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WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 18, 1889.

THE Qu'Appelle *Progress* has celebrated its fifth birthday.

A DISCOVERY of iron ore is reported from Canmore, Alberta.

G. W. BIGGAR, confectioner, etc., Victoria, B. C., has sold out.

DR. STEEP, Selkirk, Man., has sold out to Dr. Grain, of Winnipeg.

GEORGE MITCHELL, fruits, etc., Winnipeg, has sold out to his brother, L. Mitchell.

THE Massey Company will put up a new warehouse for their agency at Carberry.

THE Massey Manufacturing Company will erect an implement warehouse at Regina.

J. G. CHALMERS, estate of general store, Moose Jaw, has been closed out by assignee.

NEARLY two tons of dressed poultry were shipped from Pilot Mound, Man., one day recently.

C. P. WOOLHOUSE and J. Bell have each opened in the butchering business at Fort Qu'Appelle.

E. F. HUTCHINGS, wholesale saddler, talks of erecting a solid four-story brick block in Winnipeg next spring.

VANCOUVER WINE Co., Vancouver, B. C., liquors and cigars, have sold out—possession to be given December 31.

RICKER & ELLIS, general storekeepers, Souris city, Man., have dissolved partnership. D. Ricker continues alone.

BLACKBURN & DIXON, storekeepers at Dunmore, Assa., have opened a butcher shop in connection with their business.

J. B. HENDERSON & Co., of Carberry, have opened a branch store at Austin, Man., with W. C. Riesberry in charge.

ROBERT HUNT, of Burnside, has secured the agency at McGregor, Man., for A. Harris, Son & Co. implements. A warehouse is being re-erected.

A GRANT, hardware, Calgary, has made arrangements to amalgamate his stock with that of Rogers & Co., hardware dealers, of the same place.

C. J. McCUSKER, blacksmith, Regina, has sold out to Gilbert Smith. McCusker will now devote his whole time to the implement business.

R. J. MITCHELL, grocer and butcher, Winnipeg, has sold out his grocery business and contemplates going into the cattle business exclusively.

HOLDEN & O'HERIN have opened a hotel at Strathclair, Man. There is a large traffic to the Lake Dauphin country from Strathclair, hence the hotel.

A MOVEMENT is on foot in the city says the *Sun* to form a joint stock company for the purpose of erecting a large summer hotel at either Keewatin or Rat Portage, Lake of the Woods.

F. G. La Penotiere, who has leased the Royal Hotel, Calgary, from Reilly, the late proprietor, has been connected with the house for years. The house is to be fitted with electric lights, electric bells, etc.

THE receipts of wheat at the Canadian Pacific Lake Superior elevators for the week ended November 9, were 180,624 bushels; the shipments were 137,397 bushels and the quantity in store on that date was 610,993 bushels.

THE Lethbridge *News* says: "The mines are now working full time and a larger force is kept employed than for some time previous. The effect of this is being felt by the merchants who report business brisk in all branches of trade."

THE plant of the late Emerson *International* is offered for sale. The plant, which is one of the best in Manitoba, is packed and ready for shipment at Emerson. If not sold within a few weeks, the outfit will be taken out of the country.

A. A. MACKENZIE, of Mackenzie & Mills, wholesale grocers, Winnipeg, is again able to be about. Mr. Mackenzie has been laid up with an attack of fever, which came at a very bad time, November being the busy month in the wholesale grocery trade.

THE Pilot Mound *Sentinel* says: "One of the finest lots of cattle ever shipped from this district was sent east recently by Baird Bros. Twenty animals averaged about 1,200 pounds each, and besides being of large size, they were in excellent condition. One pair of three year old steers weighed 2,800 pounds, and an exceedingly fat ox weighed about one ton."

J. H. GLASS, of Stevens, Glass & Clarke, manufacturers and wholesale dealers in boots and shoes, London, Ont., arrived in Winnipeg last week. Mr. Glass is behind most of the shoe travellers this season, owing to the heavy business his house has been doing, but nevertheless he expects to do a fair trade here. He will as usual work the country as far west as the Pacific coast, in the interest of his firm.

THE Calgary *Tribune* says: "J. B. H. Cochran has returned from England where he consolidated the Coal Creek Mine and the Calgary Lumber Company in one corporation, to be known as the Canada Northwest Coal and Lumber Syndicate (Limited), with a capital of

\$350,000. The company are going into developing the coal mines on an extensive scale, and hope to be putting out plenty of the dusky diamonds by Xmas.

R. S. WESBROOK, manager at Winnipeg for the Patterson & Bro. farm implement company, was made the recipient of a handsome present from his employees of the company here, one day last week. The present consisted of a Persian lamb coat, cap and gauntlets. With this outfit he will be able to smile in the face of Jack Frost, when the hoary north king undertakes to get in his five work this winter. Mr. Wesbrook is evidently popular, and deservedly so, with the employees of his company here.

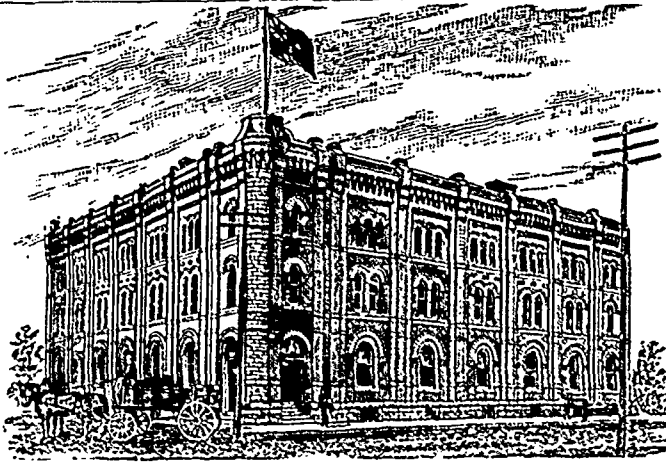
S. A. D. BERTRAND, official assignee, left Winnipeg last week on a trip to eastern Canada. He will interview wholesale merchants who do business in the west, in the interest of the proposed Manitoba and Northwest Insurance Bureau. The object of this undertaking is to secure information as to insurance carried by western retailers, etc., and also to induce retailers to avail themselves more fully of the advantages afforded by insurance. Mr. Bertrand is a gentleman possessing the full confidence of the trade here, where he has been long known, and it is hoped he will meet with a favorable reception in the east.

CITY dealers complain that oyster tubs are frequently returned without any accompanying invoice. When tubs are being returned from a number of persons every day, it is impossible to tell who are the senders, unless a notification is sent at the same time. Dealers frequently have drafts sent back refused, because credit has not been given for returned packages, when really the fault lies with the party who returned the tubs, in not having sent a notification to that effect. In returning packages of any sort, shippers should send an invoice at the same time, in order that they may be credited with the goods.

WORD has reached the city says the *Sun*, that the water-power plans submitted to the authorities at Ottawa by City Engineer Ruttan have been approved of. This includes the plan of the dam, canal, headgates, masonry and foundation in detail. The canal is thrown around some distance from the river, starting just above the dam, and is intended to carry the water at high line until it connects again with the river below the dam. It will now be in order for the private companies to make propositions to the council for going on with the work. There is a feeling against the city undertaking such a huge work.

THE first issue of *The Commonwealth*, the organ of the Equal Rights Association, has been received. The prospectus states that it is an independent journal, devoted to upholding the constitution and the integrity of the British empire, from which it may be inferred that in the opinion of the publishers, the constitution and the integrity of the empire is in danger. *The Commonwealth* will uphold the equal rights of all citizens and the freedom of religious opinion. It will oppose sectarian interference with the public schools; the granting of public money for sectarian institutions; tax exemptions to sects, etc., all of which are sound principles. It will also favor more complete integration of the British empire, while at the same time supporting a renewal of reciprocal relations with the United States.

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Eastern Business Changes. ONTARIO.

H. Warburton, contractor, Toronto, is dead.
A. T. Morrow, builder, Prescott, has assigned.
Geo. Easton, hotelkeeper, Belleville, has sold out.
T. A. Battram, tinware, Courtright, has sold out.
H. W. McCaw, Carding mill, Lotus, burnt out.
W. E. Allen, hotelkeeper, Toronto, has sold out.
G. C. Adams, grocer, Leamington, has sold out.
Wm. Grange, druggist, Newburgh, has sold out.
A. Ailen & Co., grocers, Peterboro, have sold out.
Dawson Bros., grocers, Toronto, have sold out.
J. S. Henderson & Co., wall papers, etc., Toronto, have assigned.
Wm. Schmidt, merchant, Waterloo, has assigned.
Eckhardt Stein, miller, Wellesley, has assigned.
W. J. McGuire, furniture, Midland, has assigned.
Neil McLachlin, shoes, Shedden, has assigned.
William Lee, manufacturer, St. Catharines, is away.
A. S. Smith, hotelkeeper, Hamilton, has sold out.
McFarlane Bros., grocers, Toronto, have sold out.
G. H. Tummonds, general store, Bervie, has assigned.
D. F. Ritchie & Son, grocers, Chesley, have assigned.
Sootheran & Co., dry goods, Lindsay, have assigned.
John Rowntree, butcher, Woodbridge, has assigned.
Stiles & Kent, general store Wingham, have dissolved.
Mr. E. Ward, general store, West Lorne, is leaving here.
Geo. Bell, builder and contractor, Toronto, has assigned.
D. O. Campbell, general store, Hepworth, has assigned.
F. Park, general store, N. Buxton, has moved to Fletcher.
D. O. Campbell, general store, Hepworth, has assigned.

