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## RAILWAY SUBSIDIES.

The lengthy discussion of the railway subsidy question by the Winnipeg board of trade will draw further attention to this important matter. The fact that three sessions of the board were devoted to the discussion of a resolution bearing on this question, will indicate that in Winnipeg at least considerable attention has been given to this matter. The motion debated at this great length by the board declared first that the policy of granting subsidies to railway corporations was wrong in principle; secondly, the government was asked not to grant subsidies; the proposed Grand Trunk Pacific Railway and the Canadian Northern Railway being particularly mentioned in this connection. Coupled with this was a clause declaring in favor of state-owned railways.

While it is true that this resolution was not adopted, the very full discussion of the matter will undoubtedly be productive of good results, in calling further attention to what may be termed one of our national abuses; for certainly the policy of subsidizing railways, as carried out in Canada in the past, has been an abuse of the most flagrant order.

The result of the discussion by the board was an exceedingly non-committal resolution, which declared neither for nor against the policy of subsidizing railways. So far as the future policy of the board is also still an open question. This was purposely left in this state, so as not to embarrass the board in any future action which may be decided upon regarding the Grand Trunk Pacific, when more is known regarding this proposed road.

There were several reasons for the adoption of this expressionless resolution, instead of the original motion. The coupling of the clauses against railway subsidies with an expression in favor of state-owned railways, was opposed against the motion. While a number of the speakers expressed themselves in favor of the principle of government roads, they were not prepared, with the information at their disposal, to advise action on this principle. The opinion which prevailed most generally seemed to be, that the board had not sufficient data upon which to base an opinion in the mat-

ter of state railways. It is true this part of the resolution was separated from the clauses relating to railway subsidies, but this was done just as the vote was being taken, when it was too late to affect the result.

Regarding subsidies, the sentiment which prevailed was to the effect that it would be unwise for the board to declare any policy at the present time, particularly as the Grand Trunk Pacific was specially mentioned in the motion declaring against subsidies. It was thought that it would be better to wait until the board had some more definite knowledge of the Grand Trunk Pacific project.

So far as the policy of subsidizing railways is concerned, the general opinion among the members of the board seemed to be decidedly against this policy. In the debate extending over three sessions of the board, an argument was advanced in favor of such subsidies, while nearly all the speakers declared decidedly against the principle of bonusing railways, as it has been done in the past in this country. This, as far as it goes, is encouraging to those who hope for an

subsidy for the benefit of the West. The West is developing rapidly as it is, and will continue to develop whether the Grand Trunk Pacific is subsidized or not. The country has reached a stage of development now when railway subsidies should not be necessary. The railways will be built because they will prove profitable commercial enterprises, or course promoters of contemplated railways will demand subsidies, because it has been customary in the past to grant them. Besides this, these subsidies have been a grand thing for the promoters. We believe, however, if subsidies were entirely discontinued, the development of the country would not be in the least retarded. A policy which has been a fruitful source of scandal in the past, and a cause of immense loss to the people of Canada, may well be dropped without causing regret to any one—except possibly the promoters. So far as the west is concerned, we believe the people would declare decidedly against subsidizing the Grand Trunk Pacific, if they were given an opportunity to vote on the

drawing award. We do not see how a railway could be made to exert a great influence toward binding the business of the Dominion together, but not such a railway as Mr. Mann would build. A railroad owned by the people and operated for the people would be such a factor. The Intercolonial railway was built for this very purpose, during the early days of the confederation of the eastern provinces. If the people of the East feel any alarm over the possibility of a rupture, let them start in and continue the Intercolonial right across this broad Dominion, thus binding the people together, by a bond which belongs to the people. A railroad which, besides belonging to the people, would equalize rates throughout the country and ensure fair treatment to every part of the Dominion, would undoubtedly be a great factor in binding the East and the West. Instead of subsidizing lines to a few more transcontinental lines, which more than likely will unite to oppress the people, let the money be spent for a road which will serve the people, and unite the people of the different provinces together in a lively self interest.

## A WORTHY INSTITUTION.

This was held in Winnipeg last week a meeting or convention which is worthy of notice. We refer to the annual meeting of the Western Horticultural Society. This organization has been working along in a solid way for a number of years, the object being to encourage expertly in the West. Last year the society held its first exhibition of fruits, vegetables, flowers, etc. in Winnipeg, and this proved to be a great success so far as the exhibits were concerned. The number of exhibits was about 2,000, and well up to \$1,000 was distributed in prizes. This work was undertaken and carried out practically by the society alone, without outside aid. The exhibit of fruit particularly was good, and was a surprise to many persons who did not know the capabilities of the province in the production of fruit.

The question of making this exhibition an annual event, was discussed at the meeting last week. While the members are anxious to continue the work, the difficulty of this is not that of finances. The exhibition is a very interesting and valuable one, and its educational influence must be very considerable. The members feel that their efforts in the interest of encouraging horticulture in the West should receive liberal encouragement. The association has done a great deal, particularly in the direction of encouraging fruit growing in this province. Still, perhaps, but surely this work is making progress. The list of fruits which it is found can be grown in Manitoba is steadily increasing, and much that has been learned and accomplished has resulted from the efforts of this institution. The exhibition which it is proposed to hold in Winnipeg next fall will show what Manitoba can do in the production of fruits, flowers, vegetables, honey, etc. The work of the association is in the interest of the country, and it is an institution which is worthy of the sympathy and encouragement of the people generally. Grants have been given institutions which are less worthy of assistance than the Western Horticultural Society, and the Commercial believes the province would be justified in bestowing liberal grant toward assisting the fall exhibition of this society.



ELKWATER LAKE, CYPRESS HILLS, ASSA.

early reform of our policy of dealing with railways.

From one point of view it is perhaps a matter for regret that a more pronounced opinion was not expressed by the board. If a resolution had been passed declaring on the principle of railway subsidies, in accordance with the evident conviction of a majority of the members, it would have been of a negative character. It would perhaps have been particularly fitting that the Winnipeg board of trade should have been the first to utter a word of caution in regard to subsidizing the proposed Grand Trunk Pacific. We have heard too many times in the past about the great deal the East has spent in order to open up and develop the West. Some eastern journals still keep up this line of talk. The people of the West do not admit the truth of these assertions. But this is a matter which The Commercial does not propose to waste any time discussing. What we wish to point out is, that already the Grand Trunk Pacific has been alluded to as an enterprise for which the people of the East will have to pay, in order to develop the West. This is why we think some action by the Winnipeg board of trade in opposition to a large subsidy to the proposed Grand Trunk Pacific, would have been opportune at the present time. The people of the East need not fear about being called upon to pay a big

question. Further, we believe a large majority vote could be secured in the West in favor of a government road.

## BIND THE PROVINCES TOGETHER

According to a press interview, Mr. D. Mann, the well-known railway promoter, has fears for the future of Canada as a united country. He sees the possibility of a split between the East and the West, resulting in the formation of two separate states. Mr. Mann, however, also sees a way of obviating or lessening this danger. His plan is to have more railways constructed, connecting the East and the West. These railways, according to his views, would tend to unite the East and the West in a community of interest. Mr. Mann is, of course, a railway promoter, and he is alleged to be interested in a transcontinental railway scheme. He is, therefore engaged in the laudable work of helping to bind the Dominion together, in which work he and his associates have been liberally assisted by grants, both federal and provincial and the end is not yet. Mr. Mann is not exactly a philanthropist. He no doubt finds this work very profitable to himself and wishes to continue in the business and receive all the grants that can be induced to come his way.

Now for the argument that the construction of railways is necessary to keep the East and the West from





Western Census Statistics.

The first volume of the fourth Canadian Census has just been issued. It deals wholly with Population. The tables are grouped under five heads, viz.: (1) Comparative tables of population, giving comparisons with the census of '71, '81 and '91; (2) houses, families and population, also comparative; (3) Sex and conjugal condition; (4) Urban and rural population; (5) Population of cities and towns having over 5,000 in 1901, compared with their population in '71, '81 and '91.

The total population of Canada at the time of the last census, was 3,371,315. The population at the three previous censuses were:

1871	1,831,229
1881	2,324,810
1891	3,089,257

Manitoba's increase in population is given as follows:

1901	255,211
1891	135,310
1881	92,290
1871	25,282

The Territories exhibit similar phenomenal increases, as shown in the following tables:

Alberta	1901	1891	1881	1871
Assiniboia	67,385	30,372	25,575	18,000
Saskatchewan	10,789	11,156		
	138,990	66,799	25,575	18,000

The parliamentary representation is shown at the different census periods to be as follows:

Canada	1891	1891	1861	1871
	213	215	390	181

British Columbia	6	6	6	6
Manitoba	14	16	14	15
New Brunswick	20	21	21	19
New Scotia	20	21	21	19
Ontario	92	92	88	82
P. E. I.	5	6	6	6
Quebec	65	65	65	65
Northwest Territories	4	4		

The comparative population of Winnipeg is given as follows:

1901	42,340
1891	25,539
1881	7,685

In the city limits there are 12,750 acre. There are 7,496 houses and 7,082 families, 21,949 of which are males and 20,400 females; 7,141 of Winnipeg's residents, of each sex, are married. Of those single, 14,096 are 423 widowers and 903 widows. There are 14 divorcees in the city, 7 of each sex.

The religions represented in Winnipeg are given as follows:

Anglicans	10,175
Presbyterians	18,172
Methodists	6,741
Roman Catholics	5,143
Lutherans	4,253
Baptists	2,055
Congregationalists	1,900
Jews	1,145
Greek Church	230
Saravak Army	196

And various other denominations of lesser members.

The nationalities represented in the city are composed as in the table given below:

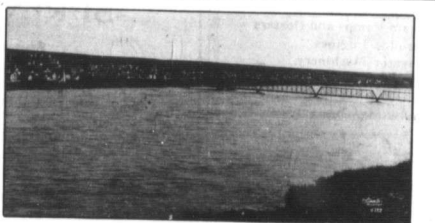
English	14,550
Irish	7,324
Scottish	3,190
Other British	157
French	1,379
German	2,283
Dutch	92
Scandinavian	3,322
Russian	624
Austria-Hungarian	1,147
Italian	147
Jews	1,156
Swiss	35
Belgian	40
Haitians	159
Indian	8
Chinese and Japanese	121
Negro	80
Various	40
Unspecified	479

Brandon city has a population of 5,700; Portage la Prairie, 4,901, Selkirk 2,188, St. Boniface 2,019, Morden 1,522.

W. H. Reikin, wholesale grocer, stated that the last year had been better than the previous year. Vancouver will greatly benefit in the future by projected railway building. The mining industry was also more prosperous, but in inferior points the wholesale merchants are handicapped by high freight rates. McLelland & McFeeley report that the hardware trade has been unusually active during the past year as a result of the improvement in mining. The freight lumber and iron mining, however, deprive the trade of a large amount of business that should come to Vancouver.

A Busy Place.

One of the busiest establishments in Winnipeg is the box factory of Czerwinski & Grant, at numbers 93 and 95 Lombard street, and known as the City Box Factory. The principal business of this establishment is the manufactur-



Saskatchewan River, Medicine Hat, in Flood.

Carman 1,429, Neepawa 1,418, Dauphin 1,135, Minnedosa 1,052, Carberry 1,025, Virden 901, Boissevain 898, Emerson 840, Gladstone 731, Greta 699, and Manitow 617.

The first volume of the census returns does not give a table of towns in the Territories, the urban population being bulked with the rural in the census districts. For this reason it is impossible to give the population of any terminal towns and villages.

The Year in B. C. Wholesale Circles.

It is claimed by wholesalers and retailers in Vancouver and other coast cities that the business of the past twelve months has been much larger than in the previous year. Among the more prominent firms the following reference to the year's business have been made. W. Braid & Co., wholesale tea, coffees and spices, said that the business of the past year had been very satisfactory and the outlook was bright for a continuation of these conditions. F. R. Stewart & Co., wholesale grocers, stated that the past year had been much better than 1901. Pay-

ing of wooden boxes, largely for the jobbing houses and factories of the city. At present some expensive new machinery is being put in, which will practically double the capacity of the factory. One of these new machines is a large planer of new pattern. A thoroughly modern and up-to-date machine. Another is a "cut off" saw, which, it is claimed, will make fifty cuts in a minute.

The principal machinery of the factory consists of planers, re-saw, for splitting boards into thinner pieces; several circular saws for sawing up boards into small sizes required for boxes; machine for making lock corners for boxes; and a printing press and necessary accompaniment of brass type for printing on wood. Printing on wire is quite a different process from newspaper printing. Besides these there are a number of smaller machines and appliances about the factory. The motive power is supplied by two large motors.

The firm carry quite a large stock of lumber in the yard in the rear of the factory, for making boxes. A switch from the transfer railway runs through the yard. The quantity of lumber used in this factory in the course of a year for boxes and other purposes will amount to almost 1,000,000 feet.

Poultry Association Meeting.

The fourth annual meeting of the Winnipeg Poultry Association was held on Monday evening in the lecture room of the provincial dairy school, and was well attended. The secretary read the minutes of the last monthly meeting and gave a brief verbal report of the work of the association for the year. Meetings had been held monthly from the last annual meeting until the 1st of May, and had been resumed on the first Monday in October and held regularly since up to the present meeting. A programme for the fall and winter meetings had been mapped out ahead and one featuring the "Poetry Standard of Perfection" had been procured from A. G. Gilbert, poultry farm, Ottawa, and used in connection with these judging competitions. At the last annual show of the Manitoba Poultry Association the Winnipeg Association had presented a cup, valued at \$12, and had further procured a handsome chair to Mr. Higginbotham, of Virden, for the highest scoring for cock, cockerel and pullet. At the present show she showed that the membership had grown from 17 in the first year, 24 in the second year, to 100 in the past. The receipts of the year just past, were \$26.25, the expenditures \$50.50, leaving a balance on hand of \$5.75. The report was received and adopted with considerable enthusiasm.

