

Technical and Bibliographic Notes / Notes techniques et bibliographiques

The Institute has attempted to obtain the best original copy available for filming. Features of this copy which may be bibliographically unique, which may alter any of the images in the reproduction, or which may significantly change the usual method of filming, are checked below.

L'Institut a microfilmé le meilleur exemplaire qu'il lui a été possible de se procurer. Les détails de cet exemplaire qui sont peut-être uniques du point de vue bibliographique, qui peuvent modifier une image reproduite, ou qui peuvent exiger une modification dans la méthode normale de filmage sont indiqués ci-dessous.

Coloured covers/
Couverture de couleur

Coloured pages/
Pages de couleur

Covers damaged/
Couverture endommagée

Pages damaged/
Pages endommagées

Covers restored and/or laminated/
Couverture restaurée et/ou pelliculée

Pages restored and/or laminated/
Pages restaurées et/ou pelliculées

Cover title missing/
Le titre de couverture manque

Pages discoloured, stained or foxed/
Pages décolorées, tachetées ou piquées

Coloured maps/
Cartes géographiques en couleur

Pages detached/
Pages détachées

Coloured ink (i.e. other than blue or black)/
Encre de couleur (i.e. autre que bleue ou noire)

Showthrough/
Transparence

Coloured plates and/or illustrations/
Planches et/ou illustrations en couleur

Quality of print varies/
Qualité inégale de l'impression

Bound with other material/
Relié avec d'autres documents

Continuous pagination/
Pagination continue

Tight binding may cause shadows or distortion along interior margin/
La reliure serrée peut causer de l'ombre ou de la distorsion le long de la marge intérieure

Includes index(es)/
Comprend un (des) index

Blank leaves added during restoration may appear within the text. Whenever possible, these have been omitted from filming/
Il se peut que certaines pages blanches ajoutées lors d'une restauration apparaissent dans le texte, mais, lorsque cela était possible, ces pages n'ont pas été filmées.

Title on header taken from: /
Le titre de l'en-tête provient:

Title page of issue/
Page de titre de la livraison

Caption of issue/
Titre de départ de la livraison

Masthead/
Générique (périodiques) de la livraison

Additional comments: /
Commentaires supplémentaires:

This item is filmed at the reduction ratio checked below /

Ce document est filmé au taux de réduction indiqué ci-dessous.

10X	14X	18X	22X	26X	30X
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12X	16X	20X	24X	28X	32X

BANK OF MONTREAL

ESTABLISHED 1817.

Capital all Paid-up - \$12,000,000
Reserve Fund, - 6,000,000
Undivided Profits - 1,160,954.19

HEAD OFFICE, MONTREAL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Rt. Hon. Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, G.C.M.G., President.
Hon. G. A. Drummond, Vice-President.
A. T. Paterson, Esq., James Ross, Esq.
Sir William McDonald, K. B. Angus, Esq.
Edw. D. Greenbalds, Esq., A. P. Gault, Esq.
W. W. Ogilvie, Esq.
E. S. CLOUSTON, General Manager.

BRANCHES in all the principal cities and towns throughout the Dominion of Canada, and in the following cities: St. John's, Newfoundland London, Eng., 22 Abchurch Lane, E.C. New York, 52 Wall St. Chicago, 155 La Salle Street.

BANKERS AND CORRESPONDENTS.

Liverpool—Bank of Liverpool
Scotland—British Linen Co. Bank and Branches.

WINNIPEG BRANCH

Travellers' Circular Letters of Credit and Commercial Credits used for use in all parts of the world.
Collections made on favorable terms.
Interest allowed on deposits at current rates.
Drafts sold available at all points in Europe, United States and Canada, (including Alton and Dawson City).

A. F. D. MacGACHEN, Manager

DOMINION BANK

Capital (Paid up), \$1,500,000
Reserve Fund - \$1,500,000

Hon. Sir Frank Smith, Pres., E. B. Osler, Vice-Pres.

HEAD OFFICE, TORONTO

T. G. BROUGH, General Manager

WINNIPEG OFFICES:

Main Office: 150 Princess St.
R. L. PATTON, Manager.

North End Branch: 709 Main St.
S. L. JONES, Manager.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS IN SAVINGS BANK DEPARTMENT.

UNION BANK OF CANADA

CAPITAL PAID-UP - 2,000,000
REST - 450,000

HEAD OFFICE, QUEBEC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Andrew Thomson, Esq., Pres. James King, M.P.P., Vice Pres.
D. C. Thomson, Esq., E. J. Hall, Esq.
E. Giroux, Esq., Hon. John Sharples
Win. Price, Esq.

E. E. Webb, General Manager J. G. Rickett, Inspector
F. W. S. Critch, Assistant Inspector

BRANCHES IN MANITOBA AND NORTH WEST TERRITORIES

WINNIPEG—THOS. McCAFFHY, Manager.
GEORGE BOWLES, Assistant Manager.

Boissevain, Man.	Deloraine, Man.	Wooman, N.W.T.
Melita, Man.	Holland, Man.	Woods, N.W.T.
Carberry, Man.	Lehrterde, N.W.T.	Neepawa, Man.
Carmarthen, Man.	Morden, Man.	Virden, Man.
Winnipeg, Man.	Souris, Man.	Stenbato, Man.
Hamiota, Man.	Manitou, Man.	Wawanesa, Man.
Indian Head, Assa.	McLeod, Alberta.	Grima, Man.
Hartney, Man.	Calgary, N.W.T.	Killarney, Man.
Capital City, Man.	Saskatoon, N.W.T.	Pincher Creek

BRANCHES IN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC

Alexandria, Ont.	Norwood, Ont.	Smith Falls, Ont.
Hastings, Ont.	Ottawa, Ont.	Toronto, Ont.
Kerrville, Ont.	Quebec, Que.	Windsor, Ont.
Montreal, Que.	Shibbano, Ont.	Winchester, Ont.
	Carlton Place	

A General Banking Business Transacted.
Safe Deposit Boxes to Rent.

Imperial Bank of Canada

HEAD OFFICE, TORONTO.

Capital Authorized - \$2,500,000
Capital Paid Up - \$2,311,034
Rest - \$1,502,172

D. R. Wilkie, General Manager. E. Hay, Inspector.

DIRECTORS:

H. S. Howland, President. T. H. Merritt, Vice-President.
Wm. Ramsay, Robt. Jafray,
T. Sutherland Stayer, Elias Rogers, Wm. Hendrie.

BRANCHES IN THE NORTHWEST AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Winnipeg, Man.	C. S. Hoare, Manager.
Brandon, Man.	N. O. Loslie,
Portage la Prairie, Man.	W. Bell,
Calgary, Alta.	M. Morris,
Prince Albert, Sask.	H. Davidson,
Edmonton, Alta.	G. R. F. Kirkpatrick, Manager
Strathcona, Alta.	J. H. Wilson, Manager.
Vancouver, B.C.	A. Jules, Manager.
Revelstoke, B.C.	R. H. Hearn, Manager
Nelson, B.C.	M. Lay, Manager
Golden, B.C.	J. S. Gibb.

BRANCHES ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

Essex, Ont.	Port Colborne, Ont.
Galt, Ont.	Hal Portage, Ont.
Ferris, Ont.	St. Catharines, Ont.
Hamilton, Ont.	Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.
Ingersoll, Ont.	St. Thomas, Ont.
Listowel, Ont.	St. Thomas East End.
Niagara Falls, Ont.	Woodstock, Ont.
	Welland, Ont.
Toronto.	Wellington and Leader Lane
"	Yonge and Queen
"	Yonge and Bloor
"	King and York
	Montreal, Que.

WINNIPEG BRANCH

SAVINGS BANK DEPARTMENT—Deposits of \$1 and upwards received and interest allowed.

DEBENTURES—Municipal and other Debentures purchased.

AGENTS IN GREAT BRITAIN—Lloyd's Bank, Ltd., 72 Lombard St., London, with whom money may be deposited for transfer by letter or cable to any of the above branches.

DEPOSIT RECEIPTS issued negotiable without charge at any of the Hudson's Bay Co's Posts in Athabasca, Peace River and Mackenzie Districts.

DRAFTS SOLD, available at all points in Canada, United States and Europe.

LETTERS OF CREDIT issued, available in any part of the world

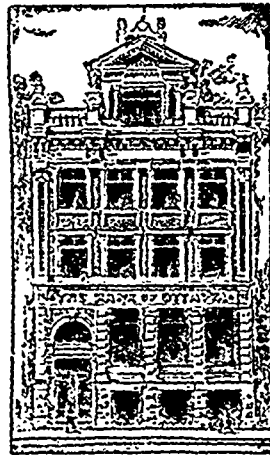
MONEY ORDERS issued payable at any Bank in Canada Rates—Under \$10, 5c. \$10 to \$20, 10c. \$20 to \$50, 12c. \$50 to \$100, 14c.

C. S. HOARE, Manager.

BANK OF OTTAWA.

Head Office, Ottawa.

Capital paid up, \$1,731,080
Rest, \$1,403,310



Capital authorized, \$2,000,000
Capital subscribed, \$1,994,900

This Bank offers to clients every facility which their Balance, Business and responsibility warrant.
WINNIPEG BRANCH, - J. R. MONK, Manager

The Canadian Bank of Commerce

CAPITAL \$6,000,000
PAID-UP
HEAD OFFICE, TORONTO
Winnipeg Branch
transacts a general banking business
John Aird, Manager

BANK OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA

ESTABLISHED 1858.
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER IN 1840.

Paid-up Capital - £1,000,000
Reserve Fund - £300,000

HEAD OFFICE—3 Clements Lane, Lombard St., London.

COURT OF DIRECTORS—J. H. Brodie, John James Ocker, Henry R. Farrer, Gaspard Farrer, Richard H. Olyn, E. A. Hoare, H. J. B. Kendall, J. J. Kingsford, Frederic Lubbock, Geo. D. Wharman A. G. Wallis, Secretary.

Head Office in Canada—St. James St., Montreal.
H. Stikeman, General Manager.
J. Elmy, Inspector.

BRANCHES IN CANADA.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO:	PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA:	PROVINCE OF MANITOBA:
London	Winnipeg	Brandon
Brantford	Halifax	Prince Rupert
Hamilton	Sydney, Cape Breton.	Edmonton
Toronto		Calgary
Midland	PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK:	St. John
Kingston	St. John	Fredericton
Ottawa	Yvesville	Greenwood
	Dawson City	Yukon District:
		Yukon
		Trail (sub-agency)

AGENCIES IN THE UNITED STATES.

New York—52 Wall Street, W. Lawson and J. C. Welsh, Agts.
San Francisco—120 Sansome St., H. M. J. McMichael and J. R. Ambrose, Agents.

Drafts on South Africa may be obtained at the Bank's Branches.

THE WESTERN CO-OPERATIVE LOAN AND INVESTMENT CO.

INCORPORATED 1897

HEAD OFFICE, WINNIPEG, MAN.

Hon. D. H. McMillan, President.
Hy. Brynes, Vice-Pres. S. H. Willis, Manager
G. W. Donald, Sec.-Treas.

ISSUES Prepaid Stock paying 6 per cent per annum. Fully paid stock paying 7 per cent per annum. Instalment Stock maturing in \$, 10 and 12 years.

LOANS made re-payable in monthly, quarterly half yearly or yearly instalments.

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA.

INCORPORATED 1832.

JOHN X. PAYZANT, PRESIDENT.

H. C. McLEOD, GENERAL MANAGER.

CAPITAL PAID UP, - \$1,760,900.00.

RESERVE FUND, - \$2,193,136.57.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT, 1890---1900.

ASSETS.	Jan. 1st, 1890		Jan. 1st, 1900.		LIABILITIES.	Jan. 1st, 1890		Jan. 1st, 1900	
	\$		\$			\$		\$	
Quick Assets	2,432,135.38		3,274,162.14		Capital paid in	1,114,300.00		1,760,900.00	
Loans and bills discounted.	5,903,094.20		11,270,924.09		Reserve undivided profits..	572,973.81		2,193,136.57	
Other assets	44,956.41		74,669.61		Notes in circulation	1,325,270.68		1,670,368.50	
Bank premises	94,975.77		18,640.59		Other liabilities.	194,238.38		198,632.96	
	\$ 8,475,161.76		\$ 19,638,396.43		Deposits	5,268,378.91		13,815,358.40	
						\$ 8,475,161.76		\$ 19,638,396.43	

* Nominal value.

Winnipeg Branch: G. A. KENNEDY, Manager.

BANK OF HAMILTON

Head Office, Hamilton.

Capital (all paid-up) ..\$1,500,000
Reserve Fund 1,000,000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

John Stuart, President. A. G. Ramsay, Vice-President.
John Proctor George Roach A. T. Wood, M.P.
A. H. Lee (Toronto) Wm. Gibson, M.P.
J. Turnbull, Cashier. H. S. Steven, Asst. Cashier.

Agencies throughout Ontario and at the following points in Manitoba and the West: Brandon, Carman, Manitoba, Manitou, Morden, Plum Coulee, Winkler, Winnipeg and Vancouver, B.C.

Deposits received and interest allowed.
General Banking Business transacted.
Collections carefully and promptly effected at all points in Canada.

Savings Banks at all Offices.
Correspondence solicited.
WINNIPEG BRANCH, Opposite Post Office.
C. BARTLETT, Agent.

The Western Loan & Trust Co.

LIMITED

Incorporated by Special Act of the Legislature.

Office: Company's Building, No. 9 St. Sacrament St., Montreal, Que.

DIRECTORS:

Hon. A. W. Ogilvie W. H. Comstock, Esq.
W. Barclay Stephens, Esq. R. Prefontaine, Esq., M.P.
R. W. Knight, Esq. John Hoodless, Esq.
J. N. Greenshield, Esq., Q.C. W. L. Hogg, Esq.

OFFICERS

Hon. A. W. Ogilvie, Pres. R. Prefontaine, Esq., M.P., Vice-Pres.
J. W. Michaud, Esq., Asst. Mgr. W. Barclay Stephens, Esq., Mgr.
Solicitors—Messrs. Greenshield & Greenshield.
Bankers—The Imperial Bank of Canada.

This Company acts as assignee, administrator, executor, trustee, receiver, committee of lunatic, guardian liquidator, etc etc., also as agent of the above offices.

Debentures issued for three or five years, both debentures and interest on the same can be collected in any part of Canada without charge.

For further particulars address the manager

CROTTY & CROSS, AGENTS, WINNIPEG

JOHN W. PECK & CO.
MONTREAL WINNIPEG
VANCOUVER

Manufacturers of



**CLOTHING
FURS
SHIRTS**

— Dealers in —

**MEN'S FURNISHINGS
HATS, CAPS.**

GO EAST

(If you have to)

GO WEST

(If you want to)

GO ANYWHERE

(If you care to)

You can't get away from the fact that our

CLOTHING is up-to-date in **STYLE** FIT and **FINISH** . . .

DONALD FRASER & CO.

Manufacturers of Fine Clothing
WHOLESALE

502 St. Paul St., Montreal.

126 Princess St., Winnipeg.

"KNOWLEDGE IS POWER."

The Stuart-Arbuthnot Machinery Co. Ltd.

(SUCCESSORS TO STUART & HARPER)

Are now located in their new offices and warerooms

764-766 Main St.

Winnipeg

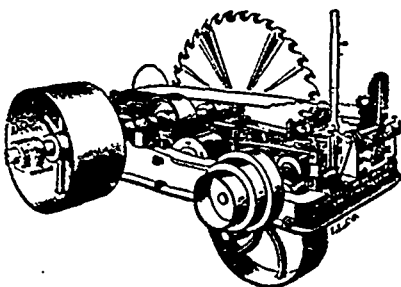
ONE DOOR NORTH OF THE OLD STAND - -

Call, ring up, or write them, for prices and information required on Engines, Boilers, Pumps, Flour and Saw Mill Machinery, Motors and Electrical Supplies of all kinds.

Phone 324

Established 1879

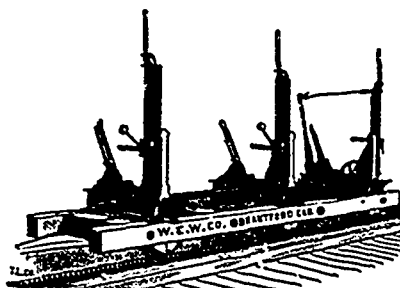
P. O. Box 693



ENGINES AND BOILERS

SAW MILL MACHINERY

Shingle Mills and Planers
Edgers and Trimmers



Waterous Engine Works Co

WINNIPEG, MAN. AND VANCOUVER, B.C.

Wall Paper...

We have just received a complete line of WATSON FOSTER'S WALL PAPERS, and will be pleased to forward samples on application.

Soliciting your orders.

Clark Bros. & Co.

173 McDermott Ave.

P. O. Box 1240.

WINNIPEG, MAN

MONEY MAKERS

AND READY TAKERS

Rocky Mountain Spruce

For Coughs and Colds.

Clark's White Liniment

For Man and Beast.

Dandelion Bitters

The tonic mixture that makes Rich Red Blood.

The Martin, Bole & Wynne Co.

MANUFACTURING CHEMISTS

WINNIPEG

R. A. LISTER & CO. Ltd.

232 King St., Winnipeg

Offer to the trade at right discount their

'Alexandra' and 'Melotte' Cream Separators

which are unequalled for large or small dairies, also

- Barrel Churns
- Butter Prints
- Butter Workers
- Thermometers
- Butter Boxes
- Parchment Paper
- Cheese Box Material
- Cheese Rennet
- Colouring
- Bandage
- Dairy Brushes
- Egg Cases

Correspondence solicited in English, French, German, Icelandic and Scandinavian.

THE COMMERCIAL

The recognized authority on all matters pertaining to trade and progress in Western Canada, including that portion of Ontario west of Lake Superior, the Provinces of Manitoba and British Columbia and the Territories.

Eighteenth Year of Publication
ISSUED EVERY SATURDAY

SUBSCRIPTIONS, CANADA AND UNITED STATES
\$7.00 PER ANNUM IN ADVANCE OR \$2.25 WHEN
NOT SO PAID; OTHER COUNTRIES, \$2.50 PER
ANNUM IN ADVANCE

Changes for advertisements or stops should be in
not later than Thursday Morning.

Advertisements purporting to be news matter,
or which profess to express the opinions of this
journal, will not be inserted.

Office: 151 McDermot Street.

D. W. BUCHANAN,
Publisher.

The Commercial certainly enjoys a very much larger circulation among the business community of the vast region lying between Lake Superior and the Pacific Coast than any other paper in Canada, daily or weekly. The Commercial also reaches the leading wholesale, commission, manufacturing and financial houses of Eastern Canada.

WINNIPEG, MAR. 10, 1900.

THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

There are some features connected with the business situation in Manitoba and throughout many parts of the west which cannot be regarded with favor. In fact there is considerable reason for the exercise of caution at the present time. The trade is suffering from two principal unfavorable features. These are slow collections and heavy overstocking. Regarding the latter feature, the unfavorable weather of the past winter has resulted in considerably deranging ordinary trade conditions. This western prairie country has been practically without sighing all winter and this has retarded business in many ways. Besides this drawback the early half of the winter was exceptionally mild, thus greatly curtailing the demand for heavy winter goods, and leaving merchants with large stocks.

The absence of snow, however, is not entirely to blame for the overstocking. This is a failure with the trade in nearly all seasons. The great majority of retail merchants habitually buy too freely. Last year there was probably more over-buying than usual. Crop prospects were good throughout the country, a large immigration of new settlers was going on and there was a general feeling of buoyance and hopefulness which undoubtedly encouraged the tendency to over-buying, always ready to show itself on the slightest provocation. The number of retailers in business throughout the country was considerably increased last year by the opening of new stores, the number of new businesses probably being in greater proportion than the increased consuming power of the country would warrant, by reason of the arrival of new settlers. The volume of business with the whole-

sale houses was certainly very heavy last year, owing to the opening of new business places and the heavier buying of the previously existing concerns. The opening of new business places of course curtailed the trade of the older concerns, and the unfavorable weather further reduced the demand for heavy winter goods.

Over buying is undoubtedly very largely to blame for the slow state of collections, of which we have heard so much of late. Mercantile payments have certainly not been at all up to expectations for the past few months. The general complaint of jobbers is slow payments, and the same general complaint comes from the retail dealers throughout the country. While the enforced carrying over of heavy stocks of winter goods, on account of the unfavorable weather, will naturally pinch the retail dealers, it should not make it more difficult for the retailer to collect his accounts from the consumer. On the other hand, the consumer who has spent less money buying warm winter clothing, etc., should have more money left with which to pay his debts. We have therefore to look elsewhere for the cause of slow payments on the part of the consumers throughout the country. It may be that those merchants who are behind on account of overstocking are throwing the blame on their inability to make collections, and that on this account we hear more about slow collections than we otherwise would. At the same time The Commercial has accumulated reliable evidence to prove that payments to retailers by their former customers in many parts of the west, have been very unsatisfactory during the past few months. The same cause probably has brought about this unfavorable condition as in the case of the retailer, namely over buying. The business done by retailers last year throughout the west was very heavy. This shows that consumers bought freely—largely on credit as usual. The lumber trade showed an enormous increase in volume; there was a large increase in the implement trade, and so on generally throughout the list. Dealers will say: We have no fault to find with the volume of business, if we could only make collections. The same buoyant feeling that inspired the trade to buy so freely, also no doubt affected the farmers and the result is, they now have more to pay than they have funds with which to pay with. While the crop of last year was a very good one, it did not come up to early prospects by a good deal. Another unfavorable feature has been the low price ruling for our principal product—wheat. Those who have sold their crop, have therefore, not realized as much money as they calculated upon receiving.

While these remarks explain the situation in a general way, we wish to point out one special cause for much of the inability of farmers to pay their accounts with business men. We refer to the large purchases of land made last year by farmers. This has a great deal more to do with the slow payments than most people imagine. Throughout Manitoba and the other settled districts of the west, there was quite a little wave of land speculation last year. The buoyant feeling already noted led the people to believe that we were again on the eve of a considerable real estate movement. Many farmers had their eye on a piece of land which they wished to add to their holdings, and they believed that if they did not secure it at once, it would advance in price, or some one else would get it. The outlook seemed good and crop prospects favorable, so they bought. Others probably bought for purely speculative reasons, thinking they would be able to turn over the land at a big advance. Undoubtedly the large quantity of land purchased by farmers has a great deal to do with the slow payments.

Instead therefore of a freer circulation of money as a result of the large volume of trade and brisk business of last year, there has been an actual increase in the amount carried on the books of country traders. The improved feeling led to large sales and easier credits, but did not bring the wherewith to pay for the largely increased purchases.

A new and rapidly developing country like our western prairie region, of course, has wonderful recuperative powers and it will only require a little care and discretion to soon overcome the present difficulties. The danger at present would be a movement to press the trade too hard for payment. The old houses in the jobbing trade here, who understand the situation, are not likely to do this. On the other hand, quite a number of eastern houses opened accounts throughout the west last year for the first time, and some of these may cause trouble. There have been some failures, but there is really nothing to fear for the future if the proper course is adopted. A little extra care on the part of the retailers in making their purchases and in giving credit, will soon make matters all right.

The sharp tendency of prices to advance makes the present a good time to carry fairly large stocks. Merchants who are carrying large stocks over from last year could not now buy these goods at the same money. They can add something to the selling price of the goods to pay for the cost of carrying, and still the price will be lower on many lines than they could now buy for. This is a favor-

Why Use Stale Eggs?

When pure fresh Eggs in a preserved and concentrated form can be procured.



REGISTERED TRADE MARK.

OVO can be used for every purpose for which fresh shell Eggs are used, and is far superior to held fresh, or limered Eggs.

It is prepared from choice fresh eggs, at a season of the year when fresh eggs can be readily obtained. By our process of manufacture, all the natural virtue of fresh egg is retained, while the prepared product will keep without impairment in any climate for an indefinite period of time.

OVO is largely used in the military hospitals and for other purposes in the South African war, where its great value as a delicate and nourishing food for the sick, or as a concentrated food for the men in the field, has been

fully recognized. Invaluable for miners and campers. More easily digested than fresh eggs. All grocers should handle OVO.

THE MEGREDY MFG. SYNDICATE, WINNIPEG

CONTRACTORS TO HER MAJESTY'S WAR OFFICE.

W. H. MALKIN & Co.

Importers and Wholesale Grocers

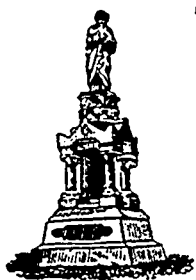
Special Lines:

California Evaporated Fruits,
Japan Rice China Rice
Sago Tapioca
Crosse & Blackwell's Jams, Pickles, etc.
Leo & Perrins' Sauce
Australian Canned Meats

GREEN FRUITS

Full line of General Groceries, Teas,
Coffees, Etc.

371 Water St. VANCOUVER, B. C.



THE THOMSON MARBLE
AND GRANITE WORKS

James
Thomson
& Co.

—DEALERS IN—

MARBLE & GRANITE MONUMENTS

Headstones, Marble Pieces, Tablets,
Cemetery Fencing, Etc.

Eight St. bet. Rosser and Princess Avenues
Nearly Opposite Palace Hotel,
BRANDON, MAN.

Represented by E. A. Atson and John Drysdale

DICK,
BANNING
& CO'Y
WINNIPEG

Are you in need of

1 1-2 inch **Lumber**
W. P. Select

Reasons

FOR SENDING YOUR
BUTTER, EGGS, PORK, Etc.

— TO THE —

DOMINION PRODUCE CO.
184 James St., Winnipeg

We have a first-rate connection of long standing amongst the buyers. We are in a position to get Top Prices.

We will give you prompt returns and render account sales weekly.

We will buy for you any line of goods you require, if we do not carry them.

We can handle chop, oats and barley in carlots to very good advantage.

