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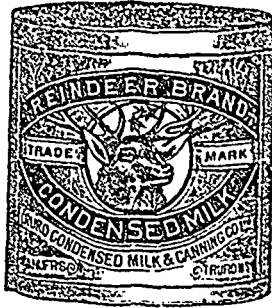
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WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 4, 1895.

Manitoba.

The town of Brandon is asking for tenders for a bridge across the Assiniboine river at Eighteenth street.

J. Heuhn and L. Weisgerber have formed a partnership and will open a grocery store at Morden

The Barbour terrace, Princess street, Winnipeg, was damaged badly by fire on Sunday last. It was valued at \$10,000 and was insured for \$7,500.

A correspondent at Gladstone says: "Mr. Schooley will move into his new store this week. Business is very good. The creamery has closed for the season.

The Hartney Star newspaper has been resuscitated and a new plant has been put in. Mr. Woodhull, the former proprietor, will conduct the paper.

Morden Merchants are said to be doing a rushing business at present and large quantities of new goods are arriving daily.

The deposits in the Dominion government savings bank at Winnipeg for the month ending Oct. 31, amount to \$21,009. The amounts withdrawn aggregated \$12,591.83.

The hardware business of Geo. Ashdown, at Morden, says the Monitor, is growing to such an extent that the adjoining premises, recently belonging to J. H. Ruddell has been purchased to give more room for business expansion.

J. L. Meikle & Co., musical instruments, etc., Winnipeg, will move into the new block on Main street, between Market and James streets, west side.

J. Y. Griffin & Co., are pushing work on the enlargement of their pork packing factory at Winnipeg. The foundation is down and the brick work is now under way.

During the winter months, J. Bousfield & Co., of the Hamiota creamery will manufacture butter for 8½ cents per pound, from cream delivered by the patrons every Wednesday. 1 cent extra will be charged when prints or fancy small packages are made.

The Ferguson company, stationery, Winnipeg, has sold out its retail stock of books and periodicals to Alex. Taylor, stationer of this city, and will move to new quarters on McDermot avenue, in November. The company will now devote its attention to wholesale business entirely.

J. H. Ashdown's new wholesale hardware warehouse in Winnipeg has now progressed toward completion sufficiently to give some idea of what the building will be when the finishing touches have been put on. It will be truly a magnificent structure, surpassing all other warehouses in the city.

The large barns and stables of J. Thompson, near Emerson, were burned last week. Thirty cows and several horses were burned before they could be got out. The fire is supposed to have originated by men sleeping in the barn. The loss is estimated at \$5,000. Insured for \$2,000 in the Commercial Union.

Through the influence of a committee of the Winnipeg Retailers' association, a number of names have been withdrawn from the petition to the city council, in opposition to the early closing of stores. The petition has, therefore, fallen through and early closing will remain in force.

At the last meeting of the Winnipeg Retailers' association, the question of civic elections came up for discussion. It was the general opinion that the retailers ought to take an active interest in securing the election of suitable aldermen, and that the Ward Four seat at least should be occupied by a good business man. This subject will be further debated at the next meeting.

Business has been very good in Brandon lately, writes a correspondent. The merchants here were never in better heart. They are doing a good trade and confidently look forward to an improvement in business. It is expected that the volume of trade this fall will greatly exceed that of last year.

J. T. Spiers, baker, Winnipeg, offers an illustration of what can be accomplished in this country by perseverance and industry. Mr. Spiers came out from Glasgow a dozen years ago and for a time worked at his trade here with a city baker. Later he went into business for himself, and he has now built up, with possibly one exception, the largest bakery business in the city. He has erected a fine brick and stone building this season, on the corner of Fonseca and Maple streets, for a bakery, store and residence. The basement is fitted up in the best of style for the bakery department, the ovens extending out under ground, at one side of the basement.

The inland revenue collections at Winnipeg during September were as follows:

Spirits	\$27,785 75
Tobacco	16,196 50
Malt	1,465 44
Cigars	773 10
Methylated Spirits.....	197 41
Petroleum inspection.....	53 30
Licenses	170 00

\$46,591 50

Receipts for September, 1891.. 48,829 04

Increase

\$2,762 46

The town of Pilot Mound is improving in size and appearance this season, says the Sentinel. The new grain elevator now going up for Frazer & Donald will be a valuable addition to the business facilities of the town and an encouragement to the people of the country, for farmers are much more ready to bring grain to a station where there are four or five elevators than to sell at a place where there are only one or two. The new stone store of D. B. Graham is a proof of advancement and enterprise. The new store recently opened by E. B. Campbell is a substantial evidence of business advancement. A number of good dwellings have been erected during the summer and others have been enlarged and improved. The changes and additions which have been made to Dow & Curry's oatmeal mill give evidence of the success of this useful and profitable manufacturing establishment. The general trade of Pilot Mound will this season far exceed the business that

has at any time before existed, for not only is there an exceedingly heavy crop in the surrounding country but fortunately no prairie fires have ravaged the district. By filling up their stores with new and abundant stocks of goods the merchants of Pilot Mound have made preparations for supplying the wants of many customers during the fall and winter.

Alberta.

Geo. and H. B. Alexander, of Calgary, and others are seeking incorporation as the International Trading Company with a capital of \$92,000.

Northwest Ontario.

Howe and Blouiquet have purchased the bakery business of Jacob Smith at Norman.

Manitoba Wheat Movement.

Receipts of wheat at Fort William from September 1 to October 26, amount to 4,576,018 bushels, as compared with 5,179,262 bushels for the same period last year. Shipments east of Fort William for export or to Eastern Canada to October 26 this year amount to 2,661,654 bushels, as compared with 4,550,710 bushels for the corresponding period of last year, showing a falling off of nearly 2,000,000 bushels in shipments this year. Stocks at Fort William on October 26 were 2,076,480 bushels, compared with 1,529,642 bushels a year ago and 1,201,598 bushels two years ago. Receipts for the week ended October 26 at Fort William were 998,223 bushels (the largest week this season) and shipments from that point were 720,002, also the largest week's shipments on this crop. For the corresponding week last year receipts were 893,860 bushels and shipments 890,672 bushels.

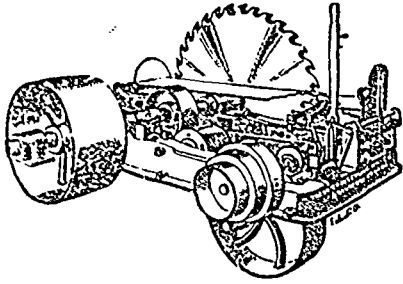
Silver.

There was another of those mysterious advances in silver quotations this week, says Bradstreets, of October 28. The London price for bars advanced from 30½d, to 31 1-16 d per ounce. New York following it with a rise from 67½c. to 68c. Both markets, however, reacted subsequently to 30 13-16d. and 67½ respectively.

A Commercial Traveller Fined.

A case was before the Winnipeg city police magistrate one day last week which is of interest to commercial men. Edward Dumaresq, representative of Y. Paquet, fur manufacturer of Quebec, was charged with being a transient trader without a license and fined \$10 and costs. Mr. Dumaresq has been accused by the license inspector of selling goods to the trade from a stock which he keeps at the Manitoba hotel in the city. His defense is that he is a commercial traveller, and that he only follows the usual custom of men in his calling. Occasionally an order to a customer has been supplied from the samples in stock and on these sales the license inspector based his prosecution. Mr. Campbell asked if the defendant were willing to take out a license, to which the defendant replied that he could not see his way clear to do it. He was doing nothing unusual for a commercial traveller and cited several cases the same as his own. The question whether or not a traveller is allowed under the city by-law re transient traders to supply customers with odd lines from his stock of samples will interest commercial men and will probably be settled in the appeal which has been entered.

[NOTE—We learn since that the appeal has been withdrawn.]

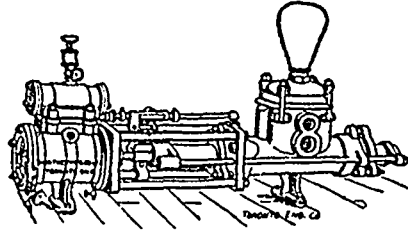


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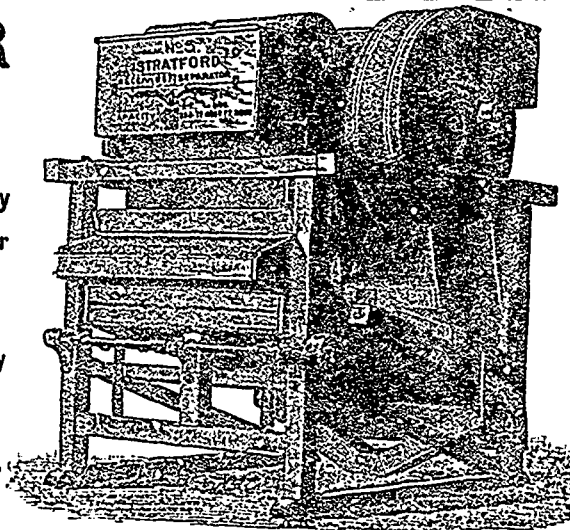
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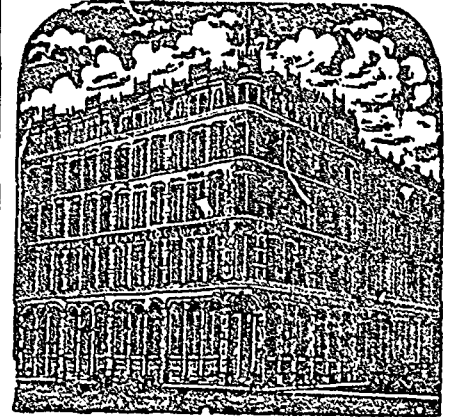
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EDITORIAL NOTES.

It is reported that petitions have been presented to the government in France protesting against the importation of cattle into France from the Argentine Republic and Canada. The petition sets forth the general belief that cattle from these countries were infected with pleuro-pneumonia. If the French government decides to shut out Canadian cattle, we will know where to place the blame for this result, for it will certainly be due to the unreasonable action of the British government in persistently maintaining its contention that Canadian cattle were infected, while at the same time refusing to receive the proofs submitted to the contrary. However, as our cattle trade with France is very limited, we will not lose very much by any action that country may take in the matter.

THE Winnipeg street railway company is having some trouble about enforcing a system which it has introduced for the collection of fares. Under this system the conductors are not permitted to handle the fares. An ugly looking box, with a small aperture in one end, about large enough to receive a one cent piece, is unceremoniously shoved into the passenger's face, and he is expected to deposit his fare in this. At times, with the jolting of the car, it is by no means an easy undertaking to get the fare into the box. Many of the passengers refuse to deposit the fares in the box, and instead tender the fare to the conductors. On the other hand the conductors are ordered not to touch the fares, so that there is a sort of deadlock. The system may have a great deal to recommend it from the standpoint of the company, but we see nothing nice about it as viewed by the passenger. In fact, to say the least, the system is a rude one, and we do not wonder that many passengers resent it. If the street car company will consult the wishes of their patrons, they will do away with this uncouth mode of collecting the fares and introduce a plan which will be based on common notions of good taste and civility.

