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WINNIPEG, JANUARY 21, 1895.

## Manitoba.

H. A. McKinnon, general store, Napinka, has assigned.
Hamilton \& Cochrane, hardware, Deloraine, have dissolved.
Frank Huckerby is starting business at Morris as butcher.
The new fire engine purchased for Winnipeg is expected daily.
Mitchell \& Co., butchers, Souris, have sold out to Miller \& Moore.
J. K. McLennan, general store, Holland, has sold out to J. M. McLachlan.
W. A. Prest, stationery, Portage la Prairie, is adding printing to his business.

Toombs \& Co., clothing, etc., Stonewall, are succeeded by Perry, Alpine \& Co.
The Northwest Aerated Water Co., Winnipeg has sold out to E. L. Drewry.
H. W. Davies, auctioneer, furniture, etc., Winnipeg, is succeeded by W. J. Craig \& Co.
The Manitoba Dairy association met on Wednesday for the purpose of formally adjourning the meeting until February 20. No business was transacted.

Robert Miller and J. A. Moore, (agent for Frost \& Wood, at Souris) have purchased the butchering business of C. J. Mitchell \& Co. of that place.

Geo. H. Rodgers \& Co. have closed their branch store at Brandon. The stock has been nearly all sold off, and the remnant has been packed up to be moved elsewhere.

For a second time last week fire paid a visit to Elkhorn. This time the building burned is the old Dixon livery stables, occupied till the time of the fire by J. Cavanagh. The contents were removed.
R. B. Rodgers, who has had charge of the branch store at Brandon for Geo. H. Rodgers \& Co., has decided to open a clothing and furnishing store in Winnipeg on his own account. The location will be on Main street, probably not far from McWilliam street.

The Winnipeg city travellers have been making arrangements for a reunion. Committees have been at work for a few days and will report to the general meeting on Saturday. The entertainment will take the form of a conversazione, a concert for an hour, after which supper will be served and the evening conclude with dancing.

Notice is given in the Manitoba Gazette that application will ke made to the Lieu-tenant-Governor-in-Council for letters patent, granting a charter to Henry Grundy, traveller; Jomes Boothe, merchant; R. M. Smith, barrister, Colin H. Campbell. soliciter; and H. E. Crawford. solicitor, all of Winnipeg, constituting such persons and other persons becoming shareholders a body corporate and politic, under the name of "The Central Dry Goods company (Limited)." The object for which incorporation is sought is to buy, sell and deal in dry goods. milinery, men's furnishings, and all other kinds of goods, wares and merchandise. Winnipeg is to be the chief place of business, and the amount of the capital stock is fixed at $\$ 25,000$, divided into 250 shares of $\$ 100$ each ${ }^{-}$The applicants are to be the first directors of the company.
Application is to be made to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council for leeters patent incorporating "The Union Shoe and Leather company, Limited." The applicants are: Henry Smith, of Hamilton ; traveller; David Mowat, of Winnipeg, shoe cutter; Uriah Boyd, of Winnipeg, tanner ; Andrew S. Christie, tanner; and Adamina Christie of Winnipeg. The object for which incorporation is sought is to buy, sell and deal in hides, skins and furs: to tan, cure and manufacture into leather, hides stins and furs ; to buy sell and deal in and manufacture all hinds of goc ds, articles and merchandise in which leather is required or partly required. Winnipeg is to be the chief place of business, and the capital stock will be $\$ 45,000$, divided into 450 shares at $\$ 100$ each.

## Alberta.

M. Airey, baker, etc., Moosomin, is burnt out,
Dickson \& Taylor contemplate starting a grocery store at Innisfail.

Chas. Housen, hotel, Regina, business leased to T. K. Grigg \& Co.

## Northwest Ontario.

The Iake of the Woods Fish Co., Ltd., Rat Portage, has been incorporated.
B. Guerard, hotel, Port Arthur, is offering to compromise at 50 c on the dol'ar.

## Grain and Milling Itoms

The construction work on the new flour mill at Brandon is about all done, the belting as yet is not on and other odd jobs are to be done this week. Alexander Kelly \& Co. expect to start grinding at once and expect to be in a position to turn out if necessary 300 barrels of flour per day,

## Insurance Items.

Our insurance contemporary, The Bulletin, of Toronto, will hereaiter appear as a weekly instead of a monthly. The Bulletin shows commendable energy in thus branching out.

The United Fire Insurance company, of Manchester, England, has decided to discontinue business in Canada, and has just closed a contract with the Western Assurance company of 'Toronto to cover all its risks in the Dominion.
E. J. Heaton, manager of the (iuardian Fire Insurance company, of Montreal; G. Hinshaw, manager of the Atlas, and G. Simpson, assistant manager of the hoyal, arrived in Winnipeg last week from Montreal. Mr. Heaton informed a reporter that their visit was of no unusual significance, but was in effect the periodical semi-annual visit to Winnipeg which the heads of the companies generelly male.

The philcsopher of the Confederation Life Association puts forth the following, which
will bear thinking over : "Life assurance compels a man to save, and may de described as a compulsory savings bank, because it forces men to continue saving. It gathers scattered fragments, and makes them a perfect whole ; it enables a man, from sums which he often would expend without an equivalent, to provide a capital which may be the solace of his old age, or the support of his children.

## Lumber Trade News,

A Ferguson, lumberman, from the rnited States who has been looking over the lumber business at Rat Portage and in the west, was seen at the Queen's hotel Winnupg, and in reply to a Free Press reporter's interrogations, said: "Forest fires will necessitate the cutting of at least one hundred millions within the next fifteen months of timber in North ern Minnesota, that frem its location must find an outlet in the Lake of the Woods. The present companies doing business at Rat Portage from having a large stock on hand as well as having extensive timber limits on the Canadian side do not soe their way clear to make any new contracts for American timber so that holders of timber land in Northern Minnesota must look after their own interests and I am advised of a meeting to be held in st. Paul in a few days to devise means to facilitate the handling of it. Although a great deal of the timber has been bought up by wealthy pine dealers, yet a large amount of it is still in the hands of homesteaders and it is to be hoped that in any arrangement that will be made, their interests will be considered, as I have no rloubt it will."

## Safe Business in Manitoba.

At the annual meeting of the North of Scotland Canadian Mortgage company held in Aberdeen, Scotland, the chairman of the board in introducing his annual report said: "I do not think there is any stronger evidence of the severity of the crisis than that the heaviest foreclosures should have been in the city of Toronto. We should have expected that the losses would have been in Manitoba where our loans are almost all agricultural. But that has not proved to be the case. The total amount of mortgage foreclosures in Manitoba is $\{1,473$. They consist of forty-five properties, so that the average of each is somewhat under $£ 100$. From the accounts and report which we have submitted; the company has come through this severe trial without any appreciable suffering or appreciable loss. I have only to say, as regards the future, that so long as the bisiness is managed with the same care and prudence and vigilance abroad, and also the saine prudent management which I can claim for the directors at home during these past years, we have every reason to believe we should be able to submit as fair and satisfactory a report as we do to,day.'

## Newfoundland Bank

A ful! statement of the condition of the suspended Union bank was presented at a meeting of the sharcholders of the bank on January lith. The statement shows the liabilities of the bank to be $\$ 3,464,901$, assets $\$ 3,174,788$ leaving a deficit of $\$ 29.1,128$. This will necessitate a call on two-thirds of the reserve liability fund of the shareh lders, but as many of these will be unable to respond, the result of the call will probably be insufficient to meet the deficit, therefore the bank must necessarily become insolvent. When the liquidation is finally accomplished it is not expected that more than 90 per cent. on the dollar will be realized for all creditors.

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## ADTANTAGE OF RXOBANOES.

Notwithstanding that grain prices have rulod low in Mranitoba of lato, the crop was nover before handled on as small a margin as it was the past season. We refor to the shipments up to tho close of navization. The movement of wheat was very heavy and the quality was remarkably uniform. Theso two features enabled exporters to haudle the crop moro cheaply than otherwise would have been possible. Another feature which entered into the trade waslack of speculation. Shippers bought and sold from day to day, taking no risks by holding. They bought on a small margin and sold at onco, theroby doing a safo business.
The organization of the grain exchange in Winnipeg has been an important feature in the handling of the crop. We may say practically the ontive crop is handled by members of the exchange. 'The co-operative principle which obtains to some extent, as a result of the establishment of the exchange, is a great nelp to the Manitoba grain trade, and has onabled shippers to handle the crop to the very best advantage, and on small margins. Thus the exchango is indirectly $a$ decided bonefit to the farmers and producers of Manitoba, who get the advantage of the more advantageous and more ceonomical handling of the crop, which is made possible through the working of the exchange.
Some perties who are ontirely ignorant of the commercial features of the grain trade, and who are evidently anxious to tickle the projudices of the farmers, have of late engaged in the pastime of denouncing the Winnipeg exchange, trying tostir up a feeling of antagonism to the exchange throughout the country, On the same lines is the foolish talls sometimes heard in denunciation of the elevator system of Manitoba.
The grain trado of Manitoba is conducted on the most modern principles, and probably no country in the world has any better handling system than we have here. This onables the farmer to realize the very best price for his grain. Without our elevator system, and without the organization of the grain trade as represented in the Winnipeg grain exchange, we are quite confident that the farmers of Manitoba would not have obtained vithin five cents per bushel of the prices whici have ruled this season. In Argentine they have no elevator system, and the result is that the farmers are obliged to ship all the wheat in bags, which is not only an oxpensive plan in handling, butalso causes a heavy outlay for bags. The greatest drawback to wheat-growing in Argentine today is the lack of organization and medern system in handling the crop. This was recently stated in a government inquiry as to the prospects for wheat-growing in that country. The oxperts who have looked in to the situation in Argentine, report that if modorn methods of
handling the grain in bulk were introduced, the farmers would receive $n$ much better profit from thoir grain. In Manitoba where we have organization and every facility for tho rapid and economical handling of crops, we have a fow partics who are demanding the suppression of theso advantages. It would be about $n$ rational to advocate the toaring up of railway, and substitute Red river carts as a means of conveyance of traffic.

## AUOPTING THE OASH SISTEM,

Tho long credit system which has long provailed in Manitoba has recelved a black oye, so to speak, of late. Fow people are aware to what a large extent credit business has been curtailed in Manitoba of late. During the last two years many rotail merchants thoughout the country have aloptad the cash system. Recently The Commercial roceived a little circular containing the follow. ing announcoment:
"Bolieving that the present system of doing business in Glenboro, of giving credit from six to twelvo months of tho years, is injurious alike to the merchant and his customers, wo announco that on and after January lst our business will be conducted on a purely cash basis. Experionce has taught us, that to meot the demand for cheapor goods, which has arisen during the present depression, wg must soll for cash. Solling for cash means buyiug for cash and buying for cash means that we can soll at prices that will astonish you. The now era begins on January 1st, when our books will be closed.
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The Commercial has received many such announcements as this from country morchants during the past year or two. If the majority of those who have published their intention to do a cash business are carrying out their resolve, there must now b3 a large number of merchants throughout the country who are doing a close cash business. Tho changing from a long credit system to the more rational way of doing business for cash or short ditas, will of course be ielt considerably at the outset. It will cause a contraction of business at the start, and will inconvenience many consumers, but in the end it will be a great benefit to consumers and merchants alike, and not less to the consumer than to the merchant. In fact, while the long credit system is bad for the store-keeper, it is perhaps even worse for his customers, leading to extravagance and frequently causing the embarrassment of those who, through their hopefulness of the future, go into debt in expectation of better times ahead. The future always looks bright to a great many people, and where credit for long dates was so casily obtained as has been the custom in Manitoba, the temptation to discount the future has been very great.

The evils of the long credit syctom, however, are now very well understood here, and boing understood there is hope for better things in the future. The change which has beon going on during the last year or two has already greatly improved the commercial situation in Manitobs. In spite of the low
prices of produce and the talk of close times, the trade of the country is now on a better basis than it was three years ago.

The low prices which have ruled for grain and farm produce have necessitated economy, and there is no ourer way to cconomiso than to buy for cash. There is a saving in two ways in buying for cash. First, the cash buyer will buy only much things as he can nfford, or at. least such things as he can see his way clear to pay for. He does not buy with the expectation that ho will be better off at some future date, and will be ablo th pay fin things wheh, if ho had to pay cash for, he would not be able to proente. There is in tho secund place the lower pricesalways obtained by the cash buyer

This country has received a lesson in economy which should do us good. If the result is the adandonment of the long credit system which has prevailed here, the lesson will not have been in vain.

## RELD YOUR POLIOIES.

The Comercial has more than once advised commercial mon to read their insurance policics. All policies should be read over carefully and if there is any clause which is not understood, have it fully explained before the matter is allowed to rest. The advisability of following this advice was recently illustrated by a loss which fell upon a trador in a Manitoba town. A short time ago a stock of goods at Portage la Prairio was damaged by fire to the exrent of about $\$ 700$. The stock was insured and the merchant expected to recover the full amount of his loss. He was very much surprised to find, howover, that the company in which ho was insured was only liable for a portion of the loss. A clause in the policy read as follows:
"It is a part of the consideration of this policy and basis upon which the rate of premium is fixed, that the insured shall maintain insurance concurrent in form with this policy on each and overy item on contents hereby insured to the extent of at least 75 per cent of the actual cash value thereof, and that failing so to do the insured shall bo co-insurer to the extent of an amount sufficient to mako the argregate insurance on contents equal to 75 per cont of the actual cash value of each and every item of the contents hereby insured, and in that capacity shall bear has proportion of any loss that may occur:"

This feature of the policy had escaped the attention of the merchant, notwithstanding that be is considered a shrewd business man. The effect of this clause was such that the morchant was actually carrying a considerable portion of the risk himself, as the insurance he carried did not amount to 75 per cent. of the value of the stock. Many would read the clause without undrstanding fully the meaning, and it may be illustrated as. follows: A merchant carrying say $\$ 6,000$ worth of stock, would be obliged to insure for an amount not less than $\$ 1,500$, or 75 per cent. of the value of the stock, in order to obtain the full insurance in case of the loss of the stock. If he had only $\$ 8,000$ insurance on the same amount of stock, the insurance company would be liable for their share of the loss only as based pro rata on $\$ 9,000$,

While the merchant would have to bear a pro rata share of the loss on $\$ 1,500$, the difference between the amount of insurance carried and the 75 per cent. of the stock. In other words the merchant carried the risk on the amount sufficient to bring the insurance up to $7 \mathrm{Ti}^{\circ}$ per cent of the stock. This merchant has learned by experience that it is wise to read over all policies. There are many who do not read their policips, and who should profit from the experience of another.

## RE IMPORDI:G WHEAT.

An interisting estoms point has been raised over the question of bringiug bark a commodity that has been exported. Last week The Commercial announced the parchase of 50,0,0 bushels of Manitoba wheat, which was in store at Bulfalo, New York state, for shipment back to Canala for milling purposes. The question now arises whether or not this wheat should be subject to pay luty on re-entering Canada. The grain having been exported, there seems to be some doubt as to the right to ship it back to Canarda free of duty. If it is decided to chargo duty on the grain it practically amounts to the prohibition of the re-admission of the wheat, as it could never be brought back profitably, subject to duty.

The question of evading the navigation laws also comes in. United States vessels cannot carry grain from one Canadian port to another port in this country, but they can carry wheat from a Canadian to a foreign port. The grain was carried from Fort William to Buffalo by Inited States vessels, and if it is brought back from Buffalo to Canada by rail, it is in effect and evasion of the navigation laws.

Altogether an interesting question has been raised by the purchase of this wheat at Buffalu for shipment back to Canada. The Montreal Herald says on the subject:

An interesting controversy is in progress in grain circles over the re-impurtation of Canadian grain from Buffalo for Ontario millers, Ot the 350,000 bushels of Manitoba wheat in store at Buffalo 150,000 bushels have been purchased for Ontario milling and already 50,000 bushels have been re-imported without the payment of the duty (f fifteen cents a bushel. Manitoba millers have petitioned Controller of Customs Wallace to enforce the collection of the duty which would mean it being sent back, while the Dominion Millers association have appealed to the government to allow the wheat to be brought in free of duty. In reply to the petitions Mr. Wallace had admitted the fact that a quantity of Canadian wheathas already been received in Ontario from Buffalo, but he has in his ofticial capacity prohibited further importations pending the decision of the council before which he has laid the question.