P. O. BOX 892.

RAW FURS

HIDES AND DEER SKINS

SHIP TO

McMILLAN FUR & WOOL CO.

EXPORTERS AND IMPORTERS.

200-212 FIRST AVE. NORTH, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Write for Our Circular and See the Prices We Pay.

able feature so far as large stocks are concerned. Another favorable feature is the quantity of grain held by farmers, which is believed to be larger than usual at this season of the year. There is also the prospect of a further large increase in the population of the country this year, by reason of immigration. Altogether there is nothing in the present situation to lead to the fear of any retrograde movement. At the same time the situation does go to show that there is still much room for improvement in the way retail business is done in our rural districts, in the matter of credit and collections. We have not heard so much about excessive credit business of late years, as formerly, but the evil of unduly free and long credits appears to still prevail to a much greater extent than would appear desirable.

TRADE WITH SOUTH AFRICA.

The war in South Africa has been the means of greatly increasing Canadian trade with that portion of the world. It is pleasing to note that of the vast quantities of goods required for the British troops in South Africa, a by no means insignificant portion has been supplied by Canada. Some orders for these supplies have found their way to our own city and province. Several lots of Manitoba flour, as well as other goods, have been sent to South Africa. It is this week announced that the Lake of the Woods Milling Company have received orders from the war office for twenty-five thousand sacks, equal to fifty carloads of their highest grade flour, to be shipped immediately to South Africa. Half of the order is now on the way to St. John for shipment and the balance will follow next week. This large order for Manitoba flour is alone quite an item, though only one of many smaller orders received.

When despotism is suppressed in South Africa and that country is relieved from the incubus which has rested upon it, we may look for a wonderful development in that region, bringing with it an increased international trade with other countries, in which Canada is likely to freely share. Our exporters should begin at once to prepare to take advantage of the opening for trade expansion, which South Africa will undoubtedly offer from this time forward.

Circulars are being sent out by the executive of the Canadian Manufacturers' association to all the leading manufacturers of Canada asking for their views on transportation problems, and inviting them to send in any complaints of specific acts of unfairness in the regulation of rates by the railway companies, with a view to obtaining redress.

DOING THE MAIN LINE

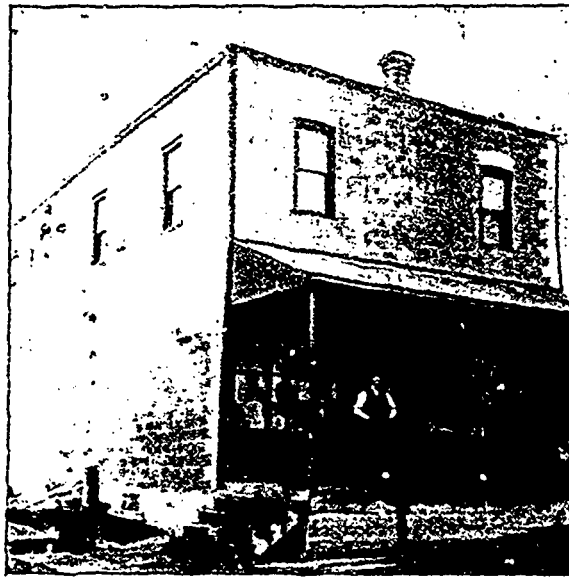
Notes of a Trip Westward from Winnipeg, by a Commercial Representative.

The trip along the C. P. R. main line from Winnipeg to Calgary would give a stranger a very faint idea of the resources of this country, as the impression he would most likely carry away would be of a vast and almost uninhabited prairie, broken here and there by bluffs of trees. This is partly the condition of the country along the railway track, as for various reasons the land is neglected by the settler for that a few miles further back, but if he were to break his journey and spend a day at a few of the towns along the line or could drive, the journey from Portage la Prairie to Moose Jaw by daylight, he would find instead of great stretches of wild prairie land large fields of grain and herds of cattle, and at intervals of ten or fifteen miles thriving market towns with a yearly business turnover that would

where a good living can be made more easily, and they are now quite satisfied to make this their future home and are building larger and more comfortable dwellings and outbuildings, and trying in other ways also to make their places more homelike.

As yet very little attention has been given to the planting of trees, which beside improving the appearance of their places, serve as a protection from the winds and storms of winter. In some of the older settlements this matter has been receiving attention, and no doubt in the course of a few years it will be general throughout the whole country.

Portage la Prairie is one of the largest and oldest towns in Manitoba and is the centre of an excellent wheat raising district. One need only look at the long line of elevators to be convinced of this fact. In addition to the grain elevators the Lake of the



Store of H. A. Scarth, Griswold.

hardly be credited. At each of these towns he would find from two to five or six elevators, each having a capacity of from 25,000 to 40,000 bushels, which are sometimes taxed to the utmost to handle the immense quantities of grain which these districts yearly produce. This is true of the country between Winnipeg and Moose Jaw, but west of that to Calgary, a distance of about 450 miles is one of the best ranching countries in the world.

The early settlement of this country was in some respects similar to that of the Klondike, only not quite so feverish. People came here with the idea of making a fortune and returning to their homes to spend it, but after living here a few years they are now realizing that a fortune cannot be made in a few days here, but that it would be hard to find a country

Woods Milling Co. has a large flour mill here and Thos. H. Metcalfe an oatmeal mill. During the past few years the appearance of the town has been improved by the erection of a number of fine buildings. The post office, which was completed about a year and a half ago, is of stone and is a very handsome structure. D. McKillop, furniture dealer, has this past year built a solid brick block adjoining the post office. It is 32x85 feet, two stories high, and cost \$8,000. He occupies both flats as in addition to his retail trade he also does a wholesale business, shipping principally to points on the Manitoba and Northwestern and Canadian Northern railways. A. McKillop is a manufacturers' agent, his principal lines being boots and shoes. Another block built this past year is that of T. & W. Millar, which

Ogilvie's Flour

WARRANTED THE BEST



AND IS USED EXCLUSIVELY
by all the leading bakers.

RAT PORTAGE LUMBER COMPANY LIMITED

Manufacturers of

LUMBER, LATH, SHINGLES

SASH, DOORS and all kinds of **WOODWORK**

Head Office and Mills at Rat Portage, Ont.

Branch, Point Douglas Ave., Winnipeg

PABST 

THE BEST
TONIC....

MALT EXTRACT

200 Dozen for sale by

The **Bote Drug Co**

Selling Agents, WINNIPEG, MAN.

they have erected on the lots where their old store formerly stood. This is also a solid brick building and is 60x105, divided into two stores connected by a passage way at the front. In the corner store will be placed the

the opening they were taking care of fifteen patients, and there has been an average of eleven patients in for treatment since then and satisfaction is everywhere expressed that a hospital was started, as it has been

long before the buildings were replaced by others. There are also at this point an implement warehouse, lumber yard and blacksmith shop, and two elevators. In 1898 about 150,000 bushels of grain passed through



Nelson Street, Virden.

shelf hardware, the stove and tinware department occupying the other half. The T. A. Garland Co. have moved their store into the business part of the town and are building a large addition at the rear. J. B. Housser & Co. have for years helped to supply this district with lumber and a short time ago they bought the planing mill of D. C. McCuaig which they are now running in connection with their other business. This firm have been operating in Portage la Prairie for ten years, and now employ about a dozen men, and have several branch yards as well. The Hudson's Bay Co. have a branch store here in which they have displayed a very good stock of general goods. A. J. Crighton, wholesale grocer, is located at this place and does a large business, his brand of tea being especially popular. The Farmers' Trading Co. handle agricultural implements and do a wholesale business as well as having a large retail trade in the immediate neighborhood.

Wm. Garland confines his attention to clothing and men's furnishings, and does a large business in these lines. J. & B. Brown carry a full stock of general merchandise, which they have displayed to good advantage in their roomy and well lighted store. They intend extending their business this year to include farm implements. A general hospital was opened here on the 9th of Sept. last, and has been doing very good work under the able management of Nurse Smith, who was for a number of years head nurse in one of the wards of the Winnipeg hospital. Inside of three weeks after

badly needed for a long while. The Northern Pacific Railway Company extended their line some twenty miles northwest from Portage la Prairie last year, and have also built a branch ten miles north to a point near Lake Manitoba. There are, of course, a large number of other concerns doing business at this point, and several bank branches, but space will not permit us to mention them in detail.

these elevators, the amount last year being somewhat less than that, amounting to about 125,000 bushels. Large quantities of cord wood are shipped from here each year to points on the Canadian Pacific Railway west, and the Great Northwest Central Railway. The extension of the Northern Pacific Railway from Portage la Prairie will no doubt draw some of the business from this point, but it is expected that it



Grain Elevators at Virden.

At Bagot there is but one general store, which is owned by J. C. Lowrie, who has been here for over seven years. Nearly the whole town, including this store, were burned by a bush fire in the fall of 1837, but it was not

will also tend to settle up the country surrounding it.

MacGregor is in a good mixed farming district, there being plenty of bush affording shelter to the cattle in winter, and also an abundance of good



His Work Is Easy

—SELLING—

REINDEER BRAND CONDENSED MILK EVAPORATED CREAM

STANDARD GOODS

For sale by all Wholesale Grocers.

E. NICHOLSON, WHOLESALE AGENT 115 BANNATYNE ST. E., WINNIPEG

Educate Your Customers

IT will pay you
will pay your customers
will increase your business

Benson's Prepared Corn

IS PURE.

40 Years on the Canadian Market.

For sale by all Winnipeg Wholesale Grocers.

E. Nicholson, 115 Bannatyne St., E. Winnipeg
WHOLESALE AGENT.

Home Reputation...

No Manufacturer or Dealer anywhere can give you under any brand, at any price, **ROLLED OATS** as pure or as clean as



DOW &
CURRY'S
JUBILEE
BRAND
ROLLED
OATS

Ask for Prices on car lots delivered at your station.

E. Nicholson, 115 Bannatyne St. E., Winnipeg
WHOLESALE AGENT.

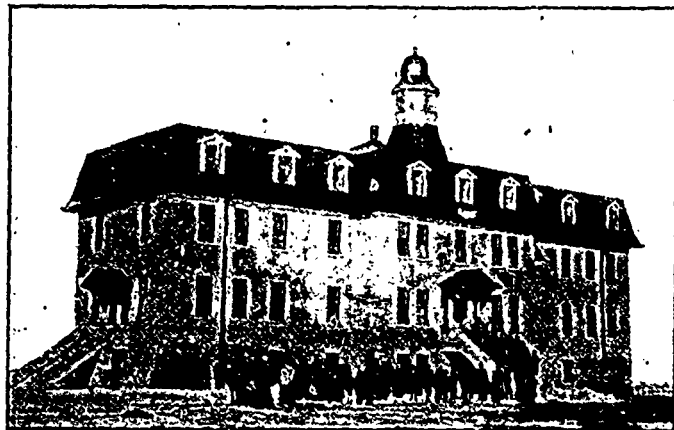
water. This town experienced considerable growth during last year, eight or ten dwellings and some business blocks having been erected and one or two new businesses started. Among the business changes we notice

shop and W. Clifford has enlarged his general store premises by a 48 ft. rear extension and there have also been an implement warehouse and several dwellings erected. W. Clifford also owns a flour mill here with a cap-

acity of 150 bbls. per day, and a 30,000 bushel elevator. There are two general stores here, two hardware, two butcher shops and two confectionery stores. F. Avery is the lumber dealer. Sidney has for years been keeping on the even tenor of its way and has only recently awakened to a sense of its possibilities. During the past summer it has had a small boom there

addition to the town is the erection by Geo. Rogers of a flour mill with a capacity of 75 bbls. per day. D. McLelland last spring purchased the general store of Thorn Bros. and has added to this stock. He has now a full line of the different goods generally carried by a general merchant. Alton & Beatty have started an implement business and have erected a warehouse. It is their intention to carry a full stock of farm implements, including the McCormick machines. John McElrea was one of the first to start business in this town. He carries a full line of general merchandise, including hardware and also has a lumber yard. Thos. Babb and W. Hood also have general stores here. H. E. Hamilton represents the Deering Harvesting Machine Co., and carries a stock of the smaller class of farm implements as well. D. P. Williams is the local butcher. Sidney has for years shipped large quantities of cordwood, but as at Austin, the land is now becoming cleared and this business is gradually giving place to the more profitable one of wheat raising. It is expected that the three elevators at this point will handle between 250,000 and 275,000 bushels of grain this year. There are two brick yards here which supply brick to the neighboring towns east and west. There should be a good opening for a doctor here.

Carberry has a population of about 1,200 and is known as one of the best business points in Manitoba, as it is the market town for the wheat district known as the "Big Plain," which has of late years been attracting a great deal of attention owing to the richness of its soil and the abundant harvests



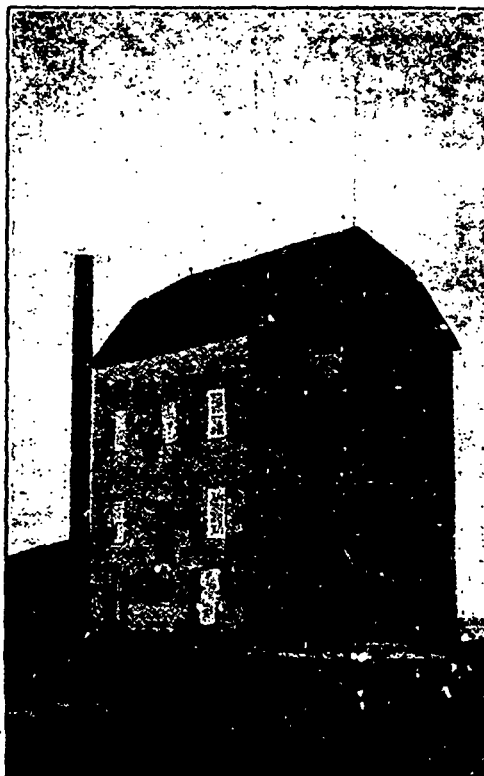
Wascada Indian Home, Elkhorn, Man.

that the Northwest Saddlery Co. and James Osborne have built solid brick stores, the latter being leased to N. Holmes, who now occupies it with a stock of general merchandise. A. F. Murdock has purchased the building in which the Methodist congregation until recently held service, and has moved it on to the business street and fitted it up for a store. Geo. Freeman started a fruit, confectionery and flour and feed store last fall, and Little Bros. bought out the general store business of P. W. Martin, moving the stock to a new stand, which they built for themselves. Wm. Knox and Merrick Bros. have general stores here. H. Glover a hardware and T. R. Vardon handles books and fancy goods, C. Street runs a butcher shop and also does considerable shipping business. Logan & Co., private bankers, have an office here, and G. B. Housser & Co., of Portage la Prairie, have a branch lumber yard. Rogers Bros. have owned and operated a flour mill at this point for 12 years. Their mill has a capacity of 150 barrels per day and is kept running night and day the year round, as they do a large business in Eastern Canada, as well as supplying the local market. Their elevator adjoining the mill, has a capacity of 50,000. Some 250,000 bushels of grain were marketed at this point last year and it is expected there will be a like quantity this year. The extension of the N. P. railway west from Portage la Prairie will of course draw some business from this point, but this should be more than off-set by the branch which the C. P. R. are building here and connecting with the Great Northwest Central railway near Rapid City.

Austin has for a long time past shipped large quantities of firewood each year to points west, but this business is now gradually dying out owing to the land being taken up and cleared for farming purposes. As a natural result of this increase in farming operations Austin is becoming a better business point and has experienced considerable growth during the last year. We notice two new business places. Irving Bros. started business last fall with a stock of hardware, stoves, etc., and A. C. Kemp has opened a butcher shop, making two at this point, E. Creamer owning the other. W. H. Duncan has built a new harness

shop and W. Clifford has enlarged his general store premises by a 48 ft. rear extension and there have also been an implement warehouse and several dwellings erected. W. Clifford also owns a flour mill here with a cap-

acity of 150 bbls. per day, and a 30,000 bushel elevator. There are two general stores here, two hardware, two butcher shops and two confectionery stores. F. Avery is the lumber dealer. Sidney has for years been keeping on the even tenor of its way and has only recently awakened to a sense of its possibilities. During the past summer it has had a small boom there



Flour Mill at Elkhorn, Man.

it produces. The traveller, who for the first time visits this town cannot but be favorably impressed by the number of handsome and substantial buildings it contains. The first building he sees on alighting from the train

HOTEL LELAND



THE PALACE FAMILY AND
COMMERCIAL HOTEL

Rates \$2.00 to \$4.00 per Day

Second to nothing in Canada.

W. D. DOUGLAS, Manager.

City Hall Square, Winnipeg

THOS. CLEARHUE

BROOKVILLE, ONT.

Manufacturer of

Gloves and Mitts

And Wholesale Dealer in

MOCCASINS AND SOCKS

WINNIPEG AGENCY:

285 MARKET ST

THE JOBIN-MARRIN CO.

Wholesale Grocers
and
Commission Merchants

We have just received a car of
WOODEN and FIBRE WARE,
including full range of Tubs, Pails, Wash-
boards, Clothespins, etc.

Country Produce handled.

Mail orders are given every attention.

Warehouse: Market Street E., WINNIPEG

Raw Furs

Highest cash price paid
for shipments of RAW
FURS of all descriptions.

M. F. ST. JOHN FOR

BUYER OF
RAW FURS

M. Axelrad & Co.
London, Eng.

532 Main Street
WINNIPEG, MAN.

WRITE FOR PRICE LIST.

The Whitham Shoe Co., Ltd.

MANUFACTURERS OF

FINE

FOOTWEAR

43, 45, 47 ST. MAURICE STREET

MONTREAL

Be Progressive
Increase Your Trade
Satisfy Your Customers

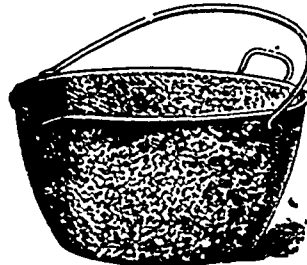
— BY SELLING —

McCLARY'S

STEEL ENAMELLED WARES

Made in four lines, viz:

TURQUOISE, WHITE



FAMOUS and IMPERIAL

These are the perfected production of long
experience. There is none better made anywhere.
Sold by all the leading dealers in Canada. Let us
send you a sample order. We also carry large
stocks in all the other various lines we manufacture.
PROMPT SHIPMENT.

The McClary Manuf. Co.

183-185-187 Bannatyne Ave. E.
WINNIPEG.

London Toronto Montreal Vancouver

T. & B.

Plug and Cut Tobacco

Try the new fours. They are giving
entire satisfaction. Pays the retailer a
handsome profit.

THE GEO. E. TUCKETT & SON CO.

LIMITED,
MONTREAL

J. Tees & Persse, Agents, Winnipeg.



When in the City be sure and visit the

WESTERN CIGAR FACTORY

And see how the following well known
brands of Cigars are manufactured:

THE T. L.

ROSA LINDA

MI DUENA

GORDON

St
ALHAMBRA

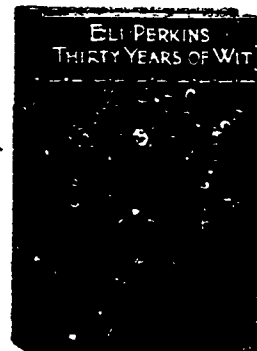
The largest Cigar Manufacturers in the West.

THOS. LEE,
Sole Proprietor.

713 to 723 Main Street, Winnipeg, Man.

ELI PERKINS'

"THIRTY YEARS OF WIT."



This book contains the Best Anecdotes, the Best Wit and Humor and the Brightest Sayings of the 19th century. This volume amuses every reader. It contains mirth on every page and laughter in every line. This treasurehouse of gladness contains General Sherman's Anecdotes and Jokes, Chauncy Depew's Best Stories, a night with the jolly rebels, Bill Nye in Laramie, Wild West Exag-

gerations, Doctors' Wit and Humor, Eli with the Lawyers, Henry Ward Beecher's Humor, etc., etc. This magnificent book is bound in English cloth with special cover design in gold and inks, size 5 1/2 x 7 1/2 and contains 305 pages. Sent postpaid on receipt of our Special Offer Price, 35 Cents. One of these books should be in every home. Send for our Special Illustrated Book Catalogue, FREE. Address all orders to

THE WERNER COMPANY,
Publishers and Manufacturers. AKRON, Ohio.

Wm. FERGUSON

WHOLESALE

Wines, Liquors and Cigars

8th ST., BRANDON

is the large brick depot, erected by the C. P. R. a year ago, and as he turns towards the town his attention is immediately attracted by the number of brick buildings with which the business street is lined. Last year saw a number of changes in the town, the principal ones being the erection of a flour mill and a large brick block, the latter being built by A. E. May, contains two large stores, one occupied by himself as an implement warehouse, the other by Chas. May, who, a short time ago, bought out the furniture stock of D. W. Muir and moved it to this stand, which is a particularly good one for this line of business. The mill is owned by C. J. Hurt, late of Hurt & McKay, millers, of Boissevain, Man. It has a capacity of 150 barrels per day and adjoining it is a 35,000 bushel elevator. The machinery was supplied by the Stratford Mill Building Co., of Stratford, Ont., and is of the latest design. The mill started operations on the 1st of January last. Among the changes in ownership of businesses here we notice that A. E. Webb, butcher, has been succeeded by Smale & Treavor and Copplein & McClocklin, general merchants, by C. J. McClocklin. The amount of building done in the town of Carberry last year totals \$64,000 and there has also been a large number of barns and granaries erected in the surrounding district.

Between Carberry and Brandon there are three stations, Sewell, Douglass, and Chater, the principal one being Douglass where there are two general stores, a butcher shop, bakery, two blacksmith shops, drug store, lumber yard and implement warehouses. The farmers in this district devote their attention principally to wheat raising, with very satisfactory results, as is shown by the amount of grain handled by elevators of which there are three at this point. There had been in the neighborhood of 300,000 bushels marketed to the end of December, and there is still a considerable quantity to come in.

At Chater the Great Northwest Central railway connects with the Canadian Pacific.

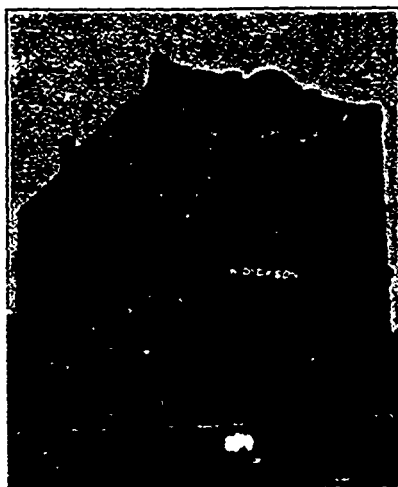
Brandon, the second city of Manitoba, comes next in order west. This was described at length in a special article not long ago, and therefore, need not be referred to again in this.

Kemnay is the first station west of Brandon and is important only as being the junction point of the Souris Brandon branch and the main line.

The district surrounding Alexander seems to be specially adapted to the raising of wheat, very little mixed farming being done. In the town a few changes have occurred in the past year. Several dwellings and a large curling rink have been built, and R. E. Campion has started business carrying groceries and small wares. There are a number of substantial buildings in this town, among them being that of W. Dickson, a photo-engraving of which we show in this issue. Mr. Dickson is one of the leading merchants, and has been here for nine years. In 1895 he erected this building to accommodate his increasing business. On the ground floor he has his stock of general merchandise displayed the upstairs being used as a concert hall. A. F. Elliott also has a general store. The lumber yard is owned by Jas. Forman, who also owns one of the two hardware stores, the other belonging to McHughan. G. R. Kerr supplies the dis-

trict with harness and J. Birtles is the local butcher. In addition to these S. C. Touchburn has a drug store, and W. Golsmitz an implement warehouse, handling the McCormick machines. The Massey-Harris Co. also has a branch implement warehouse.

The territory from which the town of Griswold receives its support is somewhat lessened from the fact that three miles south of the railway the land is very light and sandy and a few miles north is located one of the Indian reserves, of which there are a number at different points in the province. The government has a farm instructor living among these Indians teaching them the art of farming, but as a general rule they raise very small crops and the amount of business received from them is accordingly small. The balance of the district, however, is well settled, and as the land is very fertile a large amount of grain is shipped from this station, the total for the past season being about 300,000 bushels. The merchants are showing a praiseworthy spirit in the efforts they are making to improve the condition of their streets and the general appearance of the town, and it would be well if their



Store of W. Dickson, Alexander, Man.

example would be followed by other places, as with care and a little expense our towns could be made very pretty and homelike. We print in this issue a cut of H. A. Scarth's general store building. Mr. Scarth has been here for nine years, and has worked up a very profitable business. A. E. Hill, general merchant, has one of the oldest and best businesses in town. Speers & Paul also have a general store here. In the hardware line there are two representatives at present, M. G. McEwen and A. H. Speers, the latter also running a butcher shop. J. H. Denoon also being in the butcher business. J. G. Humphry carries a very good stock of furniture. In addition to these there are two drug stores, a harness shop, bakery and confectionery, implement warehouses, and a lumber yard, owned by A. Chisholm. A local paper, The Ledger, was started here about a year ago.

Oak Lake presents quite an imposing front, as its main street, which faces the track, is lined by a long row of very good buildings in which are displayed a number of large stocks of goods. It has been built in a grove of poplars, which adds a great deal to its

appearance. A very fine stretch of farming country lies to the north which is thickly settled, but to the south the land is very light and is only good for mixed farming. There are four elevators here and a large flour mill, the latter the property of Leitch Bros. This is one of the largest mills in Manitoba, having a capacity of 250 barrels per day, and a wheat storage capacity of 1,000 bushels. This firm has also a 35,000 bushel elevator and a 25,000 bushel warehouse at this point and an elevator at Koutledge. They make the well-known "Anchor" brand of flour, which is shipped in large quantities to the east and to British Columbia and is recognized as one of the best brands on the market to-day. There are at this point four general stores, two hardware stores, drug store, butcher shop, two lumber yards, furniture store, two harness shops, etc., and as the different merchants for the most part carry large stocks it will be readily seen that this is an important business point. During the last year a newspaper, "The News," has been started here. R. J. Grey has bought the furniture stock of A. Cameron and George Wright has had the old Thompson house brickvenered and the inside overhauled and remodelled, thus converting it into a first-class commercial hotel. There was also a board of trade inaugurated last fall. Oak Lake, from which this station takes its name, is about six miles from town and is a favorite camping ground for the district during the summer months.

