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WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 22, 1896.

Manitoba.

Capt. F. Patterson, of Winnipeg, has assigned.

Theresa M. Walsh, clothing, of Winnipeg, is moving to Vancouver.

K. Krocker & Co., general store, of Reinland, have assigned.

George Cook, carriage shop, of Carman, has sold out to O. E. Hood.

Dalton & Co., of Carberry, have sold out their general store to J. Fairley.

George Thompson, livery and feed, of Carberry, is succeeded by Angus McKenzie.

Hugg & Saunders, pump manufacturers of Carman, have dissolved. W. B. Saunders continues.

Bremeau & Guedon, blacksmiths of St. Agathe, have dissolved. Bremeau continues the business.

P. F. Curtis has purchased the general store business formerly carried on by Griffith at Baldur.

J. E. Sparrow, of Hartney, has sold out his furniture business to his brother, C. E. Sparrow, and will spend the winter in the east.

The general stock of N. Klass, Rhineland, amounting to \$1,000, will be offered for sale shortly by the assignee.

The livery stable at Wawanesa, owned by Davison Bros., was totally destroyed by fire recently. The building was valued at \$1,200 and was insured for \$750.

It is proposed to dam the Assiniboia river at Portage la Prairie, and flood the slough at a cost of about \$35,000, as estimated by Geo. H. Webster, C.E.

J. McPherson, lately one of the proprietors of the Portage Liberal, and E. L. Burns, have bought the Daily Graphic of Portage la Prairie. Chas. B. Halpin and Dr. Rutherford become proprietors of the Liberal, with Mr. Halpin as manager.

A meeting was held in the city hall, Winnipeg, on Thursday evening to discuss the frontage tax system for street improvements. Representatives of the various city business associations were present to confer with the council. The general feeling was strongly in favor of the carrying out of a comprehensive system of street improvements, but considerable opposition was shown to the frontage tax system as at present enforced. A committee was appointed to further inves-

tigate the matter composed of Stephen Nairn, A. M. Nanton, F. H. Mathewson, T. Gilroy, W. F. Alloway, F. W. Thompson, R. T. Riley, C. H. Wilson, R. J. Shrimpton, T. D. Robinson, J. H. Asbdown and A. G. Brown.

Alberta.

The name of the South Edmonton News has been changed to the Alberta Plaindealer. Dr. R. F. Hay, of Calgary, is dead.

Sharpless & Co., grain and feed dealers, Calgary, have sold out their branch business at Red Deer to Smith & Gaetz, general merchants, formerly R. L. Gaetz.

The drug stock of the estate of E. A. Waldon, Calgary, is advertised for sale.

Northwest Ontario.

Barney Barnato denies the report which was wired from Toronto recently, that he had purchased a number of mining claims in the Lake of the Woods region.

F. Morley, hotelkeeper, Fort William, has sold out to J. J. Morrow.

Assiniboia.

On Tuesday, says the Times, Medicine Hat had a visit from S. T. Copus, of the National Gas and Oil Company of Windsor, Ont., and G. C. Foster, of Leamington, Ont. These gentlemen, who are experts in natural gas matters, were sent to Medicine Hat by the Canadian Pacific Railway company to look over the gas field here and to report upon the condition etc., of the wells sunk four or five years ago.

D. Camhar, blacksmith, Fleming, has sold out.

British Columbia Trade Items.

B. W. Jones & Co., Fort Steele, merchants, have sold out to Plants & Conlon.

Clark & Co., drugs, Kamloops, have sold out to W. E. McCartney.

David Wilson, saddler, Vancouver, has sold out to J. Storey.

F. J. Hall, grocer, Victoria, has sold out to W. J. Dwyer.

Grain and Milling Notes.

The Lake of the Woods Milling Co. have shipped 5,000 sacks of low grade flour to London, going by rail from Montreal to St. John, N. B., owing to the scarcity of ocean freight space from Montreal. The price obtained was said to be 6c per barrel more than similar grades have been selling at in Montreal.

At the last regular meeting of the Winnipeg grain exchange, the following members were selected to represent the exchange at the civic meeting to discuss the frontage tax question: Stephen Nairn, G. R. Cowe, D. G. McBean, Robt. Muir, N. Bawlf and F. W. Thompson. The question regarding the legal weight of a bushel of flax seed was considered and the secretary instructed to take up the matter with the department of inland revenue. It was unanimously resolved that in future no visitors' tickets for entrance to the floor of the exchange shall be issued to residents of the city, and that in the case of non-residents not more than one ticket should be issued to the same person within a period of six months.

Before the Dominion tariff commission at Toronto on Thursday, the representatives of the Ontario Miller's Association argued strongly with the ministers against reciprocity with the United States in natural products. Hon. Mr. Fielding pointed out that United States farmers are more afraid of the Canadians. J. L. Spink, a member of the deputa-

tion said the Canadians had most reason to fear reciprocity. The United States were the greatest consumers of high grade flour in the world and got big profits out of high patents in their own markets, but they slaughtered common grades at a terrific rate. Sir Richard Cartwright asked if this would not benefit Manitoba producers who grow high grade wheat. C. B. Watts replied that in Duluth they produced as good flour as it Manitoba. Mr. Spink said flour was being sent into Montreal from Minneapolis than was better than the Manitoba product.

T. L. Morton and H. J. Pearson are building an elevator at Duphin.

The Farmers' Elevator Company of Reston, Man., is applying for incorporation. The capital stock at is placed at \$1,800.

A Montreal report of November 13 says: "The feature of the flour market today was the strong enquiry received from England and Australia for Manitoba grades, the Lake of the Woods Milling Co. having received a cable offer for 5,000 barrels from the latter party for shipment in January, which they have accepted.

W. W. Ogilvie has received the following dispatch from his Winnipeg mill: Have just sold 400 tons more, which is equal to 4,000 barrels, of Hungarian flour for Sydney, Australia, for shipment by the December steamer at full prices, making in all 650 tons, or 6,500 barrels for this vessel, leaving Vancouver on December 8th. Arrangements have been completed for a special train to leave Winnipeg on November 30th with the above lot of flour.

There are two good openings for elevators we know of, says the Saltcoats Assiniboian, one here and the other at Yorkton, and it would pay some of our grain men or others with capital to investigate these two points with a view of erecting suitable elevators for next season's crop.

