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Grover On the Tariff.

Elsowhere in this issue are given some quotations from ex-president Grover Cleveland's address upon the tariff question. Continuing his remarks Mr. Cleveland said:

"Never have honest desire for national growth, patriotic devotion to country and sin-cere regard for those who toil been so betrayed to the support of a pernicious doctrine. In its behalf the plea that our infant industries should be fostered did service until discredited by our stalwart growth; then followed the exigencies of a terrible war, which made our people heedless of the opportunity for ulterior schemes afforded by their willing, patriotic payment of unprecedent tribute; and now, after a long period of peace, when our over-burdeded countrymen ask for relief and a restoration to a fuller enjoyment of their incomes and earnings, they are met by the claim that tariff taxation for the sake of protection is an American sytem, the countenance of which is necessary in order that high wages may be paid to our workingmen and a home market be provided for our farm products. These pretences should no longer de-ceive. The truth is that such a system is directly antagonized by every sentiment of justice and fairness, of which Americans are pre-emin-ently proud. It is also true that while our workingmen and farmers can, the least of all our people defend themselves against the harder home life, which such tariff taxation decrees the working man suffering from the importation and employment of pauper later, instigated by his professed friends and seeking security for his interests in organized co operation still waits for a division of the advantages secured to his employer under cover of a generous solicitude for his wages while the farmer is learning that the prices of his products are fixed in foreign markets, whore he suffers from a competition invited and built up by the system, he is asked to support. The struggle for uncarned advan-tage at the doors of the Government tramples on the rights of those who patiently rely upon assurances of equality. Every governmental concession to clamorous favorites invites corruption in political affairs by encouraging the expenditure of money to debauch the suffrage in support of a policy directly favorable to private and selfish gain. This in the end must strangle patriotism and weaken popular constraints. fidence in the rectitude of Republican insti-

Though the subject of tariff legislation involves a question of markets, it also involves a question of morals. We cannot, with impunity permit injustice to taint the spirit of right and equity which is the life of our republic; and we shall fail to reach our national destiny if greed and selfishness had the way. Recognizing these truths the national Democracy will seek by the application of just and sound principles to equalize to our people the blessings due them from the government they support to promote among our countryment they support to promote interests, comented by patriotism and national pride and to point out a fair field where prosperous and diversified enterprise may grow and thrive in the wholesome atmosphere of industry, ingenuity and intelligence.

The Potato Rot.

British Columbia grows a first class potato, as good a food as can be found anywhere in the would, but commercially speaking it is a very uncertain crop and dealers are chary, after an experience of several years, of handling in large quantities early in the season. This applies to the Fraser Valley potatoes in contradistinction to those grown on high lands and in the Interior. The former has shown a tendency to rot against which all efforts to preserve seem fruitless. The latter however, are distinguished by good keeping qualities. This year on account of the wet growing season, the crop is rotting badly and the prospects are that potatoes will be scarce and dear by spring, and in all probability a large portion of the supply will have to be imported. At wescent owing to will have to be imported. At present owing to the desire to dispose of stocks, prices are ver-low and potatoes are a drug on the market, with a general disinclination to deal in them. It would appear useless, therefore, for farmers to continue growing for sale, except on high or thoroughly well drained lands. On the Deita lands, improved drainage is a great necessity mot only in the matter of potatoes but for successful fruit raising. To lack of systematic drainage may be attributed much of the imperfection observed in the local fruit supply.

Talking Over Matters.

The first meeting this fall of the dry goods section of the Toronto Board of Trade was held a few days ago. There was a good represent-ation of city wholesale firms, the members of There was a good representwhich, while they did not issue any ultimatums, which, while they did not issue any utt.matums, discussed, in an informal way, several topics of interest to the trade. First there was the matter of discounts for cash. These, it was thought, were quite out of proportion to the present value of money, and there was a feeling that a reduction in this respect would be wise. The same reason was put forward why banks should lower the rate on paper under discount. Both in this country and in Rogland the supply of money is most ample, and the current discount rate does not, it was claimed, bear an equitable ratio thereto.

The vexed question of the practice by many retailers of returning goods was taken up. There could be no objection to a customer returning an improperly filled order, but to send back goods which the buyer, upon second thought, concluded he did not need, was annoying in the extreme. If a man buys a house which he finds later on that he would have been wiser, not to have bought, when the caunot throw it uncoromoniously back upon the hands of the seller. He must make the best of an unwise purchase.

Not only do some storckcopers return goods after such fashion, but they even re-ship them in such a condition as to considerably affect the value in a second sale. It often occurs, too, that no previous intimation of his intention to return the goods is given by the rotailer. The wholesaler very naturally thinks that he might first be consulted in the matter.

A member was of the opinion that the present matter of passing goods through the custom house was in some respects susceptible of improvement. For instance, the clerk of a wholesale firm makes out, as is the rule, duplithe proper duty, specific and ad valorem, opposite each item. He takes the firm's cheque opposite each item. The takes one in an abunque for the total sum to be paid, but when the papers pass the scrutiny of the clerk in the custom house it frequently happens that a large sum has to be returned to the firm owing to unfavorable errors in the entry sheet. As this refund is made to the clerk in the form of bills, and as both entry sheets are retained by the customs' authorities, the wholesale house is quite at the mercy of a person weak enough to be tempted into dishonesty. It also leaves the door open for collusion on the part of the clerk behind and before the custom house counter. The firm has no means of knowing what the refund was. One safeguard would be for the cashier at the custom house to give a cheque for the amount to be returned; and it seems only a business like precaution to make out triplicate duty papers, the importer retaining one with all the corrections entered thereon by the customs' clerk. Endeavors will no loubt be made to have this defect remedied.

Taking a view of the situation as a whole. it was the opinion of the members that the condition of the wholesale dry goods trade to day is as healthy as any in the country. There appears to be more desire for concerted action in any movement looking to the general good; more care is said to be taken in the matter of credits, while there are not, it is claimed, more firms in the business than the circumstances warrant nor than will give other than a healthy tone to competition. The volume of trade is rather in excess of last year, and nayments are reported fairly good.—Monetary

Coal.

The coal journal Black Diamond, of October 15, says: "The anthracito trade is strong, in good condition; responding to a very fair demand, yet cannot be painted in roseate colors, as the weather and the agitation that has been carried on of late in the daily papers have in a great measure retarded the business. A large amount of coal is required for consumption. It amount of coal is required for consumption. has not been purchased, and apparently it will be necessary to put the consumers' noses on the grindstone. The one positive fact will remain, that thousands of people will pay more for their coal before this winter is over, than would have been the case, if they had listened less to the rot with which the daily press has been filled to overflowing. The change in freights which will go into effect on this date from Buffalo will necessarily cause an advance in rail coal of 25 cents per ton, at least such appears to be the understanding. The advance from \$1.75 to \$2 by the western lines, at this season of the year, is something unusual, being so far ahead of the close of navigation. Aswever, such advance will take effect to-day, and "what are you going to do about it?'

The steamer Onoko, bound down, struck at the red stake above the "Soo" canal on Oct. 13, says a telegram from Sault Ste. Maria. She resched the canal piers, struck a shallow shoal, causing other leakage, and settled to the bottom. She will lighten about two hundred tons of wheat. She lays crossways in the canal. All leaded boats, numbering twenty, have been detained from ten to fifty hours by low water in the canal. There has been nothing but southeast winds for four or five days. There southeast winds for four or five days. are at out thirty boats waiting to lock.



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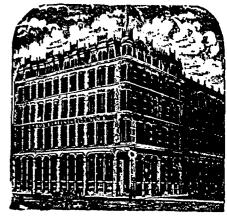
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UNITED STATES POLITICAL ISSUES.

Some papers profess to see in ex president Claveland's recent address, a weakening of the for mer strong stand taken in regard to the tariff. This does not appear to be the case from a careful parasal of his letter. Principle is one thing, but practice to a certain extent is another. In speaking of a principle, the strongest language can be used in asserting that principle, but when it is proposed to bring the principle into practice, certain modifications may be found absolutely necessary. So it is in the great issue in the present campaiga in the republic. Mr. Cleveland is justified in using the strongest language when he talks about the tariff question, as a principle, but when it comes to proposing an actual change in the tariff system, moderation is necessary. The most ardent free trader will admit, that a radical change from the height of protection to the simplicity of free trade cannot be made in a moment. It is all right to boldly denounce existing systems, an I talk confidently of the ideal system, but to introduce the actual change from one to the other requires moderation, and above all, patience. No one could use more forcible language than Mr. Cleveland has done in denouncing the tariff policy of the republican party, but when he is obliged to lay out his plans for a change, he must of necessity talk moderately and cautiously. Taking this practical view of the situation, there is no reason for believing that Mr. Cleveland has changed his mind in the matter. His principles are sound, but as a wise statesman he recognizes that principle involving radical changes cannot always be reduced to practice in a moment. The whole existing order of things cannot be completely reversed like the turn ot the kaleidoscops.

To show that the moderate statements made in his addresses must not be misunderstood to indicate any weakening on the tariff issue, Mr. Cleveland starts out with the statement that "continued reflection and observation have confirmed me in my adherence to the opinions which I have heretofore plainly and publicly declared." What Mr. Cleveland's opinions are upon the tariff question no one needs to doubt, for he has expressed them plainly and forcibly enough on many occasions. The following remarks regarding the tariff question from Mr. Clevelan l's address are p'ain enough not to be misleading:

"Tariff legislation presents a familiar form of federal taxation. Such legistation results as surely in a tax upon the daily life of our people as the tribute paid directly into the hands of the tax gatherers. We feel the burden of these turiff taxes to palpably to be persuaded by any sophistry that they do not exist or are paid by foreigners. Such tax presenting a diminution of the property rights of the peopl; are only justificable when laid and collected for the purpose of maintaining our government an I furnish the means for the accomplishment of its legitimate purposes and functions. This is taxation under the operation f a tariff for revenue. This theory of tariff legislation manifestly enjoins strict economy in public expanditures

and their limitation to legitimate public uses, inasmuch as it exhibits as abso'ute extertion any exaction by way of taxation fron the substance of the people beyond the necessities of a careful and proper administration of government."

Mr. Clevel and continues :

"Opposed to this theory, the dogma is now boldly presented that twiff taxation is justifiable for the express purpose and intent of thereby promoting special interests and enter-prises. Such a position is so clearly contrary to the spirit of our constitution, and so directly encourages the disturbance by selfishness and greed of patricio sentiment that its statement would rudely shock our people if they had not alrealy been insiduously altured from the safe landmarks of principle.

There is no necessity for misunderstanding these words, or construing them into a belief that the ex-president is weakening on the great issue. The first paragraph quoted above speaks for a tariff for revenue purposes only, and moreover declares that a single dollar taken from the people by customs duties, bevond the actual needs of the government. economically administered, is extortion. The second paragraph declares that tariff for protection is "contrary to the spirit of the constitution." In these words, Mr. Cleveland declares that McKinleyism is contrary to the spirit of the constitution of the republic. He bollly declares that tariff taxation adopted with a view of forcing preferential trade arrangements with other countries is constitutionally wrong. He declares in fact against the tariff policy and the great humbug reciprocity policy of the republican party as being morally opposed to the constitution of the country.

The following is the paragraph which is taken as indicating that Mr. Cleveland has weakened on the tariff question. He says:-

"Tariff reform is still our purpose. Though we oppose the theory that tariff laws may be passed, having for their object the granting of discriminating and unfair governmental aid to private ventures, we wage no exterminating war against any American interests. We be-lieve a readjustment can be accomplished in accordance with the principles we profess without disaster or demolition. We believe that the advantage of freer raw material should be accorded to our manufacturers, and we contemplate a fair and careful distribution of necessary tariff burdens rather than the precipitation of free trade."

This paragraph is simply in keeping with the declaration in favor of a revenue tariff. Mr. Cleveland admits that there must be some tariff taxation, for the purposes of revenue, and he proposes to distribute this necessary taxation as fairly as possible. He utterly opposes tariff taxation for the sake of protection and believes that protection for the purpose of upholding any home industries, is unnecessary. Altogether, we see no reason to conclude from this address, that Mr. Cleveland has deviated from the sound economic principles which he has often so forcibly expressed on other oc-

MUTUAL AID IN CREDIT BUSINESS.

The New York hat, fur and cloak trade has for ned an association for the mutual protection of members in giving credit. An officer who will be termed the actuary, will be selected to keep a record of the standing of various firms. The following paragraphs from subdivision four of the rules of the association, will indicate something of the nature of the organization:

Section 1. The members agree to furnish any and all information asked by the actuary, meaning by this the sales, purchases or settle ments of any debtor, and each member shall be entitled to any and all information of a similar character that he may ask through the association. All information asked shall be furnished by all the members within fortyeight hours from receipt of said notice. Any refusal to give said information may be the cause for expulsion from said association. information given shall be for the use of the members only.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the members of the association to report immediately to the actuary any and all failures coming to his knowledge upon such information being obtained by him; or the further in-formation of any note going to protest by any

Business men have it in their power to aid each other very materially in the matter of credit business, butthey are often prevented from doing so on account of trade jealousies. Neither need an association of this kind be confined to the wholesale trade. It could be made quite as useful to retail dealers in any line of trade, particularly in the larger towns and cities. Say in the retail grocery trade for instance, what an advantage an association of this nature would be, if conducted properly. So long as business is conducted largely on a credit basis, business men, wholesalers and retailers alike, are justified in making use of every legitimate way of protecting themselves against undesirable customers. In the cities there are many people who will succeed in "doing up" several merchants in succession They will run accounts as long as they can with one house and when further credit is refused they will find little difficulty in opening an account with a fresh victim. People of this class should be suppressed at once, and a man who refuses to pay his bills with one store, should be prevented from opening accounts elsewhere. By a little understanding among themselves, retail merchants should be able to protect themselves from professional dead beats-an altogether too numerous class in all our cities and towns. In the same way, wholesale merchants would be able to protect themselves against dishonest, troublesome and unsound traders. It is not alone the financially unsafe firm or dealer who is the undesirable customer. There are men who are able to pay their debts, but who in one way or another succeed by crooked acts in defrauding their creditors. Instances have been known of business men who make it a practice of demanding relates upon consigaments of goods, on one pretext or another, usually that of damaged or inferior condition of goods. Those who practice these and other dishonorable acts, could soon be brought to the end of their rops, by a little understanding among the trade.

POINTS REGARDING WHEAT.

The last report of the United States depart. ment of agriculture estimates the wheat crop of the entire country for 1892 at 518,913,000 million bushels. This is some millions of bushels larger than was indicated by the previous monthly report, but it is still 92,867,000 bushels smaller than the wheat crop of last year. The general belief is that the official estimate of the United States crop this year is too high.

At any rate, it is claimed that the average weight per measured bushel of the crop is light, so that the crop will pan out considerably less in weighed bushels. The wheat crop of Canada is placed at 55,000,000 bushels, as compared with 62,000,000 bushels last year. The esti mate for Canada, we believe, is also too high, as it allows for a crop of 22,000,000 bushels for Manitoba and the territories. But taking the official figures of each country, there is a shortage in the wheat crop of the United States and Canada, as compared with last year, of 190,000,000 bushels at least.

In a number of other countries there are deficiencies in the wheat crop of this year, as compared with last—India is expected to be short about 60,000,000 bushels; Italy is reckened to be short 27,000,000 bushels, and Great Britsin, according to latest returns, will be short about 19,000,000 bushels, besides which the British wheat crop is very poor quality, and will not go nearly as far as a like number of bushels of choice wheat. Thus we have in these five countries a total shortage of about 206,000,000 bushels, according to official reports.

This is one side of the picture. Some countries are giving a larger crop than last year, notably France and Russia, in which countries crops were very poor last season. France is expected to have about 80,000,000 or more bushels more than last year, while Russia has been credited with 35,000,000 bushel more. Other countries do not change the situation materially so far as can be ascertained. On account of Russia being so bare of reserve stocks, the surplus there cannot count for much.