The next business taken up was the election of officers, which resulted as follows: Patron, Mayor Arbutnot; honorary president, the lieutenant-governor, Sir Daniel McMillan; president, Thos. Reid; vice-president, Charles Stamer; secretary-treasurer, Geo. Harcourt; directors, A. William, Geo. Woods, J. E. Costello, A. B. Stovel, W. Rutherford, E. M. Rose, S. C. Newall, J. A. King and F. Busby; auditors, M. D. Geddes and G. McKenzie.

Interesting discussions followed the formal business and the conclusion of a supper was served to those present. It is probable that a Winnipeg exhibition will be held if the executive can secure a suitable building.

British Columbia Poultry Trade.

A prominent Vancouver produce merchant was asked why it is so hard to get turkeys that were not too high priced, but were reliable in looking and skiny. The answer was an invitation to see the rear of the establishment where some turkeys that had just arrived. This crate of turkeys were in prime condition, fat and white, and of good size. It was explained that the birds were packed very quickly, the inside being exposed to the air got soft in a day or two after being so long in cold storage. In fact many of the Christmas consignments had to be rushed out at 12 and 13 cents a pound to get rid of them before they were spoiled by the health inspector. The imported cold storage turkeys are not so nice as the local article, but until turkeys are plentiful in the province, British Columbia during the Christmas holidays must put up with an inferior article.

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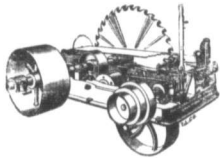
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### Western Oil Fields.

MacLeod, Alta., Jan. 6.—Mr. John Lineham, of Okotoks, the coming oil king, was in town yesterday. Mr. Lineham is well pleased with the results following his company's boring operations in the Kootenai oil fields, an abundant supply of oil of good quality being struck at about 1,100 feet. The oil upon being tapped sprang several feet above the level of the ground for some time, but finally its volume became greatly diminished owing to the influx of water. The drill is stuck hard and fast at a depth of about 1,200 feet and remains fast although every effort has been made to dislodge it. It is said that a scheme is on foot to construct a pipe line from the oil fields to MacLeod for the transportation of the product. This will be an invaluable find.

pendent operation, but is an absolute necessity. It is thought that a much stronger flow of oil would have been obtained had the accident to the drill not happened. The company have obtained control of one and half sections of land and will make further tests in the near future.

The farmers of Portage la Prairie, Man., propose to organize a grain growers' association similar to those in existence in other parts of the west.

Litigation is likely to result from the failure of McFarland, Gray & Southgate, wholesale clothing manufacturers, Toronto. An offer of 50 cents on the dollar has been made, but the creditors are not satisfied.

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As an indication of the holiday trade in Winnipeg and the class of goods purchased, the manager of one of the largest retail stores says that the sales of dolls was the largest on record. This was particularly true of the more expensive class of dolls, ranging in price from \$5 upwards to \$15 or \$20 each. The sales of jewelry were also very large. One city dealer, who carries a large stock of costly goods, said they were almost cleaned out of stock.

Detroit has appropriated \$50,000 for the purchase of coal to be sold to the poor of the city.

The American failure record for 1912 was a favorable one despite industrial disturbances of first magnitude and reckless business management in many lines. The total number of failures for the continent was smaller and the liabilities also smaller in than in 1901.

**Dry Goods Trade Notes.**

Embroideries in Oriental effects are becoming very stylish, as are many colorful embroideries for outer garments such as waists, suits and coats. Some very elaborate and handsome embroidered waist fronts are being shown, and attractive new designs are being made for collars, cuffs, etc., which are selling well.

**Grocery Trade Notes.**

On Saturday last sugar refiners in New Orleans advanced granulated 10c per 100 pounds.

**Hardware Trade Notes.**

Tarred felt has been advanced 5c per 100 pounds to 2-ply, and 4-ply ready-rolling 5c per roll, and carpet felt is 4c per ton higher.

The extensive tin plate mill at Cumberland, Maryland, in which 6,000 men and women are employed, was closed indefinitely on Tuesday. The warehouses of the company are said to be overstocked with tin, and the high price of coal in Philadelphia where the tin is finished renders it impossible to complete the product at a profit.

A new list has been published on scythes by Canadian makers which shows an advance of 60c over last year's prices. The net prices are as follows: Cast steel, \$5.00; "Clippers," \$6.50; concave, \$7; "Blanks," \$7; "Excelsior," \$7.50; single head, \$6.75; double head, \$7.25; cast steel grade, \$8.50; silver steel grade, \$10.50; lawn scythes, \$5.50; bush scythes, \$6.50.

As noted in our telegraphic dispatches from the east last Saturday Canadian manufacturers of hollow glassware advanced their prices on January 15 per cent and on lamp chimneys 10 per cent. It is claimed that cost of production is much higher than it was at this time last year and the whole tendency is towards greater cost. The high price of coal is the latest factor in this direction. Prices last month and the Canadians have now followed suit.

There has been made a reduction in the price of spools and spools in Canada, to meet competition from the United States and Great Britain. The net discount is 45 per cent instead of 40 and 5 per cent as before, and the list has been reduced 83 per cent on old goods, \$2 on Gray's, and \$1 on Burns'. With the above high reduction in the list, as well as the increased discount, a large reduction is made in net prices. It is argued that at the new prices there is no money in the business as the cost of production is higher than when the old figures were established.

The independent manufacturers of the plate and sheet steel met at Pittsburgh last week to consider the action of the United States Steel Corporation in reducing the price of sheet by 5 per cent and tin plate by 48 per cent. The reduction in prices wiped out the profits of the independent mills that buy their steel in the open market, and it is believed that some of the mills are now operating at a loss. The conferees are not inclined to give much information of what took place, but they decided to meet the cut and go into manufacturing. It is also reported that they are considering a scheme for putting up an independent steel mill at Pittsburgh, Youngstown or Cleveland, in order to supply themselves with steel at their finishing mills.

**Implement Trade Notes.**

J. I. Case, head of the J. I. Case Threshing Machine Company, Racine, Wisconsin, died on Tuesday afternoon.

An association has been formed in Chicago which has for its object the protection of the Hancock die plow patents. The main purpose is to secure unity of action in matters pertaining to the manufacture and sale of Hancock plows.

The McCormick Company has contracted to manufacture 5,000,000 pounds of jute binder twine during the coming season. It is believed in the trade that sisal twine is losing ground, and that this contract seems to lend color to that view.

John Stevens, implement dealer and manager at Winnipeg for the Stevens

Manufacturing Co. of London, Ont., has gone south and east on an extended business trip. He will visit Rock Island, Toledo and other important centres in the United States and also the headquarters of his company at London, Ont. He will be back in time for the Winnipeg bonspiel.

**Tenders.**

Tenders, addressed to the chairman of the fire, water and light committee, Winnipeg, for the supply of a quantity of water pipe and specials, will be received at the office of the city clerk up to 8:30 p. m. on Monday, Feb. 2.

Tenders, addressed to the chairman of the fire, water and light committee, Winnipeg, for the supply of 100 cords of tanbark firewood, to be delivered at the Armstrong's Point pumping station, will be received at the office of the city clerk up to 8:30 p. m. on Monday, Jan. 19th inst.

Tenders, addressed to the chairman of the fire, water and light committee, Winnipeg, for the supply and delivery in Winnipeg of one pumping engine, having a pump capacity of 5,000, 100 imperial gallons per day, of 24 hours, will be received at the office of the city clerk up to 8:30 p. m. on Monday, Feb. 2.

**Railway and Traffic Matters.**

C. P. R. traffic receipts for the week ending Dec. 31, 1902, were \$1,397,000, for same week in 1901, \$1,219,000.

The Canadian Northern Railway Company has purchased Fort Gary park, Winnipeg, and will incorporate the ground in its new station.

A round house and coal sheds are to be erected at Macgregor, Man., by the C. P. R. The new station will be opened about the middle of January.

A. C. Shaw, who represents the Canadian Pacific Railway in Chicago, states that about 40,000 pounds of wool will come into Canada from the United States during 1903.

Surveys are being made for a railway to traverse the Kootenay and Upper Columbia river valleys connecting the main line of the C. P. R. with the Crow's Nest Pass branch.

In order to meet the increased cost of operation the Canadian railways have decided to follow the action of the United States roads and advance rates from manufacturing points and the seaports. To increase an iron commodity will be 10 per cent.

General Manager J. McNeill, of the C. P. R., who is now in the West is looking up with a view to extensive improvements in the system. It is expected that when he comes back Winnipeg he will make announcements concerning the company's western propositions.

P. W. Peters, the new general freight agent of the C. P. R. at Winnipeg, is now installed in his office here. Previous to leaving Vancouver he was presented with a handsome cut-glass punch bowl by the merchants of the city.

A wire from Chicago says: Freight rates on nearly all commodities transported by western railroads are to be materially raised during the next thirty days. The rates projected will be at least five per cent higher in all commodity tariffs. The executive officials of the railroads are actuated largely by the fear that the increased cost of everything that railroads buy will make the maintenance of the present divided rates impossible during 1903.

At a meeting of the railway committee of the city council at Ottawa, on Tuesday, the application of the C. P. R. for approval of the construction of a siding known as McCormick spur, crossing Princess and King streets, Winnipeg, was granted on an agreement being reached between the city and the railway company. The application of the C. P. R. for the construction of a siding crossing Assiniboine and Henry streets to Logan avenue, Winnipeg, was also passed, an agreement between the parties having also been reached.

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Applications Received	\$812,860	\$1,214,100	\$401,800 44
Premium Income	105,256	143,957	38,702 38
Interest Income	11,812	24,549	12,737 108
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## MANITOBA.

Joe, Nelly is opening a general store at Kirkland.

M. Loiselle has opened a grocery store at Carman.

C. Corrigan has opened a store at Whitemouth.

The Bell Telephone Company is installing a plant at Macgregor.

It is nearly ready to begin the business of Swain & Emerson, at Innes.

W. Helmer and A. Wratulau are opening a new meat and delicatessen shop in Steinbach.

Elliott and Gemmill have sold out their investment in the Pilot Foundry, to Campbell and Nuttall.

The merchants of Oak Lake have agreed to close their places of business at 4 p. m. on Saturdays until next fall.

McCulloch & Boswell have purchased the repair business and outfit of the Canada Cycle and Motor Co. at Winnipeg.

Foils & Peltois, cigar manufacturers, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. James H. Foils takes over the business.

H. Hugh Jones and Charles Durrant, grocers, Brandon, have dissolved partnership. Charles Durrant takes over the business.

W. G. Elliott has bought out J. Campbell's grocery and confectionery store at Pilot Mound, and takes possession at once.

In the town of Neepawa \$39,920 was expended in buildings and building materials during the year. The surrounding district \$6,395 was expended.

The Sprague Lumber Company, Ltd. is applying for a lease of land at Winnipeg to take over the business of D. Spague. The capital is to be \$750,000.

Geo. Napier has bought out the bankrupt stock of W. A. Irving, at Austin, and is putting in a full line of Austin brand hardware.

Ed Shilson's store at Snowflake, with contents, was destroyed by fire. The owner, the proprietor, is away from home the loss is not yet known.

H. W. Flack has sold his general store business at Swan River to Mr. Fitzpatrick, of Birtle, and will hereafter engage in grain buying at that place.

D. L. McIntyre has retired from the business management of the Tribune newspaper, Winnipeg. He still retains his interest and his seat on the directorate.

The village of Elmwood is applying for incorporation. It is opposite of the north end of Winnipeg on the Red river and includes the settlement at Louise bridge.

The Victoria skating rink at Brandon, was burned on Thursday night. A curling rink which adjoined it was partially burned. There was \$2,000 insurance on each building.

Robb & Livingstone, butchers, Portage la Prairie, have dissolved partnership. The former continues the business. The latter partner will devote his attention to farming and coaching.

Chas. Lund, manufacturers' agent at Winnipeg, has moved to more commodious quarters in the Ashdown block, Main street, upstairs. Mr. Lund is now in England on a business trip.

The Manitoba government dairy school opened for the season on Thursday. Of the students that have applied for the farm dairy course, which is the one with which the school opens, only one half are women.

The Manitoba cement Company has been offered by the people of Morden, a free site, tax exemption and financial assistance in the form of subscriptions for stock if it will locate its proposed mill at that town.

On Saturday afternoon last fire broke out in the upper part of the basement of Clark Bros. & Hughes, Winnipeg. The blaze was caused by a furnace pipe being disconnected from both fire and chemicals will not exceed \$300.

The board of works of Winnipeg is figuring on establishing a factory for the manufacture of pipe. If the city approves of the scheme, it has already been decided to advertise for 15,000 bags of cement to be supplied

this year and 1,000 to 15,000 cords of cedar wood for the job.

The untimely death of J. N. Hicks, of Hicks Bros. & Co., necessary for Wallace Hicks to take the management of the business in the past been given to the selling department.

Timothy Foley and Michael Foley, of Fox, Finnigan & Co., and Nicholas Hawif, Thomas Henry Lock and Albert Scott, Lock, of Winnipeg, are for partnership under the name of Foley, Lock & Larson, to carry on a general mercantile and manufacturing business. The partnership will have a capital stock of \$300,000.

F. J. Beatty, a well known commercial man, who has been with G. F. & J. Galt, Winnipeg, for the past year, has severed his connection with that house and will go into business for himself again. He will open a general store and lumber yard at Fannyville. Mr. Beatty purchased a store building and dwelling at that place a short time ago. The stock will be all new goods.

