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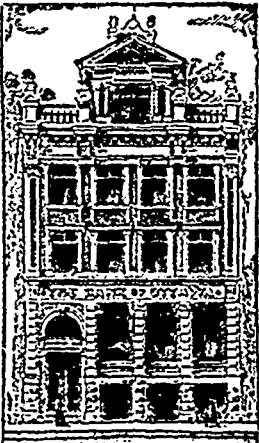
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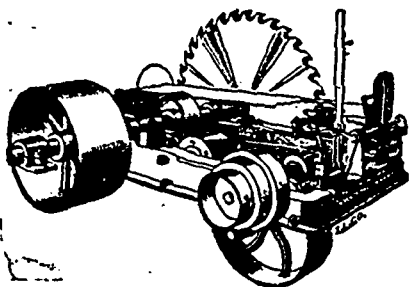
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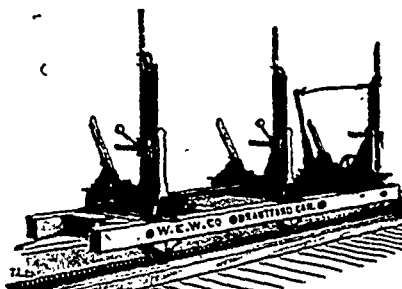
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ADVANTAGE OF SUMMER FALLOW.

Dr. Saunders, director of the Dominion experimental farms, was in Winnipeg on Saturday last, on his way east after a visit to the western branch farms. Dr. Saunders, in conversation with a representative of The Commercial, spoke very highly of the crops in the Indian Head district, where the Territorial branch farm is located. The wheat crop in that district, he believes, will reach about 30 bushels per acre. This applies to summer fallowed land. This fine showing, he says, is largely owing to the custom of sowing wheat on summer fallow, and to careful methods of farming. There were other sections in the territory where no doubt equally as good results would have been secured if the same care and thought were given to the work. Dr. Saunders describes summer fallowing as a process of storing moisture for the benefit of the crop, and this is the great secret of the success attained where this work is properly and systematically done. It also keeps the land comparatively free from weeds, which, if allowed to grow, rob the crops of the moisture and sustenance which nature has provided.

Speaking of British Columbia, Dr. Saunders believes that there is a good future in store for the fruit growing industry there. Progress has been made in the mode of packing and

handling the fruit, but greater care must still be exercised. While in Winnipeg he examined the British Columbia fruit in the wholesale warehouses here, and expressed his opinion that the lack of keeping quality shown with much of the fruit was owing to careless handling in the orchards, whereby the fruit had been bruised.

COLORED CHEESE.

One of the peculiarities of the western cheese trade is the exclusive demand for colored cheese. White cheese cannot be sold in the west. In eastern Canada the make of white cheese is increasing all the time, as compared with colored goods, and both there and in Great Britain the demand for white goods seems to be on the increase. This is not surprising when it is understood that the color is simply a matter of appearance. Many consumers have evidently not been aware of the fact that white is the natural color, while the other is artificial. The circulation of this knowledge is probably the cause of the growing demand for white cheese. In fact some experts declare that they prefer the natural white cheese, as they can detect the flavor of the coloring in the colored goods. Custom, however, is often a hard thing to overcome, and in the west at least the trade still demands colored cheese only. Possibly the popular error still prevails here that the colored cheese is a richer and superior article, compared with the white goods.

DAIRY BUTTER

The Commercial referred last week to the injury which was likely to be done to the creamery industry in Manitoba owing to the high prices paid for dairy butter. At many points in Manitoba this season the price paid by country merchants for dairy butter has been so high that farmers have been induced in some cases to forsake the factories and make home dairy butter instead. This is not owing, we believe, to any opposition which the merchants have against the butter factories. In one or two districts there appeared to be some hostility shown against the factories, but this is not the rule. The cause of the unreasonably high prices paid for dairy butter is owing to competition among the merchants themselves. One merchant, in order to draw custom, will advance the price paid for butter. The others will follow suit, and so on it goes. The butter factory is not considered in the matter. At the same time, it is a matter for regret that the creameries have been and are being injured by prices being paid for dairy butter in excess of the comparative value of the commodity. If we are to make progress as a dairy country, it can

only be through the encouragement of the creamery industry. We can never build up a butter trade on home dairy goods. That is a certainty. The demand for dairy butter is limited, and with every encouragement to the creameries, there will still be plenty of the dairy grades made to supply the demand.

It would also seem to be to the advantage of the merchants to have the farmer sell his milk or cream to the factories, and pay the proceeds in cash for goods, rather than make home dairy butter to trade for goods. When the price paid for this dairy butter is higher than the market will warrant, it seems a positive loss to the merchant to handle the stuff. The loss on the butter is like selling the goods at a discount from the regular price, besides the bother of handling the butter.

THE FLOUR TRADE.

The Commercial referred recently to the low prices at which Ontario millers were offering flour to be made from the new wheat crop. It was predicted that these low prices would seriously interfere with the sale of Manitoba flour in the East, as the prices of wheat here were so much higher, comparatively speaking, than was being offered in Ontario. It appears, however, that the Ontario farmers refuse to sell their wheat at the low prices offered. The Eastern millers made sales of flour on a basis of 60s to 62c per bushel for wheat, but in order to get sufficient wheat for grinding to fill their sales, they have been obliged to advance prices for wheat about 5 cents per bushel. Those who made sales of flour at the lowest quotations will therefore, find little profit in the business.

The grain trade in Ontario is handled in a very different manner from the custom prevailing in Manitoba. At the country markets in Ontario there is practically no elevator accommodation for storing grain, and there is much less competition in buying from the farmer there than there is in the west. The lack of elevator accommodation, however, is made up for by the home granaries which the farmers possess. The farmers there have good buildings and as they are mostly well-to-do people, they can afford to hold their grain when the prices are not to their liking. The grain business in Ontario is practically a car lot business. The small country dealers sell their grain as they buy it in one or more car lots, to the exporters or millers. Here is where the Ontario millers have the pinch on the situation. The millers have an association, with what they call a central buyer, stationed at Toronto. When a miller wants to buy a car of wheat as a supplement to

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what he is able to secure direct from farmers at his mill door he does not apply to the dealers for it, but simply sends word of his requirements to the central office; and the wheat is bought for him through this office. In this way competition is practically shut off, as one man is supposed to do the buying for the association, and thus one miller is not compelled to bid against another. The only protection the farmer has is to hold his wheat.

These are the same millers who were so interested in the Manitoba farmers that they sent a deputation to Ottawa to help defend the poor Manitoba farmers against the rapacity of the alleged elevator monopoly. They could not work their wheat-buying business in Manitoba as slick as they do in the East, and when it came to buying Manitoba wheat, of which they require a proportion for mixing, they ran up against a little local combination which forced them to pay for the stuff. And thereby hangs a tale.

Conditions on the Manitoba and Northwestern Railway.

No one who has not had opportunity for personal observation can form any conception of the substantial nature of the growth which is going on in the various towns and settlements along or tributary to the line of railway known as the Manitoba and Northwestern, which runs from Portage la Prairie northwestward through Manitoba to Yorkton in Assiniboia. This is what is known as the cattle belt of Manitoba and from it large numbers of beef cattle are yearly shipped to the markets of Eastern Canada and the Old Country. It is noted for its cattle, not because it is not equally well adapted to the raising of grain, but because when this country was newer and settlement was just beginning the men who cast their lot along this line were farsighted enough to see the advantage of having more than one string to their bow and accordingly while not neglecting the raising of grain devoted an equal and in some cases a greater amount of attention to the raising of stock, which led in a short time to a very profitable business in that line. Numbers of wealthy or well-to-do people have since interested themselves in the trade either as ranchers or shippers, thoroughbred stock was imported to form the nucleus of the various herds and the result is that to-day the cattle on this line have a name and a place of their own in the export business of this country. This year the shipments have assumed larger proportions than ever, some localities reporting from 10 to 25 per cent. more cattle ready to ship and the trade is reaching proportions and a solidity that means greatly increased wealth, not only to the districts immediately benefited but to the province of Manitoba as a whole.

It must not be assumed from the above that Northwestern Manitoba is raising only cattle. General farming is carried on here quite as extensively in proportion to settlement

as in other parts of Manitoba, especially on the eastern sections of the railway. Wheat is cultivated to a considerable extent and the crop of this year promises to be larger and better than ever. Barring a few losses from hail, not enough in any one district to affect its general prosperity, the grain fields really look magnificent. The straw is a good length and the heads are fuller and contain a better berry than has been the case for some years.

This prosperity of the past and promise of the present year is reflecting upon both town and country in substantial property and other improvements. The farmers are building better barns, stables and dwelling houses, many of them going into brick and stone, and are equipping themselves with good implements, harness, house furniture, etc., while the townspeople are erecting new stores, warehouses, hotels, dwellings, schools, etc. Mortgages are being wiped off, implement bills paid, old debts discharged and money in some cases deposited in the banks, or let out at interest.

Such is in brief the general condition of affairs in this important part

that of Messrs. Galloway Bros. The W.S. Bailey & Co. bank block may also be said to be a recent addition to the town's buildings. Gladstone is now an important point on the Dauphin railway.

After passing Midway and Arden, which are villages of some importance, the latter especially being an important grain market, the principal centre on this road, Neepawa, is reached. Here there is a large community of trading, manufacturing and business concerns. The buildings are of a most substantial character and the volume of business done would give the place a rank of fourth or fifth in Manitoba. The Union bank intend erecting new bank premises here and several other improvements are projected. With the exception of about 150,000 bushels of grain which have been destroyed by hail, the Neepawa crop this year is all that can be desired, and the increase in yield if present promises are realized will more than compensate for the loss. The farmers who were haled out are mostly well-to-do and will not be exposed to any real hardships by reason of this loss.

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This handsome little school is situated near Foxwarren, on the M. & N. W. Ry. It looked so comfortable and home-like, with its pleasant surroundings, that The Commercial representative took a snap shot at it while passing the spot. The result is here reproduced.

of Manitoba. Some towns and some people are making more rapid or at least more evident progress than others.

After leaving Portage la Prairie the railway passes through a very rich section of wheat land. At Westbourne the traveller has an opportunity to see what is rather unusual in Manitoba, a lumbering and fishing business, the property of P. McArthur. Spruce logs, brought to this point via the White Mud river, which at a distance of ten or twelve miles empties into Lake Manitoba, are here turned into excellent lumber and sold in the district round about. About 1,500,000 feet are cut every year. The fish business is of a considerable size, and consists of freezing and packing whitefish caught in Lake Manitoba for shipment to southern markets principally in the United States. The general business of Westbourne is good this year.

Gladstone is one of the oldest towns in Manitoba and contains some well established and well-to-do business concerns. Although it is not showing very rapid growth in number of buildings the volume of business transacted is steadily growing and some of the stores have been enlarged, notably

store is being erected for the use of A. M. Anderson, who finds that his business has outgrown its present quarters, another building is being built for the use of McAllister's harness shop and a parsonage is being added to the Methodist church property.

Minnedosa, another leading place, is showing unmistakable signs of prosperity. P. J. McDermott is building a new store, the town is building a new school house at a cost of about \$6,000, and several smaller additions are to be seen. Some of the buildings here are of pressed brick, the manufacture of S. Fairbairn, a well-known local business man and contractor. This brick is made by a patent process and makes a handsome and substantial building. The new Minnedosa hotel, is built with it and it is also being used in the school building. Mr. Fairbairn has the sole right to make this brick in this neighborhood.

Eastwood and Newdale, two smaller places, are each showing signs of participation in the general prosperity of these parts and so is Strathclair. A new stone school house is being erected at this latter point at a cost of between two and three thousand dollars.