THE air is full of talk of mining "booms" these days. From British Columbia to the west come wonderful reports of magnificent finds, while the mineral country to the east of us, from the Lake of the Woods to Lake Superior, seems also to be attracting greatly increased attention of late. There can now be hardly any doubt of the fabulous wealth of the great Kootenay district of British Columbia. If half that is told is true, this is one of the richest districts in the world. Vast sums have certainly already been made in the district, and it is only yet in its infancy. In the Lake of the Woods district to the east of us, we hear of many "deals" of late, by which new capital is being secured to develop the country. The reduction works at Rat Portage passed into new hands this season and are said to have now been finished

and placed on a paying basis. This will materially aid in the development of the district. The expansion of the mining industry in the districts both east and west of us will be a material benefit to the wholesale trade of Winnipeg and the Manitoba producers, as the supplies required for the mining territories particularly in produce will be drawn mainly from the prairie country.

THE Neopawa Register wants to know why a bushel of wheat can be shipped from "a western point in the United States" to England for 17 cents, if it costs over 30 cents, as shown by The Commercial, to ship a bushel of wheat from Manitoba to a British port. We do not know to what "western point" the Register refers. Wheat could be shipped from Duluth to Liverpool at about this cost—more or less, according to the season and the rate of lake and ocean freights ruling at the time. But this is not a parallel case. To get a parallel case it would be necessary to take a North Dakota point, as far from Duluth as Manitoba is from Fort William, and in this case the cost would be found to be as high or higher than from points in this province. The Register says that a United States paper made a calculation that a bushel of wheat could be shipped to the Old Country, from a western point, for 17 cents. Now we say that no such calculation was ever made, to apply to any point which could be used as a parallel from Manitoba points. If the Register will submit the "calculation of the United States paper," we think there will be no difficulty in showing where the mistake lies.

THE editor of the Toronto Globe made a short visit to the West recently, and recorded his impressions of the country in a series of letters to his paper. These letters were reproduced in a special issue of the Globe, and it is reported that a large number of copies of this special issue have been purchased by the Dominion and provincial governments and the Canadian Pacific Railway for distribution abroad. Of course it is not the intrinsic value of this issue, so much as the general reputation of the Globe, which has led to these purchases. Many publications giving far more valuable and more accurate information about this western country, have been published right here, by persons whose long experience enabled them to speak with authority, without having received any recognition from the government. Mr. Willison is certainly a good writer, and he has a great paper at his back; but the information which he could gain about this great country, gathered in a brief visit, was necessarily of a more or less superficial nature. As a matter of fact, there were some serious errors in his letters, some of which were positively damaging to this country. The Commercial took occasion to point out some of Mr. Willison's mistakes at the time his letters were first published, and we note that his remarks were considerably modified as they appeared for the second time, in the special issue. The circulation of the Globe special, however, will certainly be of value to the country. It is handsomely illustrated, and on the whole Mr. Willison has obtained a better grasp of the situation here than could have been

expected from the brief visit he was enabled to pay the country.

THE most important reduction in cost to importers by the new French treaty is upon high-priced champagnes. The ad valorem duty of 30 per cent. has been removed and only the specific duties are imposed, viz: \$3.30 per dozen on quarts, \$1.65 on pints and 82 cents on half pints. The duty of 20 per cent. on the package is retained. The cost of champagne is now reduced fully \$3 per case to the importer. On low-priced non sparkling wines, such as clarets, up to, say, \$6 per case, the difference is small, about 50 cents per case. The cost of importing French and other soaps is also reduced. Under the tariff common laundry soap was taxed 1c per lb., but now only ½c is imposed under this treaty, while the charge on fine Castile soap is reduced from 2 to 1 cent per lb. Prunes is another important line. They can now be imported for ½c per pound less than they were. Nuts of all kinds are reduced. Shelled nuts were subject to a duty of 5c per lb. They will now pay only 3½ cents per lb. Almonds paid 8 cents per lb; but now will be only 2c, and walnuts, which also paid 2c, are now charged 1½ cents per pound. By the "favored nation clause" the following countries have to be accorded the same privileges as France: Argentine Republic, Austria-Hungary, Belgium, Bolivia, Chili, United States of Colombia, Costa Rica, German Empire, Muscat, Russia, Salvador, and Sweden and Norway. Similar goods from these countries will be subject to the same reductions as has been accorded to France by the treaty.

THE old difficulty experienced by Manitoba grain exporters of securing handling facilities for the exportation of wheat is again looming up. While navigation remains open grain goes forward in cargo lots, the identity of each cargo being preserved. After navigation closes export shipments will go straight through to New York in car lots, and it is impossible to preserve the identity of different shipments. Rail shipments for export are therefore handled on grade, and all wheat of the same grade is thrown in together in the New York elevators, regardless of ownership. But even this plan does not remove the difficulties of exporters. We have in all some fifteen or twenty different grades of wheat, besides other grains. Of course, only a limited quantity of wheat goes into some of the grades, but after knocking off half these grades, there would be still a larger number left than the railways can handle separately. In fact, the railways running into New York Grain Exchange, that they will provide accommodation for only three grades of Manitoba wheat for export via New York, after the close of navigation. The grain has to be shipped in bond, and is stored in bonded bins at New York, and facilities can only be had for storing three grades. The matter was considered at a meeting of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange last week and an effort will be made to secure accommodation for five grades of wheat. It is possible that considerable wheat will go forward for export all rail after the close of

navigation, particularly owing to the probability of a storage blockade here. If this proves to be the case, the fact that only three grades can be exported will seriously hamper shippers here, owing to the very mixed nature of our crop this year. Perhaps an outlet for some other grades via Boston or some other port may be found. It may also be noted that an elevator was established last year at one of our maritime province ports, with the very object in view of handling Canadian grain for export in winter, thus avoiding the bonding and other difficulties in shipping via New York. Possibly rates can be arranged to export via the Canadian winter port, but exporters have their agents at New York and prefer to export via the latter port, owing to the special commercial facilities there existing.

Grain Trade Gossip

We hear grumbling sometimes about the dockage of weight for dirt in wheat. Possibly in some cases the dockage may be excessive, but no complaint can be justly made against a reasonable dockage. Some papers advise the farmers to clean their own grain rather than submit to dockage. This may read nice on paper, but it would not pay the farmer in many cases to clean the grain. It is said that it would take two days at the least of hard work for two men to clean a car of wheat. For this purpose they would have to have a hand machine, and they would also require extra granary accommodation to give them room for the work. Altogether when we come to figure the thing up the farmer who has a large crop to handle would be in pocket by submitting to a reasonable dockage for dirt. There is also the question of weeds. The dirt in wheat for which dockage is made is seeds of weeds, and no good farmer would want these seeds about his place. Of course, the seeds could be burned after being cleaned out of the wheat, but there would be a great possibility that they would get scattered about the farm. These seeds cannot be fed to animals, as they pass through the animals without being destroyed and will grow afterwards.

The point principally urged on behalf of the farmers against the elevator restrictions is, that in shipping through the elevator the farmer is not sure of getting his own wheat out as it went in. Therefore, it is urged, the farmer should be allowed to load his wheat directly into the cars, instead of being compelled to ship through the elevators. But even if the farmer were allowed to load his wheat into cars at the country point, his wheat would in all probability lose its identity before it reached market. It is a commercial impossibility to keep each shipment of wheat separate. As soon as the wheat reached a terminal point it would be inspected and thrown in with other wheat of the same grade. No system of handling wheat could be brought into practice, which would provide for the separate handling of each shipment. The very best that can be done is to keep the different grades separate. In fact we have more grades now than can be handled. One of the greatest difficulties the grain trade has to contend with is to secure shipping facilities or so many different grades. It is quite natural that the farmer should like to keep his wheat separate, as in many cases it would be hard to convince him that his grain was not just a little better than another lot of the same class. At the same time, if the farmer desires to be the shipper of his own grain, we cannot see any possible way of providing special commercial facilities for him, and he will just have to accept the

same transportation conditions as the regular grain shippers are subjected to.

As Manitoba wheat becomes better known in British markets its value increases in proportion to other wheats. One difficulty heretofore has been to keep up a regular supply in British markets, and this operated to depreciate the price. This accounts for the fact that Manitoba wheat often sold lower than similar Duluth grades. Duluth wheats were better known and were consequently in better demand. Manitoba might be just as good, but millers who were not acquainted with it, would not order a wheat with which they were not familiar. Hence Duluth has had the preference in British markets. Now, however, with increasing receipts of Manitoba wheat and better acquaintance with the grain, we find that Manitoba wheat is beginning to sell on a par with Duluth grades. The Commercial has noticed a number of sales recently at London and Liverpool, where the seller had the option of delivering either Duluth or Manitoba wheat at the same price. This, it will be borne in mind, is old wheat of the mixed class. This proves that the mixing is not the cause of the fact that Manitoba wheat frequently sold under Duluth in British markets, though some here, who were opposed to mixing, claimed that it was. The reason for the premium sometimes paid for Duluth, as frequently stated in The Commercial, was first the larger domestic market which the Duluth grain enjoyed, and secondly the greater familiarity British consumers had with Duluth wheats. It is quite reasonable to suppose that a British miller in an interior town would not order a grade of wheat with which he was not familiar. It was first necessary to make them acquainted with the grain. The fact that our wheat, mixed and all as it has been, has been steadily gaining in favor and now practically stands on a par with Duluth, abundantly proves the ground The Commercial took a year ago, when the hubbub was first started about mixing. As mixing is now prohibited, it will be interesting to see if Manitoba wheat will sell at a premium over Duluth during the present crop year.

They have been having a little excitement in the trade at Austin, a Manitoba town on the Canadian Pacific railway main line west. There is only one elevator at that point, owned by W. Clifford. Like all other points where there is only one elevator, the usual suspicion prevailed among many of the farmers that they could do better if there were more competition. The railway authorities were strongly importuned to remove the elevator restrictions at this point, and it is alleged that misrepresentation was resorted to to secure this end. Finally the railway people gave in and allowed the privilege of loading on cars, and also allowed a small flat warehouse to be built. Recently the warehouse collapsed. Mr. Clifford decided that if he could not have the same privileges as were extended to elevators in other places, he would withdraw from accepting grain on storage, accordingly the elevator was suddenly closed to the public, and a notice put up to the effect that if the elevator was to remain a public one, it must have the same privileges as is accorded elevators at other points. "If it is to be a private one," the notice further reads, "the public and the Canadian Pacific Railway cannot take advantage of it just when it suits them." At the time the elevator was closed to the public, a large quantity of grain was coming in to store, from machines threshing in the vicinity and the consequence was a blockade, as there was no storage for the grain. Just about this time the farmers no doubt thought the elevator was not such a bad thing after all, monopoly and all. They did not know

the value of the water until the well went dry. The farmers at Austin would have a taste of what the situation would be all over Manitoba if the elevators were all made private and were used only for the benefit of their proprietors. It will no doubt be a great hardship to the farmers at Austin to have the advantages of the elevator suddenly taken from them, but at the same time they cannot blame Mr. Clifford, who has a perfect right to do what he likes with his own property. The situation is the same all over Manitoba. So long as the elevator privileges remain, the proprietors are obliged to receive grain in store; but if the elevator privileges were removed, it would be hardly just to compel the owners to keep their elevators public. At the same time, we think that most elevator owners would be willing to handle grain in store for farmers, regardless of what the railway authorities might do in the matter of allowing farmers to load wheat directly upon cars.

