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WINNIPEG, JUNE 10, 1889.

MOUNTAIN CITY post office has been closed, Bell Bros., bakers, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership.

P. Brown, wholesale liquor dealer, Minnedoza, has closed up.

T. C. KITELEY & Co. have opened a tailoring business at Lethbridge.

THE Customs Department has refused to make Donald a port of entry.

LE JEUNE & SMITH, of Regina, propose opening a private bank at Moosejaw.

W. H. MALLITT, watchmaker and jeweller, Deloraine, has sold out to E. E. McKee.

A RAILWAY exploring party has left Calgary in connection with the Red Deer Valley enterprise.

W. D. RUTTAN, general storekeeper, Manitou, is adding dress and mantle making to his

NABOVALANSKY & RIPSTEIN are erecting a building and purpose opening a general store at Moosejaw.

W. J. HAMILTON, hotelkeeper, Neepawa, has sold out to E. Ducken, of Glendale, and gone farming.

J. W. H. Wilson is said to have secured the position of deputy registrar for the Portage la Prairie district.

Messes. Le Jeune, Smith & Co., have purchased the business of Lafferty & Smith at Moosomin and Regina.

\$10,000 in new buildings is said to be the amount now and about to be under contract this season at Neepawa,

A Post Office Savings Bank branch was opened at Portage la Prairie June 1.

THE C. P. R. have opened a city freight office at the telegraph and ticket office.

THE Manitoba Lumber and Fuel Company, (limited), Winnipeg, have disposed of their retail business to J. W. Sorsoleil.

EDWIN R. ROUERS & Co., hardware merchants, Calgary, have transferred their business to J. H. Ashdown by virtue of a bill of sale.

MORDEN is to be the location for the Torrens Title Registration land office, for that part of Southern Manitoba between Deloraine and

The June number of the New York Fur-Trade Review is a good number and the embelishments of fur producing animals, etc., exceedingly good.

THE Great Northwest Telegraph Company have notified the brokers of Montreal that in future the price for tickers will be \$100 per year instal of \$10 as formerly.

RICHARD R. CAMPTON and George R. Camper, trading under the name of Campton Bros., general storekeepers, Oak Lake, have dissolved partnership. R. E. Campton continues.

BARRETT, Inspector of Inland Revenue, seized the plant, stock, building, etc., of Allac's brewery, in Moose Jaw, on May 29th, for an alleged infraction of the Inland Revenue Act.

THE partnership existing between A. W. Everest, J. L. Vining and F. Starkey, hotelkeepers, Winnipeg, under the firm name of F. Starkey & Co., has been dissolved. J. L. Vining continues the business.

A PARTY of tourists composed of twenty persons from below Montreal, driving in two double and two single rigs, are making for Moosejaw, N. W. T. They had been on the road three weeks and had only reached Belle-

THE Northern Pacific & Manitoba Ry. received tenders on Saturday last for the grading from the 80th to the 125th mile of the Morris and Brandon branch, the contracts being in sections of five miles each. The bridging required between the 20th and 125th mile was also tendered on.

THE Manitoba Electric and Gas Light Company have petitioned the Government not to incorporate the Northwest Electric Company and the Electric Light and Power Company, alleging that great damage would result to their plant should the lines of these companies become fouled with their own, and also represent that the powers sought by the rival companies, seeking incorporation, are too large and sweeping in their character.

On Wednesday evening last, just after midnight, a fire was discovered in Brown's livery stable at Morden, and before being extinguished had involved a loss of about twelve thousand dollars. Snowden & Nelson, butchers, and Miss Chambers, millinery, were also burned out. The losses are: Brown's livery, \$5,000; Spowden & Nelson, \$2,000; Miss Chambers, \$1,000; Topley, \$1,000; Meikle & Coppinger, store, \$250; Haley & Sutton, \$250; Stoner, \$200; Spencer, \$100. The only insurance carried was by Brown, who had \$1,100.

G. W. FULLER & D. R. CLARKE, plastorers, Vancouver, B. C., have dissolved partnership. G. W. Fuller continues.

A. F. MARTIN M.P.P., and Wm. McNaught. right of way agent for the N. P. & M R., have left on an exploring trip over the proposed route of the Great Northwestern Railway, intending to go as far as Battleford or Edmonton, for the purpose of examining and report. ing on the land grant of that road.

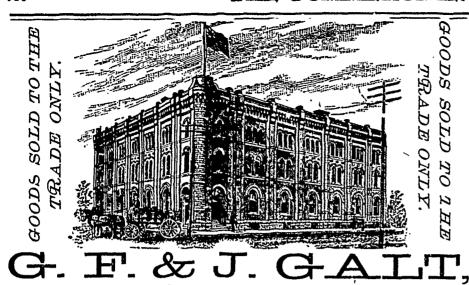
REAL ESTATE business is good in the city, and also at several outside points. Transactions having been made at increased prices. It is said the H. B. Co. have sold about \$45,000 worth of lands monthly. The C.P.R., H. B. Co. and Canada Northwest Land Co. have raised their prices within the past two weeks.

THE Northwest Electric Light Company have let the contract for the central station building, at the foot of Water street, a frame building 40x80 feet, with boiler and en. gine room of brick. Power will be supplied by a 300 horse power Cerliss engine. The company have about 2,000 prospective customers.

SURVEYORS are engaged in the Souris extension of the C. P. R., and report that on the 160 miles proposed to be built, the grading will not be difficult, almost the entire distance being composed of prairie land, with little bridge building and no cutting. The road course is almost in a direct line southwest from Brandon. passing through or near the village of Plum Creek.

THE petition of the N. P. & M. Ry. to the city council to close certain streets and lanes came before the board of works committee and they recommend that the railway secure the city against loss by making a cash deposit sufficient in any event to cover whatever awards are made against the city. If by a method indicat. ed, by reaching Main street, the city and the company can secure as little inconvenience to the property holders interested as possible, the committee would be willing to meet specially and make an early recommendation to the council."

THE Empire's Ottawa correspondent says': "From all that can be learned the Canadian Pacific is about to enter with energy upon a scheme for building branch lines in Manitoba and in the Territories. The initial step is the undertaking to build a branch southward of Brandon to Melita, in the Souris district, and to continue the Pembina branch from Deloraine to Melita, thereby forming a junction of these two roads. The extent of the undertaking, however, has not, as it appears, been really understood. The company is not resting at Melita, but will push the line across the boundary of the province into Southern Assiniboia. the Government having the company's pledge that the extension will be completed and in running order by the end of December, 1890. It is within the bounds of possibility, also, that when these extensions are consummated the company will extend the Southwestern branch from Glenboro, its present terminus, to a point on the proposed new line from Brandon south. With these extensions Southern Manitoba will possess railway facilities equal to any section of Canada."-Sun.



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Totals . .\$1,625,642 \$1,537,288.69 \$88,353.31 Mls of road

operated. 3,451 · 3,280 171 *Decrease.

DURING the past week a couple of towns in Southwestern Manitoba have suffered severely by fire, and more by good luck than good management the losses were nominal, for places that have no apparatus to cope with the fiery element. On several occasions we have drawn attention to the culpable neglect of town and municipal authorities in this matter, and it is t be hoped that the lesson learned in Morden and Boissovain will be profited by. Each town in Manitoba could have an efficient volunteer brigade at the minimum expense of the apparatus that would not only prove of service to the town, but would give a lower insurance premium-in itself a saving in a year over the price of a fire engine. A competitive tournament held once a year would stimulate the different brigades to efficient work and also provide a recreation interesting to participators and observers. We hope that some effort will be made in the direction of securing efficient fire protection in every town in Manitoba.

The Rapid City Spectator, referring to the liquor licences being withdrawn from Neepawa, Virden, Elkhorn and Minnedosa, says: "We have always argued this question from a moral standpoint, claiming that the license system excels the non-license system, and from a personal experience in the country when there were no licenses, it would be hard to convince us that we are wrong. If the temperance people were made of the right kind of stuff and would follow up the victory they have won all

would be well; but unfortunately they are made of the same kind of clay as the rest of humanity, and have to look out for a living, so their eye is not always on the moral gun. The evil of their system lies just here: they gain a victory and with that they rest content; they deprive the traffic of the only safeguard it has, and they then ree quietly and allow it to be continued in a fer worse form."

Libel Suit.

