk twine business intelligently and unconditionally. The reduction can hardly be called a decline in price, since the rates previously named were merely nominal. Neither does it bring the current price to the season's minimum quotation, for as reported some weeks ago, better than 7 cents had been offered, while the present prices fixer that figure as the car load rate on sisal and standard. This is 1/2 cent below the price named last week, and the same reduction applies to manilla and pure manilla.

This price, 7 cents, in carloads, or 7 1/2 cents in less than carloads, may be said to be the market price, although if the absence of business makes prices nominal, it is not much better than a nominal price. There is considerable inquiry, or as one manufacturer—probably a devotee of the sport of angling—puts it, "a lot of nibbling but few bites." That the price is a low one must be apparent to all who are familiar with fiber quotations, in fact hemp has at no time since harvest touched a point that would make this price inconsistent. Whether it will give way to a lower or higher price is yet to be determined.

The present situation discloses an unwillingness on the part of leading concerns to continue as umbrella holders to the smaller fry who have in previous years crept in out of the wet under the shelter of expanded schedules. The mistake of opening the season with too high a price is not, apparently, to be repeated. It probably means, also, that the price of twine will follow the price of fiber more faithfully than it has in the past.

BINDER TWINE LEGISLATION.

Dealers in binder twine may not generally be aware of the fact that legislation was passed at the last session of the Dominion parliament making it compulsory that binder twine must be stamped with figures showing the number of feet per pound. Cheap binder twine is not always cheap when the number of feet per pound is reckoned up, quality in other respects also being considered. Hereafter, however, each ball of twine must be stamped, showing the number of feet of twine per pound, and also showing the name of the manufacturer or importer.

IMPLEMENT TRADE NOTES.

A feature of trade in the Northwestern States last week was the active demand for cutters and sleighs caused by a good snowfall. Some dealers sold out of these goods completely.

Reports from Manila indicate that the total receipts of manilla fibre at that port from interior points during the eleven months ending November 30 amounted to \$28,000 bales which is the largest amount on record for a similar period. The net stock of fibre now on hand in that port is also the largest on record being 229,000 bales.

INSURANCE MATTERS.

MUTUAL RESERVE FUND LIFE ASSOCIATION.

A case of unusual interest to policyholders in mutual insurance companies was decided at the Superior Court, Montreal, last week, and as this case is attracting a great deal of interest we submit an epitome of the judgment which was rendered by Mr. Justice Curran. It appears from the elaborate judgment that, in 1886, Mr. Trenholme insured his life for \$10,000 in the Mutual Reserve Fund Association of New York, the agent being Mr. J. D. Wells. Mr. Trenholme is a practising lawyer in Montreal, and has been a member of the bar for over thirty years. He is a man of high standing in his profession, a Queen's Counsel, and has filled many important offices requiring great legal

acumen. Mr. Trenholme describes how he was insured as follows:—

"It was at the solicitation of Mr. Wells, the general agent of the company. Mr. Wells first canvassed me in Ottawa. I was on business at the Supreme Court, and Mr. Wells canvassed me there. Mr. Wells, from printed circulars and pamphlets which he had, showed me how much more economical it was to insure in this association, compared with old line companies as he called them, and he convinced me of that. I had an idea myself that the old-line companies made pretty large profits and that there might be a margin to reduce the insurance, and from documents he showed me he convinced me that it would be a great deal more economical—I think by about one half. The question that arose in my mind was whether after going into this association in after years the assessments might not be put up, in an inordinate way, so that I could not pay. Mr. Wells by these documents of the company pointed out that there would be no increase. I may say right at the outset that without these representations I would not have touched this insurance. I would not have looked at it."

It transpires that some years after the insurance was effected, the Mutual Reserve increased the rate of assessment, and Mr. Trenholme refused to pay the additional assessment demanded. His policy was accordingly cancelled, and he brought suit to recover the amount of his annual payments, \$1,951.80, and also a further sum of \$1,950, as damages representing the additional charge he would have to meet to obtain a policy in another company. The company relied upon its contract as set forth in the application, policy, constitution and by-laws, by which, in spite of the alluring statements of its agents and its literature, it clearly reserved the right to increase the assessments when required.

The management of the company admit that the founders of the company displayed lack of knowledge of the elemental principles of life insurance. Mr. Justice Curran goes further than this, and says that, "Judging from the pamphlets before the court, we are inclined to believe that they (the early management) were knaves rather than fools. They made those false representations, and plaintiff was induced by them to enter into the association."

Notwithstanding the severe strictures of the judge upon the management of the company, he was compelled to hold that the plaintiff was bound by the contract he had signed and the policy he had accepted, and that he could not therefore recover his claim.

It appears now that the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association are entirely repudiating many of the statements and arguments of its early management. It is practically admitted that the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association was built on a foundation of sand, and that in less than twenty years the foundation has completely given way. Strenuous efforts are now being made to change the old policies from the assessment system to the level premium plan, which latter was condemned from one end of the country to the other a few years ago by the Mutual Reserve.

Time brings its own revenges, and the very people who, a few years ago, were loud in their praise of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association, and louder still in condemning all old-line companies, are now turning upon the Mutual Reserve with maledictions and abuse. It is becoming evident that the day of vindication of old-line companies has arrived, and that the death knell of assessment insurance has been sounded.—Monetary Times.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE.

In discussing insurance topics of the day from various points of view, the "Financial News" of London is giving its readers much useful information and incidentally in assisting the insurance companies by drawing attention to the growth and expansion of business. The necessity of life insurance is generally appreciated; but accident insurance, for some reason unknown, is still regarded as somewhat of a luxury. On this subject, the "Financial News" says:

"If life insurance is essential because of the protection it affords to a man's dependents at his death, it would appear that, in the case of business

men, at least, it is equally as great a necessity, both for his wife's sake and his own, to insure against loss of income upon disablement. In view of the traffic of our great towns (and especially of London), and with our hurrying methods, the danger to human life in our crowds and causeways, necessity for accident insurance would seem to be increasing every day.

IMPORTANT BANK CHANGE.

Announcement was made this week that C. S. Hoare, who has been for many years manager of the Imperial Bank, at Winnipeg, has resigned his position with that institution to assume the management of the Montreal branch of the Royal Bank of Canada, formerly the Merchants Bank of Halifax. He will be succeeded by N. G. Leslie, manager of the Brandon branch of the Imperial bank. Mr. Hoare's departure from Winnipeg will remove the oldest in point of service of the city bank managers, he having filled that office for the Imperial for eighteen years. His leaving will be generally regretted in business circles.

LIABILITY TO OWNER ONLY.

A judgment of importance to many merchants was rendered in the Hull, Que., Superior Court on Monday, Dec. 3, in the cause of Repentigny vs. The Montmagny Insurance Co.

Some time previous to the great fire of April 26, the plaintiff took out a policy for \$2,000 in his own name, in the defendant's company, \$1,500 of which was on the store and building belonging to his wife, and \$500 on the stock, which was owned by himself. He explained at the time the facts of the case to the agent, who gave him a receipt for the first premium paid. When the property was destroyed in the fire plaintiff applied for settlement of losses, but the company refused to pay the insurance.

Judgment was given for \$500. The judge, in giving judgment, said that the agent was wholly to blame for the mistake in having incorrectly made out the application, and regretted that, according to law, he was unable to give judgment for the full amount.

It is well that all merchants doing business in property owned by their wives, should make a note of this decision. Insurance must always be made out in the name of the owner or the property insured.

THE VICTORIA-MONTREAL FIRE.

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—Proceedings, authorized by the Insurance Act, having been taken by the superintendent of insurance, in reference to the Victoria-Montreal Fire Insurance Co., it has, as a result thereof, been arranged between the department and the company that no new business is to be written either by the issue of new policies or by way of renewals, pending the holding of a special general meeting of the shareholders, which has been called for the purpose.

INSURANCE NOTES.

It is announced that Sir Charles Tupper is going into the insurance business and will accept the presidency of the Crown Life Insurance Company, of Toronto, a new company which has been incorporated under Dominion laws. The capital stock of the company is \$1,000,000. The board of directors is not yet complete, but it already includes a number of prominent Canadians.