The provincial government dairy school for Winnipeg opened for its regular winter course on January 1. The month of January will be devoted to home dairy instruction and February and March to factory work. The attendance promises to be larger than in any past year. The staff of teachers includes C. A. Murray, provincial dairy superintendent; T. Luttley, J. Cole and G. Wheatley on the staff.

The retail lumber business of John Arbutnot at Winnipeg is being turned over to John Smith company in which Mr. Arbutnot is the principal figure. The capital is placed at \$150,000 and applied to the purchase of a store. Mayor Arbutnot, lumber merchant, James Malcolm Savage, lumber merchant, William MacTavish, Banantyne, lumber merchant; George Albert Broadhead, lumber merchant, and John McIntyre, proprietor of Winnipeg. Power is being taken to deal in lumber, lands, to manufacturing to carry on general lumbering business.

The returns from the inland revenue department for the year ending that 47,373.78 was collected during the month of December, 1902. For the month of January, 1903, the previous \$58,816.59 was the amount of the collection, an increase for last month of over \$10,000. The detailed account of the returns is: Spirits, \$52,861.21; malt, \$3,297; tobacco, mfd., \$15,532.25; cigars, \$1,144.31; methuylated spirits, \$25.56; licenses, \$20,000; other receipts, \$1,010; and interest, \$1,010. The December, 1901, \$58,816.59; increase \$18,708.12.

## ASSINIBOIA.

Gonlick Bros. will shortly open in the butchering business at Regina.

The Western Hardware Co. has been formed at Regina for the purpose of selling the retail in the hardware trade at that point.

Mickleborough Bros. have bought the retail business and premises of Smith & Ferguson Co., Ltd., at Regina, and will soon be in business in future.

Fire started in S. Mundell's hotel at Weyburn on Sunday night and destroyed the building and contents. The following buildings were also burned: H. A. Pease & Co.'s bank, J. S. Tudge's butcher shop, W. Winning's clothing establishment, J. Pritchard's store and Jubilee hall. The loss is estimated at about \$15,000. Insurance as follows: J. S. Tudge, butcher shop, \$15,000; W. Winning's clothing, \$5,000; in the Western on stock; R. A. Pease & Co., bank, \$700 in the Western; J. Pritchard's store, \$5,000 in the Queen's; Nugent's establishment, \$500 in the Western; Mundell's hotel, \$2,000 in the Western; the building; \$1,500 in the Hartford on the stock; and \$3,000 on the stock in the Western.

## ALBERTA.

John Ryan Costigan, C. C., Calgary, has returned to his home, of Ottawa, and resident of Alberta since 1882, died at Calgary on Monday night after a very brief illness.

The new brewery of Fisher & Bond, at Edmonton, will be ready for business about the middle of the month. It is being equipped with the latest and best machinery.

The last regular gauge train over the Great Falls and Canada Pacific bridge on January 1 for the south. This line has been converted to the standard gauge. The change is expected to result in more traffic and will benefit the communities served.

The Calgary Herald states that extensive business in the Pass companies will shortly be made which will give them a daily output of 5,000 tons compared with the present output of 2,000 tons. The company has spent this year, approximately \$1,000,000 in further development of properties.

F. H. Wilson and J. Murphy, two freight checkers at Stathcona, were arrested last week on charges of theft of goods from cars in the freight sheds. They were brought up before Inspector Belcher, and in a statement admitted their guilt, and are held for trial. Their statement implicated two merchants, A. E. Latimer and J. Smith, who are or have been purchasing the stolen goods, some \$75,000 worth. The gentlemen consented to the purchase of the goods recently. It has been the custom of the C. P. R. to give goods refused on account of being damaged, to pay freight charges against them, and the goods were not out of the ordinary course of trade, except that the authorized agent of the company was the only person eligible to make such deals. Latimer was committed for trial to-day, and Smith hearing will be held this week.

## NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO.

H. E. Hook & Co. have sold out their butchering business at Rat Portage to the Rat Portage Meat Company.

The ratepayers of Fort William have passed a by-law to provide \$40,000 for improvement of the electric light plant. A by-law to provide \$5,000 for sewers was also carried.

The C. P. R. has bought the Graham & Horn mill site at Fort William. This property has a frontage of 600 feet on the Kaministiquia river and is considered to be the only electric light plant to which it will be put has not yet been started.

The ratepayers of Keewatin have voted to purchase the property of the Lake of the Woods Milling Company from taxation for twenty years. The understanding is that this purchase was for the location at that point of the new mill which that company proposes to erect in the west.

## The Commercial Men.

J. Ranton was busy at his sample rooms in the McIntyre block this week, preparing for new samples of woollen goods. The firm already handles the manufacture of A. Burritt & Co., of Mitchell, Ont. Mr. Ranton will take over the business of the Railway main line and T. H. Montgomery will work the branch lines with these goods. The main line says that prices for these woollens are in the favor of buyers, notwithstanding advances in wool.

R. R. Gallagher, western representative of S. Greenhields, Son & Co. has received word that his firm has again taken the agency of the American Silk Wain manufacturers of high grade silk waists, skirts and jackets. New samples of these goods will be received by it on Monday. Gallagher and Geo. M. Newton will make special trips through the west with these lines. They will very handsomely handle the goods, and the new samples will be greatly admired by the trade.

## Movements of Business Men.

J. C. McNab and Wm. Roberts, of McNab & Roberts, confectioners, etc., Winnipeg, went east this week on a business trip.

F. H. Teifer, manager of the Winnipeg branch of Teifer Bros., manufacturers of confectioners, biscuits, etc., has returned from a visit to the headquarters of his company at Colingwood, Ont.

Wm. McBride, of the North American Life, is enjoying a trip to tropical lands toward the centre of this continent.

I. W. Martin, vice-president and manager of the Gurney Stone and Range Co., Winnipeg, has left for the east on a business trip. He will visit Montreal, Quebec, and other points, and arrange for stock and other requisites for the western trade.

E. Davidson, of Toms & Davidson, bobbers of confectionery, biscuits, etc., Winnipeg, returned this week from a visit to Chicago, Toronto, Hamilton and other points east. The main object of the trip was to visit the factories from which he supplies for the trade here are purchased.

## British Trade.

London, Jan. 8.—(Special Cable.)—The board of trade returns issued last evening throw light upon the foreign trade of the United Kingdom for the past twelve months. The imports amounted to £228,880,281, an increase of 10,540,000, and the exports to £230,230,000, an increase of 10,540,000. There was an increase of nearly £4,000,000 in the year's imports. Wheat and manufactures imported also showed a large increase. The exports of pig iron to the United States increased by 4,000,000, and there was a decrease in the exports of pig iron to France and Germany and to other countries. The total increase of £4,000,000, while as regards the exports of coal, there was a decrease of £5,000,000, the total was accompanied by an increase of 1,000,000 tons in quantity.

## Elevators Full.

The following notice to all C. P. R. agents from general superintendent Leonard, of the western division, under date of Jan. 7, is being posted on the grain exchange bulletin board:

To all agents—As there are now elevators in manufacture at agents destined to Fort William and Fort Arthur elevators to fill all the remaining available capacity at these points and on account of the small quantity of elevators from these elevators you must not allow any more cars to be loaded with grain consigned to Fort William or Fort Arthur, until further advised. An additional elevator will be ready for service at Fort Arthur in about ten days. Notify all shippers who have orders booked for cars for monthly cars to Fort Arthur you will supply C. P. R. cars in accordance with the Grain Exchange Bulletin Board. Notify all agents to points other than Fort William and Fort Arthur.

J. W. LEONARD.

## Convention Week in Winnipeg.

The stock and dairy conventions, which have been such a feature of bonspiel week, are this year all arranged for the week ending Jan. 10. As already intimated, the Live Stock associations intend making a radical change in the program of the meetings for about two weeks. The dairy convention has been pretty definitely postponed to February 19th and 20th. The present intention is to hold the business meeting on Thursday evening for the purpose of holding a will be a butter and cheese judging school. Friday afternoon will be devoted to the judging of dairy stock, and in the evening there will be papers and addresses by prominent dairy experts. The program being arranged is a very attractive one. A difficulty under which all the associations are laboring is the absence of a building in which to hold meetings. Up to the present no building has been erected. What is needed is a large building that can be seated in amphitheatre form, with plenty of room for stock pens. The building must be such that it can be comfortably warmed and well lighted.

Henry Briggs, of the Winnipeg agency of the Metropolitan Life, now in the city, is enjoying a very comfortable premises in the McIntyre block. The firm has taken the suite of rooms adjoining their old office and combined the two, the result being a visit to the old. The rooms have been fitted up to suit the requirements of the company.

## THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, Jan. 10.

In a general way business is quiet and without special feature. Most people are glad of the excuse for a cessation of activity and are taking the time to get straightened around. Shipping will commence in a week or two and it is expected that a little more stir around wholesale houses. Money seems to be moving freely still and collections have been well made so far. The want of transportation is still keeping back business in some lines. Values hold steady and there have been but minor changes in prices this week.

## WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Jan. 10.

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

## CURED MEATS.

Demand is good and the market steady at the following prices: Hams, sugar cured, 14½¢ per lb.; breakfast bacon, 16¢; back, 14½¢; 14½¢; spiced rolls, 12½¢; cooked hams, 25¢ per lb.; smoked leg corn, 13¢; dry long clear, 12½¢; hard, 60¢; tubs, 10.00; 20 lb. pails, 62.00; tins in cases, 47.75; barrel pork, heavy mess, 42¢; pork sausage, 25¢; 7½¢; pickled pigs' feet, in kits, 11.25; sausage casings, 30 to 35¢.

## FISH.

Demand is good. Prices are as follows: Fresh fish—White fish 5½¢, trout 6¢, E. C. Salmon 10¢, herring 10¢, cod 4¢, Pike 2½¢, fresh cod 7¢, red haddock 7¢, mackerel 4½¢, shad 10¢, smelt 7¢, brook trout 5¢, 10¢, tommy cods 6¢, herring 6¢, fresh lake herring 6¢, sea breamers 6¢ per lb. Salt cod, 1 and 1½¢; pickled herrings in pails 11.25. Smoked fish—Hoisers, 10.00; 15.00; red herring 16¢ per lb. Herring haddie 30¢ per case; track is 22.25 per gal., standards 32, shell oysters 10 per bin.

## FUEL.

The market is considerably weaker and there has been a sharp decline in the price of wood. Stocks of wood in the city are now quite large and dealers are at a loss to know what to do with the surplus. The weather has been quite cold part of the week and the consumption of fuel is large, but it is not expected that there will be any serious shortage from now on. The option is firmly fixed in the public mind that the city dealers have taken an unfair advantage in fixing prices for wood and Pennsylvania coal. The market was quiet and steady lately. We quote: Pennsylvania anthracite, reg. stove and No. 1 nut, 11.00 to 11.50 per cord; bituminous, No. 1, 9.00; Crown's Best Pans coal, 89 per ton; C. W. bituminous, 85 per ton; run of the mine in carlots, 70; screenings, 70. Wood in carlots on track is quoted at the following prices: Tamarac per cord, 44.75; jack pine, 44.00; poplar, 32.75.

## GREEN FRUITS.

The market is quiet and without special feature. We quote: Apples, 32.25 to 34 per barrel (600 lbs. here); Malaga grapes, 38 per case; cranberries, 11.00 per barrel (600 lbs.); Apples, 2.00; 2.25; 1.50; 1.50; 1.50; 1.75; 2.00; and up to 35¢ per bushel. Vegetables—Spanish onions are selling at 11.25 per crate; common onions, 10¢ per bushel; celery, at 20¢ per dozen bunches; cabbage at 1½¢ per bushel; and cauliflowers, 2.00 per bushel. Dried Fruits—California figs are selling at 11.50 per box of 12 one pound tins; raisins, 66¢ per case; apricots at 1.00¢ and fancy large apricots at 1.25¢. Honey is worth 45.00 per gallon of fancy wild clover. Glass

Jars, 22.40 for white clover comb; 13.50 for dark honey in cases; and 12¢ per pound for such quality as is fine. Select system. No. 1, 22.25 per gallon. New Ontario apple jars, 12.00 per dozen.

## GROCERIES.

The week has been a quiet one in grocery trade and there are very few changes to note. Finnan haddie is now down to 10¢ per lb. Herring is higher, partly on account of winter freight rates, but chiefly because the market is tight and is lately owing to storms. They are now quoted at \$2.20 to \$4.10, an advance of 10¢. April's standard is quoted at 9¢ to 9½¢ for standards and 10½¢ to 10½¢ for choice, but these prices are almost nominal as the goods are not to be laid down at such figures, and an advance is likely to take place at once. Currents are firmer at places of growth, having advanced to 18 1/2¢ per cwt. Winnipeg jobbing prices can be found on page 409.

## HARDWARE.

The market is quiet. Quotations on chains have been withdrawn, while the rest showing advances is being prepared for shipping. Standard and 10 off 1003 list, and scythes have advanced 10¢ per pound. Iron is 10¢ per 100 pounds dearer. Manila rope is 1/4¢ cheaper, and steel has also declined 1/4¢. Spades and shovels are 10 and 5 off. Quotations on iron lines will be found on another page.

## IMPLEMENTERS.

In implement circles a quiet feeling prevails at present. Winter goods are pretty well all sold and attention is turned to spring orders. Plows have been completely cleaned out. Collections are well in hand, and most of the money is ready to go.

## LEATHER.

While there is no change in prices here, this market is first and higher prices are being talked of by some sections, owing to stock moving rapidly, and a market is being busy. Prices are given on page 240.