Want Specific Duties Stopped.

At one of the sessions of the Dominion government tariff commission in Toronto, the dry goods men protested against unfair appraisement of goods imported which they said was practised in some of the smaller custom houses where the appraisers were inefficient, and undervalued imports to the serious disadvantage of importers at the larger custom houses, where proper valuations are made. They recommended ad valorem duties instead of specific, all through their line of imports. They showed differences of opinion on the question of Canadian manufactures, but on the whole would like to see lower duties if not crippling deserving industries. But they particularly asked for fewer custom houses and more efficient officers.

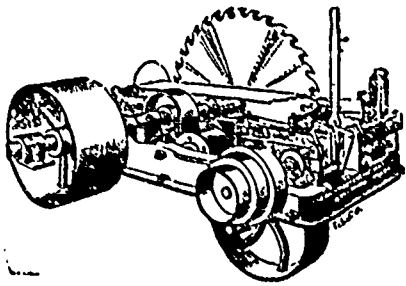
The crockery men had the same kind of complaint to make and also recommended an all round duty of 20 per cent on their imports and no reduction or increase of the present tariff other than was necessary to accomplish this.

Dairy Trade Notes.

As evidence of what can be accomplished by systematic effort, it may be stated that five years ago, the first winter butter factory in Canada was established by the dairy commissioner. During this winter, there will be about 160 in all parts of the Dominion.

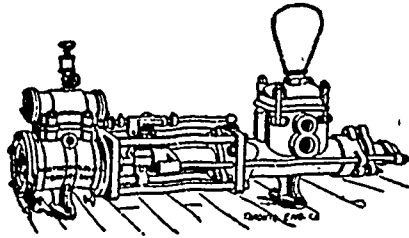
A. Conteau, cheese maker, St. Laurent, Man., is moving to British Columbia.

Since the recent strike on the Canadian Pacific Railway was called off, negotiations have been proceeding between officials of the company and representatives of the telegraphers, and it is reported that a settlement satisfactory to all concerned has been arrived at.



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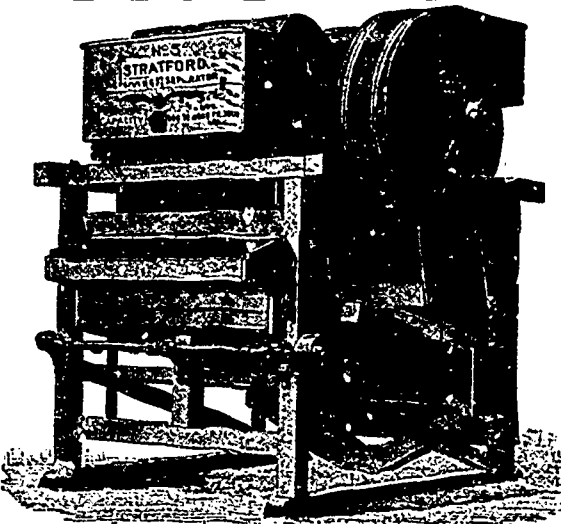
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THE WHEAT OUTLOOK.

The Argentine crop is the principal feature in the wheat outlook at the present time. If any serious damage should overtake the Argentine crop, which will be harvested next month, we see nothing to prevent prices going considerably higher on this crop than they have yet been. On the other hand, if the Argentine crop comes through all right, as previously stated in *The Commercial*, we do not believe it will seriously depress prices. However, with a good crop safely harvested in Argentine we do not count with great certainty upon the very high prices which some appear so confidently to expect. It must be remembered that this crop of wheat has sold at much higher prices than previous recent crops, and we have every reason to be satisfied with prices as they are, or have been on this crop. The available supplies of wheat in the world this year certainly warrant higher prices than have ruled in recent years, but these higher prices have already been attained. So far as is apparent now, there is enough wheat to supply the world's demands. If prices are to go much higher on a non-speculative basis, it will be owing to reductions of crops to be harvested in the future.

THE INTERIORSHIP.

Mr. Sifton, Attorney general of Manitoba, was sworn at Ottawa on Tuesday as a member of the Laurier government, taking the portfolio of the interior, which department has been held vacant since the formation of the new Liberal government. This department had been held by a representative of Manitoba in the late Conservative government, and when the Liberals were returned to power it was expected that Hon. Jos. Martin would get the interiorship. Throughout the West Mr. Martin was generally regarded as the most likely man for the position, and his selection would certainly have given great satisfaction here in the West. However, matters have not materialized in this way, and though a strong effort was made here in favor of Mr. Martin, he was not offered the position by Mr. Laurier, for what reason we are not at the moment aware.

Mr. Sifton has for some time been regarded as the man chosen for the interiorship, and his final appointment is taken as an indication of the settlement of the Manitoba school question, though no complete official announcement has as yet been made concerning this matter. It was understood that while the question remained unsettled no appointment of a Manitoban to a position in the federal cabinet would be made. Now that Mr. Sifton has been installed, it is to be hoped he will get down to business at once and speedily develop a vigorous and progressive policy in the interests of Western Canada. Matters concerning the interests of the West come largely under the control of the department of the interior, and Mr.

Sifton is certainly possessed of that special knowledge of Western interests which should enable him to handle such matters to the best advantage.

Mr. Sifton is yet a comparatively young man, and as attorney general of Manitoba he was regarded as one of the strong men of the Greenway government and one of the ablest men in provincial politics. He has the ability to creditably represent the West at Ottawa, and we believe he also has the ability to take an equally prominent position in the larger field of Dominion politics as he has done in the past in local affairs. Mr. Sifton will seek election in the Brandon division, rendered vacant by the resignation of Dalton McCarthy, and without doubt he will be elected by a large majority, if not by acclamation. J. D. Cameron, provincial secretary, succeeds Mr. Sifton as attorney general in the provincial government, but a successor to Mr. Cameron has not yet been announced.

WINNIPEG'S WATER SUPPLY.