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centre. This year many well-known Winnipeggers are spending their holidays here, camping on the lake shore or boarding. The present store of Geo. Manson at this point is practically a new building and is a handsome and commodious one. Mr. Manson is one of the oldest residents in these parts, having first located in '79. He says business never was better with him and as an evidence of his prosperity he is erecting a fine new residence. Robt. Scott, of Shoal Lake, has made himself very widely known by his operations in the manufacture of butter. His creamery at Shoal Lake has been described and illustrated before in *The Commercial* so that we need not go into details now. Improvements are always being made though to keep it up with the times; the latest of these is a pasteurizing apparatus. This creamery is conceded by all who have seen it to be one of the very finest to be found anywhere and Mr. Scott is justly proud of it. The general

able stopping place for travellers and others built. The creamery at this point is now operated by Mr. Laycock, who is also a prominent storekeeper and cattle dealer. The output of this creamery is being increased steadily. Ridlington, the contractor, who lives here, reports a number of fine buildings being erected by the farmers in this neighborhood.

Binscarth and Russel, are two well-known points on this line. The latter has had several new buildings added recently, and one important one is now nearing completion, that is the new store of Smellie Bros. & Co. When completed this will give this firm very large and complete business premises. They have also a store at Binscarth. Binscarth is looking forward to the erection of a new and suitable hotel building.

Between these points and Yorkton, the terminus of the line, a number of small but thriving settlements are

Church of England congregation is building a new church and a number of citizens are putting up private residences. The Arnold House is a new hotel which was opened not many months ago.

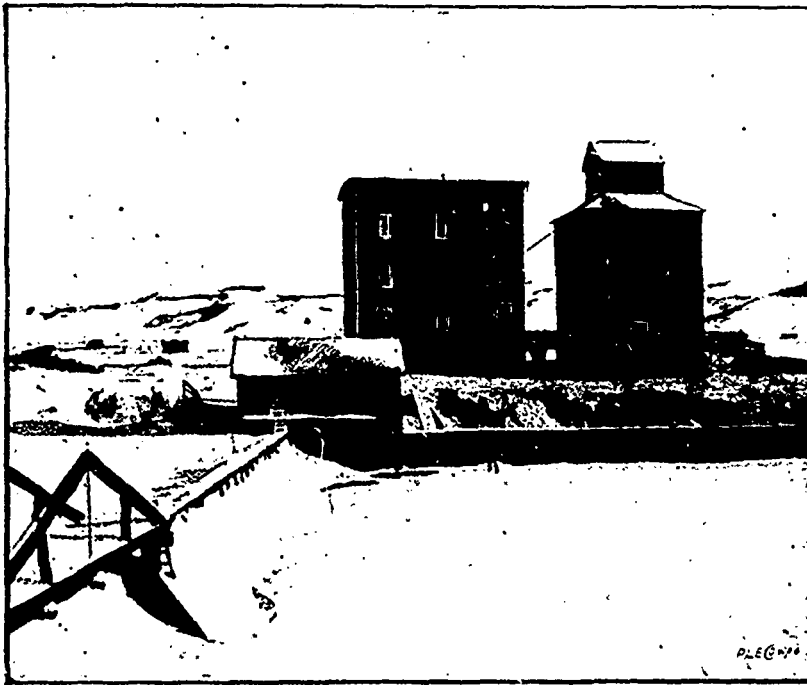
Such are some of the changes and improvements to be noticed along the M. & N. W. this year. No doubt future years will show an equal amount of growth and as settlement takes place and population increases, new industries will spring up and present ones be developed in this rich and fertile region that will place it among the first of the industrial and agricultural regions of western Canada.

A Good Class of Settlers.

As an evidence of the extent to which Manitoba is attracting attention as a field for agricultural and kindred enterprises the fact may be noted that during a recent visit of a representative of *The Commercial* to the northwestern part of Manitoba and among other towns to Yorkton, it was found that it is becoming quite common for delegations composed of three or four farmers from some one or other of the grain and cattle raising states of the American union to make a tour of the different districts in that part of the province and after quietly sizing up the situation return for their families and to advise their neighbors and friends to move to Canada. One of these reconnoitering parties was visiting Yorkton while *The Commercial* representative was there. It was composed of two ex-Canadians who have been living for the past eighteen years in Iowa and have done well there, one of the men being the owner of no less than three valuable farms, but having heard so much about the capabilities of Western Canada they have decided to investigate and if reports are found to be true and the they country to their liking they intend to buy ranching land and move here with their families. Not only this, but each of them have a half a dozen neighbors who will also move to Canada if these do. Thus quietly, but none the less surely, are these western prairies meeting with the attention they deserve as fields for settlement and homemaking.

Tea Standards.

The committee composed of Messrs. Doye, Montreal; Ince, Toronto; Macpherson, Hamilton; and Bate, Ottawa; who have been collecting samples of tea at the different centres for transmission to Ottawa, have completed their labors. The government analyst is now engaged in testing these teas, and such as do not stand the test will be prohibited from entry into Canada. From the remainder, which pass the test, all of which will be entitled to admission, the committee composed of the gentlemen above named will draw up a standard by infusion, and when they have done so, teas for admission into Canada will have to scale up to the standard. The committee expect to get through their work by the middle of November, and after that time teas will be inspected by standard, and not by the present method. It is understood that the proposed standard will keep out all teas that sell wholesale for less than 15c, as values now run. All members of the trade are in favor of the standard method of inspection, and also of shutting out the cheap inferior grades of tea which wholesale around 11c to 12c.



FLOUR MILL, ELEVATOR AND WATER POWER AT MILLWOOD.

This industry is near the crossing of the Assiniboine River by the M. & N. W. Ry. Winter scene. Ice does not interfere with the operation of water powers in the winters in Manitoba, as a clear sheet of water runs below the ice.

store of this gentleman is a fine establishment and is equipped with all modern improvements. The stock is not excelled in quality or appearance outside of Winnipeg in the province. The Hudson's Bay company are also large general traders at Shoal Lake and have fine premises. A new hotel has been opened this year at Shoal Lake which largely increases its capacity to accommodate travellers and pleasure-seekers.

Between Shoal Lake and Birtle, the next important point west, you come to the villages of Kelloe and Solsgrith, the latter being an especially lively place this year and several additions are contemplated to its business community.

Birtle is enjoying a fair share of prosperity this year, and its stores and places of business are adding much to the volume of business done.

Roxwarren has one addition to its business community—Henry Leckie's general store—and it is having a suit-

situated, which each add their quota to the volume of business transacted in this country yearly. Saltcoats is the largest of these and the town which bears this name is now assuming considerable size and is widely known on accounts of its settlements of Scotch Crofters.

Yorkton is a thriving centre and is a supply point and shipping station for a large area of ranching and farming land. Business is done here with points as much as one hundred miles west and north. Some very productive and well-to-do settlements on the line of the proposed extension of this route to Prince Albert find Yorkton their most convenient market town. Several general stores are already finding a lucrative trade here and others are gradually being added. The Hudson's Bay company are putting up a new building now which is to be occupied this fall with a general stock. L. Beck, general merchant, is also erecting a new store building. The

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During the present season a portion of J. H. Ashdown's Main street block in Winnipeg was fitted up for commercial sample rooms, and all the available space is now taken up for this purpose. Bryce & Co. have secured an entire floor in this block, overlooking Main street, in the very heart of the city. This floor was fitted up to order especially for them, and they have what they claim to be the handsomest commercial sample rooms in Canada. Certainly their quarters are very fine. The large floor is divided into two apartments, connected with an archway, and the overhauling given the building gives it the appearance of being perfectly new. The ceiling is covered with the metallic sheets made by the Metallic Roofing company, of Toronto, which adds wonderfully to the handsome appearance of the rooms. Elevator, cloak room and other conveniences are supplied. Bryce & Co., represent Thos. May & Co., Montreal; Glover & Brals, Montreal; Crompton Corset Co., Toronto; Williams, Greene & Rome Co., Toronto, and Robinson, Little & Co., London.

On another floor in the block R. R. Gallagher, western representative of S. Greenshields, Son & Co., Montreal, has his rooms. Mr. Gallagher has just returned from his final round-up western trip for this season, and in a few days he will start for Montreal. He reports that the country is looking fine and the season's business with them has been most satisfactory.

Among the other well-known commercial men who have rooms in the block are E. H. Taaffe, representing Tooke Bros., Montreal. Thos. Conlan, who looks after the interest of Wm. Croft & Sons, Toronto; Roderick McLennan, representing L. Gnaedinger, Son & Co., Montreal; W. B. Abbott, representing Sequin, Lalime & Co., and W. B. Dalton, representing Caulfield, Henderson & Burns, Toronto. J. G. T. Cleghorn, manufacturers' Agent, who represent a number of large manufacturing concerns in metals and hardware, also has his rooms in this block. Geo. Gilroy, representing Jno. C. Green & Co., at present has a millinery opening in the block.

Another Lignite Grate.

Another new grate for burning our native lignite and other soft coals is being put on the market. It is called the Oxford Souris Fire Box, and it is, as its name indicates, a fire box as well as a grate. This fire box is made of bars overlapping each other on the principle of a window shutter, but the bars are not moveable like a shutter. The entire box, bottom, sides and ends, is composed of these bars, so that the air is admitted from every quarter. This grate is the invention of the Gurney Foundry Co. D. E. Adams, of Winnipeg, who is largely interested in the Souris coal, sent a quantity of the coal to the Gurney Foundry Co. at Toronto to experiment with, and the result is this grate, which it is claimed, will burn up the coal without waste, and is specially adapted for burning lignites. The grate can be dumped or shaken if required by means of the sliding bottom.

Rubber.

The trouble in the primary rubber markets, says the Montreal Commercial Gazette, appears due, not to a

limitation in the quantity of rubber, but a lack of laborers to bring it to the market. The climate is so unhealthy that only the natives are able to do the work, and they have apparently imbibed trade union ideas and demand higher wages.

In crude rubber for the last two or three years there has been a continual increase in value, the last six months showing the most acute advances. Some grades of crude rubber have advanced 60, some 80, some 100 per cent over the figures of a few years ago.

This increase in the price of raw material is natural, also because of the unprecedented increase in the consumption of rubber. The increase in the use of rubber in Germany and Russia has been especially remarkable, amounting to over 100 per cent in a few years. This is due to the many new uses to which rubber is constantly being put.

Grocery Trade Notes.

Sugars were advanced 1-16c at New York the end of last week, for Nos. 4 and 5.

Currants are held firm with an advancing tendency, in primary markets.

The efforts of the Grenoble walnut sellers to obtain high prices for the new crop is not likely to be successful, owing to the reasonable price of California walnuts.

A cable from Greece stated that the price on new crop currants there has advanced 1s on the figures quoted at the opening of the season by speculators, the asking price for Provincials now being 13s 9d.

New Valencia raisins are opening firmer, and first sales have been made at higher prices than a year ago. First shipments are expected in New York about Sept. 15, and new fruit will likely be in Winnipeg toward the end of the month. New Sultanais are due at New York about the same time. California raisins have not been quoted yet.

A special meeting of the shareholders of the Edwardsburg Starch Co., was held recently for the purpose of passing a by-law increasing the capital stock of the company from \$200,000 to \$300,000. President G. F. Benson, occupied the chair, and explained to the meeting the reason for asking for this increase of capital, after which the motion was put and unanimously carried.

Hardware and Paint Trade.

The iron and steel sheet manufacturers of the United States met at Pittsburg this week to fix prices for the ensuing year. It was announced that prices would be advanced probably \$2 a ton on sheets, in response to advances already made on raw materials and active demand. It is said the big demand will cause an advance to still higher figures later on in the year.

On Sept. 1 an advance of 5 per cent. on stoves went into effect in the United States. The manufacturers say that the prevailing low prices in connection with the increased cost of production, together with the general improvement in business conditions, warrant the advance. Since 1893 the prices of stoves have been lower in proportion than any other article of manufacture. Owing to the greatly increased purchasing capacity of

the country, large demand and advance in cost of material, the manufacturers say they have found it necessary to make a moderate advance in prices. They also say that this may be followed by a still further advance should the present conditions continue. Stoves were advanced 5 per cent in Canada a short time ago, owing to the increased cost of raw material, higher wages and increased demand. The market is firm.

Winnipeg Board of Trade.