Virden—The country from which this town receives its support is largely a wheat growing district, although the farmers are each year going in more for mixed farming. A large number of settlers have come to this locality of late years and as a result the shipments of wheat and cattle have been largely increased, the output of the six elevators was 400,000 bushels from the crop of 1898.

This town was incorporated in 1890 when it had a population of about 600, which has steadily increased until now it is in the neighborhood of 1,400. It has been visited by several very bad fires, but notwithstanding this, its buildings are much above the average of Manitoba country towns. It has six general stores, that of W. J. Wilcox, which is 14x110 feet with basement and upstairs, being one of the largest in this country. J. A. Merrick, McLellan & English, and B. Meek also have large stocks. Two of the hardware dealers, namely Frame and Miller, and the Virden Lumber and Hardware Co., have also lumber yards. The other lines of business are also well represented among the business changes since our last visit we notice that A. Grant's stock of flour and feed has been bought by A. Madill and that Chapman & Co. have started a general store business. The C. P. R. Co. are erecting a large and very handsome depot which will be ready for occupation shortly. The cuts we show at this point were kindly loaned by the Virden Advance.

Hargrave is one of the smaller points on this line, there being but two general stores and a lumber yard, the general store being owned by Cutfield & Halliday, and the lumber yard by E. A. Holmes. The two elevators here handled 250,000 bushels of the 1898 crop.

Elkhorn is the most westerly town in Manitoba on this line of railway. It has four elevators and a mill which speaks well for it as a grain point.

But this is not an exclusively wheat district as the greater number of the farmers also possess large stocks of cattle, sheep and hogs, the sales of which add considerably to their yearly profits. The merchants at this point are very enterprising and their stocks of goods compared favorably with those of larger places. G. W. Marsh has a large stock of the different lines of goods usually carried by a general merchant. Wilcox & Clingan are also general merchants and their store, which is very large, is filled with an up-to-date stock. G. Silvester carries a line of hardware, and W. C. Van Nostrand supplies the lumber for the district. F. S. Booth started a furniture business last year. The businesses represented include three general stores, a hardware, bakery, harness shop, two butcher shops, lumber yard, drug store, furniture, boot and shoe store, implement warehouses, etc., also two good hotels. W. M. Cushing has a block under construction which will be occupied when completed by the drug store and post office, the upstairs being used as a public hall. W. J. Dixon last summer built a large three-storey brick hotel on the site of the one burned three years ago. He has had this fixed up with furnace, acetylene gas and other modern improvements. The mill owned by the Elkhorn Roller Mill Co. has a capacity of 75 bbls per day and is kept running the year round. It is their intention to erect an elevator next summer and have a spur from the main track put in to facilitate shipping. An institution which brings considerable business to the town is the Waskada Indian school which is situated about a mile from the station. The old school was burned some years ago and in its place a large brick building with stone foundation has been erected, having been completed last summer. It has accommodation for 200 children but there are only about 70 attending at present. These children are from different Indian reserves throughout the country and are being educated by the government. The local public school building is of stone with two storeys and a basement, and containing four class rooms.

Elkhorn is the last station on the railway within the boundary of the province of Manitoba. We will rest here awhile before proceeding westward into Assiniboia territory.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard wheat quoted at 66c February delivery.

Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$1.85, best bakers', \$1.65.

Oatmeal—\$1.90 per 50 pound sack of Manitoba meal.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$10 per ton; shorts, \$12 delivered to city dealers.

Oats—Carlots on track, 30¢ to 32¢ for feed.

Flaxseed—Per bushel, retail, 70 to 80c. Barley—26 to 32c per bushel.

Corn—In carlots, 40¢ to 42¢ per bushel of 56 lbs.

Butter—Dairy, jobbers offer 14 to 17c; creamery, 22 to 23c to buyers.

Cheese—10 to 10 1-2c per pound.

Eggs—Buyers offer 15 to 20c for Manitoba fresh; hmed 14 to 16c.

Hides—No. 1 green hides, 7c; frozen stock, 6 1-2c per lb.

Wool—8 to 8 1-2c for unwashed fleeces. Seneca—21c per lb.

Hay—Baled, \$6.50 to \$7.50 per ton on cars. Loose, worth \$6 to \$7.50 ton.

Potatoes—10c per bushel on the street.

Dressed Poultry—Turkeys, 10 to 12c per lb.; chickens, 10 to 12c; ducks, 10c; geese 8 to 9c.

Game—Rabbits, 8 1-2c each; pigeons, 20c per pair.

Dressed Meats—Fresh killed beef, city dressed, 6 1-2 to 7c; country frozen beef, 5 1-2c; mutton, 7 to 8c; lamb, 8 to 9c; hogs, 5 3-4 to 6c; veal, 6 to 7 1-2c.

Live Stock—Cattle, 3 3-4 to 4c for butchers' stock; stockers, 2 1-2 to 2 3-4c per lb.; sheep, 4c; hogs, 4 3-4c off cars for selected weights.

Seneca Root.

There has been little doing in this market of late in seneca root, and at present there is very little on hand in this section. One of the St. Paul wholesale drug houses has about 3,000 pounds, and a Minneapolis dealer has about 9,000 pounds, which they are holding above the views of the eastern buyers at present. Last week there were two lots sold for eastern account (New York city), one lot from a Minneapolis dealer and one from St. Paul. The Minneapolis root was sold at 39 1-2c, delivered, and the St. Paul lot at 40c, delivered. The Minneapolis paragon of size and quality was asking 41c, f.o.b., Minneapolis. The lots named are all that is at present on hand in this section. The two lots which were sold were offered to the principal buyers in New York city, but they do not seem to be anxious for root at the prices paid. Canadian parties are very much interested in the article on account of the high prices that have been prevailing, and there are a great many inquiries being received in these markets from parties in Canada. In regard to prospects for next season, we predict that there will be a great deal of root offered next year, as is always the case when an article advances in value—the supply soon becomes greater than the demand.—New York, Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter, Feb. 19.

Overall Clothing



The only factory in Canada making

Union-Made Overalls

They're made right. They're sold right. Ask for them. All good merchants sell them.

The Hoover Mfg. Co. Ltd.
Maw's Block WINNIPEG.

Wanted.

A good man with small capital to take half interest in good paying butcher business. Apply to P. O. Box 27, Dauphin, Man.

A Business Opportunity.

For sale a good general business and lumber yard situated in the Northwest Territories on main line C. P. R. An excellent chance for a man with small capital. Reasonable terms given to reliable man.

The district is well and favorably known. Any one looking for an opening will please communicate with "J." care The Commercial, Winnipeg.

Business for Sale.

In an old settled district on branch line C. P. R. A good clean stock of general merchandise, amounting to about \$4,000.00. Terms half cash, balance on time to suit purchaser. Apply M., care The Commercial, Winnipeg.

Rare Opening.

Bakery and Confectionery Business for Sale. Good position. Extensive premises. A splendid chance for anyone wishing to start in this business. For particulars apply to P. H., box 21, Manitoba, Man.

Partner Wanted.

An active partner for "good paying" general store in Manitoba. Must have at least \$1,500 to \$2,000 in cash. This is a splendid chance for young man. Apply immediately to A. R., care The Commercial.

Wanted.

Partner in General Store Business, within 50 miles of Winnipeg. Capital required about 12 to 15 hundred dollars. Unmarried man preferred. Apply by letter, X Y Z, care The Commercial.

Business for Sale.

A nice new stock of General Merchandise, in one of the best towns of Manitoba, surrounded by large district of good settlers. Good trade established. Building can be purchased or leased. Satisfactory reasons for selling. Address J. K., care The Commercial.

Business for Sale.

A Lumber, Flour and Ford Business to dispose of on the C. P. R. main line west. Fine opening for anyone with sufficient capital. Business well established. Address P. O. Box 36, Grenfell, Assa., N. W. T.

VICTOR

HOUSEHOLD FARMERS' MERCHANTS' SAFES \$15.00 \$30.00 \$40.00

Wilson's COMPUTING SCALES

Flexible Gold-Sign Letters

Wilson's Common-Sense Ear Drums

WATT & ALBERT
General Agents
WINNIPEG, MAN.

SAFES

COLLECTIONS

D. A. MACKENZIE

Solicits all classes of accounts for collection. Highest references.

Office: 353 MAIN ST., WINNIPEG
P. O. Box 51.

D. J. Lalonde

O. Milord

LALONDE & MILORD

Manufacturers of

SHOW CASES, STORE FITTINGS
SASH, DOORS, ETC.

Cor. King and Sutherland Streets,
WINNIPEG.

Wholesale Millinery Opening.

One of the first harbingers of spring in the business world is the opening of the wholesale millinery warehouses for the display of spring and summer goods. This week The D. McCall Co. had their opening at Winnipeg and the event was accompanied by the usual large attendance of outside milliners. It is almost unnecessary to say that the millinery display of this house this spring is a fine one, showing a wide range of trimmed hats besides shapes, colors and trimmings. The artists whose work it is to design the models of fashionable hats have lost none of their originality with the passing of successive seasons, but rather seem to improve in many respects. This year there are not so many pronounced color effects as heretofore, the idea seeming to have been to modify and subdue and blend what has been popular.

As regards some of the dress hats. A Leghorn Gainsborough is one of the leaders in D. McCall Co.'s display. This hat is trimmed with plaid taffeta ribbon, forming a bow in front. This is fastened with bunch of forget-me-nots and a sunset rose. At the back the ribbon is caught with a steel buckle and there is a sunset rose on the under side of the brim on the left.

Spanish turbans are shown in several styles for early wear. The tendency in these seems to be for larger and higher crowns than heretofore. A novelty in this line is made up of row and row alternately of straw and chiffon and again of straw and taffeta silk.

One of the most striking models of this shape is trimmed with black and white chiffon. Around the crown is a band of black and white velvet and ribbon and at the side a bunch of cerise roses.

Toques are to be much worn again this season and there is considerable variety in the trimming of these. The shapes are rather large and will be worn more over the face than usual. One of the leaders is a straw shape trimmed with chiffon, and three toned ribbon in lilac shade, combined with jansies and foliage.

Shepherdess shapes are more popular than ever. One of the pretties of these is of straw in royal blue band of blue taffeta, bow at back of same material and at the left side a bow of lace caught with gold buckle. Another shepherdess is shown in brown, with a band of crush silk, straw and lace ribbon over band, with lily of the valley flowers and a knotted band underneath the brim.

Besides these there are a number of other models shown which provide a range sufficient to suit all tastes. One very pretty hat in a new shade of green is sure to be a favorite. Ready-to-wear is a phrase which has been adopted to describe some of the hats: Tuscan and other shapes. Sailors are to be a trifle higher in the crown and wider in the brim this season. The hats in all the straw goods are very toned; Van Dyck, Rubens and Raphael, old rose tones; Watteau, Murillo and Rembrandt, new blue tones, be pleasing and beautiful.

The materials include straw, embroidered chiffon, mousseline de soie, tulles, hand painted tulles and chiffons, horse-hair, sequin and straw, crinoline, Tuscan straw braids, all-over nets and sequins of all kinds. Flowers are to be popular and are shown in great variety. Ribbons will be widely used. The leading shades of color are aquamarine, pastel, fresque, three new green sides some new shades of heliotrope.

LEADING COMMERCIAL HOTELS

MEDICINE HAT

ASSINIBOIA HOTEL

H. H. ROSS, Prop.

Commercial headquarters. Commodious sample rooms. Newly furnished bath rooms. Rates \$2.50 per day.

MOOSE JAW

THE MAPLE LEAF HOTEL

EDW. C. MATHEWS, Prop.

First class cuisine. The newest and best equipped hotel in the West. Heated by steam. Lighted with Acetylene Gas. Hot and cold baths.

REGINA

WINDSOR HOTEL

D. D. McLEOD, Prop.

All modern improvements. Steam heating, etc. Good sample rooms. Rates \$1.50 to \$2.50 per day.

WAPPELLA

HOTEL MUNDELL

STUART MUNDELL, Prop.

Good sample rooms. Hot air furnace heating.

WHITEWOOD

WOODBINE HOTEL

R. MAY, Prop.

First-class accommodation for travelling public. Good sample rooms.

EDMONTON

ALBERTA HOTEL

JACKSON & GRIERSON, Proprietors.

Sample rooms. Free bus. Livery in connection.

STRATHCONA

HOTEL EDMONTON

W. H. SHEPPARD, Prop.

First Class. Opposite Depot.

PINCHER CREEK

BRICK HOTEL

MITCHELL & DOBBIE, Proprietors.

First-Class in every respect. Good accommodation for commercial men.

MACLEOD

MACLEOD HOTEL

R. S. IRWIN, Prop.

Good sample rooms and every accommodation for commercial travellers and the general public. Rates \$1.00 per day. Bus to and from all trains.

CRANBROOK, B. C.

CRANBROOK HOTEL

JAS. RYAN, Prop.

Large and convenient sample rooms and good accommodation for commercial men. Rates \$2 a day.

MOYIE, B. C.

THE CENTRAL HOTEL

DESAULNIER & HATLEY, Props.

Headquarters for commercial and mining men. Sample rooms. Rates \$1 per day.

FORT STEELE, B. C.

HOTEL WINDSOR

Headquarters for commercial and mining men. All modern conveniences. Large sample rooms for commercial men.

WINNIPEG.

HOTEL LELAND

Headquarters for Commercial Men

City Hall Square.

RAT PORTAGE.

HILLIARD HOUSE

LOUIS HILLIARD, Prop.

First class accommodation for Commercial Men

SELKIRK.

CANADA PACIFIC HOTEL

Best accommodation for Commercial Travellers

J. H. MONTGOMERY, Prop.

TREHERNE.

LELAND HOTEL

G. P. MCBAIN, Prop.

First class accommodation for Commercial Travellers, etc.

BOISSEVAIN

RYAN HOUSE

Every accommodation for commercial travellers and the general public.

W. H. SAULTS, Prop.

KILLARNEY

LELAND HOUSE

S. ROWE, Prop.

First-class accommodation for commercial men.

HOLMFIELD

MANSION HOUSE.

W. J. AWDE, Prop.

Accommodation First-Class in every respect.

CRYSTAL CITY

THE MANITOBA HOTEL.

SMITH BROS., Props.

Refitted and refurbished throughout. Commodious Sample Rooms. Everything first-class.

FLEMING.

WINDSOR HOTEL

W. GEO. CLIVERLY, Prop.

New Management. Rates \$1.25. Renovated and Refurnished. Commodious Sample Rooms. Heated by Hot Air. Livery and Feed Stable in connection. Inside Closet.

OAK LAKE.

HOTEL MANITOBA

GEO. WRIGHT, Prop.

Newly remodelled and heated by hot air. Commercial headquarters. First-class Sample Rooms.

ELKHORN.

HOTEL MANITOBA

W. J. DIXON, Prop.

New Building. New Furnishings. Furnace Heating. Acetylene Gas. First-class. Large Sample Rooms.

VIRDEN.

BALMORAL HOTEL

ALRX. PATTERSON, Prop.

Headquarters for Commercial Men.

For Rent.

Farm, in Winnipeg district; also two farms for sale. Apply D. W. Buchanan, office The Commercial, Winnipeg.

JAS. McCREADY & CO.

WHOLESALE

* **Boot and Shoe
Manufacturers**

MONTREAL, QUEBEC

W. WILLIAMS, Agent.

LEITCH BROS.**Oak Lake****"Anchor
Brand" Flours**

FROM NO. 1 HARD WHEAT.

Bran, Shorts and all kinds of
Chopped Feed and Grain.

ADDRESS

OAK LAKE, MAN.**Mills & Hicks**Importers of and Wholesale
Dealers in**Teas, Roasted and Ground Coffees
Jams Etc.**Packers of Britannia, Beaver and Buffalo Blend
of Packet Teas and Sole Agents for 'Hos.
Lipton's Package Teas for Manitoba, N. W.
Territories and British Columbia.**244 Princess St., Winnipeg****TO THE TRADE**FOR GOOD, RELIABLE
SEEDS, ORDER FROM**J. M. PERKINS**
SEEDSMANLargest Stock west of Toronto. Send for whole-
sale catalogue. Commission boxes supplied.

MARKET SQUARE, WINNIPEG.

W. R. JOHNSTON & Co.

(Late Livingston, Johnston & Co.)

Wholesale Manufacturers
READY MADE**CLOTHING**

Corner Bay and Front Streets, Toronto

Western Representatives: A. W. Lasher W
W. ARMSTRONG.**Jubilee Brand
Condensed Milk****TRY IT IN YOUR COFFEE**Better than fresh Milk and equal to Cream
A boon to the Miner and Camper**THE MANITOBA DAIRY COMPANY LIMITED.**HEAD OFFICE:
WINNIPEG.FACTORY:
LA ROCHELLE, MAN.**SCRAP IRON WANTED**We will pay \$14 per ton for No. 1 Cast Iron Scrap and \$5 per ton for Stove
Plate delivered at our works. Highest prices paid for Scrap Brass, Copper**VULCAN IRON CO., WINNIPEG****CARLOADS** Fresh Sea Fish arriving: Cod,
Haddock, Mackerel, Shad, Sea
Bass, Eels, Tomy Cods, Herring, Smelts, Flounders, etc. **POULTRY
WANTED.****W. J. GUEST,** Wholesale Fish, Oysters,
Game, Poultry, Etc. **WINNIPEG.****GEO. SKALLER & CO.****BANKERS AND BROKERS**Consol. Stock 60-62 BROADWAY
Exchange Bldg. NEW YORK . .LOTS OF MONEY can be made through spec-
ulation with deposit of \$30.00 (thirty dollars) up-
ward (or 3 per cent margin upward) on the Stock
Exchange.The greatest fortunes have been made through
speculations in Stocks, Wheat or Cotton.If you are interested to know how speculations
are conducted, notify us and we will send you in-
formation and market letter free of charge.Usual commission charged for executing orders.
GOVERNMENT, MUNICIPAL AND RAILROAD bonds
quotations furnished on application for purchase
sale and exchange.**BARLEY
WANTED**We are now in the market
for good brewing Barley.
Farmers will do well to
forward us samples.**E. L. DREWRY**

Redwood Factories

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA.

The John L. Cassidy Co

LIMITED

339 and 341 St. Paul St., MONTREAL

Importers of **China, Glass and
Earthenware, Etc., Etc.**Communications addressed to A. C. Beach, their
western representative, at the Leland House
Winnipeg, or to Geo. L. Mitchell, local represen-
tative for Manitoba, at 312 McDermot Street
Winnipeg, will receive prompt attention.C. R. King, Victoria, is our local representative
or British Columbia.**IMPORT
FANCY GOODS****O**UR Mr. W. E. DAVIDSON is now
on his way East from the Coast, and
the assortment of IMPORT FANCY
GOODS he is showing will certainly
interest all up-to-date buyers.In addition to Import Goods he is
carrying a complete line of SPORTING
GOODS and other salable lines for
summer trade.

Write for spring catalogue.

NERLICH & CO. 35 Front St.
Toronto.

Statistical Wheat Report.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

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

Montreal	54,000
Toronto	83,000
Kingston	50,000
Coteau, Quo.	111,000
Depot Harbor, Ont.	407,000
Winnipeg	270,000
Manitoba elevators	4,500,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	3,700,000
Total Feb. 24	9,155,000
Total a year ago	9,070,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS. Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's February 21, were 85,093,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 52,155,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on Feb. 1 were 8,923,000 bushels, compared with 5,923,000 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 March 5, was 54,084,000 bushels, being an increase of 639,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 29,477,000 bushels, two years ago 33,012,000 bushels, three years ago 42,768,000 bushels, and four years ago 62,596,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 6,058,000 bushels, compared with 10,023,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 19,666,000 bushels, compared with 33,320,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

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

	Bushels.
1900	162,596,000
1899	118,476,000
1898	127,473,000
1897	148,597,000
1896	177,281,000
1895	204,335,000

CROP MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States spring wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, Aug. 1, 1899, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Minneapolis	58,614,240	62,853,856
Milwaukee	7,871,192	10,073,795
Duluth	37,027,373	60,663,482
Chicago	18,890,747	27,824,533

Total ... 123,033,552 161,417,666

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, 1899 to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Toledo	10,315,242	11,460,180
St. Louis	7,673,859	12,669,881
Detroit	3,218,117	4,154,750
Kansas City	11,806,140	22,672,793

Total ... 33,073,358 50,977,604

W. C. GRAHAM

GRAIN DEALER.

Wire or write for prices before selling.

P. O. Box 218

Grain and Milling Notes.

Weather conditions during the past week through the winter wheat section have been characterized by a comparatively wide range of temperature but as the wheat plant has been more or less protected by a covering of snow which was beneficial to the crop, the previous conditions have been maintained. Outside of the fly-ravaged district of Ohio, Indiana and Michigan the situation is generally favorable.

In regard to the interior marketing of grain, very little change is to be noted. The movement of wheat in the winter wheat section, continues light, and the disposition of farmers is to hold at current prices. The movement of corn is fair, though not quite so active as a few weeks ago. Feeders continue to take the bulk of the corn offered, and at many places at a premium over the shipping basis.—Cincinnati Price Current.

The movement of freight through the St. Mary's canal has increased fifty per cent in three years. The tonnage is three times that of the Suez canal and nearly three and a half times as great in 1899 as in 1899.

The higher prices which will go into effect on April 1 for United States bituminous coal at the mines are due largely to advances in wages. In no less than eight states wages are to be higher. These are Maryland, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois and Iowa.

KIRKPATRICK & COOKSON, MONTREAL.

Consignments of Grain and Manitoba Produce solicited. Butter now scarce and wanted. F.O.B. offers of Wheat, Barley, etc., requested. Established 1863. Manitoba Grain Code used.

JAMES CARRUTHERS & CO.

GRAIN EXPORTERS MONTREAL, TORONTO and WINNIPEG.

C. TILT, Manager Winnipeg Branch Office: Grain Exchange.

THE WINNIPEG ELEVATOR CO. LTD.

GRAIN EXPORTERS GRAIN EXCHANGE WINNIPEG

WM. S. LOGAN

GRAIN AND COMMISSION MERCHANT

ROOM 211 GRAIN EXCHANGE

WINNIPEG

A. E. BURCH & CO.

GRAIN AND STOCK BROKERS.....

Private Wire connection with American markets We also handle Manitoba Wheat. Wire or write for prices. Will make advances on Bills of Lading Office, 313 McIntyre Block, Winnipeg. Tel. 473.



WINNIPEG GRAIN AND PRODUCE EXCHANGE

President W. L. PARRISH

Vice-President WM. MARTIN

Secy.-Treas. CHAS. N. BELL

THOMPSON SONS & Co.

GRAIN COMMISSION MERCHANTS. . . . GRAIN EXCHANGE, WINNIPEG

We would ask MILLERS & GRAIN DEALERS in Manitoba and the Northwest to correspond with us when shipping or selling wheat at Fort William or Duluth. We make a specialty of this business, having unexcelled facilities for doing it to advantage, attending to the grading, getting returns promptly, insuring and financing, and we make prompt and satisfactory settlements. DAILY MARKET REPORT SENT FREE.

References: Any chartered Bank in Manitoba or N. W. T.

Members: Winnipeg Grain Exchange, Fort William Board of Trade.

ALEX. MCFEE & Co.

GRAIN EXPORTERS

Board of Trade Bld'g Room 18, Grain Exchange

MONTREAL WINNIPEG

W. GIBBINS & CO

GRAIN BROKERS and MERCHANTS

GRAIN EXCHANGE, WINNIPEG.

Highest prices paid and advances made on Bill of Lading and Winnipeg inspection Chicago options attended to for 1/2c. per bushel.

A. E. MCKENZIE & Co.

Dealers in

FIELD SEED GRAIN AND GRASSES,

Also

GARDEN SEEDS OF ALL KINDS.

Write for our Catalogue.

BRANDON.

MAN,

At First Hands

Is the way you buy
your

TEAS

From C. R. DIXON, our
Northwest representative.

LUCAS, STEELE & BRISTOL

HAMILTON, ONT.

THE NINETEENTH CENTURY

Has passed away, and with it let pass away all your follies in eating and drinking. Commence the regular use of

OXOL

And the aged and drooping will enjoy decades of rugged health, while the young and strong will live to enter upon

THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

The trade supplied through the wholesale grocers or druggists or direct from the factory.

HEADQUARTERS:

Cor. St. Peter and Foundling Streets, MONTREAL.

R. I. GALLAGHER, North-Western Agent, Winnipeg.

BUYING EAST

Many lines you cannot buy elsewhere than East, but for Printing, whether it be Counter Books or Posters, Catalogues or Ledgers, or any filier for patent binders or otherwise, you need not go out of our own Province, or past the

Franklin Press...

Successors to
Buckle Ptg. Co.

PRINTERS

293 Market St.
Opp. Grain Exchange.

Winnipeg.

APPLETON & MORRIS

WRITE FOR QUOTATIONS.

For Spring Trade

Full line of Express Wagons,
Carts, Dolls, Carriages, Etc.

WALL PAPER

Large Stock to arrive immediately. All new goods. Your orders solicited.

THE CONSOLIDATED STATIONERY CO.

McDermott Avenue, WINNIPEG.

THE GROCERY TRADE.

PACIFIC COAST SALMON PACK.

