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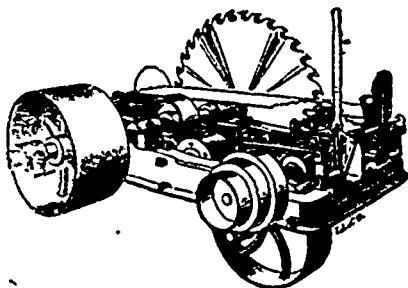
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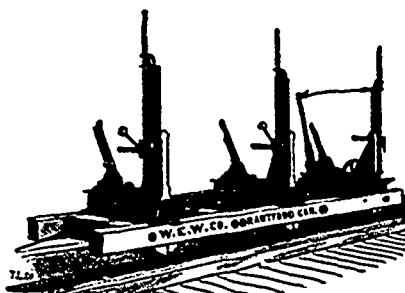
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INTERIOR WATERWAYS.

The United States government is evidently alive to the great value of water transportation, as a cheap means of handling heavy traffic. Wherever the rivers throughout the country could be rendered useful for navigation purposes, the government has pursued a steady and consistent policy of improving the same. An example of this wise policy may be found in the case of the Red river. That portion of the Red river lying within the United States has been improved until it has become a valuable artery of commerce. Last year nearly one million bushels of grain were handled on the Red river in the United States, besides large quantities of cordwood, brick, lumber, and general merchandise.

In strange contrast with the action of the United States in regard to waterways stands the long continued policy of the Canadian government. While in this country we have been exceedingly liberal in voting bonuses and subsidies to railway corporations we have been extremely parsimonious in voting anything for the improvement of inland waterways. In the one case private corporations have been voted public funds in a most lavish manner, while needed public improvements to waterways have been neglected. This would appear to be an exact reversal of the policy that should have been followed. Possibly if our rivers could have been exploited by private corporations, the funds for their improvement would have been voted more readily. The people would not, however, have tolerated the handing over of the rivers to private control.

The policy of granting bonuses freely to private transportation corpor-

ations, and giving little or nothing for the improvement of the great natural public highways of commerce, is one that should receive the careful consideration of our people. Here in western Canada we have probably the finest system of inland navigation in the world, standing comparatively idle for the need of a little expenditure on the part of the government. This is an enormous annual loss to the country. In the case of the Red river, already referred to, the annual loss to the people of eastern Manitoba is very great, owing to the refusal of the government to undertake the very limited expenditure necessary to render the river navigable. Fuel, lumber and other building material have cost the people much higher than would have been the case if the river had been rendered navigable.

The strength of a chain is equal only to that of its weakest link. One weak link would render a chain useless for the purpose required. This is exactly the situation that exists in connection with the Red river. One obstruction between the source of supply and demand destroys the value of the route.

The Red river in Manitoba is immensely more valuable for purposes of navigation than the portion of the same river within the United States. Connecting with the river here there is a vast lake, nearly three hundred miles long, having a large fishing industry, and with timber and minerals abounding in the tributary country. Here is the source of supply. In Winnipeg is the demand. The weak link is the St. Andrew's rapids, which the citizens of Winnipeg have been endeavoring to have improved for almost the last two decades. It is to be hoped that the present promised action of the government will result in something being done.

The work of developing our western inland waters should not stop with the improvement of the St. Andrew's rapids. Practically nothing has been done toward improving any of our western rivers. There are other valuable stretches of navigable water, the value of which is largely reduced or entirely destroyed by slight obstructions. What we require is a general policy of improving these public highways of commerce, until their full value to the country shall have been realized.

THE PASSING OF THE OX.

The ox, as a beast of burden, has about had its day in Manitoba, though it is still used to a limited extent in some of the foreign settlements in the province. Manitoba is still a young province, from a historical point of view, and it seems only a short time since the ox was quite commonly used here as a motive power, yet a

Winnipeg paper the other day referred to the passing of an ox team down one of our streets as a novelty. This shows that the ox, as a beast of burden, has already become a rarity here. It also shows how quickly things familiar are forgotten. Such is life in the Great Northwest. Great men pass off the stage of life and are quickly forgotten. Likewise the ox.

In the early days the ox was a very important institution in this country. Before the advent of railways he was the great motive power here. Hitched to a home-made wooden cart, with the aid of straps of home tanned moose skin, the patient beast wended his way for many weary miles over the vast plains of the Great Lone Land, hauling supplies for the trappers and traders and bringing back the product of the hunt in the form of rich furs from the north country.

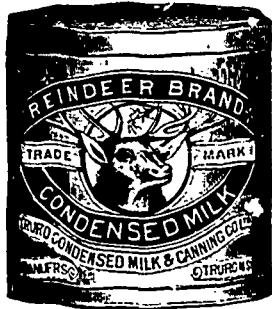
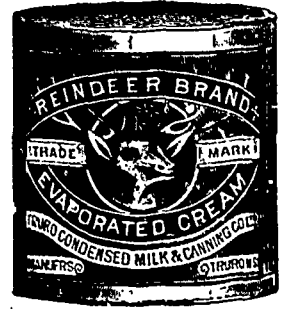
Later, when the advance wave of the tide of settlement began to reach our great prairie country, the ox came into even more active requisition. Larger quantities of goods were required to be moved to the new settlements that were formed throughout the country, and upon the ox was placed the burden of this work. Strings of ox carts were constantly passing over the sinuous prairie trails, leaving their zig-zag tracks in the dust of the trail, as the home-made wheel of the cart wobbled around in its irregular course. Long, weary trips were made in this way, sometimes aggregating hundreds of miles; sometimes almost thousands, for the country was traversed from the Red River to the Rocky Mountains, and from the United States boundary to the Great Saskatchewan river of the north. Day after day, and week after week; aye and even month after month, the patient animals plodded along, asking little and often receiving less. He wiggled through the prairie sloughs with his load, where the horse would have floundered and proved useless, and as for food he got nothing but what he could forage for at night, after travelling all day. Of course the prairie afforded a liberal grazing supply most of the year. But only the ox was equal to the occasion of having to travel all day and rustle for his food at night.

The ox in those days was to the country what the railway is now. Rather a remarkable comparison to be sure, but a just one. He was the means of transportation then, as the railway is now. Of course, the wheels of commerce revolved somewhat slowly then. They certainly did not receive a very liberal supply of grease. The mournful creaking of the cart wheels, audible almost miles away on a calm day, as the carts passed along the prairie trails, indicated surely that the wheels of commerce in those days were but

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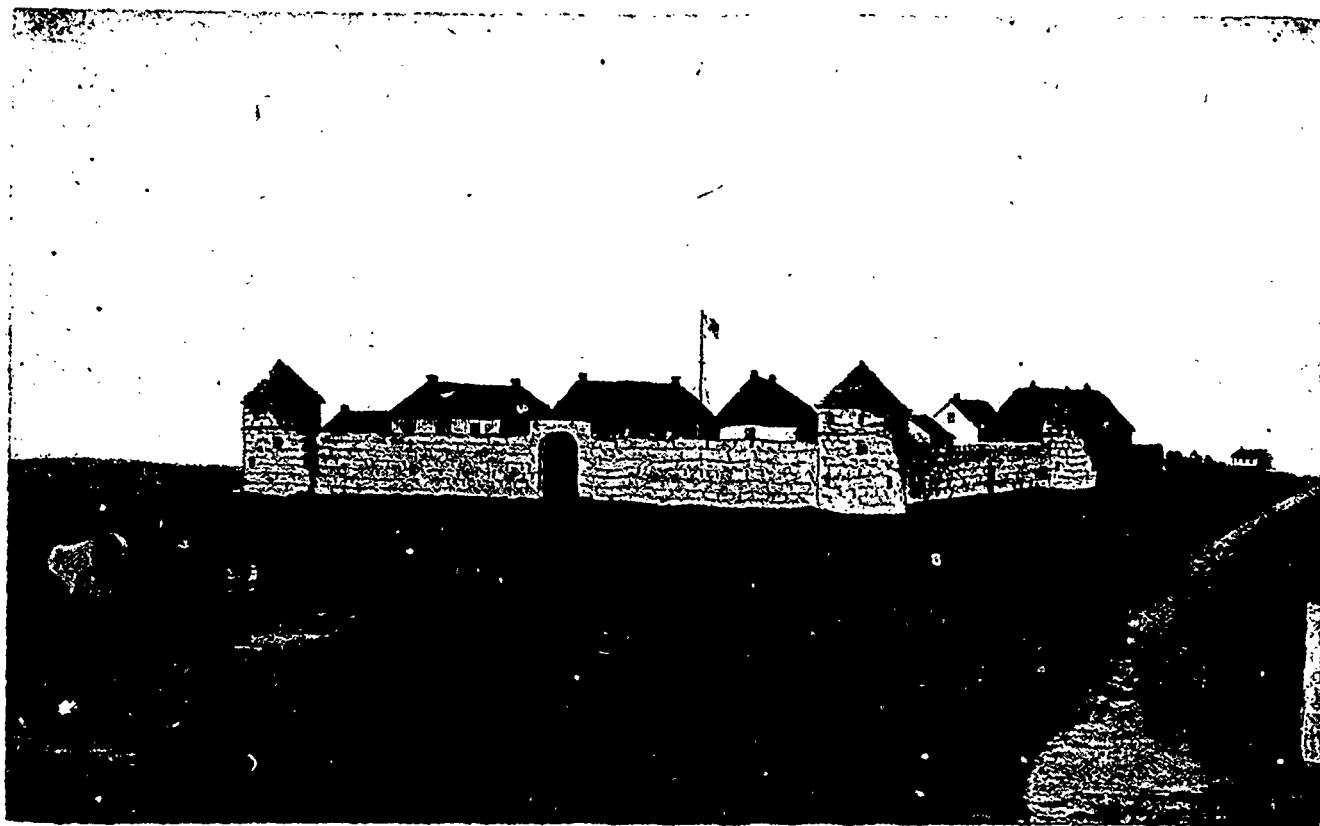
In the new order of things there is no place for the ox and cart. The transition from the cart to the railway carriage was so rapid that the departing ox was hardly thought of in his going. To some, however, the doleful wailing of the ungreased wheels seemed a lament for the conditions that were rapidly passing away.

But even after the ox and cart had largely disappeared as a means of conveyance, there continued to be a considerable demand for oxen for farm

found bleaching on the prairie, after having been plucked by the prairie wolf. The ox on the farm, like his brother of the trail, required little. He would do a fair day's work in turning up the black prairie soil and rustle a living for himself between work hours, and after faithfully working for his master until his services were no longer required, he would yield up his flesh as food for those for whom he had labored, while his hide would bring a few dollars in cash from the trader.

Though the patient animal has ceased to be a commercial commodity in the Winnipeg market, it is certainly not the fault of the ox. Many a new settler going to his future home,

The cut of old Fort Garry with the ox and cart in the foreground, given herewith, seems appropriate in connection with a reference to the passing of the ox. The scene is a familiar one to many of our readers, but it is one which will always prove interesting, recalling as it will memories of the past. "All roads lead to Rome." Here in the west all roads lead to Winnipeg. So it was in the early days; all roads led to Fort Garry. The trails that led across the great plains all centered at the old fort, which might be described as the chief station on the cart trail roads. Here the ox carts were loaded for their long trips across the plains, and to this spot they return-



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purposes, from new settlers. Every spring a brisk trade was done in Winnipeg in oxen. New settlers coming in found an ox team a very desirable thing to possess for the first year or two on their prairie farms. The ox would pick his living from the prairie, while the horse required to be fed grain and hay, and new settlers could only secure feed by purchasing it. The horse also required stabling, to protect him from the pestilential flies, or from inclement weather, otherwise he was not fit for work, and the new settler of course could not get his buildings ready at will. In a word, the horse required careful handling, feeding and stabling, and if he did not receive such attention, his bones were liable to soon be

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country has been covered with almost a network of railways. The echo of the tread of the pioneer has passed; the wave of humanity has swept over the land, and the country is throbbing and vibrating with a new life. All in twenty years! But we must pass on. Our readers will be looking for something on the price of wheat or some other such matter of fact commercial subject, and we cannot linger.

ONTARIO FIELD CROPS.

The farmers of Ontario met with only indifferent success in the cultivation of field crops last year, according to the final bulletin of the provincial department of agriculture. Winter killing of fall wheat by frost and hot dry weather in August constituted the principal drawbacks to the success of the crops. Rust was also prevalent to some extent in the spring wheat. The coarser grains while they did not suffer so much as wheat were also adversely affected by the heat of August. Barley and oats yielded well, the latter particularly so, probably because these grains were well matured before the August hot spell intervened. The pea crop turned out badly and so also did corn. Beans suffered severely from the drouth. There was a falling off in the cultivation of tobacco. Much of the clover was winter killed. Potatoes turned out well, turnips badly and other root crops fairly.

The number of acres sown to fall wheat was 1,049,691 as against 1,048,182 acres in the previous year and an annual average for eighteen years of 908,677 acres. The total production was 14,439,827 bushels as against 25,153,713 bushels in 1893 and an annual average of 18,220,140 bushels. The average annual market value of this crop is about \$15,000,000.

The number of acres sown to spring wheat was 398,726 as against 389,205 acres in the previous year and an annual average of 470,226. The yield in bushels totalled 7,041,317 as against 6,873,785 in 1893 and an average of 7,247,187. The market value of this crop averages \$6,062,417. It will be seen from the above figures that while the production of fall wheat in Ontario is steadily growing production of spring wheat is falling off when compared with the average of past years.

The number of acres sown to barley last year was 490,374 as against 438,784 the previous year and an annual average of 622,598 bushels. The total yield was 14,830,891 bushels as against 12,663,608 last year and an annual average of 16,157,273. The market value of this crop averages \$7,992,103, or 49.2c per bushel.

The number of acres sown to oats was 2,868,778, as against 2,876,360 in the previous year and an average of 1,980,221. The yield was 89,897,724 bushels as against 86,858,293 in

1898 and an average of 67,131,824. The average market value of this crop is \$20,843,761 or 31.7c per bushel.

The number of acres sown to rye was 137,824 as against 165,089 in 1898 and an average of 112,655. The yield was 2,251,846 bushels as against 2,673,234 in 1898 and an average of 1,823,170. The average market value of this crop is \$937,572 or 52.2c per bushel.

The number of acres sown to beans was 40,485 as against 45,220 in 1898 and an average of 37,822. The production amounted to 651,009 bushels, as against 759,657 bushels in 1898 and 655,836 bushels of an average. This crop realizes annually \$651,972 or 99.4c per bushel.

The number of acres sown to potatoes was 168,148 as against 169,916 in 1898 and an average of 160,060. The yield was 19,933,366 bushels, as against 14,358,625 in 1898 and 18,136,674 on an average. The annual value of this crop is \$7,435,692 or 40.5c per bushel.

The number of acres sown to corn for husking was 333,590 and for silo and fodder 171,935 acres. The number of acres sown last year to these two crops was 330,748 acres and 189,948 acres respectively. The previous averages were 285,759 acres and 149,797 acres. The production of corn for husking was 21,673,234 bushels as against an average of 20,031,112. The production of corn for silo and fodder was 1,697,755 tons, which corresponds very closely with the previous average. The total value of these two crops was \$7,709,952.

There was but very little variation in the hay crop, the area sown and yield being about the same as in previous years. The actual production of hay and clover was 3,498,705 tons, having a market value of about \$30,000,000.

The tobacco crop of 1899 yielded 2,241,562 pounds from 2,206 acres, mainly in the county of Essex. In 1898 production was 10,560,590 pounds from 7,871 acres.

In addition to the above the province produces large quantities of peas, buckwheat, carrots, turnips, etc., which add about \$15,000,000 more to the annual income of the farmers. The total income per year from field crops, pasture, orchard, garden and vineyard is \$110,264,645 from 7,876,919 acres of land, or an average of \$14.00 per acre.

Immigration Statistics.

Commissioner McCreary, of the Immigration department furnished a reporter of the Free Press Monday morning with a comprehensive summary of the report of the year's immigration as sent to Ottawa. The commissioner states that the year of 1899 has been a record one in the history of the department and made special mention of the number of homestead entries filed which are in excess of any of the previous years including that of 1892. This is the only year that can show anything like the number filed in

1899 and of those a large percentage were recalled.

The number of arrivals this year was 43,045 people, compared to 30,273 of the previous years. The report contains the following details. The nationalities of the arrivals are as follows:

Canadian 11,591; English and Welsh 2,833; Irish 270; Scotch 613; American 2,233; Scandinavian 769; German 1,425; Gallician 6,915; Doukhobors 7,427; French and Belgian 273; Russians 288; Icelanders 364; Austrians 80; other countries 1,108; Total 36,175; consisting of 21,496 males and 14,679 females.

To this total 20 per cent should be added for those who arrived by rail and wagon at points west of Winnipeg. These came by the N. P. at Emerson; by the Great Northern at Gretna; by the Soo line at North Portal and the Great Falls and Canada railway at Coutts and also those who came in by wagon to Southern Alberta and Southwestern Assiniboia. To this number should also be added those of the Ontario harvesters who came to the west by C. P. R. excursions. These additional numbers are calculated at 7,235, making a total of 43,410 souls. From this should be deducted however departures to the Yukon to the states and Ontario to the number of 365, leaving a grand total of 43,045 people.

In the previous calendar year of 1898 the arrivals at Winnipeg were 27,857, and 20 per cent was added, the same as this year, which made 33,428 people, from which had to be deducted for departures to Yukon, Ontario and the States, 3,155 people, leaving a grand total in the country of 30,273 people. The excess, therefore, of immigration this year over that of 1898 is 12,772 souls.

The immigration this year consists almost entirely of farmers. The occupations, classified, are as follows: Farmers, 7,676, not including those who came in at points west of Winnipeg; farm laborers, 3,533; general laborers, 1,656; mechanics, 983; clerks and trades, 638; miners, 670; domestic servants, 215; unclassified, including all the women and children, 20,984.

The report on homestead entries for the past three years is summarized. The numbers include both the province and Territories. In 1897, 2,576 entries were registered; in 1898, 5,067 entries were made, and in the year 1899, 8,333 entries on homesteads were made, showing a big and continual increase over the year '97. This has given a big stimulus to immigration, and will certainly mean an increased output of cereals. The farmer must work these homestead lands for three years before a patent is issued.