A. J. Poplestone, carriage maker, Woodham, has assigned.
T. H. Bell, grocer, Alton, about to remove to Mono Mills.
Stewart & McGowan, hardware, Unbridge, have dissolved.
Pringle & Croston, soda water, Wingham, have dissolved.
Trim & McGregor general store, Harrow, have sold out.
Mrs. W. A. Lafferty, drugs, Perth, is offering compromise.
H. J. Dixon, jeweler, Essex Centre, has sold out and is away.
P. Laughran, general storekeeper, Algoma Mills, has assigned.
Wm. & James Feeney, lumber manufacturers, Madoc, have assigned.
Cyrille Caron, sash and door manufacturer, Renfrew, has assigned.
Howson & Bro., flour mill, Teeswater, burnt out; partially insured.
S. McCabe, sawmill, Lotus, Carding mill owned by him burnt out.
Schneider & Reid, general storekeepers, Mildmay, have dissolved.
Argue & Argue, general store, Carp, have had a meeting of creditors.
Chas. Davidson & Co., wholesale saddlery hardware, Toronto; C. Davidson is dead.
Tait, Burch & Co., wholesale dry goods, have dissolved, and business is to be wound up.
F. J. Lindeman, hotel and general store, West Lorne, has sold out his general store.
Mrs. B. Smith, dealer in shoes and confectionery, Dutton, closed out by creditors.
J. J. Anderson, saw mill, Wingham, is advertising to sell out; is removing to the North-west.
Daugherty & Fuller, sash and door factory, Leamington, have dissolved, and style now Daugherty & Ede.
The following were damaged by fire and water: Hamilton House Furnishing Company, Mrs. William Hover, tailor; Ontario Fancy Leather Goods Company; Watson, Holmes & Co., boot and shoe manufacturers; all of Hamilton.

QUEBEC.

F. J. Hebert, tailor, Granby, has assigned.
J. G. Davie, baker, Montreal, has assigned.
J. E. Asselin, grocer, Quebec, has assigned.
Joseph Donati, jeweler, Quebec, has assigned.
Forland & Co., turners, Montreal, have dissolved.
D. E. Dewar, general store, Aylmer, has assigned.

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Parker Bros., general store, Scotstown, have assigned.
Euclide Bernard, grain, Beloeil; demand of assignment.
John Reiplinger, hats and furs, Montreal, has assigned.
Michel Bertrand, groceries, etc., Varennes, has assigned.
Field Bros. & Co, commission, Montreal, have assign ...
J. P. Morin, general store, Stanhope; demand of assignment.
Andre Beaugard, general store, St. Hyacinthe, has assigned.
C. Guerin & Co., dry goods, Montreal; meeting of creditors called.
P. W. & E. Hout, gents' furnishings, Montreal, have assigned.
J. M. Barrotte, furniture and undertaker, Lachine, has assigned.
C. Morin & Co., general store, St. Guillaume; demand of assignment.
Scrifer Bros., general store, Hemmingford, is offering to compromise.
Hy. Newham, general store, Upper Thorne Centre, has compromised.
Phailias Faucher, general store, St. Francois Xavier de Brompton, has assigned.
Scotstown Chemical Pulp and Paper Co., Scotstown, are offering compromise.
A. Ansell, tobacco, Montreal; Mrs. E. C. Ansell has ceased doing business under this name.
J. Fisher & Co., wholesale woolens, Montreal, have admitted F. W. Fisher as a partner; style of firm unchanged.
John Smardon & Co., manufacturers of soaps, Montreal; J. L. Smardon has ceased doing business under this style.

NOVA SCOTIA.

C. F. Etter, general store, Mount Uniacke, has assigned.
P. F. Boudreau, general store, Amherst, has sold out, and is offering compromise of 25 p. c.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

H. R. McLardy, groceries, Woodstock; business closed.
C. S. Shaw & Co., saw mill, Campbellton, have dissolved.
W. F. Allan, teas, St. John, is reported to have left the country.
McSweeney Bros., dry goods, Moncton, are offering compromise of 25% on \$,

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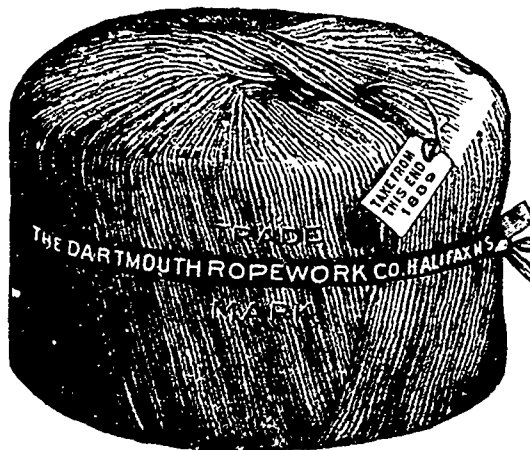
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WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 18, 1890.

LAKE WINNIPEG LUMBER

Lake Winnipeg lumber has suffered a good deal this season from the competition of cheap stuff imported from Minnesota. Previous to the opening of railway competition to the south, Lake Winnipeg has been the principal source of supply for the cheaper qualities of lumber used in Manitoba, while the better grades have come from the Lake of the Woods mills. The country tributary to the latter mills furnishes pine timber, while the Lake Winnipeg district is a spruce country. The imported Minnesota lumber which has been coming in so freely this season, has cut off a good deal of the demand for Lake Winnipeg spruce lumber. A good deal of the imported stuff has been of the cheaper qualities, and it has therefore come more directly into competition with spruce lumber than with the better qualities of pine from the Lake of the Woods mills.

The importation of cheap Minnesota lumber is of course due to the opening of railway competition to the south by the entrance into the province of the Northern Pacific railway. This railway reaches the lumber centres of northern Minnesota, and is thus enabled to give low through rates direct from the place of manufacture to points on its connecting lines in Manitoba. The imported lumber has been confined a good deal to the cheaper grades, owing to the *ad valorem* duty to which it is subject. This duty is 20 per cent. on lumber imported as it comes from the saw, while 25 per cent. duty is placed on all lumber which has been surfaced or finished in any way whatever.

While the local lumbering industry will be affected adversely by the importation of material, yet the consumers will be benefitted thereby. Indeed, the removal of the present duty on lumber, though opposed to the interest of the manufacturers, would be in the interest of the people at large. Cheap lumber is a very desirable thing for any country, and especially a new prairie country like Manitoba. The tax of 20 to 25 per cent. which the settler pays upon his house, barns, etc., could therefore be well dispensed with.

The Lake Winnipeg lumber manufacturers complain of the high freight rates. The lumber is brought to Selkirk by boat, and thence distributed by the Canadian Pacific railway to points in the province. The rate from Selkirk to Winnipeg, a distance of twenty three miles, is about \$2 per thousand feet, which seems a pretty stiff figure. Since the competition has begun with imported lumber, the burden of high freight rates has been felt more keenly, and the dealers are calling for lower rates. At present it seems that if the trade is to be kept up, some reduction in rates must be made.

The cut of lumber on Lake Winnipeg the past season is estimated at about five and three-quarter million feet, or about two million feet under last year. This is a small cut when it is stated that there are seven saw mills on the lake. These mills, however, are of small capacity each, though they could probably cut two

or three times as much lumber as was turned out this season, were they operated full capacity.

What is required for the development of the Lake Winnipeg lumber industry under the most favorable conditions, is the improvement of navigation in the Red river between Winnipeg and Selkirk, so that the lumber could be landed in Winnipeg by boat direct from the mills. There is quite a large fleet of boats on the lake, engaged in the lumber and other traffic. Some of the lumbermen own their own boats, and they claim that they could deliver the product of the mills at Winnipeg practically as cheaply as they now can deliver at Selkirk, were the necessary improvements made to the navigation of the river. This would mean a saving of nearly \$2 per thousand feet in the cost of landing lumber at Winnipeg from the mill's on the lake.

It is estimated that \$200,000 would be an amount sufficient to cover the cost of carrying out such improvements as would be necessary to render the Red river navigable during low water, between Winnipeg and Selkirk. This is a very small sum in proportion to the great good which would result from the carrying out of the work. The lumber trade is not the only line which would be greatly benefitted thereby, for the reduction in carrying charges would apply to all traffic between the city and the lake country. At present the cost of carrying goods by rail to or from Winnipeg to Selkirk, a distance of twenty-three miles, is nearly equal to the cost of conveying merchandise from Selkirk to points all over the lake, which is about 350 miles long. If this Lake Winnipeg merchandise could be loaded on boats at Winnipeg, or brought direct to Winnipeg by boat from the lake, the cost of carrying the few miles between Winnipeg and Selkirk would be practically nothing, while the railway freight between Winnipeg and Selkirk by the present route and cost of transshipping at Selkirk would be saved. On lumber we have seen the saving would be about \$2 per thousand feet, and this does not include the cost of transshipping at Selkirk, which would also be saved, and which must amount to considerable on bulky goods. A large trade could also be done between Winnipeg and the lake in cordwood, on which a saving of about \$1.50 per cord could be made, in freight and transshipping charges. In a country where fuel is dear, this saving on cordwood would be an important item. Ties for railway purposes could also be taken out to great advantage. These are only a few of the points in favor of the opening of navigation between Winnipeg and Selkirk. But the statement that the lake has a coast line of about 1,000 miles, with navigable rivers tributary to it furnishing a further coast line of over 2,000 miles, would seem to be alone sufficient to show the necessity for opening direct communication with the lake, especially when it can be done at such a trifling cost.

INCREASING PRODUCTION.

The business done in shipping cattle from Manitoba this year has been an agreeable surprise to many, especially, as previously stated in these columns, because it shows the progress made in mixed farming. But cattle shipments

alone are not the only encouraging features in the same direction. In sheep raising the result of the season has shown that the country is making good progress. Manitoba has not yet become a sheep-exporting country, but she has become nearly self supporting in this important item. This indeed is something, for before we can export an article, we must become self supporting in that commodity. The indications are that the list of exports from this country will in a short time include sheep and mutton.

