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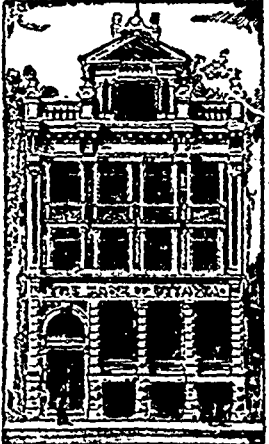
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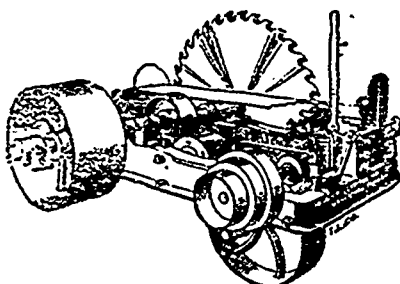
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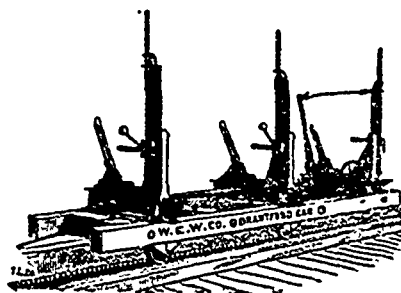
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WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 26, 1898.

HOLDING WHEAT.

The erratic course of the wheat market during the past crop year is largely responsible for the tendency now shown among farmers to hold their grain for higher prices. The situation during the past year was such as to warrant higher prices than had ruled during recent previous years, owing to the light world's crop and diminishing supplies. There was nothing, however, in the situation to warrant the tremendous advance in prices during the latter speculations. The market was a manipulated one, and it may be many years again before we shall witness such a high state of manipulation as was then made apparent. The farmers who got a taste of the high prices which were brought about in this way, are loth to sell at the much lower values now ruling. They remember the tempting prices that were paid such a short time ago and they naturally hope that there may be an early recurrence of somewhat similar conditions. The many war rumors which have disturbed the world of late add further to the hope of the holders of grain that there may be another big advance in prices, such as was experienced during the last crop year. As wheat in Manitoba is now ruling on a basis of winter freight rates, it would seem that farmers who have

good granary accommodation cannot run a very great risk of lower prices by holding for a while. At the same time it must be noted that, aside from possible war troubles or speculative manipulation, the outlook is not as favorable for holding wheat as it was a year ago. A year ago two exporting countries—Australia and India—were importing wheat, and crops were light in Europe. This year we have liberal crop returns from nearly all wheat countries. The cost of holding should also be taken into consideration.

SEED GRAIN.

The Commercial made reference recently to the possibility of damage to the germinating power of a part of the wheat crop, through the long continued wet weather. It is well known that dampness is destructive to the life germ of seeds, and it occurred to The Commercial that possibly the portion of the wheat crop long exposed to the wet weather, might be rendered unfit for seed purposes. We have learned of several cases of farmers who contemplated selling their dry grain and holding their damp wheat for seed. Fortunately the quantity of damp grain is not as great as was at one time expected. Nevertheless it would be unfortunate if even a few persons should meet with disaster through the sowing of bad seed.

In another column of this issue we publish a communication from Dr. Saunders, director of the experimental farms, in which he again reminds farmers that the department will test, free of charge, any samples of seed forwarded for this purpose. Dr. Saunders emphasizes the fear expressed by The Commercial that some of the grain has been rendered unfit for seed. Those who are doubtful as to the value of their grain for seed purposes, should take advantage of this means of having it tested.

WINNIPEG WATERWORKS SOLD.

The Winnipeg Waterworks company has accepted the amended offer of the city council to purchase the plant and works of the company for the sum of \$237,500. The Commercial congratulates the city upon the settlement of this vexed question. While many consider that the price paid is too high, we believe, taking all matters into consideration, that the city has made a good bargain. No doubt the actual net value of the plant to the city is considerably less than the price paid, but we believe it is worth more than the excess over net value to have the waterworks company out of the way. A dual waterworks system would have been a great disadvantage to the city. Besides this, the city is now

in a position to go ahead at once with the new system. The city will also stand in a better position in financial circles, which will result to our advantage in future financial operations. The Commercial always favored a settlement with the Waterworks company on the most favorable terms possible, and we certainly believe that there will never be occasion to regret the purchase. On the other hand, if the city had gone ahead with the new system, there would have been a lasting feeling of soreness, besides the inevitable difficulties which would have come up between the company and the city. The matter is well settled, and Winnipeggers can now breathe more freely than they have done for years.

BRITISH COLUMBIA FRUIT REGULATIONS.

Very stringent regulations have been put into effect in British Columbia, providing for the inspection of fruit brought into the province, with the object of preventing the introduction of insect pests. Under this law large quantities of fruit imported from California and other Pacific coast states, have been seized and cremated at British Columbia ports. This created a great outcry on the part of the shippers of this fruit, who claimed that the British Columbia people were trying to destroy the import business in fruit, in the interest of the home growers. In other words, it was not the introduction of insect pests they were afraid of, so much as the competition of imported fruit with the home grown varieties.

Until recently the seizure of fruit has been confined to imported lots. This week a telegram from Vancouver reports the seizure and cremation of a quantity of apples from Ontario, which were infected with the larva of the codlin moth. It will be interesting to note how the Ontario shippers will take the matter. Certainly a good many wormy apples are received in Manitoba from Ontario, but we are not alarmed here lest our orchards should become contaminated by the introduction of the insect.

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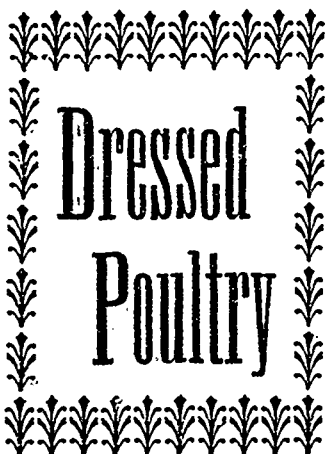
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The accompanying illustration shows the front elevation of the new McIntyre block, now in course of erection on Main street, Winnipeg, on the site of the old block which was destroyed by fire last spring. As this is by far the largest and most costly business block in the city and one of the finest to be found in Canada no doubt the readers of The Commercial will be interested in a few of the particulars regarding it.

The block is being built by the executors of the estate of the late Alex. McIntyre, who built and owned the original block which was burned on the morning of Wednesday, February 2nd, last. The new block has a frontage of 174 feet and a depth of 91 feet. It is five storeys in height with a central tower of six storeys. The ground floor is laid out into eight stores, and has in addition a large central entrance to the floors above. Each of the four upper storeys is divided into suites of offices, giving about twenty-two on each floor, and vaults in each. The sixth

These are the main features of the new block. Of course it has every modern convenience in the way of elevators, artificial lights, toilet rooms, etc. The total cost will be about \$125,000.

As regards its renting qualities the block is all that could be desired. Situated as it is in the heart of the retail section of the city it is a specially desirable site for fashionable stores and the fact that its accommodation of this kind was all taken up within forty-eight hours of being offered is a proof of its desirability. The offices are also being rapidly taken up.

The construction of this block marks another long stride in the development of business Winnipeg.

A Well-known Traveller Suffers.

We regret to learn that J. H. Glass, one of the oldest and favorably known commercial travellers in this province, who represents the boot and shoe

Glass, senior, in attempting to save his baggage, got his ears severely frozen. After every effort had been made all hopes of saving the samples and other contents of the baggage room had to be abandoned, though the agent of the company made every effort to save them. As soon as telegraphic connections were made, Mr. Glass wired to the houses he and his son represents for new samples, the arrival of which will necessarily delay them several days. We regret to learn that Mr. Glass, senior, is now laid up suffering from frost bite and trust his numerous customers will show their sympathy in this misfortune by waiting until Messrs. Glass can resume their work. They are both now laid up at the Central hotel, Virden.

Test the Grain.

The following circular has been issued from the central experimental farm, Ottawa, under date of November 17th:



Handsome New McIntyre Block Building, Main Street, Winnipeg, now Nearing Completion.

floor which does not extend over the entire block but occupies only the central section will be fitted up for use as a lodge room and in addition to the meeting room proper will have parlors, lounging rooms, armories, closets, etc. On each of the four office floors there is a large central rotunda with corridors running off in each direction giving access to the offices, etc. Some of these inner offices have necessarily to be lighted from secondary sources and for this purpose there will be something like 1,200 square feet of inside glass. The ventilation of the building is being well provided for and so also is the heating, which will be done by steam. The fate of the first block has made the executors of this estate particularly careful in regard to fire and the new building has been rendered as nearly fireproof as possible.

The material used in constructing the new block is stone, brick, iron and wood. The front is of stone and presents a massive and very handsome appearance, having plate glass windows throughout. Inside the finishing is oak.

manufacturing house of J. A. & M. Cote, of St. Hyacinthe, and the Globe Casket company, of London, and his son, J. H. Glass, Jr., who represents Lawson & Jones, lithographers and druggists supplies, and the Fraser Hat, Cap and Fur Manufacturing company, of London, have experienced a very disastrous and abrupt reversal in their present successful spring trip by losing all their samples in the fire which destroyed the Canadian Pacific Railway station with all its contents at Virden on Sunday. Mr. Glass and his son, who always travel together, were at Oak Lake waiting for a delayed express train from the east and finally arrived at Virden Sunday morning. It being Sunday and all the sample rooms being engaged by travellers arriving from the west, Mr. Glass concluded to leave his baggage in care of the company under check until Monday morning. A blizzard prevailed all day. While they were at tea an alarm of fire was given. Everybody rushed to the station and made every effort to save the building and its contents. Mr.

"To the farmers of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories: The unfavorable weather which has prevailed in many parts of the Canadian Northwest during the harvest season has, no doubt, in many instances injured the germinating power of the grain, and rendered it unfit for seed. Under the circumstances no farmer should undertake so costly an experiment as the sowing of any doubtful seed. In every case the proportion which will germinate should be ascertained, as this can be done without cost to the farmer.

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WILLIAM MORRISON & SON.

An Adventure in the North.

Among the visitors in the city is Mr. Mitchell, customs broker, Montreal, who is on his return from an attempt to reach Yukon via the Edmonton water route. Mr. Mitchell stated to a Free Press representative that he was one of a party of nine who left Montreal last March with two years' provisions, intending, if possible, to enter Dawson City from the east side of the mountains. They started from Edmonton early in April and arriving at Athabasca Landing made a number of boats in which they sailed down the river to Lake Athabasca and on down Slave river to Great Slave lake. The rapids on these streams are very troublesome. Crossing Slave lake is dangerous work, as high winds generally prevail, so the party skirted the shore for 170 miles to the source of the Mackenzie river. They then decided to go to the delta and up the Peel river. Mr. Mitchell, however, was taken ill after getting beyond the Peel and returned with a companion, an old California miner, to Fort Macpherson. "The rest of the party continued on," said Mr. Mitchell, "but the route is one that only the hardiest traveller can undertake. The flies and mosquitoes are terrible pests, and for twenty-seven miles at one part of that journey we waded through water and tracked our boats over rapids. Our party will not get through the mountains this year; they will spend the winter in getting their supplies across the divide. In the light of the present day facts our expedition seems absurd. We endeavored to reach the Yukon by a long overland route. Before the party reach Dawson City they will have been travelling or recuperating during a period of 15 months; yet one can go from this city to Yukon in about two weeks' time. But we never realized that such an advance were possible in the facilities for reaching the gold fields."

Mr. Mitchell arrived at Fort Macpherson, where he met Rev. Mr. Stringer, missionary in the Mackenzie river district, and accompanied him to Herschell Island, the headquarters of the whaling fleet operating in the Arctic ocean, the Hudson's Bay company's steamer having previously left for up river points.

"I endeavored for some days to obtain passage on one of the boats of the fleet, but the captain would only take me on condition I shipped before the mast, which I did. This fleet had been locked in the ice all last winter, having remained in the bay too late to get out by the channel around Point Barrow. They had put in a severe winter and despatched one of the crew by the name of Walker to Edmonton to inform the company who owned the boats to send up a relief steamer early in the spring. Walker, as you are aware, arrived safely, but his trip cost the company thousands of dollars. We cruised around for a few weeks and the total catch was satisfactory. Whales are valued at \$10,000 each and only the bones are taken, thousands of dollars' worth of blubber being thrown away. The process by which the blubber is placed in barrels and its value retained is now considered too tedious an undertaking in comparison with the easy manner in which the whalebone is secured and packed safely away. Some of the steamers in the fleet captured 36 whales, but the sailing vessels do not secure nearly as many. The sailors can tell the species of whale that has the most value to the company by

its 'spout.' All whales are not equal in bone value. When the look-out discovered the right kind, the boats were lowered and the sails set. No rowing is done, as the whales can hear at a great distance and when disturbed they immediately disappear beneath the water. But a crew can sail right over the whale's neck, sight not being his 'long suit.' When the crew is over the whale's neck a harpoon is thrown into him with a bomb attached, which explodes in eight seconds. If this does not kill the Leviathan a bomb is fired from a small brass cannon in the boat at a distance of fifteen feet, which generally finishes him. The chase is exciting, as there are generally ice bergs around. When he dashes away with a harpoon in him, the rope attached is played out, and away the boat goes, drawn by the whale at a terrible rate of speed, and sometimes the boats come in contact with an ice berg and are stove in. Then the whale's call is his dangerous part, and when he lashes his hind end all boats scatter. We cruised around the early part of the summer, and finally, towards the end of

neath it, immediately over the door, is the word "office" in handsome letters. On entering one is immediately impressed with the splendid light over the entire office, furnished through handsome plate glass windows on three sides of the building. A massive solid oak counter three feet six inches in width extends the whole length of the general office, while the interior throughout is handsomely finished in British Columbia cedar. The ceiling is beautifully finished in steel panels. The private office of Manager F. W. Thompson, is a handsome room, 14x24, with oak furnishings. All partitions are of crystalline plate glass. Everything has been planned with a view to the comfort, convenience and health of the employees. There are cashier's room, telephone room, stationery room, stenographers' private room, complete lavatory in the basement and commodious vaults. Taken altogether, they make the handsomest and best arranged offices in Winnipeg, and it is doubtful if outside of some of the large financial institutions in the east they are excelled in these particulars in the Dominion.