Mr. J. H. Ashdown, of Winnipeg, has entered suit for damages against the Winnipeg Free Press claiming that he has been libelled by an editorial recently published in that journal. The article in question accused Mr. Ashdown of off-ring to sell his influence to the C. P. R. Company during the late anti-disallowance struggle, in which he took a prominent part against the company. Mr. Ashdown is also accused in the same article of a fifteen-year-old misdemeanor, in connection with the Merchants' Transportation Line of boats, then running to and from Winnipeg on the Red River, which transportation company he, in company with the late Hon. A. G. B. Bannatyne, is accused of ruining by selling out a controlling interest therein to Hill, Griggs & Co., the opposition company, and receiving in return some special considerations in freight rates. The cause for the publication of the article in question, the Free Press states, is that Mr. Ashdown is President of the Sun Printing and Publishing Co., and that the journal must necessarily be in the selling out business to be like its president. That Mr. Ashdown controls the Sun, the Pree Press wishes its read rs to believe, although most people competent to judge think that cannot be so, or the Sun would display a much greater share of brains.

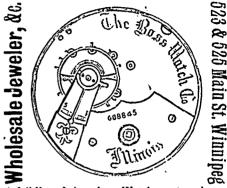
Most people are heartily tired of this unscemly squabble between the two Winnipeg daily papers, and Mr. Ashdown takes a square honest course, when he determines not to submit to abuse, which is the worst kind of uncalled for libel, unless the Free Press can prove the statements made in the article referred to.

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Artificial Coffee.

According to A. Stutzer, in the Zeitschrift fur Anyeicandte Chemie, the manufacture of artficial coffee from burnt flour or meal is carried on by certain firms in Cologne. London Industries explains as follows: "The artical beans are made in specially devised machines and resemble closely in appearance the natural ones. They have been examined by O. Reitmair, who has shown that they consist of 346 per cent of extract soluble in water, mixed with 56.25 per cent. of insolvable organic constituents. The amount of ash on ignition is small, amounting to 1.10 per cent. They can be readily distinguished from the natural beans by their property of sinking when immersed in ether, as genuine coffee beans float on that liquid. Strong oxidizing agents do not decolorize the artificial product so rapidly as natural

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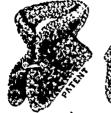
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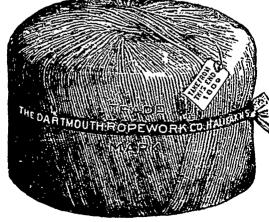
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THE BEHRING SEA DIFFICULTY.

There is evidently some anxiety both at London and Washington at present over the troubles which are likely to arise out of the question of the right of subjects of Great Britain to participate in the seal fishings of the Behring Sea, and if any confidence can be placed in rumors, there is a desire on the part of both the British and United States Governments that an amicable and reasonable settlement of the whole matter should be reached before the question becomes any more tangled, as it very likely would by results of another season's fishing operations there.

For several years back the opinion was general on this side of the international boundary line and in Great Britain that the whole difficulty over the Behring Sea fishings was based upon the unwarranted claim of the United States to the sole right of fishing in these waters, to the exclusion of citizens of all other nations from participating therein. This claim too is based upon an Imperial Russian decree, issued years before that empire ceded their American possessions to the United States, but never acknowledged by any other nation. So that in the popular belief here the United States Government base all their action in excluding Canadian sealers from the Behring Sea fisheries upon a bogus claim made by another nation, which never dared to enforce it; and on the strength of such a claim also, the monopoly of these seal fisheries have been leased to a commercial corporation in the United States.

The above may be taken as the accepted view of the Behring Sea difficulty in Great Britain and Canada, and it is only recently that the opposite side of the question has reached the ears of people in both countries, and it now seems that the United States Government, (according to a large and influential section of the press there), is more anxious about the preservation of theseals from wanton destruction, than about the enforcement of a fishing monopoly. How much honesty there is in this contention it is premature to decide just now. But admitting that it is true, the Government of the United

States are to be commended and not condemned for their efforts at protection from wanton destruction, and every reasonable man here must feel hopeful that by some joint arrangement the power of Great Britain and Canada will be added in maintaining such protection.

It seems that the practice of killing or capturing the female seals when they are attending to their young, thus leaving the young brood to perish for want of their attention, is the greatest cause for complaint against Canadian scalers, and people who can remember the sealing business of past years in Arctic Seas north of the Atlantic, can also remember how the seal gradually disappeared under this wanton system, until now sealing in these seas is unprofitable. That the practice was never stopped or checked in those seas, is no reason why it should not be in the Behring Sea. The seal fisheries there are of most value to the people of the United States, and it is but natural that the Government of that country should take the initiative in their pro-The Governments of Great tection. Britain and Canada, if they secure for their citizens equal rights in sealing with those of the United States, would certainly be following a wiser course in assisting to protect these fisheries, than in using their prestige and power to protect a fleet of nautical poachers, who are entitled to no consideration from any high minded nation.

But Canadians havehad some experience in connection with fishing poachers, and the cry against the fish destroying practices of United States fishermen along the shores of the Maratime provinces during and since the days when they possessed treaty privileges there, can be well remembered. The common remark by our people on this subject was, that New England fishermen had destroyed the fishing along their own coasts, and now sought to destroy it along ours. When we take for granted that protection and not prohibition is the policy of the United States in the Behring Sea; and look back over the wanton slaughter and almost extinction of the seal in other northern waters; we could not be accused of being too candid, if we admitted that British sealers have exterminated the seal around the coasts of their own territory, and now seek to do the same around the coast of Alaska. If the admission is to strong for our people to make, it is certainly a very natural

assertion for people in the United States to make, and would contain some truth.

It seems to a plain business mind that the only great difficulty that can arise in connection with the settlement of this Behring Sea misunderstanding, for such we hope it is, will be if the Government of the United States seek to enforce the exclusive right claim, and attempt to drive our fishermen out of a sea that is as much an ocean highway as the Mexican Gulf. There is but one course open in such a contingency for Great Britain and Canada, namely, resistance to the claim, and measure the resistance just in proportion to the attempts made to enforce it, even if the most extreme measures have to be adopted.

PRIVATE LETTER DELIVERIES.

THE unjust and bungled up postal act passed at the last session of the Dominion Parliament, and which is now in force, is seemingly likely to bear quickly some of the fruit, which might be expected from such a piece of legislation. A firm in Hamilton, Ontario has decided to start business in the line of local circular and letter delivery, and no doubt calculate on being able to serve the public of that city at a cheaper rate than the two cents a letter postage, as has been fixed by the new postal law. They have no doubt made careful inquiry, as they state they have, into the legal aspect of their undertaking, and are satisfied that they have a perfect right to engage in such a business. From other sources it is learned that the Minister of Finance is equally certain, that no private party, company or corporation has any legal right to engage in the carrying and delivery of letters in opposition to the post office, so that the firm referred to, will very likely enter upon their new undertaking with a legal fight, that will prove very interesting to the business public of Canada.

It would be difficult to find a stronger proof of the burdensomness as well as the injustice of the new postal act, than is furnish in the proposed action of this Hamilton firm. Postal laws and regulations in every well governed country are framed not as a source of revenue, even when the service rendered to the public is supplied cheaper than private enterprise can supply it. But when the Govern-

ment charges for postage on local letters a rate that will admit of local competition in a city of less than fifty thousand population, it is safe to assume, that such a postal law is no advantageous service to the public, but a burden, and it is equally safe to assume that there is gross mismanagement of the postal affairs of the country somewhere. Such mismagement, as should on moral or commercial principles allow no monopoly of pestal business to the Government, no matter how strong may be their legal claims in question. It is a safe principle to go upon, that a Government monoply established by law is an injustice, unless where as a quid pro quo the public get their business done cheaper than they can do it themselves, and it is evident that the public are not getting that at present in connection with drop letter postage.

For several years the United States postal laws have provided for the carrying of all letters of half an ounce or under, to all parts of that country and Canada for two cents, while Canadians have been paying three cents for the same. The raising of the maximum weight to one ounce, as has been done here, is scarcely worth being called an advantage to the public, as not one letter in fifty posted by the general commercial community will exceed half an ounce in weight. But whatever little advantage is secured by it, is outweighted twenty fold by the doubling of the drop letter rate of postage. The whole postal act therefore, is a retrograde step in legislation, and a movement backward instead of forward as we might naturally expect in a progressive country like Canada

Should the Minister of Finance decide to prosecute this Hamilton firm for showing more enterprise than our Government is prepared to display, we will very likely hear a repetition of the old stock arguments about the days when private parties conducted the postal affairs of this and other countries, and plundered the public while so doing. The public now a days can look better after their interests, than in those bygone days, and they know that even Government mail carrying does not guarantee immunity from pilfering. These and other stock arguments will weigh but little in the public mind, and in any legal fight between the firm in Hamilton and the Ottawa authorities, popular sympathy will go most decididly with the former, even if legal decisions go against them.