Heretofore a large number of sheep have been imported annually into Manitoba, principally from Montana, for local consumption in Winnipeg and other parts of the country. These importations have been gradually decreasing, and this year have been reduced to a small number. Arrivals of sheep in the Winnipeg market from outside sources this year have only amounted to about 2,600, and nearly one half of these are yet on hand. This number includes about 600 sheep from western ranches at Maple Creek and Medicine Hat, in Canadian territory, the balance coming from Montana. Though consumption must have been greater this year than last, owing to increase in population, etc., yet importations have only been about half what they were last year. Formerly dressed mutton was shipped to some extent from Winnipeg to outside towns in the country. Now country towns are supplied by farmers in their vicinity, and a good deal of home country mutton is also marketed in this city. This accounts for the falling off in imports. Next year imports of foreign sheep will probably cease entirely, and one year from now Manitoba will no doubt have sheep and mutton for export.

Receipts of home grown poultry in the Winnipeg market also show considerable increase this year, though it is early yet to tell how the supply may be for the winter. Heretofore car loads of turkeys, geese and duck have been imported from Ontario or the States every winter, to supply the local demand. This year so far the market has been well supplied with all varieties of native poultry, and it is hoped the home supply will be nearly equal to the demand. Turkeys, geese, etc., have always brought a good price in this market, and there should be big money for our farmers in raising these birds. Turkeys seldom bring under twelve cents per pound in this market, and from that up to eighteen cents in the early fall. At these prices there should be a wide margin for profit.

THE EMERSON BRANCH.

The announcement has been made by the Canadian Pacific railway management here that the Emerson branch will be closed as soon as severe winter weather sets in. Notice has been given grain men doing business on this branch, that the line will be closed, and that they had better endeavor to get all grain out by the close of the present month. If this intention of the company is carried out, as it doubtless will be, unless some powerful influence intervenes, a great injustice will be done the people residing along this railway. In the interests of this part of Manitoba, a strong protest should be made against the closing of the road. The Emerson branch is the oldest piece of railway in Manitoba. This road was completed from Winnipeg to the boundary at Emerson in 1880, where

it was connected with the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba railway which had been built northward through Minnesota, thus giving Manitoba its first railway connection with the outside world. The Emerson branch was built by the Dominion Government as a public work, and was handed over to the Canadian Pacific company, together with other government railway work in the west, on the formation of the company mentioned. The Emerson branch, like other portions of the Canadian Pacific company's property, did not cost its owners a cent for construction. In addition, the company was given a large bonus of cash and land to induce it to take hold of the enterprise. It must be borne in mind that this wealth was handed over to the company on the understanding that the road would probably not be a paying speculation at first and that therefore the company was given a substantial consideration in order that it should operate the road whether it paid or not. The company may claim that the Emerson branch does not pay operating expenses, but the company has received a large bonus for operating portions of its road which might not pay from the commencement, and it should therefore continue to operate this branch whether it pays or not. When the construction of the transcontinental railway was first undertaken, it was supposed that it would be a long time before the road would pay operating expenses. But the company claims that the road has paid almost from the start. Now, if the long main line of the road is paying so well, the large bonus which the company has received for operating the road, under the belief that it would not pay for many years, has been misapplied. Surely, in view of these facts, the company can well afford to operate this short Emerson branch, even if it does not give very big returns.

It should also be considered, that if the road does not pay, it is owing to the fact that the company has built another parallel line which now takes the through traffic formerly brought over the Emerson branch. This was done with the knowledge that it would depreciate the value of its Emerson branch. For some time past the service on the Emerson branch has been very poor, and has amounted to little more than a pretence of keeping the road open. It is to be hoped the people of Manitoba as a whole will protest strongly against this proposed injustice to the settlers who have located in the country tributary to this railway. By the closing of the railway they will be cut off from their accustomed markets, and will be put to great inconvenience and loss. This is a matter which might well be considered by the board of trade, municipal councils and other bodies which could give an influential expression of opinion on the question.

IMPROVING OUR DAIRY PRODUCTS.

It is to be hoped our local Government will not be slow in acting upon the resolution passed by the Manitoba Dairy Association, relating to the appointment of an inspector. It is universally acknowledged that Manitoba has a great future as a dairy country, but unless a first-class product is turned out, it will matter little what our natural advantages are in the line of dairying. Dairy products, above all

others, require to be of good quality, and poor qualities are a drug in every market. What our people want is education, in order that only choice goods may be turned out from our dairies. The Government can do a great deal by taking hold of the matter in earnest, with the object of educating the people in proper modes of carrying on their dairy work.

There is vast room for improvement in the quality of a large portion of the butter reaching our markets. While looking to the creamery system as an important factor in the revolution of the butter industry, yet the fact should not be lost sight of that it is also necessary to educate farmers' wives in the art of making good butter in their private dairies. It will be a long time before creamery butter can entirely supplant the present home made article. It is therefore necessary to endeavor to induce private makers to turn out good butter. The distribution of literature and the appointment of a lecturer to go among the farmers, would be means to accomplish this end. An exchange, in discussing this subject, says:—

"A Miss Lehane has acquired the name of 'the peripatetic dairymaid,' because she has travelled through Ireland showing the peasants how to make butter. Some of the good women rather resented the suggestion that their butter was capable of improvement; but when they found under her instruction butter was churned in half an hour instead of four hours and a half, and sold for three pence more than 'the top of the market,' their hearts softened."

Some work of this nature might also be advantageous in Manitoba. The matter is a difficult one to handle no doubt, but the importance of the question is such that it is worth while making an effort to attain the desired end.

WITHOUT A GRIEVANCE!

The Governor of this Dominion, during his present visit to Western Canada, has been the recipient of many addresses from a variety of sources. Municipal councils, social, religious, educational and even trade organizations have presented the inevitable address, both in season and out of season, whenever the opportunity offered. Bands of citizens have also frequently presented their respects in the form of addresses, where the necessary organizations to take the initiative were lacking. Many of these addresses no doubt gave expression to the disadvantages or grievances, imaginary or real, under which the people presenting them labored. Here in the West we have had a good many grievances against the regulations provided for the government of the country by our Ottawa rulers, and when any of these functionaries have visited our part of the country, it has been the custom to waylay them at every opportunity with a statement of our grievances. This has been the natural outcome of the manner in which this country has been ruled by the Dominion. Western Canada until recently had no representative in the Government, and our affairs were administered by eastern people who were not acquainted with the requirements of the country. Hence, when any of these high officials came west, it was but natural that the people should undertake to give them a little instruction, free gratis, in the requirements of the country. To accomplish this end, the presentation of an address has usually been reported to.

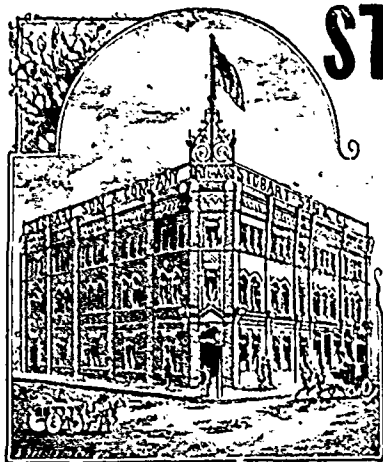
The addresses to the Governor would not partake so much of the grievance idea as those presented to Ministers and other officials, but still in some cases this feature has been brought forward. A motto which welcomed the Governor at Vancouver would therefore be a happy relief from the usual order of things. The Leland hotel at that place bore the suggestive inscription: "A happy people, without a grievance." If this motto correctly conveys the state of public feeling at Vancouver, it speaks more than could be said in whole volumes of

addresses. Just think of it. A section of Western Canada, or any other country, without a grievance! Vancouver must indeed be a happy place; though here in Manitoba we have been so used to having grievances against our Dominion rulers that some might be unhappy without something of this nature to contend with, just from force of education. Vancouver, however, must be the favored spot of all Western Canada. Just across the strait, in Victoria, they have several good sized grievances, some of which were aired during the recent visit of the Governor. However, it is to be hoped that the motto is true to the state of public feeling in Vancouver, and that this condition may spread throughout all Western Canada.

MIXING WHEAT.

The question of mixing wheat is one which has caused considerable discussion in Dakota. Certain papers of that state have been clamoring for a line of elevators to handle Dakota wheat exclusively, in order that it might be exported in its original purity, the idea being that the farmers have not received full value for their grain on account of the mixing process to which it is subjected. An effort was made about a year ago to establish an elevator company to export Dakota wheat, but the scheme eventually collapsed. Now another move is to make of a somewhat similar nature, but this time it is the flour manufactured from pure Dakota wheat, instead of the wheat itself, which is to be shipped. The present scheme is to form an association of millers to work together in shipping flour. At a meeting held in Fargo recently, the North Dakota Millers' Association was formed, for the purposes stated. A representative of the association will be sent to London, England, where it is proposed to establish a permanent agency. Flour from the different mills connected with the association will be shipped to the London agency, where it will be placed upon the market as the genuine Dakota article.