A report on the Assiniboine river and artesian wells, as a source of supply of water for the city of Winnipeg, has been prepared by H. N. Ruttan, city engineer, and the report has been published in pamphlet form. Analyses of the waters by several experts are given; and a special report on the condition of the Assiniboine river by Dr. Patterson and H. N. Ruttan, C. E., is also given in the pamphlet. The report upon the artesian wells would indicate that there is an abundant supply of water which could be made available through sinking wells. The engineer estimates the cost of a collecting system to supply the city from wells at \$25,000. This would supply a yield of 8,000,000 gallons per day. The supply is considered amply sufficient and permanent. Some of the artesian wells about the city supply 20,000 to 30,000 gallons per day by natural flow, without pumping. The quality of the well water is not considered objectionable from a sanitary standpoint. Both waters are very hard, particularly the well water. The greatest objection to the river water is the great amount of earthy sediment contained in the water during the spring and summer. To remove this would require a very extensive and expensive settling and filtering plant. The excessive hardness of the water could be overcome by a softening plant, to cost about \$50,000. The Assiniboine water contains vegetable contamination which renders it unsuitable for drinking purposes in its natural state. The excessive hardness of the artesian well water is not considered injurious to the system, and it is also the opinion of one expert that the large amount of mineral matter in the water would only be productive of temporary inconvenience to persons unaccustomed to its use. Sulphate of magnesia (epsom salts) is one of the principal mineral ingredients. Still the excessive hardness and large amount of mineral matter in the well water are considered objectionable. In the case of the Assiniboine the vegetable contamination and muddy nature of the water are the most objectionable features. The preference is decidedly for the artesian well water, taken all around. The

estimated cost of a new artesian well system of water-works throughout, for a population of 40,000, including supply for fire purposes and softening works, is placed at \$650,000. Engineer Ruttan thinks it would be desirable to distribute the work of constructing the proposed new system of water-works over three seasons, so that if a commencement were made now the system would only be ready for operation by the time the franchise of the Winnipeg Water-Works Company expires. It would no doubt be in the interest of the labor population of the city to have the work spread over two or three years, and it could also be done with greater economy than if it were rushed through in a single season. It is evident from this that it is not too soon for the city to move in the matter, so as to have a new system ready for operation by the time the present monopoly expires. At any rate, it would certainly seem advisable that water mains should be put down at once on all streets which it is proposed to pave, and in order to do this, some general system should be outlined and adopted, so that the streets upon which water mains are first laid would fit in with the system as a whole. The information in the hands of the city engineering department, we find, is much more extensive than we had supposed. In fact the knowledge possessed as to the artesian well supply is quite complete.

IMPORTING WHEAT INTO INDIA.

A good deal of misunderstanding evidently exists in regard to the position of India in the matter of wheat importation. It is true a few boat loads of wheat have been purchased in California for India, but this is not owing to any actual scarcity of wheat in India at the moment. The fear of a great scarcity of wheat in that country is prospective rather than actual. Owing to drouth the crop outlook in India is very unsatisfactory, and should a great improvement not take place, the crop to be harvested early next year will undoubtedly be far short of home requirements. There is still considerable wheat held in India from the crop harvested last spring, besides surplus supplies from previous years. In India some people have a custom of burying wheat in pits in the ground, and it is not known how much may be held in this way. It is estimated that about 75,000,000 bushels of wheat from last crop are still held in India. The importation of wheat from California was due to the speculative advance in wheat prices in India, on account of the threatened destruction of the growing crop. It is also thought that the California wheat may have been brought in to demonstrate to holders in India that they must not advance prices too far on account of the prospective shortage.

Two crops are grown each year in India, one of which would be wheat. The wheat is the winter crop. The present distress is caused by the failure of the rice and other summer crops in some districts, while the continued drouth has rendered the prospect for the present winter crop very poor. If the winter crop does not improve there will certainly be much greater distress than has so far been felt.

It is a pity that a portion of the big corn crop of the central western states were not on the

Pacific coast. If it were it could be transported to India at a very low cost and would be readily taken there for food, thereby furnishing a cheap food and at the same time tending to keep down the price of wheat. Even with the railway haul across the mountains to the Pacific coast, it might be possible to supply India with a lot of corn at a considerably lower price per pound than wheat.

THE TARIFF INQUIRY.

The tariff inquiry promised by the new federal government, has been begun, the commission having commenced work at Toronto on Tuesday last. A good deal of the evidence brought before the commission will no doubt be given to the public from day to day, as press reporters will be admitted except in cases where deputations conferring with the commissioners object to the presence of the press representatives. Thus considerable interesting information will be made public from time to time, and those interested will not be obliged to wait for the final report of the commission. What will be accomplished by this commission in the direction of tariff reform, is a matter of doubt. The time of the commission will be taken up principally in listening to requests for higher duties, or in listening to arguments and protests against reductions in the tariff. So far as The Commercial can see, the main business of the commission will be to afford the various manufacturing interests an opportunity to oppose any contemplated reductions in the tariff. Of course it is quite proper that our home industries should be given every opportunity to confer with the government, and it is certainly not in the interest of the country at large that our manufacturers, speaking in a general sense, should be subjected to any greater drawbacks in the proposed tariff revision, than can be avoided in the interest of the country at large. At the same time, the so-called evidence which will be submitted to the commission, is likely to be considerably of a one-sided nature, coming as it will mainly from those who are interested in perpetuating the system of protection.

Whatever tariff changes may be decided on, it is to be hoped the government will not adopt the plan of springing them upon the country as has been the custom in the past. The plan followed in the United States of announcing the changes to come into effect at some date in the future is, we believe, a more reasonable and fair policy than the plan heretofore followed in this country of putting the changes into effect immediately upon their being announced in parliament.

DANGERS OF MINING SPECULATION.

The Commercial has already referred to the dangers arising from the present disposition to invest in mining stocks. We have private information from high financial authority, that in British Columbia a large amount of capital is being withdrawn from ordinary business channels, for investment in mining stocks and mining properties. Here in Winnipeg, to a much less extent, however, the same tendency is noticeable, and in Eastern Canada evidently a good deal of money is being put into mining stocks.

The Toronto papers are teeming with advertisements of British Columbia and Lake of the Woods mining stocks for sale, and this of course would not be the case unless a large business were being done in these stocks.