New Office Building of the Ogilvie Milling Co., Winnipeg

July, made for Point Barrow, where the relief steamer was met. San Francisco was reached about two weeks ago, where we received news of the war with Spain and other important events that had transpired during our absence."

Mr. Mitchell is a brother of the chief clerk in the Indian department, and leaves for home to-morrow.

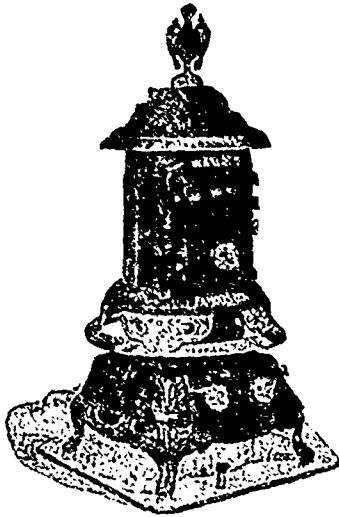
Handsome Offices.

The new offices of the Ogilvie Milling company in Winnipeg are about as handsome and complete as it is possible to make them. In fact since the remodelling of their building on the corner of King and Alexander streets, the company has undoubtedly the finest strictly office building in the city. The exterior is finished in handsome Philadelphia red pressed brick which is without doubt the finest in finish and most uniform in color of any in the city. Over the entrance is a large dome from the centre of which rises a flag staff, floating the union jack. The dome carries the name "Ogilvie," while under-

Crow's Nest Pass.

Messrs. W. Whyte and Robt. Kerr returned on Saturday from Macleod. They have been over the Crow's Nest Pass railway and formally took it over from the contractors on Tuesday last. To a Free Press reporter Mr. Whyte said on Saturday that passenger trains were now running from Lethbridge to Cranbrook, and that a regular service would be given over the whole line as far as Kootenay Landing as soon as a time bill could be prepared. One train will be run from the eastern terminal to Cranbrook, and back again the next day, and another train will do the same from Cranbrook to Kootenay Landing. Not much passenger traffic, he said, was anticipated for the winter months, but there would be a very heavy freight traffic, principally in coal, timber and ore.

It is not expected that much of the bituminous coal of this region will be sent east, owing to the competition it would be subjected to against American anthracite and bituminous coal and Canadian anthracite. It is, however, an excellent coking coal and it is expected that a very large quantity



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will be absorbed in this way by the large smelters at Trail and Nelson. Twenty-five coking ovens are already in operation and by the beginning of next month there will be fifty. The output of all these ovens can be easily handled by the smelters in the district.

The many gold and silver mines of the Kootenay country will be greatly benefited by the opening of the railway, and large shipments of ore are expected to commence very soon. The North Star, which is the biggest mine in the country, will commence shipping early in the spring.

Mining Notes.

C. McKinnon has sold his claim on Lost creek, B. C., for \$5,000.

It is reported that the Second Relief, at Erie, B. C., has been sold for \$800,000.

The Chinese company on Vital creek, B. C., have sold their placer ground to Victoria people for \$12,000.

The Cariboo Hydraulic Mining company's total clean up for the past season is said to have been \$110,000. The company employed 500 men during the summer.

Shipments of ore from the Rossland, B. C. mines for the week ending Nov. 19 were as follows: Le Roi, 2,970 tons; War Eagle, 1,630 tons; Iron Mark, 33 tons; total, 4,633 tons. This is the highest shipments on record.

The Bad mine, Rat Portage district, has been disposed of to Hugh Armstrong and Peters and Hildreth. Already the new management has purchased a new outfit of machinery through Geo. Ross, agent of the Canadian Rand Drill company.

Rossland ore shipments for the past week amounted to 3,800 tons. Of that the Le Roi furnished 3,000 tons, while the War Eagle contributed 800 tons. These figures give an increase for the past year of over 300 per cent.

A. A. McKenzie, president of the Castle Gold Mining company, of Rossland, B. C., has been in Winnipeg recently in connection with his mining enterprises. Mr. McKenzie has received a very satisfactory report upon the "Castle" property from J. H. Inkster, mining engineer, who has carefully examined the property.

Tenders will be received up to the 17th December, 1898, for the estate of Abraham Kingdom, Rat Portage, Ont., brewer. Jacob Hose, Assignee.

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Statistical Wheat Reports.

WHEAT IN CANADA

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

Montreal	109,000
Toronto	88,000
Kingston	35,000
Winnipeg	241,000
Manitoba elevators	8,500,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	1,550,000

Total November 12 5,470,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains as reported by Bradstreet's on Nov. 12, were 39,153,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 48,082,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on Nov. 1 were 5,621,000 bushels, compared with 7,391,000 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 November 19, was 21,392,000 bushels, being an increase of 2,198,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 32,708,000 bushels, two years ago 59,971,000 bushels, three years ago 62,221,000 bushels.

WHEAT STOCKS AT U.S. POINTS.

Chicago	1,870,000 bushels
Duluth	2,199,000 "
Minneapolis	2,071,000 "
New York	2,203,000 "
Buffalo	2,356,000 "

STOCK OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 5,499,000 bushels, compared with 14,285,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 23,529,000 bushels, compared with 43,439,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in the United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe, on Nov. 1, for a series of years, were as follows, Bradstreet's report: Nov. 1, 1898, 84,485,000; Nov. 1, 1897, 111,660,000; Nov. 1, 1896, 1st, 399,000; Nov. 1, 1895 178,449,000.

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 year, August 1, 1898, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This Crop	Last Crop
Minneapolis	33,619,530	32,354,250
Milwaukee	5,260,335	4,091,934
Duluth	39,679,085	46,097,197
Chicago	17,157,011	17,428,900

Total 95,706,961 79,972,281

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, 1898, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This Crop	Last Crop
Toledo	9,153,852	8,152,518
St. Louis	9,643,854	8,036,466
Detroit	2,778,610	3,431,708
Kansas City	16,935,780	20,251,350

Total 38,511,996 39,872,042

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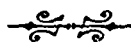
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FINANCIAL

Winnipeg Clearing House.

The clearing house returns this week, compared with the corresponding week in previous years, show as follows:

Week ended Nov. 17, 1898.....	\$2,312,658
Corresponding week, 1897.....	2,663,357
1896.....	1,667,467

Following shows the bank clearings at Winnipeg by months, for three years:

	1898	1897	1896
January	6,347,168	5,009,319	4,977,200
February	5,517,000	3,851,000	4,052,000
March	5,565,000	4,259,000	4,256,000
April	6,240,000	4,162,000	4,032,000
May	5,683,314	5,014,750	4,246,201
June	7,396,000	5,531,000	4,994,000
July	6,316,238	5,016,603	4,691,277
August	6,180,385	6,298,574	4,616,959
September.....	6,414,551	5,935,201	4,630,706
October	9,347,072	12,291,879	7,585,472

The Brandon Difficulty.

The municipal commissioner sent forward yesterday in reply to the petition asking for the appointment of a special assessor for the city of Brandon. The reply is as follows:

(Winnipeg, 23rd Nov., 1898.

J. B. Whitehead, Esq., Secretary-Treasurer City of Brandon, Brandon, Man.

Dear Sir—The petition of the council of the city of Brandon, addressed to the lieutenant-governor-in-council, praying that a competent person, not a resident of Brandon, be appointed to make an impartial assessment of the taxable property of the city of Brandon, and forwarded by you to the provincial secretary, has been handed to this department for action. I am directed to say in reply that as no authority exists under the provisions of the Municipal act for the appointment of a person to perform the service named in the petition, the government is not able to comply with the prayer of the same.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

E. M. WOOD,
Chief Clerk.

A DEMAND BY THE BANK.

The following letter from Mr. N. G. Leslie, manager of the Brandon branch of the Imperial bank to Mayor Evans, was read at the Brandon council meeting on Monday night, and was referred to the finance committee

Brandon, Nov. 17, 1898.

E. Evans, Esq., Mayor of the City of Brandon.

Dear Sir—I enclose for signature by yourself, and the city treasurer, assignment of taxes which is provided for under city by-laws Nos. 467 and 480.

Kindly have this attended to without delay, otherwise the bank will hold you personally responsible for non-fulfillment of the instructions and powers embodied in said by-laws.

Yours truly,

N. G. LESLIE, Manager.

P. S.—You will note that the enclosed document requires to be executed under the corporate seal of the city.

N. G. L.

The following is the text of the resolution adopted on Friday afternoon by the local sub-section of the Canadian Bankers' association, in reference to the possible action of the city council of Brandon in the direction of a "re-organization" of the city's finances:

"Resolved, that this sub-section enter an emphatic protest against the city of Brandon pursuing any course or taking any steps which would lead to a repudiation by the city of its financial obligations or cause a de-

fault in the payment of its liabilities. Such a resolution would not only be disastrous to the city of Brandon and its credit, but would injure and in many cases destroy with investors the credit of municipalities, towns, cities, and financial institutions in the province and the Territories, and of the province and the Territories themselves. To pursue any such course or take any such steps leading to so damaging a result would alienate from the sympathy and assistance of its creditors, and all of the others just mentioned who would be so seriously discredited and injured. The members of the association are satisfied that though the city may feel for the time being, the burden of its debt, it can and should face and meet it, and especially its liabilities for current expenditure, which should be met out of its annual taxation, and it should not make more difficult its financing by hinting or promising compromise or repudiation. Further, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the mayor of Brandon and also to the municipal commissioner.

F. H. MATHEWSON,
President.

F. L. PATTON,
Secretary."

The Loan Companies association has also passed a resolution to the effect that in their opinion the government was not justified in appointing a special assessor for the city until more definite information concerning the financial position of Brandon had been obtained. Copies of the resolutions have been sent to the mayor of Brandon and to the municipal commissioner, and it is also understood that representatives of the two associations have had personal interviews on the subject with the commissioner for the purpose of emphasizing their views.

The Waterworks Bonds.

Mayor Andrews of Winnipeg, gave in his report to the city council on Monday evening, relative to his trip to England in connection with the new civic waterworks enterprise. He strongly urged the purchase by the city of the existing waterworks system, before going ahead with the new civic work, owing to the financial and other drawbacks in the way which the city would encounter in establishing opposition works to the existing company. Regarding the sale of the city bonds for the new works, the mayor closed an offer for \$50,000 of the bonds at 88 3/4 nett, subject to ratification by the council. He reported having an offer of 96c for the balance, in London and also an offer from a New York insurance company. An offer from Glovett & Sons, London, was also submitted. The mayor reported that he had also arranged with the bank of Montreal whereby the city could secure what money was required to go on with the work, should it be decided to await a more favorable time for disposing of the bonds.

Financial Notes.

A by-law to raise \$50,000 for a municipal system of street lighting, will be submitted to popular vote in Winnipeg on February 20, at present the street lighting is done by contract.

At the last meeting of the Winnipeg

city council, a by-law to raise \$13,000 for a crematory and another to borrow \$20,000 for the erection of a public library building, were read a second time, and will be submitted to a vote of the ratepayers.

The Winnipeg city council has voted to offer the bondholders of the Winnipeg Waterworks Co. the sum of \$237,500, payable in Winnipeg, for the works, property and franchise of the company. This offer to be cabled to the representatives of the bondholders, to remain open for two weeks from Monday last. This is an advance on the last offer.

The half-yearly statement of the Bank of Montreal to October 31st, makes a decidedly good showing, being in advance of most similar terms in past years. The profits for the term amounted to \$629,118 which exceeds the average of the four previous years by \$22,543. The balances due in foreign countries in April, were \$9,105,066, they now stand at \$11,637,504. The sum due by banks in United Kingdom has risen from \$5,294,174 to \$9,046,225, making a total increase since April in the balances due by banks and agencies outside Canada of \$5,783,889.

The ratepayers of Rapid City, Man., have been negotiating for some time with a view to reorganizing the town debt. A committee appointed to deal with this matter has recently reported an arrangement made whereby the various creditors will accept \$2,000 in settlement of the claims which now amount to \$26,000, payment of which will be distributed over a number of years. The arrangement has practically been ratified by the ratepayers. It is estimated that the revenue of the town which amounts to \$3,462 annually, will be sufficient to meet all fixed obligations and leave a reasonable sum for public improvements as well.