## RAW FURS.

Receipts are somewhat light for the time of year, as furs ought to be arriving in freely now. A few good lots have arrived in this week, and smaller lots are coming in by mail and express continuously. There is a good demand for stags' fur, muskrat, mink, skunk, lynx, marten, red fox and silver fox. This demand is mostly from local dealers and United States manufacturers. The London sales will commence in a few days, and it is not believed by dealers here that prices will do more than hold their own. Many are of the opinion that a strong line, and this is expected to sell well, as the supply appears to be limited. We quote prices for prime skins delivered at Winnipeg, as follows: Badger, prime, 75¢ to 1.25; bear, black, small, 45.00 to 45; bear, black, large, 45 to 42.5; brown, large, 42 to 48; grizzly, 32 to 42; polar bear, 40.00 to 48.00; beaver, small, 2.00 to 4.00; beaver, middling, 44 to 48; fox, silver, 22 to 25; silver fox, red, 15 to 12; fox, black, 15.00 to 14.00; marten, large, 42.00 to 42; marten, large, brown, 35 to 35; marten, small, 25 to 25; muskrat, mink, 1.75 to 3.75; musquash, winter, 3 to 12; otter, 25.00 to 40; skunk, 1.00 to 1.50; wolf, prairie, 10 to 17.75; Wolverine, 42 to 48.

## SCRAP.

Prices hold steady. We quote: No. 1 cast iron, free from wrought and malleable, 14 to 15 per ton; No. 2, 13 to 16 per ton; wrought iron scrap, 35 per ton; heavy copper, 7¢ per pound; light brass, 5 to 6¢ per lb.; lead, 2 to 2½¢ per pound; rags, cotton mixed, 50¢ per 1000 pounds; rubbers, free from lives, buckles and articles, 4½¢ per pound; zinc scrap, 1¢ per pound; bones, clean, dry and bleached, 10¢ per ton; bottles, quart, 25¢ per dozen.

## GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—The present situation of wheat was strong at the week in United States markets, business having recovered somewhat from the holding conditions of the week. This is an important factor at the moment, and one which was accountable for the decline in prices last week. The cen-

ter at the beginning of harvest in that country was not favorable, but later reports have been more favorable, and indicate a crop of 2½ billion bushels. Some authorities estimate that there will be a surplus of 50,000,000 bushels for export. The crop compared with rather under 20,000,000 bushels actually exported last year and 20,000,000 in 1910. Exports from Argentina usually become heavy in February and March. The wheat crop of the Argentine is doing well. The Modern Miller of this week says of it: "The condition of the crop is very good and is expected to be excellent." The winter wheat crops in Canada are showing a good average condition for the time of the year. An American visible supply increased 60,000,000 bushels last week, and an increase of 50,000,000 bushels last week. The world's supply of wheat last week and 7,482,000 bushels last year. The world's shipments were 3,285,000 bushels against 3,240,000 to Bradstreet's, decreased 2,440,000 bushels against a decrease last week of 2,100,000 bushels. Exports from North America ports for the week are reported as follows: 1,543,000 bushels. WHEAT—Local Situation.—The most important occurrence this week was the order issued by the Canadian Pacific for the week ending on Thursday, not to accept further shipments of grain for Port William. The season's grain for the week is not enough wheat now in transit to fill the elevators at that point. The repairs on the equipment at the Port William elevator at Port Arthur is also about filled up, but that company expects to have its 2,000,000 elevator ready in a few days. The new Canadian Pacific Railway elevator E, under construction at Port Arthur, will not be completed for some time yet.

The situation in Manitoba wheat has been quiet, but the Canadian Agency to follow the changes in the United States markets. On Monday the market was steady at 10¢, and delivery first half January was 65¢, but when the markets closed it was 75¢. On Tuesday it was 75¢, and on Thursday, and Tuesday yesterday, and at the close of yesterday's business it was 75¢. On Wednesday, 1 northern, 75¢; 2 northern, 65¢; 3 northern, spot, or first half January, 70¢; 4 northern, 75¢; 1 northern, 75¢; 2 northern, 75¢; 3 northern, 65¢; all in store, Port William, 40¢ to 41¢.

FLOUR—There is a good seasonable demand for flour and the market is steady. Best Hungarian Patent flour, 10 to 14¢ per sack of 49 lbs., delivered to the trade; Gloria patent, 11.85; Strong Bakers, 11.55; and XXXX at 11.25.

MILLFEED—Straw is quoted at 15¢ per ton in sacks and shorts at 17¢ per ton.

GROUND FEED—Prices are steady and unchanged. We quote: Oat chop, 12.50 per ton, delivered to the trade; barley chop, 12.50 per ton, delivered to the trade; 12.00 per ton, delivered to the trade; 11.50 per ton, delivered to the trade; 11.00 per ton, delivered to the trade; 10.50 per ton, delivered to the trade.

ROLLED OATS—Prices hold steady at last week's advance. Millers are getting 24 to 25¢ for the best carlots. Jobbing lots are worth 23.50 per sack. Standard and granulated meal is worth 22 to 24¢ per sack of 48 lbs.

OATS—The market is easy and 1/2¢ lower. The price is 25¢ per bushel, but lack of transportation facilities is keeping back supplies and there is a possibility that prices here they would be with prompt delivery. No. 2 white oats are worth 28½¢ per bushel, and No. 3 white oats are worth 27¢ per bushel, and about 24½¢ is the price for No. 3 white oats. In central points farmers are getting 19 to 20¢ per bushel at central points. On the prairie the price is 24 to 25¢ as delivered to farmers.

BARLEY—The market is quiet, and the price is 22 to 23¢ per bushel for No. 3 extra in carlots on track. Feed barley is worth 25 to 26¢.

SPELTZ—The market holds steady at 30¢ per bushel of 50 pounds, delivered.

HAY—Offerings are large and the market weak. Fresh hails are worth 35.00 to 36 per ton in car lots, and 30 to 32 in the street. The price of alfalfa is 25.00 to 26.50 per ton.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes have advanced 10¢ to 12¢ per bushel. Onions are now worth 35 to 40¢ per bushel, and 30¢ to 35¢ per bushel; turnips, 2 to 3¢ per bushel; lettuce, 40¢ per doz. of 10; celery, 10¢ per doz.; dried onions, 10 to 10¢ per bushel; parsley, 20¢ per bushel.

MILK—The market is quiet. The price of milk is 11¢ per lb. for the city, and 10¢ for the country. The price of butter is 20¢ per lb. for the city, and 19¢ for the country. The price of cream is 10¢ per lb. for the city, and 9¢ for the country.

BUTTER—Creamery—Creamery butter is 10¢ per lb. for the city, and 9¢ for the country. The price of cream is 10¢ per lb. for the city, and 9¢ for the country.

BUTTER—Dairy—The market is quiet, and the price is 10¢ per lb. for the city, and 9¢ for the country. The price of cream is 10¢ per lb. for the city, and 9¢ for the country.

EGGS—Eggs are scarce at 22¢ per dozen, delivered here, subject to candling.

DRESSERED MEATS—The market is quiet. The price of meat is 10¢ per lb. for the city, and 9¢ for the country. The price of cream is 10¢ per lb. for the city, and 9¢ for the country.

MEATS—The market is quiet. The price of meat is 10¢ per lb. for the city, and 9¢ for the country. The price of cream is 10¢ per lb. for the city, and 9¢ for the country.

CATTLE—The market is quiet. The price of cattle is 10¢ per lb. for the city, and 9¢ for the country. The price of cream is 10¢ per lb. for the city, and 9¢ for the country.

PORK—The market is quiet. The price of pork is 10¢ per lb. for the city, and 9¢ for the country. The price of cream is 10¢ per lb. for the city, and 9¢ for the country.

LIVE STOCK—The market is quiet. The price of live stock is 10¢ per lb. for the city, and 9¢ for the country. The price of cream is 10¢ per lb. for the city, and 9¢ for the country.

HOES—Receipts are moderate and the market is quiet. The price of hoes is 10¢ per lb. for the city, and 9¢ for the country. The price of cream is 10¢ per lb. for the city, and 9¢ for the country.

MILK COWS—The market is quiet. The price of milk cows is 10¢ per lb. for the city, and 9¢ for the country. The price of cream is 10¢ per lb. for the city, and 9¢ for the country.

THE PRICE OF COAL AT NEW YORK has been advanced to 12.50 a minimum, and anthracite has been sold at a high price. The Parkville Match Co., Wallingford, Ont., have their new factory running again. Their factory, which was destroyed by fire, has been replaced by more modern premises. Buchanan & Gordon, Winnipeg, are working on a new general partnership. They carry a stock of the goods in Winnipeg.

Manufacturers' Life has combined the useful with the beautiful in their holiday hanger. This consists of a calendar for 1905, a pocket calendar, and a calendar for 1905, thus combining two very useful features in one. The hanger is the work of one of these hangers from W. Clark, local manager for this company.

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**British Columbia**

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**B. C. Business Review.**

Vancouver, Jan. 5.

There are but few changes in the local markets. Cured meats are a little easier, hams being quoted at 22c per lb. The retail trade and consumers are getting by far the best of it in the cheese situation. Ontario cheese costs Ontario 12c per lb. and it costs 25c cents to lay it out there, making 15 cents in all. That is what the buyers are getting for it, the best quality being a little higher. Turkeys are still quoted at 10 1/2c cents wholesale.

**Prices at Vancouver.**

Special to The Commercial.

Vancouver, Jan. 10.

Progen at 95c. Fresh mutton is now offering at 11c. Fresh mutton is 1c dearer now. Bacon is lower. Hams better. Manitoa creamery, Pork is 5c better.

**FEDERATED MILLS** chaf. 27 per cent, 23; shorts 25; oil cake meal, 55c per ton f.o.b. Vancouver, including duty paid on imported stuff.

**WHEAT**—Local wheat, 50c per ton.

**OATS**—23c per ton.

**FLOUR**—Manitoba patent, per barrel, 11 1/2c; Manitoa, 14c; Enderby patent, 14c.

**MEAL**—Fraser River Valley, new 21c; shorts, per bushel, 65c.

**HAY**—Rolled oats, 90c sack, 23.00; two 60c sacks, 5.10; four 25lb sacks, 11.00; 100 lb sack, 11.00; oatmeal, 10c per sack, per 100lb, 11.50; in 50 lb. sacks, 11.00.

**LIVE STOCK**—Steers, 5.50 per 100 lb; sheep, 5.75 per 100 lbs; hogs, 6.25 per 100 lb.

**POULTRY**—Turkeys 15c; geese, 14c; fowl, 15c; chickens, 15c; ducks, 14c.

**EGGS**—Frozen mutton, 9c; pork, 8c; veal, 10c.

**MIXED MEATS**—Hams, 15c/16c; bacon, 16c; long clear, 15c.

**LARD**—Tins, 15c; salts, 15c; tubs, 16c.

**BUTTER**—Local creamery, 24c; Manitoa creamery, 26c; Manitoa dairy, 25c.

**EGBS**—Fresh local, 40c; Ontario, 24c.

**CHEESE**—Ontario cheese, 16c.

**VEGETABLES**—Potatoes, local, 90c/11 per ton; Ashcroft, 85 per ton.

**FRUIT**—Flourishers, 5c; smelts, 5c; sea bass, 4c; whiting, 5c; sole, 5c; halibut, 5c; salmon, 8c; cod, 6c; per lb; crabs, 6c; oysters, 6c; smoked salmon, 10c; smoked halibut, 10c per lb.

**GREEN FRUITS**—Lemons, 23.00/25.00; oranges, 25.00/27.50; seedling oranges, 25c; Japanese oranges, 26c.

**STARCH**—Powdered, 10c; and bar, 8c; 50c; 100 lb, 15c; granulated, 4c.

**STRIPS**—30 gal barrels, 25c lb; 50 gal, 25c; 5 gal. tins, 21c; 15 gal. tins, 21.50 cents; 10 gal. tins, 21.50 cents; 15 gal. tins, 21.50 cents.

**HARDWARE**—Bar iron, base, 33.00 per ton; iron nails, discount 50c and 15 per cent; horse shoes, 12c; nails, base, 15c; cut, 15c; wire 23c; rope, Manitoa 15c; white lead, 17.50; putty, 15c; sand, wire 14.50 per 100 lb; glass, first break, 1c per 100 feet.

**British Columbia Business Notes.**

The total customs collections for Rossland for 1902 totaled \$80,700.29; the inland revenue amounted to \$18, 114.00.

It is reported that the Pacific Coast Lumber Company, of Vancouver, will build a large extension to its shingle mill at Coal Harbor.

Certificates of Incorporation have been issued to the following: The Protonic Mining and Capital, \$100,000 in 10 cent shares; Union Power & Ship Company, Limited, capital \$25, 000, in 5 cent shares.

The customs collections at Greenock during the year 1902 totaled \$12, 112. The inland revenue collected in the Boundary was \$200,000. (to December 31) \$10,227.28; at Port, (to November 30th), \$208.

The Trail smelter, has bonded the basic, a well known mining proposition for \$75,000. Development work will be started immediately. Accord- ing to the terms of the agreement the smelter company will expend \$1,000 per month, in development work.

Wm. Braid & Co., wholesale grocers, Vancouver, have sold their grocery store to Baker, Leeson & Co., and will continue to confine their attention exclusively to tea, coffee and spices. Lately, Baker, Leeson & Co. will continue the grocery business in premises they have purchased on Water street.

**Prices a Year Ago.**

Following were Winnipeg prices this date last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard wheat closed at 72c; No. 2, 69c; No. 3, 65c.

Flour—Jobbing price per sack: Patent, \$2.50; best bakers, \$1.85.

Milled—Bran, \$1.70 per ton; shorts, \$1.50 per ton delivered.

Barley—Malting grades, 35 to 40c; feed grades, 25 to 30c.

Oats—Carlots on track, No. 2 white, 40c per bushel.

Flax—\$1.15 per bushel at country points.

Butter—Dairy, 15c; 15b, 12c; for best grades; creamery, none making a trade.

Eggs—34 to 36c net for candied.

Powder—Farmers' loads, 20c/25c per bushel.