OUR BUTTER MARKETS.

The past spring was the first for four years which did not 'open up with tons upon tons of butter held over from the preceding year and stowed away in cellars and other out of the way places in Winnipeg; and for a better state of affairs this year we are in the main indebted to the very early opening of spring, and prospect of grass fed butter being available at a much earlier date than ordinarily. This seems to have knocked the bottom out of the former habit of holding until June for high figures, and the most satisfactory feature about the whole business is, that nearly all who this year cleaned out their stocks early, found the change of action more profitable than the holding on of former years.

This spring Manitoba starts out with a healthy butter market, and the wisest action now to pursue is to follow a course which will keep it healthy. This can only be done by marketing our surplus butter in outside markets almost as soon as lots_large enough to export can be gathered at central points. The experience of the past few years has clearly demonstrated that there is no profit in storing up medium or lower grade butter either in farmers' cellars or in cities. Time works evil fast with such butter. and now that refrigerator cars can be had through the whole summer to ship either east or west, the most sensible course to follow with such stuff is to market it as soon as possible after it is made and before the deterioration sets in, which its imperfect manufacture will soon bring

This province has two export butter markets to which our surplus can be sent. The Pacific coast is one, but all butter sent there must be of good quality. All fine creamery and choice dairy butter finds a ready market at good prices there, but medium or low grades are practically unsaleable. So long as we ship really good butter to British Columbia, we have the inside track in that market, for our supplies can be gathered in, shipped and laid down there newer, fresher and in better condition, than can butter shipped from Montreal and other eastern cities, so that with the home market and British Columbia to supply there is always an open market and fairly good prices for our better class butter.

The great trouble with our butter busi-

ness in this province has been how to advantageously dispose of our lower grades of stuff. When we make allowance for the fact that a great many of our farmers are poor and unable to possess the proper houses and apparatus for making prime butter, we must expect to receive quite a share of poor stuff. Still the proportion of such is much greater than it ought to be, if our butter makers would only take more care and pains than they do, and it is pleasing to note that this year there is a marked improvement in this respect, when compared with former years. Of this stuff the Pacific coast market will take none, and the local market calls for a very limited quantity. The only market for it is in the east, and there it should be hurried as soon as possible after it is made, as only then will it sell freely there. It will not realize a high figure at any time, but it will do its best when new. The difference in price paid for butter fit for shipment to the Pacific coast and butter that must be sent east will be a powerful argument to the butter maker to urge him to improve the quality he makes. The lowest grade saleable in British Columbia will on the average sell in Winnipeg five cents a pound higher than the best that will have to go to the east. It will then remain to be seen how long careless butter makers will continue to lose this five cents a pound.

This subject is one THE COMMERCIAL has carefully inquired into, and we believe the course above advised is the best that can be followed. However, we have persuaded one of the largest commission houses in Winnipeg to furnish this journal with a letter stating their views, and we ask for the same a careful perusal. The letter will be found elsewhere in this issue.

There is probably no improvement which would be of such advantage to this province as one in butter making and handling. The luxuriant natural grasses of our rich prairies produce milk that is the wonder and admiration of every visisor to our province, and this milk ought to produce butter which would be equally admired. That it does not produce it is due entirely to carlessness in manufacture first, and slovenliness in the handling afterwards. Surely these defects could could be greatly remedied without much trouble to any one concerned, and we hope some united effort in that direction will be put forth.



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WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

There has been a little more life in monetary affairs in the city during last week, than has been experienced for a month previously. The fourth on Tuesday caused only a little ripple at the banks, and everything went quietly again The proportion of due papers actually paid was light, but still there was scarcely an irregularity to report. Since the opening of the month the volume of trade paper going to discount has increased somewhat, but the rush is only hectic, and a few days will bring quietness again. There has been no new feature developed at the banks, and the rate of discount still ranges from 7 to 8 per cent., with very little prospect of any changes. There has also been a more lively feeling in connection with real estate mortgage loan business. The demand for farm loans has increased materially within the past ten days or so, but there is still very little city business heard from. Payments of interest too have started to flow in again, although the volume i, still slender. The most encouraging symptoms is the numerous sales of land left on the hands of loan companies, most of which sales are to new settlers, and all of which have been at liberal figures. The rate of interest on farm loans is still quoted at 8 per cent.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE-TRADE.

Since our last report there has been very little change in the city wholesale trade situation, and to say that matters were no worse than during the previous week, would protty nearly fill the bill for this report. There has been the same activity in lines dependent upon building and contracting, but this is not anything for special satisfaction, as this is the harvest time of year for such branches of trade. In staple goods of every day necessity and consumption, the movement has shown the same quiet steady movement noticeable during the latter, part, of May, and as yet there has been no improvement to record. Some houses in these branches report sales lighter than at this time for several years back, while others after admitting quietness say they are doing more business than at this time last year. The best reports however are by no means brilliant. In some season lines there has been a little . 10vement in summer sorts, but this has only been in a few which the sudden advent of hot weather made absolutely necessary. Any bulk of sales of such goods are from fall samples and for fall delivery, and even such sales are not so free as could be wished, buyers being still timid in taking hold. The report as to collections is far from bright, and cash circulation is about as low in trade circles generally as it has been for a year.

DRY-GOODS AND CLOTHING.

Matters are slightly improved since our last report, but still the feeling is decidedly quiet. Warm weather has brought in a few more orders for summer sorts, which will reduce stocks a little; but there is still a slowness on the part of retailers in buying for fall delivery. Every little unfavorable symptoms makes them timid, and the cry of last week for rain for the crops had a checking up effect. Tuesday was the fourth, and although the proportion of paper met was small, the results of the day

were more encouraging than might be expected under the circumstances.

FURS, RAW.

There are still quite a few lots arriving in the city, although not so many as during the latter part of May. There are no features to note, and prices still range about as follows, the top figures being for prime skins: Beaver, 50c to \$6 . per skin; cubs do. 25c to \$1.50; badger, 10c to \$1.50; black back, \$1.50 to \$22; cubs, do. \$1 to \$5; brown bear, \$1.50 to \$18; grizzly bear, \$1 to \$16; cubs, do. 20 to 70c; timber wolf, 50c to \$2.50; prairie wolf, 25c to \$1; wolverine, \$1.50 to \$5, as to color and quality; fisher, 50c to \$4, red fox, 20c to \$1.60; kit fox, 10c to 50c; cross fox, \$1. to \$5; silver and black ox, \$10 to \$60, as to beauty and condition of skin; martin, dark, 50c to \$2.50; martin, yellow or pale, 25c to \$1; mink, 20c to \$1; muskrat, 6c to 15c; otter, \$1.50 to \$7.50; skunk, 10c to 65c. Prices all per skin. FRUITS-GREEN.

Business has been fairly active during the past week, and matters have been moving in a satisfactory way generally. There have been a number of changes in prices, notably in oranges and lemons, which have gone upward sharply, and are liable to advance more. Messina oranges are now out of the market, and lemons are getting scarcer. Prices were quoted as follows near the close of the week: Lemons, \$6 to \$6.50 a box; Oranges-California Seedlings, \$4.50 to \$5; Medium Sweets, \$5.50 to \$6; St. Michaels paper rind, \$6 to \$6 50; pineapples, \$3 to \$4 a dozen; bananas, \$3 to \$3.50 a bunch, according to size and condition; strawberries, \$5 a crate of 24 boxes. New peaches and apricots have arrived in the city, but were not quoted on the market last week. Evaporated Apricots, fancy California, 19c per lb; peeled peaches, fancy California evaporated 22c per lb; Nectorines, fancy evaporated California, 21c; Figs, extra fancy in 20 lb boxes, 17c per lb; good, in 10 lb boxes, 15c; 1 lb cartoons, \$1.75; Dates, Persian, in 50 lb. boxes, 10c per lb; Fard, in 20 lb boxes, 12c; Nuts, Taragona Almonds, 20c per lb; Grenoble walnuts, 18c; filberts, Sicilian, extra large, 15c; pecans, polished Texas, 17c; peanuts, white Virginia, green, 15c; roasted, 17c; cocoa nuts, \$10 per hundred.