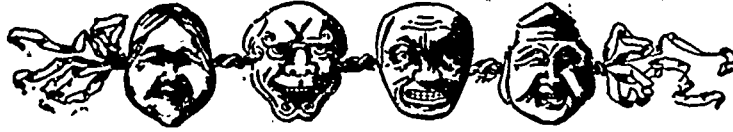
Lumber Trade Notes.

J. D. McArthur's outfit, which has been working on the Belmont extension of the Northern Pacific railway, has gone to the Riding mountain district of Manitoba for the winter to get out logs for Mr. McArthur's saw mills.

Walter & Humberstone's saw mill has shut down for the season at South Edmonton. The men employed have gone to the firm's timber limits up river to get out logs for next year. The cut this season was in the neighborhood of a million feet. Double that amount will be cut next summer.

A report from Seattle, Wash., says the red cedar shingle trade on Puget Sound is very quiet at this writing and the prices obtained for what little is moving are very low. This condition of affairs is forcing a general closing down of the mills throughout the state. In fact about 25 per cent of the mills are now already closed, and before December 1st the percentage will be about 75.

The Mississippi Valley Lumberman says: On the west coast the demand for lumber and timbers has been so good that no surplus stocks have been piled up and mill men are satisfied both with the season's business and the outlook for future business. But the shingle season closes with disappointment and loss for nearly all concerned. Prices are low and the demand is light.



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Literary Notes.

The December number of the Delinctor is a marvel of completeness in all its departments. The winter fashions in dress and millinery are elaborately illustrated and described, the literary features are of an unusually high order of merit and the household specialties are of the most seasonable and original character.

Much interest has been excited in America by the telegraphic accounts of Hooley's apparently wholesale purchase of British noblemen for use as decoy ducks to his various stock schemes. Theron C. Crawford, who has been in England for The Cosmopolitan, takes up the subject in the November issue of that magazine, and under the title of "Hooley and His Guinea-Pigs," gives a connected story of the derivation of Hooley and his rise to the control of millions through unlimited cheek and the opportune willingness of distinguished British aristocrats to lend their names for a financial consideration to any sort of transaction.

The New South Wales Minister of Agriculture is considering the advisability of recommending to his government the appointment of a grain standards board similar to the Canadian board for the purpose of annually selecting standard samples of grain for grading.

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Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago. Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:
Wheat—No. 1 hard, in store Fort William, irregular at 92 to 94c.
Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$2.55, makers, \$2.35.
Bran—Per ton, \$8.
Shorts—Per ton, \$10.
Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, 36 to 38c for new.
Barley—32 to 35c for feed; malting, 35 to 40c.
Flax seed—Prices to farmers, country points, 60c per bushel.
Butter—Dairy, shippers buying at 14 to 16c, and 20c paid for creamery at the factory.
Cheese—Jobbers selling at 11 to 11 1-2c.
Eggs—Jobbers offering limed and held fresh at 18c.
Beef—City dressed, fresh, 4 to 4 1-2c.
Mutton—5 to 6c.
Hogs—Dressed, 4 1-2 to 5 3-4c.
Veal—5 to 6c.
Lamb—6 to 7c.
Cattle—Butchers, 2 to 2 3-4c.
Hogs—Live, off cars, \$4.50 per 100 lbs. for best bacon.
Sheep—2 1-4c off cars here; lambs, 2 3-4 to 3c.
Seneca root—18 to 20c lb.
Hides—Green city hides, 7c for No. 1.

Hay—Baled, on track, \$6 to \$6.50.
Potatoes—35 to 40c per bushel.
Poultry—Chickens, 7 to 8c per lb.; turkeys, 11 to 12c; geese, 8 to 9c; ducks, 8 to 9c.

Winnipeg Raw Fur Prices.

Prices as to size and color, for prime skins; skins taken out of season range much lower:

Badger.....	\$.25	\$.50
Bear black.....	5.00	25.00
Bear brown.....	4.50	20.00
Bear, black yearlings.	5.00	7.00
Bear, brown yearlings.....	3.00	4.50
Bear, grizzly.....	4.50	20.00
Beaver large.....	5.00	6.75
Beaver, medium.....	3.00	4.75
Beaver, small.....	1.50	2.50
Beaver, cube.....	.50	1.00
Beaver, castors, lb.....	2.50	5.50
Fisher, dark.....	6.00	8.00
Fisher, pale.....	3.00	5.00
Fox, cross dark, large.....	5.00	10.00
Fox, cross pale.....	2.50	5.00
Fox, kitt.....	.25	.75
Fox, red.....	1.00	1.60
Fox, silver dark.....	50.00	75.00
Fox, pale.....	25.00	60.00
Lynx, large.....	1.50	2.25
Lynx, medium.....	1.00	1.50
Lynx, small.....	.50	.75
Marten, dark.....	3.00	5.50
Marten, pale or brown.....	2.50	4.25
Marten, light pale.....	1.00	3.00
Mink, dark.....	50	2.00
Mink, pale.....	.75	1.50
Musquash, winter.....	.04	.12
Otter, Jark.....	6.00	10.00
Otter, pais.....	5.00	8.00
Skunk.....	.25	.75
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Winnipeg Hardware and Metal Prices.

Tin—Lamb and Flagg, 56 and 28 lb ingots, per lb 21@22c.

Tin Plates—Charcoal plates, I C, 10 x 14, 12 x 12 and 14 x 20, \$4.50@4.75; I X, same size box, \$5.75@6; I C, charcoal, 20 x 28, 112 sheets to box, \$8.00@8.50; I X, box, 20x28, 112 sheets, \$9.50@10.

Terne Plates—I C, 20x 28, \$8 @ \$9.50.
Iron and Steel—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$2.05 band iron, 100 lbs., \$2.65@2.75; Swedish iron, 100 lbs, \$5.25 @6; sleigh shoe steel, 2.50@2.75; best cast tool steel, lb., 9@11c; imitation Russian sheet, 7@8c; genuine Russian sheet, lb., 12@13c.

Sheet Iron—10 to 20 guage, \$3; 22 to 24 and 26 guage, \$3.25; 28 guage \$3.50.

Canada Plates—Garth and Blaina, 3.00 @ \$3.15.

Galvanized Iron—American, 20 guage, \$3.50; 22 and 24 guage, \$3.75; 26 guage, \$4.00; 28 guage, \$4.25 100 lbs.

Iron pipe—Quoted as follows per 100 feet: 1/2 inch, \$2.50; 3/8 inch, \$2.75; 1/2 inch, \$3; 5/8 inch, \$4; 1 inch, \$5; 1 1/4 inch, \$7; 1 1/2 inch, \$8.50; 2 inch, \$11.50.

Lead—Pig, per lb., 4 1/2 to 5c.

Sheet Zinc—In casks, \$6.75 lb., broken lots \$7.00.

Solder—Half and half (guar) per lb., 14@16c.

Ammunition — Cartridges — Rim fire pistol, American discount 40 per cent; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5; rim fire military, American, net list; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent, shot shells, 12 guage, \$6 @ 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 6 1/2; shot, Canadian, chilled, 6 1/2. Robin Hood powder, 17 lb kegs, \$10; 1/2 kegs, 4 1/2 lbs, \$3; Canister, 9 oz., 60c. Loaded shells, 12 guage, soft shot, \$20 per 1,000. No. 10 guage, \$23.00 per 1,000.

Dupont Powder—Dupont Rifle FFG, 25-lb keg, \$5.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$2.75, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$6.00, cases of 2 1/2 lb canisters, \$8.50, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$9.25; Dupont Rifle FFG, 25 lb keg, \$5.25, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$3.00, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$7.00, cases of 2 1/2 lb canisters, \$9.00, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$9.75; Dominion Rifle, 25 lb keg, \$5.75, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$3, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$7, cases of 2 1/2 lb canisters, \$11, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$12; Sea Shooting Fg, 25 lb keg, \$6; Manitoba Sporting, 25 lb keg, \$8.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$4.25, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$9.00; cases of 2 1/2 lb canisters, \$13.00; Eagle Ducking, 25 lb keg, \$11.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$5.75, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$12.00; Crystal Grain, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$14.00, cases of 2 1/2 lb canisters, \$17; Blasting, 25 lb keg, \$8.00. Dupont Smokeless powder, 12 1/2 lbs, \$22.00, 6 1/2 lbs, \$11.25, 3 1/2 lbs, \$5.75, 1/2 canisters, \$1.00.

Wire—Galvanized barb, solid, plain, twist, \$2.40 per 100 lbs.; Plain wire and staples, \$2.90.

Axes—Per box, \$6@8.

Nails—Cut, keg, base price, \$2.15 for 20 to 60d., with new classification of extras; common steel wire nails, 4 1/2 @ 6 inch, \$2.35 per keg, with usual extras for smaller sizes.

Horse Nails—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List price as follows: No. 5, \$7.50 box No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$8 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount of above list prices 45 per cent.

Horseshoes—Iron shoes, \$3.90@4.00; steel shoes, \$4.50 up; Snow shoe, \$4.15 per keg.

Rope—Sisal, lb., 11c base; man-

illa, lb., 12 1/2c base; cottou, 1/2 to 1/2 inch and larger, 15c lb.

Building Paper—Anchor brand plain 45c; do tarred 60c; Jubilee plain 57c; do tarred 73c.

Winnipeg Prices of Paints, Oils, Glass, etc.

Following are close jobbing prices, as to quantity:

White Lead—Pure, \$8.50 100 lbs; No. 1, \$5.50.

Prepared Paints—Pure liquid colors, gallon \$1.15@1.25.

Dry Colors—White lead, pound, 7c; red lead, kegs, 6c; yellow ochre in barrel lots, 2 1/2c; less than barrels, 3c; golden ochre, barrels, 3 1/2c; less than barrels, 4c; Venetian, red, barrels, 3c; less than barrels, 3 1/2c; American vermilion, 15c; English vermilion, \$1 per lb., Paris green, 18@20c; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots, 2 1/2c; less than barrel lots, 3c; English purple oxides, in casks, 3 1/2c; less quantities 4c lb.

Varnishes—No. 1 furniture, per gallon, \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$1.50@1.75; hard oil finish, \$1.50@2; brown Japan, \$1; house painters' gold-size Japan, \$1.50; coach painters' do., \$2 @2.25; No. 1 orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.

Sundries—Gluc, sheets, 15c lb; broken, 12 1/2c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 16@25c. Stove gasoline, case, \$3.50; benzine, case, \$3.50. Axle grease, imperial, case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, case, \$3.75; Diamond axle grease, \$2.25 case. Coal tar, barrel, \$7. Portland cement, barrel, \$4@4.25; plaster, barrel \$3.00; plasterers' hair, P. P., 90c bale. Putty, in bladders, barrel lots, 2 1/2c lb., do., in 100 lb kegs, 2 1/2c., do., less than barrels, 1b, 3c. Alabastine, cases of 20 pkgs., \$6.50@7.50 as to color.

Window Glass.—Single glass, first break, 16 to 25 united inches, \$2.25; 26 to 40, \$2.50 per 50 feet boxes; 41 to 50, \$5.30; 51 to 60, \$5.80; 61 to 70, \$6.30 per 100 feet boxes.

Linsed Oil—Raw, gal., 55c; boiled, gal., 58c in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gallon extra, with additional charges for cans.

Turpentine—Pure spirits in barrels, 63c; less than barrels, gallon, 68c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

Oils—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25@30c gallon; clear machine oils, 27@30c; cylinder oil, 50@75c, as to quality; castor oil, 13c per lb; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatfoot oil, \$1, steam refined seal oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 gallon.

Refined Petroleum—Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 17c; crescent, 20 1/2c; oleophene, 21c in barrels. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 2 1/2c for cocene and 2 1/2c for sunlight. Straight car lots Silver Star 1c less, other brands 2c less.

Winnipeg Lumber Prices.

These prices are retail quotations at Winnipeg, such as contractors and others buy at. The mills quote delivered prices at Winnipeg, plus freight to outside points.

Dimension and Timber—No. 1, 2x4 to 2x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$18.50, 18 ft, \$19.50, 20 ft, \$20.50, 22 ft, \$21.50, 24 ft, \$22.50; 3x6 to 3x12, 4x4 to 4x12, 6x6 to 6x12 and 8x8, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$20.00, 18 ft, \$21.00, 20 ft, \$22.00, 22 ft, \$23.00, 24 ft, \$24.00; 8x10 to 12x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$22.00, 18 ft, \$23.00, 20 ft, \$24.00, 22 ft, \$25.00, 24 ft, \$26.00; 2x4, 10 ft, \$20.50; 2x6

to 2x 12, 10 ft, \$18.00. No. 2 dimension, \$2.00 less than No. 1. Dimension, 26, 28 and 30 ft, \$26.00. Timber, 26, 28 and 30 ft, \$28.00. \$1.00 per M advance on each inch over 12 inch in depth and width. Tamarac dimension same price as pine. Spruce dimension at \$2.00 per M less than pine. Cull plank, all widths at \$12.00 per M. B. C. fir dimension up to 32 feet at \$23.00 per M., 33 to 40 feet, \$30.00, 41 to 60 feet \$36.00. \$1.00 per M extra for each 2 in. over 12 in. in width or depth.