The Commercial has nothing to say against the principle of investing in mining stocks. Mining is a perfectly legitimate business, and mines cannot be developed without capital. Capital is often raised by selling stock, the same as with many other enterprises. There has always been, in connection with mining, however, a great temptation to float worthless schemes. From the information The Commercial has received, we believe that a large number of the so-called mines of which stocks have been placed on the market recently, will never pay a dividend. It is a fact, well known to those familiar with the mining situation, that a large number of British Columbia companies are floating stocks of properties about which little or nothing is known. The so-called mines are not mines at all, but simply propositions, and in many cases scarcely any development work has been done to test the value of the property. Where this is the case there is certain to be a great many losses through the investment in stocks.

A few weeks ago The Commercial published a few rules for the guidance of those who contemplate investing in mining stocks. Of course these rules can only be made to apply in a general sense. No absolutely safe rules can be given, and perhaps the best advice that can be given is to scrutinize closely the names of those persons connected with the company or property. Thoroughly responsible persons are not likely to float worthless stocks.

While mining is a legitimate industry, and while the introduction of capital to develop our rich mining regions is to be encouraged, there is certainly danger to the ordinary business interests in the unusual tendency shown in some quarters to invest in mining properties. Business men should not withdraw capital which they need in their business, to invest in mining stocks. If this is done largely, some are bound to get caught. We are informed that in some cases business men are actually borrowing money to invest in mining properties, and this to a large extent in stocks of undeveloped mines, which may prove utterly worthless. In some of the British Columbia cities it is said the purchasing of mining stocks has almost become a craze among business men. Those who have money which they do not need in their business, are at liberty to make such investments, but in many cases it is said these investments are being made at the expense of regular business interests. This is treading on dangerous ground. Of course in some cases no doubt the investments will turn out very profitable, but in others there will certainly be heavy losses, resulting perhaps in bringing disaster upon business interests.

Business men will do well to keep cool, and no matter how great may be the temptation, they will do well in most cases to leave mining stocks alone, if by investing they would cramp their business interests.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

NOTWITHSTANDING the talk about a short wheat crop in the United States this year The Commercial would point out that the quantity of wheat marketed on this crop exceeds the quantity marketed for a similar period last year. The quantity of wheat marketed, from July 1 to November 1 this year is about 95,000,000 bushels, compared with 81,000,000 bushels for the same period last year. It is probable, however, that a larger proportion of the crop has been marketed during the earlier months of this crop year than was the case last year, owing to the tight money market, which had a tendency to force the wheat forward. On the surface the movement would indicate that the crop is as large or larger than last year. The visible supply in the United States and Canada has also been moderately larger this crop year than last, but during October this year, wheat stocks increased only 16,800,000 bushels, compared with an increase of 28,629,000 bushels in October of 1895. The strong feature is the large exports of wheat and flour from this continent this year. Exports of wheat and flour from July 1 to November 1 were about 60,000,000 bushels, compared with 12,000,000 bushels for same period of last year.

THE NEW government is acting with gratifying promptitude in the matter of sending the proposed expedition to Hudson Bay. At the last session of Parliament an item was placed in the estimates for this purpose, but it was understood to be only for preliminary expenses. Now we have an announcement from Ottawa that Minister Davies has made arrangements for the expedition to start in the spring. It is said that the Manitoba government will be invited to have a representative accompany the expedition. The prompt action of the new government in this matter is very satisfactory to the West.

ACCORDING to advices from Australia, the new wheat crop in those colonies is not likely to be any better than last year, and if this is the case, Australia will continue to import wheat for another year. In another column of this issue of The Commercial we print a letter from the Canadian commissioner in Australia, in which reference is made to the importation of Canadian breadstuffs into Australia. Manitoba has been able to fill several good orders for both wheat and flour for Australia, but the commissioner appears to think that we should have done more in this direction. Manitoba is of course at a great disadvantage, compared with California and Oregon shippers, in doing business with Australia in wheat and flour. Very low rates have been made from here on flour, etc., via the Canadian Pacific Railway and the line of steamships running from Vancouver to Australia, but even with these low rates, it is only the superior quality of our flour which enables our millers to compete at all with the Pacific coast millers. We cannot compete in point of price with the Pacific coast product, owing to the long railway haul which

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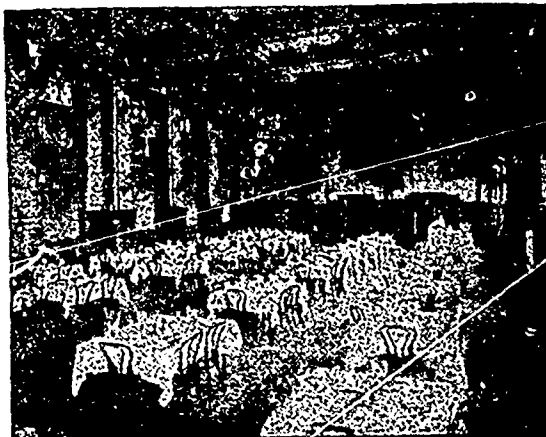
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Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

The prices below are board of trade quotations for Chicago No. 2 wheat, No. 2 oats and No. 2 corn, per bushel. Pork is quoted per barrel and lard and short lbs per 100 pounds.

Wheat was weak on Monday, declining heavily nearly all day. The opening price was the same as Saturday's close, at 79c for December, and this was the highest price of the day, the lowest point being 77½c. There was a partial recovery late in the day. Cables were lower and spring wheat receipts were larger. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	May	Jan.
Wheat.....	77½	78½	82½	—
Corn.....	21½	25	28½	—
Oats.....	18½	19	22½	—
Mess Pork..	—	6 75	8 10	7 75
Lard.....	—	8 90	4 95	4 10
Short Ribs..	—	—	—	8 85

On Tuesday wheat opened lower at 77½c for December, and declined, touching 76½c at the lowest point, recovering a shade at the close. Efforts to liquidate December transactions and large weekly increase in world's stocks, were the features causing the decline. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May
Wheat....	76½	76½	—	80½
Corn.....	21½	21½	—	27½
Oats.....	18½	18½	—	22½
Mess Pork..	—	6 55	7 60	7 97½
Lard.....	—	8 72½	3 92½	4 15
Short Ribs..	—	8 70	8 80	8 97½