Homesteading is going on lively in the ranching country of Southern Alberta. The Pincher Creek district is an illustration of how lands are being taken up by settlers going in for mixed farming. During the last year 125 entered, while 175 had arrived with the intention of entering, and doubtless have entered, by this time.

Immigration from the United Empire shows an increase, though still not up to what the department would wish. Its volume in 1897 was 1,793 souls, of whom 1,519 were from England; but this year the total is 3,716, of whom 2,833 came from England and Wales.

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WHEAT IN CANADA.

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

Montreal	40,000
Toronto	58,000
Kingston	3,000
Depot Harbor, Ont.	476,000
Coleau, Que.	209,000
Winnipeg	385,000
Manitoba elevators	4,950,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	3,320,000

Total Jan. 6. 9,400,000
Total a year ago 8,224,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's on January 6, were 89,252,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 51,057,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on Jan. 1 were 10,022,000 bushels, compared with 5,923,000 bushels a year ago.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Jan. 13, was 50,532,000 bushels, being a decrease of 1,359,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 27,953,000 bushels, two years ago 37,833,000 bushels, three years ago 52,459,000 bushels, and four years ago 67,988,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 5,067,000 bushels, compared with 6,402,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 12,584,000 bushels, compared with 20,935,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

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

	Bushels.
1900	163,987,000
1899	118,943,000
1898	132,434,000
1897	150,559,000
1896	194,685,000
1895	205,509,000
1894	212,263,000
1893	204,202,000

CROP MOVEMENT.

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

	This crop.	Last crop.
Minneapolis	47,421,480	52,151,940
Milwaukee	6,280,392	8,813,385
Duluth	33,082,864	55,529,862
Chicago	17,093,226	24,050,390

Total 103,877,762 140,545,577.

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

	This crop.	Last crop.
Toledo	10,050,703	10,585,875
St. Louis	7,131,889	11,560,863
Detroit	2,996,478	3,623,400
Kansas City	10,589,790	20,119,113

Total 30,774,860 45,789,251

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The flour output at Minneapolis for the year 1899 was the largest on record, amounting to 14,291,780 barrels, against 14,232,595 barrels the preceding year. The production has grown from 940,000 barrels in 1878. Direct flour exports in 1899 were 4,009,000 barrels, against 4,052,000 barrels the preceding year and 5,942,000 barrels two years ago.

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The grain section of the Toronto board of trade has been discussing the question of freight rates to the seaboard and the relative cost of carriage of flour and wheat. They have decided that the existing rate operates disadvantageously to the Ontario miller and will endeavor to have the rates adjusted. Another question of large importance which they have been discussing is that of securing a desirable variety of winter wheat for growth in that province. One which will produce a flour fully adapted to the requirements of the English markets.

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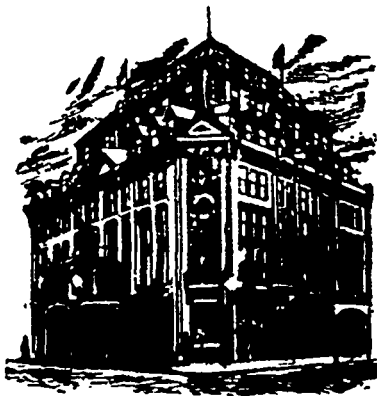
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Death of A. B. Clark.

Much regret is expressed at the death of A. B. Clark, of the wholesale stationery firm of Clark Bros. & Co., Winnipeg. Mr. Clark has not been in good health for the past two or three years, and has spent much of his time during the past two years away from the city, for the benefit of his health. The remains were sent east on Tuesday, to be interred at Montreal, where the family reside.

Mr. Clark was some years ago on the staff of the Union Bank in Winnipeg, and later went to New York to reside. He returned to Winnipeg to take an interest in the wholesale stationery house with which he remained connected to the time of his death. His brother, Douglas Clark, has been associated with him in this business, and by whom the business will be continued. Mr. Clark leaves a wife and one child. His mother and brothers and sisters reside in Montreal. His father, who was a well known Montreal business man, died suddenly in Winnipeg last summer, at an advanced age, while on a visit to his sons here.

Mr. Clark was an active member of the Winnipeg Rowing club, and not many years ago was one of the expert rowers of the club. He was of a kind and friendly disposition and was a favorite among his acquaintances. His death at such an early age is a matter of great regret.

Brandon Board of Trade.

Brandon, Jan. 17.—The annual meeting of the Brandon board of trade was held in the council chamber on Tuesday evening, when a good representation of the business men of the city was present.

The annual report of the council, as read by the secretary, gave a resume of the year's work, and was most satisfactory. The important question of freight discrimination was dealt with as follows: "The discrimination in freight rates by the railway companies against Brandon is a matter of vital importance to the city. The railway companies have taken it upon themselves to determine where the wholesale and jobbing business of the country shall be done, by giving one distributing centre rates which they refuse to give another, notwithstanding the C. P. R. president's speech recently, that such action would be a dangerous thing.

Your council, however, has been active in the matter. There were deputations sent on two occasions to Winnipeg in connection with it, and by presenting a strong case, and the unfairness of the railway companies' position, have succeeded in getting a new tariff and a substantial reduction in rates on incoming freight, which means a large saving yearly to every one bringing in goods and indirectly a saving to every consumer. While this in itself is gratifying and for which we are pleased, yet they positively refuse to give us the same rates as Winnipeg on goods being shipped out of Brandon, which is by far the worst part of the discrimination. On the other hand when we got our reduction on incoming freight the railway companies immediately gave Winnipeg a proportional reduction on freight out from Winnipeg, which places them in the same position as before. It is not necessary here to go into figures to show how this operates against us. It simply means that the railway companies tell us plainly that we must not

presume to do a wholesale or jobbing business, and such is the case as long as the present discrimination exists. Your council has endeavored to give this matter as much publicity as possible through the principal newspapers and boards of trade throughout the Dominion. The Toronto Globe of Jan. 4 took the question up and has a strong article on it which will no doubt help our cause, and we believe that public sentiment will compel the railway companies to treat all communities fairly."

The report also dealt with the board's action in its endeavor to have the western extension of the Northern Pacific from Portage in Prairie built into the city and the belief expressed that by continued agitation the desired connection, not merely by a spur, would be obtained. The board's attention of bringing the question of a three cent local passenger rate on the C. P. R. before the authorities at Ottawa was announced. The Northern Pacific has already made the desired reduction. Brandon had been made a port of entry of H. M. customs during the year, a subject which had been brought to the attention of the minister of the interior by the board. The board was also instrumental in securing the Baptist college for this city.

In discussing the matter of freight discrimination Ald. Nation suggested that a convention of business men of the western portion of the province be held in Brandon for the discussion of the question. He said that if they could get the business men of the west on their side, by showing them that were Brandon granted pro rata rates with Winnipeg a saving of five to ten per cent. would be effected, the hands of the board would be much strengthened. In pursuance of this the following resolution was carried: "That the executive be instructed to call a meeting of all representative men in the western part of the province to discuss the railway problem generally, freight rates, passenger rates, railway commission, etc., on Feb. 8."

The resolution was moved by A. E. Philip, seconded by D. A. Reesor. The following officers for the ensuing year were elected: President, W. A. Maccaffie; vice-president, F. Nation; Sec.-Treas., K. Campbell; council, J. Hanbury, W. Zink, J. R. Strome, W. L. Harcourt, A. C. Fraser, F. W. Smith, E. L. Christie, J. M. Brown, D. A. Reesor, G. R. Coldwell, D. M. McMillan, Chas. Adams.

World's Wheat Supplies.

A gain in stocks of wheat in the United States and Canada, aggregating about 4,000,000 bushels, for the month of December has been offset by a decrease of a similar amount in European stocks during that month, and a small decrease in Australian stock reported by cable has constituted the deciding element in the slight decrease in aggregate world's stocks reported to Bradstreet's. This decrease is, as above stated, a slight one, world's stocks on January 1, 1900, aggregating 171,557,000 bushels, against 172,125,000 bushels a month previous but point is given to the statement in these columns one month ago that wheat statistics were becoming less bearish by the fact that an actual decrease in world's stocks for December is reportable, whereas in December a year ago there was a gain of 10,000,000 bushels in those stocks and in December two years ago the gain was over 5,000,000

bushels. In any discussion of wheat suppose the combined American and European stocks, of course, cut the chief figure, and it is interesting to note that the aggregate of such stocks on January 1 this year was 103,987,000 bushels, a slight falling off for the month just closed, whereas in December, 1898, the same stocks increased 8,000,000 bushels; in December, 1897, they increased 5,000,000 bushels, and in December, 1895, they gained 9,600,000 bushels. In December, 1896, they decreased 16,000,000 bushels.

Comparisons as to aggregate stocks, as noted a month ago, tend to become less bearish as the season advances. The stock held east of the Rockies on January 1 this year was 89,265,000 bushels, a quantity larger by 4,578,000 bushels than a month before, 39,000,000 bushels larger than on January 1, 1898, and 16,000,000 bushels heavier than on January 1, 1897, but 8,000,000 bushels smaller than on January 1, 1896, and less by 24,000,000 bushels than on January 1, 1895. Pacific coast stocks also considerably exceed those of one, two or three years ago, but European stocks, while slightly larger than a year ago, are considerably smaller than at same time in any previous year for eight years past, and this, coupled with the fact that shipments to Europe during the month of December broke the record for smallness, has constituted a supporting statistical feature of no small moment. The aggregate American and European stocks on January 1 this year are 46,000,000 bushels larger than last year, 32,000,000 bushels larger than in 1898, 8,000,000 bushels heavier than in 1897, but are 30,000,000 bushels smaller than in 1896 and 41,000,000 bushels smaller than in 1895.—Bradstreet's.

Lake Superior Fish.

The Port Arthur Evening Chronicle gives some interesting figures in connection with that port's fishing. They are that during the year 1899 the Dominion Fish Company purchased at this point 528,680 pounds of trout, 175,227 pounds of whitefish, 36,830 pounds of dory, 1,980 pounds of sturgeon, 106,970 pounds of herring and 41,710 pounds of salt trout, for which the sum of \$30,000 was distributed among the fishermen. This is equal to about \$600 a week, of which nearly all goes into the pockets of Port Arthur merchants for the purchase of supplies.

Dearer Wrapping Paper.

Canadian makers have advanced their prices on wrapping paper. The new list went into effect on January 11, and is as follows:

No. 2 rag and "cleaver" brown—Carlots, \$2.10 per 100 lbs.; ton lots and less than carlots, \$2.25; less than ton lots, \$2.40.

No. 1 brown—Carlots, \$2.50 per 100 lb.; ton lots and less than carlots, \$2.75; less than ton lots, \$3.

"Half Moon," "Bogus" or No. 2 manilla—Carlots \$3; ton lots and less than carlots, \$3.25; less than ton lots, \$3.50.

No. 1 standard manilla—Carlots \$3.50; ton lots and less than carlots, \$3.75; less than ton lots, \$4.

Fibre paper—Carlots, \$3.75; ton lots and less than carlots, \$4.25.

Big manilla—Carlots, \$3.75.

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Grocery Trade Notes.

All United States sugar refiners advanced their prices last week 5.05 cents.

The stock of Sultanah raisins in London on January 1st is officially given as 3,200 tons, as compared with 1,826 tons at that date last year and 2,843 tons in 1898.

Late advices from Smyrna are to the effect that favorable weather for the 1900 fig crop has prevailed, the rains having been early and abundant, so that the trees are in good condition for the winter. Barring accident the next crop is expected by some to fully equal the average, which is 65,000 camel loads.

Altogether, freight rates and factory advances considered United States refined sugar is now 17c per 100 pounds dearer than at the opening of the year. Some have been inclined to construe this advance into a cessation of the war between the American Sugar Refining Company, generally known as the trust and the independent refiners who have been fighting it. Such is not the case however, as President Havemeyer said last week in addressing the annual meeting of the trust that the war was in no way likely to be settled, nor has it ever been.

Thirty-three broom manufacturers of the United States have signed an agreement to sell no brooms for less than \$3 per dozen to the jobbing trade and \$3.25 to the retail trade. The above line is not to exceed 20 lb. to the dozen when dry, and not to have more than three strings, made of common broom corn, and plain wire finish. The next line is not to exceed 22 lb. to the dozen when dry, four strings, plain lock wire or ring neck finish, and to cost \$3.25 per dozen to the jobbing trade and \$3.50 to the retail trade. No discounts or rebates, directly or indirectly, are to be given, except cash discount of 2 per cent and actual freights. All the better class of brooms above the described grades to be advanced in proportion in price. This agreement went into force on January 5.

Dry Goods Trade Notes.

An advance of 50 cents per 12-32 pound on sewing silk was agreed on at a meeting of the sewing silk and twist manufacturers held in New York last week.

It is predicted that there will be an advance in the price of safety pins in the near future. This advance has been due for some time, but large stocks on hand prevented it going into effect.

THE HARDWARE TRADE**DURATION OF THE IRON ROOM.**

"From day to day one is expecting that the greatly increased demand for iron and steel and the greatly increased prices will be found to have reached their limit," says the Financial News (London). "And yet the very latest reports to hand this week give no indication of a slackening in the phenomenal demand or a lowering of what, in comparison with recent years, are phenomenal prices. True last week saw a weakening of pig-iron prices in the Glasgow market, but this feature is really of no importance, since the fall was merely in the speculative selling of pig-iron warrants. Makers still keep up their quotations at the highest prices, and

couple with their sales the condition that delivery will be according to the maker's circumstances. This inability to sell for early delivery is not confined to Glasgow. The hematite makers at Barrow-in-Furness are in the same condition, and at Wolverhampton many buyers are complaining that they cannot obtain supplies already bought, and they find it extremely difficult to arrange fresh bargains, makers actually refusing orders on the ground that material cannot be delivered within the period wanted. In the case of steel, some makers will not accept orders until next year, and Wolverhampton pig-iron sales are made subject to deliveries commencing three months hence. Nor is this wonderful buoyancy of the iron trades peculiar to Great Britain. Just the same tales come across the Atlantic, and the German makers are in a similar position. The question how long this state of things will last is rapidly becoming the most interesting and, in a sense, the most urgent of commercial questions at the present time."

HARDWARE TRADE NOTES.

The American Linseed Company has advanced the price of linseed oil 3c to 53c a gallon.

The Canada plate market has developed a stronger tone lately owing to an advance in Great Britain.

Canadian brush makers have advances from Germany and Russia to the effect that stocks of bristles in these countries are very low and that prices are steadily advancing.

The American Steel & Wire Company have announced a 7 1/2-2 per cent advance in wages of all tonnage workers, day laborers and hour workers in all their plants, and have also given notice that they will set aside 2 1/2 per cent of the annual payroll to be used as a benefit fund for their employees.

Brushes of all kinds have been advanced in price by manufacturers, both in the United States and in Canada. The cause of the advance is the higher cost of bristles, handles, ferrules, wire, lumber, labor, etc. It is possible that a further advance may take place before long. Makers find it very difficult to keep pace with their orders.

A recent German invention is armored glass, or glass plates cast with woven wire enclosed in their substance, which increases the resistance to pressure, shock, and the effect of heat. Tests of the new material have been made at the Chemnitz Technical institute and the Vienna technological museum, which show that the armored glass is much stronger.

The feature of the paint trade during the past week, says the Montreal Gazette, has been the strong feeling in white lead, and prices have advanced 37 1/2c per 100 lbs., which is purely in sympathy with the foreign market for the raw article. Manufacturers here state that the above rise does not actually cover the advance in prices for raw material lately, consequently still higher prices here would be no surprise to the trade in the near future. Mixed paints are strong and prices have an upward tendency. In turpentine the feeling has been strong and prices have been marked up 2c per gallon to 76c to 77c. Glass is firmly held.

Most of the recent advances in Canadian jobbing prices of hardware have

been fully sustained by advances in the United States, in fact they have gone hand in hand. Wire nails advanced in the United States 25c per 100 pounds and so also did barbed and plain wire, making the price there the highest it has been in fifteen years. Bright wire, market copper wire, steel spring wire and annealed wire are up to 15 to 20 per cent. Wire cloth is showing considerable inclination to advance, although nothing definite in that direction has yet occurred. The recent Canadian advance on sand paper has been fully concurred in. Wrought iron goods are up 15 per cent. Spring hinges have been advanced. Planished iron is 1c per pound higher. Blacksmith's bellows have advanced and a new list has been announced of screws.

Dairy Convention.

The annual meeting of the Manitoba Dairy association will be held in the city hall, Winnipeg, on Tuesday, Feb. 20. Among the speakers will be Mr. and Mrs. Yull of Carleton Place, Ont.; Mr. C. Marker, superintendent of creameries for Alberta; Mr. W. J. Mitchell, superintendent of creameries for Assinboia; Mr. C. A. Murray, dairy superintendent for Manitoba, and others. There will be three sessions on Tuesday, the 20th, and a joint meeting of dairy and breeders' associations on the evening of Wednesday, the 21st.

Special arrangements have been made so that all who wish to attend these meetings can purchase tickets on Monday, Feb. 19, at bonspiel rates. One of the features of the convention will be a school of methods on "How to lengthen the milking period of our cows." This will be conducted by Mr. Geo. Harcourt of the Nor-West Farmer, assisted by seven others. Mr. Ritchie Simpson, of Portage a Prairie, will read a paper on butter making on the farm, and Mr. D. W. Shunk, of St. Anne's, a paper on "The outlook for cheese making in the eastern portion of the province."

Dairy Trade Notes.

Butter is being shipped from Canada to South Africa.

Canadian butter has been smuggled over the border into the United States from eastern Canada in considerable quantities. The customs authorities are now on the lookout for such consignments. This has been made a profitable practice by the high prices in New York.

The Minnedosa Creamery Association holds its annual meeting on Wednesday evening, the 24th inst. The product of this creamery for the past year was 50,000 lbs. H. C. Nelson, who has managed the creamery in the past, has made an offer to the shareholders for the purchase of the plant outright.