The outcome of this scheme of the Dakota millers will be watched with some interest. That it will prove successful is not fully assured, and there will certainly be many disadvantages to contend with in an enterprise of this nature. In the first place, the association is made up of a number of persons or firms owning mills in different parts of the state. These millers will all send their flour to the agent of the association. Here there is room for jealousy and dissatisfaction between the different millers, who may imagine that their flour is not handled to as good advantage as the product of some other mill in the association. The Dakota association, composed as it is of a number of comparatively small milling concerns, with diverse interests, will still have to compete with the great Minneapolis mills under thoroughly organized individual management. Again, notwithstanding the great talk of pure Dakota wheat, it is very doubtful if the united Dakota millers will be able to place a better article of flour on the market than is now sent out by the Minneapolis mills. Then, when the price which they will realize in comparison with the cost of manufacture is taken into consideration, they will undoubtedly still be at a disadvantage in competition with the large Flour City mills. Any individual miller of firm of millers can consign flour to a commission house in London and have it placed on the market there, probably to as good advantage as can be done by the special agent of the united millers of Dakota. Therefore there is really nothing to prevent the placing of pure Dakota or pure Manitoba flour in British markets. If the product of Dakota wheat reaches London now mainly mixed with the flour of other wheats, it is because it pays better to ship in that way; and if it pays better to mix the wheats for grinding, it seems reasonable to suppose that a better price can be paid for hard wheat for mixing purposes than could be paid for the grain for grinding in its pure state. So far as prices to the grower are concerned, this matter of mixing wheat is evidently a good deal of a scare or



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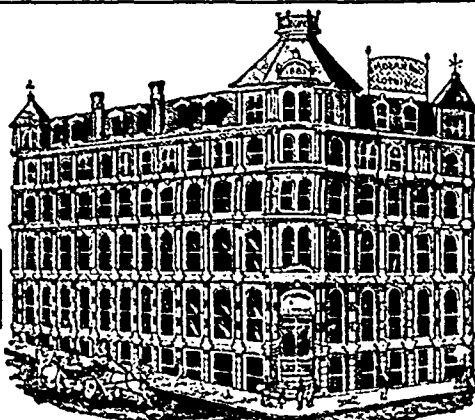
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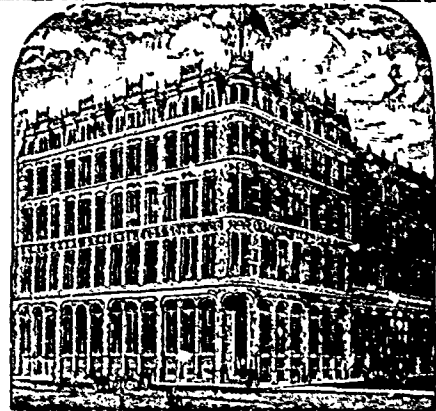
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WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

There is no improvement to note in commercial collections. Wholesale dealers continue to complain of great slowness in this feature of business, and the outlook does not seem to indicate any early improvement. Some dealers state that this is the closest season for payments which they have had for many years; indeed, since their business experience began here. Since the commencement of the grain movement, probably not less than \$1,500,000 has been paid out to the farmers, but the effect has hardly been apparent in general trade circles.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

Business in textile lines is reported to be dull, especially in the clothing branch. Weather influences affect business a great deal in clothing, but last week's weather should have been cold enough to cause active buying. In fancy lines business has been brisker. Grocery trade is active, November being one of the best months in the year in this branch. Dried fruits have been in good request. Sugars bought at the start of the recent decline, are reported to have been selling at a loss in this market.

DRIED FRUITS.

New California London layer raisins are in the market. At Toronto dealers are offering dried apples in car lots at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6c, and small lots at 6 to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Evaporated sold at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for old, with new quoted up to 10c. Quotations here are: California London layer raisins, \$3.25 per box; Valencia raisins, \$2.50 box; new currants, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c pound; dried apples 7c to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per pound, evaporated apples, 9c; Figs in 10 lb. boxes, per lb., 15c; choice new season figs 18c lb; Fancy Elme layer figs, 23 lb boxes, 25c lb; figs in 1 lb. cartoons, per doz., \$1.75; Golden dates, in 50 lb. boxes, per lb., 9c; California evaporated fruit—apricots, per lb., 18c; fancy peeled peaches, per lb., 24c; pitted plums, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; French prunes, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb; Nectarines 18c.

FISH AND OYSTERS.

Oysters in bulk have declined 25c per gallon; cans unchanged. Quotations are: \$2.25 per gallon for standards and \$2.50 for selects, for good stock. Cans are quoted at 55c for standard, 60c for selects, and 65c for extras. Fresh Lake Winnipeg white fish hold at 8c. and trout at 9c. per pound. Finnen haddies are offering at 11c. per pound. Yarmouth bloaters smoked, per box of 100 fish, \$3.

GREEN FRUITS.

Apples hold steady and firm at quotations. The Toronto *Empire* says of the apple market at that place: "The most of the activity at present exhibited in the market for apples is in an export way; Receipts from farmers around the city are small, although what they bring in find a ready sale, on account of the loose apples selling cheaper than the packed fruit. Indeed wholesalers are so firm in their ideas and figures that retailers prefer to buy on the open market, where they can get what they require all the way from \$2.25 to \$3 per barrel. However, it appears probable that the supply from farmers will soon entirely cease, when the consumptive demand will have to be supplied from wholesale merchants and commission men's stores. The price being paid for packed winter stock, good, is from \$3 to \$3.50 per barrel. Wholesale dealers are well supplied, but evince no dispo-

sition to push sales, seemingly being quite content to wait for the highest prices which they expect to come as the winter advances. Among the large stocks at present held in the city there is a considerable quantity of Michigan fruit, which has been bought at \$2.40 to \$3 per barrel. Exporters are actively engaged in shipping both United States and Canadian fruit to the Old Country, where the condition of the market is very favorable. Canadian apples have been bringing from 1s to 5s more per barrel in British markets than United States apples." In the local market there is nothing new in, but Florida oranges are on the road, and will arrive in a few days. Jamaica oranges in barrels are about out of the market, but are to be had in boxes. Catawba grapes are nearly done. Concord are still to be had. Lemons, \$7.25 to \$7.50 per box; Jamaica oranges \$6.50 do., per bbl., \$12; southern apples, \$4.00 to \$4.25, choice to fancy eastern apples, \$4.50 to \$5.00 per barrel; California pears, \$4.50 per box; Catawba grapes, 80 to 90c basket of 10 lbs.; Concord grapes, 85c, basket of 10 lbs; Almeria grapes, \$8 to \$8.50 per keg; choice Cape Cod cranberries, \$10.25 to \$10.50 per barrel; Bell & Cherry cranberries, \$10 per barrel; onions—Southern, \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; Spanish onions, \$1.35 crate; Cider, per gal., 35c; comb honey, in 14 lb. boxes, 25a per pound.

GROCERIES.

Sugars appear to have reached the bottom at last. Beet in Europe is firm. Yellows have taken a fractional up turn in eastern Canada markets. It is now thought that a fair buying demand would again start prices on the upward movement. Quotations here are as follows:—Sugars, yellows, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, as to quality; granulated, 9c; lumps, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$. Coffees—Rios, from 22 to 25c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 28 to 50c. T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 47 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c. McAlpine Tobacco Co's plug tobacco: Old Crow, 47c; Woodcock, 52c; Beaver, 63c; Jubilee, 60c; Anchor, 59c; cut tobacco: Silver Ash, 65c; Cut Cavendish, 70c; Senator 80c; Standard Kentucky, light, 85c; do dark, 80c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40, Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

Local prices hold strong, but there are no further advances to report this week. The speculative "boom" in iron at Glasgow is said to have collapsed, and this will no doubt have some effect on prices for the commodity, though the actual situation is still strong. The speculative features of the iron situation appear to have been carried to great extremes, hence the collapse. A cable from Glasgow dated Nov. 15 says: "The boom in iron in this market has collapsed entirely. Overloading on the part of the bulls was the cause. Warrants have fallen thirteen shillings, Middlesborough eighteen shillings and Heaitie fourteen shillings." Quotations here are as follows: Cut nails, 10d, and upwards, \$3.40; I. C. tin plates, \$6 to \$6.50 as to grade; I. C. tin plates double, \$11.50 to \$12.00; Canada plates, \$4. to \$4.15;

sheet iron, \$4.00 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, not pieces. 1 inch, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, 17c; 2 inch, 26c per foot; ingot tin, 32c per lb.; bar tin, 33c per pound; sheet zinc, 8c per lb.; galvanized iron, 28 gauge, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 9c lb; bar iron, \$3.60 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 $\frac{3}{4}$; per lb.; tarred felt \$2.40 to \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c nett.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Business is rather quiet, though fair for the season. A good movement has been experienced in glass. Linseed oils are quotable lower per gallon. Turpentine in barrels, inscribed gages, 80c per gallon; turpentine, in barrels, guaranteed measurement, or in 5 gallon cans, 85c gallon; linseed oil in barrels, raw 72c; boiled 75c; benzine and gasoline, 50c; pure oxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar \$6 a barrel; Portland cement, \$4.75 a barrel; Michigan plaster, \$3.40 a barrel, putty, in bladders, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c a pound, bulk in barrels, 3c; whitening in barrels, \$1.50 a cwt; Crown pure white lead, \$7.50; Royal Charter, \$7.00; Railroad, \$6.50; Alabastine, \$7.50 per case of 20 packages. Window Glass, first break, \$2.10 to 2.20.

HIDES AND SKINS.

For heavy steers, city butchers, as high as 5c per pound is still being paid. Prices for hides all around are relatively higher here than in eastern markets, and therefore the tendency is easy. Buff hides at Toronto have sold at 5c per pound. In this market quotations are unchanged, though country hides are not wanted except at under quotations. Prices here are as follows: Hides, Winnipeg inspected No. 1, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; No. 2, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; No. 3, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb. Calf, 7 to 13 lb. skins are quoted at 5c. for No. 1 and 4c. for No. 2. Deacon skins, 10 to 20c each, the lower price for cut skins. Sheep and lambskins are worth about 60c each for fresh killed skins. Tallow quoted: rough, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3c. rendered 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 5c.

GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT

Last week the course of wheat prices in leading American markets was fairly strong, and prices had a rather steady, though by no means rapid, upward movement, the advance being about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for the week up to Friday last. The visible supply statement on Monday last showed an increase of 1,129,710 bushels for the previous week, making the total on Nov. 9, 26,842,238 bushels against 31,340,694 bushels a year ago. Stocks at winter wheat points are steadily melting away, and the last statement shows decreases all around. The movement of northern spring wheat continues very large in spite of the predictions that it must soon show a large falling off. On Tuesday a piece of bullish news was the Beerbohm cable to the effect that official preliminary estimates made the Russian crop 91,000,000 bushels less than last year, and the Russian rye crop 95,000,000 bushels short. Comparisons made it appear that in spite of this apparent enormous shortage the crop of 207,000,000 bushels was only 19,000,000 bushels less than the average Russian crop for seven years. Daily returns showed the export trade from the Atlantic seaboard to be improving some. Clearances on Wednesday were 345,000 bushels, including flour, reduced to its equivalent of wheat.

Duluth and Minneapolis received over 1,000 cars of wheat between them on Wednesday, and 865 cars came to hand on Thursday, which shows that the movement is not falling off as was expected. Total receipts of spring wheat at leading points in the United States since the commencement of the crop year have been 43,477,000 bushels, against 31,305,000 bushels to the same date a year ago. Receipts of winter wheat on this crop have amounted to 19,930,000 bushels against 24,238,000 bushels a year ago. Receipts this year to date of winter and spring wheat are, therefore, nearly 8,000,000 bushels greater than for the same time last year.

Prices to farmers at country points rough Manitoba have not shown much change, and 60c per bushel for best samples is still the ruling figure in most country markets. Three quarters of the markets, including all the principal points, are quoted at 60c. At some smaller markets a difference of a few cents over or under this price is paid, as competition or other local features may affect prices. Since the season commenced about 2,000,000 bushels of wheat have moved eastward from Winnipeg, and this has been nearly all taken by the lake route to eastern points. The quantity of wheat held in country elevators here is light, as grain men have been shoving the stuff forward as fast as marketed, in order to get it out by the lakes before the close of navigation. The movement eastward is now lighter. Further shipments cannot now be made for carriage by the lakes, and so grain men will allow their country elevators to fill up. Speculation is now taken up with estimating the quantity of wheat remaining in farmers' hands for marketing. This, however, is an unknown quantity, and estimates differ so widely that it is useless to repeat them. One thing however, may be noted, that receipts of wheat at country points have not increased as expected since the frost stopped plowing. This would indicate that the quantity held in first hands is within the limit of outside estimates.

FLOUR.

There has been no further change in flour and quotations are steady. Prices here are as follows per 100 pounds to the local trade: Patents, \$2.45; strong bakers, \$2.25; second bakers, \$1.70; XXXX, \$1.30; superfine, \$1.10; Graham flour, \$2.25; middlings, \$2.45 per 100 pounds.

MILKSTUFFS AND FEED.

Bran is still held at \$12 and shorts at \$14 per ton, with the demand good. Imported ground feed, mixed corn and oats, is selling at \$25 per ton.

OATS.

There is very little local stuff coming in, and sales in the city are nearly all imported. These are made at 45c per bushel in wholesale lots, delivered about the city. Dealers say there is no money in oats at this price, as they only have from 2 to 3c margin, which will only about cover cost of handling.

MEALS, POT BARLEY, ETC.

Prices are steady at last quotations, and are as follows: Standard, \$2.40; granulated, \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; rolled oats, \$2.40 per sack of 80 lbs. Cornmeal is held at \$1.65 per 100 lbs.; pot barley, \$2.75, and pearl barley, \$3.25 per 100 lbs.

BUTTER.

The butter market is rather dull. There is very little outside demand, shipping trade being over for the season for western points, and the local demand is always light. Prices are easier, and though quotations are given at 18 to 20c, the lower price is nearer the basis of actual sales, except an occasional very

small lot of extra choice, which may bring outside figures. These prices are for good to choice dairy. Some rolls are offering and bring about the same prices. Sales are more difficult to make at top prices, and dealers will not generally miss a good sale at inside figures.

CHEESE.

This commodity is very strong in tone here. Though it has been repeated in these columns several times that the Manitoba make would be short this year, it is now turning out that the home make is even shorter than was expected. A number of local dealers who put off securing their winter stocks, are now unable to obtain any, factories being sold out. Other dealers who bought earlier shipped out the bulk of their stocks at lower prices than they could now easily obtain, and they cannot replenish. As a consequence of the local scarcity imports of cheese have been made from Ontario. Jobbing prices here have advanced, and are now quoted strong at 12 to 12½c per pound. In Ontario the situation in cheese has not materially changed. Late reports of sales at factories there show prices to range from 10 to 10½c. The Belleville district has been cleaned out of choice late cheese at 10½ to 10¾c. Montreal quotes 9½ to 10c for finest August and 10½ to 10¾c for finest September, with other stock obtainable down to 9½c per pound. Toronto quotes 10 to 11c as to quality.

EGGS.

Limed are held at 20c per dozen with an upward tendency. Latest sales of candled fresh made at about 24c. Few fresh now obtainable.

CURED MEATS.

There is an easier tendency in meats, and sales have been made at lower prices nearly all around. Hams have been sold as low as 12½c, but this is an inside figure. Prices are as follows: Dry salt, 9 to 9½c; spiced rolls, 11c to 11½c; breakfast bacon, 13; hams, 12½ to 14c per pound; bologna sausage, 7c per pound; fresh pork sausage, 8c per pound; pickled pigs feet, \$1.50 per kit of about 20 lbs.; dried beef, 12½c per lb.

LARD.

Lard is held in 20 pound pails at \$2 per pail. Three pound tins 40c each.

DRESSED MEATS.

Dressed meats are quoted at the same prices all around. Beef will have an easy tendency if the cold weather brings in large receipts of country dressed, but choice beef is expected to hold its own. Pork is not materially changed, but the demand for heavy hogs is dull. Packers pay from 6 to 6½ for good average hogs, and butchers sometimes pay up to 6½ for choice hogs. Packers do not care to take many heavy hogs, as these are only suitable for dry salt curing, which can be imported at very low prices. The tendency for heavy hogs is to rule under 6c. Prices are: Beef sides or carcasses, 4½ to 5c per pound as to quality; dressed hogs, 6 to 6½c; mutton, 8c; lamb, 8 to 9c; veal, 5 to 6c.

DRESSED POULTRY AND GAME.

Prices are easier all around. Spring chickens will sometimes bring up to 12½c. Offerings of all sorts are liberal. Turkey, ducks, geese and chickens may be quoted at 10 to 12½c per pound all around, as to quality. Top prices, however, can hardly now be realized, and for ordinary lots, 10 to 11c is nearer the mark. Choice turkeys, however, have brought 12c. Not much game offering. Wild ducks about done. A few rabbits are coming in, and worth 5 to 6c each. Some moose, elk and deer offering.

LIVE STOCK.

There is very little doing in live stock here. Cattle cannot be quoted at above 2½c, for good animals, though for a fine animal for Christmas beef better prices could be realized. Butchers, however, are now pretty well supplied with animals for their Christmas trade. Cables last week reported British markets steady and without much, if any, improvement, best Canadian steers being quoted at 11½c, good at 11c,

and poor at 10c, with inferior as low as 7½c per pound. At Montreal good animals for local use brought 3 to 3½c.

SENACA ROOT.

Quoted at 27 to 28c per pound.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes hold firm. Some car lots have been brought in from the south, but they cannot be sold under 70c per bushel, which is about the value on the market here for loads. Quotations are as follows: Carrots \$1; parsnips \$1 to \$1.25 per bushel, beets, 90c per bushel, turnips 60c per bushel, onions \$1.50 per bushel, cabbage 50c to \$1.25 per dozen as to quality, celery 25 to 40c per dozen, Hubbard squash, \$1.50 per dozen, pumpkins, \$1.50 to \$1.75 per dozen, citron, \$1.50 per dozen; sweet potatoes, 5c lb., or \$6.50 per barrel.

Prices in British Columbia.

A number of Victoria speculators have been buying up all the potatoes, and have succeeded in raising the price \$5 a ton. Most of the fruits are over for the season; there were a few grapes this week but they will be about the last for this season. The price of butter is steady and good prices are always obtainable for a good article. In the fish market all the small kinds are scarce, but a good many trout are coming in and a few salmon. All the real estate dealers report a good business, with advances in the price of Mount Pleasant property. The lumber business is good.—Vancouver News.

Following were jobbing prices at Vancouver last week: Flour—Manitoba patents, \$5.65 per bbl.; Manitoba bakers', \$5.35; Oregon family, \$5.10; Columbia Milling Co. Premier, \$5.80. Oatmeal—Standard, 98 lb. sacks \$3, granulated \$3.12½, rolled, \$3.50. Vegetables—Potatoes, \$25 per ton; cabbage, \$45; carrots, \$20; parsnips, \$20; onions, \$25 to \$30; beets, \$20; turnips, \$15 to \$20; sweet potatoes, \$6 per cwt. Feed—Bran, \$24 a ton; shorts, \$25; chopped alfalfa, \$32; oats, \$30 a ton; wheat, \$35. Hay, \$16. Dairy—Fresh laid eggs, per doz., 35c; case eggs, 23½c to 25c; butter, dairy, 20 to 25c; creamery, 27½c, fresh prints, 30c, fresh rolls, 26c. Cheese, 20c; Limburger, 40c; German cream cheese, per lb., 40c., Swiss cheese, per lb., 40c; Spring chickens, \$5 to \$7 per doz; old fowl, \$11 to \$12; geese, each, \$1.50; ducks, \$6 to \$9 per doz; turkeys, \$2.40 to \$3 each. Fruits—lemons, \$7 to \$9; bananas, \$4 to \$6; apples, \$1.25 to \$1.75 per box; tomatoes, \$1.00 to \$1.25 per box; grapes, 15c per lb.; \$2 to \$2.50 per box; Bartlett pears, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per box; green peppers, 15c per lb. Fish—Fall salmon, 10c per lb.; halibut, 10c to 12½c; black cod, 8c to 10c; sturgeon, 6c to 9c; crabs, per doz, 40c; clams, per pail, 40c. Salt meats—Pork, long clear, 15c per lb.; hams, sugar cured, 16c.