OROCERIES.

There has been no improvement in the state of this staple branch, unless the activity caused in one or two houses filling up of Government contracts for the Indian and other Departments. There has been quite a little excitement in canned goods, and a rise of about 20 per cent. has taken place since the frosts of two week's ago in Ontario and the central northern States Prices of other goods are unchanged, although sugars are firm and liable to advance. Quotations are as follows: Sugars, yellows, 8 to 83c; granulated, 93 to 10c; lumps, 101 to 103c. Coffees-Rios, from 22 to 25c: Java, 25 to 30c.; Old. Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 23 to 50c. T. and B. tc'acco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 4710; Honeysuckle, 7s, 550; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solace, 12s,

48c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40, Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

HARDWARE AND METALS

There is nothing new to report in connection w h this branch of trade. The demand for shelf and general goods has fallen off tust a little, but that for heavier has made a corresponding increase. Collections, too, are reported fairly satisfactory. Prices are steady and as follows: Cut nails, 10d, and larger \$3.50 to \$3.60; I. C. tin plates, \$5.75 to \$6.25; I. C. tin plates double, \$11.00 to \$11.50; Canada plates, \$3.60 to \$3.75; sheet iron, \$3.75 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, 25 to 40 per cent, according to size, off list prices; ingot tin, 29 to 30c per lb., bar iron, \$3.00 to \$3.25 per 100 lbs.; shot, 61 to 62; per lb.; tarred felt, \$2.50 to \$2.60 per 100 lbs. barbed wire, 61 to 7c

HIDES, WOOL AND TALLOW.

Incre L ne change in the hide business to report, except that receipts are gradually dropping off as the warm weather continues. Receipts of wool are on the increase, and prices range as follows: Unwashed, low grades, 71 to 8c per pound; Shropshire and Southdows, 9 ta 11c; washed, 14c. Prices of hides range as follows: Winnipeg inspected, No. 1, 4e; No. 2, Se; No. 3, 2e ger lb.; Calf, 7 to 13 pound skins are quoted at 4 to 5c, Dencon skins, 10 to 29c each, the lower price for cut skins. Sheepskins 25 to 55e each as to quality, for old. New, lately killed skins, with long wool are worth 75 to 80c, but few of this sort offering. Sheared skins, 5 to 10c each. Lambskins, 15c each. Tallow quoted: rough, 23 to 3c rendered 5c.

LUMBER.

Shipping from mills is still going on actively, and the local demand has increased a little. Prices are steady and as follows: Dimension-2x4 to 12x12, 12 to 16 ft long, \$15; do 10, 18, and 20 ft long, \$16. \$1 per M advance on each inch over 12 inch surface. 50 cents per M advance on each foot over the above length to 24 feet long. \$1 per M advance on each foot over 24 feet long. Surfacing, 50 cents per M; Surfacing and sizing, \$1.00 per M. Boards-1st, common, rough, \$16.50, dressed, \$17.50; 2nd common rough \$15, dressed, \$16; Culls, rough, \$11; dressed, \$12; 1st common, stock, 12 in, rough, \$19, dressed, \$20; do, 8x10 in, rough, \$18, dressed, \$19; 2nd common, 12 in, rough, \$17 dressed, \$18; do, 8x10 inch, rough, \$16, dressed, \$17. Ten feet long and under, \$1 less per M. Shiplap—10 inch, \$17.50; 8 inch, \$17. 8 and 10 inch flooring and siding at \$1 per M advance. Siding, ceiling and flooring - 1st, 6 inch, \$29; 2nd, do, \$25; 3rd, do, \$21; 4th, do, \$18; 1st, 5 inch, \$29; 2nd, do, \$25; 3rd do, \$20; 4th do, \$17; 1st, 4 inch, \$29; 2nd do, \$25; 3rd do, \$19; 4th do, \$16. \$1 per M advance for dressing on both sides. \$1 per M less for lengths 10 feet and under. Bevel Siding No. 1, 1s; siding 1 in. x 6 in, \$20; No. 2, 2nd, \$17. Stock No. 1, \$35; No. 2, \$30; No. 3 \$25. Clear, 1 inch—1st and 2nd, \$40; 3rd, \$32. Finishing, clear-11, 11, and 2, inch-1st and 2nd, clear, \$45; 3rd, \$40; selects,

\$30; shop, \$25. Mouldings-Window Stops, per 100 feet lineal, \$1.00; Parting Strips, do, 60 cts; ‡ round and cove, per 100 feet lineal, .5 cts. Casing-4 inch, O. G., per 100 feet lineal, \$1.75; 5 in, do, \$2.25; 6 in, do, \$2.50; 8 inch, O. G., base, \$3.50; 10 in, do, \$4.25. Lath, \$2.00. Shingles-lat quality, \$3; 2nd do, \$2.50; 3rd do, \$1.50; 4th do. \$1. Dealers are requested to order by number. No delivered prices.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

Business is quite lively in these goods, the only slow mo ment being in lighting oils. Prices have not changed and stand as follows: Turpentine in barrels, 85c per gallon; benzine and gasoline, 50c; linseed oil, 63c raw and 65c boiled; panoxide paints, mixed in barrels, 90c crown white lead, \$7.25 per 100 lbs.; royal charter, \$7; plaster, in barrels, 3.50; cement scarce in the city. Coal oils are unchanged.

GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT

The situation seems to have changed very little since our last report. In all the eastern and southern markets operators seem to have got over the excitement caused by the drop of the previous week, and prices almost every where on this continent have steadied, but have done so at a very low level, and do not show any inclination to move in the direction of higher prices. Even the frosts of the week before last, which had quite a wide rang , over the spring wheat districts, seemed to have no effect in stiffening matters, and operators with bullish leanings look as if they had made up their minds to throw up the sponge. European buyers are in no way anxious to buy even at the low price now reached, but with the fine prospect for growing crops apparent in all parts of this continent, they are content to wait, and be satisfied for the present with buying for immediate wants, which do not seem at present to be either very great or very pressing. In our Manitoba market all is quietness, and holders still refuse to let go at anything like present prices. The only wheat moving is the few odd loads brought into outside towns by farmers, and sold at 70c to 80c, according to A sale of a round lot is a thing not to be expected as matters now stand. Holders expect the actual scarcity of hard wheat to create a big bulge some time before new wheat is available, and are holding in anticipation of such. In the meantime eastern cities are overloaded with flour, and mills all over the country are shutting down.

FLOUR.

There is practically no demand from the east, and from the west there is the same report. The local trade is steady; but not active, and mills still running are steadily increasing their stocks in store, and will have to shut down if a change does not come soon. Prices strong bakers \$2.60; XXXX, \$2.00; super fine, \$1.40. are steady, and as follows :- Patents, \$2.90:

MILLSTOFFS

The demand is still fairly active notwith-standing the warm weather, and prises are in

no way inclined to drop. Quotations are :-Bran, \$9 to \$10 a ton, and shorts \$11 to \$12.

OATS

Receipts are light, but there is no demand beyond local wants, and there is no likelihood of any scarcity. Prices are steady ranging from 28 to 30c, the latter being only for prime lots. One car in a dirty state sold at 24c.

OATMEAL.

No demand beyond the local one, and that is rather slow at present. Prices are steady and unchanged, prices being:—Standard, per 100 lbs. \$2.60; granulated, \$2.75; rolled oats in 80 lb. sacks, \$3.

BUTTER.

Increasing receipts are heard of every day, and stocks are steadily increasing. All good creamery and choice dairy lots find a ready sale the former at 20 to 21c, and the latter at 16c. Nobody cares about touching any mediums, and about 11 to 12c is all the best of them are worth. Low grades are practically unsaleable.

There has been almost an average movement, ith none to spare for packers. Prices have with none to spare for packers. Prices have varied according to the condition of stock. Sales were made at 13c and even 124c; but prime fresh went readily at 14c, and some fancy lots at 15c.

CHEESE.

Factories are again holding for high prices, and a representative quotation cannot be given. With prime selling in the cast at about 8c, prices require a tumble here, to bring the market to a sensible level.