A meeting of the council of the board was held on Tuesday, H. W. Hutchison, of the Fairchild Co., was elected a member of the council in place of Jas. Reumond, resigned. J. H. Bourgoin, manager of the Banque de Hochelaga, J. C. Crone, manager of the Toronto Type Foundry Co.; A. L. Johnson, manager of the Ames, Holdco Co.; B. W. Dewar, secretary, Canada Life Co.; and Geo. R. Greig, were elected members of the board.

It was decided to submit a memorial to the government on the desirability of establishing a quarantine station east of Winnipeg. A progress report was made of the committee regarding a dally mail on the Deloraine branch. Further communication will be had with the department on this matter. The question of testing the growth of sugar beets in Manitoba was discussed, and the matter will be brought to the attention of the local department of agriculture. A communication was read from the Guelph board, protesting against the fees charged for the inspection of weights and measures. The inspection, it was stated, is for the public benefit, and inspectors should be paid by salary. This matter will be discussed on some future occasion.

East bound rail business steady from Chicago to New York is 18c per 100 lbs. on flour and grain.



TENDERS.

Sealed tenders, addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tenders for Superstructure Edmonton Bridge," will be received at this office until Tuesday, 13th September next, for the construction of a railway and general traffic bridge at Edmonton, N. W. T., according to plans and a specification to be seen at the office of F. K. Gibson, Esq., town clerk, Edmonton; at the office of W. T. Gouin, resident engineer, Winnipeg; at the office of O. Desjardins, clerk of works, post office building, Montreal, and at the department of public works, Ottawa.

Tenders will not be considered unless made on the form supplied and signed with the actual signatures of tenderers.

An accepted bank cheque, payable to the order of the minister of public works for seven thousand dollars (7,000.00) must accompany each tender. The cheque will be forfeited if the party decline the contract or fail to complete the work contracted for, and will be returned in case of non-acceptance of tender.

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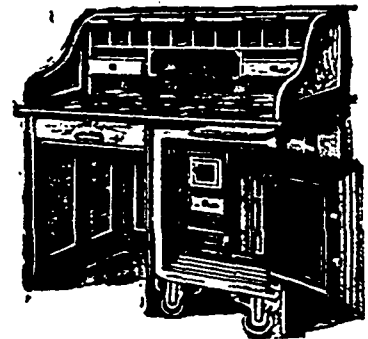
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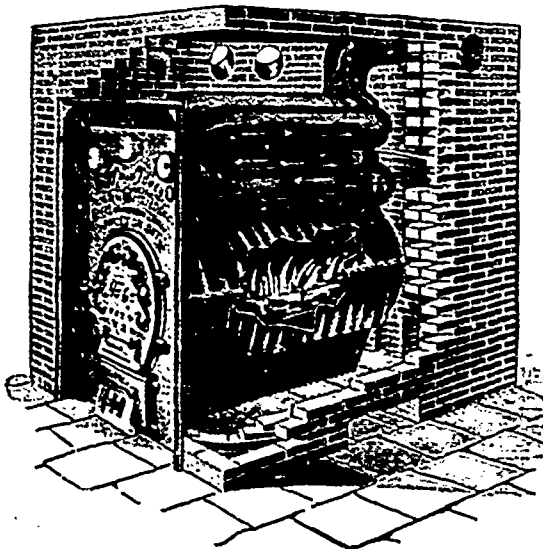


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Statistical Wheat Reports.

WHEAT IN CANADA.
Stocks of Wheat in Canada at principal points of accumulation are reported as follows:

Montreal	28,000
Toronto	11,000
Kingston	8,000
Winnipeg	85,000
Manitoba elevators	135,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	270,000

Total August 20 537,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains as reported by Bradstreet's on Aug. 20, were 8,494,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 22,168,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on August 1 were 2,608,000 bushels, compared with 2,247,000 bushels a year ago.

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 August 27, was 5,927,000 bushels, being an increase of 77,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 15,463,000 bushels, two years ago 45,574,000 bushels, three years ago 35,438,000 bushels.

WHEAT STOCKS AT U.S. POINTS.

Chicago	333,000 bushels
Duluth	664,000 "
Minneapolis	1,298,000 "
New York	163,000 "
Buffalo	368,000 "

STOCK OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 3,298,000 bushels, compared with 9,250,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 16,530,000 bushels, compared with 27,873,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in the United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe, on Aug. 1, for a series of years, were as follows, Bradstreet's report: August 1, 1898, 59,533,000; Aug. 1, 1897, 64,040,000; August 1, 1896, 108,331,000; Aug. 1, 1895 140,417,000.

CROP MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States spring wheat markets from the beginning of the crop year, August 1, 1898, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This Crop	Last Crop
Minneapolis	3,997,560	2,855,110
Milwaukee	684,795	823,922
Duluth	1,015,274	1,709,740
Chicago	2,424,030	3,639,545
Total	8,119,659	9,031,317

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, 1898, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This Crop	Last Crop
Toledo	4,889,602	4,696,998
St. Louis	2,545,058	3,787,974
Detroit	1,166,632	1,211,043
Kansas City	5,849,400	7,387,300
Total	14,450,692	17,083,315

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Sloan & Spooner, painters, Carman, have dissolved partnership.

Wm. Frame, horse collar maker, has opened business at Treherne.

Robert Little has started in the butcher business at Trebank.

E. J. Macklin, farmer, Gilbert Plains, is going into the nursery business.

J. J. Hughes, fruits, Pilot Mound, has disposed of his business to A. Lawson.

W. H. Wallace, of Wingham, Ont., will open in the jewelry business at Dauphin.

Mrs. L. D. Dowling, Souris, has disposed of her millinery business to Miss C. Leeson.

Gordon, Ironside & Fares opened their new abattoir in Winnipeg on Thursday last.

Dolsen & Palmer, printers, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. Dolsen continues alone.

It is reported that J. C. Robinson, Wawanesa, will open a branch general store at Trebank.

Parkin & Moore, of Brandon, have purchased the general store business of S. K. Colquhoun, of Harney.

Rockett & McCorquindale, of Deloraine, have bought out the harness business of Frank O'Neill, Napinka.

Ritchie McPherson will open a furniture and undertaking establishment at Brandon about Oct. 15th.

The business of Thomas Cowan, butcher, Winnipeg, who sold out recently, will be continued by J. Y. Griffin & Co.

Scott & Peter, brokers, Winnipeg, have been appointed agents for Christie, Brown & Co., biscuits, Toronto, and Robertson Bros., confectionery, of the same place.

The firm name of J. L. Meikle & Co., music dealers, Winnipeg, has been changed to Meikle, McLean & Co. The personnel of the firm remains unchanged.

A blaze in the store of The People's Supply Co., Alexander street, Winnipeg on Tuesday night, caused by spontaneous combustion, a bundle of oily rags having become ignited, did slight damage to the premises.

The open season for ducks came into effect on Sept. 1, and on the same day 300 ducks were received in the city by the early morning train from the west. This is suspiciously quick work.

The Gurney Foundry Co., of Toronto, have opened a branch in Winnipeg, in the premises at 155 Lombard street, with Jas. Drew in charge as manager. The decision to open a branch here was arrived at when Edward Gurney visited Winnipeg last spring. The company is one of the large Canadian concerns in the stove and kindred trades, and they already have a considerable business connection throughout the west.

H. W. Hutchison, of the Fairchild company, Winnipeg, has returned from a business trip east, during which he visited many of the factories where the goods are made, which his company handles here. Mr. Hutchison says all the factories are unusually busy, and everywhere he found great expectations as to the expansion of business dependent on the development of the west.

Winram Bros. have sold out their implement business at Manitou to Wilbert Ross, formerly of Gladstone. Mr. George Winram has accepted a position with the McCormick company.

Alex. Winram will enter the mercantile business in partnership with P. Winram, general store, Manitou.

Emerson & Hague, tents, overalls, etc., have sold out their Brandon branch business to James Ferguson & Co. Mr. Ferguson, of the new firm, has been engaged in the tailoring business at Brandon. Mr. Molloy, who has entered into partnership with Mr. Ferguson, was formerly C. P. R. agent at Kemnay.

Alberta.

Dolmage, of Wetaskiwin, and Inskip, of Buffalo Lake, have purchased the Victoria hotel at Lacombe.

The Free Lance newspaper at Wetaskiwin has been purchased by Fleming & Speakman and will be moved to Innisfail.

Assiniboia.

A. R. Fleming has opened in the undertaking business at Moosomin.

The Dill & Hill Co., general merchants, of Wolseley, are building a store at Chickney, where they will open a branch.

Edwards and Ward, publishers of the Assinibolian newspaper, Saltcoats, have dissolved. E. Edwards continues the business.

Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, Aug. 29.

The labor world cannot complain this season in Vancouver at least. Besides the large sized building boom that is on, the street railway are extending their system, a large marine canal is being built and the city is spending \$90,000 on block and asphalt pavements.

The Klondike trade continues quite brisk and there will not be the tremendous falling off predicted after the first Klondike season. This season one hundred steamers were added to the Pacific coast fleet, British Columbia getting more than her share. Most of these steamers will remain under charter. Last week there were twenty-two boats unloaded at Vancouver, six at Victoria and eight at Nanaimo and Chemalms, a total of thirty-six for the entire Canadian Pacific coast.

The salmon pack has been a failure owing to the late running of the sockeyes, which are now, after the season is closed, running into the river in millions. The earlier opening of the coho season has been advanced one week to Sept. 15. The chief feature in the local market is the high price of eggs, which are retailing at 40 cents per dozen for the local product. Creamery and dairy butter is firm and would be much higher if it had not been for the large stocks on hand keeping back the market. Ontario eggs are still selling at 16 and 17c, there being no Manitoba eggs in the market. Cheese is slightly firmer, being now quoted at 10 1-2 and 11c. It is coming entirely from Ontario. Potatoes are very plentiful in the market and are dragging at \$10 and \$12 a ton. Fruits are coming in in great abundance, the British Columbia fruit taking the place of California fruit.

The first two cars of new Manitoba wheat for the season were received on Wednesday by the Lake of the Woods Milling company at Gretau and Altona.

Grain and Milling News.

R. C. Eanis, of Neepawa, is building an elevator at Arden.

Mr. Waddell will establish a flour mill at Dominion City, Man.

The Dominion Elevator Co. will erect an elevator at Greenway, Man.

Brady, Love & Tryon, grain dealers, Winnipeg, are erecting an elevator at Myrtle.

Moosomin, Assn., has now five elevators, including the new elevator built by the Dominion Elevator Co.

The Lake of the Woods Milling company has erected elevators at Sintaluta and Alameda in Assiniboia and Dauphin in Manitoba.

Two elevators have been built at Redjacket, Assn., one by Brigham & James, and the other by the Dominion Elevator company.

Stockton, on the Manitoba South-eastern, claims to have received the first new shipment, some delivering having been done at the elevators there toward the end of last week.

R. Muir & Co.'s flour mill at Gladstone, Man., is closed for repairs. They are putting in a new set of machinery which will increase its capacity to 200 barrels.

The M. & N. W. railway company received orders on Thursday for cars from Westbourne and Macdonald in which to ship out new wheat, which is being threshed from the stook. Cutting has been finished as far west as Minnedosa.

At Somerset, Man., the Northern Elevator Co. have material on the ground for the erection of a 2,000 bushel elevator. At the same place the Manitoba Elevator Co. have purchased the grain warehouse formerly owned by Allaire & Co.

Grocery Trade Notes.

The St. Lawrence Sugar Refining Co., have closed down their Maisonneuve factory, owing to restricted demand.

New dates are expected to arrive some three weeks earlier than last year, and from all accounts the quality is fine.

New dried peaches are being held very firm in California, in sympathy with the high price of apricots. New unpeeled peaches would cost 11 1-2 to 12c laid down in Winnipeg. Old peaches have been quoted here at 9 to 10c, but may be advanced any time, if they are not advanced this week.

The feeling among the trade in New York, says the Commercial Bulletin, seems to be that if the California producers advance prices of prunes much further they will encourage large importations of French fruit, which, owing to the heavy crop this year, can, it is believed, be laid down in eastern markets at comparatively low prices to the exclusion of the California product.