## TOBBROULOSIS IN CATTLR

Quite a little excitement has been stirred up by the Winnipeg daily newspapers over "the discovery" of a case of tuberculosis in one of the city dairies. There is no more need for excitement at present over this matter that there has been for many months back. During the last year or two The Com-
mercial has several times discussed the quertion of tuberculosis among cattle in this and other countries, and we stater nearly a year ago that the disease existed or had existed in some of the Winnipeg dairies.

The matter, as discussed by the city press during the past few days is very misleading. The daily papers appear to have suddenly learned that a case of the disease has been discovered and they ma'e it appear as though this had been the first case. They further talk about the spread of the disease as causing alarm among the health authorities. Buth these ileas are wrong. This is by no means the first case which has been discovered within a year, and secondly, the "spread of the disea:e" is not causing alarm. It has not been shown that the disease is spreading, and it is doubtful if it is any more prevalent now than it has been for years.
The case of the cow billed recently by the authorities, which is written about as a most damaging discovery, is in no sense a discovery at all. The authorities have for the past six months been endeavoring to put the new regulations governing the dairies in force. It is a slow and tedious work to inspoct the dairies, but considerable progress has been made. Much, however, yet remains to be done before the city dairies can be considered in a fairly satisfactory condition. During the work of inspection, some cases of tuberculosis have been found and undoubtedly there are diseased animals yet in the dairies. More publicity was given to the case of the cow slaughtered recently, in order to interest the city authorities generally in the work now progressing of regulating the dairies. Dr. Inglis, city health officer, and Dr. Hinman, who has special charge of the dairy work, propose to keep right on until the dairies which supply the city with milk have all been put in good shape.

There can be no question as to the very great danger that exists from the use of milk from cows affected with tuberculosis. The Commercial pointed out that danger very fully some months age. It is therefore to be hoped that no pains will be spared to eradicate the disease in the Winnipeg dairies, and to this end it may be necessay to secure wider legislative authority in the matter.

## BAKBRS' FLOOR.

Bakers' flour in the United States is not such an article as would pass as bakers' in Canada. Here, bakers' flour is a high grade, slightly inferior to patents. In the United States bakers' is a low grade flour, resembling only in name the Manitoba grade of bakers' flour. This is a point which is not generally understood here, and it has consequently led to some confusion in comparing prices of flour here with quotations in the United States. There can be no comparison of prices of Canadian grades with United States bakers' because there is no resemblance in quality.

Bakers' flour, as known in the United States, is not used by bakers at all, and thus another popular notion is exploded. Many. people imagine that the grade is called bakers'
because it is the grade specially used by bakers. In Canada this grade is largely used by bakers, but the quality of flour known as bakers' in the United States is so inferior that it is practically not used by basers at all. At present an agitation has been started by some leading bakers to induce the millers to drop the name of bakers', as applied to low grade flours. The bakers claim that it is an injury to them to have the p:iblic led to believe that they use such a low grade flour. The Northwestern Miller, published at the great flour city--Minneapolis--has taken up the side of the bakers. and urges the millers to drop the name bakers', as it is now used to brand low grade flours.

## FROIT GROWING IN MANITOBA.

The Commercial has received a circular from Thos. Frankland, of Stonewall, neal Winnipeg, which is headed the "Stonewall Fruit Gardens." What is remarkable about this circular is that it gives a list of homegrown nursery stock in large and small fruits. Mr. Frankland has been experimenting for years with various kinds of fruit, and has been quite successful in many respects. He has now decided to give the public the benefiit of his experience, and has prepared a list of fruit trees, bushes and plants which have been successful with him.

Fruit-growing is practically an experiment in Manitoba as yet. A few years ago many were of the opinion that it was useless to try to grow fruits here. A few, like Mr. Frankland, however, have persevered, and it has been proved that many varieties of fruits can be grown to good advantage here. Mr. Frankland's circular glves a list of apples, crabs, plums, currants, gooseberries, raspbérries (red and black), strawberries; also a list of ornamental trees and shrubs which succeed here. All the varieties named in the list have been tested here, and have proved more or less successful. We wish Mr. Frankland success in his fruit nursery venture, as success with him means success generally in fruit-growing throughout the country. Cupies of the circular will be sent on application to Mr. Frankland, at Stonewall, Man.

## PBOVINORN GANNOT PBOEIBIT.

The most important legal point which has been decided by the supreme court for some time is one defining the powers of the provinces upon the question of the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors. The court has decided that the provincial legislatures have not the power to enforce prohibition. Seven questions were submitted and were answered as follows;

First.-Has a provincial legislature power to prohibit the sale within the province of intoxicating liquors? To this the chief justice and Fournier answered, yes; and Gwynne, Sedgewick and King, no. So that the judgement of the court is "no"" by three to two.

Second.-Has the legislature such jurisdiction regarding such portions of the province as to which the Canada Temperance act is not in operation? The court answered this question the same as the first.
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## Intaresting Lagal Decisions.

A rather important point with regard to the rate of interest in this provinco on judgmonts came bofore the reforee in chambers at Winnipeg recontly in a cose of Imporial bank vs. Munro. In the year 1881 plaintiffs obtained judgment against the defendant for $\$ 7,000$. As the indebtedness was nover paid, the plantiffs in order to koep the judgment alive brought an action on the judgment, claiming six years interest at six per cont. After dofendant had appearod, plaintiffs took out a sammons for leavo to sign final judg. ment, when defendant took the objection that interest at 6 per cont was unliquidated damages and contd not be cleimed. The roferce dismissod the summons holding that under the English law in force in this provinco julgmonts bear interest at 4 per cent only.

## Boots and Shoos.

Manufacturers are now fairly busy on thoir spring orders, most of the hands having returned and are working on full time. Leather men say that thoy must have suficientstocks of leather to keep them going as they are not looking around, for supplies, as it was oxpected they would have boen by this. Spring orders are coming in fairly weli, and some houses have commenced to ship. Remittancesare better than could be oxpected considering the complaints of the scarcity of funds in the interior. Retailors report a quiet business in boots and shoes, but a good movement is experienced in rubber goods. -Montreal 'Irade Bulletin.

The Onion.
Don't stick up your nose at an onion. If the following from an oxchange is true, the onion should be in good odor with the public: "A physician was seen buying a barrel of onions and being guyed about his purchase, said: 'I always have boilod onions for dinner for the benefit of my children. I like onions, too. They are the best medicine I know of for preventing colds. Feed onions raw, boiled or baked to the children three or four times a week and they will grow healthy and strong. No worms, no scarletina, no diptheria where children eat plenty of onions every day:' Another distinguished physician confirmed tho foregoing statement, adding: 'Could'nt givo better advice, no matter how hard I may try.'"

## Silver.

The silver market has beon dull and slightly weaker in tone, the London price running of from $277-16 \mathrm{~d}$. per ounce to 274d., and the Now York quotations for assay bars shows a corresponding decline from 60 c . to 597 c . per ounce. There are no new features in the situation. Silver prices on Jan. 11 were, London 27 5-16d., New York 60 c .

The December issue of the Journal of the Canadian Bankers' Association contains the first chapters of a contribution on the Canadian Banking system, by R. M. Breckenridge, a graduate of Cornell university and Soligman Fellow in Economics of Columbia college, New York. The work is the result of many month's rescarch among the public documents of Canada, by a student well qualified for the task. It is undoubtedly a very important addition to the literature of banking, and should be read by all students of banking systems.

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## IHE BUSINESS SITUATION.

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The usual dulness of tho month of Inanary provails, and them aro fow ocourbences of importance happoning, Tho weather has beon mild this weok for tho renson.

## Hinningog Markets,

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firscemisis-'I'joro link beon no furthor change in sugara, lefinoss mo ploolng a second quality of gronulated on hio markol, with the aid of which thoy hopo to compoto to bettor advantago againab tho limported beot sugar. Importationo of leot nilgar, however, continuo, arrivals of Corman luet sugar ling: ing been roportod at Now York, for Cannila. Domastio reflnors quoto Hifo for atundard granulated, and 3 jo for pocond quality. Yollows are quotod nt 29 las 110. Molneses is very firir. Dontran roports na melvanco of So for Barbadoos, 'J'ona aio frmor ngain, particularly for Japana, for whioh thoro is $n$ good domand in tho United Stalok, and buyers from there have been ploking up lots in Camada. This has led to samo npprodiation in values. Tho Montroal (iaratto of Monday last says: "'lhero has boen marlsol nctivity in the tea markot, in conneynonoo of tho demand for wholasalo lots fiom tho United States and Westorn Canadn. Under tho in. croased domatad valuos of low prailo and medium Jarans, whioh aro tho goode mont in request, havo flrmed up fully fo per ld, and sound qualities of stoak havo olinugod hands at tho adyance. For lintanco, $n$ westorn buyer was offorod n lot of moullinu Taputis at 150 last weok, and ho rofingel thom. this week he took tho illontioal namo lot at 10sc. In all, it is undorstoon thint ovar 2,600 old packages of theso two grades of dapan teas havo changal hasis diring tho past cight days, and as stooks aro liphtit, yricea many go still higher if the demaud keofs up." Now Bosnia prunes aro arriving.

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 "ally out of tho markat. Siomo inlora had a sewthis weok, but othois woro clear out. Since the frost damagoin Vlurlia, cho oranges havo been scarce. No Callfornila vranges have been recoived hero yot. Somu oranges are being shipped fiom Callfornin, but none are expentod to arrivo in this marliot bofore some time next month. Japmese oranges are about the only varloty hore, and the small boxes in whioh they are paked do not scom to find favor with tho trudo hero. lemons are encior, nud a sllght drop in prices is not unoxpeotod. Somo apples havo been brought in from tho atnten, nind fancy southern baldwins aro hold na highins 80.00 per barrel, though old atook in obininnblo at $\$ 3$ to $\$ t$ por barrol an to guality, Malaga grapes aro vory searco. Somo dealurs aro out of stocks. Cranborciosaroalso vary searce. Following arequotations horo: Dloride oranges \$.5. 50 to $\$ 5.00$ per bax: Jajxumo oranges, 81.25 per box of abont nix doron; Mesina lemons, 88.09 por box; apples, 89 to si per barrel as to quality and condition; California wintor poars, $\$ 2,50$ to 82.00 por hox; bananas, whon obtninablo 810 to 81.00 per bunch; Malaga grapos, 811,00 per largo keg ; cranberries, Sll.75 to 812 per barrol for fancy Jerseys ; Catnwha grapos, 111 to düo per it lb hasket ; Spanish onions, 81.25 por rate of 50 lbs . Now lnyer fiper 15 to 180 yer pound as to quality and sive of boxer. Sweot notatoes $\$ 5.50$ jor barrol. Whito coinb honey, 220 lb ; now dator, 7.080 .11 .Dry Goods. - Vory littlo bushosa is coing in winter goods, and tho fow sorting ordons
now recnived are for $n$ few odds and ends to fill limited requirements of an immedianto nature. Some now spring linas ato boing oponod, but nothing to spoili of is boing hipped so rotailers yot in spring goods.

Cond Woon.-Wood is still offerinn
bundartly, and prices aro casy, abundartly, and prices aro casy, in soino cases prices boing cut
lowor. 'Tamarac has beon sold lower. Wo quote: Tamnrac, $\$ 3 . \overline{0} 0$ to $\$ 3.90$ por cord on track hore in car lotsas to quality. Onk about $\$ 3.60$ to 8.75. mixed pine, spruce, oto.. can bo had at 83.00 to 8.60 . l'oplar has sold nt from $\$ 2.20$ to 2.40 on track, as to quality. Birch 84 to 1.20̄. Ash $\$ 9.70$.

Codi.,-Pricas dolivered to consumons in Wiunipeg are as follous: Imported anthracito, $\$ 9$ per ton for erg, stovo and nut sizes; westorn anthracite. 83.50 per ton forstove and furnnco sizo; Lethbridge bituminous, $\$ 7.50$ per ton; Souris lignito, $\$ 1.25$ dolivered or $\$ 8.70$ on cars here, and $\$ 1.50$ to 1.75 on cars at the mines.

Raw wuns.-The fur sales opened nt London on Monday, whero both the Ifulson's Bay Co. and C. M. Lampson \& Co. have salo next weok. Jus. McMillan \& Co. in theiriust circular says: "Our recoipts aro larger. tho warm weather that we havo had until rocontly hes been favorable for trapping furs, particularly benvor, muskrat, raccoon, nud skunk, but the recont cold weather has checked the receipts of some of those articles; but it will ultimately increase the catch of guch furs as foxes, lynx, marten. and wh.f, because the cold, snowy weathor is favorable for trapping these animals. On account of the excessive recoipts muskrats aro very dull, and in order to be sure of a profit you want to buy those articles at low pricea: While beaver is lower than it has :"led in former years, there is very littlo demand for it excopt at low prices, on accourat of its being out of fashion. Our advices are that bear is going to decline in the near future from the high prices that are now ruling. A good many manufactureas are awaitng tho result of the London sale, which opens S. A. 21st." The following quotations give the range of prices paid in Winniper, The prices cover the range from small to large prime skins, size, colur and condition boing considered, though skins are sometımes offered which are not worth the minimum quotations, on accuunt of being killed out of season:

| Badger | SU (15 to S 050 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Bear, black or brown | 3 OU to 2500 |
| Bear, grizzly | 100 to 1600 |
| Beaver, largo | 600 to 725 |
| " mediu | 300 to 400 |
| " small | 150 to 200 |
| " castors, per | 300 to 700 |
| Fisher. | 300 to 700 |
| Fox, cross | 250 to 1500 |
| " kitt | 10 to 30 |
| " red | 50 to 150 |
| " silver | 2000 to 7500 |
| Lynx, large | 150 to 225 |
| : medium | 100 to 200 |
| " small | 75 to 125 |
| Marten | 100 to 400 |
| Mink. | 50 to 140 |
| MLusquash | 02 to 07 |
| Otter.. | 200 to 900 |
| Raccoon | 50 to 85 |
| Skunk | 25 to 60 |
| Wrolf, timber | 100 to 800 |
| " prairio. | 25 to 75 |
| Wolverine | 100 to 350 |

Pants and Ohs-There is more firmness in prices in this branch. Linseed oil and turpentino is advancing, and there is talk of rtorignizing some of the asocciations in this brauch of trade; which if successful would no doubt mean higher prices. A partial agrecment as to pricos is said to havo boen mado on propared paiots, manujacturers having
come to an arrangemont, it is sain, not to soll pure prepared paints under St. A declino of 2 je in leado and of 5 to toe ung glase is reported from Montraal, the former dite to cutting among ma: 1 neturers, while linseed oil is reported to aigher. 'Iurpentino has advanced leso in tho South.
Duuas.-Following prices aro for small parcols and will bo shaded considerably for fill packarge orders: Alum, por pound, 83 to $4 \ddagger \mathrm{c}$, nlcohol, $\$ 1.75$; blecching powder, per pound; a to Re; blue vitrol, th to 8 c , borax. 11 to 18 c , bromide potash, is to 7 je ; camphor, 75 to Bios; camphor, ounces, So to MC ; carbolic acid, 10 to $6 \overline{5} ;$ castor oil, 11 to 16 c : ehlorate potash, 28 to 35 c ; citric acid. $\overline{5} \mathrm{~s}$ to lim . ropperas, 84 to 4 c ; cocalne, per nz., $\$ 7 . \mathrm{in} 0$ to \$8.00, crenon tartar. per pound. 28 to 3 ior: cloves, 20 to $2 \overline{5} \mathrm{c}$, elpom salts, 812 to $\mathrm{fc} ;$ extract logwood, bulk, 14 to 18c; do.. Ioxes. 18 to 20 c ; Germanquiuine, 30 to 40 o ; glyeerine, por pround, 20 to 25 c ; ginger, Jammicn, 25 to 40a; do., African, 20 to 20̈c; Ifoward's quinine, per ounce, $8 \overline{5}$ to $4 \overline{0} \mathrm{c}$; iorline. $\$ \overline{\mathrm{y}} . \overline{5} 0$ to $\$ 6.00$; insect powder, 35 to 40 c ; morphin sul., 81.90 to $2.25 . \quad$ Opium, 81.00 to 5.00 ; oil, olive, $\$ 1.25$ to 1.40 ; vil, U.S. salad, $\$ 1.25$ to 1.40 ; oil, lemon, super, $\$ 2.25$ to 2.75 ; oil, peppermint, $\$ 1.00$ to 4.50 ; oxalico acid, 18 to 16c; potass iodide, $\$ 1.25$ to 4.00 ; saltpotre. 10 to 12 c ; sal rocholle, 30 to $3 \overline{\mathrm{Jc}}$; shellac, 4 J to 50 c ; sulphur floowers, 33 to $\overline{\mathrm{oc}}$; sulphur roll, per ker 89 to $\bar{b}$ : soda bircarb, por keg of 112 pounds, $\$ 3.7 \overline{5}$ to $\$ 1.2 \overline{5}$; sal soln, $\$ 2.00$ to $\$ 3$; tartaric acid, per lb, dō to 0 j̄c.