In its revised report of the salmon canning industry on the Pacific coast the San Francisco Trade Journal gives the following figures showing the total pack for the years named:—

	1897.	1898.	1899.
Alaska ...	369,850	356,979	1,041,207
B. C. ...	1,015,477	484,161	768,420
Pugot Id.	423,500	417,700	597,824
Columbia River ...	552,721	473,280	340,417
Oregon, outside pack ...	88,083	78,600	74,932
Wallapa & Gray's Harbor	37,500	33,100	36,515
Sacramento River	42,500	28,000	33,550
Totals	3,110,231	2,371,760	3,245,304

GROCERY TRADE NOTES.

Orders for new crop Japan teas have been booked at Montreal.

Advices from Greece say that the market for currants is very strong.

Private advices to this city from Greece report the market for currants at Patras very firm.

Evaporated apples sold 1-4 to 1-2c lower at Montreal last week at 7c for choice, and 6 1-2c for inferior.

London cable advices reported an easier market for cocoa, prices at the auction sale showing a decline of 1 to 2 shillings.

Advices received in the city this week give the coffee market in New York as being weaker and prices were off 1-4c on Monday.

The stock of sugar in the United Kingdom on February 27 was given as 58,000 tons against 56,500 tons the same time last year.

Advices from Malaga are to the effect that stocks of Jordan shelled almonds there are very light, some handlers have none to offer.

Barbadoes molasses brought 15c ex cask at the islands for the first small lots marketed from the new crops of cane. Some other lots brought 16c but the quality was poor.

Advices from England are to the effect that conditions in the salmon situation there are steadily improving. The supply of salmon in England is reported to be far below that of last year at this time.

The tone of the market for canned goods at Montreal last week was firm, and prices fully maintained. Beans were finally held at 85c; peas at 75 to 90c; tomatoes at 87 1-2 to 90c; corn at \$1.05 to \$1.10, and one gallon apples at \$2.10 to \$2.15.

Eastern advices state that the stock of beans in Canada to-day does not exceed 60,000 bushels as against 300,000 to 250,000 a year ago. This shows a remarkable falling off, and accounts fully for the great advance in price, which has taken place since last year's crop was taken off.

Mail advices from Messina say that the Sicily filbert crop, as anticipated, was a small one. The total stock remaining in Sicily on January 1st was 10,000 bags strongly held. As Europe will not be in the market until the next crop is ready this quantity can only be utilized in America, and prices will be subject to the demand from the United States. It will therefore, not be surprising if lower figures should be quoted soon.

A car of groceries consigned to Grand Forks, B. C., took fire in the C. P. R. yard at Brandon a few days ago and was partially destroyed.

The New York Journal of Commerce says: An entirely new condition has developed in the refined sugar situation within the last few weeks. This in brief is the unofficial, but none the less complete and effective, abandonment of a fixed price. It is true that certain "list" prices are a matter of daily record at the offices of all refiners, and that these are the figures at which small wholesale quantities will be sold. But prices for large quantities are to-day quite as much a matter of barter as in any other department of merchandise. Two of the rival refineries—Dochter and the Arbuckle—sell at a net price. The older refineries—the American and the Mollenhauer—sell at gross figures, from which discounts are allowed according to the desirability of the buyers' order. And the whole matter of sugar distribution is in such unfavorable shape as to leave as a rule any profit entirely with the retailer.

Wisnor & Co., in their circular, dated Shanghai, January 20th, says:— "Black teas—A moderate demand has existed during the month under review. For some small lots of very common tis. 15 a tin. 16 has been paid; for better quality tis. 17 a tin. 19, and tis. 21 3-4 for a parcel of kept over first crop, with a few shipments on native account of similar teas. Settlements since the 22nd December, 2,500 half-chests, leaving a nominal stock of some 2,100 half-chests. Green teas—Our market has been practically cleared of country teas during the interval, the stock now consisting of one chop of Moyune and one of local pack. Prices have gone about half a tin lower, several of the settlements being resales of speculative purchases made by natives last October. The stock of Pingsuey has been reduced to a small compass by considerable shipments on native account and a few purchases. Prices paid have tended rather in favor of buyers."

Dry Goods Trade Notes.

One of the favorite lines of feminine headgear this season will be ready-to-wear hats, which come ready trimmed from the factories.

Styles in gentlemen's soft hats for the coming season are but little altered from last year. In stiff hats the crown is somewhat lower. Prices of hats are from 15 to 20 per cent higher for both felts and straws.

Golf rugs, fringed, made of fine Scotch wool, are in big demand. They are used for making into golf capes with a hood and are very useful for all seasons. Some come in solid colors on one side, with the reverse in plaid of a very pretty hue. Prices asked at present are reasonable, but it is expected the price will be 50 per cent. higher before many weeks have passed.

THE HARDWARE TRADE.

A TRAIN-LOAD OF HARDWARE.

As showing the extent to which Winnipeg has grown as a jobbing centre attention has been called this week to an immense shipment of hardware which left the Winnipeg depot of the Canadian Pacific railway on Tuesday morning for the west, composed exclusively of goods from the warehouse of James H. Ashdown. This shipment comprised a solid train of forty

cars drawn by two powerful freight engines. The goods are for distribution along the main line and branches west, and comprise a part of the spring shipments of the firm. The goods have a value of over \$60,000. This is, of course, only a part and not by any means a major part either, of the orders being filled this spring by this house. When it is considered that Winnipeg has several other large jobbing concerns doing business in the same line, the extent of the hardware jobbing trade of the city can be imagined. It is said that no such large consignment of hardware as this has ever before left a jobbing warehouse on this continent. Winnipeg is essentially a distributing centre, and, no doubt, as the country tributary to the city becomes settled up and its requirements increase, such events as the shipment of a solid train of goods from one warehouse will not be such an unusual sight as it has been in this case.

HARDWARE TRADE NOTES.

English vermilion is 5c dearer in eastern Canada.

Castor oil gained 1-4c per pound at Toronto last week.

Local dealers have received the new price list on varnishes showing advances of about 10c per gallon.

Range boilers are lower at factories as a result of price cutting. Thirty gallon boilers which are listed at \$8 are now selling at \$6.75, and other sizes in proportion.

Rope makers are offering a quality of rope known as Mixed Merchants, which is finding ready sale. This is composed of manila and sisal hemp mixed and sells at 2c under pure manila.

Hemp prices have taken a rather abrupt tumble in London as a result of advices which indicate large receipts at Manila. Over 46,000 bales were received in one week recently. The decline amounts to 27 10s.

Stocks of linseed oil in Montreal have become very much reduced and under the influence of a good demand prices advanced 2c last week as shown in our special wire. Boiled oil is now quoted at 70 to 71c and raw at 67 to 68c per gallon.

The industrial activity in Belgium and England has led to further advances in the price of glass. This is due to higher cost of coal and wages of workmen. So far the advances amount in all to about 20 per cent over last year's prices. Canadian importers followed the higher prices last week to the extent of from 5 to 7 per cent for Star glass. Double diamond is also to be higher on small sizes.

THE IMPLEMENT TRADE

BINDER TWINE.

Dealers are still very reluctant about placing orders, says the Implement Age, and the small volume of sales is developing a tendency toward weakness in the market. Jobbers are withholding their contracts, and the mills in consequence are booking few orders. Some mills in fact are making little binder twine. Production, therefore, for the time being is comparatively light, and unless the output is materially increased before long, the non-accumulation of stocks will counteract the weakening tendency growing out of the inactive demand,

THE OLIVER TYPEWRITER, \$95

A Typewriter is, if it is a modern machine, a necessity to every business and professional man, but a machine that can only be operated by a "trained typewriter" is an expensive luxury.

The OLIVER is the only Free Type Bar Visible Writing Machine. It has a condensed keyboard and you see every letter as it is written, so that anyone can learn to operate it in a week, and because it is a Canadian it is Thirty Dollars cheaper than any other machine on the market.

F. A. DRUMMOND, WINNIPEG MAN.
Agent for Winnipeg and N.W.T.

Office and Works: 156 ST. ANTOINE ST., MONTREAL.

SEEDS

Merchants for 1900

Push the...

Steele-Briggs Seeds

They have the 4 points for success in your seed business, viz

- 1st—Always Reliable.
- 2nd—Most Widely Advertised.
- 3rd—Most Attractively Got Up.
- 4th—Give a Good Round Profit.

See our big daily and weekly "ads." They don't forget the merchant. Please return the compliment by pushing our seeds, whenever possible, from box or catalogue.

We handle all seeds in all quantities, and cheerfully answer any written or wire inquiries.

Choice stock of Bromo Grass Seed earned in Winnipeg. Write or wire us for prices.

The STEELE-BRIGGS SEED CO. Ltd.
TORONTO

WINNIPEG BRASS WORKS

SCHMIDT & Co.
86 ALBERT STREET

Manufacturers of Bank and Office Fittings, Brass Oxidized, Nickel or Bronze Finish, Wire Works, Flower Stands, Safe Opening and Repairing a Specialty. All kinds of Work in Brass, Iron and Steel to order.

P.O. BOX 645

Stephens

Made with Manitoba Boiled Linseed Oil.
Crown Brand
The Oil
The Paint.



EADY-MIXED PAINTS

Manufactured by G. F. STEPHENS & CO., Market St., WINNIPEG.

The Commercial is mailed regularly every Saturday afternoon, and should be delivered at nearly all Manitoba points by Monday morning or during the day on Monday. Subscribers will confer a favor by notifying this office of any delay or irregularity in receipt of the paper.

FAIR-SKINNING PROPL. It are the most successful. They look ahead and plan what is best for their future, and with this object in view get a Useful and Money-Making Education at

Winnipeg Business College

This institution has been largely patronized during the past few years and is now located in splendid premises, fitted up expressly for business college work. Over 100 students have been assisted to positions through its influence last year. Full particulars on application.

G. W. DONALD, Sec

JOHN GUNN

Dealer in all kinds of

BUILDING and DIMENSION

STONE

White & Grey **LIME**

Quarries and Kilns at St. Charles, St. Mountain and Tyndall.

Office: 402 McIntyre Block, WINNIPEG

Box 270.



THIS CAR OF

Currency and Empire Tobacco

Arrived in Winnipeg the other day for the wholesale trade. When you make up YOUR car of Groceries this spring, don't forget these brands. They are bound to become leaders with you.

EMPIRE TOBACCO CO. LTD.
GRANBY

Whether prices are to decline or advance will be determined largely, if not wholly, by the character of the coming harvest. The question which dealers are asking, "Should we buy now or await developments?" remains unanswered, and the market conditions are just about as much of a Chinese puzzle now as they were at the beginning of the year.

IMPLEMENT TRADE NOTES.

Klingston pententary binder twine is offered for sale by tender.

The Watson Manufacturing Co., Winnipeg, has taken the agency of the Grand D'otour Plow Co., of Dixon, Ill., for this territory.

Gaar, Scott & Co., threshing machine manufacturers, of Richmond, Ill., have opened an office in Winnipeg, in the new Johnston & Stewart building.

T. Roney, representative in this territory of the Minneapolis Threshing Machine Co., has opened an office in the Johnston & Stewart building.

William Tudhope, Sr., founder of the Tudhope Carriage Company, died at his home in Orillia, Ontario, recently. Mr. Tudhope was well known throughout the west.

The Warner, Bushnell & Gleason Co., of Springfield, Ohio, manufacturers of harvesting machinery, have opened an office in Winnipeg, in the Johnston & Stewart building.

The Minnesota state prison authorities have issued the following statement regarding prices for this year's output: "Manila and sisal mixed, 12 1/2 cents per pound, only 300,000 pounds made. Pure sisal, 10 cents per pound. No pure manila has been made this season."

R. McKenzie, manager at Winnipeg for the McLaughlin Carriage Co., has taken the agency of the Spelght wagon, manufactured at Markham, Ont., for this territory. Mr. McKenzie has also taken the agency for the Wortman & Ward Manufacturing Co., of London, Ont., manufacturers of disk harrows, etc., for Manitoba and the Territories.

THE LUMBER TRADE.

HARDWOOD LUMBER.

Speaking of the hardwood lumber markets of the west the American Lumberman says: "As far as prices are concerned there seems to be little difficulty in maintaining them. For several months past it has not been a question of price so much as it was ability to furnish the stock wanted and this continues an equally strong feature. Some of the dealers who have not lately been enjoying a very good demand in consequence of the dull local trade have been getting somewhat restless under the discouraging local outlook, but so far as can be learned prices on all varieties of lumber are being maintained. The only weak spot lately noted has been in quartered white oak, which, as stated in a previous issue, is now being held at about \$56 for local delivery. Eastern prices on this item, however, are being held more firmly and the market there apparently lacks no element of strength. Quartered red oak is dull and also perhaps slightly weaker. In plain white and red oak of southern growth considerable demand is felt, but prices are ranging around \$34 to \$35 for first and seconds inch. For Wisconsin red oak several dollars more is asked and obtained in most instances. Basawood is a prominent

feature of the eastern trade and is showing a great deal of strength. A famine is feared in this wood before the new cut is ready for market and buyers are governing themselves accordingly. Brown ash is exceedingly scarce in all markets, and in the east dry stock is bringing the very best of quotations. White ash appears to be in good demand at all points and at high figures. Maple is taking on an appearance of additional strength and may advance."

LUMBER TRADE NOTES.

The ninth annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Lumbermen's association was held at Minneapolis on February 27.

The sawmill known as the Louis Blat mill at Roseland, owned by the Yale-Columbia Lumber Company, was destroyed by fire on Feb. 25, loss about \$18,000.

Poplar lumber is a line that is increasing in favor in the United States and mills have difficulty in keeping up supplies. Prices manifest a tendency to advance.

United States mills cutting white pine still adhere to the price list which they gave out in January notwithstanding a desire on the part of some mills to make changes.

Logging operations in the Northern States have been entirely satisfactory to the hardwood men lately and the output will likely be as large as was at first intended by lumbermen. The demand for dry stock is good, and prices are high. Stocks of basswood and red oak are very light, and there will not be enough dry stock with which to meet the demand. A brisk spring trade is looked for.

Several of the mills cutting white pine lumber around the shores of Lake Superior on the United States side have already sold their output for this year and prices are firmly held for all further business in consequence. Interior mills are not so heavily sold ahead and are not quite so high in their prices. Since the situation improved in the matter of snow and roads the cut of logs has increased very much for all these mills and it is expected that the output will almost, if not altogether, reach a normal level.

Winnipeg Fruit and Produce Exchange.

The Commercial recently announced the formation in Winnipeg of a fruit and produce exchange, for the purpose of regulating matter pertaining to these branches of trade. Practically all the fruit and produce merchants of the city have become members of the exchange, and have agreed to abide by the rules thereof. In handling perishable goods like fruit, it is particularly necessary to have business done in a prompt and businesslike way. Sometimes there is a large surplus of fruit in the market, resulting in heavy loss. The exchange will try to overcome the difficulty by regulating importations. Fruit inspection, particularly of apples, is another feature. Great loss was occasioned the past fall and winter by the shipment to this market of large quantities of very poor apples. The exchange will make rules regarding claims for allowances, which is a very important matter in the fruit and produce trade. Credit business will

also be controlled by rules. It is a well known fact that fruit and such like perishable commodities are regarded as cash in most markets. The new Applepeg fruit and produce exchange has issued rules for the government of the trade, which are to come into effect on April 1 next.

These rules are explained in circular letters, one addressed to the country and one to the city trade. Following is the circular to

THE COUNTRY TRADE.

Gentlemen—It has been deemed advisable by the fruit and produce dealers of the city of Applepeg to form an exchange for the mutual interests of all engaged in the handling of perishable goods in the city of Winnipeg and province of Manitoba and the Territories. One of the principal objects of the exchange, with the united assistance of the trade, will be to bring pressure on the Dominion government to appoint a government inspector for all apples coming into the province and the Territories, the necessity of which we as an exchange, think there is no room for question; also to endeavor to get from the railway companies better facilities in handling perishable goods, such as weekly refrigerator car service, etc., thus enabling dealers at the remotest points to procure their goods in prime condition, thereby increasing their sales very materially and with satisfaction to themselves and customers. We fully believe, with our united efforts in showing the railway companies the necessity of such a service, we will be able to secure the same from them, on the other hand, individually nothing can be done with large corporations.

CREDITS—A man's credit, no doubt, is an advantage, but like everything else is liable to be abused and become a disadvantage and a source of weakness, more particularly in perishable goods than in any other class of merchandise. Fruit and produce are spot cash goods in all the markets of the world, simply on account of their perishable nature. It is a well known fact that any dealer doing a credit business, no matter how close he looks after collections, meets a great many losses, and it is said "The man who pays must make up these losses," which, no doubt is true to a large extent and we venture to say that fifty per cent of the failures can be traced to reckless credit systems. Where there is no loss in bad debts, goods can be handled on a smaller margin which will be a great advantage to the dealer, in the face of having to pay spot cash for goods, and to supply the trade on the closest living margin. It will be necessary to sell as near as possible for cash. Therefore please take notice than on and after the 1st day of April, 1900, the fruit and produce dealers, members of the Fruit and Produce Exchange of the city of Winnipeg, have decided to send out their statements on the first and fifteenth day of each and every month hereafter, and where remittances are not made by cash, P. O. orders, express money order, etc., within five days after such statements are sent out, the account will be subject to a one day's date draft, with the exchange added. Should accounts not be settled by remittance or draft, then the delinquents will be reported to the secretary of the exchange and by him to the different members interested, and in consequence the party or parties being delinquent will not be able to purchase goods from members of the exchange,

except for cash, until all over due accounts are fully settled. These terms will be strictly enforced, there will be no exceptions to this rule in any case.

Exchange—The items of exchange, while a small matter to the individual dealer, is a very large item to the wholesale merchant, and consequently exchange will be added to all drafts, and remittances made by cheques not payable at par in Winnipeg, will be credited only at the nett value.

Allowances—There is no doubt but that allowances in some cases have been perfectly legitimate, but the system has been badly abused, and as an exchange we will guarantee that all fruit will be shipped from our warehouses in first class order, and we will at the same time use our best endeavor to get the railway companies to give so good a service that there will be no delay in transit thereby reducing the risk of transportation to a minimum, and we wish it distinctly understood that our responsibility ceases when once the bill of lading has been signed by the transportation company, and positively no claim for allowances will be entertained. We trust you will assist us in carrying out the objects of this exchange, as it will mean for you a better service, cheaper goods and more satisfactory dealing in every way.

Yours truly,

MACPHERSON FRUIT CO., LTD.
RUBLEE FRUIT CO., LTD.
BRIGHT & JOHNSTON,
PARSONS PRODUCE CO.,
ANDERSON PRODUCE CO., LTD.
S. M. BARRE.

Following is the circular addressed to:

THE CITY TRADE.

Gentlemen,—It is probably known to you that the past year in the fruit business has been for many reasons rather an unfortunate one, and in consequence of this the wholesale men of the city have been considering what steps should be taken so as to have a more satisfactory state of affairs in the future. During the past year, owing to the over importation of certain lines of fruit and also to too long credits in many cases, much money has been lost to the trade. In looking about for a remedy for this state of affairs, the fruit and produce merchants have decided after considering the matter carefully in all its bearings, to form themselves into a Fruit and Produce Exchange to enable them to carry on their business more successfully than in the past by a united effort to get better freight facilities, to bring pressure to bear upon the Dominion government for proper inspection of apples, to regulate the importation of fruit, and last but not least, to regulate credits.

You will, therefore, please take notice that it has been decided by the undersigned members of the Fruit and Produce Exchange that on and after Monday the first day of April, 1900, all fruit accounts will be sent out on Monday of each week, and said accounts will be due and payable not later than Wednesday of each week, at 2:30 p. m., and all produce accounts will be rendered weekly and will be due and payable not later than the 20th day of each month at 2:30 p. m. No collectors will be sent out, but all accounts must be paid at the office or the merchant supplying the goods. Dealers have the option of mailing cheques so as to reach the office not later than the hour and time mentioned. Should accounts not be paid as above, delinquents will be re-

ported to the secretary of the exchange and by him to the different members interested, and in consequence the party or parties being delinquent will not be able to purchase goods from members of the exchange except for cash until all over-due accounts are fully settled.

Rebate—It has been found that in many cases advantage is taken of the wholesale dealer in regard to claims for allowance. In consequence of this it has been decided that in no case will claims be allowed on fruit after goods are received and signed for, and claims of shortage on produce will not be allowed unless reported to the house not later than 12 a. m. day after delivery. It is preferred when possible that buyers should select their goods before they leave the warehouse.

We think this matter should commend itself to the retail dealers of the city. By it, the fruit and produce merchants will be in a position to give them better and fresher goods at reasonable prices. We ask your kind co-operation to enable us to make the Fruit and Produce Exchange a power for good in our city of Winnipeg.

Note—This letter bears the same signatures as the one to the country trade.

THE COMMERCIAL MEN.

T. WHITEHEAD.

We present this week a portrait of another well known western travel-



T. Whitehead.

ler. Mr. Whitehead has not been a very long period of years on the road here, but he has a wide acquaintance with the country just the same. Mr. Whitehead is an Englishman by birth, hailing from Lancashire, whence he came direct to Winnipeg. In England he was practically brought up to the dry goods and men's furnishing trade and had his first experience on the road there. Arriving in Winnipeg in 1875, he first connected himself with the retail dry goods' business, his first position being with George H. Parks & Co., who then carried on the Golden Lion store on Main street. Mr. Whitehead remained connected with the retail trade until about three or four years ago, when he went back to his old calling on the road, taking the samples of the Dominion Suspender Co., and the Niagara Neckwear Co., of Niagara Falls, Ont., and E. Van Allen

& Co. fine shirts, etc., of Hamilton, with which line he has been very successful.

DOINGS OF THE TRAVELLERS.

Jos. Armington is in town this week. Geo. Lennox was in town this week. S. D. R. Fernie left this week for Montreal.

Ed. McKay was at his rooms this week, in the McIntyre block.

J. Ranton was receiving new samples of underwear, etc., this week.

W. S. Rough was in the city this week at his rooms in the McIntyre block.

W. G. McFarlane, of the Marshall, Wells Co., left early this week on a provincial trip.

A. C. McLaughlan, western representative of Hodgson, Sumner & Co., left for the east this week, on a visit to headquarters at Montreal.

Thos. Conlan, western representative of Wm. Croft & Sons, returned to the city this week from a trip to the coast.

H. L. Knowles, a well known western traveller, formerly with Teas & Perse, will go on the road in the west for the Empire Tobacco Co.

J. Norman Hicks, of Mills & Hicks, teas, etc., Winnipeg, has been ill with pneumonia for the past two or three weeks, contracted on his last trip on the road. He is now recovering and hopes to be soon on the road again.

W. S. Cronc, western representative of H. A. Nelson, Sons & Co., arrived from the east this week with his import order samples of Christmas goods, and will make his usual flying western trip with those lines.

President Hargreaves, of the N. W. C. T. A., has been having rather an interesting experience at Nelson, B. C. He was one of the unfortunate passengers on a Kootenay Lake steamboat two or three weeks ago when a case of small-pox was discovered on the boat. The passengers and crew were held in quarantine for two weeks, but have now been released. The captain of the steamer was presented with an address, thanking him, on behalf of the passengers, for the kindness and attention received. The address was signed by A. Leitch and Wm. Hargreaves.

Freight Rates.

Chicago Trade Bulletin:—Eastbound rail rates on grain have been reduced, effective to-day. These rates have practically been in effect for some time past, but not openly. The new rates are, on domestic grain and grain products from Mississippi River common points: To New York, 17 1-2c, Boston, 19 1-2c; Philadelphia, 15 1-2c, Baltimore, 14 1-2c. On export grain the rates will be as follows: To New York and Boston, 13c; Philadelphia, 12c, Baltimore, 11 1-2c. On grain products for export: To Boston and New York, 15c; Philadelphia, 13c; Baltimore, 12c. Ocean room in good demand and rather firm. Rates are 3 1-2d per bushel from New York and 3d from Boston to Liverpool. The through rate on wheat from Chicago to Liverpool is 16.05c per bushel, all rail, via New York, and 15 1-4c via Boston. Flour is 36 7-8 to 37c per 100 pounds via New York or Boston, and provisions 46.06 to 52.50c. Charters to load and hold corn for shipment to Buffalo in the spring were made at 23-4c and clipped oats at 2c.

WINNIPEG PRICES CURRENT

GROCERIES

Prices to retail dealers for ordinary lots, with usual discounts for cash or large lots.