The first new wheat marketed in the Winnipeg district came in to Stonewall on Aug. 31, and sold for 52c.

The Dominion Government Savings bank transactions for the month ending 31st August were: deposits \$29,053; withdrawals, \$18,132; deposits exceeding withdrawals by \$10,921.

The inland revenue collections for the Winnipeg district during August were \$40,567.31, compared with \$33,662.29, for the same month last year.

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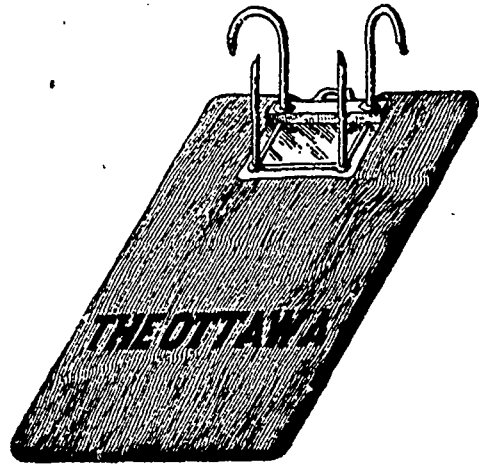
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Crop Reports.

Following is the Canadian Pacific Railway crop report sent in from station agents of the company on Monday last, and which is therefore practically a report for last week. Much progress has been made with the crop since then.

C. P. R. MAIN LINE.

Rosser—About 75 per cent of the grain has been cut in this district. A large yield is expected. No stacking or threshing has been done.

Poplar Point—All grain except a few late fields has been cut. Threshing starts to-day. No frost yet, though the weather has been showery.

Portage la Prairie—Harvesting is progressing favorably and threshing will commence by the first of next week.

Burnside—The grain in this vicinity all cut. Threshing is commencing.

Bugot—Harvesting is rapidly advancing, and very little if any wheat will be standing after this week. No frost or hail during the past week.

McGregor—The weather has been favorable and the harvest is well advanced. Threshing will be general by the last of the week.

Austin—About nine-tenths of the wheat has been cut. Stacking will commence on Saturday. The weather has been a little backward.

Sidney—Cutting is practically finished. The weather during the past week has been backward on account of the rain. Stacking and threshing has already commenced.

Carberry—The weather has been favorable and ninety per cent of the wheat has been cut. Stacking has commenced and will soon be general.

Sewell—About 75 per cent of the grain has been cut. Threshing and stacking have commenced. Two cars of new wheat were loaded here last Saturday. The sample is very fine. No damage from any cause.

Douglas—Cutting is pretty well finished and stacking and threshing has begun. No damage. The weather has been a little backward.

Clutter—Cutting is nearly finished, and stacking well under way. The sample is good. The yield will average twenty bushels per acre for wheat and the oat crop is first class.

Brandon—Seventy per cent of the wheat has been cut. This district is likely to grade all No. 1 hard.

Kemnay—Cutting has been badly delayed owing to heavy rains early last week. Threshing is expected to commence about the end of next week. No frost.

Alexander—Seventy-five per cent of the wheat has been cut and threshing starts early next week.

Oak Lake—Cutting is about two-thirds done. No threshing as yet; most farmers are stacking. The weather has been favorable and warm.

Virden—The past week has been unfavorable for harvesting on account of rains. A great many have finished cutting. Threshing has started. Two loads of new wheat were on the market yesterday.

Elkhorn—Seventy-five per cent of the wheat has been cut. The weather has been very fair for harvesting.

Fleming—The weather has been favorable and about half the crop has been cut and stacked.

Moosomin—The weather has been cloudy and rainy. About 75 per cent of the wheat has been cut.

Wapella—The weather has been favorable and about twenty-five per cent of the crop has been cut. Expectations are good both for quality and quantity of wheat.

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Whitewood—The weather for the last week has been very showery and has delayed cutting, which will not be through for ten days.

Sintaluta—Fifty per cent of the cutting has been completed. All the grain is in excellent condition. The weather has, on the whole, been favorable.

Qu'Appelle—Harvesting is well under way. The bulk of the grain cutting should be finished this week.

Regina—The weather of the past week has been favorable. It is expected that all grain will be cut this week.

Moose Jaw—About half of the wheat is now cut. The sample is good and the yield will be fully twenty bushels per acre.

THE SMALLER BRANCHES.

Pipestone—Wheat all cut. Stacking commenced and threshing will commence this week.

Reston—There is but little grain left to be cut. This week will see the last down. Stacking is in progress. Threshing will begin this week. Farmers say the crop is splendid.

Lumsden—Weather favorable and cutting is in progress.

Saskatoon—Weather favorable and harvesting in full swing.

West Prince Albert—Some cutting has been done, but three-fifths of the grain is standing. Considerable rain has delayed harvesting.

Innisfail—Weather very favorable. The crop will probably be very nearly equal to last year's.

Red Deer—The weather has been favorable. Considerable grain has been cut and the crop is heavy.

Wetaskiwin—Weather favorable. No frost and harvesting general. A good crop is expected.

Edmonton—The weather of the past week has been exceptionally favorable. Considerable grain has been cut. The crops are said to be fully equal to last year, and the acreage is much larger.

Emerson—Threshing will be in full blast next week. The yield will be good.

Dominion City—The weather has been favorable and cutting is finished. Threshing is becoming general.

Otterburne—The weather has been favorable and threshing is general.

Stony Mountain—Ninety per cent of the grain has been cut and stacking is in progress. Threshing begins this week. No injury from frost.

Stonewall—Fully seventy per cent of the wheat has been harvested. All is in good condition and no damage has been reported from frost.

West Selkirk—Wheat cutting is well advanced. The weather has been too wet. Twenty bushels per acre of wheat is expected.

PEMBINA SECTION.

Morris—Weather of the past week has been fine for harvesting. Cutting was complete about Wednesday. Stacking commenced on Monday. No damage.

Rosenfeld—Wheat all cut last week. Threshing has started. 300 bushels being marketed Saturday. Stacking this week.

Altona—Wheat is nearly all cut. Stacking has commenced. Weather is cool.

Gretna—Weather during past week has been favorable. About 90 per cent cut on Monday. Some threshing has been done.

Plum Coulee—No frost or damage to crop yet. Seventy-five per cent of crop was cut on Monday. Threshing all week. Wheat a good sample, 25

bu. to acre.

Winkler—Weather favorable. 95 per cent of grain is cut.

Morden—Harvest delayed about a day last week by rain. Wheat cutting mostly finished. Threshing commenced Monday. No damage.

Thorhill—One heavy shower of rain in early part of week delayed cutting one day. Wheat is about half cut. Weather very favorable.

Manitou—Harvest delayed two days by rain. Good progress being made. Over half of crop being cut. Stacking all week.

La Rivere—Wet weather during past week delayed cutting some. Wheat about 60 per cent cut.

Crystal City—60 per cent wheat cut, good sample. Weather the best for harvest.

Clearwater—Rains during last week delayed cutting. About 50 per cent is now cut. Cutting will be finished this week.

Cartwright—Monday and Tuesday of last week wet, the balance fine. 75 per cent of grain is cut.

Hornfield—Favorable weather past week. 65 per cent of wheat is cut.

Ninga—30 per cent of wheat cut. Very fine sample. Average yield 18 bu.

Bo'ssevain—Harvesting delayed two days last week on account of heavy rain. All fields are in fine condition to cut.

Deloraine—Cutting delayed by rain in early part of week. 75 per cent of wheat is cut. Threshing now. Sample very fine.

SOUTHWESTERN BRANCH.

Starbuck—Cutting is about finished. Stacking and threshing are in progress this week. Weather too cloudy and cold.

Elm Creek—Cutting almost completed. Stooking and stook threshing are in progress. A good yield is expected. No damage.

Rothwell—Crops are cut and stacking general. Weather favorable. Expect good average.

Treherne—About 80 per cent of wheat is cut. Stacking general. Stook threshing is in progress. Weather cool and dry.

Holland—Ninety per cent of crop cut. Stacking general. Threshing in progress.

Cypress River—Eighty per cent of wheat is cut. Stacking is now being done. Threshing next week.

Glenboro—Over 95 per cent of wheat is cut. Stacking and threshing in progress. Weather is favorable.

Stockton—Cutting is done. Threshing commenced the middle of last week. Yield 15 to 20 bushels on sandy land. Sample is good.

Methven—Cutting about finished. Stacking has started, also stook threshing. No frost.

Nesbitt—Wheat 70 per cent cut and safely harvested. Oats and barley cut this week. Wheat will average 15 bushels, oats 30. Weather perfect.

Carroll—About 65 per cent of wheat cut in this district. Harvesting completed by end of week. No damage from frost.

SOURIS BRANCH.

Souris—Weather favorable. Two-thirds of crop is now cut. A good sample is insured. Farmers expect a larger yield than was at first anticipated.

Hartney—Weather favorable. About 60 per cent cut. Threshing next week. No frost.

Lander—Two days delay from rain this week. No frost. About 80 per cent of wheat is now cut. Average



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Napinka—Cutting finished the middle of last week. Threshing now in progress.

Melita—Cutting will be finished this week. Threshing since Tuesday.

Elva—Cutting finished at end of this week. Threshing will commence on Monday. Crop fairly good average, about 15 bushels. Oats and barley good crop.

Picrson—Weather past week favorable, 75 per cent of crop cut; stacking now in progress; wheat a good sample; yield 15 to 20 bushels.

Gainsboro—Cutting will be finished this week. Threshing commenced on Monday. Weather favorable.

Carievale—Harvest advancing nicely; many have finished cutting.

Carnduff—Weather has been very favorable and if it holds out this week the crops will be harvested in good condition. About 75 per cent now cut. Sample good.

Oxbow—Harvesting was delayed one day this week by rain; 75 per cent of grain is cut and some stacking is done. Wheat will average about 15 bushels and is a good sample, oats about 20 bushels.

Alameda—Weather has been favorable; 75 per cent of wheat is cut; no stacking done; stook threshing will commence next week. Probable average yield 15 to 20 bushels per acre.

M. & N. W. CROPS.

The Manitoba and Northwestern Railway company's crop report for the term ending Sept. 1st is as follows:

Westbourne—Crops of all kinds have been cut in first class condition; wheat threshing is now in full swing and turning out from 25 to 30 bushels to the acre; sample is first class. No damage done to the crops here.

Gladstone—Wheat cutting is about finished and about 50 per cent of the barley and oats are cut. As compared with last year harvesting will be finished about one week earlier. Threshing will commence next week. Wheat is a good sample and will average 20 to 22 bushels to the acre. Oats about 50, barley about 30. No damage since last report.

Midway—Wheat cutting is completed and 75 per cent of the oats and barley cut in this district. Wheat is very fine quality and will average 20 to 25 bushels, oats 30 to 35, and barley 35 to 40. Threshing will commence in a few days. No damage reported.

Arden—Wheat cutting finished in this vicinity, most of oats and barley will be cut by end of week. Weather has been favorable for harvesting. No damage of any kind reported. Wheat will yield from 15 to 25 bushels per acre, oats and barley 40.

Neepawa—Harvest is making rapid progress, about 50 per cent of the wheat being cut. This is about same stage as last year at this time. All grain will be a good sample not having been affected by any such cause as frost, damp or rust. The yield will probably be twenty bushels of wheat to the acre; 35 of oats. No threshing done yet.

Minnedosa—Harvesting is now in full swing and weather very favorable; about 50 per cent of the wheat is cut and sample good. Wheat will average from 25 to 30 bushels to the acre; oats and barley from 30 to 35. No damage from any source since last report.

Rapid City—Weather since last report has been very favorable for har-

vest and about two-thirds of the wheat is now cut. Yield will average from 18 to 20 bushels to the acre and is a good sample. About a third of the oat crop is cut and average yield will be 40 to 45 bushels to the acre. Harvesting is fully as far advanced as at this date last year. No damage reported.

Newdale—Wheat harvest is now general; a few fields of oats have been cut; no barley cut yet. Yield expected to be wheat about 30 bushels to the acre, oats 45 to 50, barley 25 to 30. Sample of all kinds is very fine.