On Wednesday wheat again opened lower, at 76c for December, but advanced very steadily during the day, touching 78½c at the top, and prices were well maintained, influenced by stronger cables, exports and speculative buying. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May
Wheat.....	78½	78½	—	82½
Corn.....	23½	21	—	27½
Oats.....	18½	18½	—	22
Mess Pork..	—	6 42½	7 52½	7 90
Lard.....	—	8 67½	3 90	4 10
Short Ribs..	—	8 67½	8 75	8 95

On Thursday wheat again started in lower, the opening price being 78c to 78½c for December option. Prices were irregular, ranging from 76½c to 79c. Most business was done between 77 and 78c. Influences were lower cables, favorable crop news from Argentine and December liquidation. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May
Wheat.....	76½	77½	—	80½
Corn.....	22½	23½	—	26½
Oats.....	17½	18½	—	21½
Mess Pork..	—	6 80	7 10	7 55
Lard.....	—	8 67½	3 87½	4 10
Short Ribs..	—	8 60	8 67½	8 90

On Friday wheat was lower, December option opened at 76½c, and the extreme range during the day was from 75½c to 77½c. There was reports of rain in India. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May
Wheat.....	75½	75½	—	79½
Corn.....	22½	22½	—	26½
Oats.....	18	18½	—	21½
Mess Pork..	—	6 85	7 42½	7 75
Lard.....	—	8 67½	3 90	4 10
Short Ribs..	—	8 62½	3 70	8 90

On Saturday, November 21, December wheat opened at 75½c, and ranged from 76½c at the top to 74½c as the lowest point. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May
Wheat.....	76½	75½	—	79½
Corn.....	23½	23½	—	26½
Oats.....	18	18½	—	21½
Mess Pork..	—	—	7 55	7 90
Lard.....	—	—	3 95	—
Short Ribs..	—	—	3 77½	—
Fax Seed..	76	74½	—	79½

A week ago Dec. wheat closed at 79c and a year ago at 56½c and two years ago at 53½c and three years ago at —.

Minneapolis Markets.

The Market Record of Nov. 19, reports the market quiet and prices uncertain. Prices are as follows, in bbls, f.o.b.: First patents, \$1.25 to \$1.40; Second patents, \$1.10 to \$1.15. First clears, \$3.55 to \$3.65; second clear, \$3.30. Export baker's, \$3.50 to \$3.60; second export baker's \$3.20 to \$3.30. Red Dog, per ton, 140 for lbs. jute, \$10 to \$10.50. These prices show a decline of 15c per barrel for patents, and 10c for clears and 15c for export bakers, compared with a week ago.

Millstuffs—Bran in bulk, \$5.00 to \$5.50; bran in sacks, 200 lbs, \$6.00 to \$6.25; bran in sacks, 100 lbs, \$6.50 to \$6.75; shorts, \$6 to \$6.25; middlings, fine, \$7.00 to \$7.25. The prices are the same as a week ago.

Oats.—Range at 16c for light up to 15½c. Barley.—Quoted at 22 to 21c per bushel. Flax.—Quoted at 72½c per bushel, being a decline of ½c in the week.

Hay.—Prairie, \$3.50 to \$7.00 per ton, as to quality—Market Record, November 19.

New York Wheat

On Saturday, November 21, December delivery closed at 83½c and May option at 81½c. A week ago December option closed at 8½c.

Minneapolis Wheat.

On Saturday, Nov. 21, No. 1 Northern wheat closed as follows: Oct. delivery at 75½c December at 75½c and May at 78½c. A week ago December wheat closed at 78½c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

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

Monday—Sept.	—	Dec. 79 3-8c.	May 81½c.
Tuesday—Sept.	—	Dec. 78½c.	May 81½c.
Wednesday—Sept.	—	Dec. 79 3-8c.	May 81½c.
Thursday—Oct.	—	Dec. 78½c.	May 81½c.
Friday—Oct.	—	Dec. 76 1-4c.	May 79½c.
Saturday—Oct.	—	Dec. 76½c.	May 80½c.

A week ago December delivery closed at 80½c. A year ago December delivery closed at 59½c. Two years ago Dec. closed at 57½c and three years ago at 60c.

On Saturday cash wheat closed at 79c for No. 1 hard and 77c for 1 northern.

The Live Stock Markets.

At London on November 16, supplies of cattle were heavy and trade weak, the market for Canadian cattle and ranchers was weak, and prices declined ½c to 1c per lb., as compared with a week ago. United States cattle were better and fully ½c per lb. higher. The demand, however, was slow at 11c for choice States; 9c for Canadians, and 8c for ranchers. The market for sheep was steady, and prices were unchanged at 10c.

A private cable from Liverpool reported trade very much worse, and middling cattle unquotable. Choice Canadian steers sold at 9c, and sheep were unchanged at 10c.

The Montreal Gazette says that in regard to ocean freights all the space has been engaged for the balance of the season at the advance in rates noticed last week.

At the East End Abattoir market, Montreal, on November 16, trade was fairly active, although the supply was much larger than on this day week. There was some demand from shippers, and a few small bunches were picked up to fill a shortage at 8½c per lb.

Sales of good to choice beeves were made at 8 to 8½c, common to fair at 2½ to 2¾c, and inferior at 1½ to 2c per lb. The feature of the market was the stronger feeling in lambs and prices advanced fully ½c per lb. Sheep were steady and met with a fair sale for shipment at 2½c per lb., while butchers paid \$2 to \$2.25 each for culls. Lambs, 3½ to 4c.

Chicago, Nov. 19—Common heavy to prime droves of light and medium hogs sold at \$3.20 to \$3.30, heavy packing lots bringing \$3.10 to \$3.20. Pigs sold at \$2.50 to \$3.35, mostly at \$3 and upwards.

At the semi-weekly market at Toronto, on November 17th, there was a firmer tone for cattle. Best sale of the day was a half a dozen fancy cattle at 4c lb. Butcher cattle sold at 2½c to 2¾c lb., good at \$2.90 to \$3 per cwt., and some picked at 8½c per lb. A few feeders sold at 2½c to 3½c lb. Bulls were steady at 3c to 3½c lb. Export sheep were firmer at 3c lb. for choice weathers. Lambs \$3 to \$3.40 per cwt., butchers' sheep \$2.75 each. Milch cows and springers sold readily at \$25 to \$10 each. Hogs were in good demand and firm at 3½c lb. for choice bacon and 3½c for thick fat.