If the grain crops of Manitoba are as large as popular estimates, there is certainly danger of a grain blockade this winter for lack of storage accommodation. In speaking of the slow exports of wheat during the earlier part of this season, The Commercial intimated a few weeks ago that a blockade was looming up in the future. Since then the shipment out of wheat has been more active, but the danger of a blockade has not yet been removed. Up to the first of this week only 2,661,654 bushels of wheat had been shipped east from Fort William, which makes but a trifling impression on the present crop. There remained in store on the same date over two million bushels, which takes up about half the storage accommodation at our lake ports. At some country points storage accommodation is already filled up. Allowing for heavy shipments up to the end of the season, it still looks as though there will be no room left to store wheat before the winter is over, and it will not be profitable to ship out all rail at the high winter freight rates. As soon after the close of navigation as storage space is filled, farmers will be obliged to either cease marketing grain, or take a price which will permit of shipping all rail, at the higher winter freight rates. It is rumored that the Canadian Pacific Railway company will build more elevators at our lake ports. More storage will certainly be needed there at once, but it cannot be provided in time to be of any value for this crop.

The government has decided to reduce the inspection fee at Winnipeg and Fort William to 40 cents per car, as asked for by the Winnipeg grain exchange. As predicted by The Commercial, the attempt of the government to make a revenue out of the grain trade, by retaining a portion of the inspection fees, was quickly resented by the trade.

Two weeks ago The Commercial published a table showing the cost of shipping wheat from Manitoba to England. Two or three provincial papers have hinted that The Commercial figures are wrong, because they saw a statement published by a St. Paul or Minneapolis paper, showing a lower rate via Duluth. We stated at the time The Commercial estimate was published, that the statement in the Minneapolis paper was based on summer rates. These papers should know that freights and insurance advance later in the season. The rate from Duluth to Buffalo alone is 3½ cents per bushel higher than it was when the table was published in the Minneapolis paper. If these papers will take the trouble to look up The Commercial's figures, they will find them accurate to a small fraction of a cent.

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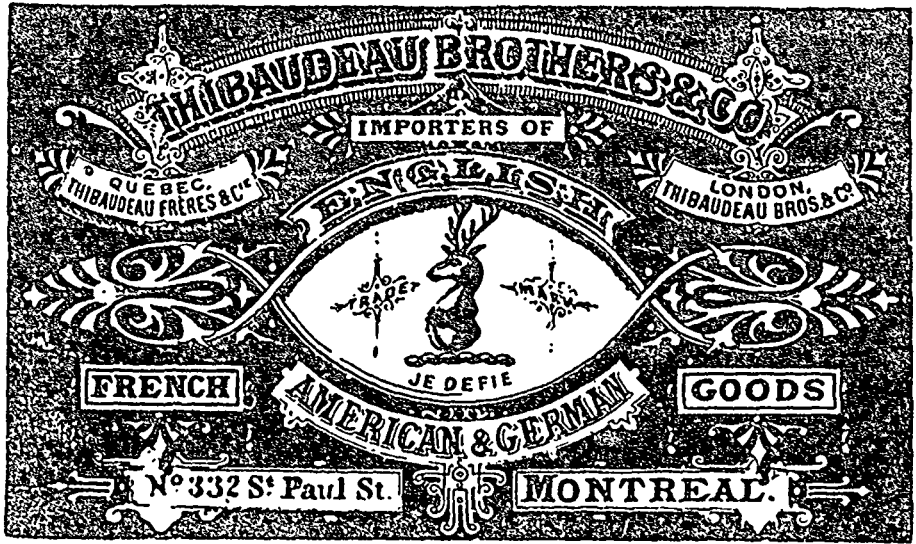
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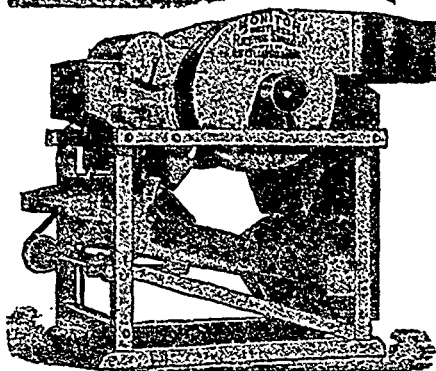
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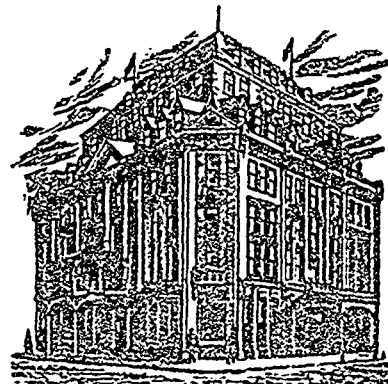
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THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

WINNIPEG, Saturday, Nov. 2, 1895.

Business in general mercantile trade is very good. Reports from the country are coming in, telling of improvement in trade, and from some points reports state that business is better with the country merchants than it has been for years. Country merchants have stocked up more heavily this year than usual, and a larger jobbing trade is looked for by wholesale houses. Collections are improving, though slow from some points and quite good from others. Several new elevators have been started at country points, though the season is late. The great fear now is of a grain blockade for lack of storage room, after the close of navigation, owing to the vast amount of grain in the country. Considerable storage space is already filled. The weather has been unusually wintry for the season, and an early closing of navigation is looked for. Freight rates are stiff. Winter rates are being put into effect on the railways east, and lake and rail lines. The first pinch for cars to ship grain came this week, and the railways were hardly able to keep up with the demand for cars. Fall plowing was stopped by frost this week, at a date much earlier than usual, though it is expected to open up again. Very little plowing has been done, which indicates a curtailment of the crop area next spring. Land sales are said to be a little larger. Interest rates are steady at 6 to 7 per cent for loans on city property, and 7 to 8 per cent on farm loans. Commercial discounts, 7 to 8 per cent. Bank clearings at Winnipeg for October show an increase of about 15 per cent over October last year, and an increase of 31 per cent for this week, over the like week last year.

The total number of mercantile failures reported in all Canada this week is 48. Last week the total was 36, and in the corresponding week last year, it was 46.

WINNIPEG MARKETS.

WINNIPEG, SATURDAY AFTERNOON., Nov. 2.

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

COAL.—The last advance in United States anthracite would make the coal cost \$8.50 on track here to importers. Local dealers, however have not changed their prices and are still selling to consumers, delivered, at \$8.50. Allowing 40c per ton for cost of delivering, it would cost \$8.90 to deliver coal to consumers in Winnipeg at present wholesale prices, without allowing anything for office expenses or profit. The prices therefore firm, though there does not seem much probability of an early advance, as all the local dealers hold stocks bought before the "boom" started in coal and they can sell at a fair profit at old prices, without taking advantage of the general advance in wholesale markets. Pennsylvania coal has advanced altogether \$1.85 per ton since last July, when the circular price of the companies was \$2.80 per ton for stove coal, equal to 48 per cent. There is a good deal of talk in the trade about stocks being light for the winter's supply in the west. Winnipeg prices are the same and we quote: Pennsylvania anthracite, \$8.50 per ton delivered to consumers. Souris lignite, \$1.25 per ton delivered to consumers and \$3.85 at the yard here. Lethbridge bituminous \$6.50 per ton to consumers, delivered. Western Anthracite, \$8.50 to consumers.

CORDWOOD.—Prices are firm. The city has let a contract for from 400 to 600 cords of tamarac wood, delivered at civic buildings, at \$1.35 per cord, to Kelly Bros. Only two other tenders were put in and they were at \$1.40 and \$1.60 per cord. The last city contract was let late last winter at \$3.45 per cord delivered, or 90c less than the present contract. This shows that the wood fuel market is much stronger than it was last winter. Tamarac is held firm at \$1 per cord. Good tamarac wood is scarce at that, owing to the difficulty in getting cars. We quote the following prices for car lots on track here: Tamarac \$3.75 to \$4 per cord; pine \$3.25 to \$3.50 per cord; spruce \$3 and poplar \$2.25 to \$2.50 per cord, as to quality, ash and oak, \$3.25.

DRY GOODS.—Local houses in all textile branches note a larger business than for the past two years. The weather has been favorable for an early demand from consumers, for fall and early winter lines. Manufactured furs have had a good sale, and stocks in some lines are already running low. Further advances in domestic goods are reported from the east. Cotton dress goods in twill tartans have advanced 3c, flannellettes 1c, shirting 1c, flannellettes shirtings 1c, gingham 1c. Low-priced union flannels are about 20 per cent. higher. Blankets have advanced slightly and are very firm. Knitted underwear has advanced 10 per cent. Two manufacturers of spool cottons have reduced prices 20c and 30c respectively. The big "boom" in the price of raw cotton has at last been checked, but it has not affected manufactured lines as yet. In fact, a ten per cent advance was reported in domestic grey cottons at the end of last week. Raw cotton has advanced altogether about 70 per cent. over prices quoted a year ago, when the ruling price was about 5 1/2c at New York.

FISH.—Finnan haddies are 1c lower. The close season started on Nov. 1 for lake trout, but there are plenty held in cold storage. Prices are: British Columbia salmon 12 to 14c; B.C. halibut, 12 1/2c; Lake Superior trout, 9c; whitefish, 6c; pickerel, 3c; sturgeon, 7c; finnan haddies, 11c; kippered goldeyes, 30c doz.; oysters, \$2 for standards and \$2.25 select, per gallon, some brands quoted 25c higher. Cans 55 and 65c.

GREEN FRUITS.—Interest centres in the apple situation. Stocks of winter apples have come forward very slowly from Eastern Canada points, and it appears now that shippers there cannot fill their orders. Some shippers who contracted for say 2,000 barrels can supply only 1,000. This is due it is said to a severe storm which raged over a large portion of the Ontario apple districts and large quantities of fruit were blown from the trees and damaged. Some orchards were reduced nearly one half in the quantity of good shipping fruit. It was also reported that considerable damage was done by severe frosts to apples on trees or piled in orchards. The eastern market is very excited and prices have advanced there 50 to 75c per barrel. Local dealers expect that they will be obliged to bring apples from the States to fill their orders, in consequence of the situation east. Local prices are higher, particularly for fancy varieties, which have been very scarce. The variety of other fruits in the market has narrowed down considerably. Pears and peaches are about done, also some kinds of grapes. Bananas and higher. No oranges are in yet, but a lot of Jamaicas are expected to-day. Cranberries are very firm. The few new figs that came in are done and no more in yet. Prices are: Lemons \$9 per box; bananas \$3 to \$4 per bunch as to size; apples, fancy varieties, such as snows, apples, etc., \$5 per barrel, ordinary winter apples firm at \$3.75 to \$4; Catawba grapes 70c per basket; California, tokays, \$3 to \$3.50 per crate; Malaga grapes, \$7.50 per keg; canberries \$10 per barrel; tomatoes 70 to 80c per basket;

figs, 11 ounce boxes, \$1.50 per dozen; dates 7 to 7 1/2c a lb; sweet potatoes \$5.50 per barrel; Spanish onions \$1 25 per crate.