Strathclair—About half the wheat crop is cut around here and the rest will be finished within the next few days. Oats and barley will not be ready for about a week yet. The wheat sample is good and the yield will be from 20 to 25 bushels per acre. The harvest is from a week to ten days later than last year. No damage from frost.

Soal Lake—Wheat cutting is now general, about one-half has been cut, and the balance will be finished this week. Average yield will be about 18 bushels per acre. Oats will be cut next week and will average about 40 bushels per acre. The sample is very good. No damage by frost.

Birtle—About 75 per cent of the wheat is cut in good condition, yield from 12 to 15 bushels to the acre, balance will be cut this week if weather keeps fine. Very few oats cut yet, yield will be about 30 bushels to the acre.

Binscarth—About three-quarters of the wheat round here is cut and will average about 12 bushels to the acre of No. 1 quality. The harvest is a few days later than last year, wet weather having delayed it a little. Oats will be ready for cutting in about another week and expected to be a fair sample averaging from 26 to 30 bushels per acre. No damage of any kind reported.

Russell—Harvest is in full swing, about 50 per cent of the wheat is cut and with continued fine weather will be all down by end of next week. While the crop is not as heavy as last season the sample as far as seen is extra good. Oats have improved greatly lately and taken as a whole will yield a fair average. Threshing is expected to commence in a week or ten days. Wheat expected to yield 18 to 25 bushels per acre; oats 30 to 50.

Langenburg—About 75 per cent of the wheat is cut and shows a good sample, No. 1 hard. Average yield will be 17 to 20 bushels per acre. Very few oats have been cut, but what has been cut are very good. Crops about a week later than at this date last year. No damage by frost or hail.

Saltcoats—Harvesting is about half through; no harm has been done by frost or storm of any kind. Wheat will average about 20 bushels to the acre, oats about 40, barley about 25 to 30. Wheat and oats are a good sample. Compared with last year, harvesting is about as far advanced.

Yorkton—Nearly all the wheat and about 25 per cent of oats is cut, the wheat crop will average about 18 bushels to the acre, the same as last year. The oats crop will be a good average yield of about 40 bushels to the acre, same as last year. Harvesting on the whole is about one week later than last year. No damage from frost reported.

NORTHERN PACIFIC REPORT.

The Northern Pacific Railway com-

pany issue the following crop report for the week ending August 31:

Brandon—Weather is favorable for harvesting. Seventy-five per cent of wheat is cut and in stook and about 25 per cent of coarse grain. No stacking nor threshing done yet.

Rounthwaite—About 20 per cent of the wheat still to be cut in this vicinity and most of the oats and barley. Very little stacking done yet and the first threshing will be on Monday likely. It is impossible to say anything further about yield until some threshing is done. Weather very unfavorable as grain is hardly ripening any and stacking is also delayed on account of the cold and somewhat damp weather.

Wawanesa—Weather during the past week has been favorable for harvesting. About 80 per cent of the wheat crop is cut. Yield will be about 18 bushels in this vicinity. Threshing will likely commence the latter part of next week but will not be general for about three weeks.

Hilton—Weather since my last report has been favorable for harvest operations. Cutting will be almost through by the end of this week. Stacking has commenced and threshing will begin next week. All grain is shocking up as heavy as expected and wheat promises an average yield of eighteen to twenty bushels per acre. No damage by frost has been reported in this district.

Belmont—Wheat is about three-quarters cut and is turning out a much better crop than was expected. Threshing will commence in about a week. Some farmers threshing from the stook in about three days. Yield promises about 20 bushels per acre. Grain shipping will start in about three weeks.

Balduf—Weather for last few days has been a little backward for ripening grain, but has not prevented cutting; 75 per cent of the grain is cut and it is expected that wheat will yield from 18 to 20 bushels to the acre and oats 35 bushels. No threshing done yet, but is expected to be by first of next week. Local grain men do not anticipate early shipment of the bulk of the grain unless good prices are paid.

Somerset—Cutting in this vicinity is general and weather fine for harvest. Don't expect threshing will start for a week or so. Cannot say as to average yield. Do not expect any shipping of grain before the middle of September.

Altamont—Wheat harvesting is about over and no damage by frost or hail. It is a very heavy crop and a fine sample. Those in the best position to know say the average yield for this district will be between 25 and 30 bushels per acre. Threshing has not started yet. Weather fine.

Miami—The click of the binder is past, cutting being practically finished and the hum of the threshing machine can now be heard in every direction. The weather for the last week has been cloudy, threatening rain, but has not yet materialized. Grain is turning out, so far as heard from the lowest yield being 27 bushels per acre, and the highest 37 bushels, No. 1 hard. Wheat is being received now daily in the elevators. Have not heard of any sales being made as yet.

Roland—Grain cutting is now finished and stacking well on. Threshing from the stook commenced on the 29th and continues with increased power every day. The grain thus threshed out is perfectly dry and well cured. Sample A1 hard. Average yield throughout the district 20 bush-

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BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.

Vancouver, Sept. 3, 1898.

A little local creamery is selling at 25c; Manitoba creamery, 20 to 21c. Dairy butter 1c higher for choice new lots. Held stocks of dairy are being cleared out at 12 to 13c. Cheese firmer at 1c advance. Flour is down 25 to 30c per barrel. Oats \$1 per ton lower. Beef is 1c lower, but other fresh meats are 1c higher. Sheep are 1c higher.

Butter—Creamery, jobbers price, 20@21c; Dairy, jobbers prices, 16 @ 17c. Round lots, dairy, 15@16c.

Eggs—Local, 35c; Eastern eggs, jobbers prices, 16@17c.

Cheese—Ontario, 10½ @ 11c, jobbers price; Round lots, 10c.

Cured Meats—Hams 12½@13c; breakfast bacon 12½@13c; backs 12½@13c; short clear 10½c; short rolls 10½c; smoked sides 11 @ 12½c; Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 11c per lb, in pails and tubs 10½c lb.

Fish—Flounders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked salmon 10c; fresh halibut, 6c; salmon, 6c.

Vegetables—Potatoes, \$10@12 per ton; California silver skin onions, 1½c; cabbage 2c lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12.00 a ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons, \$6 @ \$7 box; bananas, bunch 2.75; plums 30@60c per box; peaches, 55c @ \$1.00; grapes, \$1.65; pears, \$1.50 @ \$1.75 box; apples, \$1.00 @ \$1.65; local tomatoes, 40c; greengages, \$1.25; prunes, \$1.25; St. Michael oranges, \$3; Mediterranean sweets, \$2.75; watermelons, \$1.25 doz.

Meal—Rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$2.80; 245 pounds sacks \$2.90; 4 22½ pound sacks \$3.10; 10 7 sacks, \$2.50; Oatmeal, 10 10's, \$3.25; 2 50's, \$3.00.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$5.25; strong bakers \$4.9; Oregon, jobbers price, \$5.00.

Grain—Oats, 25.00 @ \$26.00 per ton; wheat, 25.00@ \$27.00 per ton;

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$25.00 per ton; shorts \$20 ton; bran \$18; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

Hay—\$10 to \$12 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef, 6@7c; mutton 10c; pork 10c; veal 10c; Pemimican 40c lb.

Live Stock—Steers, \$3.50 per 100 lbs; sheep, \$4.00 per 100 lbs; hogs, \$7.00 per 100 lbs; cows, \$3.00 per 100 lbs live weight.

Poultry—Chickens, \$4 @ \$6 dozen.

Evaporated Fruits—Apricots 10½c per lb; peaches 9c; plums, 9@10c; prunes, French 5@7½c; loose muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6@8½c lb.

Nuts—Almonds, 13c; filberts, 12½c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12½c; walnut, 13c lb.

Sugars—Powdered, icing and bar, 6½c. Paris lump, 6½c; granulated, 5c; extra C, 4½c; fancy yellows 4½c; yellow 4½c lb.

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 2½c pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2½c; 5 gallon tins \$1.75 each; 1 gal. tins, \$4.50 case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$5.25 case of 20.

Toronto Hardware Market.

Toronto, Sept. 3.

Pig Iron—Canadian, \$14.00.

Bar Iron—Base price, \$1.45 @ 1.55; band iron, \$1.85 for Canadian and \$2.00 for imported; hoop iron \$2.

Sheet Steel—12-gauge, \$2.25 per 100 lbs; 16-gauge, \$2.40 @ 18@20, \$2.30@2.40; 22@24, \$2.30@2.40; 26, \$2.35@2.45; 28, \$2.45@2.65.

Galvanized Iron—16-gauge, 3½c; 18@24, \$3.87½c; 20, 4½c and 28 at \$4.37½.

Lead—Pig, 4@4½c; sheet, 4½@4½c per lb; shot, can., dis. 7½ per cent; pipe, dis. 25 per cent.

Black Iron—10@12 gauge, \$2.25@2.40 per 100 lbs; 14@16 gauge, \$2.60@2.70; 18@20 gauge, \$2.30@2.40; 22@24 gauge, \$2.25@2.35; 26-gauge, \$2.30@2.40; 28-gauge, \$2.45@2.55.

Coil chain—½ in., \$4.65; 5-16 in., \$3.75; ¾ in., \$3.25; 7-16 in., \$3.15; 1 in., \$3.10; 1½ in., \$2.80; 2 in., \$2.75.

Zinc—6@6½c per lb.

Antimony—10½@11c; solder 11½c@12½.

Ingot Copper—12½c@13 per lb.

Ingot Tin—18@18½c.

Canada plates—Half-polished. 52-sheet boxes, \$2.35; do, 60-sheet boxes, \$2.40; dull 75-sheet boxes, \$2.50; all-bright "Garth," \$2.60 per box; do, "alaska," \$3.00.

Tinplates—Cokes, \$3.00@3.10 for 14x20; do, squares, \$3.15@3.25; \$6.25 for 20x28; charcoal plates, \$3.50@3.60 basis for good brands.

Iron Pipe—Black pipe, per 100 ft., ¾ to 3 inch, \$2.00 to 2.05; ½ inch, \$2.15@2.20; ¾ inch, \$2.62½; 1 inch, \$3.60; 1½ inch, \$4.75; 2 inch, \$6.20; 2½ inch, \$8.30. Galvanized, ¾ inch, \$3.50@3.80; 1 inch, \$4.20 @ 4.60; 1½ inch, \$5.85@6.20; 2 inch, \$8.05@8.25; 2½ inch, \$11.00@11.25.

Barb Wire—\$1.75, terms 30 days or 2 percent., ten days f.o.b. Toronto.

Fence Wire—Annealed, oiled and annealed, 35 per cent; galvanized, 30 per cent.; terms 4 months or 3 per cent. 30 days.

Nails, Wire—Base price, \$1.80.

Cut Nails—\$1.75 base price Toronto, Hamilton, London and Montreal.

Horse Nails—Discount on regular brands, 50 per cent.

Horseshoes—Iron, light and medium pattern, \$3.25 per keg, Toronto and Hamilton.

Screws—Flat head bright, 87½c and 10; round head bright, 80 and 10; flat head brass, 82½ and 10; round head brass, 75 and 10 per cent.

Bolts—Common carriage bolts, ½@5-16, 70 per cent; tire bolts, 70 and 5; machine bolts, 60 and 10; blank bolts, 60 per cent; sleigh shoe bolts, 80 per cent; plough bolts, 60; stove bolts, 70 and 5; nuts, square, 4½c; hexagon, 5½c.

Rivets—Iron, 6½ per cent; copper rivets, 45 per cent.

Glass—First break in 50-foot boxes, \$1.60, and in 100 foot boxes, \$3.00; double diamond, under 25 united inches, \$4.50. Toronto, 4 months, or 3 per cent 30 days.

Green Wirecloth—\$1.20 per 100 square feet; terms, 4 months or 3 per cent for 30 days.

Spades and Shovels—Discounts 40 and 10@45 and 2½ per cent.

Harvest Tools—Discounts 60, 10 and 5 per cent.