Beerbohm, the best authority of London, England, sums up the situation as follows:

"The plain fact indicated by returns to hand is that the world's production of wheat is about 6,000,000 quarters (48,000,0000 bushels) less than last year. Indeed it will be seen that this year's crop barely reaches the average of the preceding five year's crop, which was 269,000,000 quarters. It is doubtful, too, whether the production of wheat in the past season has reached what may be called the normal requirements of the world, although these latter are of a somewhat elastic nature—depending on surrounding circumstances. Were it not, therefore, for the fact that the nigh prices of last autumn had the effect of shifting much of the surplus wheat from the exporting to the importing countries, it may talely be assumed that prices might, on the legitimate basis of supply and demand, be materially higher than they now are. It will take some time to restore this equilibrium, but meanwhile the most conservative of observers could hardly fail to arrive at the conclusion that, starting from the present basis of values, there should be no need for discouragement."

The Liverpool Corn Trade News, in its annual review, sums up the total wheat crop of the world at 2,115,000,000 bushels, as compared with 2,160,000,000 bushels last year, making an estimated shortage of 45,000,000 bushels. The same authority declares that though reserves of old wheat carried over were larger in Britain, France, Germany and the United States, than a year ago, taking all countries, reserves of old wheat were light. The Liverpool journal adds:

By itself the wheat question is inexplicable. It is not asserted for a moment that the high prices of last November were justified by the situation, but neither is the present depression reasonable from a statistical point of view alone

In a later report Beerbohm states that in any other year conditions similar to present would advance the price of wheat in England. One great feature of weakness in the British markets is the slaughter of Americau flour there. It is said that Cauadian and United States flour is being sold on the other side at a loss. That depresses the price of wheat in England, and reacts to keep the price down in America. Millers, however, cannot long continue to sell flour in that way. Importing countries, however, particularly Great Britain, will soon have to come into the market to buy wheat more actively than they have been doing. The large marketings of wheat in America cannot long keep up as they have been doing, and with the shrinkage of stocks in importing countries, and decline in marketings in America, there should be some improvement in prices. During the month of September, stocks of breadstuffs in Europe, including quantities afloat, were just about stationary, and were about 20,000,000 bushels smaller on the first of October town a year ago. In the United States and Canada, however, they were about 30,000,000 larger.

The most remarkable feature of the situation is the large marketings by farmers in the United States. Deliveries by farmers in that country have been unprecedented, and in view of the low prices ruling for wheat, are altogether inexplicable. Though the outlook statistically would indicate higher prices, the large stream of wheat pouring in from producers is a source of temporary weakness. If farmers have resolved to market their entire surplus at the beginning of the crop year, they will succeed in keeping prices down until the grain has passed into second hands, and holders will gain all the advantage of probably higher prices later on.

CROP REPORTS.

There is considerable agitation in some sources in the United States against the publication of official crop reports. It is claimed that it is not fair to the producers of grain to have these reports published, as they frequently exert a depressing influence upon prices, besides the claim that they are generally unreliable. In case of a large crop, it is claimed that importing countries should be left to find it out when they have purchased the grain. To inform importing countries that there is a large surplus of wheat for disposal, is tantamount, it is claimed to giving them the advantage of buying at their own prices. If they were not sure of the existence of bountiful supplies, they would be more eager buyers at higher prices. The last official crop report of the department at Washington, for instance, it is claimed has caused a loss of millions of dollars to the producers and holders of wheat, owing to the fact that it is a bearish document, in that it places the wheat crop at a considerably larger amount that was generally counted upon. Referring to this matter the Minneapolis Northwestern Miller savs :-

The entire system of government crop reports is working such immediate and serious loss upon the people of the United States that it warrants the prompt and vigorous interference of the president, who should wipe it and its chosen prophet out of official existence, without one month's dolay. Not another monthly

report, prepared under the present system, should be permitted to come to publication. The continuance of the reports would be nothing short of a crime—the crime of robbing the defenseless public.

THE WEST IN THE CABINET.

T. M. Daly, of Brandon, Man., and member of parliament for the western district of this province, has been appointed to a position in the Dominion Cabinet. He takes the portfolio of Minister of the Interior, attached to which is the superintendency of Indian affairs. Mr. Daly succeeds Hon. Edgar Dawdney, formerly licutenant-governor of the territories, who now, it is understood, becomes lieutenaut. governor of British Columbia. This is the first time that Manitoba has been given representation in the cabinet. Mr. Dawdney, late Minister of the Interior, was member for a district of the territory of Assiniboia, and his up. pointment to a cabinet position, was the first recognition of the claim that one or more portfolios should go to western men. Once this claim was recognized by the instalment of Mr. Dawdney at the head of the important department of the Interior, it would not do to go back upon the principle, hence it was but natural that a western man should be sought for as successor to Mr. Dewdney. The vast extent of western Canada, and the many important questions which are continually coming up concerning that part of the country, render it necessary that the West should be well represented at Ottawa. A number of the most important matters which require the attention of the government, are western quostions regarding which eastern men are but indifferently posted. It has been the misfortune of the West all through, that our interests have been largely in the hands of eastern men, who were not familiar with the situation here, and lacked that practical knowledge necessary to to do us full justice. Legislation concerning the West was no doubt generally adopted with the best intentions, or at least as nearly what was thought to be required as the exigencies of party would allow, but the lack of practical knowledge has led to many mistakes in the past. The West has now a larger population and larger representation in the house, and is in a better position to make its wants known; besides which the country is now better known by eastern people than it was a few years ago. Mistakes in legislation should therefore be less frequent in the future than in the past.

As regards the selection of Mr. Daly for a cabinet position, about the only comment The COMMERCIAL can make is, that he is the kind of stuff of which extremely putizan governments are made. Mr. Daly has been a most consistent purty man, and he has received his reward, perhaps not unexpectedly on his part. At any rate, if it were decided that a Manitoban should succeed to the position of head of the department of the interior. Mr. Daly is decidedly the best choice open to the government. The member for Winnipsg was not in the field for a cabinet position, and it was an easy task to select Mr. Daly from among the remaining members as by far the most suitable and capable man.

In connection with the appointment of Mr. Daly to the cabinet, it has been aunounced from Ottawa that A. W. Ross (an applicant for the position) would be appeared by being made governor of Manitoba. If there is any truth in this, it is,—well, disgusting to contemplate.



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Manitoba.

John Wagner, hotel, Emerson, is dead.

H. E. Neelands, druggists, Winnipeg, is lead.

Corner & Jackson are opening a general store at Poplar Point.

Alex. Eagle, blacksmith, McGregor, has moved to High Bluff.

The site for the proposed woollen mill at Morden has been chosen.

A. R. Leonard, drugs, Stonewall, is moving headquarters to Winnipeg.

Joseph McCatcheon, butcher, is opening a butcher shop at Gainsborough.

Wm. Bullock has taken a car lot of cattle from Selkirk, for his ranch at Medicino Hat.

Scott & Chambers have shipped three tons of their Snoal Lake creamery butter to Vancouver.

MoLeod, Hauloy & Clegg, agricultural implements, Brandon, have dissolved partnership; Clegg retires.

Huston & Batts, general merchants, Manitou, advertise clearing sale and retiring from business in Manitou.

The estate of the late Joseph Parkinson, drugs, Winnipeg, has been sold to Martin, Rosser & Co., who re-sold to A. R. Leonard.

J. T. Gordon returned to Pilot Mound on October 15th from Moutreal, having shipped to the English market four hundred head of beef

The partnership subsisting between Steele & Wing, photographers of Winnipeg has been dissolved. Frederick Stiele continues the business.

The latest Manitoba paper is the District Advocate, of Elkhorn. The first number consists of six pages and is full of local news. F. J. Greenstreet is the proprietor.

S. L. Head shipped last Monday a train lead of cattle to Montreal for Liverpool. The train consisted of fourteen cars of cattle and one of horses. This will be Mr. Head's third export shipment this year.

Many new and substantial buildings have been erected in the place of those destroyed by fire at Gladstone last spring, besides several additional ones. The new griet mill is in the course of completion.

R. Ironside, says the Monitor, forwarded a carload of hogs to Winnipeg on October 12. The cargo was considered to be the finest lot of hogs ever shipped from a district. There were seventy-five animal in the lot, the average weight being 247 lbs.

The Melita Enterprise says: "Reports from Estevan say work at the mines is the same as usual, some three or four men being employed. The prospects for getting coal from Estevan, this year at least, are indeed slim at present, and farmers and citizens are now looking to the Hassard mines for a supply."

Chas. H. Wheeler, architect, has received instructions from Carscaden, Peck & Co., Winnipeg, to prepare plans for a large solid stone and brick block to be erected on the corner of Princess and Notre Dame streets. The building will be four stories high, and will be occupied by the firm, for its wholeale clothing business.

The first sharp frost of the season at Winnipeg came on the morning of October 17. Up to that date gardens were in bloom, and vegetation showed little trace of autumn. There were two or three very light frosts earlier, but not heavy enough to injure grain, had there been any unout, and not severe enough to show injury on garden plants.

Threshing is proceeding with the greatest activity, says the Pilot Mound Sentinel, many new machines being engaged. The quality of the wheat is generally good. The yield as a rule is from twenty to thirty bushels to the acre. Every advantage is taken of the remark-

ably fine weather, but as on many farms the crop of last year as well as the crop of this year is to be thrashed, the season will be advanced before the work is completed.

Alberta.

Jas. Reid, of Fort Saskatchawan, gays the Edmonton Bulletin, had a yield of 100 bushels to the acre of outs from a field of 20 acres.

The government engineers have arrived at Edmonton to survey for a bridge across the Saskatchewan, in fulfilment of a long standing promise, made by the government.

Regular trains are now running over the southern extension of the Calgary and Edmonton railway to Macleod, leaving Calgary on Mondays and Thursdays between 8.30 and 9 p.m., returning on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Through the agency of Mr. Munro, says the Calgary Tribune of October 14, H. A. Alexander and Messrs. Samson and Harford shipped 483 head of cattle last Monday and Tuesday from Strathmore to Montreal, where they will be transferred to the s.s. Mongolian, bound for Liverpool. One hundred and twenty head be long to Mr. Alexander, and the rest to Samson and Harford, Mr. Alexander also shipped two splendid Alberta saddle horses, designed for the old country market.

Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

The New York Daily Investigator, October 11, says: "The Pennsylvania has advanced freight rates on coal from \$1.44 to \$1.59 per ton from the mines to Buffalo, to take effect October 30th. No advance has been made on tidewater shipments, but it is reported that the company will advance its rate to \$1.80 on all coal originating on its own lines. This would be the same rate as the Reading's, and pro-rating will probably be resumed by the two companies."

The Chicago Daily Trade Bulletin of October 15 says: "There was a good business with the railroads and the western roads were unable to furnian hars enough. Rates to New York advanced on October 10 to 25c per 100 lbs for gra'n, 30c for boxed provisions and 35c for loose meats. Through rates to Liverpool were firmer and higher. Rates were 30g to 31gc per 100 lbs on flour, 15.57c per bu for wheat, 15.07c on corn and 41 to 46gc per 100 lbs on provisions. Through rates by lake and rail to New York advanced to 20c per 100 lbs on flour, 7% to 8c per bu on wheat, and 7% to 7% on corn. New England rates advanced to 10% on corn and 6% on oats. Lake freights were firmer and higher with a good business. Closing rates were 2% on wheat and 2% on corn to Buffalo."

Grain and Milling.

The native press of India takes a somewhat alarmist view of the harvest prospects in southwestern Bengal. The official reports Sept. 30 show that rain is much wanted in Burdwan, in Hooghly and Midnapore.

The Scatinal, of Pilot Mound, Man., has the following to say regarding the recent destruction of the mill at that place. "The total destruction of the Pilot Mound roller and oatmeal mill by fire, adds one to the list of mills that have been burned down in Manitobs. The fire originated about the engine room after the mill had been shut down for the night. Being all of wood and dry as possible, in a few moments the whole structure was in a blaze. Little or nothing was saved. The mill was owned by R. Whitelaw, of Woodstock, and was leased to Dow & Will. The loss may be estimated at about \$15,000. It is understood that there is an insurance of \$5,000 on building and machinery, and \$1,000 on the stock. The business men of the town will entirely lose the bonus which was given to aid in the erection of the mill.

The Ironside-Motheral-Armstrong s, adicate, says the Manitou Mercury, have about completed arrangements for the erection of a 30,000 bushel elevator at La Riviere.

The Liverpool Corn Trade News says: The average price of British Farmers' wheat—27s 10d is, we believe, actually the lowest of modern times. In the last week of June, 1889 the price sank to as low as 27s 11d, but the inferior quality of samples then ruling was largely accountable for the debased rates of that time—the go erat level of prices then being 3s per quarter higher than now. Taking all things to account, English wheat sold cheaper in September, 1897, than ever before or since, viz., 28s 5d for fine quality The annual average prices of recent years have been—1891, 37s 1d; 1890, 31s 9d; 1889, 29s 91; 1893, 31s 10d; 1897, 32s 6d; 1886, 31s 2d; 1895, 32s 10d; 1884, 35s 9d; 1883, 41s 7d.

If the American farmers continue to push forward into commercial channels 1,000,000 quarters of wheat per week they will be mainly responsible for a continuance of the present unsatisfactory state of the grain trade, says the Liverpol Corn Trade News. In well informed circles in the States it is known that they are acting thus from a dread of being caught again hearding their produce, as many did last autumu under the influence of the "bull" circular of the Farmers' Alliance, which used all its pursuasive elequence to induce him to hold his grain for a minimum of one dollar fifty per bushel, a policy which led many to accept 80 cents for stuff that they had declined to part with at a dollar ten or more a month or so previously. Last season the American farmer marketed his crop too slowly, for in the first 13 weeks he delivered at the 7 chief western points 11 per cent of the entire bulk, whereas this season he has sent out 17 per cent,—a difference of 6 per cent.

When English buyers can purchase Canadian flour at their own doors at the same price that it is selling for in this market, says the Montreal Trade Bulletin, depend upon it there is something wrong with the export flour trade. Unfortunately the above is too true both as regards Canadian and United States flour shipped to the other side; but in spite of this state of affairs, flour still finds its way to British markets, especially from the United States. It is to be hoped that an end will soon be put to this discouraging state of the export trade, either by the market improving on the other side, or by a curtailment of production on this continent, as the trade cannot be run for ever at a loss.

The Milling World says: The consumption of flour in Japan, China and Central America is on the increase, and it will soon exhaust, the capacity of the northern Pacific centres, of supplies. If ever the Chinese take to eating wheaten flour, a million tons a year will not begin to satisfy them.

During the past year about 2,000,000 bus of elevator storage has been built in Minneapolissays the NorthwesternMiller. In most cases the new houses have consisted of annexes, put up by companies which already operated terminal plants. All but nine of the houses are recognized by the chamber of commerce as "regular," the rest coming under the head of "private." It is the regular houses that have gained mainly by the erection of new buildings, the aggregate of private houses being left practically the same as a year ago. The total elevator storage is 18,180,000 bus, and the amount to 19,410,000 bus.

The country press, says the Minneapolis Market Record, is commenting favorably on the policy of the Northern Pacific road in supplying cars to all parties applying for them, to ship wheat in, without regard to their proprietary interest in elevators.

A special meeting of the Montreal corn exchange was held on October 18 in connection with the inspection of Canadian grain at the

port of New York, and the following resolution was cerried: This board views with alarm the efforts that are now being made by the United States trunk lines centering in New York, and by the produce exchange of that city, proposing to place under the control of the produce exchange of New York, the inspection of all Caundian grain billed for export via that point, and this board believing that such a course would be a great injury to the grain trade of Canada, instruct the representatives of this association appointed to confer with other delegates in New York to strongly oppose inspection by the New York produce exchange of Canadian grain for export; and would recommend that the delegates of the association advocate the inspection of the Canadian grain for export via the United States ports prior to its crossing the frontier into United States territory.

Montreal Iron and Metal Prices.