The creditors of Brown, Balfour & Co., wholesale dealers, Hamilton, Ont., have accepted 43½ cents on the dollar, and the firm will continue business.

The Brantford firm of A. Watts & Co. has shipped two carloads of soap—one to Yokohama, Japan, and the other to Shanghai, China.

The Canadian cash register and till is a useful invention for storekeepers, for which F. C. Poddie, Winnipeg, has been appointed agent.

J. AIKENHEAD, jeweler, Virden, Man., has had from three to four hundred dollars worth of jewelry stolen from his store.

Groceries at Montreal.

In sugar, the local market remains quiet at 7½c for granulated at the refineries, although sales have been made by outsiders as low as 7c. Yellows are quoted at 5½c to 6½c as to quality. Beet sugar is cabled decidedly dearer in London. November delivery being up to 11s 10½d. Syrups have been sold at 48c to 60c per gallon as to quality. In molasses it is understood that a round robin has been signed by all the wholesale grocers to establish the jobbing price of Barbadoes at 47½c. The price for large quantities, however is quoted at 45c. Dried fruit quiet but steady, the largest holder in this market having withdrawn his offerings for the time being. Valencia raisins are steady at 6½c to 6¾c, and currants have been placed at 5c to 5½c in barrels. Case fruit is firm at 6½c to 6¾c. Malaga fruit is quiet but steady at \$3.50 to \$3.75 for London layers, \$4 to \$4.50 for black basket, and \$4.75 to \$5 for Dehesas. The tea market is steady with a good amount of business transpiring in Japan at from 15c to 20c. Coffee and spices unchanged. Rice remains firm at \$3.70 for car lots. *Trade Bulletin.*

Lumber Cuttings.

The Brunette Sawmills Co. of Westminster, B. C., have since the packing season opened, manufactured 112,000 salmon boxes. This is more than double the number ever made by this company in any previous year.

Luke Madigan has secured a contract for 150,000 ties for the Regina and Long Lake railway, part of which will be obtained on the north side of the Saskatchewan near Prince Albert.

The Western Lumber Co., Rat Portage, has closed down for the season. The company will take out eleven million feet of logs this winter. This, with the four million feet left for this season is expected to see them through next summer, says the Rat Portage *N. W.*

The demand for lumber in the mountain towns on the Canadian Pacific railway is said to have been good this year. Considerable building having been done.

Port Arthur and Fort William papers are protesting against the action of the Canadian Pacific Railway in not giving those places the benefit of cheap excursions to eastern points. The rate from the places named to eastern points

is the same as the excursion rates now offered from Manitoba to Ontario, though in the latter case the distance is from 450 to 550 miles greater. The Port Arthur people think they should get a rate of \$25 for the trip, where the return rate from Manitoba is \$40. This is one of the benefits of railway competition in Manitoba, while the treatment accorded the Lake Superior ports is an evidence of the disposition of monopolies in general. The Port Arthur and Fort William people, however, can take advantage of cheap rates offered by steamers in the summer season, though in the winter they are dependent upon the railway alone as a means of travel.

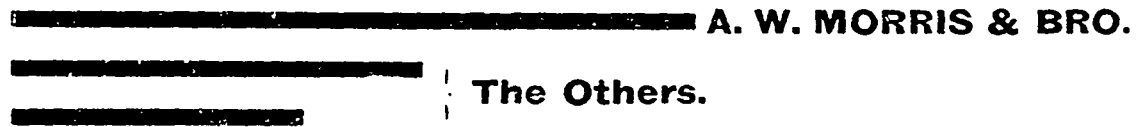
The semi-annual statement of the Bank of Montreal shows that after the payment of a five per cent. dividend on the first of December, there will be over \$700,000 to carry forward.



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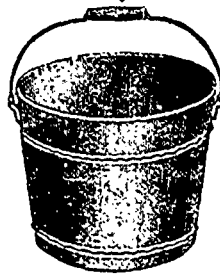
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Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Wheat opened on Monday, November 11, at 79½c for November, 80½c for December and 83½c for May. During the day December ranged from 80½ to 80¾c, and May from 83½ to 84c. The feeling was dull, but firm. The market for No. 2 spring wheat in store was steady to firm at from 80 to 79½c, nominally closing at 79¾c, with limited sales of No. 2 to go to store at 80½c. No. 3 was sold at 62c for the straight grade in store. On track and switched lots ranged as follows: No. 2 at 80 to 80½c for good hard, 80½ to 80¾c for choice hard; No. 3 at 62 to 64c for fair, 65 to 68c for good, 70 to 72c for choice, 73 to 76½c for choice hard, 77 to 78c for fancy; No. 3 white at 62½c for fair, 64 to 66c for choice; No. 4 at 45c to 47c for fair, 50 to 54c for good, 55 to 60c for choice. Closing prices for futures were:—

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat	79½	80½	84	83½
Corn	32½	32	31½	33½
Oats	19½	19½	19½	—
Pork	9.52½	—	9.37½	9.65
Lard	5.92½	—	5.90	6.10
Short Ribs	5.35	—	4.85	5.05

Wheat opened steady on Tuesday, December ranged from 80½ to 81c and May from 83½ to 84½c; choice No. 2 spring wheat to go to store was sold to a small extent at 80½ to 80¾c, and ordinary No. 2 in store closed worth 79½c. This is a nominal advance of about ½c over yesterday's closing value. No. 3 white spring sold at 62c. Closing prices for futures were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat	79½	80½	84	83½
Corn	33	32	31½	33½
Oats	19½	19½	20	22½
Pork	9.57½	—	9.42½	9.75
Lard	5.92½	—	5.87½	6.07½
Short Ribs	5.35	—	4.82½	5.05

On Wednesday wheat opened strong and ½ to ¾c higher on different options. December ranged from 80½ to 82c, and May from 84½ to 85½c. No. 2 spring wheat to go to store and lots were in good request and from 1c to 1½c higher. Sales of No. 2 were made at from 80½c for the ordinary grade to 80¾c for good hard wheat. No. 3 sold at 62c, No. 3 white at 61c to 63½c, and No. 4 at 50c. Spring wheat by sample was in fair local demand for good to choice wheat, and prices ruled firmer under light offerings, and better speculative market. Free on board and switched lots ranged as follows: No. 2 at 81½c for hard; No. 3, 63 to 65c for fair, 66 to 68c for good, 70 to 73c for choice hard; No. 4, 47 to 48c for fair, 50 to 55c for good, 60 to 62c for choice. No grade at 35c for poor. Lake freights were dull, wheat to

Buffalo being quoted at 2c, and corn at 1½c. Cash lard sold at \$5.92½ to \$6 per 100 pounds, green hams at 7½c per pound, dry salt short ribs at 5½c per pound. Closing prices for futures were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat	81	81½	81½	85½
Corn	33½	32½	31½	33½
Oats	20½	20½	20½	22½
Pork	9.65	—	9.40	9.75
Lard	5.90	—	5.87½	6.07½
Short Ribs	5.35	—	4.80	5.00

On Thursday, trading in wheat was heavy by spells, and prices were alternately weak and strong. Closing prices for futures were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat	81½	82	81½	85
Corn	33	32½	31½	33½
Oats	20	19½	20	22½
Pork	9.60	—	9.37½	9.67½
Lard	5.90	—	5.85	6.05
Short Ribs	5.35	—	4.77½	4.97½

Trading in wheat was of a local nature on Friday, but prices were fairly firm. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat	81½	82½	81½	85½
Corn	33½	32½	31½	33½
Oats	20	19½	20	22½
Pork	9.67½	—	9.37½	9.70
Lard	5.97½	—	5.85	6.07½
Short Ribs	5.25	—	4.77½	5.00

Minneapolis Markets.

Following were the closing quotations for wheat on Nov. 14:

	Nov.	Dec.	May.	On track
No. 1 hard	78	78½	84	78½-9
No. 1 northern	75½	76½	82	77½
No. 2 "	73	73	78½	73-5

The *Market Record* says: "There was about the usual demand for flour, and millers were encouraged by the late rise in wheat and asked 5 to 15c more per bbl for their flour. Buyers did not respond freely to the advance, but were holding off for a more favorable turn for them in the market. If a rise in wheat proves permanent, it is expected that there will be more activity in the sales of flour in a few days. Jobbers and other dealers in flour, it is believed, are not overstocked and will be obliged to take hold for the supply of their trade."

Patent's, sacks to local dealers	5.00 to 5.10
Patent's to ship, sacks car lots	4.50 to 4.70
In barrels	4.70 to 4.90
Delivered at New England points	5.40 to 5.50
Bakers here	3.25 to 3.60
Superfine	1.70 to 2.25
Red dog, sacks	1.10 to 1.25
Red dog, barrels	1.35 to 1.50

BRAN AND SHORTS.

There was no noticeable improvement in the situation of this market, and the productions were offered freely at about previous quotations. Bran, \$6 to \$6.25; shorts, \$7 to \$7.50.

OATS.

The demand continued steady, and was hardly met by the offerings, with the market firm at 20 to 21c for good mixed and No. 3 white, choice white held about 22c, some poor lots selling below quotations.