Under the provisions of the Winnipeg early closing by-law retail stores are permitted to remain open in the evenings during the week or two preceding Christmas, which they are now doing.

The Hargrave block on South Main street, Winnipeg, has recently been bought by John Leslie, who intends adding two stories to it and otherwise adapting it to the growing needs of his furniture business. The alterations will be commenced early in the spring.

An unknown man found frozen near Rosenfeld, has been identified as a tailor from Winnipeg, Wilhelm Fasbender.

Capt. Inman, Duluth, addressed the Montreal chamber of commerce on winter navigation on the St. Lawrence river.

The argument in the Manitoba Liquor Act test case has concluded, and judgment has been reserved until next term by the full court.

Myron
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IN LIQUIDATION

This stock of the cheapest Men's Furnishings ever offered in Winnipeg is going down, but there was a lot of it and it still contains bargains in abundance for those who have not yet bought.

In the Small Wares Department:

Towels

White Cotton, White and Gray Bath Towels, Linen Towels, 25 per cent below regular prices

Handkerchiefs

Blue and Red Indian Handkerchiefs, White Cotton Handkerchiefs, White Linen Handkerchiefs, Men's and Women's Fancy Bordered Handkerchiefs. A large range of Silk Handkerchiefs. Goods you can use at any season of the year when you think of what you can buy them for.

Jewelry

Sterling Silver Cuff Links and Studs, Gold Plated Pins, Cuff Buttons, Links, etc.

A few Colored Rugs, cotton or silk.

Remember although only a few articles are mentioned, reductions apply to the entire stock.

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C. R. DIXON, CALGARY.

hibits in Paris, and in other ways in the French capital, to bring about a revival of fancy goods in dress fabrics, but it failed. Black and white, and black will be largely worn. The large number of people wearing mourning in Great Britain owing to the loss of relatives in the war has almost made black a fashionable color, and it is being affected by many who have no sentiment in the matter, but wear it because it has become so generally used. Following the very active demand for French flannels, which have been used with such pretty and effective taste, it is expected that cashmeres and French delaines will be largely sold for the coming spring and summer for dresses and blouses. Compared with previous seasons the coming one will be conspicuous as a lace season. There will be a good demand for laces to be worn as "all-overs" and lace galloon for trimmings. As to colors in laces, white will of course be a favorite, a new shade known as butter color will be popular. This butter shade is something akin to the color of linen. The principal purchases of laces for the Canadian markets are made in Nottingham, Plauen in Saxony, and St. Gall in Switzerland. The market for laces has kept quite firm since purchases now in stock were made.—Globe.

DRY GOODS TRADE NOTES.

Canadian cotton mills are refusing to accept orders for next fall's delivery as they claim that values are too uncertain to permit of booking business so far ahead.

Advices from Bradford state the business in fine wools has been almost stopped by the firmness of holders, and it is regarded as evident that the turn in the market on these grades has come.

J. Ranton, manufacturers' agent, Winnipeg, has received samples and new price list for the fall trade, in A. Burritt & Co.'s knitted goods, manufactured at Mitchell, Ont. The new prices show a considerable reduction on hosiery made from imported materials.

It is reported from the English markets that attention to merino and fine crossbred wools is increasing, with more transactions on the continent in these wools. Much the same conditions in woolsens as in this country are reported, orders for next spring being small, especially on fine and medium cloths.

Eastern dry goods houses appear to have fared very little if any better as regards 4th of December payments than western houses. November retail sales throughout both the east and west were not as good as expected, consequently there was less money in circulation and collections were disappointing.

Clothing travellers have about completed their trips for the spring trade, and some have found business up to their expectations, though sales have not been heavy. Business has been better in the Territories and British Columbia than in Manitoba, though some of the travellers report their spring business in Manitoba has been better proportionably, than it was for the fall trade.

There has been no alterations of importance in the prices of wool since buyers returned from the European markets on their spring purchasing trips, says the Toronto Globe. The impression among buyers who have studied the wool situation in Europe is that values will continue steady through the season. They say that the drop in the wool market of about 5 per cent did not affect the prices of fabrics, as the markets for the finished goods did not reach a parity with the top prices scored by raw wool. They say that the price of cotton has now largely to be considered in connection with dress goods values, as it is more largely used in connection with silk than formerly. Silk and wool mixtures formerly prevailed among the manufacturers, but now silk and cotton mixtures are taking place and competing with silk and wool mixtures. The advantage of cotton used in conjunction with silk is that it brightens the goods more than wool, and shows the fabric to better advantage.

The world's exports of corn this year since January 1 have shown a decrease of about 50,000,000 bushels compared with last year, and about 40,000,000 compared with two years ago.

will lie in the development of selections of long Pekoe tips for the manufacture of Mandarin tea such as is made in China.

GROCERY TRADE NOTES.

Valencia raisins showed lower prices in eastern markets last week owing to weakness at London, England.

A prominent eastern manufacturer of brooms and brushes predicts a decline in prices of the latter at an early date.

The reason advanced for last week's rise of 10c per 100 lbs. in the price of sugar at Canadian refineries is, sympathy with the New York market.

The American herring fleet is securing a large catch in the Bay of Islands, Newfoundland. Herring are also appearing in large quantities off Placentia. Competent authorities believe that this will be a specially favorable year for a large herring trade.

In connection with dried fruits mail advices from California state, "The outlook at present is that the market will clean up well for all kinds unless prunes are excepted. For the latter there may, and probably will, develop quite a demand after the beginning of the new year. The holdings by outsiders are quite small and outside of little odds and ends they are held at association prices."

The continued favorable prospects for the growing crop and the large supplies in sight are the principal bear factors in the coffee market. It is claimed, however, by those favorably disposed towards the market that the favorable crop news now being received here does not necessarily mean a record-breaking crop, and as to the large available supplies the claim is made that should the expected small receipts materialize they will stimulate the demand from the trade with the result that the supply of coffee will rapidly diminish.—Globe.

Hills Bros., the leading American holders of currants, says, "The market in Greece, without receiving business from any quarter, continues weak and declining, quantity remaining there is small, but holders are apparently disappointed at not being able to clear out their entire holdings before the first of the year. The English market also remains weak, a considerable portion of the stock in that market has been carried by speculators outside of the regular trade, and the constant decline in value has forced some of these holders to liquidate, a number of failures have occurred, and that market is rather demoralized. On spot demand continues to increase, and a fair quality has gone out. Notwithstanding the increased demand the tendency of prices continues in favor of buyers, and looking to the future it appears probable that we must expect a further weakening until the market reaches the parity of the figures now ruling in Patras."

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

SPRING DRESS GOODS

The volume of spring business done in dress goods to date is quite up to last year for the same time. Wholesalers, however, say that if the winter stocks had been disposed of readily, as would have been the case with continued cold weather, the sale of spring goods would have doubtless been much larger than they have so far been.

There is no doubt that next spring will be essentially a plain goods season. There was an effort made in connection with the World's Fair ex-

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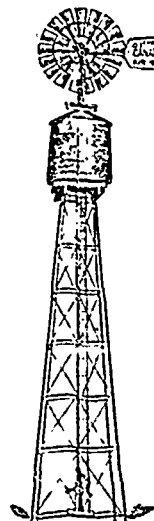
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THE GROCERY TRADE.