The hardware houses get etally report a continuation of the good business noted last week. Meetings of the horse shoe, horse nail, barb wire, plain wire, wire nails, tacks, lead pipes and cut nail men have been held and former prices were not altered. The position of crude material does not warrant any in fact, for values generally occupy a low plane.

There is no change in pig iron from a week ago, Summerlee and equal brands ruling at \$20, and Eglinton and Carabroe \$18 to \$19.

In fact the only feature of importance this week in the fron market is the firmness of copper on outside markets. A large purchase of over twenty tons was made here at a figure under 12c, and it is considered a good bargain, allowing for the position of outside markets.

Gliss.—Glass, owing to the stoppage of the German steamers, as pointed out last week, is 5c higher, as holders have marked up prices. We quote first breaks \$1.35. second \$1.45, third \$3.25, and fourth \$3 50.—Gazette, October 15.

Montreal Grocery Prices.

The movement in sugar is not large but prices are low, the local refiners having to meet the cut made by the Lower province refiners in the west. Granulated is now quoted at 1½c, and yellows at 3½ to 4c.

Syrups are also easier, American selling at about 232 per gallon by the barrel and Canadian at 13c per pound. The local refineries are said to have no syrup to offer.

Molasses is steady at 31½c, one sale of 100 puncheons being reported at these figures.

The tea business has been quiet owing to the Duncan sale, but the market is in good shape. The prices obtained at the sale are considered very good on the whole, the blacks alone being low.

A better demand is reported for rice on spot and the market is firm in sympathy with stronger foreign advices. Quotations in primary markets are higher owing to the reported famine caused by the drought in Japan, but local quotations are unchanged. We quote: standard, \$4 to \$4.20; Japans, \$4.50 to \$5; Patns, \$5 to \$5.50; Carolina, \$7 to \$8.

The dried fruit market has continued foverish and unsettled until within a day or so. Low offers were made and accepted, but since values have advanced, as large consignments threatened to withdraw their lots. Prices, accordingly, are fully to better than they were and large sales of ordinary have been made at 45c, and higher goods at 45c. Now seconds cannot be had under 45c and first brands 45c, in round lots from the wharf. Even at this advance it is still below the equivalent in Now York. There 35c in bond is quoted and 35c to arrive.

Currents are steady at 51c, with a fair business in round lots.

Coffee is firm and in light supply at 19 to 21c for Rios, with Santos 1c lower.

Spices are dull but firm.

Almeria grapes due on Sarnia are selling to arrive at \$5.50 to \$6.

New figs move at 11 to 15c.

Shell walnuts to arrive ex-Dracona are in good enquiry, and sales have been made at 25c, with values tending upward, as some are asking 30c.

The local jobbing movement in canned goods is very small; but there is a good trade reported from first hands. The local packers view with alarm the heavy receipts from the west, and are evidently coming to the conclusion that it does not pay to be too independent. Corn and tomatoes are coming in quite freely from the west, and there has also been a good supply of fruits received from the same quarter. There is nothing new in salmon. The bulk of the supply in Montreal is held by one house at \$4.50 to \$4.60 per case, and the agent of the syndicate here says he cannot get another case, stocks at the coast being all cleaned up—Gazette, October 15.

Montreal Markets.

Flour.—The volume of business has been fair as regards the local trade, and prices have remained as last quoted, although as far as sales of round lots are concerned the advantage is still with the buyer. Winter wheat brands are selling low, Ontario straight rollers having been placed at a wide range of prices, which are very irregular, no two dealers quoting alike. As a seller remarked this week it is more a matter of making sales than holding for market values, it being pretty difficult to determine them. Straight rollers have been placed at from \$3.55 to \$3 65 on track, with sales reported at \$3 75 to \$4 delivered to city dealers and bakers. Ontario patents are quoted at \$3.95 to \$4 on track. Extra is dull at \$3.20 to \$3.25 in car lots. A few enquiries have been received from Newfoundland, but this branch of the rade is very dull. The maritime provinces are taking a fair amount of flour direct from western mills. Both American and Canadian flour is going forward to England for realizations, not profit.

Ottmeal.—The market is about as last reported, car lots of rolled and granulated being reported at \$3.85 on track here. We quote jobbing lots as follows:—Rolled and granulated, \$4 to \$4.10; standard, \$3 90 to \$4. In bags granulated \$2 to \$2.05 and standard \$1.90 to \$1.05

Mill Feed.—The market is steady under a fair enquiry, with sales of car lots reported at \$13.50 to \$14.00. Shorts are quoted at \$14.50 to \$15.00, and moullie \$17.00 to \$20.00 as to grade.

Wheat.—In this market some business has been put through in regular wheat, No. 1 being puoted at 58 to 62c and No. 2 at 45 to 48c affoat. A lot of No. 3 hard was also sold, but the price was not stated, althoug it is believed to be in the neighborhood of 73c. No. 2 hard is nominally quoted at 83c to 85c. West of Toronto sales of red and white winter wheat have been made at 75 to 77c.

Oats.—There has been a good demand for outs, and sales are reported of between 30,000 and 40,000 bushels at 34c for No. 2 and 331c for No. 3. The grade of No. 2 outs having been lowered there is now only 1c difference between that grade and No. 3. There is said to be a fair average crop in this province, but the quality is below that of last year.

Barloy.—Some very nice samples of pale malting barley were offered at 52 and 55c, and sales are reported at within that range. Feed barley is quoted all the way from 38 to 42c, and choice at 41c.

Butter—At present rates dealers shake their heads, remembering the losses that have invariably been made in former seasons by stocking up at about the rates now ruling. Still we know of a lot of 260 pkgs. of choice well kept June creamery being bought by a shipper at 22c, while 23c has been paid for a fine August

creamory, and 23½c for September. Holders however, are asking more money. In dairy butter there have been sales of Eastern Townships at 20c in round lots, one choice lot bringing 20½c. The sale of a car load of Manitoba butter was made, said to be in the vicinity of 17c. Western has sold at 17½ and 18c to shippers. We quote:—Creamory choice fall, 23 to 23½c; do, good to fine, 2½ to 22c; Eastern Townships dairy, choice fall, 20 to 21c; do, good to fine, 18½ to 19½c; Morrisburg and Brockville, 18 to 20½c; add 1c per 1b for selected single packages.

Cheeso—Last week 10½c was the outside figure for finest western Septembers, while to-day they could not be touched under 10½c, in fact, business has been done at this figure. The public cable has advanced to 50s, while in reality that was the price a week ago; private cables being Is to 1s 64 above that rate. A fair volume of business is reported in this market in underpriced goods at 9 to 10½c, several thousand boxes having been placed at within that range. A round lot of September has just been sold at 10½c. The shipments are again heavy, being nearly 80,000 boxes.

Eggs—The market is in pretty good shape and prices firmer, sales of the ordinary run of fresh stock in jobbing lots being made at 15 to 15½c, but strictly now laid are bringing more money. Sales have of 100 case lots of ordinary fresh goods at 14½c. Pickled eggs have commenced to move both for local and export account. The English market is firmer, and is taking Canadian eggs more freely.

Apples.—The market here is glutted with fall fruit, owing to lots intended for the English market having been ordered to be sold here. Sales have been made of car lots of good to fine fall fruit at \$1.50 to \$1.70, while common stock has sold at \$1.25. The first few cars of winter apples sold at \$2.25 to \$2.50. Although the market is demoralized in fall apples in Liverpool it is thought that a good demand will be experienced for winter varieties.

Hides—The supply of hides continues to increase, but the demand is good and stocks do not accumulate at all. Prices are unchanged; but there are rumors that all dealers do not adhere to the figures to which they agree in the meetings of the trade. Lambskins are 70° as arranged by the trade. Caliskins are nearly out of season. We quote:—No. 1, 5c; No. 2, 4c; No. 3, 3c; tanners are paying le more; lamb-

skins, 70c; calfskins, 5c.

Wool.—The feature in our local market is the arrival of several car lots of British Columbia wool. From the samples shown, the wool seems more suitable for knitting yarn than for weaving, and will probably find purchasers for this purpose; it is being offered at 15c per lb. The price has been from 13½ to 15c for greasy Capes, and from 23½ to 34c for B.A. scoured. A couple of cars of Northwest wool have arrived and are being offered at 15c. We quote:
—Greasy Cape, 15 to 17c; B A. scoured, 29 to 36c; Northwest, 15 to 16c; British Columbia, 15 to 16.c.—Trade Bulletin, Oct. 14.

The Territories Gazette contains a proclamation calling upon the people of the Territories to observe Nov. 10th as Thanksgiving day,

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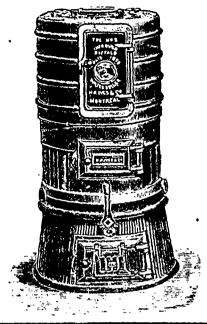
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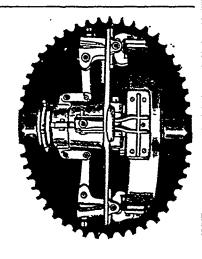
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WINNIPEG MARKETS.

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SATURDAY AFTERNOON, October 22.

The weather was a little unfavorable early in the week, but not much rain fell, and threshing, fall work on the farms, grain deliveries, etc., were not materially delayed, though the roads were bad for a short time in clay districts Business has been rather better, colder weather having induced more buying in dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, etc. Fuel is unchanged and firm. The prospects of getting any quantity of the new Souris coal on the market, seem to be growing more remote all the time. It is now announced that a mistake was made in running a drift at the mines, in consequence of which a great deal of development work will prove useless, and will cause another month's delay before coal can be taken out. Some are beginning to think there will be very little Souris coal on the market this winter. The first sharp frost of the season came on October 19. There was a brisk shower on Monday, and two or three very light sprinkles during the week, otherwise the weather has been favorable. In the far west there was a heavy snow storm a week ago. Considerable lumber and building material is selling. Glass is up 5 cents in the east.

GREEN FRUITS—Good apples are temporarily acaroe this week, but supplies are being replenished. Ontario crab apples have been a loosing line for the trade this year, owing to the bad condition in which they have arrived. but good stock from the States is now offering. The peach season is now about over, and only small lots now arriving. Cape Cod cran-berries have arrived in car lots. Prices are: Lousiana oranges, \$6.25 to \$6.60 box; Mesina lemons, \$8 to \$9 box; bananas, \$3.25 to \$3.75 bunch; tomatoes, 25 to 40 oper anas,\$3.25 to \$3.75 bunch; tomatoes, 25 to 40 oper 20-lb basket; green tomatoes, 25 oper basket. California peaches, \$2.00 to \$2.50 per box; California winter pears, \$4.25 \$4.50 per 40 lb box; California Tokay grapes, \$6.50 to \$7 per 40 lb crato as to quality; Ontario apples, early varieties, \$3.25 to \$3.50 per barrel, for good fruit; winter stook, \$3.50 to \$4; Ontario pears, 40c to \$1 per basket; Ontario grapes, 25 to 60c per 10 lb basket; crabs, \$7 to \$7 50 barrel. Cape Cod cranberries, \$10 barrel.

GENERAL WHEAT-The Columbus celebration in the United States led to the closing of the leading markets there two or three days of the There was no material change in the markets on Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday United States markets declined about le on large receipts and easy cables. Thursday and Friday were holidays.

LOCAL WHEAT-In Manitoba markets there has been no change of importance in prices. little higher was paid for choice hard wheat in some country markets. In a few instances we have heard of 57 to 59c being paid farmers at country points for choice samples, but the top price is usually about 54 to 55c at most points. Farmers' deliveries were considerably curtailed this week, owing to last week's and this week's rains.

FLOUR.—there has been no further change in prices. Prices are quoted as follows to the local trade in small lots per 100 pounds: Patents, \$2.65; strong baker's, \$1.85; XXXX, \$0 to 90c; superfine, 65c to 70c. Less than 100 pounds sacks 5c. extra per hundred.

MILISTOFIS.-Prices are steady and unchanged. Bran is selling at \$3 per ton to dealers, in broken lots to the local tradu.

OATS-Deliveries at this market by farmers | 15 to 16c.

have been light, owing to rain at the beginning of the week, and prices being lower than they care to sell at. The usual rarge of prices to farmers on the street market here is 20 to 210 per bushel of 34 pounds. In country markets prices to farmers range about 15 to 17c.

BARLEY.-City browers are paying 30c per bushel of 34 pounds for malting barley. Feed qualities are worth about the same as cats, per

GROUND FEED. - Unchanged at \$13 to \$15 per ton as to quality and quantity.

MRALS, ETC.—Some low grade outmest, mixed with wild buckwheat, is reported to have sold as low as \$1.50. \$2 is about the top range for best brands of rolled or granulated. Rolled and granulated outment held at about \$1.85 to \$2 per sack, according to brand and standard most 5c lower, these prices to retail traders. Cornmeal \$1.65 to \$1.70 per 100 lbs. Split peas \$2.60 to \$2.65 per 100 lbs. Beans \$1.75 to \$1.80 per bushel. Pot barley, \$2.60 to \$2.65 per 100 lbs. Pearl barley, \$4.15 to \$4.20.

DRESSED MEATS .- There is no material change in meats. Some fine mutton is now offering, being a car lot of sheep from Ontario, the price remain the same. About 7c is the usual price for dressed hogs, and butchers say they cannot always secure the qualities they want at that price. We quote: Beef 5 to 51c; dressed hogs 61 to 7c; mutton 11c; lamb 11 to 12c; veal 7 to 8c.

POULTRY-Slower sale and tendenny of prices lower. Dressed chickens 11c; geese and ducks 10c; turkeys 12kc.

VEGETABLES-Following are prices at which dealers buy from growers on the market: Po-tatoes 250 per bushel; turnips 15 to 20c bushel; cabbage 25 to 60c dozen; cauliflower 40 to 75c dozen; celery 25c dozen; cocumbers 15 to 25c dozen. Tomatoes bring 25 to 50c per 20 lb basket. Green tomatoes plentiful at 50c per bushel; onions 1½ to 2c per lb. Carrots, 30 to 40c bushel; beets, 30 to 40c bushel; parsnips,

BUTTER.-The situation remains firm, and prices are about as last quoted, with a better demand proportionately for creamery than for dairy, for shipment west. In fact there is a good demand for creamery, and factories are well cleaned up, but dairy is not wanted for the coast trade. A large lot '. dairy, in atore here, in quantity about 60,00. to 70,000 pounds, was cleaned out this week, which reduces stocks in the city very materially reduces stocks in the city very materially. We quote selected dairy, in round lots, at 15c, and average good lots 13 to 14c as to quality. In a small jobbing way dairy sells at 16 to 18c as to quality. Creamery jobbing at 22 to 25e as to quality.

CHEESE-Not much business doing, factories are strong at 10c, and some sak a little higher, but dealers are slow buyers.

Ecos-Prices are now firm at the advance, and 20c is the usual quotation, in case lots.

CURED MEATS-Dry salt long clear bacon, 9c: smoked long clear, 10½c; spiced rolls, 10½ to 11c; breakfast bacon, 13 to 13½c; smoked hams, 12½ to 13c; mess pork, \$16 to \$17 per barrel. Sausage quoted: Pork sausage, 10c; bologna sausage, 9c; German sausage, 9c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per halflb packet.

LARD—Compound hold at \$1.70 perpail. Pure at \$2.25 per 20 pound pail. In tine, 12 to 121c per pound.

Hides and Tallow — Prices are not changed for hides. We quoto: No. 1 cows 34c; No. 2, 24c; No. 1 steers, 5c; No. 2 steers, 4c; No. 3 2c lb. Feal veal 8 to 13 lb skins 4 to 50 per pound or about 40c per skin. Kips about same as hides. Sheep and lamb skins 40 to 50c each. Tallow, 43c rendered; 23c rough.

Wool-Dealers paying 91 to 101c for un-washed Manitoba fleece, as to quality. Washed,

SKNAGA ROOT-Prices have been firm. We quote 26 to 30c per pound for good dry root, though a little higher has been paid for finest atock.