James E. Steen, founder and for many years publisher of The Commercial arrived in Winnipeg this week from Montreal, where he is now residing on a very painful mission—that of placing the remains of his deceased wife alongside his aged parents, in the old Kildonan cemetery. Up to two or three years ago Mr. Steen was one of the most familiar figures on the streets of Winnipeg, and he still has a host of friends here who sympathize with him in his great trouble. Mr. Steen returned to Montreal on Wednesday, leaving his two little children in Winnipeg with his sister.

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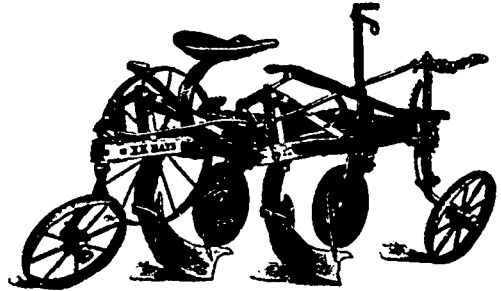
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If you see such a suggestion in the advertisement of a local dealer about this time of year you may set it down that he is a progressive hustler, one who knows the value of taking time by the traditional forelock.

What favor will the farmer confer upon himself? He will make sure of having the desired parts in hand before the time comes for using, thereby avoiding delay in his work.

What, upon the dealer? Well, the dealer will not be pestored to death by repair orders at a time when more lucrative employment demands his undivided attention.

How will money be saved? Is the price of extras to be advanced? We have not heard of any change to be made in the price of extras; perhaps there will be, perhaps not, but if the dealer knows now what extras his customers will need when the using season comes, he can order them shipped with his machines at a great saving in cost of transportation. Thus will express charges be saved and in many cases telegraph charges also.

This "extra" business is treated by too many farmers and dealers on the principle that influenced the Arkansas squatter's attitude toward his leaky roof. While rain fell he could not repair it; when the rain stopped he didn't need to.

Every dealer should urge his customers to make known their repair wants early, and if any of the machines in stock require attention now is the time to give it them, thereby insuring relief from many petty annoyances, perhaps serious losses, later in the season.—Farm Implements.

IMPLEMENT TRADE NOTES.

The implement dealers of South Dakota, northwestern Iowa and southwestern Minnesota, have formed an association with the usual objects in view.

THE LUMBER TRADE.

U. S. HARDWOOD MARKETS.

The hardwood trade opens up well with the new year, says the American Lumberman. There is a good demand for all kinds of stock, particularly from the agricultural implement factories, and no relief from the scarcity in supplies is in sight at present. Any change in prices that may occur between now and spring will be upward rather than downward. The supply of basswood is already about exhausted and a famine is expected before any of the new cut shall be available for shipment. Quarter sawed and plain sawed oak, ash, poplar and cottonwood are also very scarce. Michigan maple, which has been in plentiful supply and sold at comparatively low prices all last season, has at last taken an upward turn. An advance of \$2 a thousand has been made by the Michigan mill men, bringing their prices up to \$9, 13 and \$18, a basis which it is said they propose to adhere to. Mill men are not falling over themselves to dispose of the coming season's hardwood cut, and buyers are naturally holding back as long as pos-

sible in the hope that the market may fall of somewhat. Some of the large wholesale consumers, however, who were caught short on supplies last season, are endeavoring to provide for their wants early this year and are reported to have paid some pretty stiff prices on contracts. Taking all the circumstances into consideration it is expected that a high market will rule on hardwoods throughout the season.

LUMBER TRADE NOTES.

Southern pine was expected to advance this week in United States markets.

Carload buying of sash and doors at United States factories is the largest in years due to fears that prices will soon advance.

White pine stocks in the United States are estimated to be in the neighborhood of one billion feet short when compared with a year ago.

In 1899 the redwood mills of California shipped 217,706,464 feet of their product to home and foreign parts. This is the largest year's business on record.

Cypress lumber is in very large demand in the United States and mill men are talking of advancing prices another \$2.00 per thousand. Cypress is being largely used as a substitute for white pine.

Logging operations have been seriously retarded this winter by the absence of snow and with the most favorable circumstances from now on the shortage cannot be made good. This fact coupled with the low state of stocks, the increased demand and increased cost of production seems to guarantee at least the present level of prices throughout this entire year.

Statistics giving the volume of lumber business from Minneapolis during the year 1899 show the enormous shipments of nearly a half billion feet of lumber. The increase over 1898 was 148,455,000 feet. The total for the year amounts to 493,890,000 feet. Shipments for December amounted to 29,400,000 feet, which were the largest for that month in the history of the business.

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Manitoba.

Jos. Stinson has purchased the harness business of Fullbrook at Stonewall.

The Dauphin district has another paper—the Swan River Star, published by W. H. Glendinning.

James Calhoun will open a flour and feed and grocery store at Neepawa shortly.

Ramsay & Co. have purchased the bankrupt stock of L. J. Corbitt at Dauphin.

J. A. Findlay has purchased the ivory business of Williams & McCrae, at Gladstone.

Hunter & Huggens have bought out the butcher business lately owned by George Weaver at Gladstone.

Henderson's directory estimates the population of Winnipeg now at 54,778, as against 49,000 a year ago.

R. Todd and C. M. Simpson, who have been carrying on a real estate business in Winnipeg have dissolved partnership.

Miss E. H. Robinson has sold out her millinery stock at Carberry to Miss Hornbrook, who will carry on the business.

Notice has been given that Parkin & Moore, general merchants of Hartney, have assigned.

Mills & McCartney, dry goods and men's furnishings, Minnedosa, are dissolving partnership. J. E. Mills continues the business.

The general stock of McLeod & Rothwell, Portage la Prairie, which was sold by auction to William Garland, brought 57 cents on the dollar.

Notice is given that the partnership between Shave & Garden, bakers and confectioners, Stonewall, has been dissolved. E. A. Shave continues the business.

J. Y. Bambridge & Co., hardware merchants, Souris, have moved into new premises, and it is stated have now one of the finest shops in Southern Manitoba.

The general stock of the Norfolk Supply Co., was sold at Conway's auction rooms on Friday of last week to Fumerton & Co., of Glenboro, for 27 1/2 cents on the dollar, one-half cash, balance in two and four months.

McCulloch & Havertz will start an hotel at Snowflake as soon as a suitable building can be erected. McMillan, of Miami, contemplates opening a jewelry store at the same place; Kemp of Austin, a hardware store and J. F. Drew, a furniture and music store.

Waskada, the new town at the terminus of the new Waskada branch, is going up fast. A 25,000 bushel elevator has been erected by Chas. A. Young, of Deloraine, and considerable wheat is coming in. There is a good general store, blacksmith shop, confectionery store, boarding house, livery and feed stable, and school house. The material for the station house is on the ground. Two regular mixed trains per week are run to Waskada.

Alberta.

Charles F. Comor & Co. have purchased the hardware business of Kenneth & Co. at Calgary.

Northwest Ontario.

Ed. J. Locke, a popular business man of Fort Francis is dead.

The Gardner, Rice, McLeod Company, of Rat Portage, will add dressmaking to their general trading business.

Wm. McKenzie & Co., will open in

business as general dry goods merchants at Rat Portage about the middle of February.

E. H. Astley has taken over the teams of the Pioneer Steam Navigation Co., and will hereafter run the mail from Wabigoon to Fort Frances. In connection with the mail a stage for passengers to Fort Frances will leave Wabigoon every Monday morning, returning on Saturday evening.

The Late W. W. Ogilvie.

Montreal, Jan. 16.—The heirs of the late W. W. Ogilvie this morning gave out a statement that the death of the owner of the largest milling business in Canada would in no way affect the continuance of that vast enterprise. As yet it is too early to give even a general outline of the reorganization which will necessarily follow Mr. Ogilvie's death. At the same time it may be stated that the same business principles, which always prevailed, will continue.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence and was very largely attended.

Resolution of Regret.

The flags on the Bank of Montreal, Grain Exchange and all the Ogilvie buildings in the city were flying half-mast Monday in memory of the late Mr. Ogilvie. On Saturday a special meeting of the Winnipeg Grain and Produce Exchange was held at which the following motion was passed and telegraphed to Mrs. Ogilvie:

"Mrs. W. W. Ogilvie, Rosemont, Montreal—The following resolution was passed by a meeting held to-day:

"The Winnipeg Grain and Produce Exchange desires to impress its sorrow and to extend to yourself and family its sympathy in this great affliction the sudden and untimely death of Mr. Ogilvie, realizing that in his death not only has this exchange lost a warm friend, but Manitoba and all Canada one of her most prominent, benevolent and patriotic citizens.

(Sgd.) W. L. PATRISH,
President."

The same dispatch was forwarded to Mr. R. D. Martin, of Montreal, with a request that, that gentleman and Mr. H. D. Metcalfe should represent the Winnipeg Exchange at the funeral.

Ogilvie Milling Interests.

Montreal, Jan. 17.—The milling interests of the late Wm. W. Ogilvie are to be consolidated as the William W. Ogilvie Milling company, which will be incorporated shortly. The president of the new company will be Albert E. Ogilvie, the late Mr. Ogilvie's eldest son. F. W. Thompson, general manager of the Ogilvie Milling company stated that the capital of the new company would not be less than one and one half millions, and as the late Mr. Ogilvie's estate, outside of his actual business is known to be very large, there can be no question that should it be thought desirable to make it two or even two and one half millions the necessary funds would be forthcoming. Included in the new corporation will be the Ogilvie Milling company, of Winnipeg, which up to this time has stood as a separate organization, though W. W. Ogilvie was the largest shareholder.

Early Closing in Winnipeg.

At the last meeting of the Winnipeg city council a deputation from the Retail Clerks' association was received and present-

ed a petition asking that the early closing by-law be amended so as to read 6 p. m. instead of 7 as the hour of closing for five days in the week, and 10 o'clock on Saturday evening. Mr. A. J. Andrews introduced the deputation and asked that a committee of the council co-operate with the association in order to secure the necessary legislation for this purpose.

Mr. Fournier, president of the association also asked that a by-law be secured compelling a universal observance of the matter. The petition was largely signed, the names of over 130 retail merchants appearing upon it. The association also had a petition bearing the names of over 400 clerks.

Ald. Barclay and Campbell both spoke in favor of the movement and expressed their sympathies with the clerks. They thought every effort should be made by the council to second the necessary legislation.

Ald. Fry thought that perhaps the laboring classes would be inconvenienced by the stores closing every night except Saturday at 6 o'clock and pointed out that in England on Wednesday evenings the stores were kept open a little longer.

Ald. Horne spoke in favor of the movement and said if the legislation was secured he would do his best to have it enforced.

Ald. Sharpe was also in favor of the stores closing at the hours mentioned.

Mr. A. Chevrier mentioned that very little buying was done between the hours of 6 and 7.

As chairman of the legislative committee, Ald. Carruthers promised to give the movement all assistance possible. The matter was referred to the legislative committee for action.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There were 3,008,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on Jan. 13. Receipts for the week were 179,000 bushels, and shipments were 108,000 bushels. Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Fort Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior country points were estimated approximately at 8,700,000 bushels compared with about 8,000,000 bushels a year ago.

Winnipeg Grain Inspection.

For the week ending Jan. 13 there were 417 cars of grain inspected grading as follows:

Wheat—1 hard, 216; 2 hard, 51; 1 northern, 11; 2 northern, 3; 3 hard, 23; 1 frosted, 8; 2 frosted, 2; 1 rejected, 19; 2 rejected, 13; no grade, 6; 3 northern, 2; 3 frosted, 3; feed, 1, condemned, 1; 1 white fyle, 1; rejected, 1 car.

Oats—2 white, 6; 2 mixed, 4; rejected, 1 car.

Barley—No. 3, 2; feed, 3 cars.

Carberry Board of Trade.

The annual meeting of the Carberry Board of Trade was held on the 12th inst., A. E. May was elected president for the ensuing year, H. A. Manville, vice-president, and J. M. Neilson was re-elected secretary. G. S. Haslam, G. B. Murphy, D. Dickie, O. B. Mauville, B. Stewart, W. J. Smale, Jno. Fairley and J. D. Hunt will compose the council for 1900. Several matters relating to mill bonus and railway connections were discussed after the election of officers and provision made for actively seconding the efforts of the town council to secure a branch of the Northern Pacific road to the town. A resolution of regret at the death of the late F. W. Huckle, a member of the board was passed.

SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT.

Bank of Nova Scotia

(INCORPORATED 1832).

Capital, - \$1,760,900
Reserve Fund, \$2,162,570

GENERAL COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

LIABILITIES.

	Dec. 30th, 1889	Dec. 31st, 1888
Deposits at call	\$4,386,390.00	\$1,020,244.95
Deposits subject to notice	\$9,026,805.22	\$3,423,321.15
Interest accrued on deposits	187,158.47	77,761.84
Deposits by other banks in Canada	9,213,963.69	3,501,082.90
Deposits by other banks in foreign countries	\$97,028.32	51,246.41
	117,975.73	86,801.56
Notes in circulation	215,004.05	141,050.97
Drafts drawn between branches, out- standing	\$1,070,308.50	1,325,270.68
	120,459.95	154,765.36
Capital paid up	1,790,828.45	1,480,030.04
Reserve fund	\$1,760,900.00	1,114,300.00
Profit and loss	2,162,570.00	500,000.00
Dividends Nos. 132 and 112, payable Feb. 1st, 1900 and 1890 respectively	30,566.57	12,973.81
Dividends unpaid	78,173.01	39,000.50
	472.50	
	4,032,209.58	1,726,746.81
	<u>\$19,638,396.43</u>	<u>\$8,475,161.76</u>

ASSETS.

Specie	\$1,088,044.09	288,338.41
Dominion notes—Legal tenders	1,326,283.50	261,954.75
Deposits with Dominion Gov't for se- curity of note circulation	\$73,817.83	
Due from other banks in Canada	2,635.03	156,316.18
Notes of and cheques on other banks	680,838.17	304,011.79
Due from other banks in foreign countries	889,922.26	231,437.72
Sterling exchange	985,939.69	320,187.59
Investments (provincial, municipal and other bonds)	2,639,152.98	1,011,953.28
Loans to or deposits made in other banks	2,176,064.01	869,888.91
Loans to the government of the Dominion		66,831
Loans to provincial governments	\$90,073.57	6,832.75
Loans to municipalities	30,557.97	73,604.58
Loans to corporations		2,122.86
Call loans, secured by bonds, debentures and stocks	1,124,435.39	1,104,103.77
Current loans, secured by bonds, debentures and stocks	999,970.93	248,848.50
Cash credit accounts and secured overdrafts	209,396.15	103,596.30
Authorized overdrafts, not specially secured	32,721.54	28,682.35
Notes and bills, discount- ed and current	\$9,994,610.23	4,248,469.81
Less rebate on unma- tured notes	87,915.83	
Notes and bills overdue	9,906,694.40	19,982.23
*Real estate and mortgages on real Estate sold	1,509.53	43,820.29
*Bank premises, safes and office furniture	18,640.59	94,975.77
Stationery		6,041,890.26
	12,414,851.85	1,136.12
* Nominal value, 1899.	<u>\$19,638,396.43</u>	<u>\$8,475,161.76</u>

PROFIT AND LOSS.

1893, Dec. 31.	By Balance	\$32,512 36	Dec 31 1888.	\$17,220
1899, Dec 30	Net profits for current year, after writing off all doubtful debts and losses	301,632 03	Dec. 31 1889.	178,751 12
		<u>\$331,574 39</u>		<u>\$110,974 81</u>
1899 Juno 30.	To Dividends No. 131 and 111, payable 1st Aug. 1899 and 1889 resp.	\$62,831 51	June 30, 1888.	39,000 50
Dec. 30.	" " No. 132 and 112, 1st Feb. 1900 and 1890 "	78,173 01	Dec. 31, 1889	39,000 50
	" Contribution to Officers' Pension Fund	10,000 0		
	" Transferred to Reserve Fund	100,000 00		100,000 00
	" Balance carried forward	30,766 87		12,973 81
		<u>\$331,574 39</u>		<u>\$100,974 81</u>

RESERVE FUND.

1893, Dec. 31.	By Balance	\$1,725,000 00	Dec. 31 1888.	460,000 00
	" Premium on New Stock allotted December 23th, 1893 (2,551 shares issued at \$210)	250,610 00		
	" Premium on New Stock allotted December 6th, 1889, (53 shares issued at \$2.20)	6,600 00		
1899, Dec. 30.	" Transferred from profit and Loss	150,000 00	Dec 31. 1889.	100,000 00
		<u>\$2,162 50 00</u>		<u>\$500,000 00</u>
1899, Dec. 30.	To Balance carried forward	\$2,162,570 00	Dec 31. 1889.	\$760,000 00

H. C. McLEOD, General Manager.

FINANCIAL

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA.

The 68th annual report of the Bank of Nova Scotia makes almost a remarkable showing. The net profits for last year were \$301,032, which is 17.09 per cent. on the paid-up capital. Out of this, one dividend of 4 per cent was paid, and a second one of 3 per cent, making 9 per cent for the year. The sum of \$150,000 was transferred from the profits to the reserve fund. The reserve fund was further enlarged by the addition of \$287,570 derived from premiums on new stock issued last year. By these appropriations the reserve fund of the bank was raised to \$2,162,570, which is \$401,670 in excess of the paid-up capital. In this strong position as to reserve fund, the Bank of Nova Scotia has no rival in any Canadian bank. The bank enjoys a circulation in keeping with its enlarged capital. Its deposits on demand \$4,386,390, are very large, and those payable after notice are \$9,026,805.

The annual report, as published on another page of The Commercial this week, makes a comparison, in parallel columns, with the position of the bank ten years ago. Within this period the reserve fund has increased from \$560,000 to \$2,162,570. Assets have increased from \$8,475,161 to \$19,638,396, of which the large sum of \$8,348,000 is immediately available. The number of bank branches has increased from 28 to 39. Branches have been established in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward's Island, Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba, in Canada, and in Newfoundland, West Indies and United States.