UNITED STATES TEA PRODUCTION

In the last report of the British consul at Charleston, South Carolina, a section is devoted to describing the results of experiments in tea-growing in the State. At Summerville the experiments began about ten years ago. At the beginning they were conducted on a small scale, but they have been gradually increased, until now over 50 acres have been planted with tea. When the plants arrive at full bearing the yield should be at least 10,000 lb of high-grade tea annually, and this it is supposed, will suffice to show conclusively whether tea may be profitably grown under existing local conditions of climate, soil, etc. The problem of providing cheap labor for gathering the leaf was solved by training a band of negro children. The South Fraser tea garden, containing a little over two acres, has done very well so far. The bushes were raised from seed planted in 1891, produced from a celebrated garden near Hang-chau. This tea is not exported from China, as it costs about 6s. 6d per lb at Hang-chau. The Summerville garden is in very good condition, the unsuccessful plants amounting to about 1 per cent only, and visitors acquainted with oriental gardens have expressed surprise at its luxuriant and uniform growth, comparing favorably with gardens in the East. The bushes are thick, somewhat low in growth, and globular in form, the leaf, as a rule, being rather small and quite tender and adapted for the manufacture of either green or black tea. The soil is a clay loam, with a stiff, dry subsoil. It has been heavily enriched every spring

with a high-grade fertilizer at the rate of 600 lb to the acre, and the yield of dry tea last year reached 500 lb per acre, while few gardens in China yield over 200 lb. The 1898 crop amounted to 3,000 lb in all, and was sold at a profit of about 25 per cent. The black tea produced there has a distinctly characteristic flavor, and, like some of the choicer Oriental teas, its liquor has more strength than the color indicates. The severe cold weather of last winter appears to have conclusively tested tea culture in South Carolina, so far as climate is concerned. The unusually cold weather did not materially diminish the crop, the percentage of plants apparently injured was small, and those killed still smaller. The production is necessarily dear, owing to the comparatively high price of labor, and this difficulty must be met by greater productivity, substitution of machinery for hand labor in the factory, and by the cultivation and manufacture of those qualities of tea which, from inherent chemical causes, cannot be transported from the East without losing their delicacy of flavour. One essential to greater productivity is abundance of the richest plant food, natural or artificial. High-class teas in the East are dried at low temperatures in order to preserve those volatile principles that give them delicacy and flavour. They do not retain their best qualities for any length of time, and cannot for this reason be advantageously shipped abroad. Herein may be found the most profitable field for tea experiment in America, as there can be no competition from abroad in the higher grades if it can be demonstrated that their successful cultivation is possible. It has been suggested that probably the best chance for success in this direction

THE HARDWARE TRADE.

UNITED STATES IRON AND STEEL PRICES.

So satisfactory are the present iron and steel markets to nearly everyone concerned that there is little to say about them. The bulging demand, so prominently in evidence through most of November, has subsided. In its place is a steady trade of a volume sufficiently large to appease the requirements of producing mills and furnaces, but without prodding up prices to higher planes. In one or two lines there is some gain in value altitude. Locally there is scarcity of sheets, both galvanized and black, and accordingly prices for quick delivery are at something of a premium. For plates, too, there is most excellent inquiry and stocks are kept moving readily. There is considerable talk about steel rails. While purchases have been generous, there remains some users who have not closed. Rumors are persistent that an advance of \$2 per ton taking effect in January is not unlikely. There is, however, no official corroboration of the report.—Iron and Steel, Chicago.

HARDWARE TRADE NOTES.

Pig iron warrants dropped suddenly to sixty shillings at Glasgow on Monday. Friday they were 63 shillings and 7 pence. The London syndicate having now called up all the oversold iron left the market, without support.

Sisal and manila rope have advanced twice recently in near by United States markets amounting to 3/4c a pound in each instance. This advance, it is stated, is due to the higher fiber market and the increased demand for all the popular sizes of rope.

It is reported that the independent window glass manufacturers of the United States have got together, that differences between them and the American Company have been adjusted and that the National Jobbers' Association, will place a large order with both concerns.

The Marshall-Wells Hardware company, of Duluth, and Winnipeg, have issued a revised catalogue, comprising all their various lines of goods. The catalogue contains 1,538 pages, 10x13 inches in size, and 33 three-column pages are required to set forth the contents. The stock is divided into eleven departments.

Manufacturers bought copper freely for several months ahead, says the Toronto Globe, and the aggregate transactions last month are estimated at 30,000,000 to 35,000,000 lbs. Operations were on the lake basis of 16 1/2 to 17c, with deliveries running up to next April. The market developed a hardening tendency during the last half of the month, and lake finally advanced to 17c. Electrolytic also sold to a large extent, and the various brands of copper were in active demand. The different centres of copper consumption keep up a constant demand for the metal, and factors generally are favorable for a firm market. The small increase of 3/5 per cent. in United States copper production for the first ten months of the year, as compared with the same period in 1899 is remarkable.

One of the greatest steel structures in the world so far as railroad work is concerned is just about completed in Pennsylvania. It is the bridge of the Erie railroad across the Kinzua valley, in McKean county. This original structure, built in 1882, was found to be too weak for modern heavy engines and cars and last May traffic on this branch was suspended to permit reconstruction. The new bridge is much heavier than the old structure. In the old bridge 2,500 tons of material were used, but in the new structure there will be 3,500 tons of steel. The bridge is 301 1/2 feet above the level of the small wilderness stream, and is 2100 feet in length and 9 feet wide. Twenty towers of steel support the structure, and these vary from 23 feet to 255 feet in height and rest on solid piers of stone work. The structure is now ready for traffic.—Chicago Iron and Steel.

Manitoba Liquor Act.

Argument on the Liquor Act was concluded on Wednesday. The decision of the court may not be given for some months. At the conclusion of the argument Chief Justice Killam said:

"It will take a long time to give a decision if all the references given have to be looked up and considered. I think I may safely say that no decision will be given before the next term."

Death of Robert Strang.

Robert Strang, senior, one of the oldest and most widely known business men in Winnipeg, died at an early hour on Monday morning at his residence on Carlton street. He had been ill for some weeks with inflammation of the lungs. Deceased was engaged in business here as a fire insurance agent. He came to Winnipeg, or Fort Garry, as it was then named, in 1851, from Doon, Ontario, and first engaged in business as a manufacturers agent. He continued in that line for a number of years and then took up several insurance agencies. He was born in Montreal on the 7th of December, 1833. Mr. Strang always took a warm interest in the welfare of the city and was for several years a member of the city council. He was president of the Manitoba Fire Underwriters Association, a director of the first hall insurance company of the province and a past president of the local St. Andrew's Society. He was a member of Knox Presbyterian church. Deceased was twice married and is survived by a widow, two sons and a daughter. He was a brother of Andrew Strang, wholesale grocer, Winnipeg. The funeral took place on Wednesday to St. John's cemetery. St. Andrew's Society and the Board of Underwriters attended in a body, besides a large number of citizens.

Coincident with the death of Robert Strang, his brother, Colin Ferry Strang, of Edmonton, Alberta, also passed away at almost the same hour.

White Pass Railway.

The third ordinary general meeting of the White Pass and Yukon Railway Company was held on the 19th of November. The Hon. S. Carr-Glynn, who presided, said that in the present condition of the undertaking the board felt that the shareholders should be given the fullest information, and so they had attached to their own report the reports of Mr. E. C. Hawkins (the engineer-in-chief of the railway.) When addressing the shareholders about a year ago, he told them that it had been determined to extend the line from Bennett City to the foot of the White Horse Rapids, so as to avoid waste of time and money involved in unloading freight from the Upper Yukon steamers on to the tramways at White Horse Rapids, and re-loading it on the Lower Yukon steamers, and also in order to deliver goods at a point whence there was unimpeded navigation for steamboats to Dawson City and the mouth of the Yukon. This extension—a most important link in their system—had now been completed, and since last August through trains had been running from Skagway to White Horse, 112 1/2 miles. At White Horse the trains connected with the steamers of the Canadian Development Company, with which company an advantageous through traffic agreement had been made. He felt that he could congratulate the shareholders on the undoubted success of the enterprise. It must be a satisfaction to them to realize that they had been instrumental in opening out a route through an inhospitable country, after surmounting almost unparalleled difficulties, to a nearly unknown region, doubtless not favorable to regular settlement, but teeming with mineral wealth of all descriptions. From many points of view they might regard the undertaking with pride and satisfaction as a monument of scientific progress and engineering skill. This company had three issue of debentures, all carrying interest at the rate of 6 per cent. The board had successfully arranged to convert these into one consolidated issue of 5 per cent. debenture stock, thereby effecting a considerable saving of interest.

The balance of profit and loss account amounted to £83,315, which was sufficient to pay a satisfactory dividend; but, in accordance with the sanction of the meeting held last year, this sum had been expended in the further construction of the railway. The receipts had continued to be very satisfactory, and he believed that when the accounts of the local companies came to be made up at the end of this year it would be found that, after deducting all charges for operating and maintenance, the net earnings had exceeded £200,000. It must not be supposed, however, that this

amount was now available for dividend, because the net profit of last year and practically all the surplus cash collected this year had been applied in acquiring further concessions and properties tending to the consolidation of the enterprise, and in payment for the construction of the second portion of the line. There was not the cash on hand to pay an interim dividend, but it was hoped when all the earnings had been converted into cash that it might be found possible to pay a dividend of perhaps 5 per cent. this winter or early next spring. From now onwards, unless anything very unforeseen occurred, the net income should be available for dividends and reserve, for unless conditions in the Yukon changed very rapidly there was no present intention of extending the railway beyond the White Horse. He concluded by moving the adoption of the report, which was seconded by Sir Allen Sarle.