HAY-Was not offered so freely on some days, owing to wet weather early in the week, but there was pleuty. Baled offered on track at country points at about \$5 per ton; loose on the sirect market \$3 to \$4 per ton.

LIVE STOCK-Further shipment of cattle ELIVE STOCK—Further shipment of cattle enstward have been made. A car of Ontario al sep arrived, of fine quality, and sold at 5c, cr something better. But hers say they would pay 43c off cars here for hogs, if they could get the kind they want Packers talk 43c off cars, at which figure the say they can buy.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Quotations below are per bushel for regular No. 2 wheat, which grade serves as a basis for speculative busness. Corn and cats are per bushel for No. 2 grade: mess pork quoted per barrel, land and short ribs per 100 pounds.

On Monday wheat was firm, advancing about

Je over Saturday but lost part of the advance, closing about 1c higher. Oats were 1c higher and corn 1c higher. Closing prices were:

	Oct.	Dec.	Jan	May
Wheat	732	753		80₹
Corn	42	421		451
Oats		31		34
Pork			18 221	
Lard			7 45	
Ribs			6 824	

Wheat was quiet on Tuesday. Prices fluctuated within a 1c range and closed 1 to 1c lower. Rains in the winter wheat region assisted the decline. Closing prices were.

	Oct.	Nov	Dec.	May.
Whoat	731		759	801
Corn	42	-	422	451
Oats		293	301	341
Pork		11 š5		
Lard		7 85		
Short Ribs 1	0 374			

Wheat was heavy on Wednesday. Cables were easy, receipts heavy. Closing prices were about le lower :

	Oct,	Nov.	Dec.	May.
Wheat	73 1		743	793
Corn	411	₹21	42	454
Oats	238	293	203	331
Pork	11 85	11 90		
Lard		7 90		
Short Ribs	10 50	7 85		

Minneapolis Markets.

Following were closing wheat quotations on Wednesday, October 19:

Oct. Doc. May. On tr'k Grades. 71 69 76 64 to 66 A year ago No. I Northern wheat, on track, closed at 391b.

Flour—Quoted at \$3.90 to \$4.30 for first patents; \$3.75 to \$3.90 for second patents, \$2.70 to \$3.10 for fancy and export bakers, \$1.25 to \$1.60 for low grades, in bags, including red dog.

Bran and Shorts-Production is too heavy all over the country for the product to be consumed at once, so that prices have to be made sumed at once, so that prices have to be made to consumers to justify them in laying it aside for the colder season, soon to make it needed. Prices ranged along the basis of \$8.25 to \$8.50 for bulk bran. Quoted at \$8.25 to \$8.50 for bran, \$9.00 to \$9.50 for shorts and \$10.00 to \$10.50 for middlings.

Oats-Market of cash oats was slow and most of offerings went to local dealers at considerably above what shippers could pay. Sales at

26 to 29c for car lots.

Barley—No. 3 sold at 38 to 41c.

Feed—Millers held at \$16.00 to \$16.50; less than car lots \$16.25 to \$16.75, with corn meal at \$15 to \$15.50; granulated meal, \$20.—Market Record, Oct. 19.

Dominion matches are up 25c a case, and are now quoted at \$3 in eastern markets. match mon say these and other matches will be atill higher.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

The number of cars of wheat inspected at Winnipeg for the two weeks ended October 8, and 15, is given below with the grading of the

Grade.	Oct. S	Oct 15.
Extra Manitoba hard	3	· o
No. 1 hard		25
No. 2 hard		217
No. 3 hard		60
No. 1 Northern	5	17
N 2 Northern	40	39
No. 3 Northern	4	Ü
No. 1 White fyfe	8	Մ 2
No. 2 White fyfe	2	12
No. 1 Frosted	$\overline{2}$	8
No. 2 Frosted	14	8
Rejected	34	76
No Grade		iš
Feed Wheat		-2
Total	393	481

For the week ended October 1, 304 cars were inspected.

Duluth Wheat Market.

Owing to the Columbus celebration, Thursday and Friday were observed as holidays accordingly there are no quotations on these days. Following is the Market Report's review of wheat for Wednesday, October 19.

We have had a very weak and slumping markot here to day, opening firm with buyers and trading both for cash wheats and for future delivery at last night's closing price. The mar-ket ruled farrly active with declining tendencies, with bulk of the business in cash wheats near the opening Trading in wheat futures near the opening Trading in wheat futures was as usual for No. 1 northern wheat and mainly for December and May delivery, both of which declined under slow trading from § to 3c below the opening deals by noon. The after-noon session was very dull, cash wheats fol-lowed the declines in futures and the close was at a lc decline all around for the day, except for No. 3 and rejected wheats, which were ic

Cash No. 1 hard wheat opened firm and un changed at 721 with small sales early at that ruled very dul, and closed le lower with small

sales near the close at 711.

Cash No. 1 northern opened steady and un-changed at 701 with fair sales in car lots early at that, declined with further good trading at 70. About 1 p. m. prices broke 2c to 692 with good sales, closed dull at 692

Cas. No. 2 northern opened unchanged at 65, declined to 64? No grade sold early at 643, later at 643. Regular grade closed dull at 3c further decline at 64.

No. 3 spring dull without transactions, closed he lower for the day at 59h.

Rejected wheat, nothing reported, closed ic

down for the session at 503.

Dec. No. 1 northern opened late at \$\frac{1}{2}\$c below yesterday's close at 71\$\frac{3}{2}\$, declined \$\frac{1}{2}\$c to 71\$\frac{1}{2}\$, rallied to 71\$\frac{1}{2}\$, broke to 71, with bulk of trade at the latter figure, ruled very dull during the afternoon and closed at \$\frac{1}{2}\$c further decline

at 701.

May No. 1 northern opened unchanged with first trading at yesterday's closing figures at 781, declined to 78, broke about 11 a. m. to 778, eased off to 771 and closed weak at 771.

British Grain Trade.

The Mark Lane Express of October 17 says that English wheat has fallen 1 shilling in London, but, neverth.less, the average is 19 pence better than in the provinces, where there is a miscrable preponderance of damp and unfit deliveries. It is estimated that more than 100,000 ars of new wheat were sold last week at 27 Canadian peas and tick beans. For the past six weeks imported foreign wheat has averaged 472,908 quarters weekly, 52 per cent. of which is American.

Beerbohm, October 7, says. "The wheat trade may feel, to an extent, relieved on the subject of superabundant stocks. What we have in store has often been exceeded in previous years,

with prices far higher than those current, and it is quite clear that the trade is far more able to carry largo stocks at lower prices than when values are comparatively high. The market has been slowly gaining in strength and confidence, the slower the improvement the better perhaps for the trade generally, but one thing scems tolerably certain—that on the eve of the winter period, with its increasing consumption, with a small English crop, and with fully 16,000,000 bu less to be received from India in the next eix months than was received last year, the natural bent of prices—starting from the recent depressed platform—is upward."

Comparative Prices of Staples.

Bradstreet's, New York, quotes prices on the following articles on October 14, as compared with prices a year ago that date:

Oct. 14, 1892	Oct. 16, 1891
\$3.65 to \$1.25	\$1.80 to \$5.20
\$3.50 to \$1.00	\$1 50 to \$5.00
791	\$1.041
499c.	601c.
342c.	31 c.
	81c.
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	\$3.50 to \$1.00 701 49/c. 31/c. 85 to 66c. \$6. to 56c. 34 to 36c. \$12.75 \$3.05 23 to 26c. 71/c. 34/c. 4 3-16c. 16/c.

Fodder Corn.

We are pleased to receive from Mr. Bedford, superintendent of the Manitoba experimental farm, the report below, giving the yield of fodder corn on the farm this year:

ı		Stage		ricia
	Variety	when cut		peracre
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	Thorobred White Flint	Silk	S feet	27 1,000
į	Evergreen Red t obEnsilage	Tasseled	9 "	26 800
	Mammoth Southern Sweet.	Tassel	9,6 **	26 140
Į	White Flint	Early milk	8.9 **	33 200
Į	Pearce's Prolific	7.	3,9 "	22
	Longfellow	44	9 "	20 1,800
į	Smut Nose	44	8,9 "	20 1,800
ı	Cinquatine	46	7'-11	20 1,800
١	Rustler	••	10 "	20 1,140
ı	Angel of Midnight		8,6**	20 1.140
ì	Pride of the North	* "	8 "	19 940
ı	North Dakota Filnt	Late Milk		19 940
ı	Crosby's Early Sugar	Early Milk		17 1.200
ì		٨٠٠٠٠ ١٠٠	ģ ··	17 1.200
1	Mitchell's Extra Early	Late Milk		17 1,200
Į		Early Milk		14 600
i	Dakota Dent	EATIV MIIK	10	
ı	Ride Out	••	8 "	12 200

The corn was sown on May 26, with a wheat drill, in rows three feet apart, and was cut on Aug. 31. Mr. Bedford says that although some of the southern varieties of corn give large yields they are quite late and he prefers the North Dakota Flint. It is early, leafy and a fair cropper. He says: "We have our corn all in the silos and the ensilage promises to be the best we have ever had on the farm. We are now busy taking up our root crop and have a good crop of them."

United States Potato Crop.

The potato crop, early and late, taken to-gether, are very poor. In Illinois 90 per cent. of the correspondents report that the crop is very poor, in many cases almost a complete failure. A nearly similar state of affairs exists in Indiana, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Wisconsin. In Ohio and Michigan the crops are slightly better, about two thirds of the counties reporting from a three-fourths to a full crop. Kentucky reports a full average crop in about half the counties. In Minnesota about one-third of the counties will yield an average crop, but in most of the others it is decidedly poor. More than half of the correspondenta in Dakota report a full crop.—Farmers' Review.

Liverpool Prices.

The Liverpool Corn Trade News, of October

The Liverpool Corn Trade News, of October 4, quotes the following prices.—
Barley, per 60 lbs., grinding, 2s 8d to 2s 10d. Flour, per 280 lbs., English patents, 27s to 28s 6d; English bakers, 22s to 24s; best Milwaukee patent, 25s to 27s; best Milwaukee bakers, 21s to 23s; best St. Louis patents, 26s 6d to 28s 6d; best St. Louis fancy, 23s 6d to 26s; best Minnesota patent, 26s to 28s; best Minnesota bakers, 23s to 25s. Low grades, 14s to 17s; Red Dog, 12s to 14s. Best Hungarian, 32s to 38s. Oats, per 45 lbs., English, choice, 3s 6d; do, white, 3s 6d to 3s 8d; do, yellow, 2s 8d to 2s 10d; do, black, 2s 8d to 2s 9d. Sligo and West Ireland, new, 2s 61 to 2s 7d. Cunadian and American, 2s 4d to 2s 4\forage d.

WHEAT NOW AND A YEAR AGO.

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Toronto Paints and Oil Prices.

Linseed oil has advanced equal to 1 icin England and United States crushers have settled their differences and put up prices 3c agallon. Prices are yet unchanged, however. There is some rumor of a second crushing mill being erected in the west. We quote on large lots erected in the west. We quote on large lots only: Pure white lead, ground in oil, association guarantee, 5½ to 5½c. Prepared paints (½. ½ and gal tins)—Pure, per gal, \$1.10; secand qualities, per gal, 90c. Colors in oil (25-lb tins, standard quality)—Venetian red, per lb, 5±: chrome yellow, per lb, 14c; chrome green, per lb, 8c; French Imperial green, 14c. Colors, dry—Yellow ochre (J. C.), in bbls, per cwt, \$1.35 to \$1.40; Venetian red, (R. C. 2), per cwt, \$1.50: English oxides, in bbls, per lb. per owt, \$1.35 to \$1.40; Venetian red, (R. C. 2), per cwt, \$1.50; English oxides, in bbls, per lb, 3½c; American in bbls, per lb, 2½c; Canadian, in bbls, 1½c; Paris green, 12 to 15c; burnt umber, per lb, 5c; chrome yellows, per lb, 11 to 12c; chrome greens, per lb, 12c; Indian red, 6c for ordinary, 10c for pure; agricultural red, 20 to 22c; golden ochre, 3½ to 4c. Tube colors—First break, 80c; second break, \$1.25; third break, \$2 40. Linseed oil, is bbls—Raw, 1 to 3 bbls, 57½c; 4 to 10 bbls, 57c; boiled, 3c over these figures; at Toronto, Hamilton, London and Guelph, 2c is allowed tor freight. Turpentine, in bbls—Selected packages, per gal, 40½c, freight allowed. Glue, common, broken, in bbls, 10 to 11c; French medal, 11 to 12c; cabinetmakers', 17 to 18c; white, 16 to 17c. Castor oil, per lb, \$ to 8½c. Putty, \$2 per cwt. Resin, \$1 per cwt. Pine tar, (pint tins), \$1 per doz.

Toronto Markets.

Flour-Quiet and unchanged. Straight roller was bought at \$3.15, Toronto freights.

Wheat-Steady, but quieter than yesterday. White and red were bought north and west at 65c standard and 66 to 66le for straight. Spring was bought at 64c straight on the Midland. Manitoba wheats quiet, with some purchases of sample cars the principal business. Two lots of hard wheat better than No. 2 were bought at 84 and 85c North Bay. On call 89c was bid for No. 1 hard December and 914c January. No. 2 hard was enquired for at 85c North Bay November, with sellers at SSc; Sile was bid for spot stuff.

Barley-Low grades in quiet demand, but No. 1 continues to be enquired for with but little offered and prices nominal. A car No. 3

extra sold on track here at 39c.

Oats—Firm and in demand. On call 27c was bid October, and 27½ November west. Purchases of mixed were made west at 27½c, and white at 28 to 29½c, and east bids of 28½ and 29c were made.

Grain and Flour-Car prices are: Flour (Toronto freights), Manitoba patents, \$4.45 to \$4.60; Manitoba atrong bakers', \$4.00 to \$4.25; Ontario patents, \$3.40 to \$3.50; straight roller, \$3.12\frac{1}{2}\to\$3.40; extra,\$2.90\to\$3.00; low grades per bag, \$1\to\$1.50. Bran—\$11.50\to\$12.00. Shorts—\$12.50\to\$13. Wheat—'straight west and north points)—White, 65\to\$6\frac{1}{2}\text{c}; goose, 55\to\$60\text{c}; spring, 60\to\$63\text{c}; red winter, 65\to\$60\frac{1}{2}\text{c}; goose, 55\to\$60\text{c}; spring Midland,64\to\$65\text{c}; No. 1\text{ hard, North Bay, 39\to\$90\text{c}; No. 2\text{ hard, 83\to\$84\text{c}; No. 3\text{ hard, 73\to\$74\text{c}; No. 1\text{ frosted, 63\to\$65\text{c}; Peas—No. 2, 58\to\$60\text{c}. Barley—No. 1, 49\to\$60\text{c}. No. 2, 43\to\$40\text{; No. 3, extra, 39\to\$40\text{c}; No. 3, 38\to\$39\text{c}; two-rowed, 54\to\$4\to\$nunds, averaging about No. 3, extra color (outside), 40\to\$45\text{c}. Corn—60\to\$60\text{c}. Buckwheat—Outside 40\text{c}. Rye—59\to\$60\text{c}.

Eggs—Receipts were somewhat better, but the market continues firm under a strong demand. Several round lots were bought at outside points to day at equal to 14½ and 15c on spot. The ruling price to-day was 16c, although a few sales of small lots were reported at 16½c.

Beans-Dull, at \$1.25 per bushel for job lots on spot.

Potatoes—Steady; car lots are held here at 50 to 55c; out of atore dealers ask 60c per bag.

Hides—Cured are steady with only a moderate movement, at 5c for car lots on spot; green sell at 44c.

Skins-Callskins are unchanged at 5 to 7c for city inspected, sheepskins are bringing 70c

Apples, Dried—The movement is yet small on account of the free offerings of green apples; job lots of dried sell at 4½ to 5 c; new evaporated are held at 7½ to 8c.

Poultry—Offerings liberal, demand fair. We quote: Turkeys. 10 to 12c per lb; geese, do. 7 to 71c; ducks, per pair, 60 to 65c; chickens, do, 40 to 50c.