Boards—1st common, red pine, \$25.00, 2nd common, \$18.50, 3rd common, \$16.50; No. 1 cull, \$13.00, No. 2 cull, \$9.00; spruce, \$16.50. \$1.00 per M extra for stock boards. \$2.00 per M less for 6 to 8 ft. and under. \$1.00 per M less for 10 ft. No. 1 box, 14 in. and up, \$30.00, No. 2 box boards, 14 in. and up, \$23.00. Extra dressing \$2.00 per M.

Siding, Flooring and Ceiling—2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch, white pine, \$36.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch white pine, \$28.00; 1st and 2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$30.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$25.00; 4th, 4, 5 and 6 inch, red and white, \$20.00; Cull siding, red and white, \$16.00; B.C. No. 1 and No. 2 edge grain flooring, 3, 4 and 6 inch, \$32.00. \$2.00 per M advance for dressing both sides.

Bevel Siding—No. 1 white pine, \$26.00; No. 2 red and white, \$23.00.

Shiplap—Pine, 6 inch, \$18.00, 8 and 10 inch, \$20.00; Spruce, 8 and 10 inch, \$19.00, 6 inch, \$18.00; cull shiplap, 8 and 10 inch, \$17.00; do., 6 inch, \$14.00.

Shingles—B. C. cedar, per M, No. 1, \$2.75, No. 2, \$2.50; B.C. cedar dimension shingles, \$4.00; B.C. cedar dimension band sawed, \$5.00.

Lath—Pine lath, No. 1, per M, \$3.00. No. 2, \$2.50.

Finishings—1 1/2, 1 1/2 and 2 inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$65.00, 3rd clear, \$55.00, selects, \$45.00, shops, \$36.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$32.00; B.C. cedar clears, \$50.00; do., over 12 inch, \$55.00; B.C. fir edge grain No. 1 stepping, \$45.00; No. 2, \$40.00; B.C. fir, flat grain, No. 1, \$37.00; No. 2 do., \$32.50; B.C. finishing up to 12 in., \$37.50; do., over 12 inch, \$42.50. \$5 per M advance on 2 1/2 inch and thicker. One inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$55.00, 3rd clear, \$48.00, selects, B, \$38.00, selects, C, \$30.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$30.00; B.C. cedar, clear, \$50.00. B.C. fir finishing, \$37.50; do. over 12 inch, \$42.50.

Oak—Red and White—1/2 sawed, \$85.00; 1st and 2nd, 55.00 to \$65.00; common, \$40.00.

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Manitoba

Blackwood intends opening a new store at Reaburn.

It is stated that Chas. Hall intends opening a drug store at Reaburn.

H. Keys has opened in the hardware and saddlery business, at Midway.

Mr. Davidson, of Neepawa, contemplates starting a paper at Shoal Lake.

Snow & Moore, grocers, Winnipeg, have disposed of the stock and good will of their business to E. H. Scott.

The Bank of Ottawa was the successful tenderer for the Dauphin school debentures, the price being 98c on the dollar.

J. J. Frith, blacksmith and carriage builder. Bolsevain, is offering his entire stock and tools, shop and business lots for sale.

The Royal hotel building, Winnipeg, has been sold by auction, the purchaser being J. H. Brock. The price realized was \$14,000.

Solomon Levi, late of the firm of T. Eaton & Co., Toronto, has opened a general store at Shoal Lake, Man.

The fruit and confectionery business of Mrs. W. H. Woodrow has changed hands, Evans of Swan Lake, being the purchaser.

R. A. Lister & Co. (Ltd.) have purchased the Masonic hall in the town of Morris, and are converting it into a well equipped creamery.

The Souris Planddealer estimates that \$210,000 worth of new building and improvements has been done in that town and vicinity this year.

The grocery stock of the late Robert Paul was sold at a rate on the dollar on Nov. 21. Mr. Hardy being the purchaser. Seventy-six cents on the dollar was realized.

The city of Winnipeg will sell by public auction on December 9th, 2,500 parcels of land, mostly vacant, which have been seized for non-payment of taxes.

A delegate for a number of Missouri farmers has been visiting Manitoba and has selected twenty-six homesteads in the district 100 miles north-west of Dauphin. The party will move up with their families and effects about April 1st.

J. A. Thompson is opening business in hardware and lumber at Elgin, a new town on the Northern Pacific extension in Manitoba. A. N. Shaw of Roland, is interested with Mr. Thompson in the venture.

V. E. Ashdown, representing Geo. H. Hess, Son & Co., of Toronto, manufacturers of window blinds, etc., is seeking certain concessions from the Winnipeg city council with a view to establishing a branch of his firm's business here.

Reports received by C. C. Macdonald, Manitoba dairy commissioner, indicate an output of 987,000 pounds of creamery butter in the province this year, and about the same amount of cheese. For this an average price of 18c per pound has been realized, about one-half cent higher than last year. An average of 81-2c was realized for the cheese. These two items have yielded over \$250,000 of revenue for the year. The output of dairy butter has also been considerable.

Northwest Ontario.

Walker, Lang & Co., have opened a butcher shop at Rat Portage.

W. Clary has bought out the bak-

ery outfit of P. Hobbs at Rat Portage.

Cronlund & Carlson have opened in the butcher business at Rat Portage.

The Rainy River Navigation company estimates that 150 settlers with their effects have taken up land in the Rainy River country during the year.

The A. Booth company, which among its enterprises operates largely in the Lake of the Woods fisheries, is seeking incorporation in the United States. The capital of the company will be \$5,500,000.

Winnipeg Board of Trade.

An important meeting of the board was held on November 23. Several committees reported, including a report on the efforts to secure a daily mail service on the Deloraine branch railway, which had proved unsuccessful. The objections met with were the increased cost and the uncertainty of a continuance of the daily train service.

A long report was presented on the quarantine question, wherein it was shown that the quarantine at Halifax was very inefficient, and immigrants had been repeatedly allowed to pass with infectious diseases. A resolution was passed asking the government to place the Halifax and St. John quarantine stations in an efficient condition so as to guard against the sending forward of immigrants with infectious diseases, to become a source of danger to and burden upon western communities. A check quarantine station was also asked for in Manitoba at some point east of Winnipeg.

The committee on sugar beet cultivation, reported that the local government would co-operate to test the growing of beets here.

The vacant lands' committee reported as to the progress of their work, showing that a great deal of literature was being circulated calling attention to vacant lands in the district.

Brandon Finances.

The financial situation of the town of Brandon, Man., is causing a very painful impression in Winnipeg and throughout the country. The Commercial has endeavored to obtain information which would enable us to go into the case fully, but so far this has been impossible, as certain statements which are being prepared by the Brandon civic authorities are not yet complete. It will be noted this week that the provincial government has declined to appoint a person to make an assessment of the town, and this will no doubt force the Brandon authorities to adopt some other plan of procedure. It is to be sincerely hoped that some satisfactory arrangement will be arrived at whereby all the liabilities of the town will be paid in full.

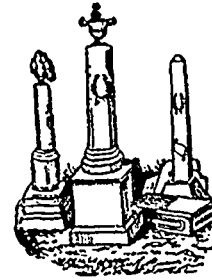
Hardware and Paint Trade.

English-made shovels are being imported into Canada, doubtless due to the scarcity that existed some time ago in the domestic made goods.

As a result of the loss of some 19,500 barrels of high-grade German cement on the steamer Westmeath, bound for Montreal, prices for this commodity are likely to advance in Canada. Private mail advices report the European markets very firm.

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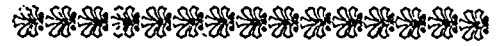
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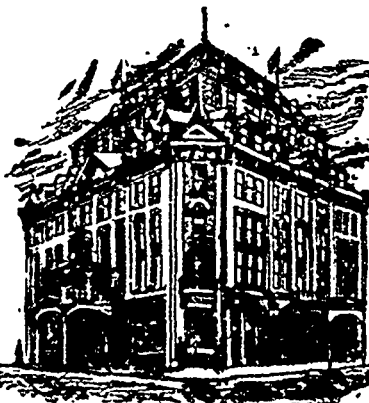
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A Trip in the North.

Hy. Simpson, of Winnipeg, has returned from a three thousand mile trip in the far north. He went in via Edmonton with the idea of reaching Dawson and failed in this and changed his course. He went by way of Lake Athabasca to Great Slave Lake, then down the Mackenzie to Fort Simpson, where he took the Liard to Dease Lake and thence out by the Stikine. He tells of the wonderful riches of the almost limitless country. On the Athabasca river in dozens of places he says the water was agitated as if by a shoal of fish and on investigation found this effect was caused by natural gas bubbling from the water. Four hundred and fifty miles up the river, near Fort McMurray he noticed the side of the cliff was shooting out flames, thirty or forty tongues of fire making a very pretty display at night. This was gas leaking out of the mountain that had been set fire to by the Indians. He had the strange experience of cooking his grub at one of these perennial blazes. Of course the flames could be put out but not without plugging up the holes with clay that by the heat had been baked as hard as iron.

Near the head of Athabasca Lake he took his Peterboro canoe and navigated small tributaries that had probably never been visited by white man and was rewarded by finding a lake of oil before he came to this marvellous phenomenon he had noticed the country changing, there were black cliffs on every side which were composed, at all events on the outside, of a substance resembling asphalt. At the bottom of these cliffs little black rivulets were running into the stream, darkening it to dirty brown. Suddenly his Peterboro, light as a feather on the shallow waters, rounded a bluff and shot into a body of black liquid three miles across. The stench was awful said Mr. Simpson, and I was very careful not to light my pipe, for I was convinced at once that I was in a lake of coal oil. My canoe did not seem to draw an inch of oil, and I couldn't keep her steady, I was afraid to swim in the stuff, so lay down in the bottom of the canoe and paddled very gently to land. I shall never forget the green and blue effect of the scene on the slimy lake. It resembled Dante's Inferno, the lake of fire. At Slave river another surprise was met with, as I approached the river I saw an Indian filling a sack, as I thought, from the river bank. When I asked him what he wanted sand for, he answered me in Chinook "salt," and explained that south of the river there was a salt plain nothing but salt fifty miles square. At length I arrived at Gr. at Slave Lake, I found two old Scotchmen, traders for that ubiquitous company the Hudson Bay. They had been there thirty years. Came there as young men, and had never been back to civilization, and they didn't want to go back. They had taken Indian women as their consorts and had raised up large families. They wouldn't feel comfortable any where but there, and there they would stay till they died. They told me that 20 years before an epidemic had carried off all the Indians along the lake, and I found this so, for forty miles I did not see a sign of human habitation or a human being, but that forty miles was full of surprises, in a dozen places I saw huge big croppings of coal two or three hundred feet across, and while in that country I used it every

night for fuel; besides this wonderful deposit of coal I came to a hill of garnets. The hill was bare of vegetation, it was all composed of a bluish quartz studded with garnets from a pin's head to the size of half your thumb and when the sun shone on that hill the effect was simply marvellous. It seemed to dance with little flames. My canoe being so light I went many places I am positive no man ever went. I navigated the Lower Hanano river, a tributary of the Liard, until there was no more water, then walked over the mountains for another sixty miles in search of Gold creeks. I found gold in fair quantities all along this river, but I was looking for something big, and didn't find it. Toad river was another stream I found splendid gold prospects on and I know of two men taking out \$2,000 each on this river in three months. I never in my life saw anything like the magnificent scenery that there is in the extreme far north. I firmly believe that Big Slave lake is larger than Lake Superior and it is just teeming with fish as are Big Bear and all the other lakes in that section and the falls and rapids of Slave river, rapids reaching for sixteen miles are surpassingly beautiful and far exceed in grandeur the rapids of Niagara. They are very wild, filled with rocks and throw their spray up so high that it seems to merge with the clouds. The extreme far north is marvellously rich in natural resources, but so far away that it will probably not be prospected with a view of developing these resources for another 100 years.

Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, Nov. 21.

There is great activity in shipping circles this week, the number of vessels unloading exceeding that of last week. Wholesalers report business well up to the average. They complain that good butter and eggs in prime condition are scarce. Prime creamery is on the way here to several firms and will be sold from 1 to 1.2 cents above present prices. There was some fear expressed by those who informed The Commercial correspondent last week of the unsatisfactory condition of government butter arriving here, that the impression would go abroad, and be very widely disseminated by The Commercial that all creamery butter manufactured under the superintendance of government officials had been condemned by Vancouver produce merchants. This was not the impression they intended to convey. It was that from certain sections butter had been shipped to commission merchants here as first-class government creamery, and on its arrival here was found to be of an inferior grade. In some cases not much better than cooking butter. Retailers sold it to their customers at 35 cents and when their customers complained they were told that it must be all right as it was creamery or bought by them for government creamery. It is now feared that the consignments of bad government creamery that did reach here will have the effect of making customers chary of buying government butter. Some of the wholesalers here wished the matter kept quiet. Others thought that every publicity should be given to the fact that several bad consignments of butter labeled government creamery had arrived in the coast markets. In hopes that if there is fraud or forgery being practiced by anybody the govern-

ment should be cleared of the charge. A company is organizing to run a line of steamers between Vancouver and San Francisco and another company to build a railway from Vancouver through a vast rich gold country to Dawson.