GROCERIES.—In canned goods lobsters and peas are firm, and apples easier. Advances from Ontario report that the long expected combine of salt manufacturers has at last been arranged, and prices are 15c per barrel higher, sacks 10c higher and table and dairy salt 20c higher, ordinary barrel salt being held now at \$1 by manufacturers. There is some excitement in raisins owing to advances abroad. Prices have advanced very fast at Dania lately, equal to 1 to 1 1/2c from the low point. New fruit to arrive by direct steamer at Montreal is costing higher. The steamer is due on Nov. 4. Currants by the same steamer are also selling at firm prices, as prices have advanced abroad.

HARDWARE, PAINTS ETC.—There is a brisk business in glass, at firm prices, prices having advanced sharply abroad. Linseed oil is not so firm. Cement is higher east. Eastern Canada manufacturers have advanced prices of shovels 25 per cent. Manufacturers of harvest tools have published a new list, the quotations being 50 and 10 per cent for small orders and 60 per cent for large lots.

LUMBER.—The season's trade which is now drawing to a close, has been considerably larger than last year. The large number of elevators built this year throughout the country has helped the trade very materially. Prices have been well maintained except at Brandon and in a few other cases some cutting has been done. The quantity of imported Minnesota lumber has not been greater than last year, and has been used principally at Brandon and some at Winnipeg. Points along the Northern Pacific in Manitoba use more or less imported lumber. The Rat Portage people have established a sash and door factory as an adjunct to their mills, which is a new departure and may cut off some imported goods. Sash and doors have heretofore come principally from the United States and also from Ontario and British Columbia, the latter being cedar and fir goods. There is considerable activity now preparing for the woods to get out logs, but it is difficult to get men, the labor supply being insufficient for the demand.

LEATHER AND BOOTS AND SHOES.—The leather market seems to still tend downward, and further weakness is indicated by the continuance of the decline in hides. The hide and leather market certainly experienced a wonderful boom, prices having advanced 1.00 to 1.50 per cent over a year ago. The reaction now is what might be expected, as it was not reasonable to suppose that recent high prices would be maintained. Declines of 5 to 10c have been reported in some lines of leather.

WHEAT.—Leading wheat markets have been weak and declining this week, the only advance up to to-day being on Thursday, and this was due to the war scare. The breaking of the drouth in the winter wheat states, large spring wheat receipts and a large increase in American stocks have been the leading depressing features. Exports of wheat flour included as wheat, from the coasts of the United States and from Montreal aggregate 2,743,000 bushels this week, compared with 2,931,000 bushels in the week one year ago, 2,860,000 bushels two years ago, and 3,714,000 bushels in the like week three years ago.

In Manitoba wheat prices have been easier here, in sympathy with the general depression, and prices declined at country points 1c on Friday. The top price paid to farmers is now about 43c per bushel, on an 18 cent freight rate to Lake Superior points, and 41 to 42c is the top price at most country markets, for best samples. No. 2 hard and No. 1 northern, 3c under No. 1 hard, No. 3

hard and No. 2 northern 7 to 8c less than No. 1 hard, No. 1 rejected about the same as No. 3 hard. Frosted wheats range from 20 to 35c per bushel. No. 1 frosted brings 5c less than No. 3 hard. No. 1 hard, Fort William, has sold at between 58 and 59c during the week. The movement has been hardly as large this week as last, partly perhaps owing to broken weather. The first pinch for cars was felt this week, cars having been scarce. This is partly due to the large number of cars held at Fort William, where there are 150 cars of Manitoba flax seed awaiting lake space, and about 150 more cars of rejected wheat are held at Port Arthur, awaiting cleaning. The new cleaning elevator in Winnipeg is now ready to begin operations, and this will relieve the pressure very materially. Country deliveries have ranged from 150,000 to 175,000 bushels per day. About 2,500,000 bushels are in store at country points. Some country points were approaching a congested condition. Lake freights have held firm all this week at 6c from Duluth or Fort William to Buffalo.

FLOUR.—There is no change here. It is said that prices of Manitoba flour had been shaded 10c per barrel at Montreal on some brands, but later reports indicated a firmer market, owing to advances in some Ontario brands. Sales by millers here are made at \$1.35 to \$1.90 for patents, and \$1.65 to \$1.70 for strong bakers per sack of 98 lbs. delivered to city retail dealers. Second bakers \$1.10 to \$1.50, XXXX about \$1.15 to \$1.20 per sack according to brand.

MILLSTUFFS.—City mills are selling at \$10 per ton for shorts and \$12 for bran, delivered in the city. Small lots \$1 per ton more. The supply is still not large, though a smaller demand is expected this season, owing to cheapness of feed grains.

OATS.—Prices are easier in this market. 17c was paid for farmer's loads most of the week for feed grade, but later 16c was about the best price, and 18c the top for milling. There are no car lots selling for the local market as the quantity marketed by farmers is sufficient to meet requirements, and car lots could hardly be sold here on local freight rates at present prices. In Manitoba country markets prices range at 12 to 15c. Very few oats are marketing and there will not be much movement until next spring, as they cannot be shipped out on winter freight rates and there is no storage room here for them. The oat crop has hardly been touched yet. Last week only ten cars were shipped east of Winnipeg. Oats have advanced a cent or two in Eastern Canada markets to 30 to 31c at Montreal and 22 to 24c in Ontario country markets, owing to the going into effect of winter freight rates, and dealers were buying before the higher rates came in, after which prices will be lower.

BARLEY.—Feed barley is quoted locally at 20c, and malting at 22c. No outside business doing.

WHEAT.—Local farmers' market.—Farmers' loads are being taken at the mills here at 42 to 41c per bushel of 60 pounds for good milling samples. Smutty wheat for feed, 30 to 35c per bushel.

GROUND FEED.—Prices are steady at \$13 to \$15 per ton for good barley and oats, as to quality, the higher price for rolled oat feed.

OATMEAL.—Rolled oatmeal \$1.50 per sack of 80 pounds in broken lots to retail dealers.

Oil CAKE.—Ground oil cake meal is quoted at \$20 per ton in sacks.

FLAX SEED.—Flax at Chicago yesterday was quoted about 42c. Prices to farmers in Manitoba country markets hold at 65 to 70c per bushel. These prices are too high to permit of shipping to the United States as there is a duty of 2c per bushel on flax seed going

into the United States. A large portion of the crop is going to Ontario for crushing. There are about 150 car loads at Fort William awaiting shipment east.

BUTTER.—Butter holds firm here. Country merchants are paying 12 to 15c for good dairy, and at some of the larger country towns there is hardly enough coming in to supply the local demand. It is thought farmers hold plenty of butter, but are too busy with their grain and fall work to market it. In the eastern markets prices hold firm at the recent advances, and the sharp advance in creamery is turning attention more to good dairy lines. We quote creamery at 17 to 18c round lots, and 12 to 15c for good to fancy lots of fresh dairy. Small jobbing lots 1 to 2c higher.

CHEESE.—Factories are about cleared up, and we do not know of large lots now held. A lot arrived here this week which had been damaged by frost in transit. Dealers are selling small lots at 7½ to 8c as to quality. Eastern cheese markets were rather easier earlier this week, but without much change. At Ingersoll 9 to 9½ was bid for October and balance of season make.

EGGS.—Prices continue upward. Buyers were paying 17c, and in some cases 18c for receipts of fresh. Prices east have advanced to 14 or 15c for good fresh. Dealers are offering limed at 16 to 17c.

LARD.—Lard is held very firm and still scarce. Prices are:—Pure, \$1.95 to \$2.00 for 20 pound pails, and \$1.75 for 50 lb pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$7 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 9½c pound.

CURED MEATS.—Smoked Meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 12½c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 12½; do backs, 1c; picnic hams, 9½c; short spiced rolls, 7½c; long rolls, 7½c; shoulders, 7c; smoked long clear, 9c; smoked jowls, 5½c. Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 8½c per lb; shoulders, 6c; backs, 9½c; barrel pork, heavy mess \$15.00; clear mess \$15.00; short cut, \$17.00; rolled shoulders, \$15 per barrel, pork sundries; fresh sausage, 8c; bologna sausage, 7c; German sausage, 7c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 2c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 30c lb.

VEGETABLES.—Following are prices on the street market: Potatoes usually sell at about 15c per bushel; cabbage 15 to 40c per dozen, as to size; celery 15 to 25c per dozen bunches; onions 40 to 50c per bushel; turnips 10 to 15c per bushel; native tomatoes 2c per lb. and eastern tomatoes 70 to 80c per basket; green tomatoes 25 to 30c per bushel; Hubbard squash \$1.50 per dozen; parsnips 40 to 50c bushel; carrots 25c; beets 25c bushel.

POULTRY AND GAME.—Prices are easier all around, owing to a considerable increase in receipts. Dressed poultry is now coming in from the country in lots. See article in another column crowded out last week as to preparing poultry for market. Chickens, 7 to 9c, the top for choice spring; turkeys, 10c to 12c per lb. Ducks, 10; geese 10c lb; Wild ducks 20 to 30c per pair; wild geese, 50c to 60c each. Rabbits, wild, \$1 per dozen.

DRESSED MEATS.—Country dressed stuff is now beginning to be offered. There were a few loads of beef in, offered at 5c for hinds and about 4c for fore quarters. Hogs are easier, and a few more are offering, but none too plentiful yet. The usual price is 4½c for good beef and lots of fairly good beef is selling at 4c, city dressed, sides. Very little goes at 5c. Mutton sells mostly about 6c and ranges 5½ to 6½c. Lamb 5½ to 7c. Dressed hogs about 6c, with a lower tendency. Veal scarce for good at 5 to 6c.

HIDES.—Prices were dropped 1c all around on Nov. 1, in sympathy with the weak feel-

ing in the United States and eastern markets. This makes a decline of 2½c from the top here. Farmers hides are beginning to come in. We quote: Hides, Winnipeg inspection, green, 5c for No. 1 cows, 4c for No. 2, and 3c for No. 3; branded hides grade No. 2, when not otherwise damaged to reduce them to No. 3. We quote: Calf, 8 to 15 lb skins, 5 to 6c per lb. Deacons, 15 to 25c each. Kips 4 to 5c. Sheep and lamb skins, recent kill, 80 to 45c. Tallow, 4 to 5c rendered and 2 to 3c rough.

WOOL.—Manitoba fleeco 10 to 12c. per lb. SENECA ROOT.—Prices ranging from 18 to 20c per lb.