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HABHW VRE WID MET.N.S-Further advices regarding the fixing of prices on cut nails, by the Eastern manufacturers' association show that our roport of last week was not exactly correct. The base price has been fixed at $\$ 2.10$ per keg. as stated by us last week, which is an alvance of is to $\overline{5} 0$, previous prices having been $\$ 1.00$ with sales as low as $\$ 1 . \bar{y} 5$ at Montreal. The rebate. however, is to le Je on car lots and 10 c on . .000 kegs lots or moro, instead of 10 c and 20 c respectively as stafed last week. Therms four months or 8 per cent discount. Catting in prices of nails has been going on for a long time and the trade has been considerably demoralized in cunsenuence. as several provious agrements have been made and broken by the cut uail manufacturers, this one may not last long. These prices of mails will not bo adhored to for Pacific coast trade. Owing to the low water rates to Pacific const points in British Columbia. from Sinn Francisce, goods can be laid down duty paid, to undersell Eastern manufacturers' prices, consequently open prices will be made for coast points. The association of horseshoe manufacturers have withdrawn tho rebate of 10 c per keg on orders of 2 a kegs and over.

Tin, lamb and $\delta 6$ and 28 lb . ingots, per lb, 25 to 26 c .

Tin Prates. - Charcoal plates, I. C., 10 by 14,12 by 12 and 14 by 20 , per box, $\$ 1.75$ to $\$ 5$; I. X., same sizes, per
box, $\$ 6$ to $\$ 6.25$ : I. C., charcoal, 20 by 28 , box, 86 to $\$ 6.95$ : I. C., charcoal, 20 by 28 , 112 slicets to $\mathrm{box}, ~ \$ 9.50$ to 9.75 ; I. X., per box, 20 by 28,112 shents to box, $\$ 11.50$ to 11.75.

Ternf Plates.-I. C., 20 by 28, $\$ 9.50$ to 9.75.

Thon AND STEEL.-Bar iron, per 100 lbs . baso price. $\$ 2.75$ to $\$ 2.85$; band iron, per 100 lbs., $\$ 3.25$ to 3.50 ; Swedish iron, yer 100 lbs., $\$ 5.25$ to 5 ; sleigh shoe steel, 53.25 tu $3.5 \cup$, best cast tool steel, $\mathrm{mer} 1 \mathrm{~b}, 12$ to 13 c , Russian sheet, per lb, 12 to 18 c .
SHEET InON. -10 to 20 gauge, $\$ 3.40 ; 29$ to 24 and 26 gauge, $\$ 3.25,28$ gatugo, 53.50.

Canada Plates.-Garth and Blaina, 53.25 to 3.50 .

InON Pule.-50 to 55 per cent. off list.

Galvanized Iron.-Queen's Head, 22 to 24 gauge, per lb., $5 \frac{1}{4 c}$; 26 gauge, per lb., $5 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$; 28 gauge, per lb., $53_{4}^{\mathrm{c}} \mathrm{c}$.

Chain.-Best proof coil, 3-16 inch, per lb., 7 to $7 \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{c} ; \frac{1}{4}$ inch, per $\mathrm{lb}, 6 \frac{1}{4}$ to $6 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c} ; 5-16$ inch, per lb., 6 to 64 c ; 3 inch, per lb., $5 \frac{3}{4}$ to 6 c ; $7-16$ inch, per lb., $5 \frac{1}{2}$ to $5 \frac{3}{4} \mathrm{c}$; $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, per lb., $5 \frac{1}{4}$ to $5 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$.

Sheet Zinc-In casks, 6c lb., broken lots, 61 c ,

Lead.-Pig, per lb., $4 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$.
SOLDER.-Half and half (guar) per lb, 18 to 20 c .

Ammunition.-Cartridges-Rim fire pistol, American, discount, 35 per cent.; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 per cent.; rim fire military, American, 5 per cent. advance; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent. ; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent.; shot shells, 12 guage. $\$ 5$ to 7.50 ; shot, Canadian, soft, $5 \frac{3}{4} \mathrm{c}$; shot, Canadian, chilled, 64 c .

Axes.-Per box, $\$ 6.50$ to 15.50 .
Wire.-Galvanized barb wire, plain twisted wire and staples, $\$ 3.50$ per 100 lbs .

Ro: e.-Sisal, per lb., 8 to $8 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$ base; manilla, pe: lb., 11 to $11 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$ base; cotton, $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch ar ! larger, 16 clb .
NaILS.-Cut, per keg, base price, $\$ 2.75$; common steel wire nails, 5 to 6 inch, $\$ 2.85 \mathrm{per}$ kear; 3 to 4 inch, $\$ 3.27$ keg; $2 \frac{1}{2}$ inch, $\$ 3.50$ keg; 2 inch, $\$ 3.70 \mathrm{keg}$.

Horse Nails.-Pointed and finished, oval heads. List prices as follows: No. 5, $\$ 7.50$ box; No. $6, \$ 6.75$ box ; No $7, \$ 6$ box ; No. 8 , $\$ 5.75$ box ; No. 9,10 and 11, $\$ 5.50$ box. Discount off above list prices, 50 to 50 and 10 per cent.

Horse Shoes.-Per keg, \$4.50 to \$4.75̃ : snow pattern horse shoes, $\$ 4.75$ to $\$ 5$.

## Grain and Produce.

Wheat.- This has been a very dull week in wheat, and at leading centres there has been very little speculative activity. Prices do not show any important change. The general disposition was weaker. The visible supply statement on Monday showed a decrease for the week of $1,271,000$ bushels. The corresponding week last year there was an increase of 480,000 bushels, and the week two years ago there was an increase of 291,000 bushels. The total visible is now 85,615 ,000 bushels, as compared with $80,433,000$ bushels a year ago. Stocks on ocean passage on Monday showed an increase of $1,120,000$ bushels, this increase being due largely to heavy shipments from Russia. The Cincinnati Price Currant report on Thursday said : "The winter wheat crop had been generally well protected the past week, though reports from some western districts were unsatisfactory. Marketing had been very light and the prospect was for a continuance. Interior prices are strong under a widening demand from millers."

The total quantity of wheat, flour included as wheat, exported from both coasts of the United States for the week ended Thursday has jumped up sharply at New York, San Francisco and Portland, Ore, amounting altogether to $3,564,000$ bushels, as compared with $2,587,000$ bushels the week before, 3,312, 000 in the week a year ago, $3,637,000$ two years ago and $4,527,000$ bushels three years ago.

Local. Wheat.-For Manitoba the situation remains about the same. The usual price paid to Farmers in Manitoba is 50 c per bushel for No. 1 hard, though we have heard of as high as 57 c being paid in some cases, the higher range being due to local influences. Marketings are not heavy and several more buyers have withdrawn from country points this wees. The purchases of Manitoba wheat stored at Buffalo to ship back
to Canada for Eastern millers has had a rather weakening effect upon the situation, though the local bulls hope that the customs authorities will subject this wheat to the duty, and thus prevent any more of it from coming in. If it is decided to allow the Buffalo wheat to come back to Canada duty free, it will cause weakness by unexpectedly increasing supplies. Prices for Manitoba wheat have steadily appreciated in Ontario, and millers there are bidding as high as 82 to 83 c in some cases, these prices showing a premium of 22 to 25 c over Ontario wheats. This shows that Eastern millers must have some Manitoba wheat in order to hold their trade, when they will pay such a big premium forit. Stocks of wheat in store at Fort William on January 12 were 816,710 bushels and a year ago they were 1.598 .645 bushels. Receipts for last week at Fort William were 31,791 bushels and shipments were 1,194 bushesl. The corresponding week a year ago stoc s increased 59,538 bnshels. Stocks of Manitoba wheat at Lake Superior ports, together with interior stocks at all points west of Fort William, are estimated to approximate 3,400,bushels.

Flouk-There is no further change in flour. Prices are firmly held. Further sales of Manitoba flour held in Eastern Canada are reported for export. Sales to local millers are still made at $\$ 1.65$ patents and $\$ 1.85$ bakers delivered to city dealers, with a discount of 5 c per sack for cash.

Millstutfs.-Prices remain the same. The quotation is $\$ 11$ for bran and $\$ 13$ for shorts, with small quantities held at $\$ 1$ per ton more.

Ground Feed.-Prices range from $\$ 14$ to $\$ 15$ per ton for mixed wheat feed, up to $\$ 16$ to $\$ 18$ for pure oat and barley chop, and $\$ 18$ to $\$ 19$ for rolled oats.
OATMEAL.-Rolled oatmeal is quoted at $\$ 1.90$ to $\$ 2$ per sack in broken lots, as to quality. Standard and granulated meal, $\$ 2.15$ in small lsts, per 100 lbs. for best grades.

OATS-The firmness reported in oats last week has led to further advance. The local market, which is usually well suppled direct by farmers, has been short of supplies of late, and prices advanced 2 to 4 c this week, 28c per buthel of 34 pounds having been paid for fair feed quality, and as high as 30 c was paid in some cases. Car lots are held at $27 \underline{\underline{d}}$ to 28 c for feed quality.

Barley.-Feed barley brings about 30c per bushel of 48 pounds here, but barley is a very searce grain, and thore is not enough to make regular prices.

Oil Cake.--Ground oil cake meal is quoted at $\$ 24$ per ton in sacks, with small lots at $\$ 25$.

BUTTER.-We can note noimprovement in butter, but on the contrary the markets continue heavy every where, and locally pices have sagged to a lower basis. Dealers were getting 15c and in a few cases 16c for single packages of selected, but 14 c was accepted for selected packages, and we even heard of a sale at 13 c for a small order of selected dairy, though this price was under the idea of values. Auction sales of butter are now being held in the city.

Cheese-Dealers are selling at 11c per lb.
EqGS.-Prices are easier. We quote fresh at 18 to 20 c and limed at 15 c ,

Cured Meats. - Prices are off $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$ on nearly everything. Smoked Meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, $10 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$; breakfast bacon, bellies, $10 \frac{1}{2}$; do backs 10 c ; pienic hams, 9c; short spiced rolls. 8c ; long rolls, $8 \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{c}$; shoulders, 84 c ; smoked jowls, 5! c c . Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, $7 \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{c}$; shoulders, $7 \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{c}^{\circ}$; backs, $8 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$; barrel pork, mess pork, $\$ 14.00$; fancy mess, $\$ 14.50$; rolled shoulders, $\$ 15$ per barrel, pork sundries; fresh sausage, 7 c : bologna sausage, 7 c ; pickled hocks, 2 c ; pickled tongues, 5 c .

Fish.-Several car lots of fresh and salt fish have been received this week. Rublee, Riddle \& Co., received two car loads of Eastern salt water fish, which they are selling at the following prices: fresh cod, $5 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$; fresh hadduck, 5 c : genuine Labrador herrings, $\$ 8.00$ per barrel; dry salt cod, 5!c; boneless fith, in 30 pound boxes, 5 c ; boneless smoked haddies, $7 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$. At these low prices ready sele was experienced.

Lard.-Prices have declined 10c on 20 lb pails and in proportion on other sizes. We quote : Pure, $\$ 1.90$ fcr 20 pound pails, and $\$ 4.50$ for $50-\mathrm{lb}$ pails; compound at $\$ 1.75$ per $20-1 \mathrm{~b}$ pail ; compound in 3 , and 5 pound tins, $\$ 6$ per case of 60 lb . Pure leaf lard in 3,5 and 10 pound tins. quoted at $\$ 6.50$ per case of 60 pounds, tierces $8: \mathrm{c} \mathrm{c} \mathrm{lb}$.

Poultry.-Poultry is very dull. Chickens especially are very slow sale; ducks are also in excessive supply. Chickens have sold at 5c this week and ducks at 6 c . Geese are quoted at 7 to 8 c and turkeys 9 to 10 c .

Game.-Large supplies of rabbits at 10 to 15c per pair.
Dressed Meats.-Good, fresh killed, (unfrozen) bsef is bringing about 5 c per pound, and frozen country beef 3 to 4 c . in a small way. Mutton 5 to $5 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$. Hogs 4 to $4 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$ as to quality. Some loads of hogs were picked up on the market at 4c, and tor best quality $4 \frac{1}{4}$ to $\$ 4.40$ was paid. There has been some purchasing of hogs to ship. Considerable country dressed frozen beef is being bought up to ship to the Ontario lumber districts, for which about 3c is being paid. There are buyers for hogs to ship east, and also for British Columbia.
HıDES.-High prices are being paid for country frozen hides. We heard of $¥ \frac{1}{2} c$ having been paid, and it is alleged that 3 3c was paid for some. Some dealers however, stick at 34 c c. We quote, Winnipeg inspection $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$ for No. 1 cows, $1 \frac{11}{2} \mathrm{c}$ for No. 2, and 1c for No. 3, and 3ze for No. 1 heavy steers, and $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$ for No 2 Steers; branded hides grade No. 2, when not otherwise damaged to reduce them to No. 3. Green frozen hides as they run 3 c to 34 c . We quote: Calf, 8 to 15 lb skins, 4 to 5 c per lb. Kips $2 \frac{1}{2}$ to 3c. Sheep and lamb skins, 35 to 40 c for fresh, large skins. Tallow, $4 \frac{1}{2}$ to 5 c rendered and 2 to 3c rough.
SEneca Koot.-Dall and nominal at 19 to 20 c .

Vegetables.-Prices are: Potatoes, 40 to 45 c per busbel. Onions, 3 c per $1 \mathrm{~b} ;$ cabbage, 50 c to $\$ 1.00$ per
dozen; celery, 25 to 40 c per dozen. Carrots, 50 c per bushel ; beets, 30 to 40 c per bushel; turnips; 20 to 25 c per bushel; parsnips, 2c per lb.

HAY.-Loose hay on the street market is selling about $\$ 3.50$ to $\$ 4$ per ton. Baled hay very dull and quoted at $\$ 4.00$ to $\$ 4.50$ per ton in the country at points of shipment, and has sold at $\$ 4.50$ on track here.

Live Stock.-The market is very dull for live stock. In fact there is no market at present for any class of stock except hogs, which are wanted for packing, but butchers are beginning to enquire for cattle for shipment later. We quote cattle at from $2 \frac{1}{2}$ to 3 c live weight. Sheep nominal ot about 24 to 21 d c. For hogs 4 c higher was paid this week, some loads having been taken at 33 c c. At this rate. live hogs bring a considerable premium over the dressed hogs. At Toronto on Tuesday $\therefore \therefore 1$ cattie brought $3 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$. while 23 to 34 c was $\mathrm{a}_{\text {... }}$. ir to good and as low 2c for poor. There was some demand for export cattle and a few were picked up at 33 to 4c. Export sheep were wanted at $32 c$, and 3 c for rams, and fancy lambs tor export at $3 \frac{1}{2}$ to $33_{4} \mathrm{c}$. Hogs were firm at $\$ 4.12 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$ off cars for best bacon, heavy fats at $\$ 4$ to $\$ 4.10$, light fats at $\$ 4$, stores and sows $\$ 3.50$ to $\$ 3.75$ and $\$ 2.50$ for stags.