The distribution of Klondike gold is being felt in the cities of British Columbia. In Victoria and Vancouver many handsome blocks are being built as a direct result of this distribution and British Columbia Klondikers have been very busy for months getting out their cleaning-ups on mortgages at 6 per cent. So eager are they to advance on residential property that the old rate of 8 per cent in vogue last year is no longer asked. Money is very easy throughout the coast.

The Royal Crown Soap company of Winnipeg, has started a branch in Vancouver, having purchased the business and good will of F. S. Findlay, of the Standard Soap works here.

Weather and Crops.

Clear Springs, Nov. 18.—Threshing is almost completed in this locality, considering the damp weather, there is very little of the grain that will be unfit for market.

Bagot, Nov. 22.—Threshing in this vicinity is about completed. Another week of fine weather will see very little unthreshed. Very little damage was done to the grain by the wet weather. An odd farmer suffered a little because of poor stacking.

Ninette, Nov. 19.—Threshing is about finished in this district.

Sidney, Nov. 19.—Threshing is over at last, and is, in most cases, satisfactory. The damage by rain is not nearly as bad as at first anticipated.

McGregor, Nov. 17.—Threshing operations are not yet over. A few are still waiting for a machine, but with a few more days of this fine weather all will be finished. Much of the grain is turning out better than was expected.

Austin, Nov. 17.—Threshing will be about finished in a week or ten days in this district. Few reports of damaged grain are heard, and things are in a good deal better shape than was anticipated a few weeks ago.

Threshing is still in full swing in Arizona municipality. Very little damage is reported to have been done to the wheat in stack notwithstanding reports to the contrary.

The Commercial Men.

R. A. Nisbet, of Toronto, was at the Manitoba this week.

S. C. Stinson, of McCall Bros., is at Victoria. B. C.

A. C. Flumerfelt, wholesale merchant, of Victoria, B. C., was in Winnipeg the beginning of this week.

Thos. Johnson, of G. F. & J. Galt's, Winnipeg, returned on Nov. 20 from a visit to Chatham, Ont.

The general meeting of the Northwest Commercial Travellers' association of Canada for the nomination of officers for 1899, the election of auditors for 1898, and other business, will be held in Winnipeg on Nov. 26.

R. J. Gallagher is leaving Winnipeg for Montreal, where he will establish a commission business in connection with certain English wholesale houses.

As a result of an unfortunate accident which befell him at Selkirk a short time ago, R. P. Capell, of Montreal, representative in the west of J. M. Fortier, cigar manufacturer, died on Tuesday, Nov. 22, at Rat Portage.

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Grain and Milling News.

The new flour mill at Dauphin is now in full running order.

W. D. Craig is having a warehouse for oats erected near his mill at Virdon.

McMillan & Lane, of Morden, have a new drying house completed and in operation. Its capacity is a car load of grain per day.

The steamer Andrew Carnegie left Fort William recently with a cargo of 200,000 bushels of wheat, the largest that has ever left that port by steamer.

Geo. Richardson, a prominent grain man of Kingston, Ont., arrived in Winnipeg from the east on Nov. 20, on a visit to the firm's local representative, E. J. O'Reilly.

Grain Inspector Horn gives the following inspection returns for the week ending Nov. 19, at Winnipeg: Extra Manitoba hard 1, one hard 141, two hard 15, one northern 151, two northern 5, three hard 1, one spring 21, two spring 2, two white Fyfe 1, rejected one 11, rejected two 6, no grade 32, condemned 1; total, 391 cars.

In a reference to the town of Carman, Man., in last week's Commercial, the ownership of the flour mill was inadvertently given to the Lake of the Woods Milling company. The intention was to refer to the latter company as owner of one of the Carman elevators, but some how or other the matter got a little mixed. Peters & Winkler are owners of the Carman flour mill.

Grocery Trade Notes.

Prices on apples for export are advancing in Ontario.

European cables report rice a shade higher for desirable grades.

Smith & Burton, wholesale grocers, Brandon, have received a full car load of tea direct from India.

A Toronto report says: A firm market is reported for teas and prices were advanced 1c per pound for Amoy and country greens.

Stocks of raw sugars in the large consuming countries, especially the United States, have fallen off to 133,000 tons as against 385,000 tons a year ago.

As a result of the low price of refined sugars in the United States, due to the war between refining companies some Canadian houses have found it profitable to place orders there.

Latest mail advices from the east say that there is a fair demand for sugars, the outside markets being very strong and the local market is firm, and dealers say it is likely to advance any time.

A Montreal report says: The strong feeling in the market for Barbadoes molasses has continued and prices have scored an advance of 2c per gallon. This is due to the fact that the stock on spot is the smallest ever known at this season and is held by few hands. Six hundred puncheons of choice Barbadoes stock sold at 30c per gallon, and further sales of smaller quantities were made at 31c. The situation of the market was probably never as strong as it is at present and the prospects are that prices will go at least 2c higher within the next two weeks, and some predict 35c.

Freight Rates.

The through rate on wheat from Chicago to Liverpool is 181-8c per bushel. Flour is 321-4c per 100 pounds.

Lake rates from Chicago to Buffalo are lower at latest advices, at 21-4c on wheat per bushel.

Eastbound rates from Chicago are being cut 7c per 100 pounds on grain and 10 to 2c on provisions. The tariff is 2c on flour and grains to New York.

Coal freights have taken quite a jump. The rate to Chicago and Milwaukee is now 40 cents, but the principal change is in the rate to Lake Superior points, which has jumped from 25 cents to 40 cents.

General Passenger Agent McNicoll, of the Canadian Pacific railway, has given out the statement that the rate war between his company and the Grand Trunk had been definitely settled. The announcement was confirmed at the passenger department of the Grand Trunk. The old rates will come into force again on Monday, Nov. 28.

British Columbia Items.

P. Burns & Co. have commenced the erection of a cold storage warehouse at Nelson.

Golden has purchased a fire engine and an equipment of hose at a cost of something like \$4,000.

The Bertram Shipbuilding Co. of Toronto contemplates the establishment of a shipyard at Vancouver.

Tenders have been awarded for the erection of a new market building at New Westminster to cost about \$5,000.

The Northern Pacific Lumber company contemplate opening up the Ross McLaren lumber mills on the Fraser river, near New Westminster, B. C.

The buildings of the British Columbia Wood Oil company were burned on the morning of Nov. 19. This was the only mill of its kind in Canada, and had just commenced business.

Jas. Rosseau has disposed of his boot and shoe business at New Westminster to D. S. Sinclair, and will devote his attention entirely to his tannery and shoe manufacturing department.

The British Columbia Salmon Cannery's association has decided to maintain its organization as a permanent one and steps are being taken towards this end. It will meet alternately in Vancouver and Victoria. It has also been decided not to reduce the licenses held by cannery although some of the members were strongly in favor of a reduction of 50 per cent.

Western Business Items.

Yorkton is moving for town incorporation.

Currie & Unicomo have opened in the flour and feed business at Brandon. They will also handle butter, eggs, farm produce, and wood.

Thos. Norman, of Caulfield, Henderson & Buras, Toronto, was in Winnipeg this week. Mr. Norman is returning from a trip to the Pacific coast.

Garlepy & Chénier, general merchants, Edmonton, have moved into a new three story brick store building which they have had built for themselves.

The Dominion Elevator company control two buildings at Portage la

Prairie, which they contemplate consolidating and erecting drying machinery in connection therewith.

J. M. Hall, lumber dealer, Winnipeg, is out of business. His stock has been taken over by the Rat Portage Lumber Co. The business will probably be closed out.

Heppner & Kluzie have sold their store building at Plum Coulee, Man., to Noah Bowman. He is fitting up part of it as an office, and intends to carry on a real estate and private banking business.

The Dominion Elevator company of Winnipeg is making an effort to capture its defaulting employee, Bush, who disappeared recently from southern Manitoba with 1. is all-ged, about \$1,175 of the company's funds.

J. J. Doran, western representative of the Sackett Coal company, Montreal, met with an accident near Nelson, B. C., which will lay him up for some time. While climbing a mountain he slipped and fell, breaking his arm.

The rails on the Stonewall extension of the Canadian Pacific railway have been laid to Foxton, Man. On the Pipestone extension eighteen miles of rails have yet to be laid before the work is suspended for the season.

Insurance Items.

J. K. McCutchen, of Toronto, was in Winnipeg this week on his annual visit to the agencies of the Federal Life Assurance company, of which he is superintendent. He is highly pleased with the year's business secured for his company through J. R. Grant, the local manager.

Dry Goods Trade.

As the result of the advance of 7 1/2 per cent which has taken place in the prices of fine wools in old country markets there is a very firm feeling in men's and women's fine tailoring cloths and dress goods and some lines have made advances. The prospects for these lines are bright.

Tenders.

Tenders are called for, by the secretary treasurer of Franklin municipality for supplying 1,500 pieces of live tamarac, 2 1/2 feet in length, for bridge covering. Tenders close Dec. 1.

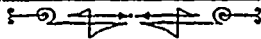
A reporter who was recently married said that his bride remarked one morning at the breakfast table. "What miserable little eggs again! I really must tell the grocer to let the hens sit on them a little longer."

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Dried Fruits

Table of dried fruit prices including Raisins, Apples, Peaches, Apricots, Pitted Plums, Prunes, Matches, Nuts, Syrup, Sugar, Salt, Spices, Teas, and various other items.

Tobacco

Table of tobacco and cured meats prices including various tobacco products, wooden ware, cured meats, and lard.

DRUGS

Table of drug prices including various medicines, oils, and chemicals.

CURED MEATS AND LARD

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Table of cured meats and lard prices including various types of lard and meat products.

Table of leather prices including various types of leather and harnesses.

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Table of fresh fish and oyster prices including various types of fish and oyster products.

FUEL

Table of fuel prices including various types of coal and cordwood.

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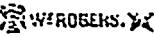
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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, Saturday, Nov. 26.

Decidedly wintry weather set in at the beginning of the week, and the weather has remained cold ever since. This change has been gladly received by the dry goods, clothing and fur branches, etc. Cold weather early in the season is always desired by those branches of trade. If the weather keeps mild until a late date in the season, the consumption of heavy winter goods is always greatly curtailed. People will buy winter goods much more freely when cold weather sets in early than when it is late in the season before severe weather is experienced. The colder and somewhat stormy weather curtailed the deliveries of wheat in the country this week. Probably the lower prices now being paid also operated to the same effect. The large grain companies were trying to bring about further reduction in the price of wheat paid to farmers at country points, owing to colder weather and expected early closing of navigation, but prices have not been materially lower than was paid last week. There is some figuring on keeping up an export wheat trade via the all rail routes after the close of navigation, but dealers say wheat is costing too high to admit of all rail exports. There is a good demand for men for the woods, to get out saw logs, railway ties and cordwood; also for railway construction work, so that labor is well employed.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Saturday, Nov. 26

(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.)

DRUGS.

Business is quiet in wholesale drugs and dealers are grumbling a little in consequence. There have been no radical changes in quotations, but we notice that the recent decline in cod liver oil holds good and will likely do so for some time. The demand is not very brisk and stocks are ample, hence the weakness. Vanilla beans are advancing in price in primary markets, and so is camphor. Ginger, pepper and allspice are also moving up. Mace is scarce and firm and quinine has advanced in the east.

FISH.

Flannan haddies are now quoted at 8c straight, express lots, which have hitherto been quoted at 10c, being out of the market now. A lot of haddies were destroyed this week as being unfit for use, but regular dealers are having no difficulty in this respect and their goods are in fine condition. Bloaters are in the market at \$1.50 per box. For other quotations which remain unchanged see our list on another page.

GROCERIES.

There are a number of changes in prices this week. Tomatoes have been

advanced 10c and are still very firm. Tomatoes have been selling here at less than the cost to lay down, owing to the advance at the factories east, and Winnipeg prices are still comparatively low on this line. Canned meats are again easier. Corn beef is again reduced 10c. Oatmeal is easy. B. rice is 1-1c lower. Nuts are firmer. Dried fruits are firm on almost everything. Both evaporated and dried apples have been advanced 1-2c and these lines are very firm. Evidently the high prices of last year's crop will prevail on this crop. Last year very little new fruit was put on the market, but there was a great deal of old fruit carried over by eastern holders from previous years. Fruit which had been well kept in cold storage was re-packed in some cases, and no doubt much of this was worked off as new goods. These old stocks have been largely worked off, and with another light apple crop, the high prices are being maintained. Loose Muscatel raisins have been advanced 1-4c, in sympathy with the higher prices in California, where the market is very strong, as previously reported. Valencias have been advanced 5c per box. Currants are quoted 1-4c higher all around. Some further advances have also been made on figs, as will be seen by the prices quoted on another page. Some new California prunes are coming in, but purchases have not been liberal yet, on account of the higher prices quoted on these goods. Cured meats have a lower tendency. New price lists on meats show a reduction of about 1-2c all around.