Tallow-Easy. Dealers paying 5c for rendered and 2c for rough.

Wool—Trade unimproved and quiet. Fleece combing is taken at 17c; clothing do, at 20c. Pulled wools are dull and unchanged.

Butter.—The market was better supplied to-day, but the demand easily absorbed the offerings and prices remain firm. Extra choice lots of dairy tub butter sold at 18½ to 19c, while good grades were at from 16 to 18c. Store packed tub was held at 12 to 16c, and bakers' butter at 13 to 14c. The market was closely cleaned up at the close.

Cheese—Steady, with a moderate jobbing movement reported at 10 c. Several large local dealers are talking of advancing the price to n account of the high prices at which cheese is held at the different country markets.

Dressed Hogs-Steady and in good demand. Small lots were bought at \$6.50.

Cured Meats—Mess pork, United States, \$14.50 to \$15.50; short cut, \$16.00 to \$17.00; bacov, long clear, per lb, 7% to 8c; lard, Canadian tubs and psils, 9% to 10c; compound, do, 7% to 9c; tierces, 9 to 10c. Smoked meats—Hams,per lb, 11% to 12%; bellies, per lb, 12% to 13c; rolls, per lb 9 to 9%; backs, per lb, 11% to 12%.

Fruits—Niagara and Delaware grapes were stendy at 3c. Pears sold at 30 to 65c per basket, with a fair demand. Some very good late Crawford peaches brought \$1.25 per basket, while most of the offerings sold at \$1 to \$1.10. Other lines were unchanged and ateady at the following prices: Apples, per barrel, new, \$1.25 to \$1.75; bananas, per bunch, \$1 to \$1.25; crab apples, per basket, \$15 to 20c.

Cattle—Offerings of export cattle were limit cd to about six loads and there was no fancy far stock amongst these. Prices ruled low and casy at 3½ to 4c per lb., the outside price being paid for the few good cattle on offer. The stocker trade was on a poor basis to day and prices were lower than they have yet been this season, some rough thin cattle being reported sold as low as 2c. Good loads changed hands at 2½ to 5c per pound and choice at 3½ to 3½ per pound. Six loads of northwest cattle were placed on the market to-day, but the were in a

stocker-like condition and did not bring out very high prices. The demand for good butchers' was fair, but the quality on the whole was poor and prices in consequence had an easy tendency. Extra choice loads soid up to 3\(\frac{1}{2}\) oper 1b.; good do, 3 to 3\(\frac{1}{2}\); medium, 2\(\frac{1}{2}\) to 2\(\frac{1}{2}\); per 1b.. Bulls sold slowly at 2 to 2\(\frac{1}{2}\)c per 1b. The market closed easy and prices are not considered bright for next week.

Sheep and Lambs—Of the 330 offered lambs predominated, and as a consequence of this and only a moderate demand, did not bring out fancy prices, although some very good stock came in. Culls sold as low as \$2 per head, while good to choice animals ranged at from \$2.75 to \$3.50 per head. Sheep were quiet at \$4 to \$4.50 yer head.

Hogs—The hog market, although abundantly supplied to-day with nearly 1.600 hogs, ruled steady if not firm. This was owing principally to the improved conditions of the offerings. The prices of Tuesday ruled for the most part to-day, and the close was steady figures. Choice hogs, averaging 180 to 200 pounds, sold at \$5.00 to \$5.10 per cwt., weighed off car, while heavy rough hogs were steady at \$4.25 to \$4.60 per cwt. Stores were not wanted, and were easy at around to per pound.—
Empire, October 15.

Toronto Grocery Market

Sugars, Syrups and Molasses—Jobbing prices in sugars are now 3\(\frac{a}{2}\)c up for yellows and 4\(\frac{a}{2}\)c for granulated. This bardly realizes the cost. Syrups are meeting with a fair demand. Dark grades scarce, but some very fine are offered at 2\(\frac{1}{2}\)c, which is below their actual value compared with other grades. Molasses in fair demand at 28 to 3\(\frac{a}{2}\)c for West Indian in barrels and halves. Sugars—Granulated, 4\(\frac{a}{2}\)to 6\(\frac{a}{2}\)c parts lump, boxes, 5\(\frac{1}{2}\)c; cxtra ground, bbls, 5\(\frac{1}{2}\)to 6\(\frac{a}{2}\)c powdered, bbls, 4\(\frac{1}{4}\)ci 0\(\frac{1}{2}\)c; refined, dark to bright, 3\(\frac{a}{2}\)to 4\(\frac{1}{2}\)c; powdered, bbls, 4\(\frac{1}{4}\)ci 0\(\frac{1}{2}\)c; extra ground at 2\(\frac{1}{2}\)ci 0\(\frac{3}{2}\)c; Barbados 3\(\frac{1}{2}\)to 3\(\frac{1}{2}\)c. Syrups—D. 1\(\frac{1}{2}\)to 2\(\frac{1}{2}\)c; M. 2\(\frac{1}{2}\)to 2\(\frac{1}{2}\)c; B. 2\(\frac{1}{2}\)to 2\(\frac{1}{2}\)c; XX 2\(\frac{1}{2}\)to 3\(\frac{1}{2}\)c. Syrups—D. 1\(\frac{1}{2}\)to 2\(\frac{1}{2}\)c; E. V. B. 2\(\frac{1}{2}\)to 2\(\frac{1}{2}\)c; ex. super. 2\(\frac{1}{2}\)to 2\(\frac{1}{2}\)c; XX 2\(\frac{1}{2}\)to 3\(\frac{1}{2}\)c; cx. super. 2\(\frac{1}{2}\)to 2\(\frac{1}{2}\)c; XX 2\(\frac{1}{2}\)to 3\(\frac{1}{2}\)c; XX and special 3 to 3\(\frac{1}{2}\)c. Molasses—West Indian, bbls 30 to 50c New Orleans, open kettle, 45 to 55\(\frac{1}{2}\)c centri-fugals 30 to 40c; inferior low grades 2\(\frac{1}{2}\)to 2\(\frac{1}{2}\)c. The shorters of low

Teaa and Cosses.—The shortage of low grade Japans is, it possible, getting more pronounced every report, and this is being appreciated inasmuch as larger orders are being given by retailers; the demand is chiefly for teas at 15 to 17c, the supply of which is limited. Other grades and kinds unchanged. Cosses quiet, though primary markets are firm. Rio advices are strong. Prices are: Rio: 18 to 21c; Jamaico, 19 to 20c; Java, 25 to 31c; Mocha, 28 to 32½c; Porto Rico, 23 to 25c.

Dried Fruits—The market is now, fully supplied with raisins, currants and figs, the stock from the Avalona, the first direct steamer from the Mediterranean, now being in store. Denia market for Valencia raisins is very much stronger, consigned goods being momentarily withdrawn from the market in anticipation of improved prices. Prime quality are being sold at 5½ to 5½c, and ordinary 4½ to 5c, with selected at 7 to 7½c. Currants—Barrels, 5½c; do fancy 6c; half-barrels5½ to 5½c; cases 6 to 6½c; Vostizza cases 6½ to 9c; Patras, bbls 7c; cases, 7c. Raisins—Valencias 4½ to 5½c; layers, 7 to 7½c; Sultanas, 7½ to 8c; London layers \$3.25. to \$3.30; black baskets, \$3.75; blue do, \$4.75; connoisseur clusters, \$4.50. Figs—Elemes, 10 lbs and, up 11 to 16c; Dates—Halloweo 5 to 5½c. Prunes—Cases 5 to 6½c; hlds 4 to 4½c. Nuts—Almonds, Tarragona 13½ to 15c; Ivica 14 to 15c; do shelled, Valencia 29 to 35c; filberts, Sicily 10½ to 11c; walnuts, Grenoble 14c, Bordeaux 11 to 12c Canned Goods—The position of salmon is now confirmed, orders only having been partled.

Canned Goods—The position of salmon is now confirmed, orders only having been partly filled and as the pack is over this assures if not absolute famine in the spring a very much higher market. At the moment the lowest que-

tatisn for good brands is \$1 45. Peas, corn and tomatoes in good demand, but at very low prices, the assortment of first class goods being obtainable at 90 to 95c. Peas are not offering so freely but corn and tomatoes are still being packed. Fish—Salmon, 1's flat, \$1.60 to \$1.30; salmon, 1's tail, \$1.40 to \$1.55; lobster, clover leaf, \$2.95; lobster, other ls,'\$1.75 to \$2.25; mackerel \$1 to \$1.25 finnan haddie, \$1.40 to \$1.50; sardines, French ½'s, 40c; sardines, French ½'s, 17c; sardines, American ½'s, 6 to 8c; sardines American ½'s, 9c. Fruits and vegetables—Tomatoes, 3's, 90c to \$1; corn, 2's, 90 to \$1.0; beans 90c to \$1; pumpkins 75 to \$1; strawberries and raspberries, 2's, \$2.10 to \$2.25; apples, gals, \$1.75 to \$2.00; 3's \$5c to \$1; peaches, 2's, \$1.90 to \$2.10; peaches, 3's, \$2.85 to \$3.25; plums, 2's, \$1.40 to \$1.75; 3's \$2.65; pears, 2's, \$1.60 to \$1.75; 3's \$1.75 to \$2.10.

Spices, Rice, etc.—Rice, bags 3½ to 4c; do off grades 3½ to 3½c; do Patna 4½ to 5½c; do Japan 4½ to 5½c; sago 3½ to 4½c; tapicca 4½ to 5c; pepper, black 11½ to 12c; do white 18 to 25c; ginger, Jamaica 18 to 20c; cloves 10 to 15c; allspice 10 to 12c; nutmeg 90c to \$1.10; cream tartar 28 to 35c.

Peels—The market is quiet and unchanged at 16 to 17c for lemon, 161 to 18c for orange and 25 to 28c for citron.—Empire, Oct. 14.

Mr. Ormestead, an experienced sheep man, of Ontario, has arrived with 150 sheep, for D. W. Buchanan of Winnipeg. The sheep are all selected breeding stock, and include some imported English Shropshires.

A change of advertisement for Mackenzie, Powis & Co., wholesale grocers, Winnipeg, announcing receipt of stocks of new season China teas, now rice, new canned salmon, new Cross & Blackwell goods, etc., was overlooked until too late to be inserted this week.

About the best sale of wheat we have heard of this season, says the Times, of Brandon, Man, was that made by Peter Leitch, of Alexander, who sold his whole crop to a local buyer of that town at 60 cents a bushel. The grain graded extra Manitoba hard.

Some very low quotations are being made on canned vegetables to the wholesale trade by packers, says the Toronto Empire. Retailesr are buying cautiously. They have still a supply of old on hand. It is admitted that prices are reasonably cheap, but there is still inuch uncertainty as to the pack. The general impression is that the market may go still lower. At the moment assorted lots of corn, peas, and tomatoes, are offered at 90c to \$1 for good brands. Salmon strong with a good demand, chiefly for lots; locally the supply light.

Ohairman Midgeley, of the Western Freight Association, says the Minneapolis Murket Record, has arranged for a conference with the representatives of the New England roads at Bostin, Oct. 26, to fix a schedule of west bound rates to govern after the close of lake navigation. Already the rates are beginning to go up. The Canadian Pacific has announced an advance in fourth, fifth and sixth class rates to the basis of 250 per 100 lbs, Boston, to Minneapolis and St. Paul. taking effect Oct. 20. The first three classes remain at 51, 45 and 35 respectively. No trouble is anticipated in bringing about a complete restoration of rates immediately after the close of the lake navigation.

The November issue of Canada, a Canadian monthly paper, appears in a new form, and the price is reduced to 50 cents ayear. Astery by Prof. Roberts, the Hudson Bay Company, The Snewbird in Canada, with well chosen selections, and the departments, Canadians, The Editor's Talk, Home Topics, Graver Thoughts, etc., make a very interesting number of this pariotic and excellent monthly. All who subscribe before New Year's Day will receive Canada a whole year for 25 conts in postage stamps. Address, Matthew. R. Knight, Hampton, New Brunswick.

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Less than barrels, pergallon. 72	Camphor	TIN PLATES—Charcoal Plates, Bright. Bradley M. L. S Per box.	Axes—Per box 6.50 to 15.50
GLUE, S.S., in sheets, per pound. 15	Camphor cunces	I. C., usual sizes	Axla Grass—Per gross 10.00 to 14.00 Wirn—Clothes line, galv., p.
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44 44 Sunlight 29	Chlorate potash 25 to .30	I.C., usual sizes 5.75 to 6.00	
Silver Star 26 Water white 33	Citirio acid	I. X " 7.00 to 7.50	Manilla, per lb., 141 to 151.
Water white 83 Opalero 32	Copperas	Charcoal Plates—Terne. Dean or J. G. Grado—	Cotton, 25 to 27.
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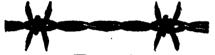
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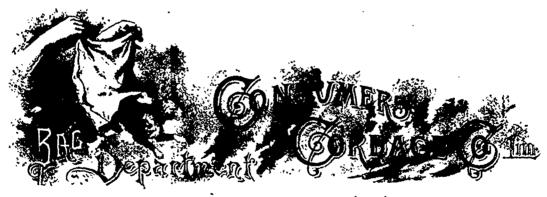
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British Columbia Business Review.

Tuesday, Ostober 18th, 1892.

There is nothing to distinguish the present business from what has provailed for several weeks past. Prices in most lines remain steady. A cut is contemplated cherely in the price of beef, as the result of the cattle men of the Interior forming a company to "buck" the butchers of the coast, by opening shops in opposition.

Wet weather has set in. However, the experience of this coast is that business activity has been the greatest during the rainy season.

There is a good deal of money in circulation, compared with a few months ago. Business in every line is much better. The volume of shipping is exceptionally large at the present time, and the tennage of ships in port exceeds that of any time recently.

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The sealers are all in no w, with one or two exceptions, and the skins either stored or shipped to England. Present prices are low and unprofitable, the anticipations of a few months

ngo not having been realized.

Canned salmon is firm and upward in tendency. The season's pack has pretty nearly all been placed at high prices. Proparations are being made for a big catch next year and soveral new canneries will be erected on the Fraser river.

The real estate movement generally has subsided, and the only transactions now reported are those of business or residential property actually in demand.

The mining camps are now beginning to close up for the winter and the miners and prospectors are beginning to come out. On the whole, the season has been a fairly active one, and a good atart in the Kootenay country for another year's operations. Business generally in the Interior is quiot.

B.C. Market Quotations.

Poultry, Game, etc.—Game is not so plentiful as formerly and poultry are always scarce. Quotatious are: Blue grouse per pair, is worth 750; piotails, 350; mallard, 500; teal, 200; partridges, 500; chickens, \$4.50 to \$5.50; ducks, \$6; geese, \$7; turkeys, 180 per lb, live weight. Venison, 5 to 60 per lb.

Fish.—Saimon is in fair supply, but other fish is scarce. Quotations are: Salmon, 6 to 7c; cod fish, 6 to 7c; flounders, 4 to 5c; sturgeon, 4 to 5c.

SUGARS—Quotations are: Dry granulated 53c; extra C53c; fancy yellow 5c; yellow 43c; golden C 43c; syrups per ib 3c; Redpath's ayrups 2 lb tin 15c; do 8 lb tin; 50c; do kegs 33c per lb.

SHIPPING.—The volume is large and the tonnage of shipping in port is considerable. The following is the tonnage of ships.

Port.	No.	Tonnage.
Vancouver	8	10,9 <i>)</i> 0
Victoria		1,817
New Westminster	1	802
Nanaimo	10	12,394
Total	21	25,913

VEGETABLES.—The market is well supplied in all lines. Cal. onions, are quoted 1½c per lb; B. C. onions, 1½c; turnips, beets, and carrots \$15 a ton; potatoes, \$12 to \$15 a ton; parantos. Ic per lb.