FURS.

There is a good deal of speculation as to fur values, but as yet there is little data upon which to base prices. The following is an extract from a circular just issued by Carscaden, Peck & Co., to country traders, the accuracy of which we can vouch for. "We would put you on your guard with reference to certain fur commission houses who flood the country with specious and plausible circulars in which very high prices are quoted for the best grades in nearly all lines of furs. It is generally found, however, where a lot of any considerable size is consigned that way, that the number of skins which according to the assortment they make, grade sufficiently high to realize the fancy figures, is exceedingly small, the number put into the low grades is inordinately large, the average price being thus reduced to a very low figure. This manipulation together with the heavy expressage, customers fees and commission make the returns in all cases very disappointing and the transaction usually a dead loss to the consignor, not to mention the very long time that usually elapses before a final settlement is made." The following list of prices has been prepared, for prime skins only, large dark shades bringing best prices:—

Skunk, large	60 to 80
" small	40 to 60
" broad stripe	15 to 35
Fox, red	75 to 1 75
" silver, as to color	20 00 to 75 00
" cross, as to color	2 00 to 6 50
Marten, dark	3 50 to 5 00
" pale	1 25 to 1 75
Mink	40 to 1 00
Muskrat, winter	05 to 14
" fall	4 to 12
Fisher, as to size and color	2 50 to 7 50

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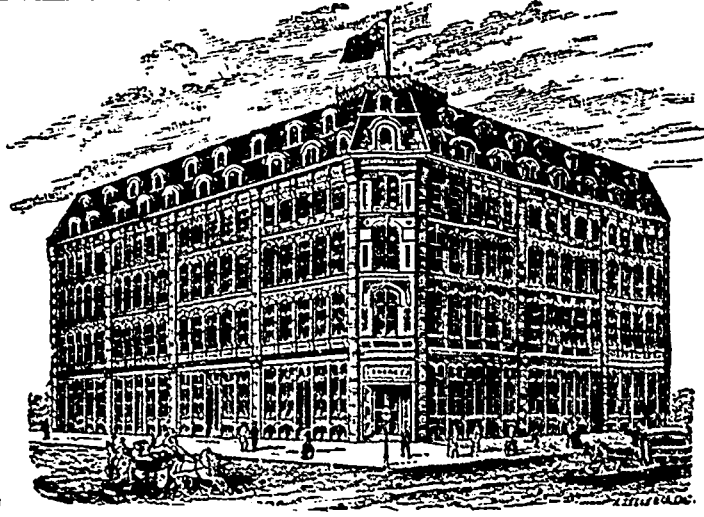
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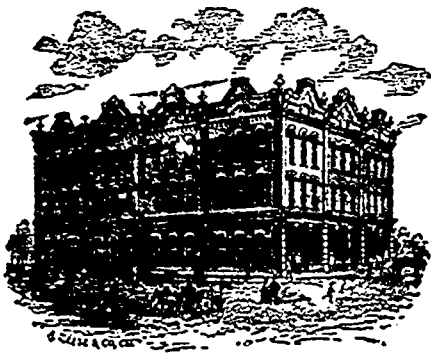
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The British Columbia Investment company applies for incorporation; \$50,000 capital, head office, Vancouver; by Charles Hay, R. W. Harris, David Anderson, J. R. Alcock and D. H. Wilson, all of that city.

Weeks & Ford is the name of a new Vancouver grocery firm. Both gentlemen were lately connected with the Hudson's Bay company at Vancouver, the former in the capacity of manager. Mr. Weeks was formerly with the company at Winnipeg and Rat Portage.

It is stated that the Chinese residents at Victoria expended \$2,000 in their reception of the Governor-General.

Louis Redon, of Redon & Hartnagle, proprietors of Driard hotel, Victoria, has informed a *Colonist* reporter that in the course of the next few months, the construction of a thoroughly first-class hotel, seven stories in height, would be commenced upon the vacant lot adjoining the present premises. The new hotel will have a frontage of 70 feet on View street, and will extend 120 feet on Broad street. Having recently made an extended tour through Europe and America, Mr. Redon has obtained the very latest hints in the equipment of first class hotels, all of which will be incorporated in the building of the New Driard. The cuisine of the Driard is pronounced by travellers equal to anything in America, and the proprietors are determined to make all its appointments equal to the table set.

Westminster Columbian: George H. Cooper is building a steamer, which he intends to use in the deep sea fisheries. The steamer will be ready for operations early next spring, and will cruise between the Fraser and Queen Charlotte Islands in the cod and halibut fisheries. She will be the most complete fishing vessel on the coast, and will be furnished with the first travel nets ever used in Northern Pacific waters. Cooper was for some years a fisherman on the coast of England.

Nanaimo is gaining a name as a health resort. A California doctor now there for his health, states that the climate is superior to that of southern California, especially in nervous troubles.

Westminster Columbian: Among the consignments of game to W. H. Vianen on Saturday were no less than 400 snipe. Reports from up river say snipe shooting has never been as good as it is this season.

The bark *Tythonus* has cleared for London with a cargo of 51,429 cases of British Colum-

bia salmon valued at \$297,829. This is the fifth vessel of the season to clear with salmon.

Victoria Times: The sealing schooner *Triumph* has been purchased by the Cox brothers and E. B. Marvin. The price paid for her, together with her outfit was about \$9,000.

The number of salmon ova placed in the fish hatchery near Westminster amounts to 9,200,000.

W. L. Le Ballister, of Le Ballister & Thompson, livery, Nanaimo, died recently at San Diego, Cal.

The street railway and the electric light companies, of Vancouver, are amalgamating. One plant will do the two concerns, as the railway will be an electric one.

Grain and Milling Matters.

A. O. Hastings, who has for some time back represented the Ogilvie Co. on the Pacific coast, has tendered his resignation.

Dominion Mechanical and Milling News says: The organization of "The Old Stone millers' Association," at Detroit, Michigan, with the avowed purpose of educating the public mind to the dangers to health attending the use of roller flour, and the superiority of old stone flour, throws some doubt upon the statement that "the world do move." The association charges patent flour with being the cause of the rapid increase of insanity and kindred diseases, as well as the startling fact that the human race are fast losing their teeth and dentists are multiplying by hundreds in every part of the country.

There is a movement on foot to secure the removal of the mill at Norquay, Manitoba, owned by A. Watts & Co., of Brantford, Ontario, to Manitou, Manitoba. The mill is on the stone process, with a capacity of 50 barrels per day. About \$600 bonus is wanted to move the mill.

B. Smith, the Portage farmer who shipped his wheat to Duluth, returned recently. He followed the wheat to Duluth, and from there he had it shipped to Sarnia, Ontario, where it is now "hung up" for want of cars, and it is likely to remain so for some time. He wants to get it to Montreal. Smith was plucky in undertaking the handling of his grain, and he has now probably gained some valuable experience in this line.

A public meeting was held last week, at Russell, Man., for the purpose of organizing a joint stock company to build a mill for which a bonus of five thousand dollars was granted

by the municipality some time ago. Shares are now being taken in the enterprise.

R. F. Edgar, grain dealer, Brandon, has admitted Ogilvy Fraser, recently of Edinburgh, Scotland, into partnership with him, and will do business under the firm name of R. F. Edgar & Co. Fraser is said to possess considerable capital.

The following is the report of the Winnipeg grain inspector for the week ending November 9th:

	Cars.
Wheat—Extra Manitoba hard	20
“ No. 1 hard	84
“ No. 2 hard	38
“ No. 2 northern	29
“ No. 3 northern	1
“ No. 1 rejected	10
“ Rejected	12

Total..... 194

The inspector's report for the past nine weeks ending November 9, is as follows:

	Cars.
September 14	4
September 21	49
September 28	80
October 5	60
October 12	80
October 19	132
October 26	102
November 2	132
November 9	194
Total	833

An exchange says: "Montreal quotes wheat at \$1 and above but such quotations, like quotations from other ambitious cities that make a show of grain business while doing little, are purely ornamental appendages. At the same time there is some grain handled there in a private way, but the public quotations being "fixed" for a private object appear to be absolutely worthless. Private authority gives the range at some 10c below quotations manufactured for the public.

The Dominion Illustrated for November 9 devotes several pages to the Governor-General's tour in the west. The visit of the vice-regal party to Saltcoats, Russell, the Barnardo Home, the Crfter Settlement, and other points of interest along the line of the Manitoba and North Western railway is ably illustrated. Mrs. Spragge's summing-up is peculiarly interesting, all who are concerned in the growth of the Pacific province. Published by the *Dominion Illustrated Publishing Company*, 73 St. James street, Montreal.

Nanaimo's Resources.