GREEN FRUITS.

In oranges the new California navels, referred to last week, have been received, and Mexican oranges are also offering. Apples are firm. Choice spies have been advanced to \$4 per barrel. Fall varieties are out. California grapes are out of the market. Prices are: New California navel oranges \$5 to \$5.50, as to size; Mexican oranges \$5 box; bananas per bunch, \$2.50 to \$3 as to size. California lemons \$7 per box; Malaga lemons \$5.50 a box; Oregon winter Nellis pears, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per box; Ontario apples, ordinary winter stock, \$3.25 to \$3.50. Fancy spies, \$4 per barrel; Almeria grapes \$8 a keg; cranberries, Cape Cod \$8 bbl., some have sold at cut rates as low as \$7.50; sweet potatoes \$5 per bbl.; coconuts, \$1 a doz.; Sicily filberts, large, 11 to 12c per pound; Grenoble walnuts, 14c; Tarragona almonds, 12 1-2 to 13c; peanuts, green, 10c; roasted, 12c; pecans, 14 to 15c; shelled walnuts, 24 1-2 to 26c lb.; strained honey, \$1.2 to 9c per pound; maple sugar, 11 to 12 apple cider 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels; California figs, in boxes of ten bricks, \$2 per box; celery, 10c dozen bunches.

HARDWARE, PAINTS, ETC.

The only change this week is another advance on glass of 15c per 50 feet. The inside price is now \$2.25 per 50 feet. There has been a corresponding advance on double glass, which is now quoted at 10 per cent off list quotations. The advance has now amounted to 33 1-3 per cent altogether. Cement is very firm east on account of light stocks. The general tendency of prices is strong all around on heavy goods.

LUMBER.

Dealers report a good demand right up to date. Owing to the bad roads early in the season, farmers could not

haul lumber in some cases, and they have been buying freely since the roads froze up.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

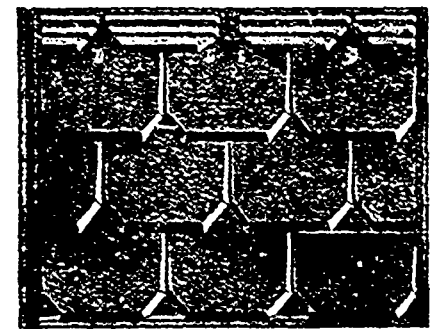
WHEAT—This has been another week of uncertainty in the wheat markets. Political matters in Europe have been quiet enough, and there has been nothing to prompt an upward movement from anything outside the trade itself, but the situation in the Chicago December deal has caused considerable nervousness. The stock of contract wheat in Chicago is very small, and on Monday and Tuesday the shorts in the December option, in making efforts to cover their short sales, raised the market a little bit, and all other markets responded in sympathy. The feeling is decidedly easier at the end of the week, and all markets closed yesterday at about an average of 1-2c per bushel over a week ago. A large primary movement of wheat continues in the United States and the demand for export and milling continues on an extensive scale. The world's visible supply increased last week 7,200,000 bushels, which is a substantial increase. A feature of the week is the publication by the London Times, of its estimate of a surplus available for export from this season's Argentine crop, (now being harvested,) of 66,000,000 bushels. As Argentine exported only 24,000,000 bushels last year, this is a matter of significance to the trade. At the same time the Liverpool Corn Trade News, estimates the exportable surplus of this season's Argentine crop at 37,000,000 bushels. Very favorable reports continue to be received on the lately sown winter wheat crops in Europe and the United States, and if no serious deteriorating influence of a widespread character comes over these crops between now and harvest, there is prospect of an abundant supply next year again.

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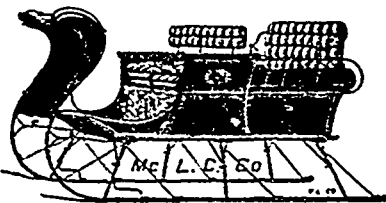
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shadow of the close of navigation has denuded the activity of the large shippers in buying, and the business transacted has been confined principally to, for the most part, speculative trades between the smaller dealers. In this way prices have been kept above a shipping value. This feature is getting nearly worked out, and will come to an end with the close of the month, and prices are gradually coming to a shipping level. With the advance in outside markets on Monday, the price of spot 1 hard in store Fort William rose to 71 1-2c. Tuesday it was at 72c, and a good deal of spot 1 hard changed hands at that figure. Wednesday prices continued firm, with sellers of 1 hard, spot Fort William at 72c, and buyers at 71 1-2c. Thursday being Thanksgiving day, was a holiday. Yesterday outside markets were lower, and here the feeling was intensely dull, there being scarcely any buyers at any price. In the forenoon a little spot 1 hard was sold at 71c, but in the afternoon 70 1-2c was the best bid that could be got for a trifling quantity. Most buyers were off the market altogether, and those who would quote a price put it at 70c for spot 1 hard in store Fort William. Two hard and 1 northern have continued to sell at 4c less than 1 hard, although occasionally the difference has been made 3 1-2c. Three hard, 2 northern and 1 spring sell for 7 1-2 to 8c under 1 hard, and scoured 1 and 2 hard and 1 northern are worth about 6 1/2c in store Port Arthur. No grade wheat sells at from 5 to 10c under straight grade, according to degree of dampness, but there is no regular market price for it. There are sellers of wheat for December delivery at 67 1-2c basis, 1 hard in store Fort William, and 2 hard and 1 northern 4c less. Scarcity of cars continues to the loss and annoyance of shippers at country points. Lake navigation may close any day now, and is almost certain to do so within 7 or 8 days.

FLOUR—Quotations are the same as last week. Prices here to retail dealers are as follows: \$2.05 for patent, \$1.85 for strong bakers, \$1.45 for second bakers and \$1.15 for XXXX per sack of 98 lbs. Discount of 5c per sack net.

MILLFEED—Prices are the same as last week. Bran is quoted at \$3 and shorts at \$10 per ton, with an advance of 50c per ton on these prices for small lots.

GROUND FEED—There is quite a variety of ground feed in the market, the price varying from \$13 to \$19 per ton, as to quality. Good oat chop is quoted at \$18 to \$19 per ton; mixed barley and oats, \$16 to \$17, and wheat mixtures, \$13 to \$14. A little local mill oil cake is now offering at \$23 per ton.

OATMEAL—Manitoba oatmillers are now getting a sufficient amount of oats to enable them to operate their mills and they are now offering meal more freely. From this out the local mills will control the markets and no more imported meal will be brought in. Car lots of rolled are quoted at about \$1.60 per sack of 50 lbs.

OATS—The weak feeling reported last week has continued and prices are again lower. The Commercial reported some time ago that prices would go much lower as soon as the supply increased. This has now happened, and it is doubtful if the bottom has been reached yet. The quantity offering this week has been in excess of local requirements, and as prices are still far above a shipping basis, we may see considerably lower values yet. Car

lots of feed oats have sold this week at 24 1-2 and 25c per bushel of 34 pounds and choice samples, suitable for milling, have been quoted at about 26c. The quality of offerings varies very much and there is a good deal of poor stuff. The quantity of ordinary feed oats offering is in excess of the demand and the market closes very weak, at about 24 to 25c. In fact one dealer said yesterday that if he could get a firm bid for a large lot, he could fill it at 23 to 24. The large grain buyers here kept out of the market and would not pay more than 40 to 42c in the country, which is about shipping value, as they expect that the supply is in excess of local requirements. Cars in the country have been quoted at 16 to 18c as to freight rates.

BARLEY—There is very little demand for feed barley, which is quoted at about 26 to 28c per bushel of 48 lbs. Some corn is still being imported from the United States for feed purposes, owing to the fact that parties who got into the custom of using corn for feed during the late scarcity of local feedstuffs, prefer it to other feeds. Malting barley is in good demand at 30 to 35c as to quality.

WHEAT—Local street market—There is an over supply of low grade wheat offering for chicken feed, etc., at 30 to 35c per bushel of 60 lbs.

FLAX SEED—In Manitoba country markets 65c per bushel is being paid to farmers. The amount offered has been very limited and the quality rather poor.

BUTTER—Creamery—The market is steady, at about the same prices as quoted last week. Factories are all about closed out. Jobbers are quoting 22 to 23c as to quantity and quality.

BUTTER—Dairy—The market is easy at 15 to 16c here, as to quality for choice lots of fresh goods. The top quotation is an outside price for strictly choice lots. Mostly small lots of late made goods now offering.

CHEESE—The market is quoted the same as last week. Factories are about cleared out. Jobbers quote 9 1-2c for large and 10c for small sizes.

EGGS—There are very few Manitoba eggs offering. Manitoba fresh or good Ontario fresh are quoted by jobbers at 19 to 20c, held fresh at 17 to 18c, and limed at 16 to 17c. There is much variation in quality of some of the so-called fresh, while there is also some very good stock offering.

CURED MEATS, ETC.—Prices, which are given on another page, are lower all around. Lard is easier. Compound is quoted 5c lower. Sausage casings have advanced 5c per lb.

POULTRY—Thanksgiving week has naturally been a heavy one and dealers report a very satisfactory volume of trade. Prices are: Spring chickens 8c to 10c per lb.; hens, 8c; turkeys, 10 to 12 1-2c, and ducks and geese, 9c to 10c. Most of the turkeys offering are Ontario stock. Car lots of mixed Ontario poultry will soon be coming in.

GAME—Ducks and geese are practically out of the market. Rabbits are worth about 8 1-2c each or 3 for 25c.

DRESSED MEATS—The situation in pork continues pretty much as it was last week. Hogs are very scarce and further importations from the east are being made. It is said that one concern alone has three car loads now on the way and will likely make further importations. The top price quoted by packers is 6c for hogs

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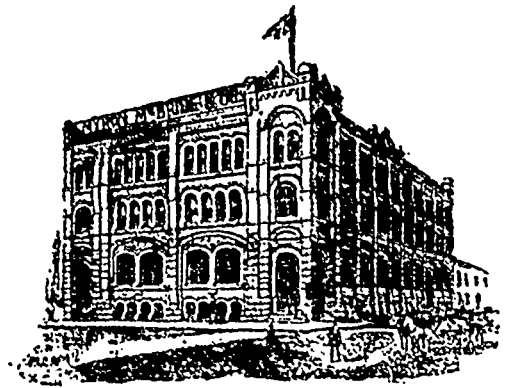
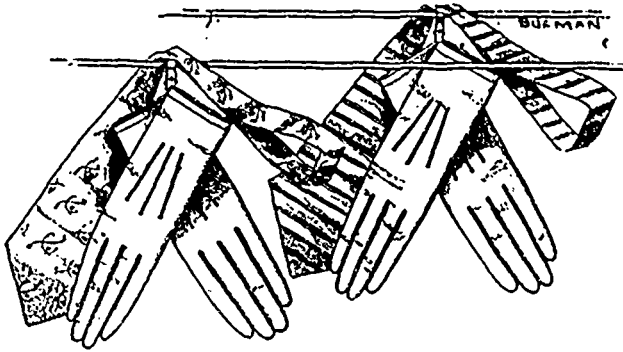
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weighing from 110 to 220 pounds, but 61-1c has been obtained for selected hogs, for butchers' use, Beef is ruling a shade easier and 6c is now quoted as the general price. Veal is worth 51-2 to 7c; large calves, 41-2 to 5c, mutton 61-2 to 7c; lamb 71-2 to 8c.

VEGETABLES.—The cold weather put a stop to street business and things are now settled down to a winter basis. Prices are: Potatoes 35 to 40c per bushel; turnips, 15 to 20c bushel; parsnips, 11-2c per lb.; carrots, 35 to 40c; beets, 35 to 40c per bushel; celery, 25 per dozen; cabbage, 25 to 30c per dozen; onions, 30c to \$1 per bushel; Spanish onions, \$2 per crate.

WOOL.—Nominal, 8 to 81-2c per lb. **SENECA ROOT.**—In the absence of business prices are nominal at 21c. Stocks in the United States are large but are closely held by a few firms and it is only owing to the active efforts of a few jobbers that prices are kept at present figures.

HIDES.—Prices are weakening. We quote No. 1 city hides this week at 7c with the probability of a decline to 61-2c by the first of the month on all grades. Country butchers' hides are quoted at 6 to 61-2c here flat, 5 lbs. tare. We quote Hides No. 1 7c; No. 2 6c; No. 3, 5c. Branded hides usually grade No. 2 and bulls No. 3; kip, 6c to 7c; calf, 8c; deacon skins, 15c to 25c each; sheepskins and lambskins, 30 to 50c; horse hides, 75c to \$1.50 each; colts, 25 to 50c each.

HAY.—Considerable loose hay is offering and it is mostly of poor quality. This is quoted at \$3 to \$10 per ton, while baled hay, on track, Winnipeg, is worth \$7 to \$8.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE.—The export season is rapidly drawing to a close. A few lots have been moved this week, but these are about the last. Some killing has been done on local account. Stockers are not meeting with much demand and prices continue at 21-4 to 21-2c. Butchers' cattle are worth 23-4 to 3c and sluppers 3 to 31-1c.