## Ohicago Board of Trade Prities.

There was not much change in wheat on Monday. Prices wero weaker. May whent opened at 58de and declined $z_{z}$ to k . Closing prices wore:

|  | Jan. | May. | July |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Wheat | 518 | 583 | 682 |
| Corn | $40^{\circ}$ | 48 | 473 |
| Oats.... . . . | 283 | 303-7 |  |
| Mess Pork. . | 1155 | 1185 |  |
| Lard | 6871 | 7021 |  |
| Short Ribs | 5873 | 605 |  |

On Iuosday the market was dull and there was very littlo trading of any kind. Whent was weaker. May option opened at $58 \neq \mathrm{c}$ and sold down to jrạc. Closing prices wero:

|  | Jan. | May. | July. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Wheat | 548 | 57 ã | 581 |
| Corn | 45. | 478 | 47 L |
| Oats | 28.1 | 80 8 |  |
| Mew Pork .. | 1132. | 1160 |  |
| Lard | $67.2{ }^{6}$ | 690 |  |
| Short Ribs | $572 \frac{1}{2}$ | 593 |  |

Wheat continued weak on Wednesday, but recovered near the closo on covering purchases. May wheat sold down to 57 sc , recovering and cossing a fraction higher than Tuosday. Closing prices were:

|  | Jon. | Niay. | July. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Wheat | 517 | 58 | 58 c |
| Corn | 45x-s | 477 | 471-3 |
| Oats. ....... | 287 | 3097 |  |
| Mess Pork . | $1117 \frac{1}{3}$ | 1142 |  |
| Land | 662 5 | $682{ }^{2}$ |  |
| Short Ribs. | 5623 | 580 |  |

The market was very dull on 'lhursday, May wheat sold botween $\overline{3} 7 \mathrm{~g}$ and asc , closing te lower than Weduesday. "The market was unéventifl. save for a drop in oats. closing prices were:

|  | Jan. | Miy. | July. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Wheat .. | 51 | 573 | 537 toig |
| Corn .... | $45 \frac{1}{3}$ | 4712 tos | 47 to $\frac{1}{6}$ |
| Oats. | 27 | 30 |  |
| Mess Pork | 11 32t | 1160 |  |
| Lard | 670 | 6.9) |  |
| Short Ribs | 573 | 5871 |  |

Wheat and other spec.llative comm. $3:$ :continued very dull on Friday. Wheat was week. cash selling $\frac{1}{6}$ to $\frac{1}{6}$ lower, closing prices were:

|  | Jan. | May. | July. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Wheat | 513-7 | 578-4 | 583-58 |
| Corn | 451 | $47 \frac{1}{2}$ | 47 |
| Oats ....... | 27 A | 301 $30{ }^{2}$ |  |
| Mess Pork. | 1125 | $1147 \frac{1}{2}$ |  |
| Lard ....... | 670 | $687 \frac{1}{2}$ |  |
| Short Ribs. . | 570 | -85 |  |

On Saturday, January 19. wheat closied
 July option. A wech ago January wheat. closed at $51 \overline{7}$, and May at ${ }^{2} 8$ gic.

Doluth Thoat Market.
No. 1 Northern wheat at Duluth closed as follows on each day of the week: Monday-Jan. Col 3fay Ce:: July, Cus. Tueskily-Jan, 01 : May, 0 d, July, 033. Wednesday-Jan. 6 :- "Ay $64 ;$ Ju'y 038 Thurday-Jan.59!; Jtay, goth July $0: 2$. Friday-Jan, 09 t ; Ja, cis : July, 03I. Saturday-Jao., 591; Miay, 62c ; July, 03ja
A week aro prices clased at 601c for Tanuary and 63c for May. A ycar ajo January wheat closed at $=_{c}$ and May at 63 Ne. No. 1 hard is quoted at 1 12cover No. 1 horthern, No. 2 northern 3 elowerthan No. 1 northern for caoh wheat.

## Mer York What.

On Siturday, January 19, May wheat closed at 621 c and July at 62dic. A weoz ngo May wheat closed at 633 c , and July at 683 c .

## Minneapolis What.

No. 1 Nurthen wheat clused on Naturday at 59c fur January delivery, May at onde.. and July nt Guike. A weok ago January wheat closed at E9fc, and May ar goigc.

## British Grain Trade.

'lhe Mark Lane Express of January 14, in its weckly review of the Britioh grain trade, says: "English wheats lave been firm and in some markets havo been quoted a sixpence rise. Foreign wheats are stronger. California cargoes have been held for sixpence advance. Oreron wheat is quoted at 263 ard Manitoba at $2 \overline{3}$. 6 d . Oorn, flat and round, has been held at 22s. Barlays have beon quiot, and oats steady. 'To day Eaglish, and foreign whents were mair ined. Hour is sixpence dearer, corn steady, oata neylectad and beans and peas weak."

## Live Stock Markets.

Tho Liverpool cablo on rannary it says: The receipts of American cattle were fair, but the general supplies were light, for which the demand was very weak. The tone of the market, however, was steady, and values show no change from a week ago. The supply of sheop was fair, and prices were also unchanged. Quotations were as follows - Finests-ecrs, $11 \$ \mathrm{c}$; rood to choice, 1lc; poor to medium, luc; illferior and bulls, $7 \frac{1}{2}$ to 9 c ; best sheep, 18 c ; secondary, 11 th 12 c ; merinoes, 1 U ? to 11 l c ; isferior and rams, 8 to 9 de.

At the Montreal stock yards, on Jamuary 14, there was a fair supply of cattle offored, of which the quality was generally good, but the demand was slow and littlo business of importance was transacted; consequently holders who were anxious to disposo of their stock and go home sent them to the East end market to job them out if possible. The feeling ruled stoady and values show littlo chango from a week ago. Good cattlo sold at 3 to 3.1c, fair at 2 la to 3e, and inferior down as low as"c per 1b., livo weight. There was a fair domand for sheop and lambs, and a moderately active trado was transacted in this line, and pricos show no material change. Choico sheep sold at 3 l and lower grades at 3 c , while lambs brought 3 to 33 c for choice per lb. live weight. The receipts of live hogs were fair for this scason of the year, for which the demand was very slow, in fact no onesemed to waut them at any price, and up to a lato hour no sales or even ufters were made for them. The market was weak, and prices may bo quoted fully $\frac{1}{4}$ to 3 c per lb. Jower, at I to H Ic porlb. live weight. The abovo is no doubt duo to the recent large receipts of dressed hoogs and the fact that packers and butchersgencralls are pretty well londed up just now. The demand for calves was food, and as the supply wis small prices ruled high. Choice veals sold at from SS to S 12 each, common at from $\$ 2$ to $\$ 5$ each.

## The Paint and oil Trade.

The wholesale paint, oil, and glassmen havo completed stock-taking, and while a house hero and there is able to show a inirly good balance, it cannot do said that trado was last year generally satisfactory.

It could not well be otherwise Practically, all the year round values in staples had :a downward tendency; and the conditions were made worso by tho reckles cutting in prices that was indulged in.
At the end of 1593 there were pssociations foverning the price of whito lead, turpentine. linseed oil, and mepared paints. At the end of 1594 there was not one. They all died at the oponing of the year. Thon followed a demoralization of prices such as had mrobably nover been seen in tho trado before.

Sundry efforts have been mado sinco the associetiona becamodufunct tu resurrect thom, particularly that rolating to white lead, but uach has so far failud of its purpusio.
On s ioh lines as whito leal, tarpentine, linseed oil and putty, the margin of mofit, it is said, has not beon much bottor than 3 to $\bar{a}$ per cent. Glass has been a little better probably, but as the price of this has steadily dechinal, and largo stocks aro genorally carried, it is - loar that there have beon anything but oxcessive profita on this article. In some sizes of glass tho decline is said to be about $1: 3$ per cent.-Mardwaro Merchant.

## Fine vs Trasliy Toa

The following is bart of a circular recently sent out by a wholesale tea firm:

We all will admit that there is an infinito number of grodes of ten, and that tbe differences in quality aro nat, wholly discernable to tho oyo. Style counts for much in tea, ats in overything else, but boyond the appearance of tea in the hand, its inherent value in the cup, comprehonded by the tern. "flavor," is brought to light only by most careful and oxpert testing. Besides the flavor at first stecping, a good tea will dovelop strongth and a lasting aroma, so that at table the second cup will ba as good as was the first poured oit. In theso times of business depression, when competition sots people wildly astray in ofiorts to beat the world in prices, wo find many dealers making a great ado in print about teas at abourdly low prices, some at less than hali the import cost of good tea. No argument is required to prove that sucn pricesalways mean oxtremely poor qualities. It cannot bo said that it prys the grocer to sell such tea to his customers if it prejudices them against tea in gencral, and sets them in particular against the goods of the grocer who sells it to them. The users of such tea are likely either to stop drinking the beverage altogather or go elsewhero for their supplies afternaid.
Dealers who permit themsolves to bo invoigled into a hope of roward hy the noterity whichan advertisement of trashy tea brings them, will probably find, erolong, that the bird that once was in their hand has taken to the bush; their tea trade has "tak en the wings of the morning'; other and wiser grocers are sumplying their customers.
as to profit. the low grade article may show the largest immediate percentage, but the bast ultimate reward conles to tho man who sells the finer quality and wins the smilo of his customers.
It is not inconsistent with these general principles to lavo in stock farr tera a com paratively low price. to meet the demand from a certain class of prople whoie means require them to look to the price rather than to merit. Every grocer may judge for himself how best to cater to this class of buyers, without impinging upon his good rule to stablish a reputation for satisfactory qualities in everything he sells.

## New Wholesale Eardware House.

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## Alaska's Fur-Baaring Animals.

THE FUI: SEAL.
The only known hauling or breeding grounds of the fur seal in Alaska aro on tho islands of St. Paul and St. Gcorge, with tho addition perhaps of the adjoining Otter islands, where they occasionally "haul up" but do not bread. From early spring until late in the rutumn fur seals aro mot with in all portions of the North Pacific enclosed by the Alaska coast, from latitude 51 deg. 40 min. to Mount St. Flias, and thence wostward along Prince William suund, and east side of Kenai peninsula, and along the Alnskan peninsula and its continuation, the Aleutian chair of islands. In Behring Sea the rnimal has not beenobserved tw the northward of intitude 58 degress. In the spring of the year only, fur seals aro found in large numbers in the vicinity of the straits of Fuca aud along the coasts of Vancouver and Queen Charlotte islards. During the time of the general migration to and from the breeding grounds soveral of tho passes through the Aloutian chain are crowded with adults in the spring and with youngsoll, their parents and yearlings in the lato summer and autumn. The presence of largo numbers of these animals in these waters and those of Prince Whliam sound late in the season (in June and July) has often given risu to the supposition that some breeding grounds must exist in these localities, but the most minute and persistent search has failed to sustain tho supposition.
About fifty miles south of the Aloutian archipelago larga numbers of scals aro frequently seen during the summer, and for half a century rumors of the existence of breeding grounds were from time to time launchod.
The Russian-American Company fitted out mumerous oxploring expeditions, but theso were unsuccessful. The last onterprise of this kind was undertaken by a former employee of the Russian company, under the former lessees, of the seal islands, on the "John Bright," in 1878, being the third expedition of the kind fitted out by the company in two years. On this occasion indications of land, such as are accepted by all mavigators, were not wanting in the waters included in tho search, After a seasor of fruitless search, the captain firally abondoned the undertahing, coming to the clusion, however, thar within a short distance southward from the Aieutian island existed banks sufficiently shallow to serve as feeding grounds for the seals, which possibly visit them for that purposo even durior breeding season, as a journey of 900 miles is but a brief excursion for these rapid swimmers in search of food.
All other expeditions, in search of the supposed "winter home" of these seals buve metwith the samo lack of succoss. The Pacific ocean and the Atlantic have been scoured by the sealers and omissaries and trading firms, but at the present day the fact seems to be established that the fur scals, after leaving their confined breeding places, scatter over the broad Pacific to localities where extensive elovations of the sea enable them to subsist upon fish until the initinct of reproduction calls thom again to one common gaal.

## the sea otter.

The sea otter seems to exist chiefly on a line paralled with the Japanese current from the coast of Japan along the Kurinu islands to the coast of Kamchat $\mathrm{K}_{\text {, }}$, and thence wostward along the Alcutian, tho sothreard sido of the Alaska peninsula the estuaries of Cook inlet and Prince William sound, and thence castward and southward aloog the Alaska cosst, the Alexander archipelagô, British Columbia Wrashington and Oregon.

At tho boginning of tho prosent contury largo numbers of these animals were also found on the coast of California, from which thoy have now disapparedaltogethor. and on tho coast of Orogon, Washington and British Cnlumbia they have decreased to such a degree that only at long intervals is tho patient hunter rewarded with the price of one of these valuablo skins. On the west coast of Vancouver island, in the viginity of Nohbasound, where Monres, Portlock, Dixon and others of the earliest English nortowest tiaders found fhousands of sea otter skins in the possession of chiofs, the animal has been almost exterminated, and thore can be no doubt that had it not been for the protection affordod under the linssian monopoly for nearly three-fourths of a century, this animal would be extinct to-day in Alaska waters.
Tho Eskimo tribes entered understandingly into the measures of protection introducal by the Russians. The Thlingits, on the other hand, afierceand savago peoploopposed to system and order or control of nuy kind, wero the most active arents in the extermination of the animal. From the time they began to understand the value of sea-otter skins, from the cagernces with which the carly English visitors purchased all thoy had, even mere scraps and rags, the Thlingts, allalong the coast from the mouth of the Cooper river southward, hunted and slaughtered the sea otier indiscriminatoly and in tho most clunsy manner, frightening away as many as they killed. Had those tribes joined to their recklessness the same skill and patient persistence observed among tho Eskimo and Aleuts, there would bo no sen otter on the coast to-day; but, in their wooden canoes, they can only hunt in fine weather, and at such time the sea otters retire from the coast to a distance to which no Thlingit would venture.
In the Russian posicssions, about the Kurile lslands and the const of Kamchatka, but few sea otters are killed annually. At three different times during the existancu of tho Russian-American Company their agents on the Kurile island and at Kamchatha reported the sea otter extinct, and cach time the animals appeared agnin after they had not been hunted for a fow years. Along the Aleutian chain the sen otters frequently canange from one feeding ground to another. For instance, for a long series of years the island of Attu and several smaller islands surrouding it furnished nany hundreds of sea-otter skins overy year, but for somo unexplained reason a migration castward took place, and at the present time from four to eight skins are all that the poverty-stricen inhabitants sell to the traders. The numcrous islands botween Attu and Atha are cach visited in turn by the hunters about onco in three years, and under such management the numbers of the animals appear to remain the same.
The outlying reefs of Atka, which onco furnished tbe most abundant supply of theso valuable skins, are now entirely deserted, and the inhabitants have taken until recently loug voyages to the westward under convoy of schooners belonging to the trading firms. This inodo of hunting the government has now prohibited, however. From tho island of Umnak castward the sea otters become more frequent, and are found in their greatest number in the districts of Sannak aud Bolkowsky. Here, within a radius of not more than fifty miles, until a fow years ago, over 1,000 sea otters wero secured each year by the fortunate hunters, without any apparent declino in numbers. From this point in a northeasterIf direction the cuast of the Alaskapeninsula is lined with hundreds of islands and reefs, affording ample iacilities for shelter and rufuge to tho persecuted animal, and though it is hunted hero recklessly by white and native hunters alite, using firearms, in vio-
lation of oxssting rogulation, no alarming decrease was noted previous to the introduction of staan launches. Still further northward in the waters of the Kadiak archipelago and the southern half of Cook inlet. and thence castward to Pranco William sound, sea cttors are found in less numbers than in the district deseribed above, the ammal catch having dwindled to 400 or 500 skins.
As ha ras it is possible for us to know, the only enemy of the sea otter is man, with the exception, perhaps. of tho orea or killer whate. Wo have reports of natives only in support of the last statement, but as this whale is known to make sad havoc among fur seals, there is no reason to doubt that it occasionally attacks tho somewhat larger sen otter. Skins have como under ubservation marked with scars produced ovidently by the teeth of some large marine animal.