S. H. Graves, president of the local companies, afterwards addressed the meeting as to the position and prospects of the railway, which he recently visited. He said that by the time business was resumed next spring, with the opening of navigation, they would be able to handle a very large traffic to the best possible advantage. The Dawson City traffic for next season was likely to show a considerable increase, and the outlook generally was encouraging. Referring to the mineral wealth of the Yukon Valley, he said that although the country was yet in its infancy, enough could be seen to warrant the confident anticipation that before many years had elapsed the production of gold and silver ore throughout the territory tributary to the railway would be very large.

The report was adopted.

Comparative Prices of Staples.

Prices at New York on the dates named, except for pig iron and steel billets, which are Pittsburg prices.

| | Dec. 7, 1900. | Dec. 8, 1899. |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Flour | \$3.40@3.60 | \$3.40@3.55 |
| Wheat | 77 | 73 |
| Corn | 40 1/2 | 39 1/2 |
| Oats | 29 1/2 | 29 1/2 |
| Rye | 54 1/2 | 61 1/2 |
| Cotton | 10 1/2 | 7 11-16 |
| Printcloths | 3 1/2 | 3 1/4 |
| Wool | 23 1/2 | 23 1/4 |
| Pork | \$12 1/2 | \$9.50@10.25 |
| Lard | 7 1/2 | 6 1/2 |
| Butter | 23 | 23 1/2 |
| Cheese | 11 1/2 | 12 1/2 |
| Sugar | 47 1/2 | 44 |
| Coffee | 8 1/2 | 7 1/2 |
| Petroleum | 7 25 | 9 65 |
| *Iron, Besse. pig | 13 50 | 25.00 |
| *Steel billets, ton | 19.75 | 35.00 |
| Steel rails | 23.00 | 35.00 |
| Copper | 17.00 | 17.00 |
| Lead, lb | 4 37 1/2 | 4.60 |
| Tin, lb | 27.25 | 27.00 |

*Pittsburg —Bradstreets

A wire from New York on Monday said: "It has been many months since fluctuations on the New York cotton exchange have reached fifty points, and since speculation has equalled that recorded to-day. From opening to closing, the session was one of great interest. The constant bobbing up of rumors within the past two weeks to the effect that certain parties were in possession of the government report which was scheduled to make its appearance for the first time to-day, had led to precautionary evening-up on the part of the public, and had greatly disturbed the views of trade. The market opened peaceably enough, with prices 3 points higher to 5 points lower. Easy as to tone. At noon prices were nearly even, with the closing of Saturday. The bureau came over the wire promptly and estimated the present crop at 10,100,000 bales, from an acreage of 25,034,734, or about the same as estimated on the acreage by Liverpool Cotton Exchange members, while being close to 350,000 bales in excess of local expectations, and some 600,000 bales larger than figured by Nell. The terrific selling immediately set in and amid unprecedented excitement, prices fell vertically 40 to 50 points, there being individual declines of 5 to 20 points at a time before the crash was over.

Farmers in the vicinity of Winnipeg complain of the poor sleighing and consequently there is not so much farm-trade being done in the city as there might be.

FINANCIAL

WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS.

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

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Week ending Dec. 13, 1900 | \$2,761,444 |
| Corresponding week, 1899 | 2,653,558 |
| Corresponding week, 1898 | 2,331,280 |

The monthly totals are as follows:

| | 1900. | 1899. | 1898. |
|--------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| Jan | \$9,000,607 | \$7,483,072 | \$6,347,168 |
| Feb | 6,702,646 | 6,293,471 | 6,517,340 |
| Mar | 7,320,962 | 6,750,121 | 5,968,276 |
| April | 7,091,519 | 6,916,431 | 6,240,113 |
| May | 9,762,579 | 7,472,855 | 8,683,364 |
| June | 9,612,084 | 8,161,710 | 7,890,769 |
| July | 8,295,423 | 8,161,595 | 6,316,248 |
| Aug | 8,173,636 | 7,997,231 | 6,180,385 |
| Sept | 7,320,147 | 8,281,169 | 6,414,681 |
| Oct | 9,183,477 | 12,689,000 | 9,317,692 |
| Nov | 11,618,985 | 14,435,219 | 11,533,663 |
| Dec | 12,906,905 | 10,708,731 | |
| Totals | \$107,780,814 | \$90,674,323 | |

WINNIPEG BONDS.

The Winnipeg Free Press says, editorially: "Before the old council goes out of existence it has a very important public duty to perform. The recent sale of some and attempt to sell others of the bonds of the city resulted in certain manipulation and methods which discredited the city and caused a loss. To ascertain who was responsible for that and to prevent a repetition, and to place the facts on record, the council should refer the matter to a judge; but if it does not see fit to do that the facts can probably be brought out by simply appointing a special committee of council to examine its own officers and hear the statements of two or three other persons. We make the statement that if this is done improperly will be disclosed which would serve as a warning to future councils to adhere to the law, which in this case was broken, and to follow proper methods in the sale of the bonds of the city of Winnipeg."

This is certainly a very serious charge and one which the city council cannot properly allow to pass without notice. Every citizen should be interested in knowing the facts in this matter.

THE MONEY MARKET.

Money has been in fair demand in leading Canadian markets so far this month and interest rates have held steady. The feeling in the market is good and industrial enterprises are being specially favored by Canadian investors. The extreme caution of the banks is holding down the speculative movement. Many small investors are putting their savings into well recommended shares of various kinds. Locally there is no change to note. Money is scarce and collections very slow. Interest rates remain at about 6 to 8 per cent. at the banks, according to name and security and about the same range will cover the loan company rate.

Winnipeg Grain Inspection.

For the week ending Dec 7, there were 765 cars of grain inspected which graded as follows:

Wheat—1 hard, 19, 2 hard, 133, 3 hard, 314, 3 northern, 1, rejected, 15 no grade, 2 1/2, condemned, 3 cars.
Barley—Feed, 3 cars.
Oats—2 white, 1, rejected, 1; feed, 6; no grade, 1 car.

Flax seed—Rejected, 4 cars.
For the corresponding week of last year there were 1301 cars of grain inspected, of which 835 graded 1 hard.

A TOUCHING TRIBUTE.

The Maharajah of Patiala, chief Sikh Prince of India, is dead.—Cable Dispatch.

Kind friends, give ear unto this tale
Of this most noted sikh
Who suffered long and painfully,
And never made a kikh

O'er Patiala's realm he ruled,
His judgments wise and quick
Proved that at diplomatic work
The rajah was a brick.

Alas! Alas! One fatal day
Death played a sorry trick—
He seized the rajah's lamp of life
And then turned down the wick.

Of all the princes of the blood
He was the very pick
And even in his dying hours,
The sikhness of the sikh,
—Josh. Witk in Baltimore American.

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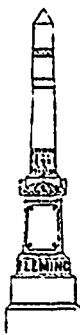
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Every time you wrong your neighbor you harm yourself. If the master is negligent the servant will not be diligent.

Peanuts.