The Bank of Nova Scotia, though the latest addition to the list of Winnipeg banks, has already worked up a good connection here. The bank opened here in February, 1899. With C. A. Kennedy as manager and a staff of two, which has since been gradually increased to six, showing how the business has grown. Since the branch was opened in Winnipeg it has been almost continuously surrounded by piles of brick, stone, mortar and other building material, owing to the erection of new buildings in the vicinity and repairs to the block in which the bank is located, until at times the bank was hardly approachable. The growth of the business of the bank under such circumstances has therefore been very satisfactory.

WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS.

Returns from the Winnipeg Clearing House for the week ending January 18th. show as follows:

Week ending Jan. 18, 1900 \$2,056,848
 Corresponding week, 1899 1,663,339
 Corresponding week, 1898 1,434,080

The monthly totals for this year and last are as follows:

	1899.	1898
January	\$7,683,052	\$6,317,168
February	6,209,471	5,617,000
March	6,756,094	5,968,000
April	6,916,431	6,240,000
May	7,472,865	8,083,364
June	8,211,713	7,396,799
July	8,169,595	6,316,238
August	7,995,291	6,180,385
September	8,281,169	6,414,551
October	12,689,000	9,347,092
November	14,425,219	11,553,669
December	12,963,905	10,708,731
Totals	\$107,786,814	\$90,674,325

THE MONEY MARKET.

Last week the Bank of England reduced its rate of interest from 6 to 5 per cent, which was followed by an immediate advance in the price of consols and leading securities in the London market. New York has not fully participated in the improved market condition owing to the collapse of a leading industrial stock which has unsteadied the market. The Bank of France reduced its rate simultaneously with the Bank of England. By some financiers the opinion is held that the reduction in the Bank of England rate is preliminary to still lower quotations. Even at the 5 per cent rate of today the rate is regarded as being almost a panic figure.

The demand for money throughout Canada is good and bank rates continue firm. Bank stocks are commanding unusually good prices in the stock markets at present owing to the favorable nature of the money markets and the prospects of increased earnings. In the west a large amount of money is still employed in the various industries of the country and banks hold their rates firm at from 6 to 7 per cent for ordinary mercantile accounts, with the bulk of business going at 7 per cent. Mortgage loans mostly range from 6 to 7 per cent on Winnipeg property with special large loans on more valuable properties ranging 1 to 1.2 per cent less. Farm loans range from 7 to 8 per cent.

Tenders.

Tenders will be received up to Jan. 26, for the erection of a school house in the school district of Strathcona, Man. J. A. Fortune, secretary-treasurer.

Tenders will be received by the municipal clerk of Pembina up to the 31st January, for all the printing required by the municipality of Pembina, for the year 1900.

Tenders will be received till 10 o'clock on Saturday, 27th inst., for the construction of a pile bridge over an arm of Long Lake, in Tp. 13, Range 4, west. Address E. P. Langrell, Woodlands.

Tenders addressed to the chairman of the market, license and health committee, Winnipeg, for the supply of such groceries as may be required by the relief officer during the current year, will be received until Tuesday, January 23.

The value of the finished product of the boot and shoe factories of Canada amounts to over \$20,000,000 per annum. There are employed in the manufacture of footwear alone over 12,000 people, to whom about \$6,000,000 is annually paid out in wages. These are exclusive of the persons employed and the wages paid on the production of materials used in the factories, which are nearly all produced in this country.

The annual statement of Swift & Company, of Chicago, shows that from the parts of animals which formerly went to waste they manufactured last year nearly 4,000,000 pounds of neatfoot oil, nearly 105,000,000 pounds of land fertilizer, 6,259,000 pounds of glue, nearly 12,000,000 pounds of fats suitable for artificial butter and over 31,000,000 pounds of crude fats. The statement is made that the moneys realized from the sale of the by-products was sufficient to pay the interest on the company's outstanding stock.

THE COMMERCIAL MEN.

R. H. CLIMIE.

The subject of our illustration this week is a well known western dry goods traveller. Mr. Climie has been travelling in the west for the past seven years, during which time he has earned an enviable reputation and become one of the most popular men on the road. Previous to coming west and making his headquarters in Winnipeg, Mr.



R. H. Climie.

Climie travelled six years in the London, Ontario district. This period of thirteen years has been mostly spent with Knox, Morgan & Co. At present Mr. Climie is handling the samples of Gordon, Mackay & Co., of Toronto.

Mr. Climie has been very successful as a travelling salesman, and whether times were good or bad he has usually managed to make large sales. He also enjoys the reputation of having the ability to retain the confidence of his customers, which is a very desirable feature in the successful traveller. While in some respects Mr. Climie might not be classed as a typical traveller, he possesses many of the best qualifications for the work, and his appearance and manner are such as to inspire confidence and command respect. Besides being a traveller, Mr. Climie is identified with other commercial interests in Manitoba. In moral, social and religious questions he takes a stand on the side of right.

R. H. Climie is moving his sample room from the McIntyre block to No. 228 Portage avenue, corner of Fort street. He has taken the entire ground floor in the corner store of this block and is arranging to considerably extend his business interests here. A stock of pianos will be carried.

Fishery Overseer Lamarche reports last season's operations in the waters of Lake Erie to have yielded as follows: Total value of fish caught \$18,737, an increase of \$3,178 over the previous year. Increases in catches: Herring, 65,000 pounds; whitefish, 12,000 pounds; perch, 21,000 pounds; catfish, nearly double that of the previous year. The greater part of the fish caught was sent to dealers at Buffalo and other points.

ARTHUR CONGDON

— WINNIPEG.

MY SAMPLES OF

Mitts, Moccasins, Felts, Sox, Rubbers and Laces

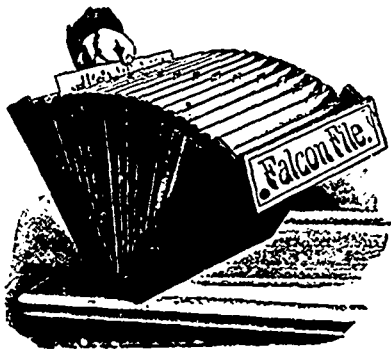
Now being shown throughout the country will merit the close and careful inspection of every merchant who believes that a dollar saved in buying is a good dollar.

I TRUST YOU WILL GIVE MY TRAVELLERS A HEARING.

WE ARE ON

THE MOVE

Having outgrown our present premises we are busy moving our stock to the R. J. Whittle & Co. building on McDermott Avenue. With increased space, larger stock and more help, we can offer prompt attention to all orders. We welcome all customers to inspect our many lines.



A few seasonable articles: Daily Journals, Diaries, Account Books, Letter Presses, Files, Binding Cases, etc. Stationery of all kinds. Books, Pipes, Purses and small-ware.

YOUR VALUED ORDER SOLICITED.

THE CONSOLIDATED STATIONERY CO.

McDermott Avenue, WINNIPEG.

THE NINETEENTH CENTURY

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

OXOL

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

THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

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

HEADQUARTERS:

Cor. St. Peter and Foundling Streets, MONTREAL

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

WINNIPEG PRICES CURRENT

GROCERIES

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

Canned Goods		Per case
Apples, 3s, 2 doz.	2 15	3 25
Apples, preserved, 3s, 2 doz.	3 00	3 25
Apples, gallons (per doz.)	3 20	3 50
Black or Lawton berries, 2s, 2 doz.	3 25	3 50
Beans, 2s, 2 doz.	2 00	2 10
Corn, 2s, 2 doz.	2 30	2 40
Cherries, red, pitted 2s, 2 doz	3 00	4 00
Peas, Marrowfat, 2s, 2 doz.	1 85	1 00
Peas, sifted, 2s, 2 doz.	2 25	2 35
Pears, Bartlett, 2s, 2 doz.	3 25	3 50
Pears, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	4 50	4 75
Pears, Bartlett, 3s, 2 doz.	5 00	5 50
Pineapple, 2s, 2 doz.	4 50	4 75
Pineapple, imported, 2s, 2 doz	5 50	6 00
Peaches, 2s, 2 doz.	3 90	4 25
Peaches, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz	4 50	5 00
Peaches, Canadian, 3s, 2 doz	6 25	6 50
Plums, 2s, 2 doz.	2 75	3 00
Plums, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz	4 50	5 00
Pumpkins, 3s, 2 doz.	2 00	2 25
Raspberries, 2s, 2 doz.	3 00	3 25
Strawberries, 2s, 2 doz.	3 00	3 25
Tomatoes, 3s, 2 doz.	2 25	2 35
Salmon, talls, 1s, 4 doz.	5 25	5 00
Salmon, Cohoes talls, 1s, 4 doz	7 50	6 00
Sardines, domestic 1/2s.	0 1 1/2	0 5
Sardines, imported, 1/2s.	0 9 1/2	1 5
Sardines, imported, 1/2s.	1 5	2 25
Sardines, imp. 1/2s, boneless	2 0	1 3
Sardines, Dom., mustard 1/2s.	1 0	1 2
Imported Fresh Herring, 1s.	1 40	1 50
Imp. Kipperd Herring, 1s.	1 75	1 85
Imp. Herring, Tom. Sauce 1s	1 50	1 90
Imp. " Anch. Sauce 1s.	1 80	1 90
Imp. " Shrimp Sauce 1s	1 90	2 00
Canned Meats		
Corn Beef, 1s, 2 doz.	2 00	3 00
Corn Beef, 2s, 1 doz.	2 65	2 80
Lunch Beef, 2s, 1 doz.	2 00	2 90
Lunch Tongue, 1s, 2 doz.	5 75	6 00
Lunch Tongue, U.S. 2s, 1 doz	6 75	6 00
Lunch Tongue, Can. 2s, 1 doz	6 00	6 00
Brain, 2s, 1 doz.	2 60	3 00
Pigs Feet, 1s 2 doz.	2 50	2 90
Roast Beef, 2s, 1 doz.	2 75	3 00
Chicken, Duck or Turkey, 1s 2 doz	5 0	2 60
Potted Ham, 1/2s.	65	70
Devilled Ham, 1/2s.	65	70
Potted Tongue, 1/2s.	65	70
Potted Ham, 1/2s.	1 30	1 40
Devilled Ham, 1/2s.	1 30	1 40
Potted Tongue, 1/2s.	1 30	1 40
Coffee		
Green Rio	10	10 1/2
Inferior grades	9 1/2	10
Cereals		
Split Peas, sack 9s	2 50	3 00
Pot Barley, sack 9s	2 30	2 40
Pearl Barley, sack 9s	3 75	4 00
Roll'd Oatmeal, sack 9s	1 70	2 00
Standard Oatmeal, sack 9s	2 25	2 50
Granulated Oatmeal, sack 9s	2 25	2 50
Beans (per bushel)	1 80	1 90
Commeal, sack 9s	1 20	1 30
Commeal, 1/2sac 49 (per 1/2sac)	0 65	0 75
Rice		
Rice, B.	4 1/2c	4 1/2c
Patna	5 1/2c	5 1/2c
Rice, Japan	5	5 1/2c
Sago	4 1/2	5c
Tapioca	5 1/2	5 1/2c
Cigarettes		
Old Judge	\$ 7 50	
Athlete	8 50	
Sweet Caporal	8 50	
Sweet Sixteen	5 50	
Derby	6 30	
T. & B.	5 20	
Cured Fish		
Boneless Hake, per lb	05	05 1/2
Codfish, whole cases, 100 lbs.		6 50
Codfish, Pure per lb		7 1/2
Herrings, in half-barrels		4 00
Digby chicks		15
Dried Fruits		
Currents, new, Prov'l Bbls.	05 1/2	5 1/2
Currents, Prov'l Cases	5 1/2	5 1/2
Currents, Prov'l 1/2 Barrels.	05 1/2	5 1/2
Currents, Filatria, bbls	05 1/2	5 1/2
Currents, Filatria, cases	05 1/2	5 1/2
Currents, cleaned, cases	07 1/2	7 1/2
Dates, Cases	07 1/2	7 1/2
Figs, Klame, about 1 lb box	20	22
Figs, Glove Box, per doz	1 80	2 00
Figs, Cooking, S	07 1/2	07 1/2
Figs, boxes	07 1/2	07 1/2
Figs, Tapanets	05	5 1/2
Figs, Portuguese, boxes	05 1/2	07 1/2
Sultana Raisins	10 1/2	11

Dried Fruits		Per pound
Raisins, Vul., fine, off stalk		2 00
Raisins, Selected, off stalk		2 25
Raisins, Vul. Layers, per box	20	2 25
Clusters, 3 Crown		2 45
" "		2 75
Loose Muscatels, 2 crown		3 1/2
Loose Muscatels, 3 crown		3 1/2
Loose Muscatels, 4 crown		3 1/2
London Layers, 20 lb boxes	1 90	2 00
Apples, Dried		0 7 1/2
Evap Apples, finest quality		0 8 1/2
California Evaporated Fruits		
Peaches, peeled		17 1/2
Peaches, unpeeled		11 1/2
Pears		12 1/2
Apricots		17 1/2
Pitted Plums		11 1/2
Nectarines		12 1/2
Prunes, 100 to 120		5 1/2
Prunes, 90 to 100		5 1/2
Prunes, 80 to 90		6 0 1/2
Prunes, 70 to 80		7 1/2
Prunes, 60 to 70		8 1/2
Prunes, 40 to 50		10 1/2
Matches		
Telephone		3 1/2
Telephone		4 00
Tiger		3 90
Parlor Matches, Eagle		1 75
Nuts		
Brazils		11 1/2
Taragona Almonds		14 1/2
Peanuts, roasted		11 1/2
Peanuts, green		9 1/2
Grenoble Walnuts		14 1/2
French Walnuts		13 1/2
Sicily Filberts		13 1/2
Shelled Almonds		30 3/4
Syrup		
Extra Bright, per lb		3c
Medium, per lb		2 1/2c
Maple, case 1 doz. 1/2 gal. tins	6 75	7 00
Molasses, per gal. (New Or.)	34c	35c
" Porto Rico		40
" Barbadoes		48 50
Sugar		
Extra Standard Gran.		5 10
German Granulated		5 10
Extra Ground		7c
Powdered		6 1/2c
Lumps		5 1/2
Bright Yellow Sugar		4 1/2
American		4 1/2
Maple Sugar		13 1/2
Salt		
Rock Salt		1 1/2
Common, fine		2 00
Common, coarse		2 00
Dairy, 100 1		3 25
Dairy, 60-5		3 15
Dairy, white duck sack		00 48
Common, fine jute sack		00 43
Spices		
Assorted Herbs, 1/2 lb tins		75 90
Allspice, whole		18 20
Allspice, pure ground		18 22
Allspice, compound		15 18
Cassia, whole		18 20
Cassia, pure ground		20 23
Cassia, compound		13 18
Cloves, whole		17 20
Cloves, pure ground		25 30
Cloves, compound		18 20
Pepper, black, whole		14 15
Pepper, black, pure ground		16 18
Pepper, black, compound		10 13
Pepper, white, whole		23 25
Pepper, white, pure ground		28 30
Pepper, white, compound		18 20
Pepper, Cayenne		25 30
Ginger, whole, Jamaica		25 30
Ginger, whole, Cochin		20 25
Ginger, pure ground		23 25
Ginger, compound		15 25
Nutmegs, (per pound)		55 80
Mace (per pound)		1 00
Teas		
China Blacks—		
Choice		35 40
Medium		25 35
Common		13 20
Indian and Ceylon—		
Choice		35 40
Medium		32 32
Common		16 22
Young Hysons—		
Choice		35 45
Medium		35 35
Common		22 30
Japan—		
Finest May Picking		35 40
Choice		30 35
Fine		25 30
Good Medium		20 25
Common		15 20

Tobacco		Per pound
T. & B., 3s, 4s, and 9s Cuds.		01 70
Lily, 8s, Cuds.		03 61
Crecent, 8s, Cuds.		10 58
T. & B. Black Chewing, 3s, 4s, 5s		30 61 1/2
T. & B. Mahogany Chewing, 3s or 16		00 61 1/2
T. & B. 1-12 pkg, cut		00 85
T. & B. 1-5 pkg, cut		00 85
T. & B. in pouches, 1-4		00 86
T. & B. in 1-5 tins		00 86
T. & B. in 1-2 tins		00 83
T. & B. in 1-2 tins		00 81
Orinoco, 1-12 pkg.		00 90
Orinoco, 1-5 tins		00 90
Orinoco, 1/2 tins		00 86
Tuckett's Cherub Cigarette 1-12		00 85
Brier, 8s, Cuds.		00 61
Derby, 3s and 4s, Cuds.		00 65
Derby, 8s, Cuds.		00 65
P. & W. Chewing, Cuds.		00 65
P. & W. Chewing, Butts		00 65
Tonka, 1/2 tins		00 85
Tonka, 1-12 pkg		00 85
Canadian Leaf, 50 lb bales, very bright		21
Lower grades		12 1/2 15
Dominion Tobacco Co.'s List		
BRIGHT CHIRWING PLUG.		
Pommyer, 3 1/2 s.		72
Smicax, 1/2 lb. Bars		62
Holly, 3 s.		58
Holly, 5 s.		58
BLACK CHIRWING PLUG.		
Black Bass, Navy, 1/2 lb. Bars		40
Black Bass, Navy, 4 s		42
Black Bass, Navy, 5 s		43
Black Bass, Navy, 12 s		42
BRIGHT SMOKING PLUG.		
Virgin Gold, 4 s.		71
Marigold, 5 s.		55
Monarch, 3 1/2 s		59
Clover, Double Thick, 5 s.		54
Empire Tobacco Co.'s List		
SMOKING.		
Empire, 3s @ 1/2		37
Golden Plug, 3s		53
Royal Oak, 3s		51
Something Good, 7s		51
CHIRWING.		
Currency, Bars, 10 1/2s.		40
Free Trade, 5s		45
Snowshot, Bars, 12s		45
Wooden Ware		
Pails, 2 hoop clear		1 90
Pails, wire hoop		2 15
Pails, Star fibre		3 50
Tubs, No. 0 common		11 50
Tubs, No. 1 common		10 00
Tubs, No. 2 common		8 00
Tubs, No. 3 common		6 75
Tubs, nests (3)		1 90
Tubs, wire hoop (3)		2 45
Tubs, fibre, No. 0		16 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 1		14 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 2		12 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 3		10 50
Tubs, fibre, (3)		3 20
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (2)		57
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (3)		57
Washboards, Globe, per doz.		2 00
" Perfection, per doz.		2 20
CURED MEATS, ETC.		
Lard, pure leaf, kettle rend.		1 30
Lard, pure leaf, steam rend.		1 70
Lard, pure, in 3, 5 and 10 lb. tin, per case of 60 lbs		5 50
Lard, pure, Tierces, per lb		7 1/2
Lard, 50 lb tubs		5 1/2
Lard, Compound, 20 lb pails		35 1 40
Lard, Compound, 3 and 5 lb. tins, case 60 lbs.		4 50
Smoked Meats		
Hams		11 1/2
Breakfast bacon, bellies		11 1/2
Breakfast bacon, backs		10
Spiced rolls		9
Shoulders		8 1/2
Pic-nic Hams		9
Dry Salt Meats		
Long clear bacon		8 1/2
Shoulders		8
Short Clear		8
Backs		9
Barrel Pork		
Heavy mess		16 00
Short cut		16 50
Meat Sundries		
Fresh pork sausage, lb		8
Bologna sausage, lb		8
Pickled pigs feet, kits		1 00
Sausage casing, lb		30