HAY.—Owing to the burning of a great deal of hay by recent prairie fires, prices hold firm. We quote \$5.50 to \$6.50 per ton for prairie baled on track here. Loose hay on the market here, \$5 to \$7 per ton.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE. Shipping season drawing to a close. A large number of cattle were in the yards this week. Christie & Fares had in 21 cars from Alameda, which were sold here. Gordon & Ironside shipped six train loads east, making about 1,560 head in all, and there were nearly 2,000 cattle in the yards to-day. Shipments were mostly range cattle, and one train was range cows. Prices ranged at 2 to 2½c for butchers stock.

HOGS.—A few cars were in for packing, and were taken at 4½c off cars. The tendency is lower and the price will likely drop 4c next week.

SHEEP.—Nominal. Local market dull and it would be difficult to sell a car here except at a cut. We quote 2½ to 3c for sheep and lambs off cars here. No shipments east this week. A lot from Maple Creek for export are due here.

At Toronto on Tuesday export cattle sold at 3½ to 4c for good to choice. Butchers ranged from 2 to 3½c; general quality poor. Export sheep 5c, bucks 2½ to 2¾c; lambs, choice, sold at 3c lb; hogs were lower again, the best only bringing 4c, and light 3½c; sows 3 to 3½c.

Scott & Johnson, of Qu'Appelle, made their last shipment of cattle for the season to Winnipeg on Monday last. They have shipped altogether this season about 2,000 head.

Winnipeg Markets a Year Ago.

Wheat.—No. 1 hard, c.i.f. Fort William afloat, 51½ to 55c and 38 to 40c to farmers, Manitoba country points.

Flour.—Local price, per sack, Patents, \$1.50; Bakers, \$1.40.

Bran.—Per ton, \$11.

Shorts.—Per ton, \$13.

Oats.—Per bushel, car lots, 24 to 25c.

Barley.—Per bushel, feed 23c; malting 35.

Flax Seed.—\$1.00.

Butter.—Round lots country dairy 12 to 14c.

Cheese.—9 to 9½c.

Eggs.—Fresh, 14c, round lots.

Beef.—Fresh, per lb., 4 to 5c.

Mutton.—Fresh, and lamb, 6c.

Hogs.—Dressed, 6c.

Cattle.—Butchers, 2 to 2½c.

Hogs.—Live, off cars, 4½ to 4¾c.

Sheep.—Car lots at \$2.30 per 100 pounds.

Seneca Root.—19 to 20c.

Chickens.—7 to 8c; spring chickens 8 to 10c.

Hides.—No. 1 cows, 2½c.

Potatoes.—40 to 45c per bushel.

Hay.—\$1.50 to \$5.50 per ton, car lots.

Wool.—8 to 9c, unwashed fleeco.

E. T. Howard has purchased the drug store of C. F. Gibbs on Main street north, Winnipeg, and has taken possession of the business.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

The prices below are board of trade quotations for Chicago No. 2 wheat, No. 2 oats and No. 2 corn, per bushel. Pork is quoted per barrel and lard and short ribs per 100 pounds.

Wheat was irregular on Monday and declined, influenced by the large increase in the visible supply and heavy Russian exports. Closing prices were:

	Oct.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat.....	59 3/4	60 1/4	—	61 1/4
Corn.....	30	27 3/4	—	29 1/4
Oats.....	18	18 1/4	—	20 1/4
Mess Pork..	8 00	—	9 07 1/2	—
Lard.....	5 52 1/2	—	5 65	—
Short Ribs.	4 40	—	4 55	—

Predicted rain in the winter wheat states caused a decline on Tuesday in wheat prices. Closing prices were:

	Oct.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat.....	58 3/4	59 3/8	—	63 3/4
Corn.....	29 1/4	27	—	29 1/4
Oats.....	18	1	—	20 3/8
Mess Pork..	7 95	—	8 95	—
Lard.....	5 45	—	5 62 1/2	—
Short Ribs.	4 35	—	4 52 1/2	—

Wheat declined further on Wednesday, on reports of the drouth being broken in Kansas by heavy rains. Weather indications favorable for rain all over the great central winter wheat region. Closing prices were:

	Oct.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat.....	58	58 3/4	—	63
Corn.....	30	27 1/2	—	29 1/4
Oats.....	18 1/2	18 1/2	—	20 1/2
Mess Pork..	8 05	—	9 10	—
Lard.....	5 52 1/2	—	5 70	—
Short Ribs.	4 40	—	4 60	—

War rumors were mainly accountable for the advance Thursday. Rain was reported in the winter wheat country and cables were weak. Closing prices were:

	Oct.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat.....	58 3/4	59 3/4-60	—	64 1/2-3/4
Corn.....	30	28	—	29 1/2
Oats.....	18 1/2	18 3/4	—	20 1/2
Pork.....	8 10	—	9 15	9 45
Lard.....	5 52 1/2	—	5 62 1/2	—
Short Ribs.	4 45	—	4 60	—

Wheat turned weak again on Friday, influenced by subsidence of the war scare, large spring wheat receipts, lower cables, etc. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat.....	58 1/2	59	—	63 3/4
Corn.....	29 1/2	27 1/2	—	29 3/4
Oats.....	18 3/4	18 1/2	—	20 1/2-3/4
Mess Pork..	8 75	—	9 12 1/2	—
Lard.....	5 50	—	5 65	—
Short Ribs.	4 42 1/2	—	4 57 1/2	—

Wheat opened higher at 59 1/2c for December on Saturday, but declined. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat.....	58 3/4	58 3/4	—	63 1/2
Corn.....	28 3/4	27 1/2	—	29 1/2
Oats.....	18 3/4	18 3/4	—	20 1/2
Mess Pork..	—	—	9 17 1/2	9 47 1/2
Lard.....	—	—	—	—
Short Ribs.	—	—	—	—
Flax Seed..	92 1/2	—	—	98 1/2

A week ago Oct. wheat closed at 59 1/2c
A year ago November wheat closed 52 1/2c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

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

Monday—Oct. 57c, Dec. 56c, May. 60c
Tuesday—Oct. 56c, Dec. 56c, May. 60c
Wednesday—Oct. 56c, Dec. 55c, May. 60c
Thursday—Oct. 56c, Dec. 56c, May. 60c
Friday—Nov. 56c, Dec. 55c, May. 60c
Saturday—Nov. 55c, Dec. 54c, May. 59c.

A week ago to-day, (Saturday) prices closed at 57 1/2c for October, and 56 1/2c for December. A year ago November wheat closed at 57 1/2c, and two years ago at

59 1/2c. No. 1 hard was quoted at 1c over No. 1 northern, No. 2 northern, 2c lower than No. 1 northern for cash wheat.

Minneapolis Wheat.

No. 1 Northern wheat closed on Saturday at 58 1/2c for December delivery, and May at 58 1/2c. A week ago December wheat closed at 55 1/2c.

New York Wheat.

On Saturday, Nov. 2, December wheat closed at 60c, and May delivery at 69 1/2c. A week ago wheat closed at 63 1/2c for December and 71 1/2c for May.

Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

Last Saturday we quoted freight rates at 5 1/2c. Duluth to Buffalo. Prices, however, advanced rapidly and were back at 6 cents again the first of this week.

The tariff from Chicago to New York is 20c. per 100 lbs. on flour and grain, but an advance in rates is predicted as soon as navigation closes. Through rates to Liverpool from Chicago were 2 1/2c per 100 lbs. on flour and 13 cents per bushel for wheat. Lake and rail rates to New York were 8 1/2c on wheat, on October 28.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin, of October 25 says: "In grain freights a good deal of tonnage has been taken up to the close of the season to Liverpool at 1s 6d; but for what space there is now available, 1s 9d has been got, while some ship agents are asking 2s. No grain space is offered to London, last engagements being taken at 2s 3d. The Glasgow rate is steady at 2s. Heavy engagements have been made of cheese for London at 20s and 25s Liverpool engagements were made of butter and cheese at 20s, but there was not sufficient space for requirements and several lots had to be held over. Engagements for both butter and cheese were made at 25s to Glasgow, and at 20 to 25s to Bristol. To Liverpool engagements have been made at 10s and 12s 6d Glasgow; cattle 45s to 47s 6d. In lake freights wheat has been chartered from Duluth to Kingston at 7 1/2c, the highest rate known for a few years. From Fort William, wheat has been taken at 9c to Montreal. From Buffalo to New York the rates are 2 1/2c on wheat, and from Kingston to Montreal 2 1/2c on wheat.

Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for the week ending October 31, were \$1,944,744; balances, \$378,619. For the previous week clearings were \$1,925,803. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were \$1,483,156. For the month of October clearings were \$7,911,958, as compared with \$6,786,730 for October last year.

Following are the returns of other Canadian clearing houses for the weeks ended on the dates given:

	Oct. 21.	Oct. 17.
Montreal..	\$12,465,170	\$11,172,524
Toronto...	6,191,073	6,209,591
Halifax...	1,165,900	1,185,954
Winnipeg.	1,925,803	1,605,016
Hamilton.	726,411	813,931
Total	\$22,476,862	\$21,018,006

Wheat Stocks.

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Oct. 25, 1895, shows an increase of 4,287,000 bushels, against an increase of 1,531,000 for the corresponding week last year and an increase of 2,391,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago.

The following table shows the total visible supply of wheat on the dates named for four

years, as compiled by the Chicago board of trade and includes stocks at most important points of accumulation in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains. There are some important points not covered by this statement:

	1895.	1894.	1893.	1892.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.
Jan. 2...	83,531,000	80,223,000	81,238,000	45,907,000
Feb. 5...	83,376,000	79,863,000	81,391,000	43,161,000
Mar. 4...	78,765,000	76,569,000	79,083,000	41,556,000
April 1...	74,303,000	71,458,000	77,054,000	41,036,000
" 8...	72,703,000	70,762,000	77,294,000	41,177,000
" 15...	70,487,000	69,217,000	70,090,000	42,055,000
" 22...	68,028,000	68,425,000	74,060,000	39,140,000
" 29...	65,776,000	66,533,000	75,027,000	37,930,000
May 6...	62,106,000	65,156,000	73,069,000	36,190,000
" 13...	60,023,000	63,510,000	72,082,000	35,190,000
" 20...	58,484,000	62,044,000	71,392,000	30,670,000
" 27...	54,244,000	61,329,000	70,159,000	29,523,000
June 3...	52,229,000	60,394,000	71,050,000	27,910,000
" 10...	49,739,000	58,211,000	69,602,000	26,959,000
" 17...	47,717,000	57,005,000	66,376,000	24,006,000
" 24...	46,225,000	55,872,000	63,031,000	24,561,000
July 1...	44,010,000	54,057,000	62,316,000	24,262,000
" 8...	43,350,000	51,114,000	61,899,000	23,130,000
" 13...	41,237,000	53,154,000	59,328,000	23,439,000
" 20...	40,487,000	53,771,000	58,901,000	23,068,000
" 27...	39,233,000	57,144,000	59,319,000	23,991,000
Aug. 3...	38,517,000	61,010,000	59,121,000	26,079,000
" 10...	37,839,000	62,321,000	58,869,000	28,230,000
" 17...	36,892,000	63,900,000	57,812,000	31,775,000
" 24...	35,085,000	64,711,000	57,240,000	31,950,000
" 31...	35,433,000	68,949,000	56,881,000	33,369,000
Sept. 7...	36,754,000	69,168,000	56,140,000	33,760,000
" 14...	38,099,000	66,214,000	57,331,000	41,411,000
" 21...	39,836,000	70,139,000	58,693,000	44,937,000
" 28...	40,768,000	71,413,000	60,528,000	49,901,000
Oct. 7...	41,832,000	73,614,000	63,275,000	51,256,000
" 14...	44,431,000	75,074,000	65,139,000	55,090,000
" 21...	46,190,000	76,639,000	66,978,000	59,402,000
" 28...	50,480,000	78,102,000	69,370,000	61,634,000

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on October 21 is as follows:

	bushels.
Montreal.....	298,000
Toronto.....	101,000
Kingston.....	25,000
Winnipeg.....	190,000
Manitoba elevators.....	1,775,000
Fort William, Port Arthur & Keewatin.....	2,398,000

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on October 21, 1895:

	bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	66,665,000
Pacific Coast.....	9,760,000
Total stocks a year ago were:	

	bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	102,035,000
Pacific Coast.....	9,074,000

Bradstreet's report for the week ended Oct. 23, shows an increase of 5,251,000 bushels in stocks of wheat east of the mountains, making the total 71,917,000 bushels on the latter date.