An interesting report on the peanut oil industry has recently been written by the United States consul at Marseilles. Concerning the source of supply, which are Bombay, Mozambique and Senegal, he states that in some years the African contribution is wholly swamped by that from India, and at one time it seemed that Africa would be unable to compete permanently, with India. But though the latter still sends large quantities of nuts to Marseilles, it appears to be using more and more of its crop at home, so that while the imports between 1890 and 1895 were mostly from India, in 1896 to 1899 they were mainly from Africa. In the earlier years of the decade American cotton oil menaced the crushing trade of Marseilles with extinction because of its low price, but apparently new demands for oil have arisen, for the production in Marseilles has returned to its former average, and prices also, after serious derangements, have resumed their old level. Although the production of the nut in Africa is enormous, no improvement in the mode of cultivation or the price is anticipated for years to come. The soil is readily exhausted by the crop, and nothing is done to restore its virtue, labor, though cheap, is thrifless and hard to obtain when wanted, and transportation is defective. The uses of the oil are numerous; it is described as "the most polymorphous of all oils, adapting itself to all purposes, including nutrition, lighting, lubrication, and blending." It is the most difficult of all oils to detect when adulterating olive oil, for its chemical reaction is white. The best qualities are in fact used for the table, either pure or mixed with olive or sesame oil; as an illuminant it gives a soft, white light, when neutralized it is much esteemed for lubricating, and is always preferred to cottonseed oil. It is also largely used in the manufacture of soap, and is the characteristic component of the famous Marseilles white soap.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

- Wheat—No 1 hard closed at 65½c in store Fort William
- Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$1.30, best bakers', \$1.70.
- Oatmeal—\$1.70 per 50 lb. sack to the retail trade.
- Millstuffs—Bran, 50¢; \$10.00 per ton, shorts, \$11.50; \$12.00, delivered to city dealers.
- Oats—Carlots on track, new oats, 24¢ 27¢ according to quality.
- Barley—2½¢ 28¢ per bushel for feed grades of new, 28¢ 32¢ for malting.
- Country wheat—18¢ 22¢ per bushel, according to grade and freight rate to farmers at country points.
- Corn—In carlots, 40¢ 41¢ per bushel of 56 lb.
- Fax—\$1.20 per bushel
- Butter—Dairy, 15¢ 20¢ per lb. for best grades.
- Cheese—Regular sizes, 13¢ 14½¢.
- Eggs—18¢ for Manitoba fresh.
- Hides—No. 1 green hides, 7½¢ per lb
- Wool—50¢ for unwashed fleece.
- Seneca Root—37¢ per lb.
- Hay—Baled, \$5.50; \$5.50 per ton on cars.
- Potatoes—Choice new potatoes, 40¢ 45¢ per bushel
- Poultry—Turkeys, 11¢ per lb; chickens, 9¢, ducks, 9¢, and geese, 9¢ per lb.
- Dressed Meats—Beef, 5¢ 10¢; mutton 8¢ 9¢, hams, 2¢ 10¢, hogs, 5¢ 10¢.
- Live Stock—Cattle, 2½¢ 3½¢, as to grade, sheep, 4¢; hogs, 4½¢ 4¾¢ off cars, according to quality.

It is believed by good authorities that the quantity of Pennsylvania anthracite coal available at the head of the lakes for northwestern consumption will not be sufficient for the winter and they predict that rail shipments from Chicago will have to be resorted by dealers in the Northwestern States in order to supply the demand. Tacoma letter says Unless the United States government takes steps for the protection of the fur-bearing animals of Alaska these valuable animals will be extinct before long. Exporters are alarmed at the growing scarcity of furs and are likely to petition congress this winter to take some action looking to the protection of the fur industry. The past season, it is said by those engaged in the business, has not been so productive by many thousands of skins as the year before. The number of failures in Canada last week was 21, against 42 the week before, and 25 the same week last year. True art does not imitate nature; it represents her. The most successful men have met with a lot of discouragement.

Retail Association Formed.

A fairly representative gathering of Winnipeg retailers was held in Rialto hall on Tuesday to discuss further details of the abolition of trading stamps, and to receive reports of canvassing committees. Mr. George Craig was selected to act as chairman and Mr. Watson, who has been engaged by the committee to act as permanent secretary, read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved and adopted.

The reports of the committees, also of the secretary, who have been canvassing the various branches of retail trades, reported most satisfactory progress and are sanguine that the agreement will be unanimously signed in the near future. A committee consisting of Messrs. Francis, Coltart and Christie was appointed to continue the work of canvassing. The various fuel dealers, coal oil vendors, milkmen and others who are using stamps will also be waited upon.

It was also suggested that the Retailers' association take such action as shall secure the enactment of such legislation as shall be a protection against a revival of the practice, the legislation to be similar to that in force in Vancouver and which imposes a special tax on both the stamp companies and their customers.

It was decided to rigidly adhere to the agreement not to give any stamps after the 31st inst., even upon the current accounts, and any retailer who feels in duty bound to do so in order to keep faith with his customers was authorized to make an equivalent cash discount.

All lists of traders who sign the agreement will be advertised as they are completed.

It was unanimously decided to revive the Retailers' association on a more aggressive and comprehensive basis, and to have suitable club rooms fitted up as a place of meeting. These will be made as attractive as possible, and a strong committee was appointed to take charge of the preliminary details.

The next meeting of the dealers will be held in the same hall on Tuesday evening next at 8.30 p. m., when the final reports will be received from the canvassing committees.

New Fishing Company.

The new fishing company recently organized in Manitoba, to operate on Lake Winnipeg, is arranging to be ready to commence operations in the spring. The company, which will be known as the Northern Fish Co., has purchased the steamer Lady of the Lake, which is one of the largest boats on Lake Winnipeg. This steamer is fitted with refrigerating plant, and is therefore specially suited for the fishing industry. A freezer and ice house, formerly the property of the Winnipeg Fish Co., at Selkirk, has also been purchased. Several sail boats will be built this winter and ice houses and ice will be put up at suitable points on the lake. W. J. Guest, fish merchant, of Winnipeg, is one of the members of the company. The others composing the company are all residents of Selkirk.

Winnipeg Money By-Laws.

At the municipal elections in Winnipeg this week three money by-laws were submitted as follows: To raise \$60,000 for the Main street subway. To raise \$9,000 for the paving of Market square. To raise \$75,000 for an electric fire alarm, suburban police and fire halls. All three by-laws were defeated, though a majority vote was recorded in favor of the first two, but not sufficient to carry them, as a two-thirds majority is required. A considerable majority vote was recorded against the fire alarm by-law.

Growth at the Sault.

The phenomenal growth of Sault Ste. Marie during the present year is reflected in the returns of the town census, which were made public recently, says the Globe. On April 30 the population, according to figures compiled by town officials, was 3,495. Five months later, on September 30, this had increased to 6,118, a gain of 2,623, or 75 per cent. Even since the latter date it is known that four or five hundred more people have taken up their residence in the Sault. These figures represent bona fide residents, and do not include transients. The great increase has, of course, been due to the development of the various

industries projected. There are at present a number of large factories in operation, with many more in course of construction, at a total estimated expenditure of about twenty million dollars. The impetus this year has followed rapidly upon the heels of the concessions made by the Ontario legislature last session.

There are in addition to the above fully one thousand persons residing in the Michipicoten district, who are employed in connection with the mining enterprises there.

THE LUMBER TRADE.

SHINGLES TOO DRY.

A Vancouver paper says. Col. T. H. Tracy, city engineer of Vancouver, who has been on a professional trip to London, Ont., returned yesterday, and brings news that will be of interest to British Columbia manufacturers of shingles. "While in London," remarked the Colonel, "I was told by prominent lumber dealers whom I called upon to renew acquaintance, that the demand for British Columbia cedar shingles was on the decrease. I, naturally, wondered, and on inquiring the reason was told that to save transportation charges the weight was reduced by drying the shingles in kilns. This the eastern builders affirm destroys the utility of the article, and a heavy rain literally washes them off the roofs. Taking a single one of my informants rolled it into splinters in his hand, as if it were paper board. The trouble is in the attempt to save weight, the shingle is spoilt by over-drying.

This information will perhaps explain to manufacturers and exporters any decrease in the shingle business which may have been unaccounted for. The British Columbia article has always been in particular demand in all parts of Canada and if allowed to season naturally instead of the drying being forced by artificial processes it will maintain its prestige as the most valuable of wooden roof-coverings.

MINNEAPOLIS LUMBER CUT.

From all reports of the amount of white pine cut by the Minneapolis mills during the past season it is found that practically 500,000,000 feet was turned out. To use the exact figures given by several firms, 499,605,000 feet of white pine was manufactured, but as many of these firms have given the cut only to the nearest million it is probably safe to say that the entire output is about 500,000,000. A comparison with the figures of last year shows that the decrease of this season has been slightly over 91,000,000 feet. The cut of shingles seems to have been practically about the same as last year with the exception of the McMullen mill, which manufactured nearly five times the number scheduled for last year. The lath cut also seems to have been about the same as last year except with the same mill, which manufactured 35,000,000 this year and but 5,000,000 last year. In speaking of the general cut of white pine for the year, lumbermen of the city express themselves well satisfied with the showing made. Taking into consideration the obstacles and difficulties of the past season it is considered that the showing made is fully as good as could be expected.—American Lumberman.