The distridution of the sea otter along the coast of Alnska has not essontially changed within historic times. Certain localitios have been abandoned by the animal altogether, others temporarily; but where Behrmg, Chirikof and Steller, and subsequently the promyshlenihs, found the sea otter more than a century ago, wo find it now, and the supply of sumh skins in the markets of the world was up to a fou years ago as great as at any time since the first indiscrimunate slanghtor prinr to the extablishment of the Russian monopoly; in fact. it was bat recently much greater.

## English Dry Goods Trade.

In their monthly resiew of the situntion Robert Barbour and Brother, Manchester, say: "The general stagration which wo had to report last month coutinues, and wich the exception of some more or less speculative buying in tho medium and better makes for China, nothing has occurred to reliove tho growing difficulty producers find in keeping their machinery going. Indian demand, by reason of the reimposition of the import duty, has undergone a temporary eclipse and tho tedious process of adjusting values to meet the new state of affairs has now to be gone through. For ths smaller outlets there has been no accession of busimess. The hopefd feeling at the close of 1893 that some general improvement all round might reasonably be expected during the coming year has not beon realized, and there are fow to whom the course of trade can have yielded satisfactory results. With tho raw material driven down beluw $3 d$ per 1 lb by the phenomenal crop, currently estimated at nearly $10,000,000$ bales, and goods and yarn rallen to proportionately even a lower basis, it is not surprising that now reco: sis have been posted in all directions. India has thrcughout the year taken full supplies, but quantity has been the main feature of that trade rather than much ultimate profit. The war between China and Japan and uncertainty as to the issue has considerably restrited shipments for hoth these martets. The low pice of all kinds of produce, with consequent curtailed purchasing powers, has reduced below the average the requirements of many markets, including the West Indies and South America. From Central America a decidedly improved demand has been experienced and a considerable volume of businoss has been put through. The coming year will see a new departure in direct shipments from Marchester to the East, via the Ship Canal, and the saving in cost of carriage will it is expected paaco Lancashire in a stronger position than ever to meet the growing competition, and wo hope inaugurate a new cra of prosperity.

The stock of A. Camploll, of Rat loortage, stationer, has been taken possession of under a chattel mortgage.

## British Columbia Floods.

Our Vancouver correspondent writos as follows, on Jamury 14: The Fraser valloy is "uin flumbed, wal at many pomets tho wator is higher lig wo feet thanduring the destructive ilooks of. June last. Old timers said that extremely high whter would not occur amain for many years when the foods of ' 91 swept the valley, bat the treacherous Fraser is not governed by nuy precedent, the same weather peenliarities prevailed as in June, and same results followed. Tho tide was unusunlly high, the weathor lecame suddonly warm and brought the snow down the mountains, the Chinook winds sweeping along the surface of the extrumely high water backed it upand over the dykes that had withstood the freshet of June. 'lhough the water rose higher in shorter time the damage is nothing compared to tho summer floods, as there were no crops to destroy, but the destruction to lridges and roads is serious and a suflicient incentive to the Dominion and Local Govermments to proceed without delay building permanont and invalnerahle drees throughout the valloy. Settlers siace bast Jume have moved above the high water mark, and in this way many homes were saved, butat Stoveston and Lula Island several settlers were flooded out, Sea Island was entirely submerged and the dykes on Lulu Island that withstool the floods of 'gt are all undor water. It wals feared that a large number of cattle would be lost but thoy were driven to high ground in time and eventually taken away. Several thousand dollirs worth of potatoes wero washed away by the pits boing flooded. Settlers aloug the valley could in offord another calamity and although it has not atfected them as seriously thoy will be compelled to desjert their farms. This will be a severe blow to the province that has hitherto bonsted of the extaremely rich lands in the valley of the Firser. To prevent the abandonment of the lands the Federal and Local Goveruments will have to proceed with the building of dykes a: once, it has hew suggested that the dyke be wide enough for a wagon road and be built the whole length of the river where the land is workable. If this is done the land will be improved three and four hundred per bent in value and B. C. will be in possession of some of the most desirable acreage property in America as the soil is so rich and the weather so mild that a crop and three quarters can bo grown on them every year. Traffic has ben seriously delayed in the mountrius this week, but are coming through a day or two lehind.

## Eritish Columbla Markots

January 14. 1891.
There is decided improvement in trade over last week Wholesale men speak hopefully and say that money is somewhat easier.
Annong the interecting trade legislation is a hill to prevent the spread of the codlin moth.
Butter. - Manituba dsiry butter, 18 to 20 c , Manitoba creamery, 25c, Eastern creamery, 2 c ; Canadian cheeso, 12 to 1 id .
Cured Neats.-Hams 12 Ac ; breakfast bacon, 12le; backs, $11 \frac{12}{}$ c; long clear, 9 c ; short rolls, 10 c ; smoked sides, 112c. Lard is heldat the following figures: In tins 12 ge per pound, in pails and tubs, IIc; mess pork, s17; short cut, \$18.00. Australian canned meats: Roast beef, roast mutton. koiled mutton. spiced becf. one pound tins, per case, si.50; two pound tins. per case, $\$ 2.60$; rabhits, two pround tins, per caso. Ss in ; salt heer, hall barrela. Sis, salt purk, $200 \mathrm{Ib3}$. . $\$ 21$; sheep's tongise one pound tins, per case, ' $\mathrm{sin}^{2} 75$, ox tanls. three pround tins, per case, $\$ 9.00$.
Fish.-Prices are. Flounders, ac; smelt, Ge ; scabass, 4 to Jc ; Cod, 6 c ; hali. but, 6 c ; smoked salmon, 12 c ; smoked hali-
but, 10c; bloaters, 10c; kippered cod, 10c ; sturgeon, de; kippered herring, 10 c ; shrimps, 2üc lb ., caught Vanconver.
Game.-Duck, per braco, 00 c , gruuso, braco, 550 ; prairie chicken, 7 se ; tenl, 200 ; pintinl, 80c; wild geose, 750 cach.
Vegetables.-Ppotatoos, Si2 to St5; Ashs croft potatoos, $\$ 22$; onions, silver skins. 1 fc cabbago, $1 \mathrm{c} ;$ carrote, turnips and beots, 9 to ic a 1 b ; peppers, $\$ 1.25$ per box. Quotation; of yegetables in market.

Eggs.-Fresh local, 30 to 85 c ; eastern 20c.
Fruits.-Lemons, California, 81.50 Australian lemons, $\$ 2.75$; nativoapplos, S1.25; California orangas, naval, $\$ 1.50$; seedlings, 3.25.

Flour-The Ogilvie Milling Co. and Keewatin Milling Co. quoto in car load lots at Victoria and Vancouver: Patent, per bbl., $\$ 4.10$; strong bakers. Si.00; Oregon, $\$ 3.80$; Oak Lake patent, $\$ 1.10$; strong bakers, $\$ 1.00$.
Meal.-Oatmeal-National mills, Victoria, at Victoria, $90-1 \mathrm{~b}$ sacks, 83.15 . Cornmsal, por 98-1b, sacks, $\$ 2.15$.

Grain.-Manitoba oats, per ton. $\$ 25$ Edmonten district oats, $\$ 21,00$; local oats \$23; Washington Stato wheat, $\$ 20.50$ do, oats $\$ 24.00$, f.o.b. Vancouver.

Ground Feed.-Manitoba chop feed, 828 por ton; chop barloy, s28; United States, chop, S20 ton; ground wheat, S21 ton; ground barloy, $\$ 22.50$ ton; shorts, $\$ 19$ ton bran $\$ 17$ ton; oil cake meal, $\$ 39$ ton; F.O.B Vanconver, duty paid.
Dressed Meats.-Beef, 7 to 7ac; mutton, 73c: pork, 8 to 9 c ; veal, 9 c ,
Live Stock.-Calves, 5 to 6 c ; steers, 3 to 312c; sheep, 3 lc ; hogs, 6 to 7 c c ; cows, 2 dc .
-ugars-Powderad and icin'́. Gc; Paris
 fancy yellows 4 zc ; yellow, yellow, 4 E © ; golden C, 37.
Syrups- 30 gallon barrels, 2 de per pound; 10 gallon kegs, 23c; 5 gallon kegs, $\$ 2$ each; 1 gallon ting, $\$ 1.25$ per caso of 10 ; 3 gallon tins, $\$ 5.75$ per case of 20.

## Trade Mothods.

It is surprising that some business men are so thoughtless as to continue an unprofitable business, or a businass that pays a small profit, without stopping to consider for a noment why the business is unprofitable, or why it fails to pay a large profit, says the New England Grocer. There is always a reason why these conditions exist; they do not come by chance. They are the result of wrong managoment. or else they exist because natural conditions are argainst the successful prosecution of the business at the point where it, is unseccessful.
It is not within the nature of things that all business men can be competent; there must bo a good deal of incompetency until the world becomes a good deal more perfect than it is. We need not be surprised, therefore, at the failures that come to notice. But there is a remedy for a large part of unsuccessful business, and that can be found in consultation with competent business men who can be found in every locality. There are a gooll many competent business mon who have not been able to revcal their full capability becnuse thoy have been unable to straighten ono or two prublems in connection with their business, bit as soon as some one can point out whore the trouble exists, it serves to make them moro searching and sharpens their ability to straighten out other equally difficult matters, and in this way thoy dovelop into keen business men.

The Ogilvio elevator at Boissorain, Man., has been closed for the season.

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## British Columbia Floods.

A telegram from Vancouver on January 1.4 says: The wators of the Fraser liver are now higher by two feet than during the terrible floods of June. Hat weather, seventy in the shade, the last three days, brought down the snow from the mountains, swelling the unusually high tide, than chinook winds, whoso peouliarity is to rush along the surface of the water, caught the swollen rivor and backed the water down over all the dykes, which withstool the floods of Tune. Sulu island where the greater prortion of the cattlo of the province are roaming, is threatoned with oblitoration, while the Sea island is three feot lencath tho water. The water is coming over the dykes on Inlu island and the cattle have been driven to high knolls. Ranchers have been flooded out for the second time in six $r$ : onths. The government are sonding boats to rescue the cittle. Bridges, hitherto untonched by floods have been swept away and roads destroyed.
There is no communication botween subburban towns and large cities. All tho watore in British Columbia havegono beyond these bounds. In Vancouver, cellers in wholesale houseshave boen flooded and great losssustained for the first time in its history. On Vancouver island, a hundred miles away, flools have done great damage on the railroad lines. To add to the general discomfort snow in the mountains has seriously handicapped tho Canadian lacific roal in landling largo quantities of perishable freight, now awating for shipment. If tho scason had beon summer instead of vinter, the loss to the province would have been irreparable. Word comes from the Dominion and provincial governments that the work of builling permanont dykes soveral feet abovo high water mark will be at once preceded with regardless of cost.
A later report says: Saturday's freshet on the Coquitlam and high tide on the Fraser causod a great amount of damage. Tho freshet subsided rapidly on Saturday ovening and Sunday morning the municipal bridge, near Westminster junction, which cost $\$ 6,000$ was swept away by sheor force of water. Tho water came up higher and faster tban ever before with the possible exception of the freshet of 1866. I'wo great boom yards on the Coquitlam were broken and a million feet of lumbea sent adrift. Steamers wero at work all day Sunday picking logs up. Yesterday's tide was higher than Saturday's and the whole Dolta district was flooded deoper than ever. Apart from tbe roads and possibly some fruit trees, the damage is not worth mentioning. The dykes of course are wrecked, and it will cost a great amount to repair them. No loss of livestcck has beon roportod. At high tide yesterday South Westminster flats were flooded for a mile back. Owing to soft weather, causing slides down in the mountains trains have been dolayed. The Great Northern has not had a train in since Friday. Floods on the Skagit rivar, and at Ferndale and land slides near Everett are cousing the blockade.

## Unitad States Grop Report

Tho estimates of the area product and value, by states and torritories, of the cereal crops together with those of hay, potatows and tobacco, havo been completed by the statistician of the agricultural department at Washiugton, and are presanted as follows:-

The corn crop for 1891, in the rate of yield, is one of the lowest on record. In the last 13 years, tho yiold per acro of but one year, namely, 188 I , was lowar, the yield for that year having been 18.6 against 19.4 for the year 1891. Severe drought and dry winds in
a fow of tho wrincipal corn producing states, reducing the area harvested for grain valuo to 62,082,000 from the $70,000,000$ acies planted. The product garnered is $1,212,770,000$ bushels, having an estimnted farm value of \$551,719,000. Tho wheat erop is above an avorago one in yield per acre. 'The ontire moduct for the country is $460,467,416$ bushols which is below the nverage for the 5 years, 1890 to 1891 inclusive. The farm value of the crop is $8225,-$ $902.02 \overline{0}$.

The moa, acedrding to rovised estimates, is $84.882,436$ neres. In the revision of acres, tho principal changes havo been made in the spring wheat gtates. Ithe rate of yieh is 18.2 bushols per acre. The average value per bushel is 49.1c.

Tho estimates for oats area is $23,5 \overline{3} 3$ neres; producing, $602,086,928$ bushols; value, $8214,-$ 816,920; yiuld per acre 21.5 bushels.

Rye area, $1,641,780$ acras; propucing $26,-$ 727,615 bushels, valuo $\$ 13,391,476$,

Barley arca, 3,170,602 acres; prod act 61,100.4155 bushels; value $\$ 27,181,127$.

Buck wheat area, 789,232 acres; product. 12,(i88,200 bushels; valuo $\$ 7,010,258$.
Potatoes area, $7,737,973$ acrest; product 170787,888 bushels; value $\$ 91, \div 26.787$.

Tobacco area, 523,103 acres; product 406 , f; 8,885 lbs; value $\$ 27,760,789$.

British Iron Irada in 1894.
The London Iron and Coal Trades Roview says: "Messis Bolling \& Lowe, the wellknown iron and steel merchants and ongineors, have issued a very interesting report on the trade of the past ycar," from which it quotes the following: "In the United States the Mrckinley tariff has been amended' but, as wo anticipated in our last year's roport, it has given hardly any benefit to the English iron and steel trades. Our chanco of business in the States is diminishing day by day on account of their cheapened meansof production. I'hey have adopted, with their large population of $75,000,000$ a policy similiar to that of continental nations, making home consumers pay high prices, which enable manufacturers to soll cheaply to foreigners, the argument being that although the country as a whole has to pay 'the extra,' yet on the other hand, it develops internal resources of all kinds, and keops savings invested in the country, thus giving employment to a large number of workers, many of whom would otherwise become a continuous and increasing burden on the state in a more direct form. IVe may spare ourselves the trouble of discussing whether this argument is sound in practice or not, but in Great Britain we 'have to look at the effect it has upon our export trade, and wo must ncknowledge its serious consequences.

## The Siboriän Railway.

At a recent siting of the committee for the construction of the Siberian Railway, the Emperor Nicholas declared that the commencement of the work was one of the greatest acts of his father's glorious reign. He hoped to completo cheaply, and above all rapudly and satisfactorily, the construction of the railway. It was decided to increase the credit of 386,000 roubles by 15,001 for the purpose of sottling in tho Amoor district Cosack colonists selected from among the troops of European Russia. A further sum of 86,000 roubles was also assigned for the transfer of one hundred and fifty Cossack familios from the Irans-Bailial district to that of the Ussure section of the railway. Tho minister of war observed that the Ussuri section was insufficiontly protected from Chinose maraudars. The total length of all the sections of the railway constructed up to
the present is ovor 1,000 miles, or a littlo less than a quarter of the whole line as projected.