Canned Goods		Per case
Apples, 3s, 2 doz.	2 15	3 25
Apples, preserved, 3s, 2 doz.	3 00	3 35
Apples, gallons (per doz.)	3 20	3 5
Black or Lawton berries, 2s, 1 doz.	2 35	3 50
Beans, 2s, 2 doz.	2 00	2 10
Corn, 2s, 2 doz.	2 00	2 40
Cherries, red, pitted 2s, 2 doz.	3 00	4 00
Peas, Marrowfat, 2s, 2 doz.	1 85	1 85
Peas, sifted, 2s, 2 doz.	2 25	2 25
Pears, Bartlett, 2s, 2 doz.	3 25	3 25
Pears, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	4 50	4 75
Pears, Bartlett, 3s, 2 doz.	5 00	5 00
Pineapple, 2s, 2 doz.	4 50	4 50
Pineapple, imported, 2s, 2 doz.	5 00	4 75
Peaches, 2s, 2 doz.	3 90	4 25
Peaches, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	4 50	4 50
Peaches, Canadian, 3s, 2 doz.	6 25	6 25
Plums, 2s, 2 doz.	2 75	3 50
Plums, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	4 00	4 50
Pumpkins, 3s, 2 doz.	2 00	2 50
Raspberries, 2s, 2 doz.	3 00	3 25
Strawberries, 2s, 2 doz.	3 00	3 25
Tomatoes, 3s, 2 doz.	3 50	4 40
Salmon, talls, 1s, 4 doz.	7 50	6 00
Salmon, Cohoes talls, 1s, 4 doz.	7 50	6 00
Sardines, domestic 1/2s.	0 1/2	0 5
Sardines, imported, 1/2s.	0 1/2	0 5
Sardines, imported, 1/2s.	0 1/2	0 5
Sardines, imp. 1/2s, boneless.	0 1/2	0 31
Sardines, Dom., mustard 1/2s.	0 1/2	0 12
Imported Fresh Herring, 1s, 1 doz.	1 50	1 50
Imp. Kipper Herring, 1s, 1 doz.	1 75	1 85
Imp. Herrings, Tom. Sauce 1s.	1 00	1 00
Imp. " Anch. Sauce 1s.	1 50	1 50
Imp. " Shrimp Sauce 1s.	2 00	2 00
Corn Beef, 2s, 1 doz.	3 20	3 25
Corn Beef, 2s, 1 doz.	3 20	3 25
Lunch Beef, 2s, 1 doz.	3 00	3 50
Lunch Tongue, 1s, 2 doz.	6 00	6 25
Lunch Tongue, U.S. 2s, 1 doz.	6 00	6 25
Lunch Tongue, Can. 2s, 1 doz.	6 00	6 25
Brawn, 2s, 1 doz.	2 60	3 00
Pigs Feet, 2s, 1 doz.	2 60	2 90
Roast Beef, 2s, 1 doz.	2 85	3 00
Chicken, Duck or Turkey, 1s, 50	50	2 60
Potted Ham, 1/2s	65	70
Devilled Ham, 1/2s	65	70
Potted Tongue, 1/2s	65	70
Potted Ham, 1/2s	1 30	1 40
Devilled Ham, 1/2s	1 30	1 40
Potted Tongue, 1/2s	1 30	1 40
Green Rio	1 1/2	1 2
Inferior grades	1 1/2	1 1/2
Cereals		
Split Peas, sack 9s	2 50	
Pot Barley, sack 9s	3 20	4 40
Pearl Barley, sack 9s	3 75	4 00
Roll'd Oatmeal, sack 9s	1 75	
Standard Oatmeal, sack 9s	2 25	
Granulated Oatmeal, sack 9s	2 25	
Beans (per bushel)	2 10	2 15
Cornmeal, sack 9s	1 20	
Cornmeal, 1/2s ac 49 (per 1/2sac)	0 65	
Rice, B.	5 1/2	5 1/2
Patna	5 1/2	5 1/2
Rice, Japan	5 1/2	5 1/2
Sago	4 1/2	5
Tapioca	5 1/2	5 1/2
Cigarettes		
Old Judge	7 50	
Athlete	3 50	
Sweet Caporal	3 50	
Sweet Sixteen	5 50	
Derby	6 30	
T. & B.	8 20	
Cured Fish		
Boneless Hake, per lb	0 5	0 5 1/2
Codfish, whole cases, 100 lbs.	6 50	
Codfish, Pure per lb	7 1/2	
Herrings, in half-barrels	4 00	
Digby chicks	4 16	
Dried Fruits		
Currents, new, Prov'l Bbls	0 5 1/2	5 1/2
Currents, Prov'l Cases	5 1/2	5 1/2
Currents, Prov'l 1/2 Barrels	0 5 1/2	5 1/2
Currents, Filatria, bbls	0 5 1/2	5 1/2
Currents, Filatria, cases	0 5 1/2	5 1/2
Currents, cleaned, cases	0 7 1/2	7 1/2
Dates, Cases	0 7 1/2	7 1/2
Figs, Klome, about 10 lb box	20	22
Figs, Glove Box, per doz	1 20	2 00
Figs, Cooking, S	0 6 1/2	0 7
Figs, boxes	0 7 1/2	0 8
Figs, Tapnets	0 7 1/2	0 8
Figs, Portuguese, boxes	0 6 1/2	0 7
Sultana Raisins	10 1/2	11

Dried Fruits		Per pound
Raisins, Val., fine, off stalk	10	2 15
Raisins, Selected, off stalk	2 45	2 30
Raisins, Val. Layers, per box	2 25	2 30
Clusters, 3 Crown	2 75	2 75
Loose Muscatels, 2 crown	8 1/2	8 1/2
Loose Muscatels, 3 crown	9	9
Loose Muscatels, 4 crown	9 1/2	9 1/2
London Layers, 20 lb Boxes	90	2 00
Apples, Dried	0 7 1/2	0 8
Kvap Apples, finest quality	0 8 1/2	0 9
California Evaporated Fruits		
Peaches, peeled	17	18
Peaches, unpeeled	11	12
Pears	12 1/2	13
Appricots	17 1/2	18
Pitted Plums	11	11 1/2
Nectarines	12	12 1/2
Prunes, 100 to 120	5 1/2	5 1/2
Prunes, 90 to 100	5 1/2	5 1/2
Prunes, 80 to 90	8	8 1/2
Prunes, 70 to 80	7 1/2	7 1/2
Prunes, 60 to 70	8	8 1/2
Prunes, 40 to 50	10	11
Matches		
Telegraph	3 15	
Telephone	4 00	
Tiger	3 90	
Parlor Matches, Eagle	1 75	
Nuts		
Brazils	11	12 1/2
Taragona Almonds	15	15 1/2
Peanuts, roasted	11	11 1/2
Peanuts, green	9	10
Grenoble Walnuts	14 1/2	15
French Walnuts	13	11
Sicily Filberts	10	11
Shelled Almonds	30	35
Syrup		
Extra Bright, per lb	3 1/2	3 1/2
Medium, per lb	2 1/2	3 1/2
Maple, case 1 doz. 1/2 gal. tins	75	7 00
Molasses, per gal. (New Or.)	3 1/2	3 50
" Porto Rico	4 00	
" Barbados	4 50	
Sugar		
Extra Standard Gran.	5	20
German Granulated	5	70
Extra Ground	5	70
Powdered	6 1/2	6 1/2
Lumps	6	6 1/2
Bright Yellow Sugar	4 40	4 50
American	4 30	4 30
Maple Sugar	3 1/2	1 50
Salt		
Rock Salt	1 1/2	1 1/2
Common, fine	2	00
Common, coarse	2	00
Dairy, 100 3	3 25	3 50
Dairy, 60-5	3 15	3 30
Dairy, white duck sack		
Common, fine jute sack	00	43
Spices		
Assorted Herbs, 1/2 lb tins	75	90
Allspice, whole	18	20
Allspice, pure ground	18	20
Allspice, compound	15	15
Cassia, whole	18	20
Cassia, pure ground	20	25
Cassia, compound	13	18
Cloves, whole	17	20
Cloves, pure ground	25	30
Cloves, compound	18	20
Pepper, black, whole	16	17
Pepper, black, pure ground	15	20
Pepper, black, compound	10	20
Pepper, white, whole	23	25
Pepper, white, pure ground	28	30
Pepper, white, compound	18	20
Pepper, Cayenne	25	30
Ginger, whole, Jamaica	25	30
Ginger, whole, Cochian	20	25
Ginger, pure ground	23	25
Ginger, compound	15	25
Nutmegs, (per pound)	55	50
Mace (per pound)	75	80
Teas		
China Blacks—		
Choice	35	40
Medium	25	35
Common	13	20
Indian and Ceylon—		
Choice	32	40
Medium	25	32
Common	16	22
Young Hysons—		
Choice	35	45
Medium	28	35
Common	22	30
Japan—		
Finest May Picking	35	40
Choice	30	35
Fine	25	30
Good Medium	20	25
Common	15	20

Tobacco		Per pound
T. & B., 3s, 4s, and 9s Cads.	00	70
Lily, 8s, cads.	00	61
Crecent, 8s, cads.	00	58
T. & B. Black Cheving Sorris	00	61 1/2
Ss or 16.	00	61 1/2
T. & B. 1-12 pkg, cut	00	55
T. & B. 1-5 pkg, cut	00	55
T. & B. in pouches, 1-4	00	55
T. & B. in 1-5 tins	00	56
T. & B. in 1/2 tins	00	56
T. & B. in 1/2 tins	00	83
Orinoco, 1-12 pkg.	00	51
Orinoco, 1-5 tins	00	50
Orinoco, 3s tins	00	56
Tuckett's Cherub Cigarette	00	55
Brier, 3s, cads	00	61
Derby, 3s and 4s, cads.	00	65
Derby, 3s, cads	00	65
P. & W. Cheving, Cads.	00	65
P. & W. Cheving, Butts	00	65
Tonka, 1/2 tins	00	90
Tonka, 1-12 pkg	00	85
Canadian Leaf, 50 lb bales, very bright	21	
Lower grades	12 1/2	15
Dominion Tobacco Co.'s List.		
BRIGHT CHEWING PLUG.		
Pomniery, 1/2 s.	72	
Smiach, 1/2 lb. Bars	62	
Holly, 3 s.	58	
Holly, 8 s.	58	
BLACK CHEWING PLUG.		
Black Bass, Navy, 1/2 lb. Bars	40	
Black Bass, Navy, 1 s.	42	
Black Bass, Navy, 2 s.	42	
Black Bass, Navy, 3 s.	42	
Black Bass, Navy, 12 s.	42	
BRIGHT SMOKING PLUG.		
Virgin Gold, 4 s.	72	
Marigold, 3 1/2 s.	55	
Monarch, 3 1/2 s.	59	
Clover, Double Thick, 3 s.	54	
Empire Tobacco Co.'s List		
SMOKING.		
Empire, 3s @ 1/2	37	
Golden Plug, 3s	53	
Royal Oak, 3s	53	
Something Good, 7s	54	
CHEWING.		
Currency, Bars, 10 1/2s	40	
Currency, 6s	40	
Free Trade, 8s	45	
Snowshoe, Bars, 12s	45	
Wooden Ware		
Pails, 2 hoop clear	1 95	2 00
Pails, wire hoop	2 20	2 25
Pails, Star fibre	3 50	
Tubs, No. 0 common	11 50	12 00
Tubs, No. 1 common	10 00	10 50
Tubs, No. 2 common	8 00	8 50
Tubs, No. 3 common	6 75	7 25
Tubs, nests (3)	1 90	2 00
Tubs, wire hoop (3)	2 25	2 40
Tubs, fibre, No. 0	16 50	
Tubs, fibre, No. 1	14 50	
Tubs, fibre, No. 2	12 50	
Tubs, fibre, No. 3	10 50	
Tubs, fibre, (3)	3 20	
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (2)	57	
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (3)	72	
Washboards, Globe, per doz.	99	
Perfection, per doz.	2 20	2 25
CURED MEATS, ETC.		
Lard, pure leaf, steam rend.	\$ 1 50	
Lard, pure, in 3, 5 and 10 lb. tins, per case of 60 lbs.	6 00	
Lard, pure, Tierces, per lb	5 1/2	
Lard, 50 lb tins	8 1/2	
Lard, Compound, 20 lb pails	1 35	1 40
Lard, Compound, 3 and 5 lb. tins, case 60 lbs.	4 50	
Smoked Meats		
Hams	12 1/2	
Breakfast bacon, bellies	11	
Breakfast bacon, backs	10	
Spiced rolls	9 1/2	
Shoulders	8 1/2	
Pie-ni Hams	9	
Dry Salt Meats		
Long clear bacon	8 1/2	
Shoulders	8	
Short Clear	8 1/2	
Backs	9	
Barrel Pork		
Heavy mess	16 00	17 00
Shutcut	16 50	17 50
Meat Sundries		
Fresh pork sausage, lb	\$	
Bologna sausage, lb	\$	
Pickled pigs feet, kits.	\$ 1 40	
Sausage casings, lb	30	

DRUGS		Per pound
Following are prices for parcel lots with usual reductions for unbroken packages.		
Alum, lb	3 1/2	1 1/2
Alcohol, gal	5 25	5 50
Bleaching Powder, lb	5	07
Bluestone, lb	09	10
Borax	09	10
Bromide Potash	75	80
Camphor	70	75
Campbor, ounces	75	80
Carbolic Acid	60	70
Castor Oil	13	20
Chlorate Potash	18	20
Citric Acid	60	65
Copperas	03	01
Cocaine	60	01
Cream Tartar, lb	23	32
Cloves	20	25
Epsom Salts	03	01
Extract Logwood, bulk	12	14
Extract Logwood, boxes	17	20
German Quinine	50	55
Glycerine, lb	22	25
Ginger, Jamaica	30	35
Ginger, African	15	20
Howard's Quinine, oz.	60	65
Iodine	47	50
Insect Powder	30	35
Morphia, sul	20	25
Opium	4 50	5 00
Oil, olive, Pige	2 10	2 75
Oil, U.S. Salad	1 10	1 25
Oil, lemon, super	1 60	1 80
Oil, peppermint	1 50	2 00
Oil, cod liver, gal.	1 25	1 75
Oxalic Acid	14	16
Potass Iodide	3 75	4 00
Paris Green, lb.	28	30
Saltpetre	08	10
Sal Rochelle	28	32
Shellac	25	32
Sulphur Flowers	3 1/2	04
Sulphur Roll, keg	2 00	3 00
Soda Bicarb, keg of 112 lbs	2 75	3 75
Sal Soda	00	3 00
Tartaric Acid, lb.	40	45
Strychnine, pure crystals, oz.	35	1 00

LEATHER		Per pound	
Harness, oak		45	
Harness, union oak No. 1		36	
Harness, union oak No. 1 R.		35	
Harness, hemlock No. 1, anchor brand		36	
Harness, hemlock No. 1 R. anchor brand		35	
Harness, hemlock country tannage, No. 1 R		34	
Russet collar leather, per foot		40	
American Oak Sole		20	
Sole, union oak		42	
Listowell, sole		28	30
Penclang, sole		28	30
Acton Sole		28	30
B. F. French calf		25	30
B. F. French kip		05	1 15
Canada calf		05	1 15
Canada Calf, Niagara		80	90
Niagara Brand Kip		65	75
Wax upper		42	46
Grain upper per foot		30	20
Karzaroo, per foot		30	50
Dolgona, per foot		25	40
Dolgona, bright		25	40
Bag sheepskins, per doz.		8 00	

FUEL		Per ton
Coal		
These are retail prices, delivered to consumers in the city, or 50c per ton less at the yards, except western anthracite nut size, which is 40c less at the yards.		
Per ton		
Pennsylvania anthracite—		
Stove, nut or lump		10 00
Pea size		8 00
Canadian anthracite, stove		9 50
Canadian anthracite, nut		7 50
Lethbridge bituminous		5 00
Crow's Nest bituminous		5 25
U. S. bituminous		7 50
Souris Lignite		4 50

TO THE TRADE.

Our Brands

Are a guarantee of superior value. Customers know the rapid selling "Crescent" Black Dress Goods, "Seabelle" Black and Navy Serges, "Abergeldie" Costume Cloths, "Imperial" Velveteens and Hosiery, "Queen City" Cotton Goods, and all goods bearing our trade mark.

Filling Letter Orders a Specialty.

John Macdonald & Co.

Wellington and Front Sts. E.,
TORONTO, ONT.

RICE LEWIS & SON LIMITED

ARTHUR B. LEE, President
A. HUBBERT LEE, Vice Pres. and Treas.

WHOLESALE

HARDWARE

BAR

IRON AND STEEL

Steam Pipe and Fittings
Sporting Goods



Write for Prices

TORONTO, - ONT.

S. GREENSHIELDS SON & Co. MONTREAL.

Wholesale

**DRY GOODS
MEN'S FURNISHINGS
CARPETS, Etc.**

Winnipeg Sample Room

412-414 McIntyre Block

Represented by:

R. R. GALLAGHER
G. M. NEWTON

D. R. DINGWALL

WHOLESALE

Jeweller.

424 AND 584 MAIN STREET
WINNIPEG

Out of town merchants will find it advantageous to buy from us. Our prices are as close as can be obtained in Canada. A Trial Order Solicited. Write for prices

Hodgson, Sumner & Co.

IMPORTERS OF

**DRY GOODS
MEN'S
FURNISHINGS**

**DOMESTIC
BRITISH
FRENCH
GERMAN
AMERICAN**

Small Wares and Fancy Goods

347 and 349 ST. PAUL STREET, MONTREAL
Represented in the West by

Queen's Hotel
A. C. McLAUCHLAN, WINNIPEG.

Dressed Hogs Wanted.

We are open to buy any quantity of dressed hogs for which we pay highest market price. Quotations on application.

Send us your orders for prime Eastern Mutton, Lamb, Chickens, Geese and Turkeys. Prices and quality are right.

Full stock of Hams, Bacon, Lard, etc.; our own curing; quality unsurpassed.

For sale cheap second-hand No. 1-2 Buffalo Meat Chopper, capacity 200 to 250 lbs. meat per hour; will run with 1-2 H. P. motor.

P. GALLAGHER & SONS

Butchers, Pork Packers and Cattle Dealers

WINNIPEG.

The Winnipeg Rubber Co. Limited

350 MAIN ST., WINNIPEG, MAN.

If you use or deal in any description of Rubber Goods, we can supply you.

We have the largest and only complete stock of Rubber Goods in Canada.

You will find our lines are a of superior quality.

EVERYTHING IN RUBBER.

Manitoba.

The *Sluicy New Era* has been launched by J. W. Balloy.

Oliver & Byron, general merchants, Selkirk, have made an assignment.

J. F. Metcalf, general merchant, High Bluff, is adding implements.

Mr. Part, druggist, of Carberry, intends opening a branch store in Sluicy.

Geo. McLean, of Souris, contemplates going into the hardware business at Waskada.

Over 60,000 was expended in the erection and improvement of buildings in Brandon last year.

Fend & McNell have sold their shop and blacksmithing business at Carman to Wm. Hudson.

The Crescent hotel at Souris has changed hands, N. Taylor, of Melita, having bought out Menarey.

H. Grills is opening again in the grocery business at Union Point. His store was burned a short time ago.

Jas Leggett has bought out the butcher business of Geo. Willis at Plumas and will carry it on in future.

John J. Black, of Bates, has sold his blacksmith shop, business and good will to Jos. H. Bates, who is to carry on the business.

A. C. Panser & Co., general merchants, Brandon, have changed their style to Fraser & Ross. A. Ross has been taken in as a partner.

A Blain's implement warehouse and dwelling at Wawanosa were destroyed by fire on Monday night together with most of their contents.

D. Lamont has bought out the blacksmith shop of J. A. Charters at Melita. Charters will devote his attention hereafter to his implement trade.

Robt. Allen has opened an implement warehouse at Rathwell and will handle besides agricultural machinery planes, organs and sewing machines.

T. C. McKae, merchant tailor, Winnipeg, has assigned to C. H. Newton. McKae had a fire not long ago in his premises and this has led to his failure.

Higgins & Webster, general merchants, Kolund, have sold out their branch at Myrtle to Harrison & Co., who will continue the business as general merchants.

Application will be made by Adam Forbes, of Rathwell, and others for incorporation as the Adam Forbes Trading Co., Ltd. The amount of the capital stock will be \$20,000.

The stock and fixtures of F. D. Stewart, general merchant, Carman and Elm Creek, who assigned recently, will be offered for sale by auction on the 14th instant. The total value together with \$300 of book debts is given at about \$3,000.

W. Kemp, of the Kemp Manufacturing Company, Toronto, makers of stamped tinware, etc., was the purchaser of the tin box factory and plant of E. Guibault, Winnipeg, which was sold by auction on Monday by the creditors of the estate. The rate paid was 93c on the dollar. Mr. Kemp refused to say what were his intentions regarding the continuing of the industry here. It is rumored that considerable additional capital will be invested in the factory and that the industry will be continued on a much larger scale than heretofore. In the meantime the factory has been closed.

D. McLelland has purchased the stock of boots and shoes and dry goods of John McElrea at Sluicy, and will add it to his present general stock. McElrea takes the hardware belonging to McLelland and intends carrying a full line of hardware hereafter.

John McKechnie, of the Vulcan Iron Co., Winnipeg, was injured in the recent railway accident near Toronto but his friends here will be pleased to learn that his injuries, consisting of bruises, are not serious, and that he is able to be about again.

The new Marshall Wells Co., which is opening in the hardware trade in Winnipeg, has rented the old No. 6 warehouse on Lombard street, near the Parson's Produce Co., as temporary quarters until more suitable premises can be obtained. The stock will begin to arrive at once.

The firm of James Ferguson & Co., merchant tailors, and proprietors of the Brandon tent, mattress and over-all factory, has been dissolved by the retirement of Ferguson. R. J. Molloy, the remaining member of the firm, will continue the business in all its branches in his own name.

Dauphin was visited by fire on March 7, and the Dauphin house, the Newton building and R. Smith's harness shop were destroyed before the flames could be subdued. J. Smith, owner of the hotel, lost, \$4,500; D. C. McKinnon, tenant, \$2,000; F. W. Newton, owner of the adjoining building, \$800, and R. Smith \$700. All insured.

The labor troubles of the Great West Saddlery Company continue. Mr. Hutchings, manager of the company, refuses to have union men about him, and says he is not disturbed by the present situation, as he says he has a large stock of manufactured lines on hand and will be able to supply the trade for a long time without difficulty.

Assinibola.

R. Taylor & Co. have opened in general merchandize at Indian Head.

Magee & Thompson have bought the livery business of J. Mundell at Wolseley.

J. B. and J. Ryder have purchased the flour and feed business of Golding & Co., at Wolseley.

J. Muir has purchased the Aberdeen hotel at Lumsden, and intends having it thoroughly renovated and enlarged.

T. M. Grover is starting in the newspaper business at Lumsden. His paper is to be known as the Lumsden News.

Saskatchewan.

D. McGregor, Jr., is opening a furniture store at Prince Albert.

Alberta.

H. Aldridge and J. A. Haller have formed a partnership and bought out Lauder's bakery at Edmonton, which they will conduct in future.

Northwest Ontario.

Fort William Times-Journal: Graham, Horn & Co., have purchased the tugs *Salty Jack*, *Mary Ann* and *Atkins* from Mr. James Murphy. They intend putting these tugs in first-class condition for their work here on the coming summer. This probably means that they will do more work in their mill this year than ever before, be-

cause they never had more than two tugs working.

Delegates of the Rainy River board of trade, who recently visited Ottawa, have been promised by the department of marine that a boll-buoy will be placed on the reef off the sand hills, at the mouth of Rainy river, and also that three lighthouses will be erected, one at each of the following points: Burton's Island, northwest corner of Big Island, and at Oak Island narrows.

Tenders.

Tenders are called for the erection of a new post office at Wolseley, Assn.

Tenders are invited for the erection of a frame school house 16x20 at Yellow Grass, Assn. Address, W. H. Sissons, secretary, Yellow Grass.

Tenders will be received by the trustees of Lornville school district up to Wednesday, the 28th of March, for the erection of a new school house. Address W. Channon, Cordova, P. O.

Tenders will be received up to March 16 for the labor and material of a public school, to be built at Indian Head, Assn. Address, A. J. Osment, secretary.

Tenders addressed "The warden of the penitentiary, Kingston, Ontario," and endorsed "Tender for Twine," will be received until the 20th of March next, inclusive, for the twine on hand and unsold at that date, together with the output of the penitentiary factory between that date and the 31st July next.

Territorial Threshing Returns.

Threshing returns for last year have just been published by the government of the Northwest Territories and show some interesting results. According to the figures given the production of wheat in Assinibola, Saskatchewan and Alberta totalled up the satisfactory quantity of 6,946,997 bushels, as against 5,542,478 bushels in 1898. The number of acres from which this wheat was taken was 364,777, and 307,580 respectively. The number of bushels of oats in 1899 was 4,740,993, as against 3,316,259 in 1898. The number of acres sown to oats was 136,416 105,077. The barley crop of the Territories is a comparatively small one and fell off last year. The number of bushels threshed was 342,425, as against 449,512 in 1898. This yield was obtained from 14,633 acres, as against 17,092 acres in 1898. While the returns include substantially the whole production of the Territories they are incomplete to the extent that two districts of Assinibola failed to report. The total area under cultivation amounted to 515,826 acres, as compared with 429,749 in 1898. The average yield per acre for the two years were: Wheat, 1899, 19.04 bushels, 1898, 18.01 bushels; oats, 1899, 34.75 bushels, 1898, 28.93 bushels; barley, 1899, 23.40 bushels, 1898, 26.29 bushels.

Official Assignee.

The appointment of S. A. D. Bertrand as official assignee of Manitoba, which was made by the Greenway administration about twelve years ago, has by order-in-council of the Macdonald government been cancelled from Feb. 15, and F. J. Nixon is appointed to the vacancy. Mr. Bertrand, however, will continue in the business which he has carried on for so many years, but without the title "official."

ANDERSON'S HEATED CAR SERVICE

Heated Car Service on all the branches as well as the main line.

In spite of the fact of cold weather coming on, we are in just as good a position to take care of your orders as during the summer months, owing to the fact of having a

Anderson Produce Co. Ltd.

WINNIPEG.

The British Empire Standard 

**"QUEEN'S HEAD"
GALVANIZED IRON**

FOR SALE BY LEADING JOBBERS.

A. C. LESLIE & CO., MONTREAL

Canadian Sales Agents.

P. O. Box 948

TELEPHONE 483

NORTH-WEST PROVISION CO

**WHOLESALE PRODUCE AND
COMMISSION MERCHANTS.**

Send us your Butter, Eggs and other Produce We return the highest market prices and charge 5 per cent. commission only. Cash on 1st and 15th of each month. Cold storage on premises.

Can supply you with Dairy Requisites, Green and Dried Fruits, Canned Goods, Cured Meats, Groceries, etc., at lowest prices. Send us a trial shipment and order.

128 and 130 Princess St., WINNIPEG



PARAGON First on the Canadian market CHEESE

Has many imitations but NONE SUPERIOR

If you don't keep it in stock order from your wholesale grocer.

For sale by **G. F. & J. Galt** **Codville & Co.** and others.

JOSEPH CARMAN
Agent Manitoba & N.W.T.

THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Saturday, March 10.