LUMBER TRADE NOTES.

Southern yellow pine trade has been larger this year than last.

Hardwood lumber dealers report a decided stiffening in prices since the late presidential elections. The movement of stock has not increased very much but prices have firmed up. Greater buying activity is expected after the first of the year. Stocks in the hands of manufacturers are not heavy.

The increasing value of northern Minnesota pine lands is clearly evident when comparison is made between recent sales and those of former years, says the American Lumberman. The sale of lands in the White Earth Indian reservation clearly indicates this appreciating value of northern pine. It was held at Crookston, Minn., and was attended by a large number of lumbermen from all sections of the north-west. The total sales amounted to \$214,832.31, many of the tracts selling at prices beyond the valuation placed on them by the authorities. The highest price paid for a 40-acre tract was \$1,605 and was bid by Luther Davies, of Oshkosh, Wis.

A music loving woman should acquire a husband.

Boot and Shoe Trade Notes.

A patent has been granted to W. F. Reid and E. J. V. Earle, for producing a "patent" or enameled leather which they claim will not crack as easily as the ordinary leather of this sort. Instead of boiled linseed oil the inventors employ an enamel.

The boot and shoe manufacturers of Quebec, who closed down their factories some time ago, owing to differences with their employees, resumed operations again on Monday last. In advance of the decision of the arbitrator who had been chosen to decide the questions in dispute.

It looks as though the fad for high heels was again coming upon us for a time, says an exchange. In fact the number of pairs of high heeled shoes now worn are quite noticeable in the cities among the women folk. There are indications that the high heeled shoe will, to quite an extent, supersede the "mannish" shoe.

A good deal of patent kid is being used to replace patent leather, and it has been very favorably received owing to the fact that it is not so liable to crack. Considerable difficulty is experienced, however, in lasting, especially in turn work, and some factories have discontinued making turn shoes out of this kid altogether. The trouble is that it is so thin it is almost impossible to get the wrinkles out, and in many cases the goods have had to be made over two or three times. Workmen complain a great deal about this difficulty in lasting and it is predicted by some in the trade that an extra charge for patent kid work will be the result in the next price lists.—Shoe and Leather Journal.

Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

When charters at Seattle have been at about 55c to 45c, and wheat has stiffened correspondingly, and exporters are now offering 55 and 56c for club and as high as 59c in some cases for blue stem.

Both in the United States and Canada there seems to be a decided shortage of railway freight cars at the present time, and this state of affairs has continued for some weeks. Railway companies say that the freight traffic has been very heavy lately.

Since the opening of the Parry Sound Railway, the tolls of the Welland canal have fallen, showing that the railway route in question is doing a considerable business. For the months of April to October in 1897, says the St. Catharines Journal, the canal tolls amounted to \$119,423. The railway commenced competition in July, 1898, and the tolls for the same period, 1899, were \$72,844. For the same period this year, it is expected that the tolls will be even a little less.

Forests Damaged by Insects.

Prof. Lochead's paper, "A Plea for the Systematic and Economic Study of the Forest Insects of Ontario," proved a most enjoyable and thought awakening one. An interesting statement made by him, and one showing like the importance of his subject, and the resources of our province, was that of the 142,000 square miles comprised by the province 120,000 square miles, or six-sevenths of the province, are still crown lands, either still unworked or under lease by lumbermen. Prof. Lochead pointed out that the recent report of the royal commission appointed to consider the subject of forest preservation in Ontario contained no reference to injury wrought by insects. Insects, he said, were responsible in a great many ways for damage to the forests. Forest regions injured by insect depredations were more easily set on fire than regions of healthy trees. On the other hand, weak and unhealthy trees invited the attacks and proved prolific breeding grounds for the insects. Prof. Lochead advocated a system of forest rangers, who knew something of the insect pests of the forests, and who could take measures to control them as far as possible. To this end, however, it was necessary that more accurate information be obtained as to the nature of the various insects found in the forest regions, and on this he based his plea for their thorough study. Prof. Lochead's paper was followed by an interesting discussion in the course of which Dr. Fletcher made the statement that the lumbermen of the Ottawa Valley alone estimated their yearly loss from insect depredators at \$1,000,000.

Arrangements are under way for the holding of a meeting of the Canadian Forestry Association in Toronto next month. The association is a new one, and so far has held no general meeting. The meeting now being arranged will be open to all. Sir Henri Joly is president of the association.

The American Cereal Company, one of the largest concerns of its kind in the United States, has announced its intention of establishing a branch factory at Peterboro, Ontario. Its factories in the United States are located at Akron, Ohio, and Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and it has also large warehouses in Chicago.

Fire occurred on Monday morning in a group of old buildings on Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, adjoining the Queen's hotel, and did several thousand dollars worth of damage before it could be subdued. The fire started in James Collins' tailoring establishment, and spread to the premises of Chas. Downie, tobacconist, Joseph Watson, confectioner, S. Reeves, barber, and the Manitoba Auer Light Company. The stocks and buildings were severely damaged.

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Beans, 25, 2 doz. 2 00 2 10
Corn, 25, 2 doz. 2 00 2 10
Cherries, red, pitted, 25, 2 doz. 4 50
Peas, Marrowfat, 25, 2 doz. 2 00 2 10
Peas, sifted, 25, 2 doz. 2 25 2 50
Peas, California, 25, 2 doz. 5 00 5 25
Peas, Bartlett, 25, 2 doz. 5 00 5 25
Pineapple, 25, 2 doz. 5 00 5 25
Pineapple, imported, 25, 2 doz. 7 50 8 00
Peaches, 25, 2 doz. 3 00 4 25
Peaches, California, 25, 2 doz. 5 00 5 25
Plums, 25, 2 doz. 3 00 3 15
Plums, California, 25, 2 doz. 4 50 5 00
Pumpkins, 25, 2 doz. 2 00 2 25
Raspberries, 25, 2 doz. 3 00 3 25
Raspberries, 25, 2 doz. Preser. 60 3 75
Strawberries, 25, 2 doz. 3 00 3 25
Strawberries, 25, 2 doz. Preser. 3 00 3 25
Tomatoes, 25, 2 doz. 2 00 2 15
Salmon, talls, 15, 4 doz. 7 00 7 10
Salmon, Colocoe talls, 15, 4 doz. 0 50 0 50
Sardines, domestic 1/2 s. 0 15 0 25
Sardines, imported, 1/2 s. 0 15 0 25
Sardines, imported, 3/4 s. 0 15 0 25
Sardines, imp. 1/2 s. 0 15 0 25
Sardines, Dom., mustard 1/2 s. 0 15 0 25
Imported Fresh Herring, 15, 1 doz. 1 00 1 05
Imp. Kipper Herring, 15, 1 doz. 1 00 1 05
Imp. Herring, Tom. Sauce 15, 1 doz. 1 00 1 05
Imp. Anch. Sauce 15, 1 doz. 1 00 1 05
Imp. Shrimp Sauce 15, 1 doz. 1 00 1 10
Canned Meats
Corn Beef, 15, 2 doz. 3 15
Corn Beef, 25, 2 doz. 3 00
Lunch Beef, 25, 1 doz. 3 00
Lunch Tongue, 15, 2 doz. 6 50 7 25
Lunch Tongue, 25, 2 doz. 6 50 7 25
Lunch Tongue, Can., 25, 1 doz. 6 50 7 25
Brown, 25, 1 doz. 3 00 3 00
Pigs Feet, 15, 2 doz. 5 00 5 00
Roast Beef, 25, 1 doz. 3 00 3 00
Chicken, Duck or Turkey, 15, 2 doz. 6 00 6 00
Potted Ham, 1/2 s. 65 70
Devilled Ham, 1/2 s. 65 70
Potted Tongue, 1/2 s. 65 70
Potted Ham, 1/2 s. 30 40
Devilled Ham, 1/2 s. 30 40
Potted Tongue, 1/2 s. 30 40
Coffee
Great Rio, 11 12
Inferior grades, 10 11
Cereals
Syllit Peas, sack 65 2 25 2 30
No. 1 Barley, sack 65 2 40 2 45
Pearl Barley, sack 65 2 75 2 80
Rolled Oatmeal, sack 65 1 75 1 80
Standard Oatmeal, sack 65 2 30 2 35
Granulated Oatmeal, sack 65 2 30 2 35
Beans (per bushel) 1 60 1 65
Cornmeal, sack 65 1 30 1 35
Cornmeal, 1/2 sac 49 (per 1/2 sac) 1 30 1 35
Rice, B. 4 50 4 50
Patina 5 50 5 50
Rice, Japan 5 50 5 50
Sago 4 50 4 50
Tapioca 5 50 5 50
Cigarettes
Old Judge, \$ 5 50
Athlete 5 50
Sweet Caporal 5 50
Sweet Sixteen 5 50
Derby 5 50
T. B. 5 50
Cured Fish
Bonless Hake, per lb. 05 05 1/2
Codfish, whole cases, 10 lbs. 6 50 6 50
Codfish, Pure per lb. 7 1/2 7 1/2
Herrings, in half-barrels 3 75 3 80
Digby chicks 16 16
Dried Fruits
Currants, Filistrias, bbls 13 13 1/2
" half-bbls 13 1/2 13 1/2
" cases 13 1/2 13 1/2
" half-cases 13 1/2 13 1/2
" cleaned, in cases 14 1/2 14 1/2
Dates, Cases 07 1/2 08
Figs, Klene 11 15
Figs, Glove Box, per lb. 13 14
Figs, Cooking, per lb. 04 1/2 5
Sultana Raisins 12 1/2 13