## The Orange Market

Teo New York Commercinl Bullotin says:"Apropos of the damage to the Floride orange crop by frost some facts have beon brought out from well-informed sourcos that, while perhaps not now to merchants who keop themsolves well posted as to the peculiarities of tho goods they handle, aro deserving of more than passing attention at the present time. Dealors whoseem ivelined to work up speculativo sentiment and artificially raise prices might consider the facts in the case and yossibly avoid mistakes by so doing. There is a hint or two for importers who incline in the sane direction and somo that retailers may keop in mind and employ to their advantage when listening to exaggerating statements of the damage to the crop that ambitions salesmen are apt to mako. The well established fact should bo kept in mind that froz'n oranges will thaw out and still rotain former appearanco to a great extent, losing but littll in juice or flavor if picked soon alter being frozen. In this the orango differs from nlmost all other varietios of fruit. If allowed to remain on the tree too long the orange will, of course, become worthless. That Florilia growers, or many of their numbers, are nware of these facts is ovidenced in the alacrity thoy display in picking and shipping immediately after the frecze. That a good portion of the fruit supposed to have been lost will actually got into market is more than probablo, and it would appear within the bounds of fairness to venture the statement that the early estimates of $2,000,000$ to $3,400,400$ boxes loss if divided by two will probably cover the entire amount. According to the Fruit Grower, San Francisco, Southern California wil! this season turn out about 7,000 carloads of oranges. The same authority estimates that Riverside will furnish 2,000 to 2,000 carloads and other sections enough to bring the total for the state to upward of 10,000 carloads. This wrould assure a very comfortable supply for Wostern marbets and probably a little surplus. Naturally thestatements telegraphed regarding the Florida crop caused considerable excitement on the Pacific coast, in connection with which the following oxtract from the Fruit Grower is interesting: "The local market just prior to the news of the Florida freeze was in a demoralized condition, owing to the heavy recoipts and a light demand caused by the cold weather, wet weather. Dealers were unable to get rid of their stocks; and prices were declining rapidly. This news from Florida has had the effect of checking a further decline in prices, and has strengthoned the market somewhat, as the dealers who purchased supplies are now firm in thoir demands as to prices." Up to the time no advices of unfavorable character have been received regarding the Europ:ean or the West India crops. Those sources of supply furnish enough oranges to go around before either California or Florida become important factors and it would bo only an instance of history repeating itself should good prices lead to more than late average shipmunts being made from those sections this season. There are now in transit to this port and Philadelphia from Messona and Palermo seven steamers, having on beard a tstal of about $35,0 \times 0$ boxes, including 31,000 boxes shipped from Palemo and 4, 140 boxes from Messina. Besides theso there aro a fer thousand boxes destined to Now Orieans. For the present there seems to be enough oranges to mect the wants of the market, and wore it not for uneven quality of both forign and domestic fruit there would be littlo, if any, cause for complaint."

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## British Columbia.

H. Connocher, hotel, Golden, is dead.

Tyson \& Co., fish, Vancouver, have dissolved.

Fell \& Co., grocers, Victoria, have been incorporated.
J. Marion, has opened a general store at Quesnelle.

James Wishart, saloon, Victoria, has closed out.
J. D. Bennett, jeweller, New Westminster, has arsigned.
J. Marymont, clothing, Victoria, is selling out by auction.
Walter C. Nathan, grocer and tobacconist, Victoria, is dead.
A. Hutchinson, boots and shoes, has started business at Victoria.
Ducks \& Co., auctioneers, etc., have started business at Victoria.
Jas. S. Rollins, hotel, Victoria, is burned out; fully insured.
J. T. Brown \& Sons, grocers, Vancouver, sold out by assignee.

The Province Limited Liability, Victoria; incorporation granted.
Thos. H. Newitt, grocer, Vancouver, is closing out his business.
Voss \& Perry, hotel, Victoria, have dissolved ; J. C. Voss continues.
G. R. Small, hotel, New Westminster, advertised to be sold out by bailiff.
Wm. Crutchley, hotel, Duncan's Station, is succeeded by Wm. Beaumont.
Mrs. O. B. Olmstead, grocer, Vancouver, compromised at 50 c on the dollar.
Wm. T. Hardaker, auctioneer, furniture, etc., Victoria, has resumed business.
John Hough, hotel, Nanaimo, is sicceeded by John Morello in the Balmoral hotel.
R. B. Oxley, commission, grain and produce, etc, is starting business at Victoria.

William Beaumont, hotel, Duncan's Station, offers his business and property for sale or lease.

Crescent Pharmacy, drugs, etc., Nanaimo; Hy. Proctor has sold his share to Fred. Stearman.
James Freel, groceries and boots and shoes, Victoria, contemplates opening in shoes at Vancouver.
Nanaimo Fquitable Pioneer Society, Nanaimo; Robert Aitkin reported assumed management.

California Wine Co., Ltd, Liquors and Saloon, Victoria, has sold interest in London saloon to W. G. Price.

Innes \& Richards, real estate, insurance, otc., Vancouver. have admitted a partner; style now, Innes Richards \& Ackroyd.

There was a fair gathering of buyers at the Montreal Fruit Auction company's roums at Montreal on Monday to attend the sale of Florida oranges, There were four cars offered, but as the bidding was slow and dealers did not seem to want them three cars were withdrawn and the other was sold at prices ranging from $\$ 1.75$ to $\$ 4 \mathrm{per}$ box.

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## Adulterating Oil Varnishes

Good linseed oil varnish, says a contemporary, can only be produced by boiling pure linseed oil at a temperature not less than 270 F., while oxygen is being added. It is indifferent whether this temperature be attained by direct fire or by steam; and whether the introduction of oxygen be effected indirectly through the agency of metallic oxides abounding in and imparting oxygen, by the forcing in of atmospheric air, or by pure oxygen gas. Linseed oil varnish is, therefore, linseed oil changed or oxydized by oxygen, mainly consisting of linoleine in a more or less decomposed state, containing the anhydride of linseed oil acid (linoleine acid), while glycerine is loosely united with the undecomposed linoleine. According as the boiling has been shorter or longer, there is more or less oleine, palmitine, and myristine, present. By the same means of comparison it will be found that the linoleine has been more or less completely changed in linoxine, and that the varnish dries more quickly or more slowly. Thus the duration of the boiling and the quantity of added oxygen are indicative of the quality of the varnish, both as regards drying properties and durability when applied. Good linseed oil varnish must flow more thickly than linseed oil, but must not be too thick, as in that case it would require dilution with turpentine oil or in order to be applied in coatings sufficiently thin for the drying not to be only superficial, cracking' of the varnish being the result.
The color of linseed oil or varnish depends on its preparation, and should be light to brownish yellow (sometimes reddish brown), but never dark brown or blachish brown. Steam varnishes are generally lighter in color than those prepared by direct fire. The duration of boiling and the nature of the metallic oxides employed have an influence upon the color; the longer it continues at a high temperature, the deeper is the color which the linseed cil assumes in consequence of the heat acting upon the solid organic substance it contains, and thus producing brown shade. Manganese varnishes (made with borate of manganese or hydrate of manganese) are lighter than those prepared with sugar of lead, litharge, red lead, pyrolusite, etc., and approach nearest in color to those made by the action of atmospheric air or the direct introduction of oxygen gas. The insufficiently boiled product is usually light in color, being unsuitable as varnish on account of the length of time it takes in drying.

In smell good linseed oil reminds one oi linseed oil with a slight empyrematic odor like that of vapors generated in the boiling of the oil. It must not be disagreeable, not resemble the odor of resin or fish oil, as the
presence of these engredients as an adulteration would he thereby indicated. Adulterations by fish oil and oil of resin are most quickly and easily detected by the taste.
Linseed oil varnish must be clear, and must neither display turbidity nor have any solid bodies in suspension. Leaving it at least fourteen days in a moderately warm place will clarify it unless it has been adulterated with oil of resin. A slight amount of sediment (under $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent,) is deposited after a time even by the best varuish, but when otherwise pure varnish is sent out after sufficient clarification, there is often a deposit amounting to 7 per cent. Varnish must, after twenty-four hours, have dried sufficiently in thin layers on wood, glass or metal, to have a thorough adhesion, and must within the ensuing twenty-four have entirely dried without losing elasticity and softness. If it dries more quickly no defect is indicated, but if it dries more slowly it was not sufficiently boiled, and an insufficient quantity of drying agents was added during the boiling or it contains foreign substances. Amongst the usual adulterating substances (introduced so as to make low-priced articles) are resin (colcphonium), resin oil and fish oil. The inferiority produced by these admixtures chiefly affects the drying properties of the varnish. Resin and resin oil do not absolutely prevent drying, but the varnish thus adulterated remains soft, becoming sticky when subjected to the warmth of the hand, and lasting only a relatively short time. Varnish addulterated with fish oil does not dry at all, and is consequently useless for application.

## Changing The Bait.

"Change your bait !" This terse bit of advice given by an old fisherman to a less experienced angler, is suggestive. The ancient disciple of Walton became the objuct of the other's envy because of the rapidity with which the finny game was transferred from the water to the old man's bas' et, while the young fellow sat in disgust, waiting in vain for a nibble. At length, in despair, the unhappy angler appealed to his neighbor and received for answer the words quoted. That young fisherman is a type of scores of men in trade. They throw advertisements into the business stream and await results. In many cases customers are caught at once and the anglers think their bait is all right, so they let it lie. After several months have passed with scarcely a bite, they begin to curse their luck and conclude that advertising doesn't pay. The fact is the fault is neither with luck nor with the theory of advertising. The trouble is with the way they advertise. They should change the bait.-Helper.
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## Toronto Grain and Produce Markets,

Wheat--Local trado was quict and values about the same. Odd cars of winter wheat, $G$. T.R. west, sold at $57 \frac{1}{2} c$, and same, C. P. R, west, was wanted at 60c. Car lots, on the Northern, are held at $5 \% \mathrm{c}$, with 58 c bid. Manitobas are firm. Car lots of No 1 hard sold west at 79 c , and Montreal froights, 8le was asked. Car lots on track, North Biy, are in demand at 82c.
Flour-The present condition of the market is unsatisfactory to millers. 'I'he price of wheat is out of proportion to the price of flour, and ultimatoly wheat must come down or flour advanco. Flour ground from wheat at present prices, is worth more that, the price currently quoted, but presont offerings have been made from lower-priced wheat. Straight rollers are quoted, Toronto freights, at $\$ 2.65$ to $\$ 2.75$.

Oatmeal-Some sales of rolled oats on track have been made at $\$ 9.50$, but best qualities are held at $\$ 9.60$.
Millfeed-Bran, middle freights, west, is quoted at $\$ 12$, and shorts at $\$ 14$ to $\$ 15$.
Oats-Car lots of white, west, were bought today at 28c, and mixed at 27c. Car lots east offer at 90 c .
Barley-Good malting barley is wanted. Car lots of No. 1 are in domand outside, and bright heavy barioy will bring 45 c . No 2 is quoted at 40 to 4 Lc , and feed at 38 to 39 c , according to location.
Eggs-Limed are plentiful and easy. Wo quote: Strictly frosh, 18c; held fresh, 13 to 15 c ; cold storage, poor, 10 c ; choice, 15 to 16 c ; limed, 12 to 191 c ; now laid, 23 to 25 c .
Poultry-Chickens, choice, 45 to 50c, and poor to medium, 25 to 30 c ; ducks, 25 to 7 Jc, turkeys 8 to 9 c , and geeso, $6 \frac{1}{2}$ to 7 c .

Honey-Extracted is quoted at 7 fc for 60 lb tins, and 8 to 8 fic for small tins; sections, $12 \frac{1}{2}$ to 14 c , or $\$ 1.00$ to $\$ 1.80$ per doz for sections, according to size.

Onions-Unchanged. Demand slow at $3_{3} \mathrm{c}$ a lb, and from 7J to 70̄e a bag.
Dressed Meats-Quotationsare: Beei, fores. St to $\$ 5.50$ per cwt; hinds, 85 to $\$ 8$; lamb carcase, 5 to (itc per 1 b ; mutton $\&$ to 6 c per lb ; veal 5 to 7 d c ; pork. \$5 to $\$ 5.2 \%$.

Beans-Jobbing prices here are: Prime white, per bush, $\$ 1.25$ to $\$ 180$, and choice, 81.40; Limas, 4 de; car lots of prime whito are quotod outside at $\$ 1.15$, and medium hand-picked at SL.2J. Small lots of medium hand-picked outside are quotod at $\$ 1.25$ to \$1.27.

Apples-Quotations are Round luts, outside, dried, 4 kc , and ovaporated. 6 to $6 \pm \mathrm{c}$ for primu and rathor moro for fancy. Dried job hore at is $\ddagger \mathrm{c}$ and ovaporated at 6i to 7c.
Dressed llogs-Farmers' loads sold at $85,2 \overline{3}$. Ca- iuts of choice packing bogs aro in demand at $\$ 5.10$, with $\$ 5.2$ ) asked. Sales at $\$ 5.15$ and $\$ \overline{5} .17$ havo heon made. Car lots of choice packing homs, delivered Montreal, are qupted at $\$ 5.80$ to

Curod Meats.-Quotations aro as follows: Mass pork, Canadian, $\$ 14.50$; short cut, $\$ 15$; shoulder, mess, $\$ 12$; clear mess, $\$ 12.50$, bacon, long clear, case lots, 7c, car lots, 6ąc; lard, Canadian, tierces, 8 c , tubs, $8 \frac{1}{4}$ to $8 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$; pails, 8 ic and compounds, in pails, 7 kc , and tubs, $7, \mathrm{c}$, smoked hams, 92 c for large, 10 c for medium and small; bellies, 10 to iode; backs, $9 \frac{1}{2}$ to 10 c , rolls, 8 to 81 c . Green meats, out of pickle, are quoted a cent under smoked meats.
Buttor-The butter market continues easy. Locally supplics are large and prices casy, and advices from Montreal report a heavy markot there. Fancy creamery pounds are bringing 28c, but the general range is at 21 to 22 c . Low grado stuff is very slow. Quotations are: Fresh mado small dairy rolls, 17 to 17 tic; fresh mado tubs and crocks, 168 to 17 c ; fan:y held dairy tubs, 16c; choice to fancy held dairy tubs, $15 \frac{1}{3}$ to to 16c ; low grade and medium lairy, 8 to 12 c ; large dairy rolls, 14 to 15 c ; creamery tubs, new, 20 to 21 c ; creamery pounds, 21 to 22c.
Checso-Commission houses quoto small lots August and Septomber makes, 101 to 103 c , and half sizes at 11 to 11 c. Small Stiltons are quoted ai 12 to 12, c . Empire. Jan. 12.

## Toronto Live Stock Markats.

Picked lots of butchers' cattle sold at 81 to 98c. (jood to choiso loads sold at $3 \frac{1}{2}$ to $\$ 8.40$. Inferior cattle sold from 23 c down to 2 c , according to quality.
Stockers. - Were in small demand at from 23 to 8 c , according to quality.

Sheep and Lambs - Were active. Straight fat shipping sheep sold readily, weighed off carf at 3ic for owes and wethers, and 3c for rams. Ilixed lots sold at 81 c . Prime heavy lambs sold at 31 c to $\$ 3.60$ for export, and one or two purchases wero made by local dealers at 3ikc. Medium weigit lambs, of from 70 to 75 lbs , were quoted at from 3 to 3 द. according to quality.
Hogs.-Were active. Demand was fair ; 1,200 here. Prices are unchanged at $\$ 1.12 \frac{1}{2}$ for long lean hogs of 160 to $220 \mathrm{lbs} ; \$ 4.10$ for
thick fats, le for light fats, stures, at $\$ 3.75$, sows at $\$ 3.50$, and stars at $\$ 2$ to 2.50. Stores aro now in demand. There were not many on offer to-day-Dimpiro, Jan. 11.