DRUGS		Per pound
Following are prices for parcel lots with usual reductions for unbroken packages.		
Alum, lb		3 1/2
Alcohol, gal.		5 25
Bleaching Powder, lb		05 07
Bluestone, lb		09 10
Borax		09 10
Bromide Potash		75 80
Camphor		70 75
Carbor, ounces		75 80
Carbolic Acid		50 60
Chloro Oil		13 20
Chlorate Potash		18 20
Citric Acid		65 70
Coppers		03 01
Calcium, oz		5 00
Cream Tartar, lb		23 32
Cloves		20 25
Epsom Salts		03 01
Extract Logwood, bulk		12 14
Extract Logwood, boxes		17 20
German Quinine		45 50
Glycerine, lb		22 25
Ginger, Jamaica		30 35
Ginger, African		15 20
Howard's Quinine, oz.		55 60
Iodine		1 75
Insect Powder		30 35
Morphia, sul.		3 00
Opium		4 50
Oil, olive, Pure		3 10
Oil, U.S. Salad		1 00
Oil, lemon, super		1 60
Oil, peppermint		1 20
Oil, cod liver, gal.		1 25
Oxalic Acid		14 16
Potass Iodide		3 75
Paris Green, lb		1 80
Saltpetre		08 10
Sal Rochelle		28 32
Shellac		25 34
Sulphur Flowers		3 1/2
Sulphur Itoll, keg		3 1/2
Soda Bicarb, keg of 112 lbs		2 75
Salt Soda		2 00
Tartaric Acid, lb.		40 45
Strychnine, pure crystals, oz.		85 1 00

LEATHER		Per pound
Harness, oak		45
Harness, union oak No. 1		36
Harness, union oak No. 1 R.		35
Harness, hemlock No. 1, anchor brand		.6
Harness, hemlock No. 1 R, anchor brand		.6
Harness, hemlock country tannage, No. 1 R		31
Russet collar leather, per foot		20
American Oak Sole		40
Sole, union oak		40
Listowell, sole		25 30
Penetang, sole		25 30
Acton Sole		25 30
B. F. French calf		1 31
B. F. French kip		95 1 15
Canada calf		65 80
Canada Calf, Niagara		80 90
Niagara Brand Kip		65 75
Wax upper		44 46
Grain upper per foot		20
Karaguro, per foot		30 50
Dolgora, per foot		25 40
Dolgora, bright		30
Bag sheepskins, per doz.		5 00

FUEL		Per ton
Coal		
These are retail prices, delivered to consumers in the city, or 50c per ton less at the yards, except western anthracite nut size, which is 40c less at the yards.		
Pennsylvania anthracite—		
Stove, nut or lump		10 00
Pea size		8 00
Canadian anthracite stove		9 50
Canadian anthracite, nut		7 50
Lethbridge bituminous		5 10
Crow's Nest bituminous		5 20
U. S. bituminous		7 50
Souris Lignite		4 40
Souris, car lots F.O.B. mines		1 50
Blossburg Smthing		9 50
Cordwood		
These are prices for car lots, on track Winnipeg.		
Tamarac		5 25
Pine		4 50
Spruce		3 25
Poplar, green or dead, cut		3 25
Manitoba Oak		5 50
Birch		5 50

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MINING MATTERS.**WORLD'S GOLD PRODUCTION.**

The Engineering and Mining Journal of New York has compiled a table showing a very close estimate of the gold production of the world for 1899, as compared with the previous year. The figures were secured from official sources as far as possible. In the article accompanying the table it is stated that in 1898 the production of gold in the world reached a total of \$289,147,779. In 1899 this great total was again exceeded, the table showing that the production amounted to \$313,954,468, the increase being \$24,806,689. A still larger result would have been attained in 1899 had it not been for the almost total stoppage of gold mining in the Transvaal by the unfortunate war with Great Britain. Had work continued there without interruption there would have been nearly \$20,000,000 to add to the report. In that case the Transvaal would have held the first place as a gold producer; as it is, it yields that position to Australia, but still holds the second place, the United States being third in order, with a total of about \$600,000 below the South African republic. Russia still holds the fourth place, while Canada, which has made great advances, is fifth and Mexico sixth. These six countries produced in all \$285,735,241, or over nine-tenths of the total.

As to Canada, The Journal says: This country now holds the fifth place and is becoming a gold producer of much importance, chiefly owing to the large production from the Klondike and other mines in the Yukon region, which amounted this year to about \$14,000,000. The total production of Canada in 1899 was \$18,049,593, showing an increase over 1898 of \$4,349,593, or 31.7 per cent. In addition to the Yukon gold there was an increase from British Columbia and some also from the mines of western Ontario, while there was a small decrease from the Nova Scotia mines.

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO.

A Mine Centre letter says that the gold output for December was \$20,000, being \$6,000 from the Olive and \$14,000 from the Golden Star mine.

The diamond drill procured by the Mattawan Iron Mining Company, for the purpose of testing iron deposits near Finmark, has arrived at that place and will be taken to the scene of operation at once.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The White Horse copper claims have been bonded to an English company for \$2,000,000, according to current report.

A report from Vancouver of Jan. 7 says: It cannot be said that during the past year Ymir had any boom. It had nevertheless what is perhaps better—a year of steady growth and development. The only shipments from Ymir made up to December 31, 1898, amounted to about 200 tons from the Blackcock and Dundee mines. With the commencement of the new year, however, several of the large mines reached the producing stage. During the first few months the Ymir, Porto Rico, Dundee and Blackcock were all producing, but several unforeseen accidents put a temporary stop to the production. The total production for the year was: Ymir mine, 17,850; Porto Rico, 4,400;

Dundee, 700, Blackcock, 180 tons. Of this total nearly half was produced during the last three months from the Ymir and Porto Rico alone.

Winnipeg Hides Inspection.

The following report of the committee appointed last year by the board of trade, to investigate the subject of the inspection of hides, was presented at the meeting of the council of the board of trade Wednesday evening, and fully explains the situation:

"Your board of hide and leather inspectors beg to report that the matter of Winnipeg inspection of hides having been referred to them, they report as follows:

1. That the majority of raw hides shipped from Manitoba and the Northwest are directly exported to the United States and the American dealers and tanners do not ask for, or in fact recognize Canadian inspection.

2. The Canadian tanners do not ask for Winnipeg inspection of hides.

3. Shipments of hides from this province to Ontario and Quebec are made, for the most part, direct to the warehouses established there by the business houses, who purchased them in this country, and sold in those provinces. If purchasers buy on inspection they ask for inspection by the inspectors at Toronto and Montreal.

4. Fully two-thirds of the hides shipped out of Manitoba and the Northwest are shipped in a frozen state, and it is impossible to inspect frozen hides in the manner they are handled.

5. The Winnipeg inspection of hides has been, so far as it is known to your board, satisfactory, but the course of trade is so tended as to remove any demand for inspection at Winnipeg.

Your board of examiners believe that the above is a correct explanation of the fact, evidenced by the hide inspectors' returns to the board, that inspection at Winnipeg is a thing of the past, and unless radical changes occur in the methods followed by the trade, there is little likelihood of many hides being inspected in this city."

John M. Morton, United States agent on the Seal Islands, reports that the seal herds diminished 20 per cent during 1899.

The George E. Tuckett & Son Co., of Hamilton, Ont., has sent about two tons and a half of tobacco free to the Canadian contingent, the Dominion Express Co. carrying it to Halifax for nothing.

Davis & Sons, of Kingston, Ont., ship builders, will commence at once building a new steamer for a Rat Portage firm, to run on the Lake of the Woods. The steamer will be seventy feet in length, and is to be completed for next summer's traffic.

Good reading for the new year, predominates in the January issue of "The Cosmopolitan." Among the sixteen well known writers who have contributed to its pages are: T. Quiller-Couch ("J"), with a stirring bit of fiction entitled "The Lady of the Ship;" John Luther Long, who has furnished a story in a new field, which he entitles "Dizzy Dave;" Kirke La Shelle, who tells of the tricks of "The Theatrical Advance Agent," and Semmar MacManus, who brings forth another of his clever Irish stories under the title of "Patrick's Proxy."

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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Saturday, Jan. 20, 1900.

Both wholesale and retail merchants in the city report an unusually good trade done so far this month. Compared with other years the demand for all staple lines is much larger. Stocktaking has been going on in some lines. The principal feature at present is the interest in prices which are steadily moving upward in most lines. We record changes this week in several lines of groceries, notably green Rio coffees, in hardware, paints and kindred lines, in drugs, and in several minor commodities. Wholesale merchants complain that collections are very slow, which has been the case for some time.

Fine warm weather this week has almost taken away the little sleighing the snowfall of last week made which operates against farmers trade in both city and country.

Bank clearings at Winnipeg do not fully maintain the favorable rate of expansion which has been displayed so far this year, but they are still \$123,509 above the figures for a year ago.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Saturday, Jan. 20, 1900.

(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.)

CLOTHING AND FURNISHINGS.

Local houses find business somewhat dull, but as that is the normal state of affairs during January they are making no complaints. Spring shipments are taking up most of the attention. Travellers will start out with fall samples in a few weeks and it will then be possible to size up the prospects for the year's trade. Prices on some lines of clothing for fall and winter are going to be higher. Worsteds are perhaps the most noticeably dearer line.

CURED MEATS.

In this line the principal change has been a decline of 1-2c per pound in the price of sugar cured hams making the current quotation now to the country trade, 11 1-2c. Sliced rolls have also declined 1-2c per pound making the price now 9c. Lard is losing none of its firmness and the current quotation for 50-lb. tubs has advanced 1-1c to 81-4c per pound.

DRUGS.

The volume of business in this line during the past week and in fact throughout this whole month has been most satisfactory. One house reports its turnover so far as nearly double the previous month. The most important factor in regard to prices is the report from New York which reached Winnipeg on Wednesday that Great Britain had prohibited further exportations of carbolic acid owing to the possibility of all available supplies being wanted by the war department for use in South Africa. This has set the price up to famine figures. At Winnipeg carbolic acid is 10c per ounce dearer. Morphine is higher in this market the price now

being \$2 to \$2.25 per ounce as against \$1.90 to \$2 a week ago. As mentioned recently in these columns Paris green has been advanced by makers to the very substantial amount of 40 per cent for spring trade and dealers here are now quoting prices on the new basis which is 28 to 30c per pound as against last year's price of 20 to 22c. All kinds of rubber goods are advancing again and makers are daily sending advices to their customers here of higher prices on the various lines. Quinine has gone up again in the east, and although dealers here have not yet taken full advantage of the rise they are holding firmly for the prices which we quote in our drug list.

DRY GOODS.

Travellers are meeting with fair success on the road and report a very hopeful feeling for spring trade. Retail merchants find winter goods very slow sale and there is no doubt the amount carried over will be large in comparison with other years. This fact is perhaps mainly responsible for the slow collections which are complained of by wholesale dry goods men. House trade is quiet as a rule.

GREEN FRUITS.

We notice very little change in the situation. California lemons are now quoted at \$1.50 per case which is 25 to 50c less than heretofore. Cape Cod cranberries have advanced 50c, making the price now \$7.50 per barrel. Winter apples still engage the bulk of attention. The auction sales which have been going on for some time are understood to have been finally discontinued. Some of the apples stored in the city have been going down in quality and there will no doubt be sharp losses on all such lots. It is believed that stocks of reliable apples are down to reasonable quantities and an improvement in price is looked for. In fact one large holder is already asking \$4.50 per barrel for his best apples although the prevailing quotation is still \$4.00 per barrel. The opinion seems to be general that good apples will be worth more money very shortly. We quote prices as follows: California navel oranges, \$4 per case for regular sizes; California seedlings, \$3.50; California lemons per box \$4.50; Mexico lemons, \$3.00; apples winter, \$4 per barrel; sweet potatoes, \$5.00 to \$5.25 per barrel; Cape Cod cranberries per barrel \$7.50; coconuts per dozen, 80c; Grenoble walnuts, 15c; Tarragon almonds, 15c; filberts, 12c; peanuts, green, 9 to 10c; roasted, 11 to 12c; pecan nuts, 13c per lb, maple sugar, per lb, 11c; apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels; fruit cider put up in 20 and 30 gallon kegs, per gallon, 40c; figs, in boxes, 7c lb.; new California layer figs in 10-pound boxes, \$1.30; new Smyrnas in glove boxes, \$2.00 per dozen; 10-lb. boxes, \$1.75 per box, and 30-pound boxes, \$6.00; dates 7c per lb. in 1-lb. cartons 9c; honey in 1-lb. glass jars, per dozen jars, \$2.50; Spanish onions, \$1.25 per crate; American red onions, 2c per lb.; jam, in 7 lb. pails, per dozen, \$6.50, in jars, 41-2 dozen in barrel, per dozen, \$2.25.

GROCERIES.

The demand for groceries in a wholesale way is very good for the season. Prices on several important lines have advanced, notably green Rio coffee, due to a further advance of that amount at New York. The statistical position of coffee is very strong, there being a genuine shortage in supplies.

It is also to be noticed that compared with its normal value coffee has been ruling very low, so that this and other recent advances only put it back to something like its real value. The market for rice is strong and Japan would now cost more to lay down here than local quotations show it to be selling for. Fine off-stalk Valencia raisins are practically out of packers hands and the price is likely to go still higher. California muscatels have advanced about 1-2c per pound and the better grades are scarce. Small prunes are practically out of the market as it is almost impossible to get sizes under 70 to 80. The larger sizes show excellent value. All kinds of nuts are advancing in eastern markets. Quotations for staple lines of groceries will be found on "prices current" page.

HARDWARE.

There is a steady demand for such lines of hardware as usually find sale in winter, and travellers on the road are meeting with a fair amount of business. As in all other wholesale lines collections are very slow. The only change in price to notice is an advance of 3-4c per pound in shot. This is due to the fact that makers have come to a new understanding with regard to the regulation of prices. It is worth while noticing the low price of rope both sisal and manila as compared with the high quotations ruling at manufacturing centres for raw fibre. If fibre prices continue as high as they are now very long rope is bound to reach a higher level of prices. See price list elsewhere in this issue.

LUMBER.

It is evident that there will be no easing off in the prices of lumber or kindred lines during the season of 1900 unless all signs fail. Price lists for 1900 are now in dealers hands and show several important changes. In addition to those already mentioned in The Commercial there is a substantial advance in mtn which is now worth \$4.50 per thousand retail in Winnipeg as against \$2.75 last year. Shingles are also up 50a per thousand to \$3.25.

No changes have been announced yet in sash and doors, but it is expected that new lists may be decided upon any time, showing a general advance on these goods. An advance is considered certain for the spring trade. Glazed goods are particularly strong, owing to the big advance that has taken place in glass since prices were made for last season's trade. Considerable trade has been doing here all winter in sash and doors, which is quite unusual for the season.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

The only change is an advance in the price of white lead in oil, which is now quoted at \$7.50 for pure and \$7.25 for No. 1: 50c higher than a week ago. This advance was predicted by The Commercial several weeks ago and has only been delayed because there was so little demand that quotations were not of much consequence. It has not been possible to book any orders for future delivery at old prices for some time. Latest advices from Belgium with regard to glass indicate that prices have advanced sharply within the last two weeks.

SCRAP.

The local market is quiet and the only change in prices is a drop of \$2 per ton in the price offered for wrought iron. Other lines are unchanged. Eastern markets are not displaying any great activity at present. Prices here

are as follows: No. 1 cast iron tree from wrought and malleable \$14 per ton; No. 1 stove plate, \$5.00 per ton; wrought iron scrap, \$6.50 per ton; heavy copper, 10c per pound; copper bottoms, 8c per pound, red brass 8 to 8 1/2c per pound, yellow brass, heavy, 7 1/2c per pound; light brass, 4 1/2 to 5c per pound; lead pipe or tea lead, 2 1/2c per pound, zinc scrap, 1c per pound; rags, country mixed, 50c; rubber, free from rivets, buckles and articles, 5c per pound.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—At the end of last week it seemed to most people in the trade that wheat had got to the low water mark. But how little the average trader knows beforehand as to the course of the market has been well exemplified by its action this week. The anticipated advance of Monday resulted in a decline of 5-8 to 7-8c per bushel. Tuesday experienced a perfect avalanche of decline when viewed in the light of the continuous decline of the last three months, the drop for the day being 1 1/8 to 1 3/8c per bushel. From this point there has been a steadier feeling resulting in a recovery from Tuesday of 1-1 to 1-2c but showing a decline on the week of around 2c per bushel. The situation at the end of this week is more hopeful. There is more inquiry for wheat and it only requires a fair start on the buying side to bring on a more active condition of the market which would lead to a fair advance in values. The information and statistics of the week are not altogether bullish nor do they forcibly suggest the opposite view. The American visible supply decreased 1,359,000 bushels against a decrease of 399,000 bushels previous week, and an increase last year of 577,000 bushels. The world's shipments were 6,057,000 bushels against 4,414,000 bushels last week and 7,600,000 bushels last year. These light world's shipments which have been going on for several weeks must affect the European situation in the direction of better demand especially if continued for several weeks longer as seems not unlikely. The world's visible supply according to Bradstreet's increased 4,040,000 bushels against an increase last week of 1,257,000 bushels and a decrease last year of 1,300,000 bushels. This announcement was the cause of the big slump on Tuesday, but it is explained that the cause of the heavy increase was a previous mistake of underestimating Russian stocks by 3,000,000 bushels, which was rectified by adding it in this week. Crops continue to be fairly well spoken of, but the last day or two there are rumors of damage to the French winter wheat, which is a very important item in the future of values. The American winter wheat crop is reported as mainly in favorable condition except for the damage by Hessian fly in Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and other states. The full extent of this damage cannot be ascertained at this early date. Argentine has harvested a crop of good quality and probably as large in quantity as the large crop of last year, but that does not seem definitely known yet. Australia has a bountiful crop, harvested in fine condition. India gives no token of any recovery, its condition is bad.