Dried Fruits
Raisins, Val, fine, off stalk 2 70 2 75
Raisins, Selected, off stalk 2 70 2 75
Raisins, Val, Layers, per box 2 50 2 90
London Layers, 20 lb boxes 2 00 2 00
Imperial, Cabinets 2 00 2 00
Comossuta, Cinders 2 00 2 00
Katra Desert, 3 65 3 75
Royal Buckingham Cluster 4 50 4 75
Loose Muscatels, 3 crown 09 09 1/2
Loose Muscatels, 2 crown 09 09 1/2
Loose Muscatels, 4 crown 10 10 1/2
Apples, Dried 05 1/2 05 1/2
Bran Apples, finest quality 06 06 1/2
California Evaporated Fruits
Peaches, peeled 15 16
Peaches, unpeeled 5 9
Apricots, Choclo 12 13 1/2
Standards 11 11 1/2
Pitted Plums 11 11 1/2
Nectarines 10 11 1/2
Prunes, 100 to 100 4 1/2 4 1/2
Prunes, 50 to 50 4 1/2 4 1/2
Prunes, 20 to 20 6 1/2 6 1/2
Prunes, 10 to 10 7 1/2 7 1/2
Prunes, 40 to 40 10 11 1/2
Nuts
Walnuts 11 12 1/2
Brazil Almonds 17 15
Peanuts, roasted 11 12 1/2
Peanuts, green 9 6 1/2
Greenish Walnuts 14 15
French Walnuts 13 14
Sicily Filberts 13 13 1/2
Shelled Almonds 14 15
Syrup
Extra Bright, per lb. 34 34 1/2
Medium, per lb. 34 34 1/2
Maple, case 1 doz. 1/2 gal. tins 75 75
Glucose, brls
" half brls 3 1/2 3 1/2
Molasses, per gal. (New Or.) 35 38
" Porto Rico 45 46
" Barbadoes 50 53
Sugar
Extra Standard Gran. 5 70 5 70
Extra Ground 6 1/2 6 1/2
Powdered 6 1/2 6 1/2
Bright Yellow Sugar 4 95 4 95
Maple Sugar 13 1/2 15
Salt
Rock Salt 1 1/2 1 1/2
Common, fine 2 00 2 00
Common, coarse 2 00 2 00
Dairy, 100 3 35 3 50
Dairy, 60 5 35 3 30
Dairy, white duck sack 00 43
Common, fine lute sack 00 43
Spices
Assorted Herbs, 1/2 lb tins 75 75
Allspice, whole 18 20
Allspice, pure ground 18 22
Allspice, compound 15 18
Cassia, whole 18 20
Cassia, pure ground 20 25
Cassia, compound 13 15
Cloves, whole 13 15
Cloves, pure ground 18 20
Cloves, compound 18 20
Pepper, black, whole 16 17
Pepper, black, pure ground 18 20
Pepper, black, compound 10 13
Pepper, white, whole 23 25
Pepper, white, pure ground 23 30
Pepper, white, compound 18 20
Pepper, Cayenne 25 30
Ginger, whole, Jamaica 25 30
Ginger, whole, Cochin 20 25
Ginger, pure ground 23 25
Ginger, compound 15 25
Nutmegs, (per pound) 55 80
Mace (per pound) 75 80
Teas
China Blacks—
Choclo 35 40
Medium 35 40
Common 43 20
Indian or Ceylon—
Choice 33 40
Medium 25 33
Common 16 23
Young Hysons—
Choice 35 45
Medium 20 35
Common 23 30
Japan—
Finest Mav Picking 35 40
Choice 30 35
Fine 25 30
Good Medium 20 25
Common 15 20

Tobacco
T. & H., 35, 45, and 95 Cads. 00 71
Lily, 35, Cads. 00 62
Crecent, 35, Cads. 00 50
T. & H. Black Chewing, 35, 10 00 64 1/2
T. & H. Mahogany Chewing, 35, 10 00 64 1/2
Sa or 10, 00 64 1/2
T. & H. 1-13 pkg, cut 00 55
T. & H. 1-5 pkg, cut 00 52
T. & H. in pouches, 1-4 00 52
T. & H. in 1-5 tins 00 56
T. & H. in 1-12 tins 00 56
T. & H. in 1-15 tins 00 53
Orinoco, 1-12 pkg 00 51
Orinoco, 1-5 tins 00 50
Orinoco, 1/2 tins 00 56
Tucketts Cherub Cigarette 00 56
Brier, 35, Cads. 00 64
Derby, 35 and 45 Cads. 00 66
Derby 35, Cads. 00 66
P. & W. Chewing, Cads. 00 66
P. & W. Chewing, Butts 00 66
Tonka, 1/2 tins 00 50
Tonka, 1-12 pkg 00 53
Canadian Leaf, 50 lb bales, very bright 21
Lower grades 12 1/2 15
Dominion Tobacco Co.'s List
BRIGHT CHWING PUG.
Pommyer, 10 1/2 s. 71
Suniaz, Bars, 6 s. 43
Holly, 3 s and 15 s. 50
Caramel, Bars, 7 s. 43
BLACK CHWING PUG.
Black Bass, Bars, 10 1/2 s. 40
Black Bass, 6 s and 3 s. 43
BRIGHT SMOKING PUG.
Virgin Gold, 3 1/2 s. 68
Virgin Gold, 9 s. 63
Bulls Eye, 3 1/2 s and 5 s. 49
Empire Tobacco Co.'s List
SMOKING.
Empire, 35 @ 5 1/2 37
Golden Flag, 3 s 55
Royal Oak, 3 s 55
Something Good, 7 s 51
CHWING.
Currency, Bars, 10 1/2 s. 40
Currency, 6 s. 40
Free Trade, 8 s. 45
Snowhose, Bars, 12 s. 45
Wooden Ware
Pails, a hoop clear 1 05 2 00
Pails, wire hoop 2 20 2 25
Pails, Star fibre 3 50
Tubs, No. 0 common 11 50 12 00
Tubs, No. 1 common 10 50 10 50
Tubs, No. 2 common 8 00 8 20
Tubs, No. 3 common 6 75 7 25
Per nest
Tubs, nests (3) 1 00 2 00
Tubs, wire hoop (3) 2 15 2 40
Per doz.
Tubs, fibre, No. 0 16 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 1 14 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 2 12 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 3 10 50
Per nest
Tubs, fibre, (3) 3 20
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (2) 57
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (3) 50
Washboards, Globe, per doz. 2 00
Perfection, per doz. 2 20 2 25
CURED MEATS, ETC.
Lard, 20 lb pails, pure stm. ren. 5 20
Lard, pure, in 3, 5 and 10 lb. tins, per case of 60 lbs 6 50
Lard, pure, Tierces, per lb 9 1/2
Lard, 50 lb tubs 30
Lard, Compound, 20 lb pails 25
Lard, Compound, 3 and 5 lb. tins, case 10 lbs 25
Smoked Meats
Hams 13
Breakfast bacon, bellies 12 1/2
Breakfast bacon, backs 11
Spiced hams 10
Shoulders 9
Picnic Hams 10
Dry Salt Meats
Long clear bacon 10
Shoulders 11 1/2
Smoked Lung Clear 10
Backs 10 1/2
Barrel Pork
Heavy mess 18 00
Short cut 18 00
Meat Sausages
Fresh pork sausage, lb 5
Bologna sausage, lb 7
Pickled pigs feet, kits 15 25
Sausage casing, lb 30