## Montreal Grain and Produce Markots.

Flour.-A good volamo of business has transpired during the week, in strong bakers and spring patents at steady pricos, both on export end local occount. A considerable amount of sack flour is going forward to Englann via Buston and New York from thisport and on through bills. In straight rollers the markot is co: ainly not as firm as it was, and offors are freely made of choice 9 J per cent. at 32.90 delivered here on track. The sale is reported of 1,000 bbls. of strong bakers for Quobec account, but tho price was not mado public. Dealers stato that although a fair business has beon done recently, buyers are pretty well filled up at the moment, and are by no means anxious operators. Patent spring $\$ 3.75$ to $\$ 3.90$; Ontario patont $\$ 3.2 \mathrm{U}$ to $\$ 3.10$; Manitoba patents $\$ 3.85$ to $\$ 9.90$; Straight roller $\$ 2.90$ to $\$ 8.10$; Extra $\$ 2.65$ to $\$ 2.80$; Superfine $\$ 2.40$ to $\$ 2.60$; city Strong bakers \$3.75. Manitoba bakers \$3.ju to $\$ 3.75$; Ontario bagz-extra $\$ 1.30$ to 1.35 , Straight rollors $\$ 1.50$ to $\$ 1.505$.

Oatmeal.-Rolled and granulated $\$ 3.85$ to 3.95; standard, $\$ 3.64$ to 3.75 . In bags, granulated and rolled are quoted at $\$ 1.80$ to $\$ 1.85$ and standard at $\$ 1.60$ to $\$ 1.75$. Pot barley $\$ 3.75$ in bbls. and $\$ 1.75$ in bags, and split peas $\$ 3.50$ to $\$ 3.60$.

Bran, etc.-I'he market is stcady at the recent decline, sales of 7 cars being reported at $\$ 15$ to $\$ 15.25$ on track here, and are quote $\$ 15$. to $\$ 16$ as to quality, Shorts aro in fair demand with business at $\$ 16.50$ to $\$ 17.50$. Mouillie is quiet at $\$ 20.50$ to $\$ 22$ as to grade.

Wheat.-Manitob wheat is purely nominal, but No. 1 hard is quoted at 78c, May delivery.

Oats.-A little better local demand is roported, and while we are given sales of No. 2 whito at $36 \frac{1}{4}$ to 361 c for car lots, we also know of sales at 35ic, with more offering at that figure.

Barley.-A fair business has been done in malting barloy at from 50 -to 53 c , and feed barley has changed hands at $45 \frac{2}{2}$ to 46 c .
Poris, Lard, \&c.-In lard there have been sales of car lots of compound at $\$ 1.35$, and at 31.40 w 1.45 for smaller lots. Puro lard solls at 81 to 9 c , and choico lettio rendered at 93 c to 10̃c. In smoked meals, hames havs sold as low as 9c and up to 10c. Picnic hams at 8 to $8 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$, and bellies at 7c. We quote as folfows: Canada short cut pork, perbbl $\$ 15.50$
to 16; Canada short, cut thin, por bbl., sly to 14.50; oxtra plate beef, per bbl., \$10.65 to 11 ; hams per lb., 0 to 10 c ; lard, pure, in pails, per 16.183 to 90 ; lard, compound, in pails, per 1b. " $i{ }^{9}$ to 7 c ; bacon. yer lb., in to lle; shoulders, por 1b., 8d to 9c.
Drassod Hogs.-The market at tho moment is dull, and offorings are diflicult to place. last sales being mado in car lots on track 80. 83 to packers. light butchors' hogs solling in brokon lots at $\$ \mathrm{E} .40$ to 5.50 , but buyers ileas. for car lots of packers aro $\$ \overline{5} .2 \overline{0}$.

Batter.-I'Ihe outlook for butter 15 most discouraging, and holders of early makes who expected to disposo of it in England are trying to dispose of it in this market at pricos ranging all the way from 16 to 19o, while the freshest winter made creamery is solling in single tubs nt 22 c , and finest lato fall mado at 21c. In Western dairy there is very little doing and prices rango from 13 to 16 c as to quantity and quality.

Cheese.-Holders of finest Western Soptomber will not accopt loss than 10.4 f for colorod, not loss than $10 \frac{1}{2 c}$ for white.

Eggs.-Western eggs both limed and hela fresh of poor quality are still a drug on the market, sales of which have transpired at 9 to 10e takon at count. Good Montreal limed have sold at 13 to 183c. Choico fresh held have sold at 18 to 20 c , and new laid at still hipher figures.
Dressed Poultry.-Turkeys sold at 8 to sfoc for choice, while stock the least discolored has to go at 7 to $7 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$. Chickon 5 to 62 c . Geeso $4 \frac{1}{2}$ to $5 \frac{1}{2}$ and ducks 7 to 9 c .
Hides. - The mrrkot is still very firm under a good demand from tanners and limited supplies in the hands of dealers Dealers have paid $4 \frac{1}{2}$ to 5 c to butchers for No 1 light. Heavy hides are quoted at 612 for No. 1. Sheepskins are very dull, as one of our largest woolpullers has stopped buying. Dealers say thoy cannot afford to pay over Guc, althongh G5e has been paid. A dealer sold a round lot this week, and the best price he could get was 65c. We quote prices here as follows: Light hides. 4 l c for No. 1, 31 c for No. 2 , and 2 zz for No. 3 . Heavy hides arequated at $5 \frac{1}{2}$ to $6 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$; caliskins 5 to $\mathrm{tc} ;$ lambskins, 65 c .-Montreal Trade Bulletin, Jan 11.

## Montreal Grocery Market.

There has been no important chango in the situation of the sugar market sinco our lest, except that probably a littlo steadier feeling provails and values show no further change. The domand has improved to some extent, and ono refinor stated to-day that they were and one refinor stated to-day hately sold out of yellows and granulated yestorday, Wednesday. The market on the whole is more active, with a larger volume of business doing, and the prospects are that it will steadily increase from this out. Ono of the refiners is now getting out a second $q$ tality granulated sugar, in order to competo morekeonly with tho German bect granulated. This second quality articlo is far superior to the German sugar, and as it is put up in barrele it is worth fully $\frac{1}{\mathrm{~h}}$ per lb more than the German, as the barrels cost more money than bags, and, besides, the latter boing put up in bags absorbs moisture and it cannot be handled to such advantago by dealers for shipping purposes, otc., as the Cenadian rofined can. This second quality sugar has already met with great favor, some round lots having bean placed, and the indications are that it will eventually close out the German beet grannlated. It is selling at $3 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$. or $\frac{1}{x} \mathrm{c}$ per lb under our standard grado, which is ntoted at 3 ge. Yollows aro selling at 23 c to 3 f, as to quality, at the factory. One of the refineries has shut down ior ten days. Privato cables from London tonlay wero steady, quoting beot at $8 s 7 \frac{1}{2} d$, bui they noted an advance of $2 f$ d per cwt. on Gexmăn beot.

In the molasuss market a stronger feoling has pervailed and prices have advanced $\frac{1}{2}$ e per gallon on Barbadoes, and the general impresgion is thet values will go still highorowing to tho fact that stocks on spot aro very low, for which thore is a good demand from both local and country buyers, and sales of round lots of Barbadoos havo taken place at 281 c and small quantities at 29 to 90 c ox-store. Trinidad is also highor, boing quoted at 24c, and Porto Rico at 26 c .

In rice there are no now features of importto note. Since tho turn of the yoar businoss has beon quiet and principally of a small jobbiug charactor at unchanged privis. We quote: Japan, standard, $\$ 1.25$ to $\$ 1.40$; crystal Japan, $\$ 1.75$ to $\$ 5.00$; standard B, $83.4 \overline{5}$; English stylo, $\$ 3,30$; Patna. $\$ 1.25$ to 85.0 , and Carolima nt $\$ 5.50$ to $\$ 7.50$.

- The demand for spicas has been good, especially for white and black popper, of which the movement has bsen quito freo. The market, on the whole. is fairly active and prices show no important chango. We quoto Penang black pepper, Gc to 7 Sc ; white pepper, 10 c to 12 dc ; clovos. 7 xc to 9 c ; Cassia 9c to 10 c ; nutmegis, f0c to 9 Jc , and Jamaica ginger, 15 c to 22 c .

The market for coffeo shows no signs of any improvemen. just now owing to the fact that both buyer in the country and on spot seem to have ample supplies on hand; in consequence the domand is slow and the volume of business doing small. The tone, howover, is steady and values are fairly well maintained in sympathy with primary markets. We quote; Maracaibo, 20c to 22c; Rio, 19c to 21c ; Java, 23c to 29c, and Mocha, 24c to 29c.
During the past week there has be n a decided improvement in the demand for teas, and a more active business has been accomplished. The domand has been priucipaliy from the States and Western Canada for Japans, and sales of somo round lors have taken place aggregating in all somo 2.500 packages, of which 500 were at 18 c . Besides the above a iarge number of small sales have been mado, and the a. arket on the whole is an active one. A broker, who represents one of tho largest New Yurk houses, is here for the purpose of picking up all tho Japan teas ho can obtain under 17 c .

There has been some inqui'y for canned goods during the past wook and sales of soveral small lots havo taken place, but the market on the whole continues tu rule very quiet and without any now featura or change in prices to note. We quote: Lobsters at $\$ 6.00$ to $\$ 6.50$ per cuse; sardines at $\$ 8,50$ to $\$ 9.50$; salmon at $\$ 1.10$ to $\$ 1.10$ per dozen; tomatoes at 85 c to 90 c per dozen, peaches at $\$ 2.00$ to $\$ 2.10$ per dozen; corn at 95 c to $\$ 1.00$ per dozen, and marrow-fat peas at 8 àc to 90 c por dozen.-Gazetto, Jenuary 11.

## Montraal Iron and Paint Prices.

This market continues quict and dull, with business of very narrow proportions and confined to the supplying of actual wants. Thero is no change of any importance to note except in connection with cut nails. Values on these, owing to the disagreament botween makers, have been unsettled all fall, bit at a meeting held recently an arrangement was arrived at for a uniform price. This prico is equivalent to an advance of 50 c , the base prico now being $\$ 2.10$ per keg, with a rebate of $\overline{\mathrm{x}} \mathrm{c}$ on car lots and 10 c on wholesale quantitios of 1,000 kegs upwards. This is tho fourth agrcement botweon makers in the last five years, and it will be interesting to seo if it is more fortunato than its predecossors. Other yalues aro unchanged.

A fair amount of business has been transacted in raints, oils and loads for this season of the year, and now that travellers are all out on the road a still firther improvement is looked forward to. In lipsced oil a firmer
feoling provails and prices woro advanced 1c per gallon owing to the advance on the othor side of 5 s . Recont salos of raw havo been mado on spot at 5 fc to 57 c and boiled at 590 to 64c, but holders aro now firm at 57c to 58c and 60 to 61 c . The marker for leads has been weahor and prices are quoted $2 \overline{\mathrm{jo}}$ lower all round, which is due to the continued cutting among miakers. There hasalso been an easier feoling in glass and prices have doclined $\overline{0} \mathrm{c}$ to 10 c , owing to woaker advices from abroad. We quote: Choice brands white lend Gov ernment standard 81.50 ; No. 1, 34,25 ; No. $2, \$ 1.00$; No, $3 \$ 3.75$; No. $4,83.59$; dry white lead, 4 ic ; red lead, pure, 8 iz c to de; do. No. 1. 4c; zinc, white, pure, 87.25 ; No. $1, \$ 6.25$; No. 2, $\$ 5.25$; glass, $\$ 1.20$ first creak; $\$ 1.80$ second break per 60 feet; linseed oil, round lots, raw, 57 c to $58 \cdots$ boiled, 60c to 61c; putty in bulk. $\$ 1.85$.

The only now fature in the cement market has been c air enquiry for some round lots for spring shipment. Wo quote: English brands at $\$ 2.05$ to $\$ 2.15$ and Belgian at $\$ 1.90$ to $\$ 2$. In fire bricks the movement is also light at $\$ 1$; to $\$ 22$ per 1.000 as to brand.
The denand for petroloum continues good, and the market rules active and firm with a large volume of business doing. Wo quote: Canada refined at 12c in shed in Montroal for round lots, and 12 de to 18 c for smaller quantities, with a discount of 2 per cont for cash. Amorican potroloum is quoted at 151 c in ear lots, and 16 ate for smaller quantitics.

The feature of the naval store market has been the recent strength in turpentine, and prices havo advanced 11c par gallon. In other lines the feeling continuessteady. Tho demand is slow, which is generally tho caso at this timo of the year; consequently the volume of business doing issmall. Wequote: Turpentine, 42 c to 48 c ; rosins, 83 to $\$ 5.50$, as to brand: coal tar, $\$ 8.25$ to $\$ 9.75$; cotton waste. ie to 7 c for colored and 7 c to 10 c for white; oakum, Fide to 7 h c , and cotton oakum, 10 to 12c. Cordage, Sisial, at 7 to $7 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$ for $7-16$ and upwards, and 14 c to 1 ic for deop sea linc. Pure manila, 912 for 7-16 and upwards and 10 e for smaller sizes.-Gazetto, Jan. 11.

Russian Erain Exports.
The London Mark Lane Express makes the following passing remark: Tho enormous development of lussian grain exports is one of the events of 1894 . Weok after week readers are appraised of the exact extent of these exports ; but the figures make dry reading, and the additional figures of each succossive week slip into their appointed places almost unheeded, wo daro say, by the majority of those who read with care the remarks on the home crops. It may be well, therefore, to say here that Russia seldom nowadays ships less than a million quarters of cereals weekly, and that this colossal exportation is supplemented hy about a hundred thousand quarters of oilseeds. England takes about one-guarter of the wheat shipped and possibly one-third of the barley and oats. I':o ryo goes to Central Europe almost exclusively, and the maizo is very dispersed in its destinations. Russian liusced is more appreciated abroad than it is in this country but the traders at Hull, who are systematising the grading of Russian linseed, and are giving guarantecs of percentage of purity, are paving the way for the dovelopment of a trade which bids fair to contest the London supremacy in trade with India. The wild rapseed which Russia ships, and which is known as "ravison" is much inferior to Indian rapseed, but at 10s per quarter against just doublo that price for the best Indian, there is a great margin, and it is questionable if the two quarters of ravison are not the better bargain than the one quarter of Guzerat. Russia also ships, though in small quantities as yet, sumflowersecd, buckwheat and millet,

## PROVINOBS OANHOT PROHEBIT.

(Continued from pase 438.)
Third.-Has the provincina legislaturo jurisdiction to prohibit the manufacture of such liquors within the province? The court was unanimous in answoring this question in tho negative.

Fourth. -Has the legislature jurisdietion to prohibit the importation of such liquors into the province. Answered umamionsly in the nogrtive.
Fifth.-If tho legislature has luot the jurisaiction to prohibit the sales of such liguors irrespectivo of quantities, havo they power to prohibit the rotail salo: 'l'his important question was arswered in the negative, the chiof justice and Fournier dissenting.

Six - If the local legislature has a limitiod jurisdiction as regards the prohibition of sale, juas it jurisdiction to prohibit sales subject to the limits provided by the Scutt aet? 'Tho conrt answered no, tho dhief justico and Fournier dissenting.

Soventh, -I lavo the Ontario legislature juriadiction to enact the local optin act? Answor, no; the chiof justice aud lournier dissenting.

## THE TORONTO FIRES

THE two disastrous fires which visited Toronto recently, did not show that city in very good condition as regards fire appliances. In fact the fire in each case seems to have had its own way from the start to the finish. The fire insurance managess have demanded additional fire protective appliances for the city, and in the meantims t: qy have advanced the rates. One report frosi Toronto says that the rates will be raised on ill buildings higher than threo stories, as a rasult of a conference of the underwriters. Five cents additional will be charged on fourth stories and a propurtionate rate for each additional story. The rates will be reduced if the city procures satisfactory fire equipments. The Budget, the Toronto insurance juurnal, in roferring to the fires says :
"Two things theso fires will be instrumental in prowtring. One is a steam fre engino, perhaps two or more by the city, and the other is the completo demolition of Aldermal. Lamb's municipal insurance scheme. The umderwriters will now clamor for steam fire engines and will get them though it be to the prejudice of their business. It was unfortunate that the pressure at the hydrants was so weak, it hardly sufficed to send the water with any effect to the third story of the lumhinge, and sume of them wore higher. The Glubg building was five and Mchimmen's sovela. Tall bunhangs are lard risks for insurance companies to deal with, and are besides a menace to uther buildings, even at long distances from thom, the direction and velucity of the wind at the time determining how far the fire may extend."