The local market is stagnant under the general condition of the world's wheat markets, coupled with the difficulty of getting money in the local money market to invest in wheat. Buyers are scarce, but would soon be more plentiful if the market situation

showed definitely towards an advance. Holders are firm and will not sell at present prices if they can avoid it. There has been very little trading done during the week. The end of last week closed with buyers at 63 1/2c for cash 1 hard in store Fort William. By Tuesday's break value was down 1c, and a forced sale of a round lot was made at 62c, which shows a drop of 1 1/2c. Since then the price of spot 1 hard Fort William has hung around 62 1/4c until yesterday afternoon when 62 1/2c was offered. The feeling of the trade is distinctly more confident and towards improvement in value. Two hard and 1 northern sell for 2 1/2c under 1 hard; 3 hard 6c under 1 hard; 1 frosted 5 3/4c; 2 frosted 4 3/4c, all in store Fort William; rejected 1—1 hard 60c; rejected 2, 1 hard, 58c; rejected 1, 2 hard, 57c; rejected 2, 2 hard, 55c, all in store King's elevator, Port Arthur.

FLOUR—There is no change to report. Business is quiet and prices steady. We quote prices as follows: Ogilvie's Hungarian patent, \$1.20; Glenora, \$1.70; Manitoba Strong Bakers, \$1.50 XX XX, \$1.10; Lake of the Woods patent, \$1.90; Strong Bakers, \$1.70 Medora, \$1.40, XX XX, \$1.20 per sack of 98 pounds delivered in Winnipeg.

MILLFEED—The market is very quiet. Demand is limited. Prices have not changed since a week ago. We quote: Bran, in bulk, \$10 to \$10.50 per ton; shorts, in bulk, \$11.50 to \$12.

GROUND FEED—This market is all quiet and only a very limited demand is apparent. Oat chop is still worth \$20 per ton. Mixed feed of barley and oats is \$1 per ton lower at \$17. Barley chop is worth \$15 per ton. Oat-cake has declined \$1 to \$26 per ton.

OATS—The supply of oats is very limited and there is an active demand for all offerings. There is a growing impression that the crop has not yielded as much as was at first estimated. If there are large quantities in the hands of country dealers as some maintain the holders are manifesting very little desire to sell as inquiries for quotations are not at all plentiful. We quote: No. 1 white oats in ear loads on track here are worth 27 to 28c per bushel; No. 2 white, 26 to 27c; No. 2 mixed, 25 to 26 1/2c. Farmers' loads, 25c. Car lots at country points, 21 to 23c.

BARLEY—Receipts light. Mating grades are worth about 30 to 32c in cars here and feed grades 26 to 28c.

CORN—Car lots on track of No. 3 corn are quoted at 35 to 39c per bushel.

WHEAT—Prices ruling to-day at country markets to farmers range from 45 to 52c per bushel.

FLAXSEED—Farmers' loads are worth \$1.25 to \$1.30 per bushel at country points. There are practically none offering.

OATMEAL—Domestic millers are quoting \$1.70 per 80 pound sack to the retail trade.

HAY—Hay has become a drag in the market. Offerings far in excess of demand and prices are weak. Loose hay on the street has declined \$1 per ton. We quote: Fresh baled hay in car lots on track, \$5.00 to \$5.50 per ton; loose hay, on the street, \$3 to \$4 per ton.

BUTTER—Creamery—There is nothing doing in a wholesale way, choice creamery is worth 24c per pound at Winnipeg, which is the price at which dealers are holding their stocks.

BUTTER—Dairy—There is a good demand for best grades and prices hold firm at last week's figures. The market has been sounded by Montreal people with a view to further shipments there but no action has yet been taken in that direction. Dealers are selling best rolls at from 18 to 20c per pound. Tubs are worth 17 to 20c. Second grades are in very slow demand at from 14 to 16c.

CHEESE—Stocks in the city are light and the market firm at 13 to 13 1/2c per pound for boxes. Some holders are asking 14c.

EGGS—Dealers are selling at 18c to the trade here for fresh Manitoba stock. Eastern eggs rule about the same.

VEGETABLES—We quote as follows: Potatoes, per bushel, 45c, carrots, 35 to 40c; turnips, 25c; beets, 30 to 40c; parsnips, 1 1/2c per pound; dry onions, 75c to \$1 per bushel; cabbage, 1 1/2 to 3c per pound; celery, 35c per dozen bunches; green house lettuce, 40c per dozen bunches; parsley, 50c per dozen bunches.

DRESSED MEATS—Stocks of meat in the city are ample for all requirements. Prices remain unchanged. Hogs are easier in tone but not quotably lower. Ontario hogs are being laid down now at \$5.75 per 100 pounds. We quote prices as follows: Beef, city dressed, 5 1/2 to 6c per pound; country dressed 5 to 5 1/2c mutton; 8 to 9c; lamb 8 to 9c; veal 7 to 8c; hogs 5 1/2 to 6c. The latter figure is regarded by some purkers as extreme.

DRESSED POULTRY—Dealers will pay 11c per pound for turkeys delivered at Winnipeg and 9c for chickens, geese and ducks.

GAME—Rabbits are worth 7c each. Pigeons bring 20c per pair.

HIDES—There is not much movement in the hide market, and the feeling in regard to price is easier. From 7 to 7 1/2c is now the ruling quotation for frozen hides. The markets are off a little at Chicago which has weakened the feeling here. We quote as follows: Frozen hides 7 to 7 1/2c per pound with 5 lbs. off for waste. No. 1 inspected hides worth 7 3/4c; No. 2 6 3/4c; No. 3 5 1/2c. Branded hides grade No. 2, and bulls, No. 3; kip, 7c; calf, 8 to 8 1/2c; deakin skins, 25 to 35c each; sheep skins, 40 to 50c each; horsehides, 50 to 75c each.

WOOL—A couple of small lots of wool offered this week, but there is no movement to speak of. We quote prices here 8 to 8 1/2c for unwashed fleeces.

SENECA ROOT—The market is purely nominal. About 37c per lb. represents the value.

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

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—Some feeder cattle have been shipped this week to Ontario; about 11 carloads in all. There have also been shipped 6 cars of exporters to Montreal. We also hear of two cars of live cattle being brought from Quebec to feed in Southern Manitoba, probably for the spring trade. Fat cattle are worth about \$1.35 to \$3.50 per cwt. off cars here. Feeders are \$3.25. There has apparently been no move made yet to secure stockers for the spring trade.

SHEEP—No movement. We quote 1c per pound for choice wethers of sheep and 4 to 5c for lambs.

HOGS—Receipts only fair. There is a good demand for all offerings. Buyers are quoting 4 3-4c per pound for choice weights, ranging from 150 to 250 pounds, and 4 1-2c for second grades.

MILCH COWS—Very few offerings. Quotations range from \$25 to \$45 each.

HORSES—The market is very quiet. Better sleighing would improve the demand. Quotations for working grades range all the way from \$210 to \$275 per team.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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British Columbia Markets.

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

PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

By wire to The Commercial,

Jan. 26.

Australian fresh butter was declined 1c, while Ontario creamery is higher. Eggs are more plentiful, but prices are so far unchanged. Potatoes are tending firmer. Seedling oranges have made a big drop in prices.

BUTTER—Local creamery, 30c; Australian fresh grass butter, 27 1-2c; Ontario creamery, 27 to 28c; Manitoba dairy, 19c.

EGGS—Fresh local, 50 to 60c per dozen, as to quality; eastern case eggs, 18 1-2c.

CHEESE—15c.

GREEN FRUIT—Oranges, navel \$3.75; seedlings, \$2.25; California lemons, \$3.75 to \$4; bananas, \$2.80. Local apples, 90c to \$1.25 per box. Japan oranges, 50c per box. Eastern apples, \$5.50 per barrel. Local cranberries, \$7 per bushel.

MEAL—Rolled oats, 90 lb. sack, \$2.50; two 45 lb. sacks, \$2.60; four 22 1-2 lb. sacks, \$2.80; ten 7 lb. sacks, \$2.50; oatmeal, 10 lb. sacks, per 100 lbs., \$3.25. In 50 lb. sacks, \$3 per 100 lbs.

FLOUR—Delivered B.O. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.00; strong bakers, \$4.30; Oregon, \$4.50 per barrel.

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

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

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

FISH—Flounders, 3c; smelts, 5c; sea bass, 4c; whiting, 3c; soles, 6c; smoked 10c; fresh halibut 6c; salmon 6c; hloaters 8 1-2c; cod 6c per lb.; crabs, 60c dozen.

GAME—Mallards, 60c; pintail 40c; teal 25c; wildgeon 40c per pair; venison 7c; bear 6c lb.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 14c; geese, 12c.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, \$10 per ton; Ashcroft potatoes, \$19 to \$20 ton; cabbage, 1 1-2c per lb.; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12 per ton; red onions, 1c per lb.; silverskins, 2c; tomatoes, \$2 per box; cucumbers, \$2 per box.

FEED—National mills chop, \$25 per ton; shorts, \$22 ton; bran, \$20; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; L.O.B. Vancouver, including duty paid on imported stuff.

HAY—Per ton, \$16.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef, 8 to 8 1-2c; mutton, 10 to 11c; pork, 9 to 9 1-2c; veal, 10 1-2 to 11c lb.

LIVE STOCK—Steers, \$1.50 to \$1.75 per 100 lbs.; cows, \$1.25; sheep, \$5.50 per 100 lbs.; hogs, 5c per lb.

DRIED FRUITS—Apricots, 17c; peaches 10 to 12c; pitted plums, 12c; prunes, French 5 to 7 1-2c per lb.; London layer raisins, \$1 box; Italian prunes, 6 to 8 1-2c lb.; Muscatel raisins, 2 crown 8c, 1 crown 5 1-2c, 4 crown 9c; dates 9c; black figs, 6c; white figs, 9 1-2c.

layer figs, 10 lb. box \$1.45; silver prunes, 9 1-2c; quartered pears, 11 1-2c; half pears, 12 1-2c; nectarines, 15 1-2c; Valencia raisins, 7 1-2c; sultanas, 11 to 14c; blackberries, 16c; raspberries, 25c; seeded raisins, 9 1-2c.

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

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

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

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

HARDWARE—Bar iron—Base, \$3.50. Horse shoe nails, discount, 40 per cent; horse shoes, keg, \$5. Wire nails—Base price, \$4.50; cut, \$3.75. Rope, Manila, 16c. Bolted oil, 75c. White lead, \$7.50. Putty, \$3.50. Barbed wire, \$4.75 per 100 lbs. Glass, 1st break, \$5.

PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

By wire to the Commercial—

Nelson, B. C., Jan. 20.

Fresh eggs are scarce. Creamery latter has advanced 1c.

Butter—Creamery, large packages, 26c choice dairy, 21c per lb.

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

Eggs—Washington state, fresh, 30c; Ontario acid fresh, 24c, pickled, 29 per dozen.

Oats—1st ton, \$27.

Milled—Bran, \$22; shorts, \$22 per ton.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$1.70.

Hay—1st ton, \$28.

Potatoes—Per ton, \$25.

add Vancouver market

British Columbia Notes.

B. H. Graves, restaurant, Fernie, is dead.

O. J. Poucher, hotel, Trail, has sold out to Haverty & Clark.

W. G. S. Gavin, printer, Rossland, has sold out to Casey & Lester.

Chas. Hayward, undertaker, Victoria, is succeeded by the British Columbia Funeral Furnishing Co. Ltd.

The Union Hat Works Company, of St. John's, Quebec, have opened a wholesale branch at Vancouver under the management of R. W. Turner.

The Rossland Miner will publish a list of the new buildings erected in that town during 1899. There were 130 buildings erected at an actual cost of \$320,000.

The following new companies have been incorporated. The Shawnigan Lake Hotel Co. of Victoria; capital \$20,000; the Lloyd A. Mauley Liquor Co. of Grand Forks; capital, \$50,000; the Grande Mining Co. of Rossland; capital, \$1,000,000.

B. C. Fruit Growers.

At the Fruit Growers' association in convention in Vancouver, F. F. Shutt, chemist, from the Dominion Experimental farm, Ottawa, and C. Marker, dairy expert of Calgary, were present in addition to a fair number of fruit growers. The question of fruit packing was discussed at length and many expressed themselves, that strict honesty in packing paid the shipper. Mr. Shutt addressed the meeting on the common adulterations found in jams and explained the causes in the adulteration art. The association was shown by the secretary to be in a good financial condition. The executive reported on all they had done in connection with

fruit shipping under their auspices and were complimented upon their work.

Trading Stamps in B.C.

After the first of February there will be no more trading stamps used in Vancouver or New Westminster. The wholesale grocers took the initiative. They invited the retail grocers to meet them and discuss the question. This was done. As a result the wholesale and retail grocers bound themselves—the one to supply no goods to any merchant who dealt in stamps, the other to use no stamps after the first of February. Lotteries, premiums and cash discounts were included in the same agreement.

Other lines of trade took up the suggestion and a mass meeting was called and committees chosen to interview every merchant in the city and ask him to sign an agreement to discontinue the trading stamp business after the first of February. As a result every merchant in the city has pledged himself to buy no more stamps, thus has the trading stamp system been crowded out of Vancouver. The newspapers also helped by refusing to run advertisements for the trading stamp people and the bank's gave their moral support.

Several of the bankers stated that the recent failures in Vancouver are due to the trading stamp evil. That a fair business turn over in a year is about \$50,000 to \$60,000 and trading stamps cost this business about 5 per cent. In other words that \$3,000 which about represented the entire net profit of such a business was thrown away in stamps, so that trading stamps threatened the financial stability of the business community.

B.C. Canning Industries.

The salmon canners have been holding a series of meetings with a view of coming to some arrangement by which the expenses of canning could be borne more largely in common and the extent of the pack regulated, etc. The great diversity of opinions however seems to preclude any possibility of such an arrangement being made and in the meantime the usual statements about the impossibility of carrying on the industry next year with profit are being widely circulated. The canners complain of the following handicap for the industry in 1900. Oppressive Canadian government restrictions. The combine on Puget Sound threatening to cut the Canadian canners out of the English markets, from the fact that all the canners will be run at the minimum expense of one big institution, and because there are no government restrictions on the Sound, the fishermen are also combining, which means the possibility of the price of fish being placed at too high a figure.

British Live Stock Trade.

London, Jan. 15.—There has been a decidedly weak feeling in the market for both cattle and sheep since this day week. The trade to day was very slow and prices for cattle show a decline of 1c to 1 1-2c and sheep 1 1-4c; American cattle sold at 15c; Canadian stock went slow at 13c, and Argentine at 12c. Argentine sheep sold at 10 3-4c and Canadian sheep at 10 3-4c.

Liverpool, Jan. 15.—This market has also been weak and prices for cattle since this day week show a decline of 1-2c to 1c, while sheep are fully 1c lower. Canadian cattle sold at 12c, and sheep at 11 1-2c.



The Hartford Fire Insurance Company.

From the Mercantile and Financial Times

The year 1899 has been a most disastrous year for fire insurance companies, and one which insurance officials welcomed its closing. There is talk of raising the rates of insurance in order to afford the companies opportunity of retrieving their fortunes. In Chicago the returns of the fire patrol show that the ratio of loss, as against the amount of premiums received will figure as high as 95 per cent. In Philadelphia the scene of one of the largest conflagrations of the year, it will amount to 100 per cent.

The fire insurance business was equally unsatisfactory abroad last year. In England there is the same complaint of heavy losses, accompanied by increasing expense, and generally unfavorable conditions, and so far from looking for a profit on the year's business, the general sentiment was that the luckier the end of the year came the better.

The following table shows the losses by months in the United States and Canada, except December, which is not yet at hand, contrasted with those of the past two years:

	1897.	1898.	1899.
January.....	\$12,019,700	\$ 9,472,500	\$10,718,100
February.....	5,676,750	12,629,300	15,469,000
March.....	10,504,950	7,645,700	11,491,000
April.....	10,813,000	5,211,000	9,713,000
May.....	10,193,600	11,072,000	9,091,900
June.....	5,684,450	9,206,900	6,714,850
July.....	6,616,300	8,929,750	11,426,400
August.....	5,454,950	7,793,500	9,703,700
September.....	9,391,000	14,203,950	12,778,500
October.....	11,787,500	7,539,300	12,046,250
November.....	7,189,800	10,435,000	11,857,600
Totals.....	98,991,800	101,638,400	123,512,550

New England has contributed a large share to the loss list. The fires in Woburn were the largest, but the risks were well distributed, so that no one company was especially hard hit. Boston had three large fires, with damages estimated at more than \$150,000. One of these fires, however, occurred at the Navy Yard at Charlestown, the insurance on which is carried by the United States government.

Hartford has long been known and honored as the home of some of the strongest and most reliable of our insurance companies, but none seem to have gained the confidence of the insured equal to that of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn. This is due in no small degree to the untiring energy, vigilance and foresight of its president, Mr. George L. Chase.