LARD.

No change reported and very little business doing. Local product is quoted at \$2.60 in 20lb pails.

CURED MEATS.

The demands has been very slow, while stocks in the city are quite heavy. Prices are easier and as follows: Hams 130; breakfast bacon, 13c; rolls, 107 to 12c; dry salt, 10c; pork sausage, 82 to 9c; bologna, 8c.

DRESSED MEATS.

The scarcity of fine butchers atock is being slightly felt, and prime beef carcasses sold as high as 7c, with ordinary at 61 to 61c. Dressed hogs ranged from 7 to 71c.

LIVE STOCK.

Good, fat cattle are rather scarce and bring as high as 4c, while medium quality range from 31 to 31c. Hogs hold steady at about 5 to 51c.

British Columbia.

Abrams & McLean, Vancouver, have dissolved partnership.

A mining claim at Nelson is said to have been sold for \$60,000, the purchaser being G. B. Wright

The Salmon fishery on the Columbia River is said to be very poor notwithstanding the hatchery distributing so many fry.

Saloon licences in Vancouver' cost \$400 each. Alderman Whethen wanted to fix the license at \$600, but he was overruled.

The mainlard strawberry crop will be the heaviest ever garnered in Westminster. The. samples of the fruit exhibited are very fine.

Popplewell, Hembrough & Barrie, trading under the name of the Westminster Pottery, New Westminster, have dissolved partnership. The business will be conducted in future by Thomas Hembrough and Robert Barrie under the style of Hembrough & Barrie.

The New Westminster fish dealers are greatly dissetisfied with the increase in the express charges for fresh salmon shipments cast. They say it will kill the salmon exporting trade. The notice from the express company is as follows: "In future gross weight will be charged for instead of net weight as in the past." This makes the advance in rates about 60 per cent.

A despatch received from London, Eng., at Vancouver, contained the following: Sir James Ferguson said that the Government was awaiting despatches from the British Minister in Washington, who was fully conversant with the question of the Behring Sea. Mr. Gourley asked whether it was true that a British warship would be despatched to Behring Sea to protect British scalers from capture by United States cruisers. Sir James Ferguson replied in the negative.

Each box contains 100 lbs, of salmon and about 40 lbs. of ice, while the box itself weighs about 20 lbs. making the gross weight of the package 160 lbs. Heretofore expressage has only been charged on the 100 lbs. of salmon at the rate of 6 cts. per pound to Calgary, 7 cts. to Montreal and 9 cts. to New York. These figures included iceing the fish once a day en route. It will now cost 111 cts. per pound to transport the fish to Montreal, which with the price of the fish, will bring the wholesale cost up to 20 cts. per pound.-Ex.

A sample of iron ore, discovered at Port Kells, about 12 miles above New Westminster, on the Fraser river, was left at this office yesterday. A specimen assayed by Dr. Bredemeyer showed 70 per cent of iron and 2 per cent silicate. The deposit is described as a very rich one, and is owned by Mr. Hy. Kells and H. M. Stramberg, who have formed a company to develop it. The claim is situated within a q acter of a mile of the river on the Westminster Southern line of Railway, and the ore lies within a few teet of the surface .- News Adver-

President Brainard of the Hamilton Powder Works has finally decided that a powder mill is to be constructed in the vicinity of the Northfield mit c. The Company will manufacture various kinds of explosives, including black powder and dynamite. They have acquired a considerable tract of land from the Vancouver Coal Company, and the work of clearing will commence as soon as possible. A small settlement will necessarily assemble around the works as they will employ many hands. Mr. Brainard expressed himself as quite satisfied that the Naniamo Powder Works will, at no distant date, be one of the largest of the kind on this side of the Rocky Mountains, the locality being specially adapted for the purpose owing to the vast mineral wealth of British Columbia.

Hot Water Heating.

The system of heating houses by hot water fittings is gaining ground fast, the great objection of the space taken up by radiators being gradually mitigated. The E. & C. Gurney Co. have made great strides in perfecting this system, and in their Winnipeg warehouses they have now on display radiators that for beauty of outside design would make handsome ornaments for the finest drawing room. Some with marble slab tops and finely wrought metal

casings in different tinted bronzed colors are really beautiful and well worth a visit to the place to see them. Those in sections to be made to any size for smaller rooms are scarcely less attractive in appearence. Too much pains and trouble cannot be spent in trying to solve the question of how to produce a steady heat for our homes in this northern land, and the Gurney Company, are not sparing effort to solve it.

Canadian Securities in England.

The Canadian Gazette of May 23rd, gives the following quotations of leading Candian securities in the London 2 market:

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Ditto 3 per cents	_	-
British Columbia 4 per cents, 116	_	-
Manitoba 5 per cents 115	_	_
Quebec 4 per cents 104	_	_
Montreal 3 per cents.,	3	_
Toronto 4 per cents 106	_	-
Winnipeg 5 per cents 109	_	_
Canadian Pacific shares (N.Y. register) 57%	_	79
Ditto shares (London register) 572	_	_
Ditto first mortgage bonds 100	j	_
Ditto 31 per cent. land grant bonds 931	_	_
Grand Trunk ordinary stock 101	Ĭ	1
Ditto first preference 672	-	F
Manitoba and Southwestern bond . 108	3	_
Bank of British Columbia 373	_	-
Bank of B. N. A S0	_	_
Trust and Loan of Canada, £5 paid 51	_	_
Ditto £3 pald	_	_
Manitoba Mortgage	=	_
Canada North-West Land 41	Ł	_
Hudson's Eay 219	-	‡
Land Corporation of Canada 1 Vancouver Coal	_	_

THE loss by fire at Boissevain, June 1st, amounted to \$45,090. A strong wind from the south prevented the flames extending to the east and western portions of the town The fire is supposed to have originated in Musgrove's blacksmith shop and following the wind ignited the Ogilvic elevater on the opposite side of the street. The following is a list of the sufferers: Butler & Frith, \$1,500; J. Sheppard, \$2,000; J. A. Wright, \$500; W. H. Woodrow, butcher; F. C. Sripp, restaurant; G. C. Currie, organ and sewing machines; W. C. Collingham, harness maker, \$33,000; J. W. Kimball, Queen's Hotel, \$7,000; Holmes & Mc-Intosh, livery stable, \$1.000; A. T. Gillies, grocery and stationery, \$2,000; D. Maxwell & Son, agricultural implements, \$2,000; Cowan & Co., bankers, \$75; Mr. Underwaod, hotel, \$500; T. Johnson, \$1,000; Ogilvie Milling Co., \$20,500. Insurance was carried to the several amounts by the following: J. A. Wright, \$300; J. W. Knittel, \$800; D. Maxwell & Sons, \$500; Ogilvie Milling Co., \$12,500. Total loss about \$45,000; total insurance, \$14,100.

The Catherine Block, corner of King and Alexander streets, Winnipeg, narrowly escaped cremation on Friday evening last. About 11.30 o'clock two men passing saw flames in the rear part of the Co-Operative store and after alarming the residents above, and the fire brigade, smashed in a rear door and found the flames around a coal oil barrel, the faucet of which was turned full on. The Co-Operative stock is a total loss, and W. N. Johnston's wholesale leather and findings was badly damaged by water. The losses are covered by

insurance. The origin of the fire was incendiarism. But for the excellent work of the fire brigade the whole block would have been a total loss. It is a common remark that the brigade never done better work than is being done now.

A PETITION, largely signed, is to be presented to the city council this evening (Monday) to allow the N. P. & M. Ry. Co., to build [their hotel and station buildings according to the plans already prepared, and for that purpose to have the lane in the rear of the Wesley Hall block closed, and Wesley street diverted, even if it is necessary that the city should pay for any damages to private individuals caused thereby. An immediate decision is asked for.

THE Electrical, Mechanical and Milling News, is the new name of the Dominion Mechanical and Milling News, the change being made on account of the aggressive advance being made in the electrical world and its adaptibility to the manufacturing community.

Mr. R. McKeichan, of Banfield & McKeichan, dry goods merchants, Winnipeg, started, on Friday last, on a lenghty tour through the east and over to Europe. He will make a combination of business and pleasure.

In its issue of the 23rd the St. Croix Courier of St. Stephen, New Brunsvick, says: "Our fishermen are now in the height of their lobster fishing. The catch up to date is very much smaller than at this time last year, with no signs of improvement. Prices rule high and will probably go higher than last season's. They commenced at \$1.00 per cwt. and have now got up to \$1.50.