Rope—Sisal, 7-16 in. and larger, 10½c; ¾ in., 11c; ½ and 5-16 in., 11½c; Manila, 7-16 and larger, 13c; ¾, 13½c; ½ and 5-16, 14.

Toronto Grocery Market.

Toronto, Sept. 3.

Sugar—Standard granulated sugar, 4 9-10c; yellows, 3½@4½c.

Syrup and Molasses—Syrup medium, 30c@32c; special bright, 35c@42c. Molasses—West Indian, bris, 32c@45c; New Orleans, 23@30c; for medium and 35c@47c for bright.

Teas—Japans, low grade, 16c@18c per lb; Young Hysons, seconds 16c@19c; firsts, 25 @ 45c; Congous, low grades, 10c@15c; mediums, 22c @ 25c, and fines, 40c @ 55c; Oolongs, 25c @ 65c; Ceylons, 17@25c.

Coffees—Green, Rio, 8@12c; Mocha, 23c@28c; Java, 22c@30c.

Canned goods—Tomatoes, \$1.10@1.20; peas, 75c@1.00; sifted peas, \$1.05@1.20; corn, 85@95c; beans, 70@90c; pumpkins, 70@75c; strawberries, 2's, \$1.50 @ 1.80, raspberries, 2's, \$1.50@1.75; peaches, 2's, \$1.40@1.65; 3's, \$2@2.40. Cohoes Salmon, \$1@1.10; sock-eyes, \$1.30@1.50; mackerel, \$1.30@1.40; lobsters, halves, 1.75; tall lbs, \$2.80; flats, \$3.25.

Nuts—Marbots, 10c; filberts, Sicily, 9c; Grenoble Walnuts, 11@12c.

Rice—Rice, bags, 8½@4c; do Patina, 5½ @6c; do Japan, 6@6½c.

Dried Fruits—Raisins, Valencias, new, off-stalk, 4½c@5c; fine; off stalk, 5½@5½c; selected, 6@6½c; layers, 6½@7c; Provincial, currants, 6½@6½c; Filhiatras, 6½@7c; Patras, 7c@7½c; Vostizzas, 8c@8½c; California evaporated fruits—Apricots, 10½@14c; pears, 9c@10c; peaches, 9½c@10½c; prunes, 40's to 50's, 9c@10c; 50's to 60's, 7½@8½c; 60's to 70's, 8c@8½c; 70's to 80's, 7½c@8c; 80's to 90's, 7½c@8c; 90's to 100's, 7@7½c. Bosnia prunes, 5½@6½c; Sultanias, 9c@13c. Peel—Orange, 12c @15c per lb; citron, 18c@20c; lemon, 11c @14c. Halloween dates, 5@5½c. Malaga, London layers, \$1.30@1.50 per box; black baskets, \$2.00; blue baskets, \$2.25; royal clusters, \$4.00; quarter flats, London layers, 65c; black baskets, 75c; blue baskets, 85c; Dehesia, clusters, \$1.25. Figs—Natural in bags 4@5c; Eleme figs, 10 oz., 7½c, 5, 10 and 12 lb boxes, 10@12c; 6-crown; 12½c; 7-crown, 15c; bags, 4@4½ 4-lb Glove boxes, 14@15c.

S; ices—Ginger, Jamaica, 25c; Cochin 20c; cloves, Zanzibar, 15 @ 18c; Amboy, 18 @ 25c; allspice, 20c; nutmegs, 50c@51; cream tartar, pure, 25@28c, and 20@23c for compound.

PROVISIONS.

Mess Pork—\$16.00@16.50 for Canada mess; short cut, \$17; clear mess, \$15.00.

Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, car lots 8½c, ton and case lots, 8½c.

Smoked Meats—Breakfast bacon, 11c; hams, large 10½c and 11c to 11½c for medium; rolls, 9c; green meats out of pickle are quoted 1c less than smoked.

Lard—Tierces, 7½@7¾c; tubs, 7½c; pails 7¾c.

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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, Saturday, Sept. 3.

Harvest has progressed fairly favorably this week, though there was some interruption by rain in localities, principally in the western districts of the wheat belt. In Manitoba cutting is now practically finished, and a little new wheat has begun to move. With fine weather the grain movement will be becoming active by the close of another week. Business has been quiet in wholesale trade in the city this week, with a good feeling as to prospects for the fall trade. A good business in farm lands is looked for this fall, after harvest is finished. During the month of August the land department of the C. P. R. disposed of 19,448 acres of land for the total sum of \$64,390. This is more than double the sales of August of last year, when 9,640 acres were disposed of for \$30,209. The improved demand for farm lands is one of the most hopeful features of the present year, showing as it does that substantial progress is being made in the development of the country. Bank clearings at Winnipeg this week were a little less than for the corresponding week of last year. Clearings for the month of August were slightly less than for August of last year; but returns for all other months so far this year show a large increase over corresponding periods of previous years.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Saturday, Sept. 3
BINDER TWINE.

The demand for binder twine is now, practically over for this season, and there has been no shortage of twine in any quarter. The early purchases of twine appear to have been larger than was supposed, and very little twine was taken after the prices advanced. One of the large implement companies, having agencies at about all country points, appears to have had considerably more twine in the country than was supposed. At any rate there was no squeeze at the close of the season, and twine held for sale after harvest started has not been wanted to any extent. A United States implement trade paper says: "The decline predicted for both sisal and manila hemp when the blockade of Manila was raised, has not occurred. The market quotations on August 1st were 71-4 spot for manila, and 71-4 for sisal; these prices were still ruling and very firm on Aug. 20th. A peculiarity of the quotations is that both grades of hemp are identical in price. This, if permanent, would insure an almost general abandonment of sisal in favor of manila by consumers of cordage, and as such a course would naturally send the price of manila up, the usual divergence in prices would soon result. As this is the season when large consumers of hemp usually purchase their year's supply, a continuation of the high prices for binding twine and rope seems inevitable for the next year."

FISH.

Oysters arrived in the market promptly with the first of September. So far only selects are in and they are quoted at \$2.50 per gallon, which is a little high yet, but they will be lower within a few weeks.

GREEN FRUITS.

Peaches have continued scarce, and unless they come in very soon more freely than they have been doing, the season's wants of the trade may not be fully supplied. British Columbia plums have continued to arrive in express lots, but a good many have been out of condition. The best have sold at \$1 per box. Pears are lower. California grapes are quoted 25c lower. Ontario grapes will be arriving shortly. There has been a plentiful supply of crabs in the market—some of very good quality. They are quoted lower this week. Orders for crabs should be placed at once, as a supply of good fruit cannot be counted on very long. Ontario tomatoes, pears and apples have been arriving. Plums are 25c lower. Prices are: Oranges, late Valencia, \$4 to \$4.50 a box; bananas, a bunch, \$2.25 to \$3, as to size; California lemons, \$6 per box; Minnesota tomatoes, \$2 per bushel basket; Ontario tomatoes, 20 pound basket, \$1; California and Oregon fruits, peaches, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per box; plums, \$1.10 to \$1.25 per box as to quality and variety; pears, \$2.25 to \$2.50 per box; blueberries, 4 to 6c per pound; Ontario Duchess apples, \$3 to \$3.50 per barrel; crab apples, barrel, \$4; B. C. plums, \$1 per box for sound stock, southern grapes, 50c per basket; California grapes, \$2.75 for four basket crates; Ontario pears, 60 to 75c per basket; water melons, \$3 per dozen; coconuts, \$1 per dozen; Selly filberts, large, 11 to 12c per pound; Grenoble walnuts, 14c; figs, elemes, 14 pound boxes, \$1.50; 20 pound boxes, \$2.50; 1 pound boxes per dozen, \$1.75; dates, 6c per pound; Tarragona almonds, 12 1-2 to 13c; peanuts, green, 9c; roasted, 12c; pecans, 14 to 15c; strained honey, 7 1-2 to 10c per pound; maple sugar, 11 to 12c; syrup per dozen half gallon tins, \$6.50; apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels.

GROCERIES.

Sugars have been advanced 1-8c here this week on granulated and 1-16c on yellows, in sympathy with the advance at the refineries east. Unpeeled peaches have been advanced another 1-2c here, making 1c altogether in two weeks. Evaporated peaches are being held very firm in California, and new fruit would cost considerably higher to lay down here than is now being asked for old fruit. Prunes are also being held very firm in California, in consequence of which there is talk of doing more in eastern stock. Canned salmon is very firm, owing to the tight pack in British Columbia. Prices have been advanced to \$4.25 at the coast for red fish, which is an advance of about \$1 per case from the low point of the season, and packers have hardly anything to offer at that. The change in the tariff since the first of August is closing out German sugars.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—The general wheat situation is not materially altered from a week ago. The range of prices in leading United States markets did not vary materially from last week, up to yesterday, but prices yesterday were lower at the close than closing prices on any day last week.

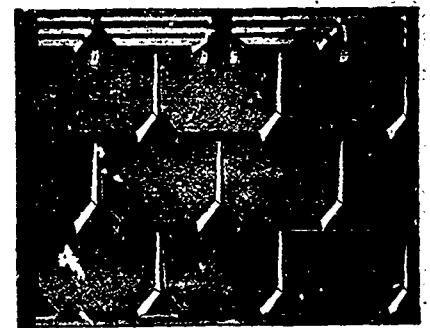
There has been more interest taken in the local situation this week on account of the beginning of the movement of new wheat. Threshing has been delayed by rains, but nevertheless a few cars of new wheat were handled this week. Two cars reached here on Thursday, and a few more cars were reported on Friday and to-day. The large grain buying concerns have been sending out their men to the country markets to be ready to take in grain from the farmers. The Ogilvie Milling company sent out prices to their buyers on Thursday as follows. No. 1 hard 52c; No. 2 hard and No. 1 northern 50c; No. 2 hard and No. 3 northern 45c; No. 1 rejected 38c; No. 2 rejected 35c. These are prices to farmers at points carrying a 16 1-2 and 17 1-2 cent freight rate to Fort William, 18 1-2 and 19 1-2c freight rate points 1c lower. In this market there was very little doing. Neither buyers nor sellers appeared to be anxious to do business in new wheat for future delivery. This feeling was to some extent due to the unsettled appearance of the weather, which indicated possible delay in threshing. About 66c, per bushel for No. 1 hard delivered at Fort William has been the basis of business in new wheat. It is said to have touched 67c on Tuesday, but 66c has usually been the limit of buyers. Yesterday sellers were asking 67c and buyers at 65c which latter quotation is slightly above Duluth No. 1 hard, but these prices are little more than nominal. Old wheat is practically cleared out. There were only 78,000 bushels in store at Fort William and Port Arthur of all grades on Monday, and most of that has been shipped. Sales of old wheat have been made at a range of from 79c to 81c during the week, for No. 1 hard, in store Fort William. The wide difference in the price between new and old wheat seems to be puzzling the country, as they cannot understand why there

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should be such a difference in the price. The country has been figuring the value of new wheat on the basis of old wheat. The fact is, that owing to the scarcity of old wheat, it has sold at a premium for immediate milling demand, both for export and home requirements. New wheat is not in condition for immediate milling and the supply will be abundant, hence the new crop starts on an entirely different level as to value.

FLOUR—Flour prices have taken a big drop this week, the month opening with a decline of 40c per barrel in flour. This decline is for old wheat flour, which is evidently coming down toward a basis of new wheat prices. The demand for flour has been of a very hard to mouth nature for some time. Owing to the low price of new wheat compared with old grain, flour and they have only purchased in flour they have only purchased to meet their requirements from day to day. While it is old wheat flour that dealers want, they have been trying to get it on a basis of new wheat prices. Prices are \$2.35 for patent, \$1.95 for strong bakers, \$1.50 for second bakers, and \$1.15 for XXXX per sack of 98 lbs.

MILLFEED—There is no change in prices and stocks continue very low. We quote bran at \$11 and shorts \$13 per ton in bulk. Large lots 50c per ton less.

GROUND FEED—Ground feed is quoted at \$28 to \$29 per ton as to quality for oats. Ground corn is out of the market.