There are few callings in the business world to-day which demand a person of more diversified talents than the management of a large fire insurance company. Such a gentleman is Mr. Chase, and it is to the confidence which his fellow directors have in his marvelous executive ability, that has placed this company in the front rank of the great fire insurance companies of the world. Many an unfortunate in the great Chicago and Boston fires of the 70's has blessed the name of George L. Chase, and the day on which he cast his lot with this institution. When numbers of insurance companies, both large and small, were forced to suspend because of the tremendous losses sustained in these fires, the one beacon light on the horizon was the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, and it was due to this genial gentleman's pluck and energy which saved the day. This is written with no thought of fulsome praise, but being plain truths, we believe they are worthy of being spoken.

One of the features of this institution which is appreciated by all who enter its portals, is the total absence of red tape in all its departments. Mr. Chase is one of the most approachable of men, being thoroughly democratic in all his methods of business. Throughout the entire career of this

company it has commanded the esteem of the business world and confidence of the insuring public. The conservatism of its officers, the careful classifications of its premiums and losses, and the prudent investment of its funds, are among the strong points to be fixed upon as those which have enabled it to withstand the perils and storms of the period of its existence.

Following is the ninetyeth annual statement of its condition, January 1st, 1900.

ASSETS.	
Cash on hand, in bank, and cash items	604,627.42
Cash in hands of agents and in course of transmission	1,196,413.81
Rents and accrued interest	36,192.25
Real estate unincumbered	811,000.00
Loans on bond and mortgage (1st lien)	1,225,700.00
Loans on collateral security	14,800.00
Bank stock, Hartford, market value.....	559,944.00
Bank stock, New York, market value	362,475.00
Bank stock, Boston, market value	69,599.25
Bank stock, Albany & Montreal, market value	87,733.32
Railroad stocks	1,075,349.00
State, city and railroad bonds	5,134,578.81
Other assets	24,175.16
Total assets	\$11,002,588.02

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock	\$1,250,000.00
Reserve for re-insurance	5,286,799.62
Reserve for all unsettled claims	655,082.90
Net surplus	3,819,204.50
Surplus to policy-holders	5,060,204.50

This is the oldest fire insurance company in Hartford and one of the largest in America, and with its capital of \$1,250,000, and surplus to policy-holders of \$5,060,204.50, and total assets of \$11,002,588.02, make it one of the most desirable companies in which the property owner can place his insurance.

W. W. Scrimmes, Winnipeg, is general agent for the Hartford Fire Insurance Co. for Manitoba and the Territories

GREAT WEST HOME OFFICE.

The plans and specifications for a handsome solid stone block on Main street between the English Chop House and the new Canadian Bank of Commerce building have been drawn up by Architect Wheeler and the work on the foundation will be commenced as soon as the spring opens. The new structure is being erected for the Great West Insurance company and will be used by them as the home office of the company. It will be built of Cleveland stone, the same material as in the Bank of Commerce building, and will be entirely an office building. The frontage on Main street will be 32 feet and the building will extend back 120 feet to the lane. The style of architecture will be Italian and the new block will be another ornament to the city.

INSURANCE NOTES.

Wm. McBride, manager of the North American Life Company, accompanied by his wife and children left this week for an extended trip to Europe.

Joseph Robinson, formerly of the Massey-Harris Co.'s staff, Winnipeg, has retired from that company's service to assume the position of accountant with the Home Life Association at Winnipeg.

Losses by fire in Canada and the United States during 1899 amounted to \$136,773,200, against \$119,650,500 in 1898, and \$110,319,650 in 1897. The greatest losses of the year were in Philadelphia, where the burning of

a departmental store and publishing house caused a loss of \$1,725,000; in New York city, when the Windsor hotel was destroyed, causing \$1,150,000 loss, and in Victor, Col., where a general fire did \$1,100,000 damage.

We give this week the annual statement of the old and reliable Hartford Fire Insurance Co. Late years have proved very disastrous to fire companies, owing to the heavy losses, but it is pleasing to note that the Hartford Fire still maintains large assets and large surplus, the former amounting to over \$11,000,000, and the latter to \$5,060,204. W. W. Scrimmes, agent at Winnipeg for this company, reports that while their losses here have been heavy, they are still in the field to do all the legitimate business available.

The Brandon Sun has the following to say of a well known provincial insurance man: "A. C. McEown, general agent of the Confederation Life Association left on Wednesday for Winnipeg to take the city agency for the Confederation Life. Mr. McEown has been one of the company's most successful agents and this most deserving recognition of his services will not surprise those who know him. It is said that his record for ten months was over \$200,000 worth of insurance, and that in the month of December he closed up \$60,000 worth of life risks."

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard wheat quoted at 68c January delivery.

Flour—Local price per sack: Patent \$1.95; best bakers', \$1.75.

Oatmeal—\$1.90 per 80 pound sack.

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

Oats—Carlots on track, 24 to 26c.

Flaxseed—Per bushel at country points, 65c.

Barley—Farmers' loads, 23 to 25c per bushel for feed grades. Malting barley in car lots on track, 30c per bushel.

Corn—In carlots, 41 to 42c per bushel of 56 lbs.

Butter—Dairy, jobbers paying 13 1-2 to 15c; fresh creamery, 22 to 23c to buyers.

Cheese—9 1-2 to 10c per pound at factories.

Eggs—Dealers asking 18 to 20c per dozen for Ontario or Manitoba held fresh eggs. Lined, 16 to 17c.

Hides—No. 1 green hides, 61-2c; frozen stock, 6c per lb.

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

Hay—Baled, \$7.50 to \$8 per ton on cars. Loose hay worth \$6 to \$7.50 per ton.

Potatoes—35 to 40c per bushel on the street.

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

Game—Rabbits, 81-2c each; pigeons, 20c per pair.

Dressed meats—Fresh killed beef, city dressed 51-2 to 6c, country frozen beef, 5 to 5 1-2c; mutton, 7 to 8c; lamb, 8 to 9c; hogs, 5 3-4 to 6c; veal, 6 to 7c.

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

Manufacturing concerns in Toronto report a famine in steam coal, and some expect to have to close down for a time unless supplies can be obtained more rapidly. This scarcity has existed in its acute form since last September. Scarcity of cars is partly responsible, although shortage of supplies at mines is perhaps the main cause.

Winnipeg Hardware and Metal Prices.

ANVILS—Per lb., 10 to 12 1-2c; anvils and vice combined, each \$3 to \$4.50.
 AUGERS—Post hole, Vaughan's, each, 60 to 90c.
 AXES—Bench, 40 per cent; chopping axes, per dozen, \$6 to \$12; double bit, per dozen, \$11 to \$18.
 BELLOWS—20, 24, \$4.50; 26, \$4.95; 28, \$5.40; 30, \$5.85; 32, \$6.30; 34, \$7.25; 36 \$8.10; 38, \$9; 40, \$10.35.
 BELTING—Agricultural, 55 to 60 per cent; No. 1, 50 to 60 and 10 per cent, extra 30 to 35 per cent.
 BITS, AUGER—American, 50 per cent; Jennings' Excelsior, 45 per cent.
 BLUESTONE—6 1 2c lb.
 BOLTS—Carriage, 42 1 2 per cent; machine, 45 per cent; plow, 40 per cent, sleigh shoe, 65 per cent, stove, 65 per cent; tire, 55 per cent.
 BUTTS—Cast, loose pin, com 60 per cent; Peter. o. o., 38 1 3 per cent wrought steel, narrow, 60 per cent, loose pin, 60 per cent, bronze, 45c up.
 GARTBRIDGES—Rim fire, Am. discount, 40 per cent, Dom. 50 and 5 per cent; 10 per cent, centre fire, pistol, Am. discount 10 per cent, Dom. discount 30 per cent; military and sporting, Am. net list, Dom. 15 per cent.
 CEMENT—Portland, barrel, \$4.25 to \$4.50.
 CHAIN—Coil, proved, 3-16 in. per 100 lbs., \$8; do. 1-4 in. \$7.50; do. 3-16 in. \$6; do. 3-8 in. \$5.75; do. 7-16 in. \$5.50, do. 1-2 in. and up, \$5.50. Jack, iron, single per dozen yards, 15 to 75c; double, per dozen yards, 25 to \$1. Trace, per dozen pairs, \$3.75 to \$5.50.
 COPPER—Tinned sheets, 28c; plainished, 33c; boiler and R K pits, plain tinned, per lb., 29c; spun, 33c.
 FILES—Com. 70 per cent; Nicholson's and Black Diamond, 60 per cent.
 GLUE—Sheets, 15c lb.; broken, 12 1-2c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 18 to 25c.
 GREASE, AXLE—Fraser's, per case, \$3.75; Diamond, light \$1.50 case; dark, \$2; Mica, \$3.35.
 GRINDSTONES—\$1.50 100 lbs.
 HAIR—Plasterers', 90c bale.
 HARVEST TOOLS—55 and 5 per cent.
 HORSESHOES—iron shoes, keg, 0 and 1, \$1.90; 2 and larger, \$4.65. Less than full keg, 25c extra. Steel shoes, 0 and 1, \$5.20; 2 and larger, \$4.95.
 HINGES—Heavy T and strap, per 100 lbs., \$5.75 to \$6.75; light 60, 50 per cent; screw hook and hinge, 6 to 10 in. 5c per lb.; 12 in. up, per lb., 4c.
 IRON—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$3.10. Band iron, 100 lbs., \$3.40 base. Swedish iron, 100 lbs., \$5.00 base. Sheet, black, 16 to 20 gauge, \$3.50; 22 to 26 gauge, \$3.75; 28 gauge, \$4.00. Galvanized, American, 16 gauge, \$4.25; 18 to 22, \$4.50; 24 gauge, \$4.75; 26 gauge, \$5.00; 28 gauge, \$5.25 per 100 lbs. Queen's head, 25c advance on Am. prices. Canada plates, Garth and Blaine, \$3.60. Imitation Russian sheets 7 to 8c, genuine Russian sheets, lb. 12 to 13c.
 LEAD—Pig, per lb., 6c; sheet, 6 1-2c. NAILS—Cut—10d up, \$3.40; 20d, \$3.45; 10d, \$3.50; 8d, \$3.55; 6d, \$3.70; 4d, \$3.80; 3d, \$4.05; 2d, \$4.40. Wire nails, 1 1-2 in. up, \$1.4 in., \$4.05; 3 in., \$1.10; 3 1-2 in., \$4.15; 2 in., \$4.30; 1 1-2 in., \$4.40; 1 1-4 in., \$4.65; 1 in., \$5. Horse nails, pointed, finished, oval heads, list price, No. 5, \$7.50 box; No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box; Nos. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box; discount on these prices, 40 per cent.
 PAPER, BUILDING—Anchor brand, plain, 45c; do. tarred, 65c; Cyclone, 70c; Jubilee, plain 57c; do. tarred 70c.
 PIPE—Iron, black, per 100 feet, 1-4 inch, \$3.92 1-2; 3-8, \$3.82 1-2; 1-2, \$4.72 1-2; 3-4, \$5.17 1-2; 1 inch, \$7.42 1-2; 1 1-4, \$9.90 1-2; \$12.15; 2 inch, \$16.20; larger, 45 per cent. Galvanized, 1 1-4 inch, \$8.80; 3 8, \$8.80; 1-2, \$9.35; 3-4, \$10.45; 1 inch, \$14.30; 1 1-4 inch, \$19.80; 1 1-2 inch, \$24.20; 2 inch, \$32.45. Stove, 6 inch, \$8.50; 7 inch, \$9.25 per 100 lengths.
 PITCH—Pine, \$4 per barrel.
 PLASTER—Per barrel, \$3.25.
 RIVETS AND BURS—Carriage, section 37 1-2 per cent; M rivets, black and tinned, 37 1-2 per cent; copper riv-

ets and burrs, 33 1-2c; cartons 1c per lb. extra net.
 ROPE—Cotton, 1-4 to 1-2 inch, and larger, 15c lb.; deep sea, 16 1-2c; lath yarn, 11c; Manila, per lb., 16c base; sisal, 13 1-2c base.
 SCREWS—F. H. bright, discount 75, 10 per cent; R. H. discount 70; P. H. brass, discount 70; R. H. brass, discount 60 and 5 per cent. Bench, wood, per doz., \$3.75 to \$4.50; bench, iron, per doz., \$4.50 to \$6. couch screws, 57 1-2 per cent.
 SHELLS—Loaded—Eley's black, 12 gauge, per 100, soft, \$1.50, chilled, \$1.65, 10 gauge soft, \$2, chilled \$2.15; Eley's smokeless, 12 gauge soft, \$1.90, chilled \$2.05, No. 10 gauge soft \$2.40, chilled \$2.55.
 SHOT—Soft, 6 1-4c per lb.; chilled, 6 3-4c; buckshot, 7 1-4c.
 SOLDER—Half and half, per lb 22c.
 SOLDERING IRONS—Per lb. 32c.
 STEEL—Sleigh shoe, \$3.60 base; spring \$4.00 base; machinery, \$4.00 base; share com. \$4.75 base; share, crucible, \$5.50; toe end, \$4.00 base; tire steel, \$3.75 base; cast tool steel, lb. 9 to 12 1-2c.
 STEEL BOILER PLATE—3-16 inch, \$4.25 1-4, 3-8 inch and thicker, \$4.00.
 STAPLES—Galvanized, \$4.25 per 100 lbs.
 TAR—Per barrel, \$5.
 TIN—Lamb and flag, 50 and 28 lb. ingots, per lb., 33c.
 TIN PLATES—Charcoal plates, I. C. 10 x14, 12x12, and 14x20, \$5.75; I N same size box, \$6.75; I C, charcoal, 20 x28 112 sheets to box, \$11.00; I X box 20x28, 112 sheets, \$13.00.
 TERNE PLATES—1 C, 20x28, \$10.50.
 TINWARE—Plain, 75 and 2 1-2 per cent; retined, 70 and 10 per cent.
 TRAPS—Game, H. & N., No. 0, \$1.92 doz., No. 1, \$2.25; No. 1 1-2, \$3.38; No. 2, \$4.75; No. 3, \$6.30; No. 4, \$7.42; bear, No. 5, \$7.50.
 TUBES—Boiler, 2 inch, 16 1 2c per foot; 2 1 2 inch, 21 1-2c; 3 inch, 23c per foot.
 VISES—B. S. Wright's 14c; Sampson, 40-50 pounds, \$6.50 to \$7 each; parallel, \$2 to \$7 each.
 WADS—Grey felt, 75c per lb.; thin card wads in boxes of 500 each, 12 and smaller gauge, 20c per lb.; thin card wads in boxes of 500 each, 10 gauge, 25c per lb., Chemically prepared black edge gray cloth wads, in boxes of 250 each, 11 and smaller gauges, 65c per 1,000; 9 and 10 gauges, 75c per 1,000; 7 and 8 gauges, \$1 per 1,000.
 WIRE—Brass and copper wire, 20 per cent advance on the list; clothes line wire, 18 gauge, per 1,000 feet, \$3.50. Galvanized, 4 barb. regular, \$3.75; galvanized, plain twist, \$3.75.
 ZINC—Sheet, in casks, \$9 per 100 lbs.; broken lots, \$9.50.

lb.; in 100 lb. kegs, 23-4c; do, less than barrels, 3c lb.
 REFINED PETROLEUM—Silver Star, 20 1-2c; Oleophene, 23 1-4c; Sunlight, 24c; and Ecoene, 27c per gallon.
 TURPENTINE—Pure spirits in barrels, 81c; less than barrels, gal. 86c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.
 VARNISHES—No. 1 furniture, per gallon, \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$1.50 to \$1.75; hard oil finish, \$1.50; to \$2; brown Japan, \$1; house painters' gold size Japan, \$1.50; coach painters' do., \$2 to \$2.25; No. 1 brown shellac, \$2.25; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.
 WHITE LEAD—Pure, \$7.50 per 100 lbs.; No. 1, \$7.25.
 WHITING—\$1.25 per 100 lbs. gross weight.

During the month of December imports to the British Isles decreased \$4,625,000 and exports increased \$1,060,000 according to the board of trade reports.

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 GASOLINE—Stove, per case, \$3.50.
 GLASS—Single glass, first break, 16 to 25 united inches, \$2.50; 26 to 40, \$2.75 per 50 feet boxes; 41 to 50, \$6.00; 51 to 60, \$6.50. 61 to 70, \$7.00 per 100 feet boxes.
 LINSEED OIL—Raw, gal. 70c, boiled, gal. 75c in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gal extra, with additional charges for cans and cases.
 OILS—Black oils, 25 to 30c gal.; clear machine oil, 30 to 32c; cylinder oil 53 to 78c, as to quality; castor oil, 11c per lb.; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatfoot oil, \$1; steam refined oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2.00 gal.
 PREPARED PAINTS—Pure liquid colors, gallon, \$1.30 to \$1.70, as to shade and quality.
 PUTTY—In bladders, barrel lots, 2 1-2c

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Jan. 20.

Dry Goods—More active this week and very firm. Black and colored satens have advanced in England. Lace curtains are 10 to 25 per cent higher. The total dry goods imports here last year amounted to \$7,250,000, against \$6,500,000 in 1898.

Hardware—Business is more satisfactory. Orders more numerous and larger than a year ago. Advances this week. Curry combs, 19 per cent; sandpaper, 15 per cent; whiting 5c; gum shellac, 1 to 2 1-2c; red lead, 25 to 50c, making price now \$5.25 to \$5.50 per cwt.; building paper 10 per cent. On sheet brass the discount has been advanced to 10 per cent. Ingot copper is 1-4 to 1-2c lower. New list on tire lotts is likely next week. Higher prices on wood screws are likely. Linned oil advanced 3c to-day, raw being quoted now at 64c and boiled at 67c. Turpentine advanced 2c to 77c.

Groceries—Quiet owing to mild weather. Coffee is excited and Rio is dearer than a week ago. Sugar is firmer at New York. Refined advanced 10c to-day. Rumors of a break in prices of tomatoes and corn which are current are not credited. Jobbers have confidence in future prices remaining unchanged. Brooms are dearer. Evaporated apples are 1-2c firmer. Cable reports say Ceylon tea is low and medium grade and Indian teas 1-2d higher.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Jan. 20.