The November number of the Delineator is called the Thanksgiving Number, and illustrates a bewildering wealth of autumn and winter fashions, the collection of stylish garments being particularly complete. A novel departure in millinery is noted, and the colors and combinations in the season's dress goods and the glint and glitter of their spangled and jewelled trimmings are attractively described. Mrs. Roger A. Pryor furnishes a circumstantial account of dinner giving in society, and Juliet Corson writes on Domestic Service as an Employment. The best kind of a Thanksgiving dinner is described, with recipes for all its dishes; and a timely article on carving tells just how to gracefully dismember the noble bird that occupies the place of honor in the menu given. Helen Marshall North details the varied industrial instruction to be had at Pratt Institute, Brooklyn. Both children and adults will be delighted to learn just how the Crepe Paper Brownies are made, and with the pictures of these amusing little figures. Harriett Keith Fobes shows how Burnt Work Decorations may be applied to friezes and furniture. J. Bell Landfear gives illustrated instructions for a beautiful Greek Pantomime Drill. The Delineator Publishing Co., 33 Richmond St., West, Toronto.

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British Columbia Markets.

(BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.)

Vancouver, Nov. 2, 1895.

The strength continues in butter. Creamery is scarce and higher at 30c, and choicest Manitoba dairy is 2c higher at 19c. Stocks of held butter have been about cleaned up. Eggs are firm at 20c. Cured meats are 1c lower all around. Oats have declined again and are now down to \$16 per ton.

Butter.—Manitoba dairy butter, 18c to 19c; Manitoba creamery 28 to 30c; Manitoba cheese 9 to 10c per lb.

Cured Meats.—Hams 13½c; breakfast bacon 13½c; backs 12c; long, clear 9½c; short rolls 9½c; smoked sides 11c. Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 10c per pound; in pails and tubs 9½c. Mess pork \$15; short cut \$18.

Fish.—Prices are: Flounders 3c; smelt 5c; sea bass 4c; black cod 6c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 4c; herring 4c; halibut 7c; whiting 6c; soles 6c; crabs 60c dozen; smoked salmon 12½c; smoked halibut 10c; bloaters 10c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c; trout 10c per lb.; salt salmon \$8 per barrel.

Game.—Mallards, 60c; pintails; 50c; widgins, 35c; venison, 8c.

Vegetables.—Potatoes new, \$8 to \$10 per ton; onions silver skins, 1½c; cabbage, 1½c; carrots, turnips and beets, ¾ to 1c a lb.; sweet potatoes, \$3.50 per 100 lbs.

Eggs.—Fresh, local, 35c; Eastern 19c to 20c per dozen.

Fruits.—California seedling oranges \$3.00; California lemons \$1.00 to \$5.00; B. C. plums, \$1. per box; peaches, \$1.10 per box; apples, 75 to \$1.15 per box; tomatoes, \$1.50; California pears, \$1.50 per box; California grapes, \$1.10.

Nuts.—Almonds, 15c; filberts, 14c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 15c; walnuts, 10 to 16c lb.

Flour.—Manitoba patent, per bbl., \$4.70; strong bakers, \$4.50. Oregon, \$3.80.

Meal.—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$3.25; 15 pound racks, \$3.35; 22½ pound sacks, \$3.45; 10.7 sacks, \$2.45. Oatmeal, 10-10's, \$3.21, 2-50's, \$3.00. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.70; 2-15's, \$2.80.

Grain.—Washington State wheat \$24.50 per ton f. o. b. Vancouver, duty paid. Oats 16.00 per ton.

Ground Feed.—National mills chop, \$20 to \$22 per ton; ground barley, \$22 ton; shorts, \$18.50 ton; bran \$17.50; oil cake meal, \$26 ton; F. O. B. Vancouver, including duty paid on import stuff.

Dressed Meats. Beef, 6½ to 7c, mutton, 7½c to 8c, pork, 8 to 9c, veal, 6 to 8c per lb.

Hay.—Nominal at \$8 per ton.

Live Stock.—Calves, 4 to 6c, steers, 3 to 3½c lb; cows 2½ to 3c, sheep, \$3 to \$3.25; hogs, 5 to 5½c; lamb, per head \$2.50 to \$3.00.

Poultry.—Chickens, \$4 to \$5 per dozen.

Sugars.—Powdered and icing, 6½c; Paris lump, 6c; granulated, 5c; extra C, 4½c; fancy yellows 4½c; yellow 4c per lb.

Syrups.—30 gallon barrels, 1½c per pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2c; 5 gallon kegs, \$1.25 each; 1 gallon tins, \$3.75 per case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$1.50 per case of 20.

Teas.—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good, 18c, choice, 25c. Ceylons: Fair, 25c; good, 30c; choice, 35c per lb.

British Columbia Business Notes.

The estate of Hughitt & McIntyre, saw mill, Genoa, has been sold.

Lowe Inlet Packing Co., salmon cannery, Lowe Inlet, have dissolved; John Rood continues.

D. Murchie, furniture and undertaker, New Westminster, is giving up the furniture line.

The stock of Mrs. Ormsby, millinery, New Westminster, has been sold by auction.

The stock of S. H. Webb, gunsmith, New Westminster, is advertised for sale.

Mrs. Mary Fraser, general store, Steveston, has assigned.

G. W. Manning, butcher, Vancouver, is succeeded by Leonard Scott.

Scott & Urquhart, butchers, Vancouver, have dissolved; Geo. W. Urquhart continues.

Smith Bros., tannery, Vancouver, are succeeded by Priestman & Co.

John Tapley, confectionery, Vancouver, has suffered loss by fire.

Fred. Landsberg, curios, etc., Victoria; chattel mortgages in possession.

Lewis Lewis, stoves, etc., Victoria, is offering to sell out.

The effects of R. H. Berryman, hotel, Victoria; effects advertised for sale.

L. A. Murphy, cigars, etc., Wellington, is out of business.

N. A. Springer, cigars, etc., Wellington, is giving up business.

The Scandinavian colony in British Columbia, at Bella Coola, continues to draw settlers from the United States. A party of 25 persons from Minnesota, passed through the colony last week. Several parties have been made up in that state for the new Pacific coast settlement.

Financial and Insurance Matters.

The directors of the Bank National have finally decided to close their Winnipeg branch on December 31. The reason given for closing the Bank National branch here is that all the bank's capital is required in Quebec province where its business is mostly centred.

The liquidators of the Commercial Bank of Manitoba are preparing a dividend of ten per cent, which will be payable to creditors of the bank on December 31, making in all 60 per cent of the total claims paid.

A Jukes, of Brandon, Man., who leaves to open a branch of the Imperial Bank at Vancouver, B. C., was presented by a number of his friends with an address and a valuable cabinet of silverware.

Manitoba Wheat in New York.

The New York Commercial Bulletin recently reported that Manitoba wheat was offered there at 4 cents under Duluth. There is a mistake about this somewhere so far as it refers to Manitoba and Duluth wheat of the same grade. Mr. G. R. Crowe, of Crowe & Co., of Winnipeg, who handle the bulk of the Manitoba wheat sold a New York, says that they are selling Manitoba wheats in New York on a par with Duluth of the same grade. Yesterday they sold in New York at 4c above Duluth. The Manitoba wheat that is selling in New York under Duluth is evidently low grade stuff—No 3 hard or frosted, considerable of which has been shipped to New York.

Weather and Crops.

The long spell of weather favorable for threshing was broken by rain and snow at the close of last week and the temperature has been unusually cold this week, for so early in the season. There is a great deal of threshing to be done yet in some districts, and great care will have to be exercised to remove the top of stacks where snow has fallen, to prevent it from getting mixed with the grain. If it does it will make the grain practically unsaleable, as damp grain cannot be taken into store. A full month's threshing is yet to be done in some districts. A long open fall was greatly to be desired this year, but the winter is setting in much earlier than usual. Comparatively little plowing has been done for next year's crop. To-day is milder.

To Cattle Shippers.

The export season is drawing to a close, and ocean space is scarce. Shipments to catch the last boats from Montreal will have to be made at once. Gordon & Ironside have arranged to ship a limited number of cattle in January and February by a winter port. They therefore request that no more cattle should be sent in now for export, unless they are in first class condition. Farmers are advised to hold their cattle and feed up in good shape for later shipment, rather than offer anything not strictly prime now.

The Live Stock Trade.

The cable from London, on October 28, says the supplies of cattle were heavy and trade very slow. The feeling was weaker, but values for choice Canadians were unchanged at 10c. Canadian sheep were about steady at 11c to 12c.

As the season draws near to the close, says the Montreal Gazette, the ocean freight market becomes firmer. The bulk of the space has been taken on the vessels, which are to sail from Portland this winter to Liverpool at 40s for cattle and 50s for sheep. They will carry sheep principally.

Hogs were 10c lower at Montreal on Monday, at \$4.25 to \$4.30 per 100 pounds. Sheep were easier at 3 to 3½c for export. Butchers paid \$2 to \$4.50 per head for sheep and \$1.50 to \$3.25 for lambs. The cattle offered were mostly inferior quality and 3½c was the top price for export or butchers, good cattle sold at 9c and common at 1½c and upward as to quality.

The Beatty line steamers intend to continue running between Port Arthur and Sarnia all next month, the last boat being due to leave Port Arthur about December 2nd.

A. P. Campbell, of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange, has received a number of samples of wheat from farmers residing in Dakota, south of the Canadian boundary. They are anxious to ship their wheat out by the Canadian Pacific Railway, being nearer to this road than to any railway in Dakota, if bonding facilities can be arranged for to ship this way.