DRUGS
Following are prices for parcel lots with usual reductions for unbrokered packages.
Alum, lb 3 1/2 4 1/2
Alcohol, gal. 13 5 1/2
Bleaching Powder, lb 5 2 1/2
Bluestone, lb. 09 11
Borax 09 11
Bromide Potash 75 8
Camphor 85 90
Castor Oil 45 50
Castor Oil 13 20
Chlorate Potash 18 20
Citric Acid 55 60
Coppers 03 04
Cocaine, oz 8 00 8 50
Cream Tartar, lb 25 31
Clove 20 21
Epsom Salt 03 04
Extract Logwood, lb 03 04
Extract Logwood, boxes 17 24
Formalin, per lb 40 41
German Quinine 147 50
Glycerine, lb 25 25
Ginger, Jamaica 30 35
Ginger, African 15 20
Howard's Quinine, oz 5 25 5 75
Iodine 5 25 5 75
Insol Powder 30 30
Morphia, sul. 2 00 2 25
Opium 5 00 5 25
Oil, olive, Pure 2 10 2 75
Oil, U.S. Salad 1 20 1 30
Oil, lemon, super 1 60 1 80
Oil, pepper 1 50 1 50
Oil, cod liver, gal 1 10 1 20
Oxalic Acid 14 15
Potash Iodide 3 75 4 00
Paris Green, lb 22 25
Saltpetre 03 10
Sal Rochelle 25 32
Shellac 25 31
Sulphur Flowers 3 1/2 4 01
Sulphur Roll, keg 3 1/2 4 01
Soda Bicarb, keg of 112 lb 3 75 4 01
Sul Soda 2 00 2 30
Tartaric Acid, lb 40 45
Strychnine, pure crystals, oz. 75 85
LEATHER
Harness, oak 44
Harness, union oak No. 1 R 30
Harness, hemlock No. 1, anchor brand 33
Harness, hemlock No. 1 R 33
Harness, hemlock country tannage, No. 1 R 31
Russia collar leather, per foot 40
American Oak Sole 61 40
Sole, union oak 61 40
Listowell, sole 47 29
Pentang, sole 27 29
Acton Sole 47 29
B. F. French calf 25 31
B. F. French kip 05 15
Canada Calf Niagara 05 15
Niagara Brand Kip 65 75
Wax upper 44 46
Grain upper per foot 20 20
Kangaroo, per foot 30 50
Dolgoza, per foot 25 40
Dolgoza, bright 30 30
Bag sheepskins, per doz. 8 00
FUEL
Coal
These are retail prices, delivered to consumers in the city, or 50c per ton less at the yards.
Pennsylvania anthracite—
Stove, nut or lump 10 00
Pea size 8 00
Canadian anthracite, stove 9 50
Canadian anthracite, nut 8 00
Lethbridge bituminous 8 00
Crow's Nest bituminous 8 25
U. S. bituminous 7 50 8 00
Souris Lignite 4 75
Souris, car lots P.O.B. mines 1 50
Smithing 9 50 10 00
Cordwood
These are prices for car lots, on track.
Winnipeg 4 00 4 25
Pine 3 50 3 75
Spruce 3 40 3 60
Poplar, green or dead, cut 2 50 2 75
Manitoba Oak 4 25 4 50
Birch 4 50 4 75
Minnesota Hard Maple 2 10 2 75
Minnesota Oak 2 10 2 75
Siabe 2 10 2 75

Hall Insurance Company's Troubles.
Notice is given in the Manitoba Gazette: that pursuant to the provisions of "The Mutual Hall Insurance Act," a special general meeting of the policy holders of "The Manitoba Farmers' Mutual Hall Insurance Company," called at the request of fifty policyholders, will be held at the office of the company in Winnipeg on December 21, for the purpose of considering an intimation on the part of the present board of directors to resign, and should such resignation take place at or before such meeting, to elect a new board of directors; also the question of dealing with the arrears of 1899 assessment and applying for legislation not only to amend "The Mutual Hall Insurance Act," under which the company is incorporated, but also to enable the company to compel its delinquent members to contribute towards the liability of the company.
It is discovered that the assessments of the company for 1899 cannot be collected, owing to a technical objection as to the irregularity of the assessments for that year.

Trade Notice.
A misunderstanding seems to exist in the minds of a number of merchants. In connecting the Anderson Produce Co., Winnipeg, with the late Great West Produce Co., which existed for a short time in Winnipeg. This is probably due to the fact that a party named Anderson was at the head of the Great West Produce Co. The Anderson Produce Co. has been established for years, and had no interest in any way with the Great West or the Merchants' Produce Co. The misunderstanding is evidently due solely to the similarity in the name of the company, with the manager of the other concern.

British Cattle Markets.
London, Dec. 10.—A weak feeling has developed in this market during the week for Canadian cattle and prices show a decline of 1/2 to 1c. Trade today was slow, with sales of choice Canadian cattle at 11 1/2c, and ranchers at 10 to 10 1/2c. States cattle were unchanged at 13 1/2c, and Canadian sheep sold at 11 1/2 to 12c.
Liverpool, Dec. 10.—The market for Canadian cattle was steady at 11c, but sheep were 1/2c lower at 11c.

Milling Co.'s New Offices.
A valuable frontage property on McDermot avenue, Winnipeg, adjoining the Dominion Bank premises, has been purchased by the Laks of the Woods Milling Company. A fine structure will be erected on this property for the city offices of the company.

The price of all kinds of coal has been advanced 25c per ton by the Lehigh Valley Coal Company. This is the first advance made since the strike.
It is said that Calgary stone will be on the market in Winnipeg next year, a rate having been secured by J. G. Watson, which will permit of shipping the stone to Winnipeg. This is an exceedingly fine sandstone for building purposes.

Hugh Mann superintendent of construction on the Rainy River branch of the Canadian Northern Railway, left Winnipeg for Port Arthur on Wednesday. He has secured nearly all the men required for the work during the winter and rapid headway is being made.

A wire from Field, B. C., to the Montreal Gazette, on Monday, contained the following information:—Canadian Pacific engineers who have returned from an exploring expedition in this region of the Canadian Rockies, report the discovery of magnificent waterfalls, one dropping from a height of 1,300 feet, several glaciers—one of which rivals the great glacier of the Selkirk in its area, and surpasses it in magnificence of its surroundings, of mountain lakes of unusual beauty, and of lofty peaks which offer great temptation to mountain climbers. They report that these hitherto hidden marvels of nature can be made easily accessible by the construction of trails, and it is understood these will be built early next spring.

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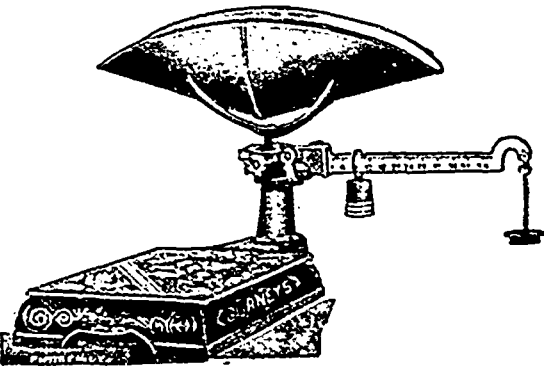
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