Dressed Meats—Beef, 66c for city dressed mutton, under these figures; hogs, 56c; pork, 54c; veal, 52c.

Poultry—Dressed chickens, 7 1/2c per lb.; ducks, 9c per lb.; turkeys, 15c per lb.

Hides—No. 1 hides, 6c; frozen stock, 5c less tare 3 lb.

Wools—Normal.

Seneca Root—Market nominal.

Hay—Baldy—\$4.00/6.50 per ton on cars.

Live Stock—Cattle, 36c; stockers, hogs, 56c; sheep, 5c; turkeys, 15c.

**Germans Feast on Roast Horse.**

Berlin, Jan. 8.—Six hundred people sat down tonight to the most remarkable banquet ever has been given in Berlin. The dishes were all served in form of horse meat. A well known society for the prevention of cruelty to animals issued the invitations to the dinner, which was given to demonstrate the nourishing and palatable qualities of horse meat and thereby causing increased consumption of meat and a ready market for old horses. This kind of picnic was held as well fed specimens would bring good prices. The bill of fare consisted of roast horse, pickled horse tongue, hot of horse, and roast horse. All of the dishes were nicely prepared and were evidently greatly relished. The presiding officer of the 2,000 horses had been eaten in Berlin last year and that he hoped for a large increase in the future. Many prominent members of the society and of the city council were present at the banquet.

A Thompson, one of the leading business men of Oak Lake is in Winnipeg on a visit to the city. At the meeting of the Eastern Ontario Drovers' association a resolution was passed in favor of a railway commission in Canada.

English binder twine may be on the market here this year. Samples of English twine are now being shown in Winnipeg, and they are said to be extra quality.

Adam Reid, manager at Winnipeg for the Royal Victoria Life, left for the south and east this week. He will visit Chicago, Toronto, Montreal and other points.

Chicago implement manufacturers are shipping four thousand loads of their wares to Russia, via New freighters to escape the high railway rates. The value of these shipments is \$2,500,000.

Fur bearing animals have become a little easier reach of Vancouver and trappers and hunters are less numerous. There are now only about 200 trappers in the business, and only about \$1,000 or \$200,000 a year is paid out for land furs at Vancouver.

At a meeting of shareholders of the Bank of Montreal, in Montreal, on Wednesday, it was decided to increase the capital from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000 and to ask the parliament for legislation to divide the stock and give par value of \$100 to each share, the present par value, \$200. This will double the number of shares.

**KEEP THE LAND.**

The announcement comes from Ottawa today that sales of a large area of land in the Territories is contemplated to an irrigation company. The west has already had some bitter experience through the alienation of the public lands to railways and other corporations, and the sale of lands to irrigation companies will be looked upon with suspicion here. The government should hold the lands and undertake the irrigation work. The commercial will discuss this matter at greater length next issue. All we have space to say at this late hour this week is, that we believe the principle of handing the lands over to irrigation companies is radically wrong.

**McLary's Foundry Damaged.**

A serious fire occurred on Jan. 9 in the King street wing of the McLary Manufacturing Co's premises at London, Ont. The fire broke out in the wing was gutted, the further spread of the fire being stayed by the firemen. The latter company has its serious, but has not been fully estimated yet.

The Canada Cycle & Motor Company will move its Winnipeg premises to the quarters until now occupied by the McLaughlin Carriage Co. This latter company has its new building almost completed.

E. B. Loucks, who has been traveling the main line west for The Marshall-Wells Co. for a number of years, has been appointed to an important position at headquarters here, and is now installed at his new post. His many friends throughout the west will be sorry to miss him from among their periodical callers, but will be glad to know that he has received this well earned promotion.

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STATISTICAL WHEAT REPORT.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

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

Montreal	94,000
London	2,000
Port Harbor, Ont.	28,000
Winnipeg	62,94
Port William, Port Arthur and Kenora	2,200,000
Winnipeg	200,000
Manitoba elevators	1,100,000
Total Dec. 27	1,436,000
Total previous week	1,436,000
Total a year ago	1,174,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS

Total stocks in the United States and Canada east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's Dec. 27, were 5,390,000 bushels, an against 5,890,000 bushels the previous week.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 94,200,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Stocks of wheat at Pacific coast ports on Dec. 1 were 5,814,000 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 Jan. 3, was 40,700 bushels, an increase of 10,000 for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 25,250,000 bushels, two years ago 24,300,000 bushels, three years ago 57,820,000 bushels, four years ago 27,300,000 bushels, five years ago 38,900,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada east of the Rocky Mountains is 4,834,000 bushels, compared with 5,002,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 4,284,000 bushels, compared with 11,702,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

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

1902	154,000,000
1903	167,000,000
1904	169,000,000
1905	160,000,000
1906	160,000,000
1907	172,000,000
1908	172,000,000

WHEAT MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the five principal United States spring wheat markets from the beginning of the crop movement, Aug. 1, 1902, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

This Crop, Last Crop.	
Minneapolis	54,209,678 52,381,556
Chicago	5,099,447 4,838,889
Duluth	28,528,641 34,247,841
St. Louis	27,549 27,549
Total	116,986,655 132,027,635

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, 1902, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

This crop, Last crop.	
Waco	10,850,312 11,777,923
St. Louis	25,909,120 14,396,113
Eastport	582,820 2,538,285
Kansas City	19,748,200 18,395,154
Total	58,089,562 58,715,527

GRAIN STOCKS AT LAKE PORTS.

Port William.

Stocks of grain in C. P. R. elevators at Port William on Jan. 3 were as follows:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, 936,279 bushels; No. 1 northern, 637,183 bushels; No. 2 northern, 250,231 bushels; No. 3 northern, 478,108 bushels; other grades, 144,457 bushels; making a total of wheat of 2,417,148 bushels.

Oats—No. 2 white, 178,225 bushels; barley, 7,480 bushels.

Total stocks of grain at Port William, 2,602,853 bushels, and shipments to 121,851 bushels.

Port Arthur.

Stocks in store at King's elevator, Port Arthur, on Jan. 2 were:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, 2,755 bushels; No. 1 northern, 4,070 bushels; No. 2 northern, 142 bushels; other grades, 19,919 bushels; total, 134,870 bushels.

Oats—1,453 bushels.

Barley—None.

Flaxseed—16,250 bushels.

Receipts of wheat at this elevator for the week totaled 23,305 bushels, and for the month, 4,628 bushels.

Stocks of grain in store at the Cana-

dian Northern elevator at Port Arthur on Jan. 3 were as follows:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, 320,794 bushels; No. 1 northern, 319,532 bushels; No. 2 northern, 207,890 bushels; No. 3 northern, 40,880 bushels; No. 4, 4,145 bushels; feed, 15,029 bushels; rejected, 3,294 bushels; making a total of 1,174,533 bushels.

Oats—1,470 bushels.

Barley—15,038 bushels.

Receipts of wheat for the week were 157,449 bushels; shipped during the week, none.

From these figures it will be seen that the three elevator plants received during the week 829,535 bushels of wheat, and shipped 126,319 bushels.

Grain and Milling Notes.

Threshing was finished in the vicinity of Whittemouth, Man., last week.

Whitemouth, Man., expects to get a four mill in the spring. The machinery is now secured and a site is being selected for the mill.

The roller four mill at Steinbach has been operating day and night for over a month. It has supplied the entire local trade.

The new Canadian Northern Railway tank elevator at Port Arthur is expected to be ready to receive grain about the middle of January. It is rated at 2,000,000 bushels capacity.

Manager Hlack, of the Ogilvie Flour Mills Company, in Port William early this week, and expressed himself as being well pleased with the vote on the by-law to take the company a free site for a mill at that point. Work on the elevator for this mill will be commenced as early as possible, and the mill construction will also proceed in the near future.

The Western Union Telegraph Company and the Chicago open board of trade have entered into an agreement whereby the former will carry the open board's grain and provision quotations just as it does those of the larger institutions, as far as possible, and the mill construction will also proceed in the near future.

The James Jones Co., of Hartney, Man., has decided to erect a roller mill at Deloraine, and workmen are now engaged in sinking a well for water supply. The Hartney mill will also be enlarged.

Complaint comes from Vancouver that the Manitoba Grain Act is adverse to the interests of the elevator at that port. The rules governing distribution of cars are the part complained against. As there are no elevators at Vancouver grain has to be loaded direct from the cars to the vessel, which makes it impossible for the elevator should all go forward at the same time to have existing the vessel. This Vancouver shippers at Port William under delaying arrangements.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There were 3,562,105 bushels of wheat in store at Port William and Port Arthur on Jan. 3. Receipts for the week were 829,535 bushels, and shipments 126,319 bushels. A year ago stocks in store at Port William were 2,048,381 bushels. Stocks in store at Port William, Port Arthur, Steinbach, Winnipeg and interior points are estimated approximately at 14,440,000 bushels, compared with 12,746,000 a year ago. Total 1900 bushels two years ago; 9,000,000 bushels three years ago; and 7,850,000 bushels four years ago.

Winnipeg Grain Inspection.

During the week ending Jan. 7 there were inspected at Winnipeg 1,313 cars of grain, comprising the following:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, 454 cars; No. 1 northern, 311 cars; No. 2 northern, 169 cars; 3 northern, 107 cars; No. 4, 58 cars; rejected No. 1, 16 cars; rejected No. 2, 8 cars; no grade, 2 cars; feed, 12 cars; making a total of 1,202 cars.

Oats—No. 1 extra, 1 car; No. 1, 13 cars; No. 2 white, 41 cars; No. 3, white, 3 cars; feed, 6 cars; total, 64 cars.

Barley—No. 3, 8 cars; feed, 8 cars; total, 16 cars.

Flax—No. 1, 29 cars; rejected, 1 car; total, 30 cars.

Speltz—1 car.

The total number of cars of grain inspected at above was 1,313, of which 1,005 were on the C. P. R. and 247 on the C. N. R. roads.

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September, the beginning of the crop year, up to 20,408 cars, which converted into bushels give a total of 25,840,000.

During the month of December the inspections included the following cars:

Wheat—1 hard, 2,159; 1 northern, 1,807; 2 northern, 7,990; 3 northern, 792; No. 4, 178; feed, 49; 1 rejected, 65; 2 rejected, 37; no grade, 8; rejected, 2; condemned, 3; total, 5,830 cars.

Oats—No. 1, 65; No. 2, 55; No. 3, 15; feed, 4; rejected, 3; total, 142 cars.

Barley—No. 3 extra, 10; No. 3, 35; feed, 21; total, 66 cars.

Flax—No. 1, 77; No. 2, 13; total, 90 cars.

Speltz—Feed, 2 cars.

The Weather.

A cold wave was the feature of this week, and while the weather was not very severe, it was a big change from the mild temperature which prevailed all last week. In some sections severe storms were reported. In the eastern part of Manitoba, the liberal snow was not felt much, but in the western part of the province and westward in the Territories the wind was high for a time. The storm appears to have been more severe south in the United States.

G. V. Howard, of Maple Creek, has purchased a half interest in E. J. Miller's commission, grain and estate transfer business at Medicine Hat. The business will be carried on under the style of Howard & Miller.



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## Growing Fruit in Manitoba

Interesting Paper by Mr. Bedford, of the Manitoba Experimental Farm.

There is a constantly growing interest in fruit culture in Manitoba, and everything authoritative on the subject is read with eagerness by hundreds throughout the province. Fruit can be grown successfully in the west and northwest of the province, more probably in the latter part of the season, the following paper by Mr. S. A. Bedford, superintendent of the Brandon Experimental Farm, is of special interest. The paper was read before the recent meeting of the Western Horticultural Society and is now given in full.

Judging from the many enquiries made at the experimental farm this subject is receiving increased attention, and this is to be expected for reasons and for the same reasons as are now in easy circumstances and the better home surroundings is becoming very general. The success met with by such pioneers as Mr. A. V. Stevenson and the Most Rev. Archbishop McCray and other well located fruit growers, encourages not only those situated to make an effort in a more humble way. The experimental farm at Brandon is highly favored, as an ideal spot for fruit growing; the altitude (1,170 feet above sea level) being not too high and the very general southern slope encourages the sap to start too early in the spring. But these very unfavorable conditions make this advantage that we can rest assured that any fruit founded at Brandon will succeed in almost any part of the province.

### Apples.

Recognizing the fact that this is the most important fruit grown in Canada, our director, Dr. Wm. Saunders, early in the history of the experimental farm, in the year 1881, forwarded a large collection of apple trees to Brandon. These trees of 170 different varieties and named seedlings included all the better known sorts of eastern Canada as well as many seedlings from the Russian varieties. These were planted under the protection of hedges, but after half a dozen years had become alive. It is noticeable, however, that these few surviving trees are beginning to show additional hardiness, but as none of them have yet fruited, it is unnecessary for me to name them. Instead of this, I have suggested our director cast about for a branch of the apple tree which is harder than the hardest iron clads. He found it in the berried crab (*Prunus baccata*). The first of these planted on the western experimental farms were grown from seed imported from Russia, and from the very outset they proved perfectly hardy at Brandon, in fact I consider them even harder than our native ash leaf maple. The seedlings of which do occasionally kick back in early spring. This hardy apple includes many varieties, varying in form of tree and in size of fruit, some of the trees are very young in appearance and when grafted with fruit as most of the trees at the experimental farm were last year they are showing hardiness. Another point in their favor is the persistence of their fruit, even on winter-born branches are unable to shake it off. This fruit varies in form from that of the berried crab, and most of it makes excellent preserves. The best of these varieties are: Golden Cata naguleska, prunus bacata lutea, and prunus bacata prunifolia. With a view to increasing the number of this crab Dr. Wm. Saunders commenced some years ago a series of experiments in cross breeding. The prunus bacata as the female parent, while for the male parent he used several varieties of the berried crab, Wealthy, Talman's Sweet, etc. The crossing was successful and a number of crosses were eventually resulted, some of which have already fruited at Ottawa and a number of them are provided with fruit upon the prunus bacata. The best of these have been named: "Noyes' and Aurora. Although none of them have as yet fruited at Brandon all of them have proved hardy and I trust that by this means some excellent fruit trees will be obtained, suitable for all parts of the province.