Mr. Alex. Nairn, of Toronto, brother of Mr. Stephen Nairn, of the Winnipeg oatmeal mill, has been on a visit west as far as the Pacific coast, and is greatly pleased with the country. He became acquainted with The Commercial, while on his trip west, by picking it up in business places which he visited, and the acquaintanceship proved so agreeable to him that he has ordered the paper to be sent to his Toronto address.

Geo. H. Rodgers & Co., wholesale dry goods, Winnipeg, are having their premises about doubled in size, by taking in a portion of the adjoining space in the same block. They occupy three floors and basement in the Lyon block on McDermott Street.

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Grain and Milling Notes.

A switch has been put in at the Pilot Mound oatmeal mills owned by Dow & Curry.

The flour mill at Marquette, Man., has been leased by Wm. Ramsay, lately from Scotland.

It is stated that Jas. Kippan has purchased the flour mill at Russell, Man., which has been idle for some time.

A by-law was voted on at Hartney, Man., recently to grant a bonus for a flour mill. It was defeated by a large majority.

John Wake is having the Johnstone elevator at Minnedosa, Man., overhauled. Mr. Wake is now on the market purchasing grain.

Fraser & Donald's steam power elevator, which is now in course of erection at Pilot Mound, Man., will be of 30,000 bushels capacity and will be provided with two weighing hoppers. It is to be completed by November 15.

The figures at which it is said wheat can be raised in Argentina is 25c a bushel. Sold at 50c the profit is 100 per cent. The climate is similar to that of California. Wheat land is for sale at two dollars and a half per acre. Italians are taking possession of the country in large numbers.

The plan adopted by the Canadian Pacific Railway land department of taking wheat in payment for land is said to be working satisfactorily. The company take the wheat at the highest market price at point of delivery and ship it forward to Fort William for storage.

A despatch received announces the wreck of the steam barge M. B. Hall on the Magnetic reef, north of Manitoulin Island. The barge was bound from Port Arthur to Midland with 27,500 bushels of wheat, which is insured for \$18,000 in British American. The cargo was owned by A. McBean & Son, Winnipeg. The owners of the cargo here have not received a report yet as to the condition of the cargo.

The new flour mill at Elkhorn, Man., is now completed and has been put in operation. This mill has been established by a local stock company, composed of the business men of the town, who are anxious for the progress of the district and who desire to make Elkhorn as good a market for the farmers as can be found in the province. The mill has a capacity of 75 barrels and is claimed to be one of the best of its capacity in the country.

Speaking of the weather in England the London Miller says: "September will be remembered by the present generation as a month of quite wonderful heat, sunshine, and generally summer-like character. The sunshine records are the highest known, these particular registers not having been kept for very many years. The total heat of the month at some stations has been the highest for 50 years, and all places show the highest registered heat since 1875. Rain has hardly fallen at all in some counties; others received an inch in heavy thunder showers early in the month. The harvest has been got in under most favorable circumstances in England and Northern Germany, where winter wheat was still out, and the spring wheat has been well secured in Russia."

The Macleod, Alberta, Gazette says: "We understand that, in response to an advertisement asking for tenders for the supply of oats for the mounted police at Lethbridge, the lowest bid was put in by a Brandon firm at \$1.09 per 100 pounds. The next lowest bid was that put in by a local ranchman at \$1.16, and a firm in Lethbridge bid for the contract at \$1.26. At the time of writing we do not know to whom the contract will be awarded, but there was a rumor to the effect that the Brandon firm were to get it.

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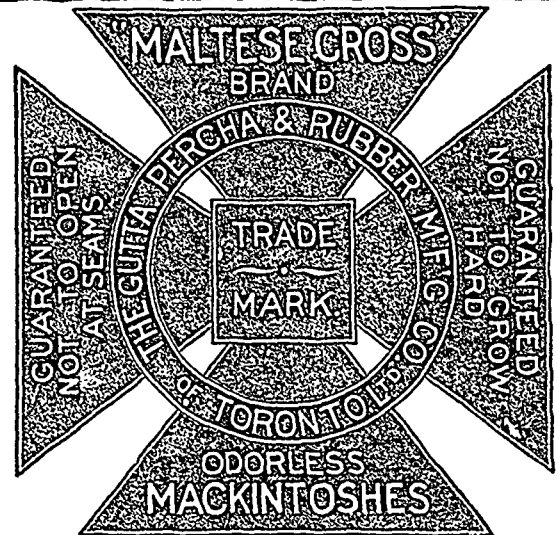
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A much larger quantity of Manitoba wheat than usual is going to Eastern Canada points for storage this fall. Owen Sound, Sarnia and other available storage points East will be filled up with Manitoba wheat this year. This is partly owing to the fact that prices being above an export basis on some grades, shippers are sending more grain than usual east to hold it where it can be available for sale to the Ontario milling trade at any time after the close of navigation. Ontario millers are also buying Manitoba wheat more freely this fall than usual. Still, the bulk of the crop will have to be exported to foreign countries, as in former years.



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Dairy Trade News.

It is proposed to establish a creamery at the Brassey farm, Indian Head, Assa.

The Dominion dairy station at Moose Jaw, Assa, has made \$10,000 worth of butter this year. The government will continue the station next year.

Prof. Robertson, Dominion dairy commissioner, says the government will next year continue more actively even than this year to assist the dairy interest in the west.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: Another car of fresh dairy butter has been received from Manitoba, which was readily disposed of at 14c to 15c.

The St. Cuthbert cheese factory at Lorette, Man., has lately become a joint stock company, and has applied to the government for the loan usual in such cases as provided by a recent act of the legislature.

The annual report of the Manitoba Dairy Association has been published in pamphlet form, as ordered by the legislature. It contains the report of the last annual meeting of the association, together with several valuable papers upon dairy and kindred subjects.

R. Scott, of Shoal Lake, was up last Saturday, says the Birtle Observer, inspecting the product of the Birtle creamery with a view to purchase for a Winnipeg house. Mr. Hettle was also up a few days ago for a Winnipeg house and several other offers of 17 cents for all but the first month's make have been received. The selling committee are holding out for 20c.

The Manitoba Northwestern district produces less grain than any other part of Manitoba, but wholesale merchants in Winnipeg will tell you that collections average better in this district as a rule than in other parts of the country. The reason is that the farmers there give more attention to live stock and dairying, and they always have something which they can turn into money.

Prof. Robertson, Dominion dairy commissioner, says: "Cold storage service on the railways, and a cold storage depot on one of the railway tracks at Winnipeg are necessary to the safe development of the butter business of Manitoba, or the fruit business from the west. Such a storage building would be a safe commercial venture, would probably yield a fair return on the capital invested from the beginning, and would be of very great benefit in putting the butter and fruit trade upon a safe and paying basis."

A dairy school will be established in Winnipeg this winter, under the direction of Mr. Macdonald, provincial dairy instructor. The course will last six weeks, and will be free. At the close of the course, participants will be required to pass examinations, before a certificate of competency will be issued by

the instructor. The school will be fitted with model butter and cheese making outfits. It is Mr. Macdonald's intention to make this a sort of model dairy and creamery, and the special value of such a course to the present heads of creameries and factories in the province can hardly be estimated. The value which will attach to the certificates issued at the end of the course to the successful candidates will be apparent to those whose qualifications to take charge of a creamery or cheese factory may at any time require endorsement. It is intended to make the institution self-supporting by its output of cheese and butter. In addition to the regular day instruction, there will be night lectures for the benefit of all who care to attend. The school will supply a want keenly felt heretofore, in furnishing competent persons to take charge of the new factories which are being opened throughout the country. Many of our present factormen would no doubt find it greatly to their interest to take a course at the school during the dull winter season.

The Elevator Situation at Austin.

Since writing a paragraph upon the elevator situation at Austin, Man., The Commercial has obtained an interview with Mr. Clifford, proprietor of the elevator at that place. Mr. Clifford first expressed surprise that The Commercial should have at all favored the removal of the elevator restrictions. He is a firm believer in the opinion that these restrictions have proved an advantage to the farmer. We may interject the statement here, that The Commercial has frequently stated that we believe the elevator privileges have proved beneficial to the farmers, by building up an elevatorsystem without which the grain trade of this country would be practically paralyzed to-day, and grain accordingly greatly depreciated in price. Returning to the subject, Mr. Clifford says the elevators cost from \$3,000 to \$15,000, and unless they get the handling of the great bulk of the crop, they cannot do it at the present rate of 1½ cents per bushel. Therefore, he argues, if the elevator privileges are removed, the rates for handling grain will have to be advanced. Following the same line of argument, presumably, a stoppage would be put to building new elevators. Mr. Clifford also spoke of the advantage of the elevators in providing storage for the farmers, thus relieving them of the necessity of building expensive granaries for themselves.

At the time Mr. Clifford was interviewed there were seven machines threshing within four miles of Austin, and the farmers were beginning to see that loading into cars was not what it was cracked up to be, though they had been kept fairly well supplied with cars. He pointed out, however, that if loading into cars was allowed generally, no railway could begin to supply cars or

handle the crop and the farmers would have to go back to the elevators, or suffer serious loss on account of the delays. Mr. Clifford considers the elevators of as great necessity to the farmers as binders, and he would do everything to encourage rather than hamper them.

At Austin Mr. Clifford says the quantity of wheat marketed has been a little over 100,000 bushels per annum for the past three years, and it would not pay to run the elevator for less than this amount of grain. Mr. Clifford's elevator is on private property and not on the Canadian Pacific Railway right of way, and is reached by a spur track. This is given as one reason why the elevator privileges were disallowed in this instance. Mr. Clifford, however, allowed all buyers to ship through the elevator, so that though there was only one elevator, there were several buyers in the Austin market.

Our Correspondence Column.

J. E. C.—We do not think that the commodity can be profitably shipped to British Columbia this year. A Winnipeg dealer will write you, giving quotations and other information asked for.

H. S.—An explanation of the grain standards system was given in The Commercial of September 20.

J. E. R.—We cannot place much confidence in world's crop estimates. In many countries no careful system of crop reporting exists and estimates are mere guess work. Even where the best organization for crop reporting exists the estimates are often astray. In the United States, for instance, the wheat crop of 1891 was under-estimated by fully 100,000,000 bushels. When such a huge blunder as this was made in the official reports, what confidence can we have in crop reports of Russia, Argentine, and some other countries which have no systematic mode of reporting the crops. Doctors differ, and so do crop statisticians. Some alleged authorities say there will be plenty of wheat this year, while others make a shortage of 100,000,000 or more bushels. Crop reporting has not been reduced to a science yet, and at best is a very poor foundation to build very hopefully upon.

The American Agriculturist, of last week, contains that paper's annual measurement of the apple crop of the United States. The estimated commercial crop is one of the largest in recent years, approximately 60,000,000 barrels, being 16 per cent over 1894. The volume of the crop exceeds that of any recent year, but the great apple districts east of the Alleghanies show less than an average, while in the central west the crop is the largest ever known. Early estimates reported a short crop, but this is shown to be wrong.