HOGS.—The market continues easy and prices rule at decline of last week, namely 5c per lb. off cars at Winnipeg. Offerings are practically all since the receipt of the shipments from Ontario of a week or two ago. The quotation is for bacon hogs weighing 150 to 250 lbs. Other grades in proportion.

SHEEP.—A few lots of sheep were in, the largest lot coming from Saltcoats, of heavy sheep. Prices held steady at 31-4 to 31-2c off cars here. Lambs dull at 31-2 to 4c.

MILK COWS.—Good new milkers are scarce and all offerings are promptly taken at good figures. Prices range from \$25 to \$15, according to size and quality.

HORSES.—Business is quiet and prices unchanged. There is some demand for horses for the bush, but aside from this the market is without feature. Prices range from .55 up.

Minneapolis Markets.

Compared with a week ago prices have changed as follows: Corn has advanced 1-4 to 1-2c, oats have advanced 1 to 11-4c, flax seed has declined 2c, eggs are very firm and have advanced 11-2c for strictly fresh and held stock, cheese has advanced 1-2c, butter is firm and has advanced a fraction, chickens are 1c cheaper, turkeys 11-2 to 2c dearer, geese 1-2c cheaper and timothy hay 50c cheaper. Flour—Prices in barrels: First pat-

ents, \$3.70 to \$3.80; second patents, \$3.40 to \$3.50.

Milfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$3 to \$8.25; bran in bulk, \$8.50 to \$8.75; corn, feed, \$12.50 to \$13.50 per ton as to quality.

Corn—Quoted at 31 1-2c for No. 3 yellow and 31c for No. 3.

Oats—Oats held at 26c for No. 3 white.

Barley—Malting, 39 to 45c; feed quoted at 36 1-2 to 38c.

Flax seed—95c per bushel.

Eggs—19 1-2c for strictly fresh including cases; held fresh, 16 to 17 1-2c; seconds, 10c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 10 to 11 1-2c; fair to good, 81-2 to 9c.

Butter—Creamery 21c to 23c for choice to extras; seconds, 16 to 17c; dairy, 15 to 20c for choice to fancy; seconds, 13 to 14c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 5 to 7c; lamb, 8 to 10c; veal, 5 to 8c.

Potatoes—Car loads, mixed, 22 to 27c; straight varieties, 28 to 30c per bushel.

Poultry—Chickens, spring, 5 to 7c; hens, 4 to 6c; roosters, 4c; turkeys, 9 to 12c; ducks, 61-2 to 71-2c; geese, 6 1-2 to 71-2c; all live weight.

Hides—Green salted hides, 83-4c for No. 1. & No. 2; bulls, oxen and brands, 6 1-2 to 73-4c; sheepskins, 25 to 30c each; veal calf, 9 to 10 1-2c; tallow, 2 3-4 to 3c; seneca root, 22 to 24c.

Wool—Unwashed, fine, 11 to 12c; medium, 13 to 14c; coarse, 14 1-2 to 15 1-2c.

Hay—\$6.50 to \$7 per ton; timothy; mixed clover, \$6 to \$6.50.

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The interior finishing is very fine. It is here that the great beauty of the embossed steel ceiling and wall plates is shown. A room properly finished with these plates is certainly a thing of beauty, and it may also be added is a joy forever, for this finish is as lasting as it is beautiful. Six sections of wall and eight sections of ceiling plates are shown, displaying a large variety of beautifully embossed patterns, the finishing touches being added to perfection by the artistic painting of the whole interior. The door leading from the office to the warehouse in the rear is a handsome imitation bronze, fire proof metal door, which is also one of the manufactures of the company.

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CHEESE MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial. Liverpool Nov. 25.—Cheese, white, 43s 6d, colored 44s 6d.

LAKE FREIGHTS.

The rate on wheat, Fort William to Buffalo, was quoted at 23-4c per bushel this week, but later in the week 3c was asked. Lake business is, of course, now very uncertain, owing to the lateness of the season and the cold weather prevailing, both as to rates and ability to secure charters.

Big Grain Trade Deal.

The Manitoba Grain company is being wound up. This is one of the big Winnipeg grain companies which was formed something over a year ago, by the consolidation of the interests of a number of grain men. The company did business on last year's crop, but no business has been done in the name of the company on this crop, the firm of Parrish, Lindsay & Co. having handled the companies properties this season. The large line of elevators controlled by the Manitoba Grain company last year have been divided up and disposed of to the Northern Elevator Co., the Dominion Elevator Co. and Brady, Lov & Tyrro Ltd. Parrish & Lindsay will continue in the grain trade as heretofore, controlling several elevators at country points.

Manitoba Country Markets.

Sixty cents per bushel was the highest price paid for wheat at C. P. R. points yesterday and forty-four cents was the lowest price paid for No. 1 hard. The total deliveries were slightly in excess of 91,000 bushels. The highest delivery was at Indian Head, where 10,000 bushels were received. At no other place did the deliveries exceed 4,000 bushels. The quotations at the different points were:

Main line—Poplar Point 53, High Bluff 54, Portage la Prairie 54, McGregor 53, Austin 53, Sidney 52, Carberry 51, Douglas 51, Brandon 52, Alexander 51, Griswold 51, Oak Lake 50, Virden 51, Hargrave 52, Elkhorn 50, Fleming 52, Moosomin 50, Wapella 53, Whitewood 51, Broadview 52, Grenfell 50, Wolsley 49, Sinitaha 50, Indian Head 53, Qu'Appelle 56, Balgonie 50, Regina 52, Pense 51, Moose Jaw 56, Caron 52.

Live Stock News.

London, Nov. 22.—Trade in cattle was firm and prices since a week ago show little change, with the exception of those for Argentine, which is 1-2c higher. Choice States sold at 12c, Argentine 11c, Canadian 103-4c. Canadian sheep were unchanged at 11 1-2c. Argentine sold at 12c.

Liverpool, Nov. 22.—Market stronger for cattle, prices show an advance of 1-2c to 1c, but sheep show a decline of 1-2c. Choice Canadian cattle sold at 10 1-2c, sheep 11c.

Montreal, Nov. 22.—The past week has been the largest one for live stock shipments this season, there being nineteen vessels cleared carrying 6,754 cattle and 4,088 sheep. This week will wind up the live stock export season of 1898, the last vessel being advertised to sail on Friday. Cable advices from Liverpool and London are encouraging, especially from the former market, where an advance of 1-2c to 1c in the price of cattle is noted.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, Nov. 25.—12.30 p.m.—Wheat—Spot steady; No. 1 red northern spring 6s 3d. Corn—Spot steady. Closing—Wheat—Spot No. 1 red northern spring dull at 6s 21-2d. Corn—Spot American mixed quiet at 3s 113-4d. Futures quiet, Nov. 3s 11 1-2d; Dec. 3s 9 3-4d; March 3s 8 7-8d.



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Chicago Board of Trade Prices

Prices are quoted per bushel of 60 pounds for wheat, bushel of 56 pounds of corn, bushel of 32 pounds of oats, per barrel of mess pork, and per 100 pounds for lard and short rib bacon; flax seed per bushel of 56 pounds.

Chicago, Nov. 21.—Wheat, Nov. 67c n. Dec. opened 68 5-8c, closed 67 3-8c n. May opened 68 to 1-8c, closed 68 3-8c n. Corn, Nov. 33 1-4c n. Dec. opened 33c, closed 33 1-4c n. May opened 34 1-8c, closed 34 1-8c b. Oats, Nov. 6c 1-8c, closed 34 1-2c b. Oats, Nov. 26c n. Dec. opened 25 1-2c, closed 26c a. May opened 25 7-8c, closed 26 3-8c b. Ribs, Dec. \$1.55 n. Jan. opened \$1.57, closed \$1.65 n. Pork, Dec. opened \$7.90, closed \$7.85 n. Jan. opened \$9.02, closed \$9.10. Lard, Dec. opened \$4.92, closed \$4.95. Jan. opened \$4.97, closed \$5.05 asked.

Chicago Nov. 22.—Wheat, Nov. 68c n. Dec. opened 67 1-8 to 1-4c, closed 68 1-8c n. May opened 68 1-4c, closed 67 1-8 to 1-4c. Corn, Nov. 33 5-8 to 3-4c. Dec. opened 33 1-4c, closed 33 5-8 to 3-4c. May opened 34 3-8c, closed 7-8 to 3-4c. Oats, Nov. 26 3-8c n.; Dec. opened 7-8 to 26c, closed 26 3-8c b. May opened 26 1-4 to 3-8c, closed 26 3-4c. Ribs, Dec. \$4.60 b. Jan. opened \$4.62, closed \$4.70 to \$4.72. Pork, Dec. opened \$7.89, closed \$8. Jan. opened \$9.10, closed \$9.10. Lard, Dec. opened \$4.95 to \$4.97, closed \$5.10 to \$5.02, Jan. opened \$5.05, closed \$5.10 b.

Chicago, Nov. 23.—Wheat, Nov. 67 1-4c n. Dec. opened 68 to 1-8c, closed 67 3-8 to 1-2c b. May opened 67 to 1-8c, closed 68 5-8c b. Corn, Nov. 33 1-8 to 1-4c n. Dec. opened 33 1-2c, closed 33 7-8 to 1-4c. May opened 34 3-4 to 7-8c, closed 34 3-8c b. Oats, Nov. 25 7-8c b. Dec. opened 26 1-2c, closed 25 7-8c. May opened 26 6-8c, closed 26 1-4 to 3-8c. Ribs, Jan. opened \$4.72, closed \$4.67 n. Dec. \$4.55 n. Pork, Jan. opened \$9.30, closed \$9.15 n. Dec. opened \$8.05, closed \$7.90 n. May \$9.47 to \$9.50. Lard, Dec. opened \$5.05, closed \$4.97. Jan. opened \$5.12, closed \$5.05.

Chicago, Nov. 24.—Holiday.

Chicago, Nov. 25.—Wheat, Nov. 66 5-8c n. Dec. opened 67 1-2 to 5-8c, closed 66 7-8c n. May opened 66 3-4c, closed 66 3-8 to 1-2c. Corn, Nov. 32 7-8 to 33c. Dec. opened 33 1-4c, closed 7-8 to 33c. May opened 34 1-2c, closed 34 1-4c n. Oats, Nov. 26c n. Dec. opened 26 1-8c, closed 26c. May opened 26 3-8c, closed 26 3-8c n. Ribs, Dec. \$4.59 n. Jan. opened \$4.65 to \$4.67, closed \$4.62. Pork, Dec. \$7.80. Jan. opened \$9.15, closed \$9.10. Lard, Dec. opened \$4.92, closed \$4.90. Jan. opened \$5.05, closed \$5.03.

Chicago, Nov. 26.—December wheat opened at 66 7-8c and ranged from 65 7-8c to 66 7-8c. Closing prices were:

Wheat—Nov. 65 1-2c, Dec. 65 5-8c, May 66c.

Corn—Nov. 32 3-8c, Dec. 32 3-8c, May 33 3-4 to 7-8c.

Oats—Nov. 25 3-8c, Dec. 25 3-8c.

Pork—Dec. \$7.80, Jan. \$9.05, May \$9.25.

Lard—Dec. \$4.85, Jan. \$4.95.

Ribs—\$4.47, Jan. \$4.57.

A week ago December option closed at 66 7-8c. A year ago December wheat closed at 97 3-4c, two years ago at 80 1-2c, three years ago at 56 1-8c, four years ago 55 5-8c.

New York Wheat.

New York, Nov. 21.—Wheat receipts, 226,625 bushels; exports, 247,391 bus. Options opened easier because of big spring wheat receipts and foreign selling, but were subsequently firmer. Late points of strength were higher cables, less peaceful news regarding treaty negotiations at Paris and bullish Argentine news. Closed at 1-4 to 1-2 cent net higher. March, 74 3-8c to 74 3-4c, closed 74 3-4c; May, 71c to 71 1-4c, closed 71 1-4c; Dec., 73 11-16c to 74 1-8c, closed 74 1-8c.

New York, Nov. 22.—Wheat — Receipts, 722,425 bushels; exports, 269,076 bushels; sales, 1,720,000 bushels futures, 400,000 bushels spot. Options opened dull, but steady, on foreign buying, and fears of lighter Northwest receipts. The market was later turned strong on export demand and the jump in corn, closing 3-4 to 7-8 net higher. March, 75 1-2 to 75 7-8, closed 75 7-8; May, 71 3-16 to 72, closed 72; Dec., 74 1-16 to 75 1-8; closed 74 7-8.

New York, Nov. 23.—Wheat—Receipts 380,175 bushels, exports 162,888 bushels, sales 1,655,000 bushels futures, 680,000 bushels spot. Spot steady. No. 2 red 78; No. 1 northern Duluth 76 3-4. Options opened steadier. The early market was governed by foreign and northwest buying, small spring wheat receipts and export developments, but a late break took place on realizing and final prices were 1-8 to 1-4 lower. March 75 5-8 to 76 1-2, closed 75 3-4; May 71 5-8 to 72 1-4, closed 71 7-8; Dec. 74 1-2 to 75 1-4, closed 74 5-8.

New York, Nov. 24.—Holiday.