### Success so Far Achieved.

Satisfactory results have also been obtained at Brandon from the planting of a large number of seedlings of the following varieties of crab apples, viz. *Prunus transcandonicoides*, etc. Though a large proportion of these have been found tender, nearly all the prunus transcandonicoides, thoroughly hardy and this year two of the best of the line was specially worthy of mention. One was a true bearer, the fruit, a light yellow, the color of the leaves very green, they respect fully equal to the Transcandonic crab and at the same time much more productive. It grows at Brandon for five years, and has not killed back in the least. Such specimens are of great value, and exceedingly useful for scions to be grafted on prunus bacata.

I would like to call attention to the desirability of actual action on the part of residents in every portion of the province towards taking particular note of isolated hardy apple and crab trees, in their own neighborhood. For instance, in the town of Rolland I found a large sized apple tree growing in the sidewalk apparently perfectly hardy. I do not know its name or history. Just south of Brandon are also north of Neepawa are isolated specimens of hardy apple, but in both cases without name. Now it is perfectly possible that in the future there will be no difficulty in propagating by grafting any specimen trees of this kind, and in the future we now have two specimens that promise to be hardy, viz. Wealthy and Noyes' and Aurora. I have seen Mr. A. P. Stevenson, both fruited this year, but the ever present small boy who has been in the garden since he was born, has been in the habit of placing nail kegs around it and although not quite hardy it has borne a few crops of fruit.

### Plums.

The prospect for the successful cultivation in Manitoba of a really good plum is a matter of some importance as in the case of the apple, the greatest drawback apparently to the successful growing of this season, there is not being sufficient time for the fruit to ripen. Between the standard plums were tested, and at the present day none of these survive. The plum which has been reduced for experimental work is the wild plum of America, (*Prunus americana*) and the Manitoba wild plum (*Prunus Nigra*). A large number of seedlings of the following named varieties of these Americans have been tested at the experimental farm: Hungary, De Soto, Yosemite Purple and Allen. The first two are generally proven quite hardy and many of them have fruited, last season a very large crop of ripe fruit being obtained. A wonderful variation was noticeable, as many as eighty-four distinct types being noted and recorded. Among these were some very fine fruit well worthy of propagation, but it is open to question whether they are to be recommended for general cultivation, as, like their parents, they are very late in ripening, and especially open seasons like 1901. The most promising of these is the new variety, Hungary and Hungarian. It seems probable that for permanent success we will have to confine ourselves to our native plum (*Prunus Nigra*). In its wild form it is a tree of fair size and good flavor, others quite small and astringent. This variation argues great care and continued selection and at present we are working along these lines, having selected several promising seedlings under trial. One of these named Brandon Ruby is remarkably hardy and fruited in early August. In size the fruit is small but this skinnet and of a pleasant flavor. It is believed that it will be largely propagated and distributed for trial.

### Pears.

Although twelve named varieties of the hardest pears have been tested at the experimental farm in addition to several unnamed ones, all were found too tender for the climate.

### Cherries.

Sixteen varieties of cherries have been tested at the farm, with the addition of 130 seedlings from named varieties. None of these have proven hardy and our list is now reduced to

two, viz. the Sand Cherry (*Prunus pumila*), and the Rupert Cherry, a cross between the Sand Cherry and the plum. The latter is of upright habit and so far has been hardy here, though not yet fruited. The Sand Cherry (*Prunus pumila*) is subject to great improvement by selection, and we have on hand several selected bushes, which produce a much finer fruit, both in size and flavor than the average plant. The tree is of the plant dwarf and bushy and is extremely productive, the fruit being produced in July, and may possibly be evolved into a very useful variety.

### Raspberries.

Provided that a good situation can be obtained, there is no doubt that nearly all the varieties of this fruit will do well in Manitoba. There are now forty varieties under test at the Experimental Farm, including Black Caps. As is the case with nearly all the fruit, the gentle slope to the north is undoubtedly preferable to any other when as planted thus they do not suffer from the effects of the sun, which is especially detrimental in the early spring. For some years we have used the plan of laying down the canes and covering the tips with soil thrown over the canes, but this has not been successful. The data from this experiment has been sufficient to warrant the general adoption of this plan, and it is still in continuation. The red varieties of raspberry have given the best satisfaction as to hardiness. Cuthbert, Turner, Philadelphia, Red and Large Red, Of the yellows, Golden Queen and Caroline are by far the most promising, and the variety of Hillsboro is undoubtedly the hardest.

### Currants.

Up to the spring of 1902 these were represented on the farm by forty-six varieties of red, white and black currants, and an addition of forty-six varieties in the month of the spring of 1902, making a total of ninety-two varieties. Most of the red and white varieties are hardy in the best conditions, but the blacks appear to be of a somewhat more tender nature and are not so well exercised in the selection of varieties; of the reds the following have proven the most hardy, viz. the variety, Prolific and Cherry Red. The first mentioned is a vigorous grower, and produces a large crop of fruit, although branches and berries are somewhat small. Prolific, although not so abundant a bearer, is of an exceptionally large size, and makes an ideal exhibition variety. Cherry Red is a bushy grower, and produces others having larger sized berries than Ruby Castle, though considerably smaller. Ruby Castle, although it is not so productive as Ruby Castle. Of the white varieties, White Grape and White Dutch are the only two which have yet fruited. Both are very productive and quite hardy. In the black selection, Climax, Black Champion, Lee's Prolific and Stewart have proven to be the hardest of all varieties, and are the most thoroughly tested. All of these are moderately productive, and can be recommended for general cultivation in Manitoba.

### Missouri Tree Currants (Crandall's Black).

I would call your attention specially to this variety. The bushes are quite all, excepting the height of the ordinary currant, by about two feet. It is thoroughly hardy and invariably produces a good crop of fruit which is never obtained unevenly. This is fully true, and is often three times the size of the average Black Currant, and is a good deal more productive. There was a magnificent sample exhibited at your horticultural show in 1901, and I think you will remember, and which drew forth many expressions of admiration. I would highly recommend it for general cultivation through the province.

### Gooseberries.

The gooseberry has proven to be one of the best of the small fruits to grow successfully at the experimental farm. Thirty-two varieties have been planted with here, and nearly all have succumbed to the severity of our winter. Of the small-fruited varieties I am following have given the best results, viz. the variety, Improved and Houghton. The first mentioned is a bushy grower, and

Sand Hills, southeast of Brandon, and is a much better fruit, both in size and flavor than the average native. It is a bushy grower, and has proved native form, being somewhat larger than the foregoing. Of the large varieties of gooseberry, though not perfectly hardy, have produced small quantities of fruit for the past two or three seasons. I am of the opinion that, where the conditions are favorable, the gooseberry varieties would do fairly well.

### Tenders for City Supplies.

The Winnipeg city council is calling for tenders for the following supplies at present. One thing wanted is a big pumping engine for the water works, Tamara covered to the extent of 100 cords is also wanted for the waterworks. Another demand is for 15,000 or 20,000 barrels of cement. A quantity of water pipe and special is required. The works committee want 1,500 cords of cedar wood, presumably for paving.

### Trade Notes.

United States railroad earnings in December have exceeded expectations by 9.5 per cent, and those of 1901 by 16.4 per cent. The price of lumber is being bought in large quantities of footwear is being put up to a low point. Some varieties of leather have been sold and tanners of hemlock sole have only limited quantities on hand.

Pig iron continues scarce, prices generally advancing during the past week in the United States. The export of iron of 11 tons was made in wire products. Much new business has come forward, especially in December, and there is a vigorous demand for structural material to be used in bridge work and car building. The iron and steel industry is confidently anticipated.

Wool has been recovered last month's decline in the United States. Stocks of cotton goods do not accumulate. The price of wool has been reduced very firm with business restricted by the reserve of sellers. Prices for woolen goods are held in the opening level of the season and in some cases further advances are asked. New styles of suitings will be opened next week.

Ernest Tuwiel, manager of the Imperial Fruit Company, Winnipeg, has sold out his interest in that business to Mr. Adams (another name of the advertiser) and will relinquish the management. A. E. Sinclair, secretary-treasurer of the company succeeds to the management.

G. W. Baldwin, bar tender, Winnipeg, has moved his place of business to the premises of H. & A. Leadley, on Ross avenue, where he will hereafter be found. Mr. Baldwin is one of the most widely known fur buyers in the west, and has long and well represented the same house here for many years.

It is believed to be made at the next session of parliament for an act to incorporate the Regina and Hudson Bay Railway, and to extend the international boundary between the second and third ranges of mountains north to Regina; thence northerly to Fort Churchill, on Hudson Bay.

W. R. Honebrough, who is widely known throughout the west, has accepted a position with The Marshall-Healy Co. as traveller. He will do the travelling for the company, and operate a line from the international boundary between the second and third ranges of mountains north to Regina; thence northerly to Fort Churchill, on Hudson Bay.

Foley, Lock & Larson, successors to Lock Ross & Co., Winnipeg, have secured the lease of the premises owned by the Canada Cycle & Motor Co. for temporary quarters for their new business. The premises are on the corner of Princess and McElmestree streets, and were at one time occupied by the firm of Peck & Peck. The fruit department will be continued in the present premises given the best of the weather to commence as soon as the weather will permit on the new building to be occupied by this firm.

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Vancouver Butter Market.

The dairy market is unsatisfactory. Many complaints are being made locally of the quality of the butter offered for sale by the local creameries. Even the creameries that have built up reputations for themselves as selling butter through the retailers for table use at 35 cents a pound, which is not fresh. This is the general complaint in Vancouver. A local jobber, in explaining the matter, states that in many instances the butter is not made to keep, and if too much stock is manufactured the surplus is placed in cold storage. After the butter is taken from cold storage it soon loses its fresh taste and becomes rancid. The best stores in the city supply their customers with this undesirable article. The jobber who volunteered this information stated that Manitoba creamery which costs 25 cents to lay down here, comes in far better shape than the local article. This Manitoba creamery had been offered by jobbers at cost, namely 28 cents, owing to there being no demand for the imported article. The stores decline to buy it, however, as there is a prejudice in favor of the local article. The consumer naturally thinks that the local article must be much fresher. This, however, is not the case, for the Manitoba butter is made to keep, and the local creamery is not.

It is just as well that the provincial creameries should be warned that unless they are more careful to manufacture butter that will keep a reasonable length of time in the refrigerators of the retailers and wholesalers that the merit of the outside articles will tell against them, and to there will be a run on imported butter. Up to this year no notice has been given for the splendid article returned out by the different local creameries. At the present time that praise is withheld. Manitoba dairy butter has slightly improved in price, the best now selling at 20 cents wholesale.

The announcement that lemon juice is a sure destroyer of typhoid germs is expected to create a much larger demand for lemons and to benefit the producing industry correspondingly.

The United States government has closed the streams of Southeastern Alaska against salmon fishing until July 1. This has been done to prevent the destruction of the fish.

On the 28th and 29th of December a heavy frost visited southern Florida and seriously damaged vegetation.

The Dominion government has received a request from the war office for the names of persons in Canada whom it would recommend as contractors for supplies of fresh meat for troops in South Africa. The intention is to favor colonial contractors.

#### Hudson's Bay Fur Sales.

The following gives the importations of the Hudson's Bay Company for 1902, to be sold at their sales in 1903:

Badger, 816; last year, 1,142 skins.  
Black bear, 6,075; last year, 6,861 skins.  
Brown bear, 661; last year, 723 skins.  
Gray bear, 222; last year, 148 skins.  
White bear, 95; last year, 108 skins.  
Beaver, 47,129; last year, 43,367 skins.  
Ermine, 33,144; last year, 16,144 skins.  
Fisher, 3,162; last year, 3,734 skins.  
Blue fox, 7,741; last year, 67 skins.  
Cross fox, 1,704; last year, 1,255 skins.  
Red fox, 4,663; last year, 4,722 skins.  
Silver fox, 396; last year, 219 skins.  
White fox, 10,554; last year, 8,502 skins.  
Lynx, 6,979; last year, 52,369 skins.  
Mink, 46,711; last year, 45,389 skins.  
Muskrat, 254; last year, 267 skins.  
Musquash, 1,658,459; last year, 1,651,262 skins.  
Land otter, 9,890; last year, 8,620 skins.  
Rabbit, 16,876; last year, 5,807 skins.  
Raccoon, 510; last year, 1,820 skins.  
Skunk, 5,139; last year, 5,755 skins.

Wolf, 1,769; last year, 601 skins.  
Fur trade review, 246; last year, 273 skins.  
Dry hair seal, 2,503; last year, 103 skins.

—Fur Trade Review, New York.

The eastern cheese market is reported to be cornered.  
Thos. H. Knox, for twenty-five years connected with Dun's commercial agency, at Toronto, has resigned to become manager of the Dominion Wrought Iron Wheel Co., Toronto.

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FINANCIAL

Winnipeg Bank Clearings.

Winnipeg bank clearings for the year aggregate \$188,370,000, the largest in the history of the city, being \$17,520 in excess of the 1901 clearings. The average daily clearing is \$511,211 greater than those of 1900, a percentage of increase over 1901 being 20.7. The average daily clearings for the year were \$619,659, compared to \$485,232 in 1900, and \$352,292 in 1901.