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DAINY.—Good dairy butter is scarce and in demand. Creamery in 20 lb tubs is 29 s and in 50 and 70 lb tubs 28 s. Manitoba dairy is 22 to 23c. Jersey creamery in tins is from 28 to 30c. Cheese is 1340 and steady.

Edgs—Eastern eggs remain at 20s. There is a good supply in the market.

Hongr—Smith Bros. Chilliwack, quote as follows: 1 lb glasses, per dozen, \$2.75; 1 lb combs, per dozen \$2.50; 3 lb jars, per dozen, \$7.75; eastern honey is 12c per pound; strained honey, 13c.

MEATS, ETC—The market is firm. For Cauadian meats quotations are: Wiltshire cured hams, 162; do bacon, 161; do backs, 15c; do sides, 15do; eastern hams, 15c; bacon, 16c; rolls, 12c; smoked sides, 12dc; long clear 11c; barrel pork, \$21; 3 5 and 10 lb tins lard, 13c; 20 lb pails lard, 12dc; 50 lb tubs lard, 12c; tierces lard, 11do. Lard compound is 11c.

FLOUR GRAIN AND FEED.—The market shows little or no change. There is little probability of prices advancing for some time. Flour, Mani toba patents, \$5.20; strong baker., \$5.30; ladies' choice \$5.70; prairie lily, \$5.30; Oregon \$5.60; Spokane \$5.65; Enderby mills—Premier \$5.65; three star \$5.25; two star \$5.25; oatmeal eastern \$3.40; California granulated, in gunnies, \$4.35; National mills, Victoria \$4.25; rolled oats eastern \$3 to \$3.25; California \$3.75; National mills \$3.65; commeal \$3.10; split peas \$3.50; pearl barley \$4.50. Kice—The Victoria rice mills quote wholesale: Japan rice, per ton, \$77.50; China rice, do, \$70; rice flour, do, \$70; chit rice, do, \$25; rice meal, do \$17.50; chopped feed \$31 per ton; bran \$19; shorts, \$21; cats, \$28; wheat \$30; cil cake \$40; hay, \$16. Wheat is quoted in car lots for feed No. 2 regular at \$21 to \$23 per ton; oats \$22; chop barley \$25. California malting barley \$26 to \$27 f.o.b. in San Francisco. California chop \$32 to \$33. The Western Milling Co.'s quote bran in car lots, \$19.50 per ton; shorts, \$20.50; mixed chop, \$25; rye \$38; patent flour \$4.60; B. C. wheat is quoted at \$29 to \$30 per ton, and oats at \$25; Beans are 40 per lb.

DRESSED MEATS, LIVE STOCK, ETC—As the result of the Kamloops Cattle Co. opening in the butchering business on the coast, there may be a cut in the prices of beef. So far quotations are steady at the following. Live steers, 4c; cows, 3½c; dressed beef, 7½c; lambs \$4.50 apiece; dressed \$5; sheep 5½c; mutton, 12o; hogs 8c; pork, 11c; calves, 7c; veal, 11c.

FRUITS, NUTS, ETC.—The principal fruits in the market are pears, grapes and apples, all imported except the apples. Quotations are: Stelly lamons \$8 50 to \$10; coccanuts \$1.10 par doz; bananas \$3 75 to \$4; almonds 20c; walcuts 13c; filberts 15c; pine 20c; Virginia peasuuts 13c; California 10c; Brazil 15c; evaporated apples 17c; do prunes 10 to 13c; do peaches 18c; do apricots 19c; raisins \$2 to \$2.75; B.C. tomatoes 90c to \$1.10; prunes \$1.25 and scarce; pears \$1.80; apples \$1.10 to \$1.75; watermelous are 20c each; grapes \$1.75. A trial shipment of Concord grapes was received last week and offered at \$1 a basket of 10 pounds, but are going slow owing to the high price; They vere in better condition than the California grapes, although coming much farther.

CANNED SALMON—Local sales in jobbing lats are being made at \$5.25 per case. Car late for export are quoted at \$4.60 to \$4.75. The market is firm.

LUMBER—Quotations for Douglas fir lumber in cargo lots for foreign shipment, being the prices of the Pacific Pine Lumber Association: Rough merchantable, ordinary sizzs, in lengths to 40 feet inclusive, \$9 per M feet; deck plank, rough, average length 35 feet, per M \$19; dressed T. and G. flooring \$17; pickets, rough, \$9; lath, 4 feet, \$2 per M. Local quotations: Rough merchantable lumber per M \$12; double dressed and edged \$22.50; single do \$20; No. 1 tongued and grooved flooring, 1 x 4, \$22.60; rough deck plank \$14, laths per M \$2.25; shingles, common, per m, \$2.25. Eight per cent. on all accounts over 30 days standing.

HIDES AND SKINS—San Francisco quotations, which average about 10 higher than Victoria, are: Dry hides per 1b 90 per 1b; culls 6c; brands 6c. Kip 9c; culls and brands 6c. Heavy salted steer, sound, 7½ to 72c; brands and culls

6jo; medium 62; brands and culls 4jc; do light 4jc; do brands and culls 3jc. Salted caws 4 to 4jc; do brands and culls 3jc. Salted kip 4c; do brands and culls 3c. Salted veal 5c; do brands and culls 4c. Salted calf 7c; do br ats and culls 5c. Long worl pelts 90x to \$1.40 each; medium do 70 to 90c; short do 40 to 70c; shearling 10 to 25c. Deerkskins, summer, 37jc per 1b; do medium 30 to 30jc; do winter and long haired skins 20 to 25c. Elk hides 10 to 13c. Goatskins prime and perfect 30 to 50c each; damaged 10 to 25c; kids 5 to 10c.

COLL—In his regular weekly circular, J. W. Hirrison writes in reference to the San Francisco coal market: "The receipts of coal for the week consist of 11,013 tens from the Coast mines and 17,350 tens from fereign sources. Business is fair, but profits are small, although the tendency of the market is upward. Spot prices have not been advanced, but cargoss for future delivery are held at higher figures. Cable advices report an advance in the Australia and English freights, but as buyers are unwilling to pay the figures asked little business in futures is being done. Importers do not seem disposed to order shipments unless prior to loading they can dispose of their cargoes at profitable prices. The result is that very little foreign coal is baing loaded."

Brief Business Notes.

Moodyville saw mill has resumed work.

Josh. L. Lavy, cigars, opened in Victoria.

J. U. Steen, hotel, Donald, is out of business.
M. F. Campbell & Cz., grocers, Victoria, have sold out.

Mrs. Thomas, millinery, Vancouver, is out of business.

John Backer, general store, Dawlney, has assigned.

Stark & Tidy, grocers, Vancouver, are giving up business.

E. B. Irving, cigars, Victoria, has sold out to Wm. Christie.

R. G. Howell & Co., art dealers, Victoria, have assigned.

C. C. Dempster, Na min, will re-open in real estate again.

Natural gas has been struck at Port McNeill, Vancouver Island.

Geo. B. Wiley, restaurant, Vernon, has sold out to C. C. Newhard.

British barque Columbus has arrived at Vancouver to load lumber.

Last of the Victoria scaling fleet has returned from the north.

Gallagher & Stovenson, livery, etc., Vernon, advertise business for sale.

The Japan Tea Co. has opened at 533 West-minster, Ave., Vancouver.

Aug. F. Turner will open in stationery, toys and fancy goods in Victoria.

G. A. Roedde, of the Vancouver bookbinding Co., has admitted a partner.

John Mahrer has been appointed manager of the Union Brewing Co., Nanaimo.

Morrison & MoR 10, blacksmiths, etc., Vanconver, succeeded by McRae & Co.

S. J. Emmanuels is opening in Vancouver as a real estate banker, auctioneer, etc.

Whitfield & Foster, real estate and commission business, have opened in Nanaimo.

The ship Fingal has been towed to Victoria to load lumber for the United Kingdom.

The American schooner, Lyman D. Foster, is loading lumber at Moodyville for Sydney.

There are said to be a number of counterfeit 1892 Cauadian silver quarters in circulation.

Chas. Mair, Prince Albert, Sask., has opened a general store at Kelowna, West Kootenay.

Lequime Bros. & Co., general store, Okanagan Mission, are opening a branch at Kelowna. F. McD. Young and E. M. Yarwood, barristors, Nanaimo, nave entered into partnership.

The Puget Sound & Alaska S. S. Co. has passed into the control of the Northern Pacific.

The British barque Chili is due from London with merchandise consigned to Turner, Beeton & Co.

Over \$10,000 worth of course gold has been taken out of Hall Creek, West Kootenay, this season.

The British barque Thermopyla with 1,150 tons of puddy rice is enroute from Nagasaki to Victoria.

Two more canactics are to be built on the Fauser in naticipation of the big salmon run next year.

The Sydney Coal Co. is a new firm in Victoria, handling Wellington coal. J. G. Rayner is manager.

The Miner says that there is no doubt that from reports from Scotland, the Silver King has been sold.

The staamer Mystery has been chartered by the Port-Winch Co. to fish for halibut on the Northern Coast.

W. J. Harper, lata of Vernon News, contemplates publishing a weekly paper at Fairview Camp, West Koptenay.

Part of the Empress of India's last cargo was a small consignment of Ingersoll (Out.,) cheese for the oriental market.

An assay of \$135 to the ton has been reported from one of the recently discovered claims in the Slave river valley.

Bourne & Co., merchants of Revelstoke and Nakusp, have bought out Hunter & McKinnon, general store, New Denver.

John White, ex M.P., of the Toronto Milling Co., is building a saw mill at Sydney, B.C. It will have a capacity of 60,000 feet per day.

The British barque American is realy to sail from Liverpool with a full carge of murchandise consigned to Turner, Beeton & Co, Victoria.

American barque Colorado has brought 1,350 tons bituminous rock for street paving in Vancouver from Port Hartford, Southern California

Thos. York of Sumas has purchased the Kingston building in Huntingdon, formerly occupied by E. E. Morrissy, general merchant.

Victoria passed a \$25,000 street loan by-law the other day, but defeated the \$100,000 surface drainage by law. The latter was badly needed.

An order has been granted by the Supreme Court calling on Vancouver city to show cause why the \$300,000 bonus by law in aid of the N. P. R.

R. G. Howell & Co., pictures, etc., Victoria, have assigned to J. G. Brown and Joseph Sears. Assets \$2,800, liabilities \$1,400, of which \$1,100 is local.

Webster & Edmunds are going to reopen the works of the defunct Vancouver Manufacturing & Trading Co., and carry on the manufacture of tubs and pails.

The barque Scammell Bros. has just loaded at Hastings mill with 891,000 ft. of sized lumber and four spars, 90 ft long for the U.S. navy. Value, \$11,763.

B.C. Cooperage and Jute Co., Vancouver, capital \$50,000, is asking for incorporation. The provisional trustees are B. T. Rogers, Wm. Prentice, Watson Exetman.

The schooler Halcyon, popularly supposed to exist by smuggling opium, Chicalien, etc., to the other side has been seized and fined \$500 by the Victoria collector of customs.

The R. P. Rithet, a new steel barque, with a carrying capacity of 1750 tens dead weight, has arrived from the Clyde. She is owned in Honolulu and will be represented by R. F. Rithet & Co., Victoria.

H. V. Edmonds, J. A. Webster and J. W. Vaughau, Vancouver, are applying under the

Companies' Act for incorporation as "The Coal Hill Kamloops Mineral and Mining Co. ' Non-inal capital is \$150,000.

Capt. Cooper, of Westminster, is going to try an experiment to increase the speed of the Courser by adding 35 feet to her length and putting side wheels as well as a stern wheel, with a double set of engines.

A. A. Richardson, dry goods merchant has assigned for the benefit of his creditors. The assignee is John Ferguson of Toronto, accountant in trust for the creditors. A receiver has been placed in charge.

M. H. London has completed the sale of a piece of land on Lulu Island to Hennessey, Winch & Alexander, who will erect a cannery with a front of 184 feet on the river. The capacity of the new cannery will be 20,000 cases.

Negotiations which have been in progress for a number of months for the purchase of the W. P. Sayward mills, Victoria, by a Taco na syndicate, have been concluded. The mills, which have a capacity of 100,000 per day of 10 hours, will resume work immediately.

The annual general meeting of the share-holders of the Victoria and Sydney railroad was held en Wednesday and the following officers elected: President, P. C. Dunlevy; vice president and treasurer, M. H. Cowan; secretary, Robert Irving; directors, W. J. Macauly, Julius Brethour, M. H. Cowan, P. C. Dunlevy and R. Irving.

Johd T. Edwards, of Kamloops, manager of the Kamloops Cattle Co., is making arrangements for the opening of a butcher's shop in Vancouver. He has engaged the old slaughter house at Hastings and will use two stalls in the city market. James Woodland, of Kam loops, will be local manager, and Mr. Edwards will look after the supply of cattle.

George Attwood and Mr. Reynolis, of London, have bought the Rattler mine and mill at Fairview, British Columbia, and also the Brown Bear, Ontario and Wynn, all gold propeties. These gentlemen will now go to England, and on their return, in a couple of months, will build reduction works on the properties. They have already secured land on the Okanagan river for millsite, etc.

Now that the winter is approaching the exolus from the Kootenay district is commencing. There promises to be a big immigration into there next season, while there will be more work carried on this winter in the mines than in any previous year. It is now possible to reach most of the important centres by the trails which have been constructed, and Mr. Wardner expects to pack ore out from Slocan throughout the winter.

The Texada Gold and Silver mining Company, who hold four mining claims as well as acreage property on Texada Island, have given a "bonded lease" to American capitalists. It is understood that if the negotations are consumated a strong American company will be formed to test the value of the quartz ledges. The Texada company comprises the following citizens: Dr. Praeger, A. Raper, T. D. Jones, E. Priest, W. E. Webb, T. Morgan, D. Jones and J. W. Stirtan.

Van Loben Sels is adopting a slightly different plan for the Sumus dyking operations, from the original project. It is now proposed to make a canal through the Sumas lake and district. The estimated cost of the work is as follows:—Gates, pump house and works, \$100,000; river dykes, \$60,000; Atchelitz dyke, \$10,000; pipe line to gates from head of Lucka-Kuck, five miles at \$15,000 per mile, \$75,000; improving Lucka-Kuck, \$20,000; extras, \$10,000. Total, \$275,000.

A change has been made in the firm of J. E. Crane & Co., real estate, insurance, etc. John Bennett and R. A. Cunningham have associated themselves with Mr. Crane, and the firm's business is extended to include a microantile line. Mr. Crane will attend to the insurance depart-

ment, Mr. Cunningham to the real estate and bond department and Mr. Bennett to the mercantile department. A large number of English firms in a number of lines will be represented for the Dominion.

Beckwith, Thompson & King, general commission and manufacturers' agents, Victoria, have dissolved. J. L. Beckwith withdraws, continuing the agency of Menn, Byars & Co., dry goods, of Glasgow. F. Ord Mickle is admitted under the style of Thompson, King & Co. Geo. C. Thompson has removed to Toronto to open a brauch business there, handling British Columbia products. Mr. Thompson was formerly of Toronto, having at times been connected with Thompson, Bradshaw & Co., and the Pure Gold Manufacturing Co., of that city.

General Superintendent Abbott, of the C. P. R., has returned from Vernon, where he has been principally to make arrangements for the building of a new steamer by the C. P. R. to ply on the Okanagan Lake. He found the traffic in that district large enough to warrant the construction of this steamer, and he expects that it will largely increase shortly, as considerable movement in mining matters in that district is anticipated. The steamer will be built at Okanagan Lauding, and will be a stern-wheeler. She will be 145 feet long, and her engines are to be guaranteed to give a speed of 15 miles.

The Victoria Times says: Five carloads of machinery for the Thunder Hill Mining company arrived at Golding last week. Two steamboat loads of it have already gone into the mine, and the third will go in early next week. The machinery will be erected immediately and will be ready for work in December. The machinery now at work is turning out 100 tons of stone a day. The latest reports from the superintendent are very encouraging. Another belt of ore was recently discovered. It is forty-five through and samples taken out array 3.69 onuces of gold and 27 ounces of silver to the ton. A one pound sample taken out of the original mine assayed \$650 to the ton. Mr. Sweeney, of the Bink of Montreal, who recently visited the mine says the company has one of the best properties on the continent, There are richer mines in Kootensy, but the Thunder Hill is so much easier to work that it is much more valuable than the richer ones.