New York, Nov. 25.—Wheat — Receipts 596,975 bushels, exports 283,722 bushels. Options opened steady in foreign buying, but ruled weak all day in face of big clearances and firm continental markets. The crowd was bearish and sold freely on good crop news, closed 3-8 to 5-8 lower. March 75 1-2 to 76 1-4, closed 75 1-2; May 71 7-16 to 71 7-8, closed 71 1-2; Dec. 74 1-16 to 74 13-16, closed 74 1-8.

New York, Saturday, Nov. 26.—December wheat closed at 73 5-8c and May at 71 1-4c.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—Dec. 63 3-8c; May 65 3-8c.

Tuesday—Dec. 64 1-8c; May 66c.

Wednesday—Dec. 63 7-8c; May 65 3-4

Thursday—Holiday.

Friday—Cash 67 1-2c; Dec. 63 7-8c; May 65 5-8c.

Saturday, Dec., 63c; May, 65 1-8c.

Cash No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 70 1-2c, and cash No. 1 northern at 66 3-4c.

A week ago December wheat closed at 63 1-4c.

A year ago December wheat closed at 90c, two years ago December option closed 80 3-4c, three years ago at 53 3-4c, four years ago at 59c, and five years ago at 60 1-2c.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Saturday, Nov. 26.—No. 1 northern wheat closed at 63 1-4c November and 62 3-8c for December. Cash No. 1 northern, 64c; cash No. 2 northern, 61 1-2c.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET

Chicago, Nov. 26.—Flax seed closed 99 1-2c for cash and 94c for December; May 98c.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

Noon—Money on call nominally at 2 to 2 1-2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 2 1-2 to 4 1-2 per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4.83 to 1-4 for demand and at \$4.82 to 1-4 for sixty days. Posted rates \$4.82 1-2 to \$4.83 and \$4.80 to 1-2. Commercial bills \$4.81 to 1-2. Silver certificates 60 1-2 to 61 1-2. Bar silver 60 3-16. Mexican dollars 46 7-8. Government bonds steady. State bonds inactive. Railroad bonds irregular.

— Madder contemplates opening in lumber at Douglas.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

Wheat closed at 69 1-2c for 1 hard spot Fort William. Sales were made earlier in the day at 70 to 70 1-2c.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT.

Liverpool, Nov. 26.—Wheat closed 1-8 to 1 1/4 lower.

LATE WESTERN BUSINESS ITEMS.

D. & W. Smith, butchers, have opened at McGregor.

Brown & Yellowlces are opening in hardware at Nette.

Friesen & Janzen, have opened a general store at Rosthern.

James Mundell, Ivory, Wolseley, advertises his business for sale.

Jos. Grenon & Son have sold their fish business at Winnipegosis.

J. W. Wolfe, general store, Gladstone, has sold out to T. R. Finklestein.

Mary Noield is starting a fancy goods business at Medicine Hat.

Alex Knowles, general store, Wapella, is selling out to J. Franks.

E. C. Flocks, restaurant, Whitewood, has sold out to Jas. G. Cummings.

T. L. Hubbs, general store, Indian Head, has sold out to E. J. Brooks & Co.

Geo. Clements, tailor, is adding men's furnishings to his business at Winnipeg.

Dowd & Besharah, have opened a dry goods and clothing store at Brandon.

A. G. Fox and C. G. Fawcett purpose opening a general store at Burnside, Man.

R. Johnston, harness dealer, Stonewall, is opening branches at Balmoral and Foxton.

The Briggs-Smith sawmill at Olds, Alberta, will be operated this winter by Smith & Sons.

S. B. Musselman, of Grenfell, has bought out the business of James Frank, general merchant at Hyde, Assinibola.

J. J. Holland, general merchant, Kamloops, B. C., has taken in his brother M. N. Holland as a partner.

The Dauphin railway is going to establish workshops at the town of Dauphin and machinery has already been ordered for their equipment.

A weighman named Battenhausen, employed at the Lake of the Woods Milling Co.'s elevator at Altona, Man., has been committed for the fraudulent issue of grain tickets. He issued tickets to a farmer for grain which had never been received, and it is supposed they divided up the booty between them.

British Columbia Markets.

Vancouver, Nov. 26, 1898.

The butter market is firming up. Choice creamery is held 1/2 to 1c higher at 23 to 24c, second quality goods is obtainable at 22 1/2c. Cheese is higher at 11 to 12c. Other commodities are the same as quoted last week. Business quieter.

Butter—Creamery, jobbers price, 23 @ 24c for choice; choice dairy, jobbers price, 16 @ 18c.

Eggs—Local, 50c; Eastern eggs, jobbers prices, 19c; Pickled eggs 19c.

Cheese—Ontario, 11 @ 12c, jobbers price.

Green Fruits—California lemons, \$4.50 @ 5 box; grapes, \$1.50 @ 1.60; pears, 60c @ 1.50 box; apples, 65c per 50 lb. box; Valencia oranges, \$3.25; Japanese oranges 65c.

Grain—Oats, 17.00 @ \$19.00 per ton; wheat, 23.00 @ \$25.00 per ton;

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.

Dry Goods—Colder weather has created an active demand for heavy winter goods this week. Stock taking is nearly completed and shows large gains over last year. Various lines of French and British dress fabrics have advanced 7 to 10 per cent. Hosiery has advanced sixpence per dozen on previous orders.

Hardware—Steady active, large shipments of goods have gone to the upper lakes. Drill bits are firmer in consequence of an advance in the States. Building paper is scarce. Metals are not so firm. Ingot tin is 2c dearer.

Groceries—Not as active as last week. California prunes are easier. Molasses 2c dearer at 32c, and 3c higher is predicted. Canned corn is strong at 95c to \$1.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Deliveries of grain are small and wheat prices too high for export business. There is a good milling demand for No. 1 hard, and the price is 1-2c easier. Dressed hogs have advanced 10c per cwt. Oats are 1c higher. Millfeed \$1 ton higher. Eggs 2c higher. Butter easy.

Flour—Manitoba patents, \$4.20; Manitoba bakers, \$3.90, Ontario straight roller, \$3.10 to \$3.15 per barrel in wood in car lots.

Wheat—Ontario red and white winter wheat, 69 to 70c for cars at try points, No. 1 hard, 80 1-2 to 81 1-2c, Toronto, No. 1 northern, 78 1-2 to 79 1-2c.

Oats—White, 26 to 27c for cars at country points.

Barley—No. 1 48 to 50c at country points; No. 2 45 to 46c.

Millfeed—Shorts, \$14 to \$15 per ton at country points. Bran, \$10 to \$12 per ton.

Oatmeal—\$3.50 in bags per barrel and \$3.60 in wood for car lots.

Eggs—Fresh, 16 to 18c, new laid, 19 to 20c.

Butter—Dairy, 11 1/2 to 13 1-2c; for choice fresh goods, medium grades, 10 to 12c, creamery, tubs, 18c to 18 1-2c; prints 19 to 20c.

Cheese—5 1-2c for choice late fall make.

Hides—No. 1 green, 5 1-2c; cured, 9 sheepskins and lambskins, 60 to 75c; calfskins 8 to 10c, tallow, 3 to 3 1-4c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 14 to 15c; unwashed, 9 to 10c.

Beans—75 cents to \$1 per bushel as to quality.

Dressed hogs—\$5.50 to \$5.65 per 100 pounds for car lots of mixed weights.

Dried apples—4 to 5c for round lots; evaporated 8 to 8 1-4c.

Honey—Round lots 6 to 7c.

Poultry—Turkeys, 5 to 8c; chickens 20 to 40c; geese, 4 to 5c.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Nov. 22.
At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 50 carloads, including 1,100 sheep and lambs and 2,300 hogs.

Export cattle business light. Prices quoted at \$3.60 to \$4.10. Butchers' cattle firm and choice scarce. The best sold at \$3.75 to \$4. Common cattle 2.50 to \$3 per 100 lbs. Firm at 10c advance, at \$3 to \$3.35 per 100 lbs. Lambs \$1 to \$4.25. Hogs in large supply and demand good, at \$1.38 for choice bacon, light \$4, heavy \$4.25, sows \$3 to \$3.25.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, Nov. 25.

Total offerings were 18 car loads, including 800 sheep and lambs, and 2,000 hogs.

Choice export cattle have advanced to 4 to 4 1-4c. Light bulls are 1-2c lower and stockers and feeders 1-4c lower than Tuesday's prices. Choice bacon hogs are 10c lower at \$1.25 per 100 lbs. Butchers' cattle same as Tuesday. Stockers sold at 2 1-2 to 3 1-4c and feeders at about 3 1-4c.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Nov. 26.
Business is steady and prices unchanged as follows: White lead, government standard, 5.62 1-2; No. 1, \$5.25, gray white lead in kegs, 5c, red lead in kegs, 4 1-2c, linseed oil, raw, 8 1/2 to 49c; boiled 51 to 52c, turpentine, 51 to 55c, bar iron, 1.40 to \$1.50; tin plates, 2.75 to \$2.90, 1. C. charcoal, 3.25 to \$3.75; Canada plates, 2.10 to \$2.15, tern plates, 5 95 to \$6 25 galvanized iron, 4 1-4 to 4 3-4c, lead, 3.75 to \$4, iron pipe 4 to 4 1-4c; putty in bulk, 1.65; in bladders, 1.80, ingot tin, 20c. Cement, English brands, 3.30 to \$3.40. Germany, 2.45 to \$2.55, and Belgium 1.85 to \$1.95 per barrel, ex-wharf. Rope, sisal 10 to 10 1-2c, Manila, 11 1-2 to 12 1-2c for 7-16 s.z. and larger.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Nov. 26.
Business in groceries is steady and prices unchanged. Further advances are looked for in sugar. Molasses is now quoted at 30c in car lots and the market is very strong in this line.

Quotations are: Granulated sugar, standard 4.50 per 100 lbs at refineries yellow \$3.75 to \$4.25; molasses 30c in car lots syrups 2 to 2 1-2c as to quality, Valencia raisins 4 3-4 to 5 1-2; Valencia raisins, 6 1-2c; currants, 5 1-8 to 6 1-2c, as to brand; coffee, Kio, 2c to 10c; Mocha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c; rice, Crystal Japan, 5 1-2 to 5 3-4c; standard B., 3 3-4 to 4c.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Nov. 26.
Since the close of the shipping season oats are lower in price. Flour is down 10c and the market is quiet. Feed is active and scarce. Hides are unchanged with a good demand from the States. Dairy butter has advanced 1-2c and creamery is also ruling 1-8c higher and firmer. Cheese is strong and steady. Poultry is active and steady, with no change in prices. Eggs firm.

Oats—No. 2 white 29 to 30c in store.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$4 to \$4.15, Manitoba patents \$4.30 to \$4.50.

Millfeed—Bran \$13.50 per ton; shorts \$14.50, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats \$1.70 to \$1.75 per bag.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 9c; No. 2, 8c; No. 3, 7c; calfskins, 8c to 10c; sheepskins, 40c to 50c; lamb-skins, 70c; tallow, 3 1-2 to 3 3-4c.

Eggs—15 to 16c per dozen.

Butter—Choice dairy, 14 1-2 to 15c, western dairy, 12 to 13c.

Butter—Creamery, in tubs, 17 3-4 to 18c, boxes 18 1-4c.

Cheese—Choice western, 9 1-4 to 9 1-2; eastern, 9 to 9 1-8c.

Beans—85c to 95c per bushel as to quality.

Dressed Poultry—Turkeys 8 1-2 to 9 1-2c, ducks, 7 1-2 to 8c; geese, 5 1-2 to 6 1-2c, chickens, 6 1-2 to 7 1-2c

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Nov. 22.
Receipts at the East End abattoir market yesterday were 600 cattle and 300 sheep and 500 lambs.

Offerings of both cattle and sheep were small and prices were firm. Choice cattle were scarce and sold 1-4c higher. The best cattle sold at 4 1-4c, and the general run at from 3 to 3c. The demand for stockers was fair on Buffalo account. Stocker bulls sold at 2c to 2 1-4c, heifers at 2 1-2 and steers at 3c per lb. Shipping sheep sold at 3c to 3 1-4c, and butchers' at 2 1-2 to 3c. Lambs firm at 2 3-4 to 4 1-2c.

The past week has been the largest one in live stock shipments this season, nineteen vessels having cleared, carrying 6,754 cattle and 4,088 sheep. This week will wind up the live stock export season for 1893, the last vessel being advertised to sail on Friday.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, Nov. 24.
Thursday being a holiday no business was done. Figures have been given out which show the season's exports to have decreased heavily from last year. The showing is: Cattle, 101,236 sheep, 34,991; horses, 5,872.

BRANCHING OUT.

The Rublee Fruit Co., Winnipeg, have added an important line to their business, and will hereafter carry a full stock of biscuits and confectionery. They have been appointed agents here for J. McLaughlan & Sons, of Owen Sound, Ontario, and have received their first consignment of the manufacture of this firm. The goods include all lines of biscuits, put up in wood and tin boxes, barrels and cartons. Also candies in great variety. Some of the lines of candies are very fine. Some city retailers have already taken trial orders of the goods, and declare themselves well satisfied with them. The manufacturers of Messrs. McLaughlan have not been regularly handled in the west before, so that they are practically a new line of goods in this market.

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