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Preparing Poultry for Market.

As the poultry season draws near producers and country shippers will require to again have their attention called to the necessity for care in handling poultry if they wish their shipments to bring the best price. Heretofore much of the native poultry has been placed upon the market in such a condition that it has brought a low price, while Winnipeg dealers have been obliged to go to Eastern Canada for choice poultry. There should be no need to import poultry into this country. Feed is abundant this year, and the first feature necessary is to feed up the poultry properly. After this, then care in packing. Following are some pointers from a circular issued by J. Y. Griffin & Co., Winnipeg, on this subject:

As the season for marketing this year's crop of poultry draws near, would it not be well to give more attention to the preparation and packing of this product than has been done in the past, and so obtain for our Manitoba poultry the highest market price, and keep at home the money sent east in previous seasons?

The following pointers if carried out would place our home grown stock on the market second to none:

Pluck dry; scalding reduces the value fully 2c per lb.

Draw and cut heads and feet off.

Pack evenly in uniform crates holding about 200 lbs. nett weight each.

Don't be afraid to spend a quarter either in time or lumber in packing. The little out-law will repay itself with interest.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

The following shows the number of cars of wheat inspected at *Winnipeg for the weeks of ended on the dates named, compared with the number of cars inspected for the corresponding weeks a year ago, as reported by Inspector Horn to the Board of Trade:—

Grade.	Oct. 5	Oct. 12	Oct. 19	Oct. 26	Sept. 28.
Extra Manitoba hard.....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 hard.....	189	166	95	150	91
No. 2 hard.....	23	41	10	35	19
Nt. 3 hard.....	80	47	32	45	40
No. 1 North'n..	51	43	20	22	33
No. 2 North'n..	5	3	5	5	2
No. 3 North'n..	0	0	2	4	0
No. 1 white fyle	10	4	9	3	1
No. 2 white fyle	2	0	0	0	3
No. 1 Spring ...	23	30	19	15	3
No. 2 Spring ...	2	0	1	3	3
No. 2 Goose....	0	0	0	0	17
No. 1 frosted ..	29	60	37	50	7
No. 2 frosted ..	23	31	31	34	0
No. 3 Fro ted..	5	11	6	8	0
No. 1 Re-jected.	22	23	21	21	41
No. 2 Re-jected.	36	57	29	50	0
No Grade.....	2	1	1	1	0
Total.....	457	522	341	426	259
Same week last year.....	238	138	142	211	244

*Wheat inspected at Emerson going out via the Northern Pacific to Duluth, is included in Winnipeg returns. A considerable portion of the wheat moving is inspected at Fort William, and does not show in these figures.

British Grain Trade.

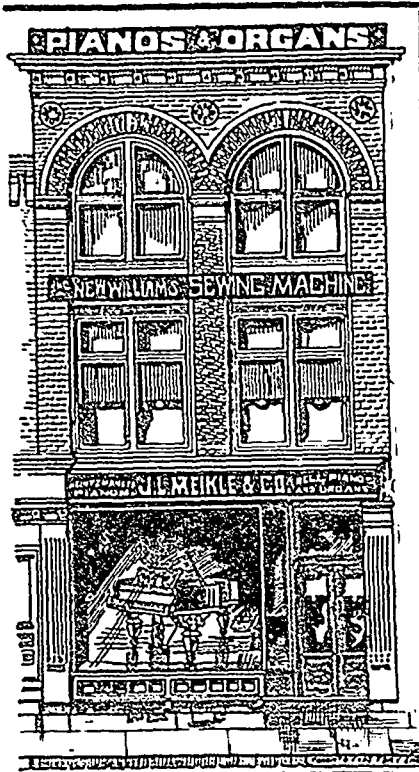
The Mark Lane Express in its weekly review of the British grain trade says: "English wheat has been 6d dearer and foreign wheat 1s higher. There was a cargo trade in California wheat, 27s 9d for spring. To-day foreign wheat was 6d dearer. American flour advanced a shilling. No. 2 red winter was quoted at 25s 6d; No. 1 Duluth, Manitoba and California each 26s 6d, and Oregon 27s 6d. Flour—Minnesota patent was quoted at 22s; bakers' 18s 6d; California and Oregon 17s 6d.

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Montreal Grain and Produce Market.

Flour.—The flour market has been fairly active, with considerable business reported in strong bakers, besides the sale of several round lots for Quebec, St. John, N.B., and Halifax, N.S., the prices for best grades being \$9.00 f.o.b. here. Smaller lots sell at \$1.00. Medium grades are quoted all the way from \$8.50 to \$9.75. In straight rollers there have been sales since our last report at \$9.00 f.o.b. points west of Toronto, although millers now ask \$8.10 to \$9.25 f.o.b., as to quality. Further large sales are reported for shipment east of Montreal on the basis of \$9.85 here, but nothing now it is said can be had under the equivalent of \$9.40 laid down here, and we quote \$9.40 to \$9.50 for car lots on track here, and \$9.55 to \$9.65 for smaller quantities.

Oatmeal.—In bags granulated and rolled are quoted at \$1.60 to \$1.65, and standard at \$1.50 to \$1.55. Pot barley \$4.25 in barrels and \$2 in bags, and split peas \$3.50.

Bran, etc.—The market is quiet, and we quote \$14.50 to \$15. Shorts \$15.75 up to \$17.50 as to grade.

Oats.—The market for oats is steady, with sales reported at 80 to 80½c, with sales of car lots of No. 3 at 29 to 29½c. These sales show an advance of ½c upon last week's business.

Barley.—The market is very quiet both here and in the west, and we quote malting grades 50 to 52½c and feed 89 to 40c.

Cured Meats.—Canada short cut pork, per bbl., \$15.50 to \$16.50; Canada thin mess, per bbl., \$14 to \$14.50; Hams, per lb., 9 to 11c; Lard, pure, in pails, per lb., 8½ to 9½c; Lard, compound, in pails, per lb., 6½ to 7c; Bacon, per lb., 9 to 11c; Shoulders, per lb., 8 to 8½c.

Butter.—Good times in the butter trade is about as fair a way to characterize the market as we know of, and if farmers have not sense enough to sell their butter as fast as it is churned at present profitable prices, then they will deserve no pity should the market decline later and leave them with stocks on hand in a lower market. Since our last report sales have been made of round lots of September and October creamery at 21½c, 22c, 22½c and 23c, the latter price being paid for the whole October make of a well known factory, and yesterday 23c was bid in the country for the October make of another factory. For Eastern Townships dairy 19 to 20c has been paid for choice fall ends, and sales of Western dairy have transpired at 14 to 15c for good to fine and at 16 to 16½c for finest.

Cheese.—The cheese market continues to show extraordinary strength, but those who do not accept present good prices are foolish. Of course there will have to be an end to this boom, and then the wise ones will be those who sold at current values. At the moment there is no indication of a collapse in cheese, the market being firm, and any factoryman who is willing to accept current rates without haggling for extreme values can sell his cheese. Sales are reported of 1,000 boxes of white Perth at 9½c, 2,000 boxes of finest Western at 9½c, 500 Eastern Townships finest at 9½c, and 800 boxes do. at 9½c.

Eggs.—The market continues firm, round lots of choice candled stock having been placed at 14 to 14½c, with sales of small jobbing lots at 15 to 15½c. Seconds are quoted at 12 to 18c. Strictly new laid from nearby points 20 to 22c.

Hides.—The hide market is weak and 1c lower, making a decline of 1½c from top prices. Calfskins had declined 1c since our last, dealers now paying only 6c. We quote prices as follows. Light hides, 7c for No. 1, 6c for No. 2, and 5c for No. 3; to tanners 8c for No. 1. Heavy hides 7 to 7½c; Calfskins 6c; Lambskins 55c.—Trade Bulletin, Oct. 25.

The Price of Coal.

Referring to the last advance in Pennsylvania coal, which was noted in the Commercial of last week. The coal trade paper Black Diamond says: "The market continues to show an increased firmness. Prices have gone up another notch. The demand continues strong, and there appears not the slightest reason to believe that quotations are being in any way discounted. Figures f.o.b. New York are now quoted: \$3.75 for broken, \$3.90 for egg, \$4.15 for stove and \$3.90 for nut on the companies' circular. Simultaneously, figures at Chicago went up to \$5.25 and \$5.50; these are higher than they have been for the last two or three years, and we might mention that last year the circular records that that coal was held, for broken \$3.60, egg \$3.75, stove \$4, nut \$3.75, so that prevalent prices are even more satisfactory than they were then. All reports both from city and country trade, appear to agree in the conclusion that though some stocks are held, that they are nothing like equal to meet the demands which will be made upon them during the coming season. We are now face to face with winter, and at the same time with less coal in sight than has been the case for many a day. As the general revival in business will undoubtedly cause an excess even in the normal demand, this condition of stocks must have a tendency to put figures still higher later on. It is very true that some of the large shippers in the west are confident that they will be able to take care of their trade, but on the other hand others are short."

The same paper, speaking of the coal trade of Duluth says: "Receipts of soft coal for the season up to October 1st are not by the agent of the Northern Coal Storage Company, which controls the soft coal on all the docks at the head of the lake, at 617,919 tons for Superior and 266,890 for Duluth, a total of 884,809. Last season the total was 550,410. The stocks of hard coal are put by a good authority at 317,889 tons for the two towns. A year ago they were 30,000 tons greater. Unless there is a big increase in the receipts it is believed there will be a shortage in hard coal stocks and there will be none too much of soft coal."

The Labor Market.

The demand for labor still continues in excess of the supply. Notwithstanding the time that has elapsed since the harvest started, a large force of men are still employed at threshing and other farm work. Many of the farm laborers from Eastern Canada are returning home, and there have not been a sufficient number of men released yet from harvest and general farm work to create any surplus of men. In fact, it is said that many of the threshing outfits are short of help on account of scarcity of men. The heaviest demand now is for men to go to the woods for the winter. Probably fully double the number of men will be wanted for the woods this winter, owing to the low stocks and better outlook for the lumber trade next season. Not nearly the number of men required can be supplied at present, though wages offered are higher than a year ago. The wages offered for choppers is \$20, which is \$4 higher than last year. For experienced loggers \$26 to \$28 is offered. A large number of men will be wanted a little later on, to get out cordwood and railway ties, so there is no prospect of a let up in the demand for men, which has now been vastly in excess of the supply for the past two or three months.

A line of goods which has come quickly into general use in this country during the last two or three years, is felt footwear. In

this cold climate there is nothing so comfortable in the line of footwear as a good felt shoe. Moccasins, overshoes and all other inventions to protect the feet from the cold, are not to be compared with the felt shoes for ordinary wear. The sale of these goods has increased very rapidly, and their use will be almost general this winter in Manitoba. The Dolge felt shoe is one make which has been received with favor here and has given general satisfaction. It is handled by Mr. A. Congdon, of Winnipeg, who has the sole agency for these shoes in Western Canada.

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