The situation is about the same as a week ago. Shipments of spring goods are going out actively and engage most of the attention of wholesale houses. One of the most interesting of these was a solid train of hardware from J. H. Ashdown's warehouse which left for western points on Tuesday. The train included forty of the largest box cars drawn by two engines. The millinery opening on Tuesday attracted a large number of buyers and was a very successful event. The most discouraging feature of the situation is the scarcity of money and difficulty of making collections. Fourth of March paper was very indifferently met on Monday and there were many requests for renewals. For the first time in many weeks bank clearings at Winnipeg have been smaller than in the corresponding week a year previous. The falling off is, however, comparatively slight.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Saturday, March 10.

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

BUILDING MATERIAL.

There is a fair supply of brick in city yards to meet early spring demand and some have been offered from outside points already. Local white brick is quoted at \$11 per thousand. St. Louis wall rubble stone is quoted for spring delivery at \$3.50 per cord; Stonewall footings at \$3.50; Stony Mountain rubble at \$4.00; white lime at 26c per bushel, and grey lime, Stony Mountain and Tyndall at 16c per bushel.

CURED MEATS.

Smoked hams advanced 1-2c per pound on Monday, making the price now 1-2c. Ribs are also up a like amount. Pork leaf lard in pails is 5c dearer at \$1.80, lard in cases 25c dearer at \$6.60 per case, lard in tierces 1c per pound dearer at \$1-2c and in 50 pound tubs 1-2c dearer at \$3-4c. These advances indicate a strong situation in hog products. The market is active for the season.

DRUGS.

The drug market is fairly active and prices for the most part firm. Carbolic acid has advanced 5c per ounce. Cocaine has declined sharply and salicylic acid is firmer at an advance of 10c on the inside quotation. From eastern markets we learn that quinine has advanced again owing to the increased demand arising from the influenza epidemic in Europe and higher prices of cinchona bark. Opium is lower in the east and citric acid remains firm at the late advance. All heavy chemicals are firm and are gradually moving upward. The prospects are that owing to difficulty in securing ocean freight space all kinds of imported drugs will continue firm and possibly may be much higher.

DRY GOODS.

There continues to be a very firm feeling in dry goods and kindred lines,

and advances are being made continually in different lines by jobbers to correspond with advances made earlier at the mills. The mills, both Canadian and British, are very busy with orders. One mill recently advised its agent here that they did not want any more orders for one line until September. Another British manufacturing firm advises that they are filled up until fall, and a third has withdrawn all quotations entirely. We mention these items to show how busy the manufacturing departments of the dry goods trade are. Underwear travelers are now on the road to some extent. Prices in this line are 5 to 10 per cent higher than a year ago on most classes of goods, which is not as sharp an advance as some looked for. It is possible, however, that a portion of the increased cost of manufacturing may be taken off the quality of the new samples, though we have not heard any complaint on this account. Travelers will be going out next month with a wider range of samples, though it is the belief of some in the trade that orders will not be placed early in the season as freely this year as usual, owing to the heavy stocks of winter goods carried over by retailers. Advances on cotton goods made in British mills from Egyptian cotton, such as lawn, nainsook, plain muslin, organdie, batiste, etc., are reported. Handkerchiefs are higher. Linen goods are firm and advanced.

FISH.

There is a good demand for all kinds of fish and the market is steady. Prices are: White fish, frozen, per pound, 6 to 6 1-2c; pickerel, 3 1-2c; pike, 3c; trout, 10c; salmon, 12 1-2c; salmon, round cuts, 10c; halibut, 11c; salt whitefish, in half barrels, \$6.50; haddies, 7c; salt cod, 7c; mackerel, fresh, 15c; fresh herring, 20c; Labrador herring, in half barrels, \$1.00, oysters standards, in bulk, \$2.00; select, \$2.25.

GREEN FRUITS.

The market is displaying a little more activity, but dealers still find time a little heavy on their hands. California fruit is coming forward freely and receipts are quite equal to the demand. Lemons are down 25c per case. Bananas are a regular feature in the market. A consignment of Seville bitter oranges was one of the features this week. These are offering at \$7.00 per case. Apple stocks are becoming reduced, but it is still found necessary to sell doubtful stock by auction. Choice apples hold very firm and are quoted as high as \$6.00. We quote prices as follows: California navel oranges, \$4.00 per case for regular sizes; California seedlings, \$3.50; Calif. lemons, per box, \$1.75; Messina lemons, \$1.75; bananas, \$2.00 to \$3.50; Cr. musc grape fruit, \$5.00 per case; apples, winter, \$3.50 to \$5.50 per barrel; Cape Cod cranberries per barrel, \$7.50; cocoanuts, per dozen, 50c; Green's le walnuts, 15c; Tarragona almonds, 15c; filberts, 12c; peanuts, green, 9c; roasted 12c; pecan nuts 15c per pound; maple sugar, per pound, 11c; apple cider, 55c per gallon in barrels and all barrels; fruit cider put up in 20 and 30 gallon kegs, per gallon, 40c; California layer figs in 10 pound boxes, \$1.10; new Smyrna in glass boxes, \$2.00 per dozen; 10-lb. boxes, \$1.50 per box, dates, 7c per lb; 1-lb. cartons, 10c; honey in 1-lb. glass jars, per dozen jars, \$2.50; American red onions, 3c per lb; jam, in 7 lb. pails, per dozen, \$6.50, in jars, 4 1-2 per dozen; in barrels, per dozen, \$2-25.

GROCERIES.

The demand for groceries for both city and country delivery has been somewhat larger this week. Prices are steady for most lines and show no changes except on rolled oatmeal which is 5c higher at \$1.75 per 80 lb. sack. Sugars have not as yet followed the eastern decline, owing probably to the fact that jobbers are well supplied with stock bought at old figures. For Winnipeg quotations see "prices current" page.

HARDWARE AND PAINTS.

This week has not developed any important changes in hardware or paint prices. Belting discounts have been raised again, which is equivalent to a decline in price. Other lines are unchanged. Heavy shipments of spring goods are going forward to all parts of the west from Winnipeg warehouses. Local quotations are given elsewhere in this issue.

RAW FURS.

The approach of the March sales in London which open on the 20th has led to some speculation as to the probable course of prices. It is thought by some that there may be a decline from the high prices which have characterized recent sales. Receipts of furs here are fairly liberal and bidding generally pretty close to prices given in these columns last week.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Wheat:— There has been no marked change in the wheat markets during the past week, but at the same time somewhat more life and interest has pervaded them. European cable quotations have for the most part been stronger and an advance of about 2c per bushel has taken place in the value of spot wheat in Liverpool. American markets have been slightly more active, albeit rather erratic on some days, but they show a gain of 1-2 to 1c per bushel on the week. There seems a firm undertone to the wheat market which is preventing a decline in the face of circumstances which may be construed as having a bearish meaning. For the recent statistical occurrences cannot very well be appropriated to the bull side. Last week the American visible supply increased 639,000 bushels compared with increase the previous week of 225,000 bushels and a decrease for same week of last year of 443,000 bushels. Then the world's shipments last week were 8,623,000 bushels, which is at least 1 1-2 million bushels over weekly requirements of importing countries. The world's visible supply increased 2,977,000 bushels, and this week the exports from Argentina foot up 3,096,000 bushels the largest ever recorded for one week from that country. These figures are not comforting to holders of wheat, and if continued to about the same extent will not fail to hold prices down unless some strong counter-acting events come into the deal. Crop news have not been much in evidence during the week, and what has been published is of a favorable cast for the crops. In the States there has been considerable snow protection which is going off again, and over a large area the crop is reported in a favorable condition, the principal exception being the state of Ohio and Indiana where the fly has done so much damage. There have been fine rains in California which puts the crop in good condition for the present, and a large crop is forecast. Frost damage continues to be reported from France but reports are not more serious than previously. The United States government crop report for March will be ig-

sued this afternoon, and it will give the government estimate of wheat in farmers' hands on March 1st. This is looked forward to as an important showing and may affect the markets accordingly as it is considered bullish or bearish. Last year the estimated quantity in farmers' hands in the States on March 1st was 198,000,000 bushels.

There is nothing new in the local market. It has continued quiet and dull all week. The demand for Manitoba wheat is light and the price of 1 hard in store Fort William is out of line with export value by about 3c per bushel. This prevents exporters working. Price of 1 hard at Fort William or freight to England will have to decline, or English offers will have to advance before any activity in Manitoba wheat trade can come about. The price of 1 hard in store Fort William has edged up 1c on this week, and at the close of business yesterday stood at 66c spot, and 68c for May delivery. Buyers were hard to find at these prices, but sellers would take no less. No. 2 hard and 1 northern are 21-2c under 1 hard, and 3 hard 51-2c under 1 hard.

FLOUR—Prices now quoted as follows: Ogilvie's Hungarian patent, \$1.75; Glonora, \$1.65; Manitoba Strong Bakers, \$1.40; XXXX, \$1; Lake of the Woods patent, \$1.55; Strong Bakers, \$1.65; Medora, \$1.40; XXXX, \$1.20 per sack of 98 pounds delivered in Winnipeg.

MILLFEED—The Lake of the Woods Company has advanced prices \$1 per ton making bran \$12.50 and shorts \$14.50. Ogilvie's price remains unchanged at \$13.50 per ton for both bran and shorts.

GROUND FEED—Oat chop is worth \$22 per ton; barley chop, \$17; and mixed feed of barley and oats \$20 per ton. Corn chop, \$19; oilcake, \$27.

OATS—Prices are easier on larger receipts. Some dealers quote as low as 30c per bushel for No. 2 mixed, but the general feeling is that this is a little low. Current prices are: No. 2 white, 31 to 32c per bushel; No. 2 mixed, 30 to 31c, for car loads on track, Winnipeg.

BARLEY—Receipts light. Malting and feed grades are worth, 30 to 33c in carlots on track.

CORN—We quote carlots on track 1c lower at 40 to 41c per bushel.

WHEAT—Quoted at 52c per bushel to farmers' at 15c freight rate points.

FLAXSEED—Farmers' loads are worth \$1.25 to \$1.30 per bushel at country points.

OATMEAL—Brokers have been offering United States meal for future delivery, but no business is reported to have been done. Manitoba meal is worth \$1.65 per 50 lb sack to the retail trade.

HAY—The market is very dull. Fresh haled hay is worth \$5 to \$5.50 per ton; loose hay on the street, \$3 to \$4.

BUTTER—There is no creamery butter offering. Receipts of dairy are hardly equal to the demand and prices remain firm at last week's figures. Finest tubs are worth 18c per lb, rolls and prints 20c and second grades 14 to 17c, less freight and commission.

CHEESE—Cheese is scarce and the market firm. Small 14c per pound, large 131-2c.

EGGS—Dealers will pay 22c for fresh case eggs less expressage. Lined eggs are worth 16c per dozen. Strictly fresh local eggs, 30 to 35c.

VEGETABLES—The movement is

very light. We quote: Potatoes, 50 to 60c per bushel; turnips, 25 to 30c; carrots, 50c; beets, 35 to 40c; parsnips, 11-2c per pound; 40c; parsnips, 11-2c per lb; dry onions, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per bushel; cabbage, 2c per pound; celery, 75c per dozen bunches, lettuce and parsley, 40c per dozen bunches.

DRESSED MEATS—Frozen beef is now pretty well out of the market. Fresh killed is in fair supply and firm at prices quoted. Some quotations of 1-2c higher have been made, but leading butchers' prices are as given. Hogs are coming forward freely. We quote: Beef, city dressed, 6 to 7c per lb; country dressed, 5 to 6c; mutton, 8 to 9c lamb, 8 to 9c; veal, 8 to 9c; hogs, 6c to 61-4c for best weights.

POULTRY—Prices are: Turkeys, 11c per pound; ducks, 10c; geese, 9c; chickens, 11c.

GAME—Very little in the market. Rabbits are worth 7c each. Pigeons 20c per pair.

HIDES—The market is unsettled and depressed. Outside markets show a tendency to decline and this makes local traders cautious. The best quotation for frozen hides here is now 61-2c, which is 1-4c less than top of a week ago. We quote: Frozen hides 61-2c per pound, five pounds tare; No. 1 inspected hides, 7c; No. 2, 6c; No. 3, 5c; Branded hides grade No. 2, and bulls, No. 3; kip, 7c; calf, 8 to 51-2c. Deakin skins, 25 to 35c each; sheep skins, 40 to 50c each; horsehides, 50 to 75c each.

WOOL—We quote prices here \$ to 9c for unwashed fleece.

SENECA ROOT—37c per lb

TALLOW—Dealers are paying 31-2c for No. 1 tallow at country points. No. 2 is worth about 21-2c.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—A train of fat cattle went east to-day which is the first export shipment for some weeks. The old country markets have not been favorable to such shipments and dealers are not very keen to take the risks yet. Cattle are reported to be somewhat backward in fattening and it is difficult to secure choice lots yet. Home requirements have so far readily absorbed all offerings. Prices for fat cattle are firm at 31-2 to 4c for choice and 23-4 to 31-2c for second grades. For extra fine lots even higher than 4c has been paid. Yearling stockers are worth from \$12 to \$16 per cwt. and two-year-olds \$22 to \$23.

SHEEP—There is still an ample supply of frozen mutton in the market and accordingly there is little disposition among butchers to slaughter fresh stock yet. Choice sheep are worth 5c off cars here and lambs the same.

HOGS—Receipts have been quite liberal and prices are firmer in sympathy with other markets. The quality of offerings has been exceptionally good lately and packers much prefer Manitoba hogs to those they have been getting from Ontario. We quote: Choice hogs, selected weight, 47-8c, second grades 4 to 41-2c.

MILCH COWS—Very few offering. Quotations range from \$30 to \$40 each.

HORSES—Spring trade is now opening. It is not expected that the demand will be so heavy for farm work as last year owing to amount of plowing done last fall. Good work horses weighing about 1,200 lbs. are worth from \$150 to \$175 each; roadsters from \$150 to \$200 each, and extra heavy teams from \$350

upwards. Western horses of light weight run from \$100 to \$140 each, when halter broken.

Winnipeg Grain Inspection.

For the week ending March 3 there were 290 cars of grain inspected, grading as follows:

Wheat—1 hard, 150; 2 hard, 36; 1 northern, 12; 2 northern, 0; 3 hard, 23; 1 frosted, 3; 2 frosted, 3; 1 rejected, 3; 2 rejected, 4; no grade, 8; 1 white type, 2, 3 frosted, 1; condemned, 4 cars.

Oats—1 white, 1; 2 white, 14; 2 mixed, 13; rejected, 1; feed 3 cars.

Barley—No. 3 extra, 1; No. 3, 3 cars.

For the month of February there were 840 cars, equal to 697,200 bushels for wheat inspected, besides 64 cars of oats, 8 cars of barley and 1 car of flax seed.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There were 3,325,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on March 3, compared with 2,426,000 bushels a year ago, 727,000 bushels two years ago, 2,834,000 bushels 3 years ago, 3,693,000 bushels 4 years ago, 910,000 bushels five years ago and 2,115,000 bushels 6 years ago. Receipts last week were 69,000 bushels and shipments 38,000 bushels. Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior country points were estimated approximately at 8,500,000 bushels, compared with about 8,900,000 bushels a year ago, and 4,400,000 bushels two years ago.

Elevator Commission.

The commission appointed to investigate questions relating to the handling of grain in the West, has made its report at Ottawa, and the report will be received here early next week. It is said the commission recommends freedom in the construction of flat warehouses. It is understood a bill will be introduced at Ottawa embodying the recommendations of the commission.

Lake Winnipeg Fisheries.

It is said there is a movement on foot to bring pressure upon the government to have the law strictly enforced regarding the granting of licenses for fishing in Manitoba waters. The law requires that only Canadian companies shall receive licenses for fishing in Canadian waters. In the case of Lake Winnipeg, it is claimed that there is not only a monopoly in control of the vast fishing industry on the lake, but that this monopoly is a United States concern, or at least controlled by a big United States fish corporation. It has further been asserted that some Manitoba members of parliament and other officials have not taken the stand they should against this monopoly, and in the interest of the people. The Winnipeg Labor party has taken up the matter in the interests of the working fishermen who it is claimed, receive a very small remuneration for their work from the fish combine, the latter making a big profit on the fish handled.

The alleged grievances which the Winnipeg fish dealers have against the combine, and which were mentioned in a previous number of The Commercial, also form part of the cause of the present movement.

Greenwood has purchased the lumber yard of James Sharp, at Fleming, Assa.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF THE COMMERCIAL

Business in British Columbia.

Vancouver, March 5.

Business still continues rather dull and is much less in volume than at this time last year, as is shown by the customs receipts and bank clearings. Considerable building is going on, but there are few new contracts. Forty-five salmon canners of the Fraser who have been hesitating to put the combine in operation owing to three companies of a total of 48, holding out, met on Friday and finally decided to pool issues. The fishermen of the Fraser met on the same day and decided to continue. They will have a motley crowd to deal with. One hundred of these fishermen, all Japs—British subjects?—arrived yesterday from California where they stay during the winter to be ready for the fishing season.

Mining camps are said to be in rather a more flourishing condition, but still very seriously affected by troubles arising from the eight-hour law. The lumber industry is fairly active. The produce market shows considerable activity. The market is bare of Manitoba and Ontario creamery, and as there was but a small consignment of Australian butter by the steamer arriving this week from the Antipodes, the market is almost entirely supplied by California and local butter. A large consignment of California butter arrived this week and is selling freely at good prices.

Cured meats have started to advance for the first time in sympathy with the eastern markets.

British Columbia Markets.

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

PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

By wire to The Commercial, Vancouver, March 10.

BUTTER—Local creamery, 31c; Australian fresh grass butter, 29 to 30c; California is selling at 28 to 29c.

EGGS—Fresh local, 30c; eastern case eggs, 17 to 20c, as to quality.

CHEESE—15c.

GREEN FRUIT—Oranges, navel, \$2.75 to \$3.00; seedlings, \$2.00; California lemons, \$3.20 to 4c; bananas, \$2.85.

MEAL—Rolled oats, 10 lb. sack, \$2.50; two 45 lb. sacks, \$2.60; four 22 1/2 lb. sacks, \$2.80; ten 7 lb. sacks, \$2.50; oatmeal, in 10 lb. sacks, per 100 lbs., \$3.25; in 50 lb. sacks, \$3 per 100 lbs.

FLOUR—Delivered D.O. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.60; strong makers, \$4.30; Oregon, \$4.50 per barrel.

GRAIN—Oats, \$24 to \$25 per ton; wheat, \$25.

CURED MEATS—Hams, 14 1/2 to 15c; breakfast bacon, 13 1/2 to 14c; backs, 12 1/2c; long clear, 10c; short rolls 12 to 12 1/2c; smoked sides, 11c.

LARD—Tins, 10c per lb.; in pails and tubs, 9 1/2c.

FISH—Flounders, 3c; smelts, 5c; sea bass, 4c; whiting, 5c; soles, 6c; smoked 10c; fresh halibut, 6c; salmon, 9c; blot-ers, 7c; cod, 6c per lb.; crabs, 60c per dozen.

GAME—Mallards, 70c; ptarmigan, 40c; teal, 25c; wildgeese, 40c per pair.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 14c; geese, 12c.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, Fraser river stock, 16 to 18c per ton; Ashcroft potatoes, \$20 per ton; cabbage, 2 1/2c per lb.; carrots, turnips and beets \$12 per ton; red onions, 11-2c per lb.; silver-skins 2 1/2c.

FEED—National mills chop, \$25 per ton; shorts, \$22 ton; bran, \$20; oil

cake meal, \$85 ton; f.o.b. Vancouver, including duty paid on imported stuff.

HAY—Per ton, \$16.
DRESSED MEATS—Beef, 8 1/2 to 9c; mutton, 11c; pork, 8 1/2 to 9c; veal, 10 1/2 to 11c per lb.

LIVE STOCK—Steers, \$3.75 to \$4 per 100 lbs.; cows, \$3.25; sheep, \$5.00 per 100 lbs.; hogs, 5c per lb.

DRIED FRUITS—Apricots, 17c; peaches 10 to 12c; pitted plums, 12c; prunes, French 5 to 7 1/2c lb.; London layer raisins, \$2 to \$2.25 box; Italian prunes 6 to 8 1/2c lb.; Muscatel raisins, 2 crown 8c, 3 crown 8 1/2c, 4 crown 9c; dates 9c; black figs, 6c; white figs, 9 1/2c; layer figs, 10 lb. box \$1.45; silver prunes, 9 1/2c; quartered pears, 11 1/2c; half pears, 12 1/2c; nectarines 13c; Valencia raisins, 7 1/2c; sultanas, 11 to 14c; blackberries, 16c; raspberries, 25c; seed-ed raisins, 9 1/2c.

NUTS—Almonds, 16c; filberts, 12 1/2c; peanuts, 9c; Brazil, 12 1/2c; walnuts, 13c lb.

SUGARS—Powdered, icing and bar, 6 3/4c; Paris lump 6 1/4c; granulated 5 1/4c; extra C, 4 5/8c; fancy yellows 4 1/2c; yellow 4 3/8c lb.

SYRUPS—30 gallon barrels, 2 1/4c lb.; 10 gallon kegs 2 3/4c; 5 gallon tins \$1.75 each; 1 gallon tins \$4.50 case of 10; 1/2 gallon tins \$5.25 case of 20.

TEAS—Congo, Fair, 11 1/2c; good, 18c; choice, 29c; Ceylon and India, fair 20c.

HARDWARE—Bar iron—Base, \$3.50. Horse shoe nails, discount, 40 per cent; horse shoes, keg, \$5. Wire nails—Base price, \$4.60; cut, \$3.75. Rope, Manila, 16c. Boiled oil, 75c. White lead, \$7.50. Putty, \$3.50. Barbed wire, \$4.75 per

British Columbia Notes.

Dr. Jones will build and operate a sanitarium at Vancouver.

J. Robertson Barr intends opening in gents' furnishings at Sandon.

J. H. Shrewsbury has opened in the retail grocery business at Vancouver.

Jas. Anderson has opened a printing office at Princeton and will publish a paper to be called the Simulka-moon Star.

Crage & Mayne, real estate dealers, Revelstoke, have dissolved partnership. R. H. Mayne carries on the business.

The board of trade of Vernon has decided to enter upon an advertising campaign for the purpose of building up an outfitting trade at that town. An initial expenditure of \$250 has been recommended.

PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

By wire to The Commercial.

Nelson, March 10.

The weather is mild and trade steady. Local creamery and dairy butter are the light. Fresh eggs are 17c lower. Lard is about out of the market and are not wanted. Potatoes are 50 per ton lower. Hay \$1 ton high.

Butter—Ontario creamery, 31c; chob. dairy, 25c per pound.

Cheese—Large, 15 1/2c; small sizes, 16c per lb.

Eggs—Fresh Washington eggs, 21c.

Oats—Per ton, \$27.

Millfeed—Bran, \$20; shorts, \$22 per ton.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$4.80.

Hay—Per ton, \$28.

Potatoes—Per ton, \$21.

Chamber of Mines for Winnipeg.

An organization which has been in contemplation for some time took definite shape the other afternoon, when, at a meeting of a general committee elected the day before, held at the offices of Messrs. Agur & Beck, the following officers were elected:

Honorary presidents—Hon. H. J. Macdonald, premier of Manitoba; and Hon. G. W. Ross, premier of Ontario.

President—F. W. Stobart.
Vice-presidents—D. W. Bole, Winnipeg; C. W. Chadwick, Rat Portage; Geo. H. Macdonell, mayor of Port Arthur.

Bankers—Bank of Ottawa.
Solicitors—Ewart, Fisher & Wilson.
Secretary—E. H. Malcolm.

Executive committee—D. K. El. Hott, Jr. A. Mather, F. A. Fitzgerald, H. T. Champion, Robt. Rogers, Col. S. W. Day, F. W. Heubach, H. H. Beck.

A resolution was carried requesting the executive committee to prepare a draft constitution and by-laws, following as closely as possible the lines of the Chamber of Mines, in Johannesburg, South Africa, and submit the same for approval.

It is the intention of the new institution to acquire premises and commence operations forthwith; the head offices to be in Winnipeg.

From the members of the Central Canada Chamber of Mines, who are largely citizens of Winnipeg, Rat Portage and Port Arthur, the general committee was appointed to consist of Gen. Sir Henry Wilkinson, George Macdonald, R. A. Mather, Robert Rogers, C. W. Chadwick, D. C. Cameron, J. L. Mather, W. A. Weir, F. R. Godwin, F. W. Stobart, R. H. Agur, A. M. Nulton, H. C. Hammond, H. H. Beck, J. S. Atkins, J. D. Crawford, D. K. Elliott, John Love, D. W. Bole, F. W. Drewry, H. S. Crotty, G. D. Wood, J. B. Monk, C. S. Hoare, C. A. Kennedy, Hon. Geo. A. Cox, H. T. Champion, F. W. Heubach.

THE OBJECTS.

The objects of the organization were very fully stated by Mr. F. H. Malcolm; these are chiefly to advance, promote and protect the mining interests of the northern provinces of the Dominion of Canada, by consideration and discussion, and by the collection, compilation and circulation of statistics and information; to supply and maintain reading, meeting and club rooms, also private rooms for members' meetings and meetings of public companies; to print or publish weekly or monthly journals, also daily stock exchange lists and reports; to establish and maintain a library and museum embracing mining and engineering books of reference, also geological and other specimens of interest; to conduct and carry on the institution for the public benefit and not for profit; to receive revenue for the support of the institution from subscriptions of members, associates and subscribers, endowment fees, from the owners of mining properties, various syndicates and companies for registration and preservation of histories and records, examinations and certificates of proficiency, assays, audits, engineers' and experts' reports, stock exchange business and fees, verification of statistical information and returns, rents, government subsidies and other gifts, subscriptions for use of reading rooms and from any other source of the committee of the institution may from time to time accept or determine, to induce and promote legislative measures upon any matter incidental or conducive to the general or special interests of the mining industry, to act as arbitrators for the settlement of disputes arising out of mining, to audit registers and keep records of mining properties, operations and results, to tabulate and verify statistics, recording periodical details and statistics of same, and otherwise furnish information for the benefit of strangers and others; to publish

tabulated monthly statistics of actual results, together with monthly outputs; to disseminate through the world's newspapers reliable information connected with Canadian mining; to examine and grant certificates of competency to mine managers, engine drivers, cyanide operators, amalgamators, and other officials, and keep records of the same; to affiliate and keep in touch with kindred institutions.