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Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

On Monday there was considerable trading in wheat by the shorts, who seemed willing to pay around 75c to fill July contracts, and there was an anxiety by the longs to sell at that figure. Towards the close the market stiffened up some, and there was somewhat of a reaction for better prices. Provisions were quiet and uninteresting. Closing prices were as follows.

		June.	July.	Au _b .	Sept
	Wheat	752	75}	74	74
_	COTD	\$23.4	311	314.9	351 201-1
_	Oats	211.2	223	202	22∮.≵
	Pork	11.70	11.73	11 823	, 11.90
	Lard	6.024	G-70	0.771	0.824
	Short Ribs	5.65	5.75	5.821	5.87

There was a steadier tone to wheat on Tuesday, the average range of prices being above those of yesterday. English buyers are making inquiries on the low range of prices. The cash trade is improving. Closing prices were as follows:

	Junc.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
Wheat	76	751	74	74}
Corn	332	243	312.7	35]
Oats	213	201	001	224.3
Pork	11.65	11.75	11.824	11:87
Lard	0.023	6 70	6.774	6 524
Short Ribs	5,75	5.80	5.85-7	5.92

On Wednesday the stronger feeling noticed the day previous continued, and on the whole influences were more favourable for holders. Long buying and covering by shorts made things lively. Prices advanced and were maintained 14c over yesterday's closing. Quotations were as follows:

	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept
Wheat	79 }	761	742	751
Corn	331	341.1	1.213	331
Oata	211	201.5	. 351	221
Pork	11 85	11,874	11 221	12.021
Lard	6 674	6.75	0.824	0.85
Short Ribd	5.00	5,021	3.07L	BAS

[On account of the withdrawal of the quotations of the Chicago Board of Trade we are unable to quote prices for the last three days of the week, until telegraphic arrangements can be made. - ED.



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Duluth Wheat Market.

Closing prices for each day were as follows:

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Minneapolis Markets.

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FLOUR. -The flour market this week has been dull, but prices are no lower. Early in the week, with a little more firmness in wheat, there was a wider demand for flour, which was easily supplied by the mills running at twothirds capacity. The demand for shipment of Miller.

patents to domestic points was fair. The amount of flour in the hands of jobbers is un amount of flour in the hands of jobbers is un doubtedly light, as purchasers are ordered forward promptly. A few large lots are being held for a future and expected rise, but aside from these it is apparent that stocks are unusually small. The prospect is tair for no lower terms being necessary in moving the old crop, or the new one before the new crop season is well along. To-day there was no new feature in the floar market. There is a daily demand for patents equal to about half the local capacity for making them. This demand is supplied, and for the remainder of the capacity there is enforced idleness. There is old wheat enough in the northwest to supply such demand: but enforced idleness. There is old wheat enough in the northwest to supply such demand: but if prices were low enough to compete successfully with the winter wheat, stocks would be

Flour—Quotations at the mills for car or round lots are: Patents, \$4.90 to \$5.15; straights, \$4.50 to \$4.75; first bakers', \$3.10 to \$3.50; best low grades, \$1.15 to \$1.85 in bags. red dog, \$1.25 to \$1.30 in bags.—Northwestern Miller.

Railway Building in 1889 Again.

As a result of careful inquiries the New York Railroad Cazette shows that in the three months from January 1 to April 1, 1889, only 474 miles of track were laid in the United States, and 585 in the United States, Canada and Mexico. In the like period in 1883, about 1,000 miles of track were laid. If the same ratio were kept up for the rest of the year the total of new track to be credited to 1889 in the United States would be about 3,500 miles, as against nearly 7,000 miles last year. In addition to the 474 miles laid during the first quarter of the present year the Gazette finds 4,221 miles reported as "under construction" and 16,180 miles as "surveyed." The average mileage from 1878 to 1888, inclusive, was 6.4 per cent. of the total mileage at the beginning of the year. If 1889 should be up to the average the total mileage built in 1889 would be not far from 10,000, If, however, the percentage of 1885 is adopted, when only 3 per cent. was built, the total mileage would be about 4.700 miles. Of the new track laid this year 50 per cent. was laid in the Southern States east of the Mississippi, as against 37 per cent. in 1888.

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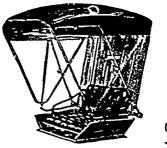
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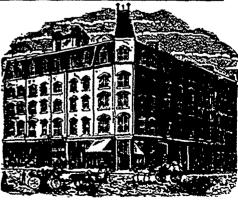
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Editor Commercial. -

SIR,—If you will kindly allow me space in your valuable journal, I will endeavour to lay before your readers the resources and requirements of this district, of which there is very little known.

About 1880 the Government decided, based on the opinions of different influential men. and through their advice, that lying to the northwest and directly along the base of the Rockies a strip of land about one hundred and fifty miles wide by three hundred and fifty miles long, beginning at the boundary at the south and running as far north as Red Deer river, that said strip of land being fit for nothing but grazing purposes, and under said representation the Government leased the greater part of this large area for stock alone, lessees having the right to keep off settlers This was one of our first hindrances to its development. Now as lease holders were made up largely of practical men, and the foreign stock companies managed by men of the same class, they were not long in experimenting in a little farm or garden, which gave such large returns that they began to enlarge their farming operations, till the very men who represented this country as being fit for nothing but grazing lands were growing and cropping respectable sized farms However, very little was done by other than lease holders till 1885, till an odd settler began to take up land here and there and do a cropping, but as they were nearly all settled on lease land, the iron heel of landlordism again made sad havoc with those people; they nearly all knew that they were only here on sufferance, and they were frequently threatened with actions for trespass, but there was so many attractions in this place for shrewd men that a good many braved the threats and took the chances, and I am happy to say in some instances were allowed to get squatters' claims to the lands. The cattle men were not slow in realizing that they had an ideal cow country, and no wonder they endeavoured to throw cold water on all intending settlement; the mildness of the climate, the fertility of the soil, with luxurious grass growing to the very base of the mountains, were the three essential things for successful stock raising.

But the very fact of they themselves making experiments and coming to the conclusion that the land was without a peer for farming, gave others courage to represent to the Government the desirability of cancelling all leases that were not stocked with the required number of cattle, and we are very glad to say that through the recommendations of the Minister of the Interior such has been done, and to day we are in a position to welcome all intending settlers. The powers of the remaining lessees are now such that they cannot hinder any one from taking land. There have been grown here all kinds of grain and vegetables, and the most sceptical are bound to admit of their excellence. What would seem to be the most prolific of the is wheat. I have myself cut forty-one and a half bushels of excellent wheat per acre. I have had six crops in succession, all of them No. 1 in their yield. Oats, peas, barley, beans,

and flax do as well, if not better, than in any places I have over seen. In the cultivated grasses there has been encouraging results with such as timothy clover, alfalfa and blue grass and others. As we are only in the very first stages of our farming, and as the wild hay of the prairie has always furnished us with abundance of hay for present wants there has been no extensive trials in the production of cultivated hay. I merely assention them to show you they are within the possibilities when the country becomes so thickly settled that their production becomes necessary. Our next great drawback now is the want of a gri-ting mill We are very large consumers of flour, being in the heart of the Indian supply region; those large and sound cattle companies, lumbering and police supply would make the number of barrels used annually run up to a good many thousand. I am not in a position now to tell exactly the number, but will be in a short time. When I speak of this district I mean the region about Mucleod, about one hundred miles each way. Now, sir, all the money that goes away from here for flour would be kept at home, which alone in a new country would make a big difference. Besides, farmers have to pay large amounts for something that they can grow themselves. Flour is at present selling retail for \$9 50 per barrel. There is a grand opening for an enterprising individual or firm to build and equip a first class mill, and as we have a very excellent board of trade organized I have no doubt there would be a liberal bonus given as an institution of this kind. One could scarcely enumerate the great benefits that would arise from a mill -the dairying industry, for which this country has no equal, hog raising and others, In conclusion, I might say that I will be only too glad to correspond, either privately or through the medium of your journal, with any who wish information regarding this place. I might go on setting forth advantages that this country possesses, but as I have already taken up more of your valuable space than I intended in the first place, I remain,

Yours truly,

Charles Craig.

Fort McLeod, N.W.T.

BUTTER.