CORN—No corn has been offered, but another car was expected for the local retail trade. It would cost 40 to 41c laid down here from the States.

OATS—No business done in new oats yet. A few cars of old have been taken for the local city trade at 37 to 38c per bushel of 34 lbs. on track here. No one will buy more than is required for immediate use, in view of the lower prices that will come with the new crop.

BARLEY—Nominal. None offered.

BUTTER—Creamery—The market is firm. We quote 18 to 18 1/2c to creameries. Some of the factories are now holding out for 19c.

Butter—Dairy—The market is firm at 23c, the top price quoted last week, and a shade higher has been paid for choice lots in the country. Prices for both dairy and creamery are high compared with a year ago, when 17c was being paid for creamery and 11 1/2c for dairy.

CHEESE—The cheese market is in a very unsettled and very peculiar condition. Prices were advanced by the recent competition to a very high point, and the feeling is probably one of reaction now. There have been rumors of Ontario cheese being brought in, though none has arrived yet. It is certain, however, that eastern cheese has been offered to the

trade here for future delivery, at lower prices than has been paid for the local make. The market is apparently in a very unsatisfactory condition. We quoted 9 to 9 1/4c last week, and it is said that even 9 1/2c has been paid for Manitoba cheese delivered here.

EGGS—The market is firm at 1-2c per dozen advance on last week's prices. Canned stock is selling here at 14 to 14 1/2c, and dealers are paying 13 1/2c here for receipts, equal to 12 1/2 to 13c in the country.

DRESSED MEATS—Pork is very scarce. We quote beef at 5c to 5 1/2c, as to quality. Mutton easy at 7 to 8c; lambs, 9 to 10c; hogs, 6 1/2 to 7c for country dressed and 7 to 7 1/2c for city dressed; veal, 7 to 8 1/2c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens are 50 to 60c per pair live; spring chickens 25 to 50c per pair as to quality and size; turkeys 10 to 11c per pound live weight; ducks, 65 to 70c per pair; geese, no demand.

GAMB—Wild ducks are now in season. Mallard's bring 25 to 30c per pair, canvass back, 35 to 40c and small varieties 15 to 20c per pair.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes are a good crop on high land in this district, but poor on low land, where they were damaged by heavy late spring rains. Potatoes, 30 to 40c per bushel. Cabbage, 25 to 40c per dozen; cauliflower, 40 to 75c per dozen. Green stuff offers at 10 to 12 1/2c per dozen bunches. Celery, 20 to 25c per dozen; green peas, in pod, 2c; beans, 2c per lb.; cucumbers, 10c per dozen; corn, sweet, 8 to 10c per dozen ears; native corn, 5 to 6c, onions, \$1 per bushel; green tomatoes, 75c per bushel. The pickling factories are paying 11-2c per pound for cauliflower and 11-1c for small cucumbers.

FRUITS—Blueberries are offering on the market at 60 to 75c per pail. Cranberries 25c per pail.

HIDES—The market has taken the long expected decline, and prices are now quoted 1-2c lower. Dealers say they have made losses right along on their purchases at the outside prices quoted, and having got sick of the business they have allowed prices to lapse. Sheepskins are 5c higher for the best skins. We quote hides No. 1 7 1/2c; No. 2, 6 1/2c; kip 6 1/2 to 7 1/2c; calf 8 to 10c; deacon skins 15 to 25c each; sheepskins and lambskins 20 to 30c; horse hides 75c to \$1.75 each; colts, 25c each.

WOOL—We quote 9 to 9 1/2c for unwashed Manitoba fleece.

TALLOW—No. 1, 3 1/2c; No. 2, 2 1/2 to 3c.

SENECA ROOT—The market is firmer at 17 to 19c per lb. Very little offering.

HAY—New hay is offering at \$5 per ton for baled on track here. No demand.

LIVE STOCK.

Seven lots of export cattle have gone forward. The range of butchers' cattle is 2 1/2 to 3c, but as a rule \$2.80 to \$2.90 is the top price paid. Export cattle quoted at 3 to 3 1/4c, Winnipeg weight, buyer paying local freight. Some stockers are going west to the ranges, and also to the States. As high as 3c has been offered for well bred stockers, for export to the States, and \$15 to \$17 per head is paid for yearlings.

SHEEP—The market is easy at 3 to 3 1/2c off cars here as to quality. A few loads of western sheep were in this week, and butchers are now well supplied. Lambs are quoted at 4 to 4 1/2c here.

HOGS—The market is quoted at 5c for choice bacon hogs. We quote choice bacon hogs, weighing 150 to 250 lbs. at 5c per lb.; 250 to 300 lbs., \$4.25 to \$4.75; heavy hogs over 300 lbs., \$3 to \$4, as to quality, live weight.

COWS—The tests being made for tuberculosis in the city milk dairies has stopped the purchase of cows for a time. A large number of cows have been condemned, and some public experiments are to be made.

HORSES—The market for horses at Winnipeg this week is in what may be described as a flourishing condition. Horses from the ranges of Alberta have met with a ready sale at prices ranging from \$150 to \$200 a team according to weight and breeding and some extra good animals have brought as much as \$125 apiece. These prices are for range-bred horses, not bronchos. The supply of these horses is plentiful and the demand good. Some American horses from the ranges of Montana are being imported by Winnipeg dealers, and these are also meeting with a ready sale. Several Manitoba buyers have been attending the Twin Cities market. Minn. recently and have done some purchasing on Manitoba account. The prices ruling there have been as follows: Drafters, 1,700 lbs., ranging \$100 to \$155; farm horses, 1,500 lbs. weight, \$125 do., 1,400 lbs., \$85.

British Cattle Markets.

London, August 29: A strong feeling prevailed in the market for cattle, and prices advanced 3-4c to 1c, due to smaller supplies, cooler weather and a better demand. Choice States cattle sold at 11 3/4c, and Canadians at 10 3/4c.

Liverpool, Aug. 29.—The feature of this market is the sharp advance of 1-2c to 1c in the price of sheep, choice Canadians selling at 11c; Argentine in wool, 12c, and clipped, 11 1/2c. Choice Canadian cattle sold at 10 1/2c, and Argentine at 10 1/2c.

The general stock of the estate of Sibbald & Co., will be sold in Winnipeg on Sept. 8.

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New York Wheat.

New York, Aug. 29.—Wheat, Sept. closed 69 1-8c; Dec. 66 3-1c. May closed 68 1-4c.

New York, Aug. 30.—Wheat Sept. opened 65 7-8c, closed 69 1-8c; Dec. closed 66 5-8c; May closed 68c.

New York, Aug. 31.—Wheat, receipts, 308,950 bushels; exports, 63,848 bushels. Options steady and ruled firm half the day on foreign buying strength in corn and a rally in cables. Then they turned weak and closed 1-8c to 3-8c net low; May, 67 7-8c; Sept., 68 9-10 to 69 1-2c, closed 68 5-8c; Dec., 66 1-4 to 66 15-16, closed 66 3-8c.

New York, Sept. 1.—Wheat receipts 175,750 bushels, exports 182,209 bushels. Options opened stronger on foreign buying but encountered a large spring wheat movement, easier cables, and fine weather news which produced subsequent weakness. All of this was finally regained on covering by September shorts and a good cash trade, closed being 1-8c to 1-2c net advance. Sales included No. 2 red Sept. 68 5-16 to 69 1-8 net, closed 68 3-4; Dec. 66 5-10 to 67 7-5, closed 66 7-8.

New York, Sept. 2.—Wheat, Sept. opened 68 1-4c, closed 67 1-4c; a. Dec. opened 66 7-8c, closed 66 1-4c. May opened 68c a, closed 67 3-4c.

New York, Sept. 3.—No market today. Holiday.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

Prices are quoted per bushel of 60 pounds for wheat, bushel of 56 pounds of corn, bushel of 32 pounds of oats, per barrel for mess pork, and per 100 pounds for lard and short rib bacon; flax seed per bushel of 56 pounds.

Chicago, Aug. 29.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—Aug. 68 1-4c; Sept. 64 1-8 to 64 1-4c; Dec. 61 7-8 to 62; May 61c.

Corn—Aug. 30 to 3-8; Sept. 30 to 1-8; Dec. 30 1-4; May 32 1-2 to 5-8.

Oats—Sept. 19 7-8; May 22 to 1-8.

Pork—Sept. \$8.85; Oct. \$8.87 1-2; Dec. \$8.95.

Lard—Sept. \$5.77 1-2; Oct. \$5.22 1-2; Dec. \$5.27 1-2.

Ribs—Sept. \$5.32 1-2; Oct. \$5.35.

Chicago, Aug. 30.—Closing prices Wheat, Aug. 67 3-4c, Sept. 64 3-8c, Dec. 62c. Corn, Sept. 30 1-8c. Oats, Sept. 19 3-4c. Ribs, Sept. \$5.35; Oct. \$5.35 a. Pork, Sept. \$8.85; Dec. \$9. Lard, Dec. \$5.25; Sept. \$5.17; Oct. \$5.20.

Chicago, Aug. 31.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—Aug., 67 3-4c; Sept., 63 3-4 to 63 7-8c; Dec., 61 3-4c; May, 63 5-8c.

Corn—Aug., 30 3-8c; Sept., 30 3-8c; Dec., 30 3-4c; May, 33 1-8c.

Oats—Sept., 19 7-8c; May, 22 1-4c.

Mess Pork—Sept., \$8.67 1-2; Oct., \$8.25; Dec., \$8.22 1-2.

Lard—Sept., \$5.05; Oct., \$5.10; Dec., \$5.15.

Short Ribs—Sept., 5.32 1-2; Oct., \$5.32 1-2.

Chicago, Sept. 1.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—Sept. 64 1-4 and 3-8; Dec. 62 1-8 and 1-4; May 64.

Corn—Sept. 30 7-8; Dec. 31 and 1-8; May 33 1-4 and 3-4.

Oats—Sept. 20; Dec. 20; May 22 1-1.

Pork—Sept. \$8.77 1-2; Oct. \$8.32 1-2; Dec. \$5.17 1-2.

Ribs—Sept. \$5.40; Oct. \$5.37 1-2.

Chicago, Sept. 2.—Wheat, Sept. opened 64 1-4 to 3-8c, closed 63 1-8c; b. Dec. opened 62 1-8c, closed 61 1-4 to 3-8c. May opened 64c, closed 63 1-4 to 3-8c. Corn, Sept. opened 30 7-8c, closed 30

3-8c. Dec. opened 31c, closed 30 1-2c b. May opened 33 3-8c, closed 32 5-8c. Oats, Sept. closed 19 3-4 to 7-8c. Dec. opened 19 3-4 to 7-8c, closed 19 5-8c. May opened 22 1-8c b, closed 22c a. Ribs, Oct. opened \$5.37, closed \$5.30, Dec. closed \$5.32. Pork, Dec. opened \$8.87, closed \$8.77. Jan. closed \$9.50. Lard, Oct. opened \$5.07, closed \$5.02. Dec. closed \$5.12.

Chicago, Sept. 3, December wheat opened at 61 1-8c and ranged downward. Prices were:

Wheat—Sept. 62 1-2c, Dec. 60 5-8c, May 62 3-4c.

Corn—Sept. 30 1-8c, Dec. 30 1-4c.

Pork—Oct. \$8.07 1-2.

A week ago September option closed at 64c. A year ago September wheat closed at 94 1-2c. Two years ago at 55 7-8c, three years ago at 58c, four years ago at 54 1-8c.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

No. 1 northern wheat at Duluth closed as follows each day of the week:

Monday—Sept. 63 1-4c, Dec. 61 1-2c.

Tuesday—Sept. 63 3-8c, Dec. 61 3-8c.

Wednesday—Sept. 62 3-4c, Dec. 60 5-8c.

Thursday—Sept. 62 5-8c, Dec. 60 1-2c.

Friday—Sept. 61 1-4c, Dec. 59 5-8c.

Saturday—Sept., 60 1-4c; Dec., 59 1-4c.

Last week September wheat closed at 63c.