The Farnham, Quebec, beet root sugar refinery is again in operation. W. T. Costigan & Co., will have some of the refined product for sale shortly.

The Northern Farmer is the name of a new agricultural paper which has been established at Grand Forks, North Dakota. We have been favored with a copy of the first number. It is well printed, and apparently a valuable paper for the prairie farmer.

J. H. Glass, of London, Ont., who is one of the best known boot and shoe men on the road, in Western Canada, arrived in Winnineg last week on a business trip. Mr. Glass is now representing Louis Cote, manufacturer of staple, and J. & M. Cote, manufacturer of fine goods, in boots and shoes, of Quebec. This is his first trip for these firms, and he will go through to the crast as usual. Mr. Glass contemplates moving his family to Winnipeg, and making his permanent headquarters here.

The auction saie of 5,712 pkgs of tea for account of John Duncan & Co. was held at their warehouse, Montreal, on October 12. The attendance was large, and the bidding at time spirited, every pound advertised being sold under the hammer. The Japans consisting of 3.654 pkgs sold all the way from 10½ to 27½c, Young Hyson sold at 12 to 30½c; Gunpowder, 11 to 28c; Congon, 13 to 28c; Indian and Coylon, 14 to 24c; Imperial, 22½ to 23c; Orange and Scented Pekoe, 20½ to 27c. Although the prices were considered rather a low average the sale was a success, and the trade generally was well satisfied.

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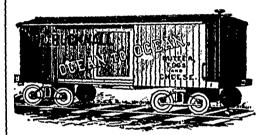
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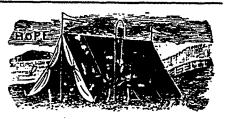
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The Fur Trade.

C. H. Habbert reviews the fur trade as follows in a letter to the New York Fur Trade Review:—

Bear have not sold as well in our market during the summer as they did last year, and only the finer grades could be placed yet at satisfactory prices, while all coarsely-furred and commoner skins were difficult to dispose of, even at concessions. It is therefore more than likely that this fur will weaken in the course of next season, unless we receive a stronger support from Europe after this, which I consider rather doubtful; and my shippers will do well to use extreme care in buying the inferior early bear collections.

Beaver, which, during such a remarkably long period, have, with but slight fluctuations, retained their high and intrinsic value, as the fur is beautiful and durable, can now be called a "little off" (even in the otherwise preferred paler sorts), and the number of skins held in first hands is larger than it ought to be as late in the season. This is still more noteworthy in view of the steadily decreasing collection of beaver, especially in the United States, and while I have no fear of a regular collapse in prices, cautious buying can well be recommended until a new basis of values is established by the result of the next London January sales, at which time the largest quantity of beaver is closed out.

Otter have about held their own; large heavy-furred skins, suitable for dyeing, and good colored medium grades, to be used plucked in their natural color, being preferred as usual; though there was no real difficulty in placing other grades when the owner was ready to accept reasonable prices. Closing quotations of last season will probably be applied again during the greater portion of the approaching one. I could form, however, a more correct opinion about this matter had the sale of seal already taken place, as the value of otter generally sympathizes to some extent with that of the former.

Mink did not prove such a good paying investment to their owners this year as in the past one, because the cloak trade, which consumed the bulk of the former collection, dropsumed the bulk of the former collection, dropped the article almost entirely, and the sale of fur capes, into which, also, a great many mink were worked, has been reduced. Still there are yet quite a good many mink used for different other purposes, and it is my opinion that lower prices will also stimulate their sale in the property which pulsed and the sale in t Europe, which unloaded most of its old stock on us during the short-lived mink boom in the summer month of 1891. A small part of this old stock has, however, since been shipped back, and some of the enterprising merchants who brought the skins over here would, I think, rather be reluctant to give the details of their venture. Large mink of fair color met with most favor with our manufacturers, as they are needed to make neck scarfs, which promise to become quite popular. Real fine castern, and similar skins, of which the supply is only a limited one, also found ready buyers, and lowpriced inferior grades were taken by a few houses to be made up in linings. stocks consist, therefore, chiefly of medium grades, which cannot be said, however, to be very heavy, and with favorable circumstances the largest part of them will yet be consumed in the course of the next few months,

Muskrat continue to meet with but an indifferent demand in all markets, although they are offered at comparatively low prices, and they have proved a very unprofitable investment to the exporters who still carry heavy stocks in cold storage. Some years so nearly one million muskrat were used in America slone annually, plucked and dyed, for the manufacture of fur caps, where as now hardly one-fourth of that number is taken for the same purpose, plushes and dyed coneys being used instead. As a cheap imitation of mink for facings, they have also not been a great success, and lining manufacturers have only lately commenced to

secure some smaller parcels of thin-pelted skins, which holders were anxious to close out at concessions. Such facts cannot be expected to create a very sharp demand for the new catch, and if the same is a liberal one in the early part of the season, a further drop in prices during the January sales may reasonably be expected.

Skunk did quite well for the exporters, considering the high prices which were paid for them during the midwinter months, and their weakening to the summer sales must principally be attributed to the more inferior quality of the collection which is offered at that time.

It was first feared that the many cheaper substitutes, such as dyed eppossum, taccoon, etc., would impair the value of skunk, but evidently this was not the case, and I have again faith in this article for next season, provided prices are not driven too high by foolish competition, which is hurtful and misleading both to the shipper in the country and the dealer. A reaction often sets in very suddenly and generally just as soon as some of the wildest bidders have filled up, which, as a rule, does not take a very long time.

Raccoon have, after a long period of depression, finally shown a little more strength in the last Lindon sales; which may be attributed chiefly to the active demand for certain kinds by the American trade; and there is every reason to believe that they will at least hold their own for a reasonable time, in spite of the fact that Russia, which used to be the heaviest consumer of raccoon, will very likely be a light buyer next yeur. Common grades, suitable for the coat manufacturers, and fine heavy-furred skins appropriate for dyeing, were mostly sought after, but as stocks grew lighter buyers were obliged to also take hold of the medium kinds, which makes it very improbable that quantities worth speaking of will be carried over on our side to handicap next year's trade.

Marten proved a rather dull article both here and abroad, only large skins of fair color, which, like good sized mink, are used for scarfs, being in fair request, while all small and pale ones were quite neglected, with some prospects of improvement. Opening quotations on pale shales should rule at least ten per cent. below closing prices of last spring; darker skins unchanged.

Lynx have, just like grey fox, disappointed early buyers, who expected that they would take well again on our side; but as yet there expectations have not been realized, and it is more than likely that anybody who is carrying larger purcels of lynx will he compelled to part with them at a loss, especially if the offerings in the next Hudson's Bay sales is a liberal one.

Gray Fox, for which there was such an eager inquiry during the winter and early spring months, have sadly disappointed most of us, and heavy stocks of them, both raw and dressed, are carried by many of our dealers and manufacturers, with poor chances of realizing on them very soon. Last season's quotations will therefore have to be materially reduced on this article, as it is not very probable that a better deman i will be created again in the near future.

Wolves could harlly be expected to do very well after lynx have turned out to be a drag in the market, as the pale colored skins have been used for a few years as a cheap imitation of the former; and the robe trade, which was other wise almost the exclusive outlet for wolves, will only take hold of them again more freely at considerably lowered prices, because there are sufficient other and principally imported furs, which suit its purpose just as well, and in some cases even botter.

Occasum were about the only American fur for which there has been an uninterrupted and strong demand up to this date, and stocks in dealers' hands are consequently exceedingly light. The skins are mostly used in the natural state by cloak houses; also in the better grades

dyed black as an imitation of skunk, but in the latter style they did not take quite as well as expected, dyed ruccoon proving a better and more serviceable article for our manufacturers. Very likely opposium will continue to sell here in fair quantities during sucther year, the rane as in former seasons, but it is my opinion that they have seen their best days for a while, and I would not advise anybody to carry stocks on speculation over the winter months. It is after all a fur of little real merit, and I believe that a lady who had her garment trimmed with it once will grow considerably of ler before she Juplicates her purchase.

Red Fox seldom sell on our side in sufficiently large quantities to influence their value, and the latter is therefore almost exclusively regulated by the European demand. Whill the satisfactory prices realized in March were not quite sustained in the last series of sales, I hardly believe, that we need be in fear of any further and more decided decline unless a disturbing element should develop before the fresh collection is brought into the market.

In regard to such other furs, as sea otter, cross and silver foxes, fisher, etc., we are almost exclusively dependent on the European trade, and particularly of Russia, where business is in a most unsatisfactory condition, and little hope can therefore be entertained that this class of goods will sell to advantage.

Indian Wheat Exports

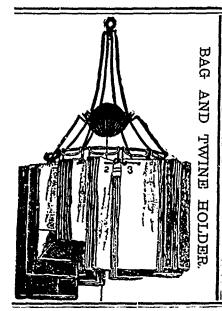
Some interesting details of the exports of wheat from India are furnished in Mr. O'Connor's official report. Until the opening of the Sucz Canal no trade in whent was possible, the cost and duration of the transit round the cape having the double effect of making Indian wheat too dear for the European market and of spoiling it by giving weevils time to do their work of destruction. Even after the opening of the canal it was discovered that it was still an impediment to the trade in the existence of an export duty, which was removed in 1873. At that time the quantity exported was only 301.000 cwt. but with removal of the duty it increased until it exceeded 6,000,000 cwt in 1877. Then followed the three years' famine. With the return of p'enty, a reduction of prices, the completion of railway communications, and consequently a reduction of the cost of transport, trade was able to make its full development. In 1830 81 the exports were still under 74 millions cwt; in the following year they approached 20 millions. Since then there has been no appreciable development, last years exports amounting to over 30 millions cwt, being considered abnormal and unlikely to recur. Taking the whole trade, Mr. O'Conor estimates that the average quantity of wheat which Europe will take from India in ordinary times is not quite one million tons, and on the whole that quantity has not been exceeded during the lest ten years .- Beerbohm.

U. P. R. Land Sales.

During the present summer there has been a heavy emigration from the United States to Western Canada and much land has been sold these settlers. The sales are increasing rapidly, and last week alone the Canadian Pacific railway sold 8,960 acres to farmers from the states of Dakota, Idaho, Nebraska and Washington. The lands purchased lie chiefly in the Saskatchewan and Battle river valleys. The sales of Canadian Pacific railway lands to settlers from the United States since Jan. 1st is as follows by states:

Dakota, 217 } sec	Hods,	100 acres	***** ********	21,720
Idaho, 47	**	**	****	7.520
Michigan, 1	**	14	*********	160
Minnesota, 6	46	61	***************************************	800
Nebraska, 10	44	**	***********	1,600
Washington, 75	16	44	******************	12,000
Wisconsin, 4	"	64	**** ***********	640

Total, 359 sales of 160 acres each...... 57,440



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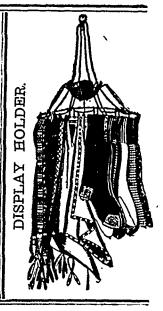
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United States Wheat Crop

The last monthly report of the United States Department of Agriculture indicates a larger crop than reported one month ago. Tha general crop than reported one month ago. The general opinion prevails, however, that even with the enlargement of the crop, the wheat will be wanted, as late returns of the European crops are not very satisfactory, and America is about the only country they can depend upon for such supplies as they may require. The following table exhibits the yield of wheat per acro by States, as reported by the Department of Agriculture on October 1:—

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States.	Bushels.	States.	Busheis.
States.	15.1	Indiana	14
New Hampshire	15	Illinois	14.7
Vermont			
Connecticut			
New York			
New Joney	17.0	Micannei	12.1
Pennsylvania			
Delaware			
Maryland		South Dakota	12.5
Virginia	9.5	North Dakota	12.2
North Carolina	6.5	Montana	22
South Carolina	6.5	Colorado	19.1
Georgia	6.8	Michigan	14.7
Alabama	67	New Mexico	12.3
Mississippi	8.0	Arizona	16.3
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Texas	123	Utah	····· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Arkans25	82	Nevada	19.6
Tennessee	7.7	Idaho	22.5
West Virginia Kentucky	10.7	Washington	18.4
Kentucky	11.8	California	12.8
Ohio	13.2		

Final Harvest Estimates.

Final harvest estimates of the crops of G cat Britain published October 10, do not on their face disclose the exact extent of the harrest, aithough all the materials are at hand for such an estimate. The Times gives the average yield per acre in each county for seven years—1885 to 1891—and also the percentage of this yield grown this year in each county. By taking the average of each county with the above figures the yield is found to be 24.10 bushels per acre for England; 23 bushels for Wales; 33.05 bushels per acre for Scotland and 29 bushels per acre for Irelan I, a general average of under 241 bushels per acre on the 2,299,000 acres given in the official returns as being laid to wheat this year in Great Britain, Ireland and the Cannel islands.

This indicates at total wheat crop of 56,325, 500 bushels, against 74,742,700 bushels last year. The estimates as printed vary somewhat from these figures, as the average for each division is arrived at by adding the averages for the different countries and dividing by the number of counties, an obviously incorrect method, as one county may produce 50 times as much what are enother. much wheat as another.

At least 23,000,000 quarters of wheat must be imported to meet the home consumption during the next twelve menths. Very poor prices are being realized for home grown wheat, as the quality is exceptionally bad.

Raw Fur Ouotations.

While the new crop of raw fars does not begin to reach our market in quantities worth speaking of until the latter part of November, we shall, without doubt, see already a great many price lists for the fresh collection of fars and skins distributed over the country in the course of this month, the same as of late years, and we therefore consider it a lvisable to make in due time a few comments upon the methols adopted by different houses in the trade to secure their share of said collection.

Every sensible business man in our fast growing country is, we believe, prepared for the on-ward much of computition, which, according to the general prosperity, is in some years natur-ally more rapid than others; and he is also ready to men, the same as long as it remains an honorable one; but against the competition of a fool or a knave even the most level-healed man is but illy prepared, and genera'ly quite power-less to battle against the same.

It may seem rather rush criticism on our part if we state that such fools and knaves, of which in former years we only used to have sporadic cases, which were soon found out and suppressed, have gained a firmer foothold in the raw fur trade during the past few years; but it is novertheless a fact, and before their infamous tactics are exposed they are certain to do yet a great deal of harm to the legitimate trade, which takes pride in upholding an honorable

To expect that all firms which circulate price lists in the country should be equally high in their quotations, would be asking too much; the latter will always vary somewhat a cording to the views of the different houses regarding the future of certain articles; but when it comes to pass that parties offer from twenty-five to fifty por cent. more for goods than anybody else, and claim besides that they will a'low the customary assortment, everybody who knows on what a small margin the honest dealer even has to handle his collection as a rule, is con-vinced that this claim is a fraudulent one and cannot be sustained.

Such discreditable manipulations could not have been carried on with so much success during the past few years if the shippers in the country and particularly the smaller ones, had taken more pains to theroughly post themselves about the reputation and business methods of the firm which they trusted with their goods before shipping them; but it appears that they do not care much to go to this trouble, and he who quotes the highest prices and issues the greatest number of circulars is generally "their man," until they receive the first returns and

man, that they receive the mass to that a man independent of the man independent of the man independent who have been in the habit of shipping raw furs to our market, as well as to other large

cities in the country, to use more discretion in the future, and whenever they consider themselves justified to make a change, and venture to do business with a new firm, try to find out first whether the latter deserves their confidence; but in all cases meet any house with suspicion when it promises too much in its circulurs; otherwise your experience might cost you very dearly, as only tho many are willing to prove.—New York Fur Trade Review.

The Druggists.