The following article is from the *Free Press*, a journal published at Nanaimo, the coal mining centre of British Columbia:—

The discovery announced by the *Free Press* of a bed of superior fire clay on the property of the East Wellington Coal Company, within three miles of this city, is a most valuable one, and opens up the possibilities of this favored district to an almost unlimited extent. In the matter of iron smelting this immediate vicinity now provides in abundance, and of the most excellent quality, the three necessary ingredients—iron ore, coal and fire clay. Nature has most unquestionably completed her full share, and now, all that is needed, is the necessary enterprise and capital to start in our midst extensive blast furnaces, that will be able to supply, not only, the local demand, but by means of the Canadian Pacific Railway reach out for the eastern provincial trade, until it is met by the Atlantic seaboard article. The *Free Press* is sufficiently imbued with optimistic proclivities to believe that the day is not very far distant, when Vancouver Island will not alone supply all the coal needed on the Pacific slope, but the iron also. Our cousins to the south have obtained by purchase, valuable iron claims on the adjacent Island of Texada, the product of which they transport by steamers to Port Townsend, where smelting works on a somewhat limited scale, are now in successful operation. To enable our American friends to use their bog grade of iron ore—the only grade yet discovered in the Pacific States—they have to use a very liberal proportion of the superior magnetic iron ore of Texada Island. If our neighbors can therefore make a success of the enterprise, with all the adverse surroundings, surely Canadian pluck, enterprise and capital, which when once moved is fully equal to the similar attributes of our neighbors across the 49th parallel, can effect even greater results, when it is considered what opportunities an ever beneficent nature has placed in unlimited quantities at their disposal. Texada and Vancouver Islands are without doubt permeated with extensive deposits of iron ore, even as the latter is underlaid with valuable and extensive seams of coal that are rapidly making her the second, if not the first, Newcastle in the world. It has been clearly demonstrated for some time that the coal and iron beds are practically inexhaustible, and now we have the discovery, of what has been anxiously and energetically searched for—a valuable deposit of fire clay. Attempts have been made in the past to endeavor to get foreign capital to come in and open out our resources. While foreign capital would be acceptable and meet with the most cordial and liberal greeting, still the *Free Press* is of the opinion that the day has now dawned when Canadians, and British Columbians especially, should be self-reliant, and depend principally upon their own skill, capital and enterprise to open up, develop and operate the iron beds and transpose the native ore into the merchantable commodity, which has become such an important factor in the world's mechanical, commercial and social history. Iron in some shape or another enters into the service of mankind generally in nearly every phase and movement of life. British Columbia, yea, Nanaimo itself, has sufficient latent capital to erect and operate smelting works on an extensive and profitable scale. It is a true maxim

that "God helps those who first help themselves," and this should be the watchword of the people of Nanaimo. There is sufficient money lying idle within a radius of ten miles from the "historic Bastion" to successfully start and operate half a dozen large smelting works. What is needed are some shrewd, practical men, who enjoy the confidence of the community, to take the matter in hand and success would be assured.

Fur Prices at Montreal.

The *Trade Bulletin* quotes fur prices as follows:—Beaver, per lb., \$1 to \$1.50; bear, per skin, \$12, \$15 to \$18; bear cub, per skin, \$5, \$7 to \$8; fisher, \$5; fox, red, \$1 to \$1.50; fox, cross, \$2.50; lynx, \$4 to \$5; marton, \$1 to \$1.25; mink, \$1.25 to \$1.50; muskrat, fall 10c, winter 15c; otter, \$10 to \$12; racoon, 50c to 75c; skunk, 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.

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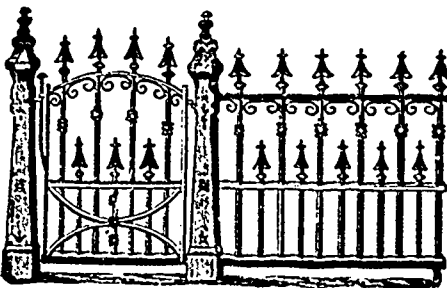
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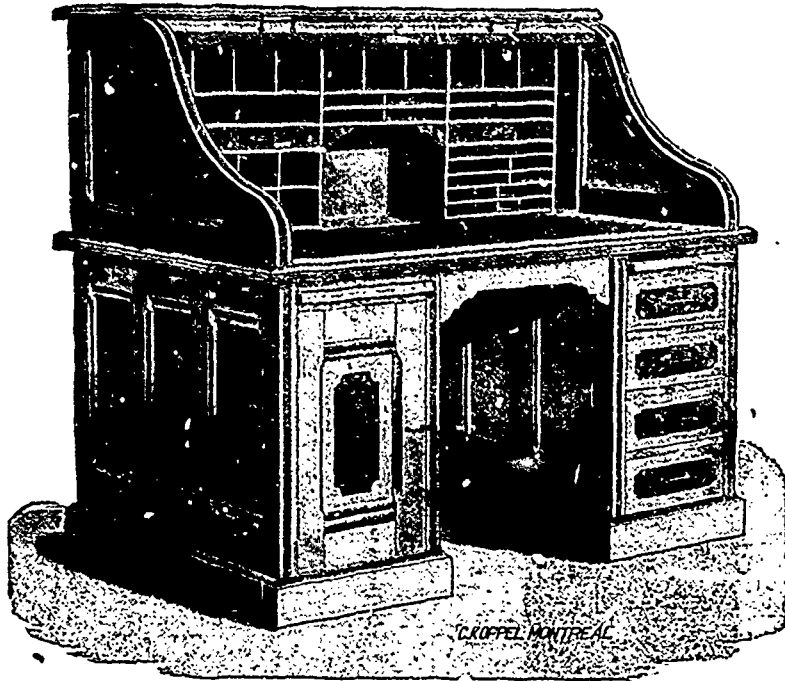
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—Empire.

Toronto Dry Goods Trade.

The general dry goods trade is exceedingly dull at the present time. In the wholesale trade business is very quiet, both in the city and in the country. Few customers have visited this market in the past week and those who have been here have not placed large orders. In the country travellers are doing but a small

trade and are experiencing difficulty in getting orders.

At present the goods moving are principally mantle cloths. There is a pretty good demand for beavers in crimson, myrtle and fawn, and some enquiry for rich sealettes. A good trade is expected to be done in these latter goods. There is nothing particular doing in fancy goods at present. Travellers are now showing samples in some lines of spring goods, but these samples are not yet prepared and few orders have been placed. It is a little early yet to push the spring trade.

The cotton mills do not appear to be particularly active, owing probably to the lack of orders from wholesale merchants. One merchant gives it as his opinion that not above 50 per cent. of the orders placed last year have yet been taken by the mills this fall. A couple of the mills are shut down at present.—Empire.

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Freight No. 55 Daily except Sunday.	Express No. 51 Daily.	Central or 90th Meridian Standard Time.	Miles.	Express No. 64 Daily.	Feet Daily Ex. Sin.
12 15 p.m.	1 40 p.m.	Winnipeg	0	9 25 a.m.	4:15
11 57 a.m.	1 32 p.m.	Portage Junction	3	9 45 a.m.	4:31
11 50 a.m.	1 20 p.m.	St. Norbert	9	9 48 a.m.	4:54
11 00 a.m.	1 07 p.m.	Cartier	15	10 00 a.m.	5:18
10 17 a.m.	12 47 p.m.	St. Agathe	23	10 17 a.m.	5:51
10 07 a.m.	12 30 p.m.	Silver Plains	32	10 37 a.m.	6:27
9 3 a.m.	12 10 p.m.	Morris	40	10 56 a.m.	6:50
9 00 a.m.	12 00 p.m.	St. Jean	47	11 02 a.m.	7:27
8 34 a.m.	11 55 a.m.	Letellier	56	11 33 a.m.	8:00
7 55 a.m.	11 33 a.m.	West Lynne	67	12 01 p.m.	8:35
7 15 a.m.	11 00 a.m.	De Pembina	83	12 15 p.m.	8:50
7 00 a.m.	10 50 a.m.	Winnipeg Junction	85	12 00 p.m.	8:45
	2 25 a.m.	Minneapolis	95	1 00 p.m.	9:35
	4 10 p.m.	St. Paul	100	1 30 p.m.	10:05
	6 40 p.m.	Helena	140	4 00 p.m.	12:35
	3 40 p.m.	Garrison	165	6 35 p.m.	15:05
	1 05 a.m.	Spokey	185	9:55 a.m.	18:35
	8 00 a.m.	Portland	200	7:00 p.m.	20:00
	4 20 a.m.	Tacoma	245	6 45 a.m.	22:15

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE BRANCH

Mixed No. 5 Daily except Sun.	Mixed No. 6 Daily except Sun.
9 5 a.m.	4 00 p.m.
9 35 a.m.	4 15 p.m.
9 00 a.m.	4 51 p.m.
8 36 a.m.	5 16 p.m.
8 10 a.m.	5 43 p.m.
7 51 a.m.	6 08 p.m.
7 36 a.m.	6 19 p.m.
6 45 a.m.	7 15 p.m.

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Read Down. GOING EAST No. 1 Daily.	STATIONS	Read Up. GOING WEST No. 2 Daily.
14 00 De	Lethbridge	Ar 1 30
15 55	Woodpecker	23 35
16 50	Purple Springs	22 40
17 45 Ar	Grassy Lake	21 45
18 00 De	Cherry Coulee	20 55
18 50	Winnifred	De 20 00
20 00	Seven Persons	Ar 19 55
20 55	Dunmore	18 45
22 10 Ar		De 17 30

E. T. GALT, Manager, Lethbridge.
J. BAILEY, Supt., Lethbridge

Manitoba and Northwestern Ry.

CHANGE OF TIME.

PASS Tuesday Thursday and Saturday	Miles from Portage	STATIONS.	PASS Monday Wednesday and Fridays
LEAVE 10 00		Portage la Prairie	ARRIVE 15 30
17 45	35	Gladstone	12 05
18 45	61	Neebawa	10 38
19 45	79	Minnedosa	9 55
20 50	94	Rapid City	8 30
21 30	115	Snoal Lake	8 00
22 30	138	Birtle	7 00
23 30	155	Bimscaith	5 55
24 10	166	Russell	5 15
24 40	180	Lanenburg	7 15
1 15	206	Salcoats	3 40
ARRIVE			LEAVE

*Trains for Bimscaith leave Birtle Tuesdays and Saturdays only at 22 50, returning leave Bimscaith Wednesdays and Mondays only at 5 55. For Russell leave Birtle Tuesdays only at 22 50, returning leave Bimscaith Wednesdays only at 5 15. For Lanenburg and Salcoats leave Birtle Saturdays only at 22 50, returning leave Salcoats Mondays only at 3 40. For Rapid City leave Minnedosa Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 20 00, returning leave Rapid City Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 50.

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