London Fur Sales.

The following are the prices realized at the London January sales of the Hudson's Bay Company, cable reports of which were previously given:

Beaver, Yorkfort—Firsts, large, 33.6; small, 16.9; seconds, large, 30.6; small, 15; thirds, large, 22.3, small, 10.6; cubs, 5.3, and kitts, 2 shillings.

Mackenzie River—Firsts, large, 32; small, 15.6; seconds, large, 31; small, 14; thirds, large, 21.3, small, 9.9; cubs, 4.3 shillings.

Moose River and East Maine—Firsts, large, 34.6; small, 17.9, seconds, large, 29; small, 16.9; thirds, large, 22; small, 11.3; cubs, 7 shillings.

Fort Garry—Firsts, large, 36.3; small, 18; seconds, large, 33.2, small, 17.6; thirds, large, 22.9, small, 11.9 shillings.

Esquimau Bay—Firsts, large, 34.6; small, 18, seconds, large, 28.9, small, 15.9; thirds, large, 22.3, small, 10.9 shillings.

Canada—Firsts, large, 30.6; small, 16; seconds, large, 26.4, small, 15.9, thirds, large, 21, small, 10.9; cubs, 5.3 shillings.

Northwest—Firsts, large, 32.8; small, 14.9; seconds, large, 30, small, 13.6; thirds, large, 23.9; small, 10; cubs, 6 shillings.

Musquash, Yorkfort, first string—Firsts, 73 4; firsts, small, 61-4, seconds, 6; thirds, 4, fourths, 31-2 pence.

Yorkfort, second string—Firsts, 3; first, small, 6; seconds, 5-4; thirds, 41-4; fourths, 31-4 pence.

Mackenzie River—Firsts, 51-2; firsts, small, 41-2; seconds, 43-4; thirds, 33-4, fourths, 23-4 pence.

Moose River—Firsts, 81-4; first, small, 63-4; seconds, 1-1; thirds, 43-4; fourths, 31-2 pence.

East Maine—Firsts, 111-2; firsts, small, 81-2, seconds, 73-4, thirds, 6; fourths, 33-4 pence.

Northwest—Firsts, 7; firsts, small, 5; seconds, 51-2; thirds, 4, fourths, 23-4 pence.

Canada—Firsts, 91-4; firsts, small, 73-4; seconds, 73-4; thirds, 53-4; fourths, 33-4 pence.

The following prices were realized at the London sale of C. M. Lampson & Co.:

Skunk—No. 1, dark, 9 to 10.6, No. 2, dark, 6.6 to 7.6; No. 3, dark, 3.6 to 4.3 shillings. No. 1, little striped, 8 to 9.6; No. 2, little striped, 6 to 7 shillings; No. 1, much striped, 5.9 to 6.9 shillings; No. 2, much striped, 5 to 5.3 shillings; No. 1 white, 2.9 to 3, No. 2, white, 2.2 to 2.3 shillings.

Raccoon, Northwest and Western—No. 1, 4 to 5; No. 2, 3 to 4.3; No. 3, 1.8 to 1.10; No. 4, 1 to 1.1, No. 1, pale, 4.3; No. 2, pale, 2.6 to 3.8; No. 1, medium size, 3.5 shillings.

Lynx, British Columbia—No. 1, 25 to 26; No. 2, 18 to 22; No. 1, small, 18; No. 2, small, 15 shillings. Northwest—No. 1, 26 to 27; No. 2, 20 to 21, No. 3, 14; No. 1, small, 17, No. 2, small, 14 shillings.

Otter, South and Southwest—No. 1, 34, No. 2, 26, No. 3, 13, Nos. 1 and 2, small, 25 shillings.

Mink, Northwest and Minnesota—No. 1, 11 to 12; No. 2, 8.6 to 9; No. 3, 3.3

to 3.9; No. 1, pale, 8 to 9; No. 1, large, 14 to 15 shillings.

American opossum—No. 1, cased, 2.11 to 3.1, No. 2, cased, 2.4 to 2.10, No. 3, 71-2 to 91-2 pence, No. 1, extra large, 4 to 4.3 shillings.

Wild cat, Canadian and Western—No. 1, 7.6 to 11; No. 2, 5 to 6.9; Nos. 1 and 2, small, 4.6 and 2.9 to 6 shillings.

Badger, Western and Northwestern—No. 1, 5.3 to 8; No. 2, 1.3 shillings.

House cat—Black, 12; blue, 3; gray, 8; red, 8; mottled, 7; kittens, 2 pence.

Wolverine, British Columbia—No. 1, 30 to 38; No. 2, 28, No. 3, 8, No. 1, pale, 20; No. 2, pale, 17 shillings.

Wolf, Northwestern—No. 1, 11 to 13.6; No. 2, 5.9 to 8; No. 3, 2.3 to 3.6; No. 1, extra large, 15; No. 2, extra large, 8.6 shillings.

Marten, British Columbia—No. 1, 100; No. 2, 42; No. 3, 14; No. 1, light brown, 37 to 38; No. 2, light brown, 28; No. 1, pale, 33 to 34; No. 2, pale, 23 to 26; dark, 75 shillings.

Bears, black—Nos. 1 and 2, best grades, 90 to 115; No. 2, low, 55, No. 3, 12 to 15; Nos. 1 and 2, medium size, 55 to 70; Nos. 1 and 2, rough, 105 to 130; No. 2, best woolly, 85 to 95; No. 2, poor woolly, 55 to 60; No. 3, poor woolly, 34 to 42; Nos. 1 and 2, rough medium size, 75 to 95; No. 2, best woolly, 70; Nos. 1 and 2, yearlings, 60; Nos. 1 and 2, cubs, 24 to 26 shillings.

Brown bear—No. 1, 80 to 110; No. 2, 50, Nos. 1 and 2, medium size, 60, Nos. 1 and 2, yearlings and cubs, 22 to 28 shillings.

Grizzly bear—Nos. 1, and 2, 50 to 60, No. 3, 20 to 30; Nos. 1 and 2, medium size, 22 to 30; Nos. 1 and 2, rough, 50 to 60 shillings.

Red Fox, Canada—Nos. 1 and 2, good color, 25 to 26, No. 2, low, 16 to 20; No. 3, low, 13, No. 1, sandy and pale, 27, No. 2, sandy and pale, 22; No. 2, low, 15 to 19 shillings.

United States Eastern—No. 1, good color, 19 to 26; No. 2, good color, 15 to 22; No. 2, low, 11 to 15; No. 3, low, 6 to 10, No. 1, sandy and pale, 24 to 29; No. 2, sandy and pale, 17 to 24; No. 2, low, 11 to 16 shillings.

Tenders.

Tenders will be received up to Thursday, the 15th inst., for a sewer on Dumoulin street, St. Boniface. Address Thos. Bertrand, secretary.

Fleming public school district wants tenders for the purchase of school debentures. The amount offered is \$2,500 at 7 per cent interest. Thos. B. Waldo, Fleming, Assa., is secretary.

Tenders are wanted for the erection of a two room brick school house to be built at Fleming, Assa., to be in by Saturday, March 24th. Address J. Bay, Fleming, Assa.

Tenders addressed to J. D. McLean, secretary Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, will be received up to Monday, April 2, for the delivery of Indian supplies during the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1901, at various points in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

Dairy Trade Notes.

The cheese factory at Silver Plains near Morris, Man., is being sold to a St. Boniface man and will be operated by him this season. This factory has been closed for two seasons.

The butter and cheese makers of Quebec are up in arms against a proposition which has been laid before the legislature of that province to provide for the bonusing of an English concern which desires to start a packing business and to buy butter and

cheese for the British markets. The bonus asked for is \$20,000. A deputation is to wait on the government and protest against the bonus.

Western Business Items.

Geo. Munro, Reston, Man., has started a branch general store at Antler.

A. Brady, of Reston, Man., will open a branch at Antler in the implement business.

The Headingley Milling Co., have opened a branch warehouse in Winnipeg, with A. Chisholm as agent.

W. A. and J. A. Fairley have succeeded to the general store business at Carberry, Man., hitherto carried on by John Fairley.

W. Bertrand & Co., confectioners, of Brandon have changed their mind about moving to Winnipeg, and will remain at Brandon.

John Watt, trading at Winnipeg under the firm name of James Watt and Co., tobacco and cigar merchants, has assigned to C. H. Nowton.

J. A. Corbett has purchased the hardware business of Thompson & Sutherland, at Wapella, Assa., and intends continuing the same. Thompson & Sutherland continue their hardware business at the same place.

The general stock of A. E. Iredale & Co., Fort Qu'Appelle, will be sold by auction at the office of Newton & Davidson, Winnipeg, on March 17. Stock amounts to \$2,350. Book accounts, \$240.

The first annual meeting of the Elkhorn board of trade was held on the 6th inst. The officers reports were considered very satisfactory and much good work has been done during the year. The following officers were elected: President, F. W. Clingan, vice-president, C. F. Fravis; secretary, treasurer, G. Silvester. Council—Messrs. W. M. Cushing, G. W. Marsh, J. Mooney, G. T. Rogers, W. C. Van Nostrand, R. Melver, R. de W. Valier, A. McNab Frazer, J. H. Miltz and Dr. Goodwin.

Thos. Tucker, of the Tucker Hardware Co., Weyburn, returned from Ontario this week, but had to spend a few days here in the hospital, owing to an attack of la grippe. He was met here by his brother, Mr. Tucker says that a lot of land was broken up around Weyburn last year, which will be cropped this year, thus adding another agricultural settlement to the producing districts of eastern Assiniboia. Weyburn is a new town on the "Soo" branch, about half way between Moose Jaw and the United States boundary. The soil in the district, Mr. Tucker says, is similar to the famous Indian Head section, which latter point is directly north of Weyburn.

J. J. McGill, general manager of the Canadian Rubber Company, Montreal, arrived in Winnipeg last week for a short visit to the branch here. Mr. McGill expressed himself as being well pleased with what he saw of the city. He returned east early this week.

Geo. B. Lockhart, of Charlottetown, P.E.I., was in Winnipeg this week introducing a new brand of condensed milk, manufactured by the Charlottetown Condensed Milk Co., of which company Mr. Lockhart is general manager. He will go through to the coast. The company is a new one, established a couple of months ago. Tees & Perse have taken the agency here for the goods.

Winnipeg Hardware and Metal Prices.

ANVILS—Per lb., 10 to 12 1-2c; anvil and vice combined, each \$3 to \$4.50.
AUGERS—Post hole, Vaughan's, each, 60 to 90c.
AXES—Bench, 30 and 10 per cent; chopping axes, per dozen, \$7 to \$12; double bit, per dozen, \$12 to \$18.
BELLOWS—20-24, \$4.50; 26, \$4.95; 28, \$5.40; 30, \$5.85; 32, \$6.30; 34, \$7.25; 36, \$8.10; 38, \$9; 40, \$10.35.
BLADING—Agricultural, 65 per cent; No. 1, 60 per cent; extra, 50 per cent.
BITS, AUGER—American, 50 per cent, Jennings' Excelsior, 45 per cent.
BLUESTONE—6 1/2 lb.
BOLTS—Carriage, 12 1-2 per cent; machine, 45 per cent; plow, 40 per cent; sleigh shoe, 65 per cent, stove, 65 per cent; tire, 65 per cent.
BUILDING PAPER—Anchor, Cyclone, and Jubilee, plain, 60c; Cyclone and Jubilee tarred, 75c; Anchor, tarred, 65c. Shield, tarred, 55c.
BUTTS—Cast, loose pin, com. 60 per cent. Peter, 60, 33 1-3 per cent wrought steel, narrow, 60 per cent, loose pin, 60 per cent, bronze, 45c up.
CALTRIDGES—Rim fire, Am. discount, 40 per cent; Dom. 50 and 5 per cent; per cent; centre fire, pistol, Am. discount 10 per cent, Dom. discount 30 per cent; military and sporting, Am. not list, Dom. 16 per cent.
CEMENT—Portland, barrel, \$4.25 to \$4.50.
CHAIN—Coil, proved, 3-16 in. per 100 lbs. \$11; do. 1-4 in. \$9.00; do. 5-16 in. \$6.50; 3-8 in. \$6.00; do. 7-16 in. \$5.75; do. 1-2 in. and up, \$5.50. Jack, iron, single per dozen yards, 15 to 75c. double, per dozen yards, 25c to \$1. Log, 5-16, \$8.50, 3-8, \$8.00. Trace, per dozen pairs, \$3.75 to \$5.50.
CHAINS—R. B. steel frame, 55 per cent; wood frame, 20 per cent less net.
COPPER—Tinned sheets, 28c, plain-shed, 38c; boiler and A. K. pitted, plain tinned, per lb., 29c; spun, 33c.
FILES—Com. 70 per cent; Nicholson's and Black Diamond, 60 per cent.
GLUE—Sheets, 15c lb.; broken, 12 1-2c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 18 to 25c.
GREASE, AXLE—Fraser's, per case, \$3.75; Diamond, light \$1.75 case, dark, \$1.75; Alca, \$3.00.
GRINDSTONES—\$1.50 100 lbs.
HAIR—Plasterers', 90c bale.
HARVEST TOLS—55 and 5 per cent.
HORSESHOES—Iron shoes, keg, 0 and 1, \$1.90; 2 and larger, \$4.05. Less than full kegs, 25c extra. Steel shoes, 0 and 1, \$5.20; 2 and larger, \$4.95.
HINGES—Heavy Tand strap, per 100 lbs., \$6.25 to \$7.20; light do., 60 per cent; screw hook and hinge, 6 to 10 in. 5c per lb.; 12 in. up, per lb., 4c.
IRON—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$3.10. Band iron, 100 lbs., \$3.40 base. Swedish iron, 100 lbs., \$5.00 base. Sheet, black, 16 to 20 gauge, \$3.50; 22 to 26 gauge, \$3.75; 28 gauge, \$4.00. Galvanized, American, 16 gauge, \$4.25; 18 to 22, \$4.50; 24 gauge, \$4.75; 26 gauge, \$5.00; 28 gauge, \$5.25 per 100 lbs.; Queen's head, 25c advance on Am. prices. Canada plates, Garth and Blaine, \$4.00. Imitation Russian sheets 7 to 8c; genuine Russian sheets, 1b. 12 to 13c.
LEAD—Pig, per lb. 6c; sheet, 6 1-2c.
NAILS—Cut—30d up, \$3.40; 20d, \$3.45; 16d, \$3.50; 8d, \$3.55; 6d, \$3.70; 4d, \$3.80; 3d, \$4.05; 2d, \$4.40. Wire nails, 4 1-2 in. up, \$4; 4 in., \$4.05; 3 in., \$4.10; 3 1-2 in., \$4.15; 2 in., \$4.30; 1 1-2 in., \$4.40; 1 1-4 in., \$4.65; 1 in., \$5. Horse nails, pointed, finished, oval heads, list price, No. 5, \$7.50 box; No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box; Nos. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box; discount on these prices, 40 per cent.
PIPE—Iron, black, per 100 feet, 1-4 inch, \$3.82 1-2; 3-8, \$3.82 1-2; 1-2, \$4.72 1-2; 3-4, \$5.17 1-2; 1 inch, \$7.42 1-2; 1 1-4, \$9.90; 1 1-2, \$12.15; 2 inch, \$16.20; larger, 45 per cent. Galvanized, 1 1/4 inch, \$8.80; 3/8, \$8.80; 1-2, \$9.85; 3-4, \$10.45; 1 inch, \$14.30; 1 1-4 inch, \$19.80; 1 1-2 inch, \$24.20; 2 inch, \$32.45. Stove, 6 inch, \$9.25; 7 inch, \$10.00 per 100 lengths.
PITCH—Pine, \$4 per barrel.
PLASTER—Per barrel, \$3.25.
RIVETS AND BURRS—Carriage, sec.

tion 37 1-2 per cent; M rivets, black and tinned, 37 1-2 per cent; copper rivets and burrs, 33 1-2c; cartons 1c per lb. extra net.
ROPE—Cotton, 1-4 to 1-2 inch, and larger, 15c lb.; deep sea, 10 1-2c; lath yarn, 11c; Manila, per lb., 16c base; sisal, 1d 1-2c base.
SCREWS—F. H. bright, discount 75, 10 per cent; R. H. discount 70; F. H. brass, discount 70; R. H. brass, discount 60 and 5 per cent. Bench, wood, per doz., \$3.75 to \$4.50; bench, iron, per doz., \$4.50 to \$6; coach screws, 57 1-2 per cent.
SHELLS—Loaded—Eley's black, 12 gauge, per 100, soft, \$1.50, chilled, \$1.65; 10 gauge soft, \$2, chilled \$2.16; Eley's smokeless, 12 gauge soft, \$1.90, chilled \$2.05, No. 10 gauge soft \$2.40, chilled \$2.55.
SHOT—Soft, 6 1-4c per lb.; chilled, 6 3-4c; buckshot, 7 1-4c.
SOLDER—Half and half per lb., 23c.
SOLDERING IRONS—Per lb., 32c.
STEEL—Sleigh shoe, \$3.60 base; spring \$4.25 base; machinery, \$4.25 base; share com. \$4.75 base; share, crucible, \$5.50; toe calk, \$4.25 base; tire steel, \$3.75 base; cast tool steel, lb. 9 to 12 1-2c.
STEEL BOILER PLATE—3-16 inch, \$4.25 1-4, 3-8 inch and thicker, \$4.00.
STAPLES—Galvanized, \$4.50 per 100 lbs.
TAR—Per barrel, \$5.
TIN—Lamb and flag, 56 and 28 lb. ingots, per lb., 35c.
TIN PLATES—Charcoal plates, I. C. 10 x 14, 12x12, and 14x20, \$5.75; I. X saine size box, \$6.75; I. C. charcoal, 20 x 28 112 sheets to box, \$11.00; I. X box 20x28, 112 sheets, \$13.00.
TERNE PLATES—I. C. 20x28, \$10.50.
TINWARE—Plain, 75 and 2 1-2 per cent; retinned, 70 and 10 per cent.
TRAPS—Game, H. & N., No. 0, \$1.92 doz.; No. 1, \$2.25; No. 1 1/2, \$3.38; No. 2, \$4.75; No. 3, \$6.30; No. 4, \$7.42; bear, No. 5, \$7.50.
TUBES—Boiler, 2 inch, 16 1/2c per foot. 2 1/2 inch, 21 1-2c; 3 inch, 23c per foot.
VICES—B. S. Wright's 14c; Sampson, 40-50 pounds, \$6.50 to \$7 each; parallel, \$2 to \$7 each.
WADS—Grey felt, 75c per lb.; thin card wads in boxes of 500 each, 12 and smaller gauge, 20c per lb.; thin card wads in boxes of 500 each, 10 gauge, 25c per lb., chemically prepared black edge gray cloth wads, in boxes of 250 each, 11 and smaller gauges, 65c per 1,000; 9 and 10 gauges, 75c per 1,000; 7 and 8 gauges, \$1 per 1,000.
WIRE—Brass and copper wire, 20 per cent advance on the list; clothes line wire, 18 gauge, per 1,000 feet, \$3.50. Galvanized, 4 barb. regular, \$4.00. galvanized, plain twist, \$4.00.
ZINC—Sheet, in casks, \$9 per 100 lbs. broken lots, \$9.50.

PUTTY—In bladders, barrel lots, 2 1-2c lb.; in 100 lb. kegs, 2 3-4c, do. less than barrels, 3c lb.
REFINED PETROLEUM—Silver Star, 20 1-2c; Oleopheno, 23 1-4c; Sunlight, 24c; and Eocene, 27c per gallon.
TURPENTINE—Pure spirits in barrels, 87c, less than barrels, gal. 92c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.
VARNISHES—No. 1 furniture, per gallon, \$1; extra furniture, \$1.30; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$1.50 to \$1.75; hard oil finish, \$1.50; to \$2; brown Japan, \$1; house painters' gold size Japan, \$1.70; coach painters' do., \$2 to \$2.25; No. 1 brown shellac, \$2.25. pure orange shellac, \$2.50.
WHITE LEAD—Pure, \$7.50 per 100 lbs.; No. 1, \$7.25.
WHITING—\$1.25 per 100 lbs. gross weight.

Winnipeg Lumber Prices.

Following are wholesale prices, delivered at Winnipeg, for pine lumber:
TIMBER AND DIMENSION—Timber, 4x10 and 12, 6x10 and 12 and 8x8 to 12x12, 1 1/4 and 1 1/2 foot long, \$19.50, timber 6x6 to 6x8, 4x4 to 4x8 and 3x6 to 3x12, 12, 14 and 16 feet long, \$18; dimensions, 2x4 to 2x12 1/2, 1 1/2 and 16 feet long, \$17.00, dimensions, 2x4, 10 feet long, \$17.00; dimensions, 2x6, 10 feet long, \$17.00; dimensions, 2x4, 10 2x12, 6 and 8 feet long, \$14.50; cull plank, all widths \$14.50; cull plank, re-saw, \$11.50. \$1 per M. advance on each inch over 12 in. in depth and width. \$1 per M. advance on each 2 feet over 16 feet.
BOARDS—First common boards, red pine, 10 to 18 feet, \$22.50; second common, 10 to 18 feet, \$17.50; third common, 10 to 18 feet, \$17.00, culls, 10 to 18 feet, \$15.00; 1-2 inch sheathing S. I. S., 10 to 18 feet, \$15.50, second common stock, 12 in., 10 to 18 feet, \$19, second common stock, 8 to 10 in., 10 to 18 feet, \$18; No. 1 wide box boards, 10 to 18 feet, \$27.50, No. 2 wide box boards, 10 to 18 feet, \$20. \$2 per M less for 6 and 8 feet. Re-sawing boards \$1 per M extra.
SHIPLAP—Shiplap, 8 and 10 in., \$18.50; shiplap, 6 in., \$17.50; shiplap, culls, 8 and 10 in., \$16; culls, 6 in., \$13. \$2 per M less for 8 feet and under.
FLOORING, SIDING AND CEILING—Flooring and siding, 8 and 10 in., \$19.50; flooring and siding, 8 and 10 in. culls, \$19; flooring, siding and ceiling, 4, 5 and 6 in., first white pine, \$35.50, do. second white pine, \$31.50; do. third white pine, \$21.50; do. 5 and 6 in., first and second red pine, \$27; do. 4 in first and second red pine, \$25.50; do. 5 and 6 in., third red pine, \$22; do. 4 in third red pine, \$21; do. 5 and 6 in. fourth red and white pine, \$19; do. 4 in fourth red and white pine, \$19; do. 4, 5 and 6 in culls, \$15. \$2 per M. advance for dressing two sides 1 1-4 and 1 1-2 in. flooring; \$1 per M advance over 1 in. bevel siding, No. 1, 1-2 in x 6 in, \$21, bevel siding No. 2, 1-2 in. x 6 in, \$18.
FINISHING—1 1-4, 1 1-2 and 2 in. first, second and third clear white pine, \$45; do. select white pine \$35. 40, shop, \$30. \$5 per M advance on 2 1-2 in and thicker. 1 1-4, 1 1-2 and 2 in clear red pine, \$31. do. select red pine, \$26.50; 1 in. first and second clear white pine, \$47.50; do. third, clear white pine \$36.50, do. B. select white pine, \$30; do. C. select white pine, \$25; No. 1 stock white pine, 12 in, \$41.50; do. 8 and 10 in., \$39.50; No. 2 stock white pine, 12 in, \$36.50; do. 8 and 10 in., \$34.50. No. 3 white and red pine, 12 in., \$29.50, do. 8 and 10 in., \$27.50; 1 in. clear red pine, \$31; do. select, \$26. Selected widths, \$2 per M extra.
MOULDINGS—Parting strips, per 100 lineal feet, 40c window stops, do., 50c; door stops, do., 75c; quarter round and core, do., 50c; 4 in. casing, do., \$1.00; 5 in casing, do., \$2; 6 in casing, do., \$2.40; 8 in base, do., \$3.25; 10 in. base, do., \$4. All other mouldings 30 per cent discount off universal moulding list. Latb, per M, \$3.50. pine shingles, 6 in. clear butts, per M, \$1.75.

Winnipeg Prices Paints Oils, Glass, Etc.

ALABASTINE—Cases of 20 packages, \$6.50.
BENZINE—Case, \$3.50.
DRY COLORS—White lead, lb. 7 1-2c; red lead, keg, 7c; yellow ochre, in barrel lots, 2 1-2c, less than barrels 3c; golden ochre, barrels, 3 1-2c, less than barrels 4c; Venetian red, barrels 3c, less than barrels 3 1-2c; American vermilion, 15c; English vermilion, \$1 per lb.; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots, 2 1-2c, less than barrel lots 3c; English purple oxides, in casks, 3 1-2c, less quantities 4c lb.
GASOLINE—Stove, per case, \$3.50.
GLASS—Single glass, first break, 16 to 25 united inches, \$2.50, 26 to 40, \$2.75 per 50 feet boxes; 41 to 50, \$3.00; 51 to 60, \$3.50; 61 to 70, \$7.00 per 100 feet boxes.
LINSEED OIL—Raw, gal., 7-4c; boiled, gal., 77c in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gal extra, with additional charges for cans and cases.
OILS—Black oils, 25 to 30c gal.; clear machine oil, 30 to 33c; cylinder oil 53 to 78c, as to quality; castor oil, 11c per lb.; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatfoot oil, \$1; steam refined oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2.00 gal.
PREPARED PAINTS—Pure liquid color, gallon, \$1.50 to \$1.70, as to shade and quality.