The following table shows the daily returns for the past three years:

	1900	1901	1902
Jan.	\$ 9,996,402	\$ 9,822,160	\$11,232,281
Feb.	6,292,646	7,138,275	10,967,621
Mar.	7,529,982	7,828,082	10,706,959
Apr.	7,091,249	7,084,294	12,199,819
May	9,262,579	9,893,962	13,947,219
June	9,842,684	8,547,728	13,641,447
July	9,286,427	9,212,196	13,967,720
Aug.	9,173,009	9,254,762	12,720,800
Sept.	7,289,142	8,214,843	10,968,267
Oct.	8,483,417	15,174,897	11,066,466
Nov.	11,618,986	11,582,801	12,813,377
Dec.	10,968,528	10,154,228	12,588,292
Total	\$16,866,292	\$14,191,807	\$188,370,000

Financial Notes.

Back to commence at once on the ground to be occupied by the Fort-4 Townships Bank in Winnipeg. Dominion Government Savings bank increases up to Dec. 31, 1902, for the month were: Deposits, \$29,416; withdrawals, \$27,933.92; deposits exceeded withdrawals by \$1,482.08. The volume of business in the banking business of the country the prices bank stocks in the Canadian market advanced 10 to 20 per cent. during the past twelve months. The stocks and bonds of a good number of companies were floated in the last year, which a few years ago it would have been found necessary to offer in the British money market. A large meeting of the citizens of London gathered on Friday evening,

The 2nd inst., to do honor to W. A. Monk, at that place, for the past six years. He is leaving to enter the service of the Bank of British North America.

A new bank with a capital of \$1,000,000 is to be opened shortly in New York. The post of president has been offered to Miss Sarah Deck, cashier of the National Bank of Honduras, Independent Bank for many years, and only female employed in United States banking institution. A novel feature of the new establishment is that it will be managed entirely by women, but presumably men will be allowed to deposit their savings.

The affairs of C. W. Anderson & Son, private bankers, of Oakville, Ont., who failed recently, are more serious than most people thought possible. Depositors have practically nothing to hope for. There are about 50 depositors and they will not receive more than five cents on the dollar. The Bank of Hamilton holds a dividend mortgage on all the assets to cover advances amounting to one hundred thousand dollars.

It is asserted that land speculation has been general among the farmers of the Northwestern States of late, that many of them are now at a momentous juncture. Whereas a year ago bank accounts were the rule rather than the exception, with farmers today they are the exception instead of the rule. A very large increase in the number of farm mortgages is additional evidence that the farmer has been investing too freely. Merchants everywhere complain of slow collections.

The volume of business on the Canadian stock exchanges last week was fairly large considering the fact that there was a holiday during one day. There is not yet any superabundance of money for stock speculation purposes in Canada, but the monetary situation is steadily springing toward an easier basis, and that and the generally improved outlook for stocks has led to better buying and a firmer market. There is, as a general impression that the best dividend payers in the Canadian markets are cheap at present prices.

Between \$30,000,000 and \$40,000,000 will be paid out by the Chicago banks this month in the way of dividends and interest on stocks and bonds and mortgages. In banking circles the payment of the money is known as the January disbursement, and it is expected to be larger this month than ever before in the history of the city. The year 1902 was such a good one commercially that few corporations, private or public, were obliged to default or defer payment of their dividends.

MINING

British Columbia.

The Le Roi mine is increasing its monthly output by five or six thousand tons, making an average monthly aggregate for future of eighteen or twenty thousand.

The Kootenay mine, Rossland camp, commenced shipping ore on Tuesday. It is intended that about fifteen tons per day will be shipped from this mine. The ore goes to Trail for smelting.

The snowfall in Rossland this winter has established a new record. Half a dozen buildings have collapsed as a result of the burden on the roofs. The damage is not as heavy as at first thought.

John H. MacKenzie, general manager of the Le Roi mine and Northport smelter, has resigned, and will retire from active business for a time. He was regarded as a very capable manager and the company has tried hard to retain his services.

By a vote of 245 to 101 the employees of the Le Roi decided to adopt the proposal to cease work on every other Sunday. Heretofore the mine was operated every day in the month, but the management agreed to a bi-monthly shut-down if the men so decided.

Rossland, B. C., Jan. 5.—The first three days of the new year ending

Saturday saw light shipments of ore from the camp, largely owing to the holiday intervening. The Le Roi sent out 480 tons, the Centre Star 250, the War Eagle 125; Giant 40, and Velvet 40, total 985. This week the Kootenay mine is likely to join the shipping list.

At a meeting of the silver lead mine owners of East and West Kootenay, held at Sandon, British Columbia, on Monday, in which fifty-one mining properties were represented, a resolution calling upon parliament to provide tariff protection for their industries was adopted. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 41 to 10. The resolution provides for a duty of 2½ cents per pound; on lead in bullion bars and old lead 2½ cents per pound; on lead in sheets, pipe, shot, etc., 2½ cents per pound, and on all other products of lead as provided in the Dingley tariff act of January 24, 1907. A delegation is now in Ottawa presenting the above resolution.

Miscellaneous.

During 1902 the United States produced gold to the amount of \$80,853,070, or \$2,183,370 more than in 1901. The production of silver amounted to \$31,040,025, an increase of \$3,352,084.

The Canadian Thresherman is presenting its friends with a leather car case, which will be much appreciated.

On Monday Senator Lodge introduced a bill at Washington suspending for a period of 60 days the duties on coal imported into the United States.

The Montreal board of trade has suggested that Hon. Joseph Chamberlain be asked to attend the meeting of chamber of commerce delegates from all parts of the empire to be held in that city next June.

The cattle bureau of the Massachusetts state board of agriculture has expressed its belief that the foot and mouth disease is now fully under control, from the fact that no new cases has been found or no additional premises have been quarantined for a week.

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## Developments at Medicine Hat

INTERESTING INFORMATION ABOUT THE LIVE STOCK INDUSTRY—THE NATURAL GAS WORKS.

The town of Medicine Hat, the chief place in Western Assiniboia, is situated on the Canadian Pacific transcontinental railway, about 600 miles west of Winnipeg, at the point where the railway crosses the south branch of the Saskatchewan river. The town possesses, amongst other things, an enterprising newspaper, called the Medicine Hat News, and to this feature is due the fact that much information about the place has been circulated abroad. The News has published a handsomely illustrated holiday number, which also contained a review of matters of interest to the town and district for the past year. The information about Medicine Hat and district given herewith is taken from this number of the News. The cuts appearing in The Commercial this week have also been kindly loaned by the News.

is the centre of the stock country, and the coating of the cattling interests into something where we get profit out of every end. Those things are bound to come as a natural consequence on rapid development in the industry."

Another phase of the cattle business which is worth look to is the establishment at Medicine Hat of a centre for the handling of stocker cattle. An arrangement has been made between the Dominion Breeders' Association of Ontario and the Medicine Hat Stock Growers' Association whereby the former undertakes to fill orders for stocker cattle for the ranchers, true to type and breed, and deliver them at Medicine Hat. These would be Ontario cattle, and if the Eastern association is in a position to give us what we want, there is the assurance that the western ranchers are prepar-

line with two pressure regulating stations in the high pressure line the pressure varies from zero to 125 or 200 pounds to the inch, according to the consumption of gas on the system. At the regulating stations there are Foulton Regulators which govern the low pressure line. This pressure is generally from four to six ounces. The line consists of six inch steel tanks on the low pressure line. Where the pressure is limited to eight ounces. The consumers get the gas from the low pressure line at a moderate pressure. In consumption the gas is used with a ratio of one part of gas to one part of gas to sixteen parts of air. This produces a gas which gives off a blue flame in which there is no smoke. Used in stoves and furnaces it requires very little flame to keep things hot. Broken bricks are usually used on top of the burners and the gas flame keeps these bricks at a red heat, for you practically have a red coal fire without the usual attendance upon a coal stove.

When the system was started the gas rate to consumers was fixed at 30c per 1,000 cubic feet, with a rebate of 10c per 1,000 cubic feet for payments within ten days. This rate put the expense of the gas at a figure higher than it would cost to use hard coal. At the last meeting of the council this rate was reduced to a cash basis of 17 1/2c per 1,000 cubic feet for the winter months and 27 1/2c for the summer months. These rates, it is

Lait, fruits, confectionery, Pastry, restaurant; Dr. McKee, Dentist; Cecile Dr. Colbridge, Stewart, Grocery Co. succeed Tweed & Earnest, chancery.

New Businesses—H. C. Yall has a manufacturing plant; The Medicine Hat Milling Company; The New Dominion Flouring and Milling Co.; Saskatchewan Real Estate & Realty Co.; E. J. Millar, agent; D. G. Vignier, carrier; the Canadian Bank of Commerce; The Union Bank of Canada; Wm. Stillwell, blacksmith, F. J. furniture.

### Second Bonded Tank.

Minneapolis, Jan. 3.—The Washburn-Crosby company has made application at the custom house for the bonding of a second tank of the new steel elevator company for the storage of Canadian wheat to be bonded in bond.

A short time ago was bonded the first steel tank holding 100,000 bushels, in which to store stock enough to keep bonded mill E constant. It is recently the purchase of another tank, and the storage capacity will be increased 100,000 bushels by the bonding of the second tank.

If the eight hour law which the letter carriers in the government are to have is passed, the carriers will have to work eight hours, applied to the clerks of the customs office.

Medicine Hat is centrally situated in the range country, and is, therefore, greatly interested in the live stock trade. One table showing the exports of cattle from the district for a series of years, is as follows:

Year.	Head.
1896	3,902
1897	5,133
1898	4,131
1899	5,428
1900	6,647
1901	4,821
1902	4,462

The export of horses for 1902 was 3,620, in 1901, it was 799, 1900, 260, 1899, 548, and 92 in 1898.

Shipments of sheep were 6,319 in 1902, 4,468 in 1901, 3,630 in 1900, 5,054 in 1899, and 4,400 in 1898. Expressed in car lots this means 637 cars of cattle, 309 cars of horses and 61 cars of sheep or 27 train loads of cattle, 12 trains of horses and 4 trains of sheep. The News estimates that 12,250 head of stocker cattle are now brought into the district from Manitoba and the eastern portion of the Territories mostly, equal to 482 cars or 27 train loads. This gives a total of 1491 car loads, or 80 train loads of live stock moved in and out of Medicine Hat stock yards during the past year. The growth of the live stock interest in the Territories generally may be taken as an index of the development of the industry of stock raising in the Territories generally.

"With the general growth of the ranching business," says the News, "it is necessary that a more reliable way of handling the trade must be found. The method of handling her beef in the crude and unprofitable known. The animals are shipped out on the hoof. What the industry wants is the establishment of packing houses at Medicine Hat, which

is to take unlimited numbers. This business is just inaugurated, but it is one which can be developed into large proportions. If the rancher finds that he can have delivered at his door, practically free, from trouble, just what he wants, he will prefer that to scouring the country for stockers."

### About Natural Gas.

Medicine Hat is one of the few towns in Canada which has a supply of natural gas. Of this the News says:

"The biggest undertaking of the town of Medicine Hat during 1902 was the installing of a system for supplying the citizens of the town with natural gas for fuel and light. In homes heated and lighted by natural gas, to comfort is added the fact that much of the housework is saved—no coal to stoke, no ashes to carry away, uniformly in the heating, and there is a great deal of heat compared with the use of wood or coal. The natural gas system is owned by the town and is operated under the principle of municipal ownership. The present supply of gas comes from four wells, located in different parts of the town. While these wells are steady producers and would supply the uses of the town in modern weather, they are not producing sufficient gas to meet the demands in real cold snaps, when and if consumers are using everything that they require. Probably in a cold snap close to 200,000 cubic feet of gas per day would be used, but it will be necessary for the town to increase the gas supply next summer by the sinking of more wells. The first well is about 600 ft. level, and probably if we went deeper we would find it in larger quantities and at higher pressure. There are over five miles of pipe put down. The four wells are connected through a high pressure

line, will put the gas at a figure equivalent to the cost of coal, and the consumers have the advantage in comfort, convenience, cleanliness and the saving of labor. One of the advantages of municipal ownership is shown in the fact that when the meters demonstrated the fact that the gas rate was a trifle high, the town could step in and regulate the rate to a point within reason."

The main part of the plant and system was about \$25,000, the ratepayers voting two by-laws—one of \$22,000 and the other of \$3,000. The first issue of natural gas debentures, 5 per cent, sold at a good premium, and was one of the most successful issues ever bonded in Western Canada this year.

Building and other local improvements for the town and city are estimated at about \$200,000. The principal buildings were Marshall & Hunter's block, occupied as a general store by the owners, and by the Union Bank offices; the Presbyterian church, erected at a cost of \$16,000; the Mitchell block; the gas system at a cost of \$25,000, many residences, etc.

### The Commercial Record.

The following were business changes in Medicine Hat during the year past: Assiniboia Music Co. succeeds S. M. Green & Co.; J. E. McMillan succeeds J. Leddy, cigar store; McMillan & McMillan succeeds J. E. McMillan; J. E. McMillan succeeds S. M. Green & Co.; H. A. Hanna & Co. succeeds A. C. Hawthorne, furniture and house furnishings; Brougham & Ready succeeds the Brothers Sears and Reed; billiard hall; Marshall & Hunter succeeds The People's Supply Co.; A. W. Green & Co. succeeds M. L. Hanna & Co., in the steam laundry; Howarth & Laird succeed H. H. Ross, Assiniboia hotel; J. W. Bertin succeeds Thomas

congestion of work that has arisen since the Washburn-Crosby company decided to mill bonded wheat would be terrific. The force is now working night and day and holidays.

From Dec. 9, when the milling began, to Jan. 1, 230 cars of wheat and 92 cars of the resultant flour were exported. The remaining wheat is stored in the mill. At the present time the cars of the Canadian grain are on tracks and in the elevator. When a company made the experiment in July 150 cars were received and immediately produced flour.