To the Fditor of the Commercial .-

DEAR SIR.—As the quantity of butter now being made throughout the Province is in excess of our local requirements, we are compelled to seek an outside market for our surplus, and as comparatively speaking, no attention has been paid to preparing our butter for export, we would solicit your influence, and through you, that of your numerous patrons to the importance of impressing upon their customers the necessity of taking the greatest care in preparing their butter for market.

As a rule with the eastern and western markets Manitoon butter has a very bad name. This is easily accounted for, in regard to the former the only butter sent there has been our worst, the cull of each year's stock accumulated in the warehouses of our produce merchants after all saleable in our own market had been disposed of, and the balance sent east and sold at "best price obtainable." Regarding the

latter market the reputation of our butter is prejudiced there by the gross carelessness displayed by shippers in selection of goods sent such as poor goods, the same tub frequently containing two or three qualities, packages in abominable condition, patent candy-pails, tubs without covers, tubs that have been re-used until black with age, all being employed, the butter but seldom is properly clothed or covered with salt, the packages bearing several marks or address, all disfiguring the tub and rendering the goods less attractive.

Upon turning the butter out of the tub there is frequently found a heavy deposit of dirty coarse common salt, which causes considerable doubt as to the intention of the packer to give good weight.

When it is borne in mind this butter has to enter into competition with the finest roll butter of California, the famous creamery make of Iowa, as well as Ontario and Quebec, where no effort is spared to turn out goods of uniform quality, packed in the best tubs, made especially for export and which in many cases are covered with Hessian covers to protect and keep them clean, it will be readily seen at what a disadvantage we are placed in trying to find an outlet for our goods.

We wish to impress upon country merchants, that all choice dairy butter in clean new tubs will always command a ready sale, while second quality or lower, will have to be placed in eastern markets at a much lower figure, and we would beg of them to discontinue the habit of returning butter tubs that have been used to their customers to be re-filled, as a rule butter remaining in them for any length of time will cause a greater loss than the cost of a tub.

Also avoid pails of all sorts, they cannot be used for export, and only lead to the unnecessary expense of repacking in tubs.

Advocate the use of only the best makes of dairy salt. With these precautions carried out, Manitoba butter will soon improve its reputation in export markets.

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Parmers, Attention !

The hide inspector at Winnipeg has had considerable difficulty in getting shippers of hides to this market to pay a little attention to their packing and preparing, and consequently they have invariably brought a low grade price that might have been avoided by a little care on the part of the shipper. We take the following item from the St. Louis Shoe and Leather Gazette that we hope will be read with profit: "The depredations of the warble fly, or 'grub'fly, in Sides in the United States amount to a geat many million dollars annually, to say nothing of the intense suffering they cause the cattle. Yet cattle growers and farmers may, easily prevent these insects by an application, at the proper season, of one of the many preparations available, or even of ordinary wagon grease. If cattle-raisers are indifferent to the tortures of their cattle, the fact that hides free from grubs are each worth from 60e to \$1 more than 'goubby' hides ought to induce them to take measures to prevent the depredations. of the warble-fly."

Eastern Business. ONTARIO.

O. S. Hancock, tobacco Hamilton, is dead. Charles Cook, tobacco, Toronto, has assigned Samuel McBurney, builder, Toronto, is dead. Jonathan Day, physician, Fallarton, is dead. Wm. Walden, grocer, St. Thomas, has sold out.

Thomas Conder, grocer, Oakville, was burned out.

Colin Rose, insurance agent, Chatham, is dead.

Thomas Arthur, grocer, Hamilton, has assigned.

George E. Hensby, furniture, Prescott, has assigned.

David E. Galletly, carpenter, Sudbury, has assigned.

E. Johnston, hotelkeeper, Eden Mills, has sold out. Wm. Machen, saw mill, Monckton, is giving

up business.

Joseph Hind, general storekeeper, Orillia, has sold out.

H. Howell, grocer and baker, St. George, has sold out

George Ordish, hotelkeeper, Port Stanley, has sold out.

John Molfatt, physician, Keene, has removed to Norwood.

Philemon Wright, harnessmaker, Ottawa, has as signed.

Mary G. Fitzsimons, jeweler, St. Catharines, has sold out.

George Lane & Son, tailors, Barrie; now L. J. Lane alone.

Mrs. David Harris, fancy goods, Oakville, was burned out.

J. F. Campbell, hotelkeeper, Oil Springs, is out of business.

Holtby & Crandell, groceries and shoes, Galt, are out of business.

J. McJobrick, liquors, Chatham; style now McJobrick & Merritt.

W. E. Garrold, general storekeeper, North Pelham, has assigned.

C. J. Mills, oils and cigars, London, has sold out his cigar business.

R. W. Miller, general storckeeper, Bridgewater, was barned out.

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J. H. Roberts, general storekeeper, Bridge-

water, was burned out.

E. Sexsmith, general storekeeper, Bridge-

water, was burned out.

E J. Carter & Co., general storekeepers,

Newton Robinson, were burned out.

E. D. Goug , clothing, Toronto and Woodstock has sold out his Woodstock business.

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Peter Colquboun & Son, blacksmiths, St.

Marys; Peter Colquboun of this firm is dead.

Hugh Wilson, dry goods and groceries. Cannington and Woodville, has sold out Woodville branch.

S. Lennard, Sons & Bickford, manufacturers of hosicry, Dundas, have dissolved; S. Lennard & Sons continues.

QUEBEC.

J. B. Day. tailor, Montreal, has assigned. Joseph Fortin, shoes, St. Henri, has assigned. Joseph Dube, trader, St. Sauveur, has assigned.

Beaulieu & Co., provisions, Montreal, have dissolved.

M. Gallagher, general storekeeper, Vinton, has assigned.

L. M. Perreault & Co., dry goods, Montreal, have a sigued.

L. Drucau, crockery, Montreal, is asking an extension of time.

Gadona, Dubois & Co., confectioner, Montreal, have dissolved,

J. F. Leach, printer, Cowanville, has sold out to Quimby & Thomas.

Wilson, Madson & Asselin, dealers in coal, Montreal, have dissolved.

W. G. O'Hara, grocer and florist, Montreal, has sold out his grocery to E. O'Connor.

Peter Contu, general storekeeper, St. Felix de Valois, is asking an extension of time.

Richard Smardon, manufacturer of shoes, Three Rivers, is asking an extension of time.

E. N. Heney & Co., who coale saddlery hardware, Montreal; W. F. Heney admitted under same style.

Peter Reid, Thomas and Charles Reid, wood and coal, Montrea, have formed partnership under style of Peter Reid & Sons.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Albert Beals, general store, Middleton, has sold out.

Joseph Sutherland, trader, Lower Stewiacke, has assigned.

C. W. Knowles, stationer, etc., Windsor and Halifax, is dead.

Asron Herman, general storekeeper, Lunenburg, has sold out.

Wm. Bonnister, j-weller, Halifax, is offering a compremise of 40c in the dollar.

M. E. LeBlanc, general storekeeper, Pubnico, has moved to Clark's Harbor.

Thomas & Co, dealers in furs, etc., Halifax, have had their stock taken under bill of sale.

Fred Curry, general storekeeper, Avondale is selling off with a view of closing up business.

E George, hotelkeeper, Amherst, property and business of the estate are advertised for sale.

Notes on the Withdrawal of Chicago Onotations.

The proposed limitation of quotations to members of the Board is causing a small-sized boom in memberships, which have advanced to \$1.275.

Judge Tuley has granted a temporary injunction restraining the Board of Trade and Western Union Telegraph Company from stopping quotations to Bailey, Wiles & Co., a non-member of the Board.

The bucket shep attorneys are preparing to have fun with officials of the Board of Trade and Western Union when quotations are shut off. They will endeavor to have these officials attached for contempt of court should the enjoined tickers be interfered with.—Daily Business

The Interstate Commerce Law.

Commenting upon the present kicking of United States railway men over the Canadian railways having an advantage over the roads south, owing to the operation of the Interstate Commerce law there, the Canadian Manufacturer of the 17th inst., has the following paragraph:

"How are they to defend themselves? If the Interstate Commerce law operates to the disadvantage of American railways, the remedy does not lie in extending the operations of that law into Canada. Petter revise the law. It is strange that our American friends should be so painfully exercised over the competition of Canadian railways."