The Manitoba School Question.

The Manitoba school question is settled, so far as the federal government is concerned, though it is quite probable that an agitation may be kept up by a portion of the Roman Catholic people and the clergy against the acceptance of the settlement. The text of the agreement between the federal and provincial governments was announced on Friday afternoon. Religious teaching is to be permitted in the schools, if authorized by a majority of the trustees of any school, or on petition to the trustees by the parents or guardians of at least ten children in rural or twenty-five in the case of city, town or village schools. Such religious teaching will be confined to the time between 3.30 and 4 o'clock. No pupils will be present at such religious teaching except when their parents desire it.

In rural schools having an average attendance of 25 Roman Catholic pupils, or in the case of cities or towns, where there is an average attendance of forty Catholic children, the school shall be entitled to have one Catholic teacher.

Where ten or more pupils speak French or any other language than English, the teaching shall be conducted upon the bilingual system.

The religious teaching shall be conducted by any clergyman whose charge is in the school district, or by any person authorized by such clergyman, or by a teacher, when so authorized.

These in brief are the substance of the agreement. This it will be seen maintains fully the national character of the schools. All teachers will be subject to the same examinations and training. The text books will be the same in all schools, and the same control and supervision will be exercised over all schools by the educational department. The religious exercises are simply permissive, and can be taken advantage of by any religious denominations. This is away ahead of coercive bills.

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THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

WINNIPEG, Saturday, November 21, 1896.

The weather has been extremely cold this week, for the time of year, this being the coldest November experienced for many years. The effect has been to cause a brisk demand from consumers for winter goods. A cold spell early in the season is always appreciated by dealers in winter lines, as consumers will buy more freely than if cold weather does not come until late in the season. The cold spell means the early closing of navigation on the lakes, unless there is a very early change in the weather. Such weather as we have had this week cannot be endured long by lake shipping. Grain deliveries have been lighter in consequence of the rough weather. Railway traffic has been delayed in the mountains by the heavy snows. Bank clearings at Winnipeg this week show a large increase over the like weeks of the past two years. There were 47 business failures reported in Canada this week, against 41 last week, 42 in the week of one year ago, and 24 in the week three years ago.

In the United States the situation is reported as improving. The money market is easy. At New York yesterday call loans were quoted at 2½ to 3 per cent, and prime mercantile paper 4½ to 5½ per cent. These rates are much lower than before the elections. Bar silver yesterday was held at 65½c in New York.

WINNIPEG MARKETS.

WINNIPEG, SATURDAY AFTERNOON, Nov. 21.

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

BOOTS AND SHOES—Business has continued good in winter footwear. Prices are firm for boots and shoes, owing to the recent advances in leather. On some staple lines it is said manufacturers are asking an advance for the spring trade. Leather has been selling below a parity with hides, so that the prospect is for further advances. In fact some eastern tanners have been selling their hides to go to the States, as they could make more money by selling the hides at the recent advance, than they could by tanning them into leather. At the present prices of the latter article. All this indicates a strong market for leather and shoes. In fact leather must advance unless hides come down soon.

COAL. Recent reports from the States say that there has been some cutting of prices in the Pennsylvania coal region. Some of the small operators have cut prices, it is said from 50 to 50c per ton. These cuts now, however, cannot effect the western coal trade, as stocks are all in for the winter trade. Locally there has been a heavy demand for coal, owing to the excessively cold weather, which has been exceptionally cold for November. There is no change in prices. Prices here are as follows: Pennsylvania anthracite \$10.00; western anthracite, \$9.50 per ton; Souris coal \$1.50 ton; Lethbridge \$5.50. These prices are delivered to consumers in Winnipeg. Car lots on track of Souris coal are held at \$3.85 to \$3.90 per ton.

CORNBWOOD—Prices are about the same. The demand is good. Tamarac of last winter's cutting is generally held at \$1.50 per cord, but real dry, choice tamarac will bring \$1.75. Prices for car lots on track

here are quoted at \$1.50 to \$1.75 for tamarac as to quality. Pine \$3.75 to \$1.25, as to quality; poplar \$2.75.

DRUGS—Prices here for parcel lots are as follows, with liberal reductions for large orders: Alum per pound, 3½ to 4½c; alcohol, \$5.25 gallon; bleaching powder per pound; 6 to 8c; bluestone, 5 to 7c; borax 11 to 12 cents; bromide potash, 65 to 75c; camphor, 85 to 95c; camphor, ounce: 90 to 1.00; carbolic acid, 40 to 65c; castor oil, 11 to 15c; chlorate potash, 28 to 35c; citric acid, 55 to 65c. coppers 8½ to 1c; cocaine, per oz., \$6.50 to \$7.00; cream tartar, per pound, 30 to 35c; cloves, 20 to 25c; epsom salts, 8½ to 1c; extract logwood, bulk, 1½ to 18c; do., boxes, 18 to 20c; German quinine, 40 to 50c; glycerine, per pound, 30 to 35c, ginger, Jamaica, 30 to 35c; do. African, 20 to 25c, Howard's quinine, per ce, 45 to 55c; iodine, \$5.50 to 6.00, insect powder, 35 to 40c; morphia sul., \$1.90 to \$2.25. Opium, \$1.50 to \$5.00; oil, olive, \$1.25 to \$1.40; oil, U. S. salad, \$1.25 to \$1.40; oil, lemon, super 8½ to 8.25; oil, peppermint, \$1.00 to \$1.50; oil, cod liver, \$2.50 to \$1 per gallon as to brand, oxalic acid, 13 to 16c; potass iodide, \$1.25 to 1.50; paris green, 18 to 20c lb; saltpetro; 10 to 12c; sal rochelle, 30 to 35c; shellac, 45 to 50c; sulphur flowers, 3½ to 5c, sulphur roll, per keg, 3½ to 5c; soda bicarb, per keg of 112 pounds, \$3.75 to \$4.25; sal soda, \$2 to \$3; tartaric acid, per lb., 45 to 55c; strychnine, pure crystals 80c to \$1.00 per oz.