A year ago September wheat closed at 94 1-2c. Two years ago September option closed at 56c, and three years ago at 55 7-8c, four years ago at 56 5-8c, and five years ago at 62 1-2c.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Saturday, Sept. 3, No. 1 northern wheat, 57 1-4c for September, and 56 5-8c for December. A week ago September wheat closed at 60c.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, Sept. 2.—12.30 p.m.—Wheat—Spot steady; No. 2 red western winter 5s 6d. Corn—Spot steady; American mixed new 3s 11-2d. Peas—Canadian 5s 1-2d.

TENDERS.

Tenders will be received to Sept. 10 for the erection of a school house near Cypress River, Man.

The Winnipeg city council is calling for more tenders for street pavements and boulevarding.

WEATHER AND CROPS.

Cutting is practically finished in Manitoba. There are a few patches of late grain in some sections to cut, but nothing to signify. In the Territories where the crop is later, there is a little more to cut. Stacking and threshing has been delayed some, as the weather has not been entirely favorable for this work, owing to rains in some districts, but some progress has been made and a few ears of new wheat have begun to move. The only rain here this week was a light shower this morning, after which the weather came out bright. Rains were reported west, however, Wednesday and Thursday. It was cloudy here all the week up to Friday. The weather department tried to get up a scare by reporting danger of frost on one night early in the week, but the temperature was not dangerously low at any time during the week. Light rain again this afternoon here.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT.

Liverpool, Aug. 27.—Wheat quoted 7-8 d lower than yesterday.



Winnipeg Clearing House.

The clearing house returns this week, compared with the corresponding week in previous years, show as follows:

Week ended Sept. 1, 1895	\$1,365,995
Corresponding week, 1897	1,423,634
1895	919,925

Following shows the bank clearings at Winnipeg by months, for three years:

	1895	1897	1896
January	6,347,165	5,009,519	4,977,700
February	5,517,000	3,851,000	4,032,000
March	5,665,000	4,259,000	4,250,000
April	6,410,000	4,162,000	4,932,000
May	8,683,364	5,014,786	4,216,201
June	7,396,000	5,831,000	4,094,000
July	6,316,238	5,616,663	4,661,277
August	6,180,355	6,295,574	4,646,959

Financial Notes.

A branch of the Union bank has been opened at Regina, Assa. T. R. Billet, accountant of the Bank of Commerce, Winnipeg, is leaving for Fernie, B. C., to fill the position of manager of the new branch at that place.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

Wheat closes dull and nominal; 80c offered for old No. 1 hard. New nominal at 65 to 66c. Fort William damp weather prevents business in new crop. The wire from the south was interrupted.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE.

A private cable received to-day quoted Canadian cattle at 10 1-2c. There seems to be some error about yesterday's cable.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, Sept. 2.—Flax seed closed at 89 1-2c for cash and 85 3-4c for October option.

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TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Sept. 3.

Dry Goods—Fall buying in full swing. Exhibition and millinery openings have attracted many buyers. Millinery sales are the best in the history of the trade. Dealers report large buying of millinery and dry goods and increased sales of high grade goods. Canadian high class tweeds are 5 to 12 per cent. higher. German manufacturers are offering lines laid down here at the same price as in July, to discount preferential tariff.

Groceries—More active. Large sales of sugars, and prices are firm at Monday's advance. Canned salmon are strong. Second grade red is offering at \$1.15; sockeyes \$1.30 to \$1.45. The peach pack is light. Prices will likely be 30c higher than last year. Japan teas are firm and better prices are being secured in the States than in Canada. Ceylon teas at 25c are scarce.

Hardware—A larger movement of sporting goods reported. Screws and bolts are active. Nails slow. Rope and leather halters dearer. Sheet zinc 1-4c higher. Zinc spelter 3-2c higher.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Sept. 3.

Farmers deliveries of grain are very slow, and they evidently do not intend to sell at present prices for some time at least. Manitoba wheat 2c lower. The flour market is demoralized by cutting, and Manitoba grades are much lower at irregular prices. Oats 2c lower. Hides are 1-4c lower, and a further decline expected.

Flour—Manitoba patents, \$4.40 to \$4.60; Manitoba bakers, \$4.30. Ontario straight roller \$3 to \$3.05 per barrel in wood, in car lots.

Wheat—Ontario red and white winter wheat new, 67c to 69c, for cars at country points; No. 1 hard, 89c Toronto.

Oats—New white, 22 1-2c for cars at country points.

Millfeed—Shorts, \$12.50 to \$14.50 per ton at country points. Bran, \$8.50 to \$9 per ton.

Oatmeal—\$4 per barrel for car lots and \$3.90 in bags.

Eggs—11 to 12 1-2c as to quality.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, 14 to 15c; for choice fresh goods; medium grades, 11 to 12c; creamery, tubs, 18 to 18 1-2c.

Hides—No. 1 green 83-4c; cured, 9 1-4c sheepskins and lambskins 50c to 60c; calfskins 8 to 10c; tallow 31-2 to 4c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 16c; unwashed, 10 to 10 1-2c.

Beans—50 to 95c per bushel as to quality.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Aug. 30.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts of cattle were 49 cars, 675 sheep and lambs and 1,000 hogs.

Good butchers' cattle sold from \$3.75 to \$4 and were scarce. Export cattle dull at \$4 to \$4.40. Hogs weak and lower at \$4.70 to \$4.75 for choice bacon; heavy, \$4.25 to \$4.40; light \$4.25. Spring lambs sold at \$3.75 to \$4.25 per cwt. and sheep at 3 to 3 1-2c.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, Sept. 2.

Receipts of cattle were 72 carloads and 3,000 hogs, and 1,900 sheep and lambs.

Export buying was inactive, owing to slow cables. There was a good demand for stocker cattle for shipment to the United States. Hogs were weak, and a further decline is expected next week. Lambs were also easier. Choice hogs were unchanged, but other sorts were 1-4c lower. Other lines were the same as at Tuesday's market.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Sept. 3.

Sugars have been advanced 1-16c at the refineries. Teas are quite strong. Canned salmon very firm. Canned vegetables quiet and nominal.

Quotations are: Granulated sugar, standard, 4 1-2c at refineries; yolows, 3 11-16 to 4 3-16c; molasses, 30 to 31c; syrups, 2 to 2 1-2c as to quality; Valencia raisins 4 3-4 to 5 1-2; Valencia layers, 6 1-2c; currants, 5 1-8 to 6 1-2c, as to brand; coffee, Rio, 8c to 10c; Mocha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c; rice, Crystal Japan, 5 1-4c, B, 3 3-4c.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Sept. 3.

Prices steady this week, as follows: White lead, government standard, \$5.62 1-2; No. 1, \$5.25; dry white lead in kegs, 5c; red lead in kegs, 4 1-2c; linseed oil, raw, 47 to 48c; boiled, 50 to 51c; turpentine, 44c; bar iron, \$1.40 to \$1.50, tin plates, cokes, \$2.75 to \$2.90; I. C. charcoal, \$3.25 to \$3.75; Canada plates, \$2.10 to \$2.15; tern plates, \$5.95 to \$6.25; galvanized iron, 4 1-4 to 4 3-4c; lead, \$3.75 to \$4; iron pipe, \$3.90 to \$4; putty in bulk, \$1.65; in bladders, \$1.80; ingot tin, 16 1-2 to 17 1-2. Cement, English brands, \$2.25 to \$2.35, Germany, \$2.35 to \$2.50, and Belgium, \$1.85 to \$2.05 per barrel ex-wharf. Rope, sisal 10 1-4 to 10 1-2c; Manila, 12 to 12 1-2 for 7-16 size and larger.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Sept. 3.

Oats are easier, and quoted 1 to 2c lower. Flour is unchanged. Shorts 50c higher. Oatmeal 5c lower. Sheepskins 10c higher. Butter is weak and lower for both creamery and dairy grades. Cheese unchanged. Eggs 1c higher compared with prices a week ago. Ocean freights outward have been advanced, and space for September and part of October is engaged.

Oats—No. 2 white, new, 27 1-2 to 28c about.

Flour—Manitoba strong bakers \$4.60 to \$4.70; Manitoba patents, \$4.50 to \$5.

Millfeed—Bran \$11.50 per ton; shorts, \$14.50, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.75 per bag.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 9c; No. 2, 8c; No. 3, 7c; calfskins, 8c to 10c; sheepskins, 40 to 50c; lambskins, 40 to 50c; tallow, 31-2 to 33-4c.

Eggs—13 to 14c per dozen.

Butter—Choice dairy, 14 to 15c; western dairy, 13 to 14c.

Butter—Creamery, in tubs, 17 to 17 1-2c. Fancy boxes range up to 17 3-4c.

Cheese—Choice western 8 1-4 to 8 1-2c, eastern, 7 1-2 to 7 7-8c.

Beans—55c to \$1 per bushel as to quality.

BRITISH LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Sept. 2.—Cattle market lower at 10 3-4 to 11 1-2.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Aug. 30.

Receipts at the East End abattoir market yesterday were 400 cattle and 1,000 sheep and lambs. Choice cattle sold at 4 1-2 to 4 3-4c; good at 4 to 4 1-4c; fair at 3 1-4 to 3 3-4c; common at 2 1-2 to 3c. There was a better demand for sheep for export at 3c to 3 1-4c. Lambs ready sale at 4c to 4 1-2c per lb. At the Grand Trunk yards 350 hogs were offered and prices were lower at 5 to 5 1-4c per lb.

Cattle freights to Liverpool have declined 2s 6d to 5s per head, and are quoted at 30s. London 25s to 27s.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Sept. 2.

Receipts of cattle at the semi-weekly market yesterday were 600 head, sheep 700, lambs 800. There was quite an active demand for cattle, and choice sold at 4 1-2 to 4 3-4c. Fair to good ranged at 3 1-2 to 4 1-4c. Sheep 3 to 3 1-2c. Lambs 4 to 4 1-2c. Hogs unchanged.

MINNEAPOLIS MARKETS.

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents \$4.10 to \$4.30; second patents \$3.90 to \$4.10.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$8.50 to \$8.17; bran in bulk \$5.50 to \$7.75; corn feed \$11.50 to \$12.75 per ton, as to quality.

Corn—Quoted at 28 1-4c for No. 3. Oats—Oats held at 21 3-8c for No. 3 white.

Barley—Feed quoted at 27c; new malting, 30 to 36c.

Flax seed—\$5 3-4c per bushel. Eggs—10 1-4c for strictly fresh, including cases; seconds, 6 to 7c.

Cheese—Choice fancy 7 to 9 1-2c; fair to good, 6c.

Butter—Creamery, 16 1-2c to 18c; seconds, 13 to 14c; dairy 13 to 16 1-2c, for choice to fancy.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 5 1-2 to 7c; lamb 8 to 10c; veal 7 to 8c.

Potatoes—New car lots mixed, 22 to 25c.

Poultry—Hens, 7 1-2c, roosters, 4c; spring chickens, 8c; turkeys, 7 1-2 to 8c; ducks, 6 to 7c; geese, 5c; all live weight.

Hides—Green salted hides 9 1-4c for No. 1; 8 1-4c No. 2; bulls, oxen and brands 7 to 8c; sheepskins 10 to 20c each; veal calf, 9 1-2 to 11c; tallow 23-4 to 3; seneca root, 20 to 21c.

Wool—Unwashed, fine 11 to 12c; medium 13 to 14c; coarses 15 to 16c.

Hay—\$7 to 7.50 per ton for timothy; mixed, \$5 to \$6.

CHEESE MARKETS.

Belleville, Aug. 30.—Fifteen factories boarded 995 boxes white and 40 boxes colored. 390 sold at 8c, all August make.

Ingersoll, Aug. 30.—Offerings to-day, 2,675 boxes, August make. Sales, 150 at 7 3-4c; 8c refused for some lots.

SUGAR.

Special to The Commercial.

London, Sept. 2.—Market firm and unchanged at 9s 6d for beet. Fair refining 10s 6d.

CHEESE.

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Liverpool, Sept. 2.—Cheese, colored at 38s 6d. White, 37s 6d. This shows an advance on the week of 6d on colored cheese.

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