It never occurs to our Toronto contemporary,

that in adopting a policy of reprisal, by refusing admission to Canadian roads into the United States, the Government at Washington would only be taking a leaf out of the book of our rulers at Ottawa. Sir John Macdonald's Government made an agreement with a railway company, to prevent for twenty years an entrance over more than half of the southern boundary line of Canada being secured by any railway from the Unit d States, and in the absence of any constitutional power to earry out such an agreement, actually enforced it for seven years, by a prostitution of the vice-royal veto power, and until fear of a rebellion forced its abandonment.

It is not at all unlikely that the United States Government will be foolish enough to put any block in the way of Canadian roads entering that country, as the power of the western producer at Washington is too great, to allow of such an interference with traffic to and from the Atlantic coast. If, however, they decided to do so, they could easily find a precedent in the monopoly granted to the Canadian Pacific Company.

Lieutenant-Governor Schultz intends to establish a creamery in the old mill on Park's Creek, near Parkdale, on the Selkirk branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

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Dairy Matters.

Caswell's creamery at Qu'Appelle is now in operation.

The Woodland cheese factory have commenced operations with 200 to 300 cows

A new system of selling cheese was carried out on the Brockville board of trade on May 30. The cheese was put up at auction and knocked down to the highest bidder. There were 4,000 offered; 650 sold at \$\frac{1}{2}c\, 3,250 at \$\frac{1}{2}c\, 100 at \$\

The stronger tone to cheese has been well maintained and the week has closed on a firm market, which is about 1c better than two or three days ago, but whether the improvement will continue is doubtful, in view of quiet cables and prospective larger offerings.—Montreal Gazette, June 3.

Grain and Milling.

No I hard was quoted at Morden last week at 65c.

Ten per cent. of the capital stock of the Pilot Mound Milling Co. has been paid in, and the whole taken up.

In another column will be found a communication from Charles Craig, of Fort McLeod, who states that a liberal bonus will be paid for the establishing of a roller flour mill at that place. Flour sells there at \$9.50 per barrel and No I hard wheat can be secured at about the \$ mark. A perusal will give more definate information.

The Ogilvic Milling Co's elevator at Boisse vain was destroyed by fire June 1, together with the contents consisting of 20,200 bushels of wheat. The insurance carried was \$10,000 on contents and \$2,500 on building. The loss was at first placed erroneously at \$30,000 but corrected stands at \$20,500 a net loss over insurance of \$8,000.

The construction of the new roller process flour mill at Pilot Mound, will leave the old one unused for making flour, and as there is the building, stones and machinery, it would cost but little to turn the establishment into an oat meal mill that would be both useful and profitable. Datmeal sells at a higher price then flour and there is always abundance of oats in the country to be had at a low price.—Sentinel.

A steamer is reported to have been chartered at Odessa to carry grain to the Argentine Republic this being the first cargo from Russia to South America. The reason for buying the wheat at Odessa instead of in New York is said to be that the freight rate from Odessa was but 35s, against 54s from New York, British steamers, which have most of the South American trade, being able to greatly underbid the United States.—Northwest Miller.

Following the lead of Minneapolis rumors of a mill combine, one of our duilies printed last Sunday an article to the effect that the aunion was in prospect here and discussed by our millers. This paper stated that a very strong sentiment exists in favor of such a combination, and that the basis on which it would work would probably be about \$10,000,000. Diligent inquiry as to the truth of this rumor did not roveal any solid

foundation for it, the millers generally appearing to regard it as impracticable.—Northwestern Miller.

The millers and flour merchants of the Toronto board of trade met June 5th to consider the present condition of the milling industry preparatory to the mass meeting to be held at the latter part of this month. Letters from prominent millers in Ontario and Quebec were read, professing their willingness to join in any movement looking to the remedying of existing grievances. The maxing resolved to ask the president of the Dominion Millers' association to authorize the formation of a committee from the leading millers whose duty it will be to formulate a programme for discussion.

Lumber Cuttings.

Ruchanan's mill at Nelson, B. C., is to be in operation about the middle of the month.

Chicago capitalists are looking over prospects with a view of opening a saw mill at Revelstoke.

Lumbering on the Saskatchewan is at a standstill; the water is so low that it is impossible to run ferries. Rafts are beached all along the river.

Graham, Horne & Co's new dryer at Vermillion will be ready in two weeks, and will turn out 25.000 feet of lumber per day, ready for the planer.

Captain Armstong has built a sawmill on the banks of the Columbia, twelve miles above Golden. Its capacity is 10,000 feet a day, and a market for the cut will be found in the upper valley country and at Golden.

The steamer Aurora, Capt. Bergman in charge, was coming in from Bad Throat River ecently with a couple of barges of lumber in tow, when owing to a heavy storm on the lake one of the barges was lost and also the lumber on it. The hull of the wrecked barge was found after the storm some fifteen miles from the scene of the disaster, and was brought in to the mouth of the river. The lumber belonged to the Lake Winnipeg Lumber & Transportation Co., and was valued at about \$400.— Record.

At an uptown hotel where lumber salesmen gather during the evening, one may hear a great many expressions of opinion that embody plenty of sound sense. Recently at a gathering the alleged shrewdness and success of a well known salesman was freely dissected. A sad-eyed tourist, representing a concern in the western part of the state, said that he had not gall to sell a man one grade and deliberately ship another. "Why." said he, "do you know that fellow makes a point of putting in 3,000 or 4.000 feet of fine common in every car load of selects he sells, and then if the buyer kicks he slobbers him all over with taffy, and swears that his folks did not ship lumber as it was ordered, and in a self confidht way he deducts \$2 or \$3 a thousand feet on the stuff that's laid out, and the ---- fool of a buyer thinks he has at last struck a square seller, when the chump has really paid above the market price for the lower grade. Now, if I tackle that nan and offer him selects, that are up to grade in every particular, he'll figure out in his mind what the other carload cost him right through, with the discount off, and swear by all that's good that he can buy all the selects he wants at \$1.50 less than my price. It knocks me out of time to understand how many pretty shrewd buyers will tumble to such nonsense."—Northwestern Lumberman.

The new schedule of rates on the C. P. R. for lumber and shingles in carload lots from British Columbia coast points to Manitoba and the Territories is as follows:

10	NEW	OLD	
Calgary	.35c	40c per	100 lbs.
Dunmore	.40c	45c	11
Maple Creek	.42½c	45c	**
Regina	.47c	55c	**
Winnipeg	.50c	60c	н

Insurance Briefs.

Lamp-black has been known to take fire spontaneously. This should be stored, in moderate quantities, in a place where little damage could occur from its combustion, and in tin cans tightly covered.—Ex.

The fire insurance adjuster, who, by sharp practice, saves a few hundred dollars for his company is largely responsible for the prevalent idea that no wrong is committed when the insured "beats" a fire insurance company.—Ex.

The council of the Montreal Board of Trade has been waited upon by a deputation claiming to represent 323 members of the Dominion Live Stock Association, who have a grievance wit' respect to insurance on live stock. They desired a committee of the board to make inquiry and report upon the matter. Messrs. Dunn and Bickerdike, the president and secretary, explained that three of the principal lines of ocean steamers out of Montreal had gone into an agreement whereby they compelled the exporters of live stock to insure their stock in certain insurance Lloyds, thus prohibiting the exporter com placing his insurance with companies of his choice. They claimed that under the existing arrangement shippers could not get their stock sufficiently insured, they being forced to take the steamship companies' valuation, as a clause in the insurance certificates read that, if additional insurance was effected in any other company, their certificate would be null and void. Finally, they stated that a number of the larger exporters desired to carry a portion of their own insurance, but by this arrangement, they were compelled to pay for it whether they wanted it or not. The Toronto Board of Trade have been considering the matter .- Monetary Times,

General Notes.

The first train over the Canadian Pacific's new line through the Northern Maine backwoods had rather a strange experience, says a recent dispatch. The train was brought to a dead stop in the woods by millions of caterpillars, which took a fancy to crawl on the rails and defied every device essayed for removing them, until another locomotive was sent to the rescue. Moreover, droves of mosquitoes swooped down on the train men and drank their blood. The caterpillars covered the rails for eleven miles.

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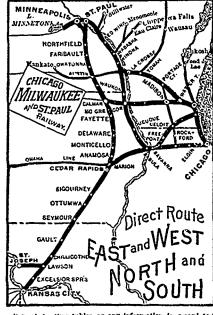
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