Grain deliveries are small, especially wheat, owing to a reduction of 2c per bushel in price to farmers. Quotation is now 63 to 64c west for carlots. Manitoba wheat is 1-2c lower. Dairy butter is scarce and firm. Cured hides are 1-4 to 1-2c lower. Prices are as follows:

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$4.10; Manitoba bakers, \$3.65; Ontario straight roller, \$2.80 per barrel for carlots at country mills.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, 62 to 64c for carlots at country points; Ontario spring, 62 to 63c. No. 1 hard 76 1-2c, grinding in transit.

Oats—New oats, 24 1-2 to 26c at country points for car lots.

Barley—No. 2, 35c, country points.

Millfeed—Shorts, \$14 to \$15 per ton, bran, \$13 to \$14 per ton for cars at country mills.

Oatmeal—\$3.25 in bags per barrel, and \$3.35 in wood for car lots, Toronto.

Eggs—Fresh, 18c; held fresh, 16 to 17c; new laid, 23c; limed, 15 to 16c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, choice fresh 19 to 20c; poor to medium, 10 to 17c; creamery, tubs and boxes, 21 to 22c.

Cheese—12c to 12 1-2c for job lots, to the local trade.

Hides—10 1-4c for No. 1 cows; No. 1 heavy steers, 11c; cured hides, 10 1-4 to 11 1-2c. Sheepskins and lambskins, 75c to \$1.20; calfskins 11c and 10c for No. 1 and No. 2; tallow, 5 to 5 1-2c.

Wool—Washed fleeces, 19 to 20c.

Beans—\$1.40 to \$1.50 per bushel for hand picked.

Dried Apples—6 to 6 1-2c for round lots; evaporated, 8 to 8 1-2c.

Honey—Bulk, 9 to 10c per pound.

Poultry—Chickens, 25 to 50c per pair; turkeys, 9 to 10c per pound; geese 6 to 6 1-2c; ducks, 40 to 60c per pair.

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

Hogs—Dressed hogs, \$5.00 to \$5.20 per 100 pounds for car lots, mixed weights.

Seeds—Timothy, \$1 to \$1.25 per bushel; red clover, \$5.00 to \$5.75; alsiko, \$4.50 to \$6.50.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Jan. 17.

Receipts at the semi-weekly market yesterday were 1,000 cattle, 2,600 sheep and lambs, and 1,600 hogs.

Export Cattle—On account of lack of ocean space exporters cannot buy freely, and prices were easier. A few of the best picked lots sold at \$1.75 to \$2 and \$1.25 to \$1.60 for medium exporters.

Butchers' Cattle—Prices declined 25c to 50c per cwt. Trade was dull, many cattle remaining unsold. Choice heifers and steers sold around \$3.50 to \$3.90 per cwt, good cattle sold at \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt; medium and poor cows from \$2.25 to \$3 per cwt.

Feeders—Held firm and in good demand at \$3.60 to \$3.80 for heavy feeders and \$3.25 to \$3.50 for stock weighing 800 to 900 lbs.

Sheep—Market dull and easier at \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt for export ewes, \$4 to \$4.50 for lambs and \$4.50 to \$4.60 per cwt for picked ewes and wethers.

Hogs—Firmer at \$4.62 1-2 per cwt for select weights of 160 to 200 lbs natural weight and \$4 1-2 1-2 for thick and light fats.

FRIDAY'S MARKET.

Toronto, Jan. 20.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday receipts were 500 cattle, 800 sheep and lambs, and 1,500 hogs.

Export cattle were weak, but no lower in price 5c being still the top. Butchers cattle were demoralized and sold at from 4c down to 2c per pound, the latter quotation being for rough cows for canning purposes. Feeders are in demand for farmers. Best sold as high as \$14.00. Stockers were in good demand and firmer at \$3.50 top price. Lambs were firmer.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Jan. 16.

Receipts of live stock at the East End Abattoir market yesterday were 350 cattle and 50 sheep and lambs.

The supply of cattle was much smaller than last Thursday. The demand was good and the tone of the market strong. Values show no actual change. Choice steers sold at 4 3-4c to 5c, good at 4 1-4c to 4 1-2c; fair at 3 1-2c to 4c, and lower grades at 2 1-2c to 3 1-4c per lb. Trade in sheep and lambs was dull, owing to the small offerings, sold at 3 1-4c to 3 1-2c, and lambs at 4c to 4 1-2c per lb., live weight. At the Grand Trunk stock yards at Point St. Charles a fair number of live hogs for the season were offered, which sold at 4 1-4c per lb.

The demand for ocean freight space has been good and it is all pretty well engaged until May 1st, from both St. John, N. B., and Portland.

THURSDAY'S MARKET.

Montreal, Jan. 19.

At the East End Abattoir yesterday receipts were 700 cattle, and 50 sheep and lambs.

There was a good shipping demand for choice stock which was scarce. Market generally strong at Monday's quotations.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Jan. 20.

Oats are dull and 1-2 to 1c lower. Flour is quiet and unchanged. Meat slow. Hides are down 1-2c. Lambskins have advanced 5c to 50c. Strictly fresh eggs are worth 25c, candled 16 to 18c, seconds 13 to 15c. Butter is very firm and active, choice dairy selling at 19 to 20c. Creamery is worth 21 1-2 to 22 1-2c. There is in fair enquiry and best is worth 12c. No change in beans. Potatoes, poultry and dressed meats are fairly active. Quotations are:

Oats—29 1-2 to 30c in store.
Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.60 to \$3.70; Manitoba patents, \$3.90 to \$4.15.

Millfeed—Bran, \$15 per ton; shorts, \$16 to \$17, including sacks.
Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$3.50 per barrel on track and \$1.70 per sack.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 10c; No. 2, 9c. No. 3, 8c; calfskins, No. 1, 10 1-2c. No. 2, 8 1-2c; lambskins, 90c; tallow, 4 to 4 1-2c.

Eggs—Strictly fresh, 25c; candled, 16 to 18c second grade, 13 to 15c.

Butter—Choice fresh dairy, 19 to 20c.

Butter—Choice creamery, 21 1-2 to 22 1-2c.

Cheese—Finest, 12c.
Beans—\$1.42 1-2 to \$1.47 1-2 per bushel, as to quality.

Potatoes—45c per bag on track.
Dressed Poultry—Turkeys, 8 1-2 to 9 1-2c. Chickens, 6 1-2 to 7c.

Dressed Meats—Beef, jobbing lots, front quarters, 3 1-2 to 5c per pound, hind quarters, 3 to 7c; lamb, 6 to 6 1-4c, mutton 4 1-2 to 5c, hogs, 5 to 5 1-2c. Round lots meat, 7-8 to 1-2c less.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Jan. 20.

Sugars, syrups and molasses are very firm and unchanged. Other lines steady.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Jan. 20.

Market is steady and demand fairly active for season.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Jan. 19.

Cattle held firm at 11 3-4c per pound, estimated dressed weight, a decline of 3-4c from the inside figure of a week ago.

LONDON SUGAR MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

London, Jan. 19.

Best sugar selling firmer; January sold at 9s 7 1-2d; February, 9s 7 1-2d.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Jan. 19.

Cheese remains steady at 57s 4d for white and 56s for colored.

Brooms were advanced 12 1-2 per cent on Jan. 15, by eastern manufacturers. This advance also goes into effect in the local market.

F. W. Thompson, manager of the Ogilvie Milling Company, left Winnipeg, on Saturday last, to attend the funeral of the late W. W. Ogilvie at Montreal.

New York Wheat.

New York, Jan. 15.—Wheat, May opened 71 1-2, closed 73c b. July opened 73 1-4c, closed 73c a.

New York, Jan. 16.—Wheat, May opened 72 5-8c, closed 71 7-8c a. July opened 72 5-8c b, closed 71 7-8c a.

New York, Jan. 17.—Wheat, May opened 72 1-8c, closed 72 1-8c. July opened 72 1-8c, closed 72 1-4c b.

New York, Jan. 18.—Wheat, May opened 71 3-4c, closed 71 5-8c a. July opened 71 7-8c, closed 71 7-8c a.

New York, Jan. 19.—Wheat, May opened 71 5-8c, closed 71 7-8c b. July opened 71 7-8c, closed 72 1-8c b.

New York, Jan. 20.—Wheat closed at 72 1-8c for May option, and 72 1-4c for July.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

Chicago, Jan. 15.—Wheat, May opened 67 1-4c, closed 66 1-4c b. July opened 67 7-8 to 3-4, closed 67 3-8c. Corn, Jan. opened 30 1-2c, closed 30 5-8c b. May opened 33 1-4c, closed 33 1-4c a. July opened 34c, closed 33 7-8c a. Oats, May opened 24c, closed 23 7-8c. Pork, Jan. opened \$10.75 1-2, closed \$10.90 n. May opened \$11.05, closed \$11.12 1-2. Lard, Jan. opened \$5.90 a, closed \$5.92 1-2 n. May opened \$6.10, closed \$6.15 a. Ribs, Jan. opened \$5.72 1-2, closed \$5.77 1-2 n. May opened \$5.85, closed \$5.87 1-2. Flax, cash \$1.50. May \$1.49.

Chicago, Jan. 16.—Wheat, May opened 67 3-8c, closed 65 1-4c n. July opened 67 1-8c, closed 66c. Corn, Jan. opened 30 3-4c, closed 31c n. May opened 33 1-4c, closed 33 1-4c b. July opened 33 7-8c, closed 34c b. Oats, May opened 23 7-8c, closed 23 7-8c. July opened 23 1-8c n, closed 23 1-8c. Pork, Jan. opened \$10.90 n, closed \$10.70 n. May opened \$11.05, closed \$10.95 b. Lard, Jan. opened \$5.92 1-2c, closed \$5.87 1-2 n. May opened \$6.07 1-2, closed \$6.02 1-2 n. Ribs, Jan. opened \$5.77 1-2, closed \$5.70 n. May opened \$5.82 1-2, closed \$5.80 a. Flax, cash \$1.50. May \$1.40. Sept. \$1.05.

Chicago, Jan. 17.—Wheat, May opened 65 5-8c, closed 65 7-8c a. July opened 66 1-4c, closed 66 1-2c. Corn, Jan. opened 31c n, closed 31 1-4c a. May opened 33 1-2c, closed 33 5-8c b. July opened 34 3-8c, closed 34 1-4c b. Oats, May opened 24c, closed 24c a. July opened 24 1-8c a, closed 23 1-8c b. Pork, July opened \$11.02 1-2, closed \$10.02 1-2. Lard, May opened \$5.87 1-2c n, closed \$5.85 n. July opened \$6.05, closed \$6.02 1-2 Ribs, May opened \$5.70 n, closed \$5.70 July opened \$5.80, closed \$5.77 1-2. Flax, cash \$1.50. May \$1.49. July \$1.05 b.

Chicago, Jan. 18.—Wheat, May opened 65 1-2c, closed 65 1-2c a. July opened 66 3-8c, closed 66 1-8c a. Corn, Jan. opened 31 1-4c a, closed 31c b. May opened 33 5-8c, closed 33 1-2c a. July opened 34 3-8c, closed 34c b. Oats, May opened 24c, closed 24 7-8c. July opened 23 1-8c, closed 23 1-8c. Pork, Jan. opened \$10.70 n, closed \$10.65 n. May opened \$10.95, closed \$10.82 1-2 n. Lard, Jan. opened \$5.85, closed \$5.80 n. May opened \$6.05, closed \$5.97 1-2 n. Ribs, Jan. opened \$5.70, closed \$5.75 n. May opened \$5.82 1-2, closed \$5.75 a. Flax, cash \$1.50. Jan. \$1.49. May \$1.05 b.

Chicago, Jan. 19.—Wheat, May opened 65 1-2c, closed 65 3-4c b. July opened 66 1-8c, closed 66 3-8c. Corn, Jan. opened 31c b, closed 30 3-4c n. May opened 33 1-4c, closed 33 1-4c a. July opened 34c, closed 33 7-8c. Oats, May opened 23 7-8c, closed 23 3-4c b. July opened 22 7-8c, closed 22 7-8c. Pork, Jan. opened —, closed \$10.52 1-2. May opened \$10.75, closed \$10.75. Lard, Jan. opened \$5.80 n, closed \$5.82 1-2 n. May opened \$5.95, closed \$5.97 1-2. Ribs, Jan. opened \$5.75 n, closed \$5.65 n. May opened \$5.72 1-2, closed \$5.72 1-2 n. Flax, cash \$1.50. May \$1.49 a. July \$1.08 a

Chicago, Jan. 20.—May wheat opened at 65 3-4c and ranged from 65 3-4 to 66 1-4c. Closing prices were as follows:

Wheat—Jan. 63c; May, 66c.

Corn—Jan., 30 1-8c; May 33 1-8c.

Oats—Jan., 22 1-2c; May, 23 5-8c.

Pork—Jan., \$10.60.

Lard—Jan., \$5.87 1-2.

Ribs—Jan., \$5.70.

A week ago May option closed at 67 3-4c. A year ago May wheat closed at 70 5-4c; two years ago at 92c; three years ago at 80 1-8c; four years ago at 65 5-8c; five years ago at 53c.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, Jan. 20. — The market for flax seed closed to-day at \$1.49 for May, and \$1.59 for cash.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—May, 66 1-4c; July, 67 1-2c.

Tuesday—May, 64 7-8c; July, 66c.

Wednesday—May, 65 1-8c; July, 66 1-2c.

Thursday—May, 64 1-4c; July, 66c.

Friday—May, 65c; July, 66 1-8c.

Saturday—May 65 1-4c, July 66 1-2c.

On Saturday cash 1 hard closed at 64 3-4c and cash 1 northern at 63 1-4c.

A week ago May wheat closed at 67 1-8c. A year ago May wheat closed at 61 3-4c, two years ago at 91 1-2c,

three years ago at 80c; four years ago at 65c, five years ago at 57c; and six years ago at 62 3-4c.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Minneapolis, Jan. 20.—Wheat closed at 63 3-8c for May. Cash No. 1 hard closed at 64 3-4c, and cash No. 1 northern at 63 1-8c.

LONDON WOOL SALES.

London Jan. 16.—The first series of the wool auction sales for this year opened to-day with a large attendance. Competition at the opening was rather quiet but improved later in the session, especially so with continental buyers, who secured the bulk of better greasy merinos. There was a larger representation of American buyers than usual, and they operated in cross-breds freely, paying December rates for all grades suitable for their requirements. The home trade absorbed the bulk of greasy. Cape of Good Hope and Natal greasy was in large supply, and showed a decline of 5 per cent, although most of this class was withdrawn. The prices realized for scoured showed little change.

WINNIPEG BOARD OF TRADE.

The council of the Winnipeg Board of Trade met yesterday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock in the board rooms for the last time before the annual meeting of the board, on Feb. 6. There was a very large amount of business transacted relating to the annual meeting. The report of the council to the board containing a synopsis of the year's work was submitted by C. E. Kavanagh, of the post office.

A communication was read from Mr. C. E. Kavanagh, of the post office department, relating to the action of the board in connection with the mail service to Fort Frances via the Southeastern railway. Mr. Kavanagh reported that the matter was receiving the attention of the department. After several matters of minor importance had been dealt with the meeting adjourned.

The stock in trade, shop furniture, etc., of Cointier & Co., Winnipeg, and consisting of dry goods, etc., will be sold at a rate on the dollar, on Wednesday, January 24, under chattel mortgage foreclosure.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

No 1 hard closed on Saturday at 62 3-4c in store Fort William. The market was quiet, but a little firmer.

MANITOBA PRODUCE CO

The Manitoba Produce Company, Winnipeg, are busy straightening out their affairs after the fire of last week. The premises are almost a total wreck, but there will be some salvage of stock which had been stored in the basement. Offices have been temporarily opened in the block on the north corner of Main and Lombard Streets. It has not yet been fully decided whether business will be resumed or not. Much of the stock was of a character that cannot be replaced at once, such as the canned vegetables, dried fruits, butter, eggs, etc. It will also be a difficult matter to secure another building suited to the needs of a produce building. Temporary storage accommodation for the salvage has been obtained in the building on Lombard Street until lately occupied by the Union Shoe and Leather Co.

WESTERN BUSINESS ITEMS.

D. S. Shields, restaurant, Winnipeg, has sold out to Mrs. O'Meara.

The drug estate of Geo. W. Davis, at Napinka, Man., is being wound up.

Morrison Bros., general merchants, Bollesvain, Man., have assigned to C. B. Newton.

Beatty, Mill & Co., wholesale teas, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership; Mills & Hick continue.

T. A. Hatfield, general store, Innisfaul, Alberta, is reported sold out to Jas. E. Fawdroy.

Winnipeg jobbers in fruits, etc., have formed an exchange, for the purpose of regulating imports, etc. The following officers have been elected: President, R. R. Scott, of the Macpherson Fruit Co.; vice-president, R. A. Rogers, of the Parsons Produce Co., secretary-treasurer, Joseph Carman. The office of the exchange is 482 Main street.

W. C. MacLaren, manager of the Ontario Glove Works, carried on under the name of James Hall & Co., at Brockville, Ont., was in Winnipeg this week, visiting the branch house here, which is under the management of Mr. Fraser. Mr. MacLaren says their business experienced a remarkable expansion last year—so much so that they were quite unable to fill their orders. In order to keep up with the demand and provide against such a contingency in the future, they have doubled the capacity of the factory. A large brick extension was added to the factory last fall, and the old building has also been remodelled. This with the addition of new machinery makes the factory practically new throughout. The staff has been increased in proportion to the enlargement of the buildings and plant.

The Montreal Gazette says that the recent heavy booking of cattle freights via St. John and Portland on the part of some shippers was no doubt done on the strength of the prospects being good for high prices for both cattle and sheep in the English markets for the balance of the season. The news received to-day, however, from both Liverpool and London will, no doubt, make them feel somewhat sick for plunging, as the loss on both cattle and sheep will be heavy when a decline of 1c to 1 1-2c per lb. is figured up, and the advance in ocean freight of fully 5c per head, and the high prices which are being paid for choice stock both in the United States and Canada.