FLUID BEEF, ETC.—Following are prices of the goods put up by the Johnston Fluid Beef Company of Montreal:—Johnstons Fluid Beef—No. 1, 2-oz. tins, per dozen, \$2.70; No. 2 4oz., \$1.50; No. 3, 8oz., \$7.88; No. 4, 1 lb., \$12.88; No. 5, 2 lb., \$21.30. Staminial—2oz. bottles, per dozen, \$2.55; do, 4oz. \$5.10.

FISH—The market is well supplied with fresh and cured fish. Finnan haddies are easier, as they are now coming by ordinary freight. Shell oysters are now in. Prices are: Finnan Haddies, 10 to 11c per lb. by the box. Whitefish, 6c; Lake Superior trout, 9c; Pickerel, 1c; Sturgeon, 8c; salmon, 14c; halibut, 12½c; Cod, 10c; Haddock, 10c per lb; smelts 10c; Oysters, \$1.80 per gallon for standards and \$2.00 for select; shell oysters, \$3 to 8.50 barrel; smoked goldeyes, 30c dozen; smoked salmon, 15c lb.; bloaters, \$1.50 box; red herrings, 20c box; pickled trout, \$7.50 per barrel of 100 lbs; pickled whitefish, \$6 per barrel.

GROCERIES—The dried fruit situation continues very strong, and some further advances are reported. Everything in the imported dried fruit line is firm. Those who bought early in the season are very fortunate. The advance in some lines of raisins since the season opened is about 50c per box. There is still much talk about higher prices for tea on short crop reports, but it may be some time before a very material advance will come, though some lines are now held higher than a few weeks ago. Rice, as before noted, is another line about which there is much talk of short crop and high prices.

GREEN FRUITS.—Some apples are still on the way, but the cold weather will likely stop further shipments here from the East. Prices are about the same, and the tendency will be firmer now, with colder weather to stop shipments in of further car lots. The variety of fruits in the markets is narrowing down all the time, Ontario pears and tomatoes being out this week. Lemons are firm and 25 to 50c higher. Malaga grapes are 50c higher. Prices are as follows: Apples \$2 to \$2.50 per barrel as to quality. The regular dealers are holding good stock at \$2.25 to \$2.50, and up to \$3 for choice spies and snows. California lemons \$6 per box; Mexican oranges \$5.50 to \$6; Cape Cod cranberries \$3 per barrel; Washington pears \$2.50 box; Malaga

grapes, \$8 to \$8.50 per keg, as to size of keg and quantity. Sweet potatoes \$1.50 to \$5 per barrel.

HARDWARE.—Prices are as follows:

TIN, lamb and 56 and 28 lb. ingots, per lb. 19 to 20c.

TIN PLATES.—Charcoal plates, I. C., 10 by 14, 12 by 12 and 14 by 20, per box, \$1.50 to \$1.75; I. X., same sizes, per box, \$5.75 to \$6; I. C., charcoal, 20 by 28, 112 sheets to box, \$8.50 to 9.00; I. X., per box, 20 by 28, 112 sheets to box, \$10.50 to 11.00.

TERNE PLATES.—I. C., 20 by 28, \$8.00 to 8.50.

IRON AND STEEL.—Bar iron, per 100 lbs. base price, \$2.35 to \$2.50; band iron, per 100 lbs., \$2.85 to 3.00; Swedish iron, per 100 lbs., \$5.25 to 6; sleigh shoe steel, \$3.00 to 3.25; best cast tool steel, per lb, 11 to 12c; Russian sheet, per lb, 12 to 13c.

SHEET IRON.—10 to 20 gauge, \$3.00; 22 to 24 and 26 gauge, \$3.25; 28 gauge, \$3.50.

CANADA PLATES.—Garth and Blaina, \$3.10
GALVANIZED IRON.—Queen's Head, 22 to 24 gauge, per lb., 4½c; 26 gauge, per lb., 4½c; 28 gauge, per lb., 5c.

IRON PIPE.—50 to per 60 cent. off list.

LEAD.—Pig, per lb., 4½c.

SHEET ZINC—In casks, 5.75 lb., broken lots, 6.00.

SOLDER.—Half and half (guar) per lb, 14 to 16c.

AMMUNITION.—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American, discount, 40 per cent.; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5; rim fire military, American, not list; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent.; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent.; shot shells, 12 gauge, \$6 to 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 5½c; shot, Canadian, killed, 6c.

WIRE.—Galvanized barb wire, plain twisted wire and staples, \$3.25 per 100 lbs.

ROPE.—Sisal, per lb., 7½ to 8c base; manilla, per lb., 9½ to 10½c base; cotton, ¼ to ½ inch and larger, 15c lb.

AXES.—Per box, \$6.00 to 9.00.

NAILS.—Cut, per keg, base price, \$3.16 for 60 d. with usual extras; common steel wire nails, 5 to 6 inch, \$3.60 per keg; 3 to 4 inch \$3.91 keg; 2½ inch, \$1.22 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, 45 per cent.

NUTS—New nuts are now coming to hand, and we quote as follows: Tarragona almonds, 16c; Sicily filberts, large, 15c. filberts, ordinary, 12c, peanuts, roasted, 12c; peanuts, green, 9c, Ontario Chestnuts 12c, Ontario butternuts 9c. New Gronoble walnuts will not be in until about the first to the 15th of December.

PAINTS, OILS, ETC.—The only change in prices this week is an advance of 9c in linseed oil, to 55 for raw and 58 for boiled. Business is quiet, though the demand for glass still keeps up. A large trade has been done in glass and stocks have been reduced unusually low here, it being very difficult to make up orders for all sizes, stocks all around being very low. Dealers have been wiring east for supplies, but they will not be able to make any money on anything bought through eastern jobbers, particularly as prices have advanced since earlier importations came to hand. The tendency here is to advance prices 5c per 50 feet to \$1.80 for first break.

WHITE LEADS.—Pure, ground in oil, association guaranteed, 5.25 to \$5.50 per 100-lbs white lead, assorted 1 to 5-lb. tins; per lb., 9c,

PREPARED PAINTS.—Pure liquid colors, per gallon, \$1.15 to \$1.25.