"The custom house must make a record for all entries for warehouse—another set when the product is reported. The milling company has received word from the treasury department whether wheat may be sold in the bonded mill, but in that case every bit of the product and byproducts must be exported.

Heimer Bros., dealers in lumber, and Wilson, have a timber yard in the western section of the Canadian National Railway. They have retained the right to fit at their limit. The larger timber is cut into lumber, and the balance into other products. The mill produces 100,000 cubic feet of wood in Winnipeg at a week 50 cents per cord.

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company and some other railway company jointly. In case of joint employment, and when the whole salary is not paid by the C.P.R., the pension will be estimated upon the proportion of salary or wages paid by the Canadian company. Another very important clause in the rules states that all officers and employees who have attained the age of sixty-five years shall be retired. The governing committee, however, have power to vary this rule when, in the interest of the company it is considered wise to do so. Six months' notice is to be given to those who are compulsorily retired.

The pension allowance, authorised shall be upon the following basis: For each year of service an allowance of one per cent of the average monthly pay received for the ten years preceding retirement shall be granted. For instance, an employee has been in the service for forty years, and received an average for the last ten years of \$50 per month. The pension allowance then would be 40 per cent (1 per cent for each year), of \$50 or \$20 per month.

When pension allowances are authorised pursuant to the regulations given out, they will be paid monthly during the life of the beneficiary, provided, however, that the company may cancel any pension in case of gross misconduct on the part of the pensioner.

The establishment of the system is an entirely voluntary one on the part of the company, and will not cost the

may alter the action of the company in this case; or in fact, it is not compulsory on the part of the company to pay the pension.

**Finlanders for British Columbia.**

Thousands of Finlanders are coming to the Fraser coast to fill the long and arduous hours of the logging camps of British Columbia. President Cresson, in the head of the Finlanders' Co-operative community, on Malcolm Island, B. C., announces that he is prepared to contract at the lowest living wage for any number of thousands of his countrymen for fishing, logging and other industries. In speaking of the matter he said he had already been approached by many firms. Payment found as well as the Canadian Pacific coast wants intelligent white laborers to replace the Japs, now in the woods logging, and in season, fishing on the Fraser and northern salmon streams. His countrymen would come, he says, in great numbers as desired. It was a question of providing work for them. There were only 5,000 Finlanders left and as Russia had taken their political independence away from them they were anxious to migrate to a new country. Two thousand five hundred had already located in the States and many thousands more would come west if the opportunity offered itself. All laborers thus contracted for would become members of the community. They would receive a certain wage from the executive of the community direct for their labor; the community dealing direct with the employers. All money earned, however, above those wages, would be received in a lump sum by the executive and divided among the workers minus a set sum calculated as interest on capital, kept out for necessary expenses.

Cutting Grain Near Medicine Hat, on the Ranch of John Hawk.

**Retail Grocers to Combine.**

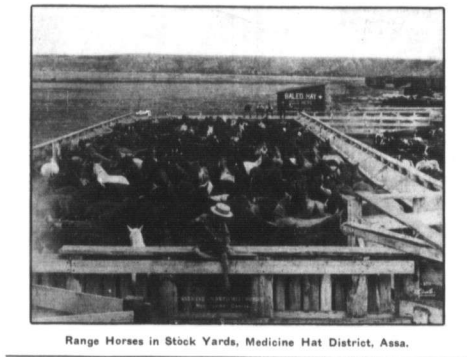
Another attempt is being made to combine the retail grocers of Vancouver, B. C. The promoters of the same are a well known lawyer and newspaper man. Although the promoters of the proposition are very anxious by the work put in two years ago by E. Fader, their progress is slow and very much uphill. The elder reporter was told by one of those interested that there were by account about 80 grocery stores in Vancouver trying to make a living. It is the dearest wish of the grocery men's heart that this number might be reduced by one-half, a number amply sufficient to supply all the citizens of Vancouver with the necessities of life. Some of the most prominent grocers in the city have been for some time studying the proposition and several meetings have been held. Where so many principals are interested, however, progress is necessarily very slow. The scheme is favored by almost every leading grocer in the city, but so many difficulties present themselves that it is feared it would need a merger of the Morgan type to bring the big question to a successful issue. One thing to be feared is that should the scheme be successfully brought about, and half the grocery stores closed up, some venturesome men, backed by the wholesale houses, would take full up the space occasioned by the closing up of the unnecessary stores. It is said that the proposition is to combine the assets of the 80 stores and let each firm assume its own liabilities, the individual dealers getting stock at par, plus good will and turned for the actual amount of assets stored in over liabilities.

This financial side of the amalgamation also presents rather alarming difficulties as many of the firms are in measurably better shape financially than others and the question will arise as to who should be admitted as financially desirable and who should be left out as undesirable.

Another difficulty that arises is making positions for those whose businesses would be closed up by the proposed combine. These 40 odd principals would not certainly take clerk's positions, but would wish to fill as important positions as they formerly held. It is thought that the centralization of the stores would save an enormous sum of money, comparatively speaking, in the way of expenses. The proposition is to establish a new business where the combine on a spot cash basis. Here the question naturally arises how the business to be done with hundreds of customers, chiefly working men who run weekly accounts and pay promptly every week. It would be impossible to carry these with customers any longer as under the cash system bookskeepers would be obliged to do the principal part of the work of the city, the business is not found in a bad condition. When figures are carefully there is not more than a per cent. lost on bad debts, or about 5 per cent. on the turn-over. This makes well for the credit of Van-

couver, but on the other hand makes it hard to convince some grocers why they should establish the untried cash system when their loss by bad debts is so small.

When, however, the expense of keeping accounts is added to this 5 per



Range Horses in Stock Yards, Medicine Hat District, Assa.

cent. loss the amount grows enormous, which would come under the head of saving estimated by the adoption of the cash system. The way the matter stands at present is that the leading grocers figuratively say to the promoters: "Show us the way we can combine and cut down the stores to at least one-half, thus preventing ruinous competition and an enormous saving in expense, and we will combine." Also, as heretofore stated, Morgan is needed to collect the threads of those 80 conflicting interests and weave them into a harmonious whole. So much depends upon the grocers themselves and they are all very busy with their own affairs, and have little time to hold meetings and advance the scheme little by little to ultimate success. At any rate it is said a spur is needed in the way of about \$50,000 or \$75,000 ready cash to move the unwieldy proposition into a consummated fact.

**Pensions for C. P. R. Employees.**

With the first of the new year the C. P. R. pension fund goes into effect whereby all employees of the road, who have been twenty years with the company and reached the age of 45 years, will receive the benefit of their faithful services in the shape of a yearly superannuation allowance.

The system adopted calls for no contributions from the employees themselves. The benefits of the pension system will only apply to those persons who have been required to give their whole time to the C.P.R. company, or to the

employees anything at all. The rules and regulations will go into effect on January 1, 1903.

There will be no names placed on the list, however, until July next, when it is understood that several in Winnipeg will be placed on the retired list. It is not, of course, compulsory that after 45 years of age an employee will have to cease work, as circumstances

**Cardston Growing.**

Cardston, Dec. 31.—During the past season the town was increased greatly in size and importance by the number of new buildings erected. Operations throughout the season were very brisk, and may be inferred from the following list of new buildings: Inspector Irwin, residence, frame, stone foundation, 2x34; value \$1,500; Fred Shaw, customs inspector, residence, frame, stone foundation, 2x32, value \$1,500; residence, Bonnell, frame, stone foundation, 2x34, value \$1,000; residence, Dr. Grant, frame, stone foundation, 2x32, value \$1,000; residence, Dr. Nelson, frame, stone foundation, 2x 32, \$800; residence, H. Barber, frame, stone foundation, 2x34, value \$1,000; real-estate, Van Pelt, cottage, stone foundation, 2x24, value \$800; residence, Charl's Amyot, 2x25, \$800; residence, Alex. Campbell, 2x24, \$800; livery barn, L. Follett, 2x24, \$800; stone foundation, frame, \$200; brick business block, C. E. Snow, built \$500; planting mill, J. Calhoun, 2x10; \$200; photographic studio, J. Scott, \$400; barn, Alex. Card, 2x20, \$1200; barber shop, J. Noble, 2x24, frame, value \$800; butcher shop, Jno. Sparks, \$800; harness shop, 1x24, \$700; general store, Spencer and Stoddard, frame, 6x26, value \$500; stable, Spencer and Stoddard, 1x22, \$200; granary, Spencer and Stoddard, 2x26, value \$800; residence, D. Beach, tailor, brick, 2x26, value \$1,200; residence, Jno. Orton, brick, 2x26, value \$1,500.

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Insurance Notes. The Standard Life Assurance Company has favored The Commercial with a handy order for 1903. During the year 1902 the Imperial Life Insurance Co. had applications for assurances aggregating over \$4,500,000; the policies issued exceeded \$1,000,000; cash income, \$2,000,000; the accumulated assets reached \$1,650,000, while the entire total of the income in force exceeded \$12,500,000. The income from investments was more than sufficient to pay all of the death claims of the year.

The Universal Life Assurance and Annuity Company has opened an office with the Merchants Bank building, Winnipeg. This is a new local company which was chartered at the last session of the Manitoba legislature. The company is composed of well known local men. The officers are: Hon. T. A. Herlihy, president; Dr. Nelson, vice-president; A. J. Andrews, treasurer; G. W. Donald, secretary. J. B. Cote is the manager.

GROCERIES.

Table listing various grocery items such as Apples, Raisins, Peaches, and other fruits with their respective prices per case or per bushel.

Canned Meats.

Table listing canned meats including Corn beef, Lunch tongue, and other products with prices.

Green Rio.

Table listing Green Rio products like Split pea, Pork barley, and other items with prices.

Coffee.

Table listing coffee products such as Rice, Patna, and other varieties with prices.

Cigarettes.

Table listing cigarette brands like Old Judge, Sweet Caporal, and others with prices.

Dried Fruits.

Table listing dried fruit products such as Currants, Raisins, and other items with prices.

Curd Fish.

Table listing curd fish products like Binion Haddock and other items with prices.

California Evaporated Fruits.

Table listing California evaporated fruit products like Peaches, Apples, and other items with prices.

Table listing various oils and nuts such as Pitted plums, Nectarines, and other items with prices.

Matches.

Table listing match brands like Telegraph, Telephone, and other items with prices.

Nuts.

Table listing nut products such as Brazil, Torajona almonds, and other items with prices.

Syrup.

Table listing syrup products like Extra bright, Medium, and other items with prices.

Sugar.

Table listing sugar products such as Extra standard gran, Extra, and other items with prices.

Salt.

Table listing salt products like Rock salt, Common fine, and other items with prices.

Spices.

Table listing spice products such as Assorted herbs, Anise, and other items with prices.

Teas.

Table listing tea products like China Blacks, Choice, and other items with prices.

Tobacco.

Table listing tobacco products such as T. and B. No. 44 and other items with prices.

Chewing Plug.

Table listing chewing plug products like Pommy, Curran, and other items with prices.

Smoking.

Table listing smoking products such as Virgin Gold, Virgin Gold, and other items with prices.

Wooden Ware.

Table listing wooden ware products like Pails, Wire, and other items with prices.

Brooms.

Table listing broom products such as Extra, Walter Woods, and other items with prices.

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Table listing drug products like Following are prices for parcel mail, and other items with prices.

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The Regina board of trade is not in  
favor of subsidizing the Grand Trunk  
Route. At a recent meeting of the  
board this matter was discussed, and  
the opinion prevailed in favor of a gov-  
ernment road. A resolution on these  
lines will be prepared and discussed at  
a future meeting.

A resolution was also carried calling  
upon the Northwest government not to  
grant licenses to peddlers, believing  
that such licenses were wrong in prin-  
ciple and injurious to the community.  
The immediate reason for this action  
is that information has reached the  
board that peddling some inferior steel  
saws at a high figure is about to be  
attempted in the Territories. Another  
resolution agreed to was that the town  
council be urged to immediately take  
the necessary steps to procure legisla-  
tion at the next session of the North-  
west Assembly to increase the borrow-  
ing powers of the town for the pur-  
pose of establishing a system of water-



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works. It was also decided to take  
part in the congress of the boards of  
trade and chambers of commerce of  
the empire, which will meet in Mon-  
tréal in June next.

The demand for Canadian wool from  
the United States continues good. In  
the year just closed practically the  
whole of the clip of over 5,000,000  
pounds was shipped to the United  
States, in addition to large quantities  
left over from the previous year, in  
spite of the high duty imposed on this  
product by the United States.

The movement in the Northwestern  
States for reciprocity with Canada is  
gathering force. If current press re-  
ports are to be relied upon, the govern-  
ment is to be asked to take action in this  
matter and steps are now being taken  
to secure a favorable vote from the  
western representatives. The lobbying  
merchants and manufacturers are  
pushing this scheme as they expect to  
reap much benefit.

On the Atlantic coast of America  
and in England a great scare has  
been experienced lately over the an-  
nouncement of medical authorities  
that oysters are responsible for the  
prevalence of typhoid fever. The re-  
sult is a heavy loss to oyster dealers  
as their oysters will not sell. The  
government of the United States is  
endeavoring to allay the public fears  
so far as their side of the ocean is  
concerned. In England the oyster  
business is almost suspended.

American Bicycle Co., who has  
been appointed receiver of the Ameri-  
can Bicycle Co., the downfall of that  
concern and the death of the bicycle  
business generally is due to not adver-  
tising. He says: "The cessation of  
advertising killed the bicycle business,  
and the way to revive it is to resume  
that same important matter. I thor-  
oughly believe in it. You can see how  
I feel in the matter when I tell you  
that I spent \$500,000 in one year in  
that sort of publicity, and that is my  
idea for the future to advertise."

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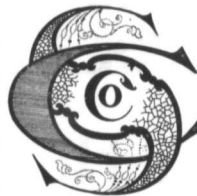
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