FINANCIAL

WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS.

Returns from the Winnipeg Clearing House for the week ending March 8, shows as follows:

Week ending Mar. 8, 1900 ... \$1,773,911
Corresponding week, 1899 1,803,787
Corresponding week, 1898 1,426,793
The monthly totals are as follows:

	1899.	1898.
January	\$7,683,052	\$6,347,168
February	6,209,471	5,617,340
March	6,756,094	5,968,000
April	6,916,431	6,240,000
May	7,472,855	8,683,364
June	8,211,716	7,396,799
July	8,169,595	6,316,228
August	7,995,291	6,180,385
September	8,281,159	6,414,551
October	12,689,000	9,347,692
November	11,435,219	11,553,669
December	12,906,905	10,708,731

Totals \$107,786,814 \$90,674,325
1900.

January \$9,906,607
February 6,702,646

THE MONEY MARKET.

Interest rates on mercantile accounts in the city range from 6 to 8 per cent according to name, with the bulk of business going at from 6 to 7 per cent. Some special loans have been made at lower rates of interest than these. On mortgage loans the current rate of interest is 8 per cent on ordinary farm property and 6 to 7 for city loans.

Money is firmly held by both banks and mortgage companies.

FINANCIAL NOTES.

R. G. Reid, railway contractor, Montreal, has been chosen a member of the board of directors of the Bank of Montreal, vice William Ogilvie, deceased.

The capital stock of the Montreal Railway Company is to be increased by the issue of \$1,000,000 of new shares, which will bring the total up to \$6,000,000. The money will be used in extending the lines, increasing rolling stock, etc. This is a favorite security with eastern speculators and has sold at as high a figure as 299 since the above announcement was made on the stock markets.

The total earnings of the Montreal Street Railway company for 1899 amounted to \$1,641,955.96. By the terms of its arrangement with the city the company paid over to the city of these earnings \$81,354.88. The arrangement is that the company shall pay 4 per cent of the first million dollars of earnings to the city, 6 per cent of the next one-half million, and 8 per cent on all above that sum.

The financial statement of the Canada Permanent Loan & Savings company for 1899 shows interest on deposits, debentures, etc., \$240,769; dividends on capital stock, \$156,000; tax on dividends, \$1,900; cost of management, \$68,900; charges on money borrowed and lent, \$18,637; reserve fund, addition thereto, as at December 31, 1898, \$100,000; appropriations for amalgamation, deductions and other contingencies, \$60,058; surplus profits for 1899, \$105,550. Revenue account:—Contingent fund, January 1, 1899, \$160,000; interest on mortgages, \$579,700; provision for depreciations found to be unnecessary, \$11,255.

MINING MATTERS.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Wile West group three claims were sold to a Montreal stock company.

Total shipments of ore from Rosslund camp to the end of February amounted to 31,972 tons.

In the Black Bear group of mines, three claims were recently sold to Toronto people at a good figure.

The Kingston group of seven claims have been sold to Rosslund people, who will start work at an early date.

The Monitor mine, at Three Forks, Sandon district, has been sold for a large sum of money to eastern speculators.

Trilby mines will be worked on an extensive scale in the spring. This group has lately been purchased by the Double Eagle Mining company.

The Alma group of mines, which has a splendid surface showing of ore, running about \$60 per ton in gold, silver and lead has been bonded to a Toronto company, who will commence work as soon as possible.

The closing down of the War Eagle and Centre Star mines at Rosslund does not mean that mining operations are suspended in that region. There are still thirty-eight mines, large and small, carrying on operations.

The annual meeting of War Eagle shareholders was held in Toronto on February 21. Everything passed off quietly, contrary to expectations. On the whole the reports were satisfactory, but there seemed to be a little soreness over the shut-down.

The Winnipeg, Brandon and Golden Crown mines at Greenwood are reported to be consolidating into one company. The object is reduction of expenses. As the properties all adjoin one management will suffice and for the most part one plant. Recent Winnipeg shipments have netted over \$20 per ton.

Sales of mining shares on the Rosslund exchange on February 25 aggregated 47,500. This was a big day's business and included the following transactions: Atamullen, 5,500 at 5; 3,000 at 43-4, 1,000 at 41-2, 5,000 at 43-4, 1,000 at 5; Tamarac, 1,000 at 7, 1,000 at 71-4, 3,000 at 63-4; 3,000 at 71-4; Morning Glory, 15,000 at 3; War Eagle, 2,000 at 133; 1,000 at 132; Baker City, 3,000 at 1-4; Peoria, 500 at 13-4, Waterloo, 1,000 at 7; Giant, 1,000 at 51-2; Brandon and Golden Crown, 500 at 22; total, 47,500.

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO.

The secretary of the Gold Hills Exploration & Development Company of Rat Portage, states that a telegram has been received announcing that the lead on the Chicora mine has been struck at the 200-foot level. The company has been engaged all winter on this tunnel.

The damage to the Florida orange groves by the frost of February 19th does not appear to have been so great as was at first feared. Many parts of the vegetable growing counties were, however touched by the frost and crops damaged. Fifty per cent of the tomato crop is a loss in some parts.

To Let.

Immediately. Blacksmith shop and dwelling house, with tools. Apply to K. D., care The Commercial.

John MacKenzie, of MacKenzie Bros., manufacturers agents, Winnipeg, left on Wednesday for a trip through southern Manitoba, going out via the Deseraine branch.

S. A. D. BERTRAND

ASSIGNEE and TRUSTEE

For the Province of Manitoba, under the recommendation of the Board of Trade of the city of Winnipeg.

Insolvent and Trust Estates Managed with Promptness and Economy.

Special attention to Confidential business Enquiries.

King Street

WINNIPEG, MAN

A. BURRITT & CO.

Dominion Mills

MITCHELL, ONT.

Manufacturers of

HOSIERY, MITTS, TUQUES

LADIES', MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S
KNITTED UNDERWEAR, ETC. . . .

Dealers seeking merchandise that will SECURE that will HOLD and that will INCREASE THEIR TRADE in these lines should not fail to stock the Dominion Brand.

The Underwear is manufactured with the latest up to date machinery, and is unsurpassed in quality, fit and finish.

In ordering from these Mills you will get goods second to none in the trade.

YOU WILL GET STOCK EQUAL TO SAMPLES.

You will get the QUALITIES, the QUANTITIES and the SIZES ordered in each line.

You will get FAIR PRICES, PROMPT DELIVERY, liberal terms and honorable treatment.

I will call on the trade on C. P. R. in Manitoba, also in N. W. T., and B. C., and branch lines in good time for fall trade. Mr. D. Cameron will do the branch lines in Manitoba.

J. RANTON,

Agent, P.O. Box 628.

Sample Rooms, 502 McIntyre Bldg.,
Winnipeg.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 10.

Dry goods—The spring millinery openings brought many buyers from Manitoba and other distant as well as nearby places, making general trade active. Payments on March 4 paper were good and fewer renewals were reported than last year.

Hardware—Business is quiet in this branch, but shipments are large. Values held firm. Advances this week are: Cistern and force pumps, 25 per cent to 30 per cent. Pig tin, 1 to 2c higher, at 38 to 37c. Linseed oil, 1c higher. Turpentine is firmer and likely to advance.

Groceries—Paper bags advanced 5 to 11-2 per cent. Flour sacks advanced 15 to 20 per cent. Sugars weak, at recent decline. Canned goods firmer and higher prices are asked for raspberries. Strawberries are firmer, at \$1.60 to \$1.70. Canned apples, 3s, 90 to 95c. Corn, \$1.05 to \$1.10. Tomatoes, 90 to 95c. Peas, 75c, and up. Hog products firmer.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 10.

Butter is scarce and firm in price and sharply higher. There is a better demand for Ontario wheat for export, owing to shortage of cash wheat at Liverpool. Spring wheat has sold at 66c at eastern Ontario points. Flour dull and unchanged. Corn, local and United States, is held 1-2c higher. Flour — Manitoba patent, \$3.90 to \$4.00. Manitoba bakers, \$3.60; car lots Ontario roller, \$2.30 per barrel of car lots at country mills.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, 61 1/2 to 65c for carlots at country points. Ontario spring, 65 to 68c, No. 1 hard, 78 to 78 1/2c North Bay.

Oats—26 to 27 1/2 at country points for carlots, as to quality and freights. Barley—No. 2, 41 to 42 1/2c country points.

Milfeed—Shorts, \$16 to \$17 per ton, bran, \$15 per ton for cars at country mills.

Oatmeal—\$3.20 in bags per barrel, and \$3.30 in wood for carlots, Toronto.

Eggs—New laid, 16 to 17c; lined, 15 to 14c; head fresh, 12 to 13c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, choice fresh, 22 to 23 1/2c. Large dairy rolls, 23 to 24c creamery, tubs, and boxes, 25 to 26c creamery prices, 26 to 27c.

Cheese—12 1/2 to 13c for job lots to the local trade.

Hides—9c for No. 1 cows; No. 1 heavy steers, 9 1/2c; cured hides, 9 1/2 to 10 1/2c. Sheepskins and lambskins, \$1 to \$1.25; calfskins, 11c for No. 1, and 10c for No. 2; tallow, 5 1/2 to 5 3/4c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 20c; unwashed, 11 to 12c.

Beans—\$1.25 per bushel for hand-picked.

Infed Apples—5 1/2 to 6c for round lots evaporated, 7 to 7 1/2c.

Honey—Bulk, 9 to 10c per pound.

Poultry—Chickens, 40 to 55c per pair. Turkeys, 12 to 13c per pound; geese, 7 to 8c; ducks, 60 to 80c per pair.

Potatoes—Steady at 38 to 40c per bag for car lots.

Hogs—Dressed hogs, \$6.25 to \$6.75 per 100 pounds for car lots on track, as to grade.

Seeds—Timothy, \$1.00 to \$1.75 per bushel red clover, 75 to \$5.50; alsike, \$4.50 to \$6.00.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 7.

Receipts at the semi-weekly market yesterday were 500 cattle, 125 sheep and lambs, and 600 hogs.

Export cattle—Best stock sold at \$4.60 to \$5 per cwt. and lighter cattle at \$4.25 to \$4.50 per cwt.

Butchers' cattle—Dull and steady at \$1 to \$4.25 per cwt. for average choice cattle, \$3.50 to \$3.90 for good stock, \$3 to \$3.50 for medium and mixed lots and \$2.50 to \$3 for common grades.

Sheep and lambs—Export ewes advanced 50c per cwt. to \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt. and butchers' firmer at \$2.50 to \$4 a head. Lambs were 50c per cwt. higher at \$4.50 to \$5.50 per cwt. and \$5.50 to \$6 per cwt. for picked ewes and wethers.

Hogs—Unchanged at \$5.37 1/2 for selections of 160 to 200 lbs. natural weight and \$4.75 for thick and light fats.

FRIDAY'S MARKET.

Toronto, March 10.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday receipts were 35 car loads only, receipts in all lines being very light. Export cattle were steady at 41-4 to 5c. Butchers' cattle easier, particularly for common, at a range of 2 1/2 to 4-4c as to quality. Hogs same as on Tuesday.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 10.

The grain and flour markets are dull and unchanged. Feed is scarce and firm. Meal steady and quiet. Hides steady and lambskins 10 to 15c higher. Fresh eggs more plentiful and easier. The butter famine has jumped prices up. Dairy, fresh, has advanced 5 to 5 1/2c, and creamery 8c per pound. Cheese is firm and quiet. Potatoes are strong and 3c higher. Dressed poultry and meats are quiet and steady. Hogs have advanced sharply and are now \$1.50 to \$1.75 dearer. Prices are:

Oats—31c in store, 33c afloat, May.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.50 to \$3.65; Manitoba patents, \$3.80 to \$4.00.

Milfeed—Bran, \$16 per ton, shorts, \$17, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$3.35 to \$3.40 per barrel on track and \$1.62 1/2 to \$1.65 per sack.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 10c; No. 2 9c No. 3, 8c; calfskins, No. 1, 10 1/2 to 11c, No. 2, 7 1/2-2c; lambskins, \$1.00 to \$1.10; tallow, 4 to 4 1/2c.

Eggs—Strictly fresh, 18 to 20c; candied, 14 to 15c; second grade, 12 to 13c.

Butter—Choice fresh dairy, 27 to 28c.

Butter—Choice creamery, 31 to 32c. Cheese—White, 12 1/2 to 12 3/4c; colored, 13 to 13 1/2c.

Beans—\$1.70 to \$1.80 per bushel, as to quality.

Potatoes—48c per bag on track.

Dressed Poultry—Turkeys, 9 1/2 to 10 1/2c; chickens, 7 1/2 to 8 1/2c; ducks, 7 to 8c; geese, 6 to 7c.

Dressed Meats—Beef, jobbing 10's, front quarters, 3 1/2 to 5c per pound hind quarters, 5 to 7c; jamie, 6 to 6 1/2c, mutton, 4 1/2 to 5c; hogs, light, \$7.50 to \$8; heavy, \$7 to \$7.50 per cwt.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 6.

Receipts of live stock at the East End Abattoir market yesterday were

small, being only 200 cattle. Choicest cattle sold at 4 1/2c, and downward to 3c. Hogs, off cars, quoted at 5 1/4c at Point St. Charles yards.

THURSDAY'S MARKET.

Montreal, March 9.

At the East End Abattoir yesterday receipts were 250 cattle.

Cattle prices remained unchanged. Sheep and lambs steady at Monday's prices. Hogs were higher owing to scarcity. Quoted at \$5.75 to \$6 per cwt.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 10.

Sugar has declined another 5c, making granulated \$4.40 and yellows \$3.60 to \$4.25. United States refiners have reduced their prices 10c all around.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 10.

Hardware and paints are firm and trade in this line are reported very good. Orders for spring goods are numerous.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, March 9.

Cheese has advanced 1s to 61s for white and 1s. 6d to 63s 6d for colored.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, March 9.

The cattle market is steady at 11 1/4 to 12 3/4c per pound, estimated dressed weights, sheep, 11 3/4 to 12 1/4c.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKETS.

London, March 5.—The market for cattle was weaker owing to large arrivals of Argentine stock. Prices declined 1-4 to 1c, the latter for Argentine cattle. States cattle sold at 12 3/4c. Sheep were strong at an advance 3 1/2c and Argentine at 11 1/2c. Sheep were strong at an advance of 1c, with Argentines selling at 13 1/2c.

Liverpool, March 5.—This market for Canadian cattle was steady with choice selling at 12c. Sheep were strong, Argentines selling at 13c.

LONDON SUGAR MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

London, March 9.

Beet steady, March and April 9 to 10 1/2d.

LONDON WOOL SALES.

London, March 6.—The second series of the 1900 wool auction sale opened to-day. Merinos and cross-breeds showed a decline of 7 1/2 to 10 per cent. Competition generally was fairly active, especially for lambs, which showed a decline of 5 per cent.

A circular issued by the Dominion Land states that the unsigned stolen \$10 bills from the Napanee bank are now being circulated, and cautioning parties to try to trace them to the original holders. The stolen series are A Nos. 46,901 to 47,000, dated Jan. 2, 1888.

Crump & Co., of Philadelphia, the well-known shipbuilders and iron workers, are to establish blast furnaces at Collingwood, Ontario, according to a deal which was concluded this week. The daily production of iron and steel will be 200 tons. The plant will cost \$1,500,000 and employ 600 men.

New York Wheat.

New York, March 5.—Wheat, May opened 72 3-8c, closed 72c b. July opened 72 1-2, closed 72 1-8c b.

New York, March 6.—Wheat, May opened 72c, closed 72 3-8c b. July opened 72c, closed 72 1-2c b.

New York, March 7.—Wheat, May opened 72 1-2c, closed 72 1-8c. July opened 72 5-8c b, closed 72 1-8c b.

New York, March 8.—Wheat, May opened 72c, closed 72c a. July opened 72c, closed 72 7-8c a.

New York, March 9.—Wheat, May opened 72 1-2, closed 72 3-8c b. July opened 72 5-8, closed 72 5-8c a.

New York, March 10.—Wheat closed at 72 3-4c for May option, and 72 3-8c for July.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

Chicago, March 5.—Wheat, May opened 66c, closed 66 5-8c b. July opened 67 to 66 7-8c, closed 66 1-2c a. Corn, May opened 34 5-8c, closed 34 1-2c b. July opened 34 5-8c, closed 34 5-8c b. Oats, May opened 23 3-8c, closed 23 3-8c b. July opened 22 1-4c, closed 22 1-4c a. Pork, May opened \$10.65, closed \$10.57 1-2. July opened \$10.65, closed \$10.62 1-2. Lard, May opened \$5.90, closed \$5.85. July opened \$5.97 1-2, closed \$5.92 1-2. Ribs, May opened at \$5.82 1-2 closed \$5.80. July opened \$5.85, closed \$5.82 1-2. Flax, cash \$1.60 a. May \$1.58. Sept. \$1.10 1-2 b. Oct. \$1.08 1-2.

Chicago, March 6.—Wheat, May opened 66 1-8c, closed 66c b. July opened 66c, closed 67c a. Corn, May opened 34 3-8c, closed 34 5-8c b. July opened 34 3-8c, closed 35 1-4c a. Oats, May opened 23 3-8c, closed 23 1-2c a. July opened 22 1-8c, closed 22 1-4c b. Pork, May opened at \$10.67 1-2, closed \$10.62 1-2. July opened \$10.62 1-2, closed \$10.65 b. Lard, May opened \$5.85, closed \$5.87 1-2. July opened \$5.92 1-2, closed \$5.95. Ribs, May opened \$5.77 1-2, closed \$5.82 1-2. July opened \$5.80, closed \$5.82 1-2. Flax, cash \$1.60. May \$1.58. Sept. \$1.11 1-2 b. Oct. \$1.08 1-2.

Chicago, March 7.—Wheat, May opened 66 1-8c, closed 66 5-8c. Corn, May opened 35 1-4c, closed 35c a. July opened 35 1-2c, closed 35 1-4c a. Oats, May opened 23 1-2c, closed 23 3-8c b. July opened 22 1-4c, closed 22 1-4c. Pork, May opened \$10.65, closed \$10.60 b. July opened \$10.70, closed \$10.65 b. Lard, May opened \$5.90, closed \$5.87 1-2. July opened \$5.95, closed \$5.95. Ribs, May opened \$5.82 1-2, closed \$5.82 1-2. July opened \$5.87 1-2, closed \$5.85. Flax, cash \$1.60. May \$1.58. Sept. \$1.10 1-2. Oct. \$1.08 1-2 b.

Chicago, March 8.—Wheat, May opened 65 1-2c, closed 66 3-8c b. July opened 66 1-2c, closed 67 1-4c. Corn, May opened 34 7-8c, closed 35 1-2c a. July opened 35 1-4c, closed 35 5-8c. Oats, May opened 23 3-8c, closed 23 3-8c. July opened 22 1-4c, closed 22 1-4c. Pork, May opened \$10.75, closed \$10.77 1-2. July opened \$10.77 1-2c, closed \$10.85. Lard, May opened \$5.87 1-2, closed \$5.92 1-2 b. July opened \$5.97, closed \$6.02 1-2. Ribs, May opened \$5.82 1-2, closed \$5.90. July opened \$5.85, closed \$5.92 1-2. Flax, cash \$1.60. May \$1.58. Sept. \$1.10 1-2 b. Oct. \$1.08 1-2 b.

Chicago, March 9.—Wheat, May opened 65 7-8c, closed 66 1-8c. July opened 67 3-4c, closed 67 7-8c. Sept. opened 67 3-4c, closed —. Corn, May opened 35 1-4, closed 35 5-8c b. July opened 35 5-8c, closed 35 3-4c. Sept. opened 36 1-8c. Oats, May opened 23 3-8c, closed 23 5-8c a. July opened 22 3-8c, closed 22 3-8c. Pork, May opened \$10.75, closed \$10.80. July opened \$10.77 1-2, closed \$10.82 1-2. Lard, May opened \$5.92 1-2, closed \$5.92 1-2. July opened \$6, closed at \$6.02 1-2. Ribs, May opened \$5.90, closed \$5.90. July opened \$5.92 1-2, closed \$5.92 1-2 a. Flax, cash \$1.60. May \$1.58 b. Sept. \$1.11 b. Oct. \$1.08 1-2 b.

Chicago, March 10.—May wheat opened at 66c, and ranged from 65 7-8c to

66 1-4c. Closing prices were as follows:

Wheat—March 65c; May, 66c; July, 66 3-4c.

Corn—May, 36c; July, 36 1-8c.

Oats—March, 22 3-8c; May, 23 5-8c.

Pork—March, \$10.77 1-2.

Lard—March, \$5.87 1-2.

Ribs—March, 92 1-2.

A week ago May option closed at 65 7-8c. A year ago May wheat closed at 69 1-4c, two years ago at \$1.04 1-8, three years ago at 73 1-4c; four years ago at 63 1-8c; five years ago at 56 5-8c.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, March 10.—The market for flax seed closed today at \$1.60 for cash and \$1.58 for May; Sept. \$1.11.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—May, 65 1-2c; July, 66 5-8c.

Tuesday—May, 65 7-8c; July, 67c.

Wednesday—May, 65 3-4c; July, 66 3-4c.

Thursday—May, 66 3-8c; July, 67 3-8c.

Friday—May, 66c; July, 67 1-2c.

Saturday—May 65 7-8c; July 66 7-8c.

On Saturday cash 1 hard closed at 66 1-8c, and cash 1 northern at 64 5-8c.

A week ago May wheat closed at 66 5-8c. A year ago May wheat closed at 68 5-8c two years ago at 96 7-8c, three years ago at 76 1-8c, four years ago at 61 1-4c, five years ago at 62 7-8c and six years ago at 60 3-4c.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Minneapolis, March 10.—Wheat closed at 63 3-4c for May, cash No. 1 hard closed at 65 3-4c, and cash No. 1 northern at 64 1-4c.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, March 9.—Wheat—No. 2 red western winter firm at 6s 11-2d.

Wheat—No. 2 red western winter no stock; No. 1 northern spring, firm, 6s 1d; No. 1 California, no stock. Futures steady; March 5s 10 3-4d, May 5s 9 3-4d; July 5s 8 3-4d.

Liverpool, March 10.—Wheat closed 1-8d lower.

BRITISH STOCKS.

London, March 9.—4 p. m.—Closing. Consols for money, 100 1-16; ds. for the account 101 1-8. C. P. R., 109 5-8; Erie, 127-8; Eric firsts preferred, 38 3-8; Illinois Central, 116; U. P. pdl., 75 5-8; St. Paul common, 123 7-8. N. Y. C., 137; Pennsylvania, 69; Reading 91-4; N. P. pdl., 76; Atchison, 23 1-8; Louisville, 83 1-8. G.T.R., 81-4; Rand Mines, 37 1-4; Anaconda, 9 5-8.

Bar silver 27 5-8d per ounce, steady. Money 3 1-2 to 3-4 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills 4 per cent; do. for three months bills 4 per cent.

NEW MANAGER.

Though an official announcement has not been yet made, it is understood that W. Antliff, accountant of the Winnipeg branch of the Canadian Imperial Co., has succeeded D. S. Johnston as manager.

The war tax in Great Britain will be raised by an increase in the income tax to one shilling on the pound and the following customs tax. One shilling a barrel on beer, sixpence a gallon on spirits, fourpence a pound on tobacco, sixpence a pound on foreign cigars, twopence a pound on tea,

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

Market very dull, closing easier at 65 3-4 to 66c for cash No. 1 hard, in store Fort William, and 68c for May.

COAL COMPANY MEETING.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company was held in Toronto last week. The report of the directors showed an increase in the output of coal from 5,301 tons in January, 1899, to 15,215 tons in December, 1899. During the year the development of the company's mines at Coal Creek was vigorously prosecuted, while a new mine was opened at Sparwood, in order that the production might be speedily brought up to the present demand. The demand for coke continues good, and the company has calls upon it not only from British Columbia, but also from the north-western States. Two hundred and two ovens have been completed, with a capacity of 300 tons of coke per day. The net profits for the year were \$47,308.

The following were elected directors for the ensuing year. Hon. George A. Cox, Robert Jaffray, Major H. M. Pellett, William Fernie, Fernie, B. C.; J. A. Gemmill, Ottawa, William Hanson, Montreal, J. W. Flavelle, Toronto; Thomas Walmsley, Toronto; E. R. Wood, Toronto; A. E. Ames, Toronto; Frederick Nicholls, Toronto; Elias Rogers, Toronto; J. D. Chipman, St. Stephens, N. B.; D. Morrice, Montreal; S. Finley, Montreal. At a meeting of the directors Hon. George A. Cox was elected president, Robert Jaffray, first vice-president, and Elias Rogers managing director.

The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company have property comprising some two hundred thousand acres of land, almost the entire area of which is supposed to be underlain with coal, and which, according to the geological reports, contains a large number of seams, the aggregate thickness of which approximates 150 feet. Reducing this one-half, there is in the property over ten thousand million tons.

RAILWAY RATES REDUCED.

A reduction in the local passenger rate of the Canadian Pacific Railway lines in Manitoba goes into effect on the 15th inst. The rate on the main line to Brandon has hitherto been three cents per mile, and four cents on other lines. The three cent rate will now be in effect on all lines in Manitoba. A wonderful improvement has been made in the car service on the main line and principal branches during the past two or three years, which with the present reduction in rates, is very acceptable to the travelling public.

RAILWAY TRAFFIC MATTERS.

Canadian Pacific Railway traffic receipts for the week ending February 28, were \$490,000, for the same week last year, \$419,000; increase, \$71,000. Mileage increased to 7,001.

This week the first of the settlers' excursions left Ontario and the east for western Canada over the C. P. R. A large number of easterners are expected to take advantage of these excursions. The excursions will be run every Tuesday during March and April.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has issued a new tariff for freight rates between Nelson, B. C., and points in that district, showing a reduction of about 40 per cent.