## Looking turard dairying.

It is pleasing to note the intorest which is being takon in dairying throughost Manitoba. In quite a number of districts a movement is now on font to eitablish creameries in the spring. At the last mecting of the Brandon farmers' institute, the principal subject for dise issisa was the advisability of establishing a creamery in that district. At this meeting Mr. Bedford, manger of the Manitoba experimental farm sp, ko on darying of which tho following is a bricf sumary of his remarks :

Ilo said this was tho timo to pinn and got intoshapo thaso thilugs which wero to be carried out durlug tho coming season. IIo gunted figuras, slowing tho dopreciation in prices of farm produots, and showed he w. much whont hal gemo down compared with dairy produdes. IIo pointed out tho fact that oroamory buttor brought more monoy than homo-mido so that farmers' wives had mueh of thoir work for nothing. 'Iho Local Governmont roturns showed nin nvorage of life porpoladi for tho buttor of the Province. Ito thought that, if tho bulk of the buttor woro mindo in creamorios, the jirice would be mush fnorcanod, owing to its uniformity. Ifa said l'rif. Nills gavo as tho requiremonts for a good orommary drainage, water supply and good roals. Theso combined with plonty of good food could all be lind in tho llrandon distri, tho feed in tho shinpo of corn, onts nal barloy shoaves. Ito thought tho instituto should undertaito to find cuit tho mimiser of cows nvailable to supply mille to a creamory or ohcaso factory. Cheaso faotorios, ruti by juint stock companies, had worlsen woll in Oxford Country, Ont., tho shmoholdors hinving to pay rathor lass for mannfacturing than thoso who woro not sharoholders. Tho fist thing to do was todooide whather a ohocso factory or creamery was bast, or both. It was thoughtat one time that buttor coulid not 60 mado in winter is Ontario, bui it is now boing dono most succossfully. IIo was inulinod to think that it could also bo dono in this d'rovinco. For successful dairyitge, tho right kind of cattlo was nocesary. Ihero woro too many beof catt'oin tho provinco; bulls of dairy breeds would boneeded. More attention would have to be paid to growing feed.

## Just tha Thing for Grocers

tho Commeroial hing beon shown an invention which wo boliovo wo can honestly recommond to grocors. 'I'hisis the "Bxcelsior" Fruit Clemner, for cleaning raisins, currants, ctc. This machino has beon in use in the Fist for somo time, where it is highly recom. mended by thoso who have used $i t$, including a numbor of tho bost known grocers and manufncturing confectionors in Canada.
J. W. IIumblo, a woll-known business man of lat Portago, has secured the exclusivo right to sell this mnohino in Wastorn Canada. His torritory covors Manitoba, tha'lerritories and British Columbia. IIo has appointed R. J. Mclean as his agont, and will at onco proceed to introdise tho machino to tho western trade. Sovarnl innchinces havo been placod in liat l'ortago and a number of orders havo heon takon for tho fruit cleanor in Winnipeg. Mr. MeLcenn bognn work in Winnipeg last weok and aftor intruilucing the "Excolsior" to a fow of our leading grocars and confectionerts ho started west. II will go through tol British Columbia at once to introduco the fruit cleaner thert, and will work more closely on his roturn from tho west.

I'ho Commorcinl hay no hesitation in recommondang tho "Jixcolsior" Fruit Cleaper to tho attention of grocers and manufacturing confectionons, oto. It would also be very usoful to hotels, rostnurants, ote., whero a considerablo quantity of driod fruits arw used. Grocers who have tho machine, can clean raisins, currants, otc., for thoir customers and theroby savo tho housowifo tho slow and tedious labor of clen:ing fruits by hand. Another great advantige to tho grocor is the fact that fruit which has becomo candied or discolored from age, can bo oleancl up to look like fresh now goods. For confectioners and biscuit manufacturom, who uso large uuantities of raisina and currants, the frut cleaner is a thing thoy cannot afford to bo without, and thoy wall only reguiro to bo shown its value to give an ordor for ono.

Following aro some of the advantages clainod for tho oleaner: New fruit or old, hard cat ed raisins, currants or praunes aro put in the hopper of tho machine, the crank turned, tho fruit is drawn into the breakers, soparated and passed into the cylindor, whero tho swiftly rovolving brushos thuroughly scour and polish it. Stoms and foreign matter drop through the screon, and tho bright. olean fruit comos out at the ond of the cylinder. The operation has made monoy'for tho grocer. Every pound of fruit passed thropigh tho cleanor has inereased in value two cents or more. "Off stock" raisins passed through the clanner are stemmed and polished and made equal to tho bost solect. Customors aro pleased with tho nica, bripht, cloan fruit, and increase of trado follows tho use of the cloaner.
A barrol of currants may be cleaned in from a a half to an hour. Drassing may bo used if desired, as in the old fashioned hand process of بeivo or bag-cleaning.

Mr. ILumble har copier of testimonials by tho score from eastern Canada grocers who have used the cleaner. Following ars the abbroviated statements made in a fow testimonials: Bishop \& Co., of Rat lortage say: "Tho cleanor gives great satisfaction. It leares the fruit froe from grit and stoms and is a great saving of labor to the housewife. We wonld not be without it for twice the cost." John Gardner \& Co., say: "Wo consider it all that it is rocommended to be, and it is just what every grocory store requires. We recommend it to all grocers." From a long list of testimonials we solect three of the lcading loronto grocers as follows:

Tononto, Nov. 23. 1891.
Dear Sin,-Tho "Fricit Cleaner" purchased some timo ago gives ontire satisfaction. We find wo obtain bettor results than from the English cleaner wo havo beon using, besides a great saving of labor.

MICIIE \& CO., Grocers.
Torosto, Nov. 27, 1891.
Gentiemen, - We are now using the power "Iruit Cleaner" purchased from you a fow weoks ago, and can recommend it to anyono wanting a first ciass article Yours very truly,
R. BARRON, Grocers.

Tononto, Nov. 29, 1891
Dear Sir,-The Excelsior Fruit Cleaner purchased from you gives mo entiro satisfaction, cleaning all classes of dried fruit. The grocer that is without one is simply not in it with the grocer who has one. Its value cannot be realized till you have one. Yours, etc.,
J. G. GIBSON, Grocer.

Those who desire further information, before being called upon by Mr. MoLean, can got particulars by writing J. W. Humble, Rat Portage, Ontario, who has exclusive control of the sale of the fruit cleaner in the west.

## Winnipge Oliaring Honse.

Clearings for the woek ending January 17 ware $\$ 1,005,852$, balances, $\$ 267,916$. For the previous week clearings wero $\$ 1,110,573$. For the corresponding week of last year clearings woro $\$ 932,967$.
Following are the returns of other Canadian clearing houses for the weeks ended on the dates givon:

Clearings.
Jan. 3rd. Jan. 10th.
Montreal. . . . . . . . . . . $\$ 8,839,00 \frac{1}{} \$ 11,0,66,817$

| Toronto | 5,350,094 | 7,894,426 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Halifax | 1,079,821 | 1,248,256 |
| Winnipeg | 1,233,458 | 1,110,578 |
| Familton | 667,548 | 810,518 |

Total . . . . . . . . $\$ 17,170,770 \$ 22,630,620$

## The Sugar Situation.

Wmott \& Gray's Now York Nugar 'Irado Tournal of January 10 snya
Raws-A dinpoaltion to firmmose in tho Furopann rarkots lias a tondonoy to ntrengethon tho situation hore, and for tho tlino boing at least wo nro able to noto n sill weok with. out a tendonoy to furthur deollino. Tho Cuban crop is vory muoh dolnyed, nim although a fow small contrnotes aro ropurtod at ynrious shipping pointe, no largo transoutions dan yot be mado. The recolpta for tho weok at tho six ports woro only 8,0 if tons, and tho exports 397 tons, tho stouk loolug mily 231.000 tons gives littlo room for pmohnses. Domarara continues to supply n faw mugnis, 16, , Kon bags contrifugals havlug hoon gollit thils weok for this month's shipmont. 'Tho flrmaose of Europe may possl hiy bo owing to somo purohnese for American neconnt thla wook, Thoro is no change in the conilltions nuid proencects of the beet orops.
"Rofinod-Ordors for rolned angare havo rather increased thim wook, but are still limited to moro atual rogulicmunts, but the urzoncy of soma buyorr Cor lmmedinto shipmon'shows that somo precers at lenyt aro down to oxhmustod ntogik, and must now bocome constant bisyesw. This is a gond feature, and promisas n inctere nud stondier business for rofinotr, forman glanulated arrived in slightly fnorvanod yuanitios, and passed through on routo to Chicapo, St. Leutis and Canada. Tho quatatlons for this grado of refined improved Allghtly.
"Sugar Suppllas- tho ontiro atock of sugar in tho Unitod Shitos at tho begilnning of 1895 consists of 165,430 tons of raw sugar in the four ports, 08,000 tons balanco of the domestio crop, 16,000 tons Smudwich Islands sugar in San Franoisce, and bu, 600 tons of rofined sugar in refnerr' hamils. 'T'otnl stock, 328,469 tons. Wo can count with conflionco on receiving Juring tho year $1,(000,000$ tons from Cuba, 100,000 toms from tho 13 ritish West Indies, 80,000 tonis from l'orto Rico, 50,000 tons from Dommara, 50,100 tonn from other West Indies; 75,100 O tons from I3razil, 100,000 tons from tho lint Indies, 1.10.010) from the Sandwioh Islanden, and 100,000 tons from tho noxt domastio orp, T'uguther 1,1073 , 000 tons, including atook on hand, or nearly sufficiont for the entiroconsumption of tho year. The sugars namod niove find thoir way naturally to tho Unitod Statos andil they arocrowded out of use here by the $1,000,140$ tons surplus beet crops of Europo, it will lo bectuso of a competition of low pricos during tho entiro campaign. In 1801, 101,320 ton, of bout sugars were imported, ngninst 218 , 111 , wns in j803, 149,482 tons in 1802, and 831.128 tons in 1891. With discriminating and diforontial ditties against boot sugars, furopo has found it vory dificult to gain muoh of a foothold in tho Trited States, but seams to havo dotormined to keep quiet no longer, and in now raising a a tariff agitation thint in the ond mity result in largely incroasod oxports of sugne to Amorica. All which tomid to $n$ contlananco of low prices."

## Manitoba Whaat in Montraal.

"Shere was great oxcitoment on the flow to-day," says the Montroal Horald of January 14. "Grain mon dil all tho talling ani made lots of noiso. Tho disousstun aress uver the statement mado by a breker on goud authority that another lot of Mnitubn whest, comprising somo 05,000 buahole, hold at 13ulfalo to como back to Camadn, of courso the wheat is for millers, A quastion rainud whs: "Can the wheat be brought backi" Somo thought it could, and aomo thought it couldn't. Cortain it is that Conadlan wheat cannot be brought from Ogdonsburg to Montreal free of duty, and on this faot, the champions of the latter way of thinking based thoir contention.

If the wheat comes lack it means lower prices. Lower prices would bonefit the consumer at the expenso of sonve millers and the farmer, while higher prices' would mean just the opposite.

Mr. Robert Moighen, President of the Lake of tho Woods Milling Company said: 'I am of the opinion that tho Customs regulations will prevent wheat shipped [rom Fort William to Buffalo in Amorican vassols being re-shippod to Canada by rail without paying "aty.'"
"Is it your policy Mr. Moighon to object to this wheat soming back?"
"Mrost certainly if the customs regulations will yrevent it. The Munitoba farmer has been getting a premium on his wheat for the last seven or vight weaks over an export basis, and I hold that it is not fair that this whent, which has been. bought by Now York merchunts during the timo of the extrome doprossion, and shiphed to Buffalo for oxport, should re-enter the Dominion free of duty, Its appearances here would be decidedily against the iuterests of the Manitolea farmer and the Manitobit miller."
"Then the stand you take from a Manitoba standpoint is that this wheat if it roenters the Dominion should pay duty ?"

Exactly."
"Wenl, what will the effect be if the wheat is not subjeot to duty ""
"This is a very simple quastion to answer. We will have to reduce the price which we are now paying the Manitoba farmer.'

## Paint Firms at Law

In an action brought by Wm. Johnson \& Sons, Ltd., against the Canads i’aint Co., Itd., and tried at Montreal on Sionday, the plaintiffs sought to recover from the defendants the sum of $\$ 100,000$ as damages suffered by them by reason of defendants having cansed a writ of injunction to issue against them whereby they werotemporarily enjoined from c rrying on business in their corporate name in the Dominion of Canada. Tho dofendants denied that they had acted maliciously, and pleaded that there was reasonnble and probable cause for the proceedings. lhe court hold that the plaintifis had failed to prove the material allegations of their declaration, and especially the allegation that defondants acted maliciously and without reasonable and probable cause in procuring the issue of the writ of injunction. It was further held that the dofendants had proved the material allegations of their pleas, and particularly that they had acted with reasomable and probable causo. Moreover, tho writ was ouly issued after notice to the plaintiffs and after they had an opportunity of being heard, and it was not proved that they had contradicted or robutted, hy affidavit or ctherwise, the allegations of the petition and aflidavit upon which the writ was ordered to issue, or offered any explanation of the facts therein alleged, although thoy had an opportunity of doing so bofore the issue of the writ. 'The court was of the opinion, therefore, that the action was unfounded, and it was disunissed with costs.-Hardware Merchant.

The Canadian Druggist enters upon its ssvonth volume witb the frnuary $2 s s u e$, and tho office of publication has been removed from Strathroy to Toronto, Ontrisio.

A copy of the Allan LineHandbook for 1895 has been received. The work is intended for circulation in Great Britain and Europe, and givas information for intending emigrants to Canada and the United States. The hook is filled with advico to intonding emigrants, as rogards what they should do in preparation for moving, as woll as giving information about Canada which will bo useful to them.

## A Poor Year for Railroads.

Reports of gross railway carnings i $\sim$ Docembor, 1831, show a slight improvement ove those of November, in that a slightl: smaller ciecrease is shown as compared with 1899. Increases among the various roads are moro num rrous, and ing ge decreases are fower. With the exception of August, when tho only monthly increav for eight months was roported, the showing for December is tho best during that period. When this is told however, about all that is favorablo has beon said. Tho month just closed rounds off a year which, it is safo to say, is almost unsurmassed in unfavornble featuras in railway operations. 'Total gross carnings of 118 Amorican railronds for Decomber aggregato \$3i, 718,10 ), a decreaso fiom Decomber a year ago of 1.1 jmr cont., which month in turn, it will be remombered, showed a decrense of 18.6 per cont. from the December of 1892.

Sineo June, 1893, railroad gross ruceipts monthly have only onco shown an increase over tho corresponding figures a year ago, and that one increaso was more accidental than otherwise. The decrease for December this year was the smallest for any month since Junc. 1893. Showings made by the different groups of railroads are largely in arcordance with thoso mado plain in recont monthly reports. Southern railronds lead in proportion of gain shown, contral westorn roads and trunk lines coming next in order. Tho granger lines still furnish the least favorable feature, and the henviest aggregato docreases. Among favorablo features in Decomber roport are the increases among various roads, which more than countorbalance in number, though not in value, decreases reported. I'he following table of largoircreases and decreases is of interest:


Total, 6 systems. ........... .. $\$ \overline{\$ 1,240,016}$
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The Granger and Trunk lines report the heaviest decreases, in the nerghborhood of 14 per cont. cach, whilo the Pacific, southwestern and central westorn roads all oither equal or exceed the decrease shown in aggregate carnings of all roads, 11 per cont. The bast report is naturally that mado by southern roads, recent month's favorable operations combining to cut early heavy decreases.
Examination of delailed returns for the twolve months fails to develop many favorable features. i'fenty American roads out of 114 show gains over 1893. Increases are most numerous in the central wesiern, southern and southwestern roads, in tho order named, as ninetcen or twenty increasas rereported occui in theso groups.-Bradstreets,

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