The quarterly meeting of the council of the l'harmaceutical Association of Manitoba was held recently at Winnipeg, there being present J. F. Howard, president, in the chair; B. M. Canniff, E. Casselman, C. Flexon, J. C. Gordon, G. W. McLyren and J. K. Stranhan,

The question of the revision of the poison list was considered, and the registrar was instructed to obtain suggestions from the mem-

bers of the association.

Dr. E. A. Blakely, special examiner, reported that G. H. Cameron and J. P. Leveque had passed the preliminary examination, and were registered as certified apprentices.

G. W. McLaren, chairman of the board of examiners, reported that of the candidates who had presented themselves for examination, S. S. Smith had passed the major, and R. W. McClung the minor examination. The examining board also recommended that better facilities he provided for practical work at exeminabe provided for practical work at examina-

The report of the examiners was received and S. S. Smith reported as a pharmaceutical chemist and R. W. McClung as a certified

The registrar reported that since the last meeting one projecution for offences under the act had taken place, two informations having been laid and the defendant convicted on each information and fined \$49 and costs, being \$20

for each offence.
The registrar also reported that six appren-The registers also reported that all apprentices had been registered, two certified clorks and one pharmacontical chemist since the last meeting. The cash statement showed a balance in hand of \$1.426,93. A number of accounts were ordered to be paid, and a large amount of general business having been transacted the meeting closed at 11 p. m.

There has been an alvance of 1d per pound in the price of black teas all round in the London market.

The lumber cut in the Ottawa district this season surpasses all previous years. It is esti-mated that 428,000,000 feet have been cut. J. R. Booth comes first with 75,000,000 feet. Bronson and Weston being next with 45,000,000

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Putting up the Price of Paper.

The Boston Commercial Bulletin says: "The advance in the prices of paper is probably but the first of a series providing the present emberge on cotton rags continues as it is now expected. The advance of 20 per pound on all fine writing papers as recommended last week at the meeting of the manufacturers may appear excessive, but in fact this action was taken with the object of being ready for any further with the object of being ready for any further rise that may be made in the raw materials. The market is not at present in condition to warrant the full advance recommended. In reality fine writing paper has been advanced

but lo per pound.
"Book papers, which require a great many rags for their manufacture, are also higher than rags for their manufacture, are also higher than they were before the present cholera scare by from ic to ic per pound. That prices on paper in general is due to large quantities of paper stock bought at low prices, which manufacturers generally have on hand. Some, however, have not been fortunate in the way of supplies, and are obliged to come into the market for material at the advanced values. This is true especially of imported materials in which considerable transactions have taken place.

siderable transactions have taken place.
"Wrapping and the cheap grades of white paper have not advanced any as jet, b cause they paper have not advanced any as jet, because they depend less on rags for their manufacture than the higher grades. They are firm and tending upward, nevertheless, as chemical fibre has advanced slightly, and other varieties of paper etick are firm in syn pathy with cotton rags. "The commotion in the rag market has not had the effect on domestics it has had on foreign grades, yet they are held from he to le per pound higher. As fully 50 per cent. of the cotton rags used by American paper mills are imported, its fluctuations naturally affect the

imported, its fluctuations naturally affect the price of all paper naturally. Thus we have seen, since the embargo took effect August 19, No. 1 foreign white rags advance from 3]c to 4]c; No. 2 rags advance from 1]c to 2]c per pound, and No. 3 rags from le to 1gc.

Linen rags, which are all imported, have risen even more, the best German moving up 2c per pound. Now, at the best, 100 pounds of rags will not make more than 70 pounds of paper, It can be seen how the cost of making

paper, It can be seen now the cost of making paper is enhanced,
"Add to this an advance of over 100 per cent. in bleaching powders and from S to 10 per cent in sizing, and we can easily peceive why manufacturers should be unanimous in a desire to obtain more money for their product. To agree on a shu down of writing paper mills during the first and fourth weeks of this menth and two weeks in November was a wise move on their part, as this pause in consumption will to an extent check the advance in paper stock. What the future of the paper market will be can only be determined by the length of the period during which the embargo on rags will

"It will in all probability last several months longer, for should the law excluding the importation of foreign rags be removed they would for some time continue to be disinfected, which adds to the cost of importation. There is also the fear that cholera will break out again next spring, in which event the paper and paper stock situation will be indeed interesting."

Civic Government.

The special committee of the Winnipeg city council on legislation has had under consideration the proposals regarding a change in our form of civic government, as referred to edit rially in The Commencial last week. The committee, at the last meeting of the council, reported as follows:-

Your committee has fully and carefully considered the whole question of the government of the city, and is of the opinion that it is de-sireable that some change should be made from the present system, and with a view to effect-ing an improvement it has considered the proposed system in all its hearings, and with a

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few amendments which it has made to the original draft it would recommend its adoption by council, and also that steps be taken to pro cure the necessary legislative authority to bring the system into operation. The outline bring the system into operation. as amended is as follows:

(1) That there shall be a chief official, to be (1) Inst there shall be a chief olicial, to be termed "The General Superintendent," appointed by a judge of the court of Queen's Bench, or the recommendation of the council, for a p riod of five years at a salary of from \$4,000 to \$6,000 per annum, and to be removable by a majority vo'e of council on three month's notice, or the payment of three month's above the representation of all the decision of the council of the cou salary, he to have the supervision of all the departments of the city, under direction of an ex-ecutive, composed of two members of council, to be appointed as follows:

(a) The mayor, elected by the people as at present, for a term of three years.

(b) A member of the council, chosen from amongst themselves, to hold office for the time of his term. The members of the executive to be paid reasonable salaries for their services, say from \$1,500 to \$3,000 each per annum, this to be exclusive of the annual grant to the

(2) That the council be composed of two committees instead of four, the mayor to be chairman of that postion of the council at present represented by the finance committee and maret, license and bealth committee, and that the council's representative be chairman of the other half now represented by the committee on works and fire, water and light committee.

(3) The general superinten lent to be an ex-

officio member of the council and a'l committees of the same, but without vote in council, and to be deputy chairman of finance.

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(4) It shall be the duty of the executive and general superintendent to lay out the details of the policy for the government of the city and submit the same to the council through the committees for their approval and ratification.

(5) The council to be composed and elected as at present with the same authority they now hold over all receipts and expenditures.

Wheat Situation in Europe.

[From Beerbohm, Sept. 30]

The wheat trade during the past week has certainly exhibited signs of returning confidence; but the process is a slow one. There seems to be perfect concord in the opinion that prices have seen their lowest, but there is a cramped action in buying, and there appears to be a nervous dread of what America may, after all, be able to export, seeing that the recent deliveries from farmers have been so extraordinarily large In any ordinary year the reports which have been current this week regarding the very short yield of the English crop would have sufficed to raise the level of prices materially; but this season, although it is evidently true that the English crop is a poor one—perhaps the worst since 1879—the effect is barely noticeable. The reason of this apathy is to be found principally in the abundance and low price of American flour, which millers have been buying freely of late, to the exclusion, of course, of wheat. The poor condition of the English wheat crop means, however, a larger demand for foreign wheat than usual during the winter months, and it is therefore tolerably safe to assume that the surplus stocks will now be diminishing in this country, just as they have been in France, Belgium and Germany.

These latter countries, with Italy, require to import, moreover, a by no means unimportant quantity of wheat; and so far, as in England, so on the Continent, little or no provision beyond stocks on hand has been made for these wants. In most seasons, by the first week in October, a large amount of wehat has been contracted for, which this year remains in seller's hande. A general disposition to buy wheat seems therefore one of the probabilities of the immediate future, and it is indeed somewhat aurprising that at 27s to 30s per qr. this disposition has not, ere this, shown itself. As was pointed out in the review of September 16, the European wheat requirements this scason average 755,000 qrs per week, sgainst 975,000 qrs last season and 700,000 qrs in 1890.91. The shipments from the three leading exporting countries since August 1 will therefore be found interesting to compare: from America, Canada, India and Russia they have been as follows, in the past three years :

the part thirty year			
-	1892.	1891,	1890.
	Qrs.	Qrs.	Qrs.
August 6	820,000	1,000,000	500,000
August 13	650,000	990,000	560,000
August 20	795,000	1,075,000	550,000
August 27	670,000	1,095,000	475,000
Sentember 3	700,000	1,290,000	500,C00
September 10	650,000	1,145,000	425,000
September 17	700,000	1,245,000	620,000
September 24	675,000	1,050,000	450,000
Total	5,660,000	8,585,000	1,050,000
Weekly average	707,100	1,110,000	\$10,000

If the shipments from Roumania, Argentine, Chili and other countries were added, it would be found that the shipments have this season been somewhat in excess of requirements; last year, however, they were over 300,000 qrs per week too large, but in 1890 rather below what proved to be the actual requirements. The groat difference between the present and last year is, however, that of price. Last autumn relues were high enough to attract wheat from values were high enough to attract wheat from everywhere, so to speak; this year they are just the reverse, and it will be surprising if the shipments continue for long as large as they have so far been.

Crops in Europe.

[From Beerbohm, Sept- SU.]

The weather in England has again been rather unsettled this week, heavy rain falling within the last three days. The harvest, howover, is now practically over, except in the ex-treme north of England and in parts of Scot-land; and there is no longer any doubt that, as far as wheat is concerned, the yield has been a poor one-miserably poor in some districts-and one quite below expectations. From South Lincolnshire, Cambridgeshire, Dovonshiro,

Essex, Kent, Northamptonshire, Bedfordshire and Yorkshire the reports, now that threshing had made some progress, show that the yield has been very disappointing. We have seen several samples, representing only 1 to 2 qrs yield per acre of thin blighted wheat, which has had to be sold at 24 to 27s per qr. On the other hand some good camples are offered, but these are unfortunately in the minority. In Mark Lane last Monday more than one farmer and factor likened the present year to 1879, when the crop did not much exceed 6,000,000 qrs, the averago yield per acro being estimated at 16 bu on an area of 3,047,000 acres. This year the area sown was 2,295,000 acres, so that a 6,000,000 qrs crop would represent an average yield at 21 bu. Bearing in mind how often the early exaggerated opinions of the crop have been deceived in former years, it would be unwise to place too much faith in the present pessimistic opinions. In France and Germany, and on the Continent generally, the weather has favored autumn field work, which in this country is necessarily backward, owing to the protracted harvest.

Acreage and Production of Wheat.

The following table exhibits the estimated acreage and prospective yield of wheat in the United States for 1892, compared with the reported yield in 1891:

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States.	1892.		1891.	
Winter	Eslimated	Estimated		
Wheat.	Acreage.	Yield bu.	Yield, bu.	
Ohio	2,715,800	35,849,000	\$5,531,000	
Michigan	1,590,600	23,382,000	30,205,000	
Indiana	2,885,300	40,430,000	52,807,000	
Illinois	1,906,900	28,031,000	35,025,000	
Missouri	1,645,100	19,906,000	25,732,000	
Kansas	3,469,000	58,973,000	54,866,000	
Kentucky	1,018,000	12,367,600	13,181,000	
Tennessee	1,222,500	9,413,000	11,626,C00	
Connecticut	1,800	30,000	31,000	
New York	626,900	8,965,000	10,633,000	
New Jersey	138,800	1,915,000	2,124,000	
Ponnsylvania	1,324,000	19,066 000	20,884,000	
Delaware	100,500	1,216,000	1,250,000	
Maryland	535,100	6,956,000	8,407,000	
Virginia	841,600	7,995,000	7,651,000	
N Carolina	775,500	5,011,000	4,975,000	
S. Carolina	193,400	1,290,000	992,000	
Georgia	331,400	2,254,000	2,323,000	
Alabama	292,500	1,960,000	2,251,000	
Mississippi	63,200	433,000	483,000	
Texas	573,800	7 058,000	0,435,000	
Arkansas	239,600	1,968,000	2,230,000	
West Virginia	. 332,300	3,556,000	3,423,000	
California	3,012,000	38,551,000	38,595,000	
Oregon	690,000	10,833,000	13,149,000	
Total	26,561,000	347,442,000	392,495,000	
Spring.				

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Minnesota	3,200,800	37,520,000	55,333,000
Wisconsin	598,000	10,327,000	13,043,000
lowa	1,730,900		27,556,000
Nebraska	1,299,700		18,080,000
North Dakota	2,488,200	30,356 000	52,105,C00
South Dakota	2,300,700	28,834,000	20,714,000
Colorado	112,000	2,129,000	2,037,000
Washington	788,800	14,514,000	12,216,000
Nevada	20,300	397,800	872,000
Idaho	91,400	2,056,000	
Montana	97,400	2,143,000	1,850,000
Wyoming	5,500	85,000	110,00
New Mexico	91,200	1,159,000	1,073,000
Utah	142,500	2,988,000	2,393,000
Arizona	27,800		395,000
Maine	41,000		669,000
New Hampshire	8,800	132,000	148,000
Vermont	19,400	220,000	314,000

Total 13,369,100 171,471,000 219,235,000
Grand total 29,933,100 518,913,000 611,780,000

Wheat Prices in England.

The London Miller in reviewing the wheat market for September says: "The month's trade began with old wheat of the home crop of 1891 selling at 29s 1d per qr., a singularly low price for well-seasoned and good milling grain. On the 5th September some fine new red wheat was sold at Mark Lane for 33s per qr., but there we're several lots sold under 3Cs at the country markets of the following day. London on the 7th was weak and flat, and at Manchester on the 8th a decline of 1d per cental occurred, the weather—which has been rainy from the 1st to the 1sth—having become summer-like, and very favorable to the completion

of harvest. On the 9th the London average for English wheat was 31s 11d per qr., the good samples of old wheat "making the price. At Liverpool on the same day Californian wheat made only 6s 9d per cental, and London quoted 30s only for No. 2 Calcutta wheat at the "Baltic." On the 12th both English and foreign wheat at Mark Lane were 6d cheaper, and Minnesola second bakers' flour changed hands as low as 19s 9d per sack. Liverpool on the 13th was firm for California, 6s 7d being made, but the Stotch markets of the 14th were exceedingly slow, and prices at a low level. On the 16th London accepted 29s 9d for No. 2 Calcutta, and there was a bad fall in Californian at Liverpool, 6s 3d being taken. On the 17th the country markets were very disappointing for new English wheat. This was the first Saturday of anything like a fair supply of new corn, yet 29s to 31s tor white was taken at Gloucester, and 29s to 30s for red. There was 1s decline at Wisbech, and Gd fall at Norwich. On the 19th at Mark Lane 6d decline on both wheat and flour was quoted. All the markets of the 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd were reactionary, and on the 24th the wheat average fell to 23s 4d per qr., the lowest September quotation for 130 years. London on the 26th was a little steadier; 30s was made for Calcutta wheat. During the last three days of September there was no Californian wheat for September delivery on offer at Liverpool, but for October delivery 6s 5d was paid, being 2d recovery from September's lowest price.

September has enabled farmers to complete the harvest, and though there were rather tiresame interruptions from the 26th August to 3rd September, and again for a few days later in the month, the period as a whole was favorable. The complaints of the new wheat being soft, and often poor in quality, are, however, general, and the 28s id quoted on the 24th is almost equal, quality to quality, to a 30s quota-tion for 1891 wheat. The tale of foreign har-vests are about completed, and for the whole world a nett surplus of something like thirteen million grs. is disclosed. Seeing that a nett surplus of seven millions only sufficed to reduce value from 40s in August, 1891, to 30s in August, 1892, the price outlook does not appear

encouraging.
October, however, has at least the strength which comes of a really practiceable basis for business. No losses of a nature to break even a small firm are likely to ensue on purchases of Odessa-Ghirka wheat at 27s, or of No. 2 red winter at 28s. Neither are country millers likely to do badly when at anything over 30s they may pick over samples of the new English wheat. There is nothing depressing in the quantity of foreign wheat now on passage to the United Kingdom, but a certain uncasiness inevitably attaches to the increasing proportion of foreign breadstuffs which are sent to us in the form of flour.

Advices from California are to the effect that the orange crop is heavy. Reports from the Florida crop also indicate a good average, some asserting that it is nearly as large as that of a year ago.

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