DRY COLORS.—White lead, per lb., 7c; red lead, kegs 54c; yellow ocre in barrel lots, 24c; less than barrels, 3c; golden ocre, barrels, 34c; less than barrels 4c; Venetian, red, barrels, 3c; less than barrels, 34c; American vermilion, 15c; English vermilion, \$1 per lb., Paris green, 18 to 19c; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots 24c; less than barrel lots, 3c; English purple oxides, 100 lb. kegs, 4c; less, than kegs, 4 1/2 lb.

VARNISHES.—No. 1 furniture, per gal., \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.50 to \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$1.50 to \$1.75; hard oil finish, 1.50 to \$2; brown Japan, \$1; goldsize Japan, \$1.50; No. 1, orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.

SUNDRIES.—Glue, S.S., in sheets, per lb., 12 1/2 to 15c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 15 to 18c. Stove gasoline, per case, \$1.00; benzine, per case, \$1.00; benzene and gasoline, per gallon, 50c. Axle grease, Imperial per case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, per case, \$3.75; diamond, do, \$2.25 per case. Coal tar, per barrel, \$8; Portland cement, per barrel, \$1.00; plaster, per barrel, \$3.10; plasterer's hair, P.P. 90c per bale; putty, in bladders, barrel lots 24c per lb., for less than barrels per lb., 27c.

WINDOW GLASS.—1st break is quoted at \$1.75 per box of 50 feet and \$2 for second break.

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

TURPENTINE.—Pure spirits, in barrels, per gallon, 58c; less than barrels, per gallon, 55c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

OILS.—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25 to 30c per gallon; clear machine oils, 33 to 40c; cylinder oil, 50 to 75c, as to quality; castor oil, 10c per lb.; lard oil, 70c per gal.; tanner's or harness oil, 65c; neatsfoot oil, \$1.20; steam refined seal oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 per gallon.

REFINED PETROLEUM.—Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 2 1/2c; crescent, 2 1/2c, oleophene, 26 1/2c in barrels. In car lots 2c per gallon discount is allowed off prices in barrels, United States oils in barrels are quoted at 31c for coccone and 27c for sunlight.

LUMBER.—Prices are as follows:

Dimension and Timber—No. 1.

Sizes	12ft.	14ft.	16ft.	18ft.	20ft.	22ft.	24ft.
2x4 to 2x12	13.50	18.50	18.50	19.50	20.50	21.50	22.50
3x6 to 3x12							
4x4 to 4x12	20	20	20	21	22	23	24
6x6 to 6x12							
and 8x5							
8x10 to 12x12	22	22	22	23	24	25	26
2x 4-10 at \$20.50.							
2x 6 to 2x 12-10 at \$18.							

No. 2 dimension \$2 less than No. 1.

Dimension, 26ft., 28ft., 30ft., \$26. Timber, 26ft., 28ft., 30ft., \$28. \$1 per M. advance on each inch over 12 in depth and width. Tamarac dimension same price as pine. Spruce dimension at \$2 per M. less than pine. Cull Plank. all widths at \$12 per M. B. C. Fir dimension up to 32 feet at \$30 per M. \$2 to 40 ft., \$33; 40 to 60ft., \$36. \$1 per M. extra for each 2 in. over 12 in. in width or depth.

Boards.—1st. common boards, red pine \$25; 2nd. common boards, \$18; 3rd. common boards, \$16; No. 1 cull boards, \$12; No. 2 cull boards, \$8; Spruce boards, \$16; \$1 per M. extra for stock boards, \$2 per M. less for 10 ft. and under. No. 1 box boards, 14 in. and up, \$30; No. 2, box boards, 14 in. and up, \$26. Extra dressing per M. \$1.50.

Siding, Flooring and Ceiling.—2nd 4, 5 and 6 inch, white pine \$33.00; 3rd 4, 5 and 6 inch white pine \$28.50; 1st 4 5 and 6 inch red pine \$32.00; 2nd 4 5 and 6 inch

red pine \$32.00; 3rd 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine \$26.00; 4th 5 and 6 inch red and white \$20.00; B. C. No. 1 fir \$36.00; B. C. No. 2 fir \$32.00; B. C. No. 3 fir \$28.00; B. C. spruce \$35.00. 4, 5 and 6 inch spruce native \$20.00; 8 and 10 inch pine \$25.00; No. 1 cedar siding and ceiling 39.00; No. 2 cedar siding and ceiling \$33.00; 1/2 inch cedar or fir siding and ceiling \$28.00; \$1.00 per M. advance for dressed both sides.

are as follows: No. 2 manufacturers' sole 19 to 20c; jobbers' sole 19 to 21c; slaughter sole 20c to 22c; waxed upper 27 to 31c; grained 29 to 31c; buff 11 to 12 1/2c; splits 17c to 18c for Ontario, and 12 to 15c for Quebec; pebble 11 to 12c; glove 10c to 11c.

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

Shiplap.—6 inch 18.00, 8 and 10 inch \$20.00, Spruce, 8 and 10 inch 19.00; Spruce, 6 inch \$18.00.

Shingles.—B. C. cedar per M. No. 1 \$3.00; B. C. cedar per M. No. 2 \$2.50; B. C. cedar dimension shingles \$1.00; B. C. cedar shingles hand sawed \$5.00; No. 1 pine, per M. \$2.75; No. 2 pine per M. \$2.25; No. 3 pine per M. \$2.00.

Lath.—Pine lath, per M \$3.00.

Finishing.—1 1/2 inch, 1 1/4 inch and 2 inch. White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$65.00; white pine, 3rd clear, \$55; white pine, selects, \$15; white pine, shops, \$35.00; red pine, clear, \$10.00; red pine, selects, \$32.00; B. C. cedar clear, \$55.00; B. C. fir clear and stepping, \$15.00. \$5.00 per M. advance on 2 1/2 inch any thicker.

One inch. White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$60.00; white pine, 3rd clear, \$48.00; white pine, selects, No. 1, \$38; white pine, selects, No. 2 (extra 1st com.) \$30; red pine, clear, \$10; red pine, selects, \$30; B. C. cedar, clear, \$55.00.

Oak, red and white.—1st and 2nd, \$55 to \$65; Common, \$40.

Mouldings and Base.—Parting strips, per 100 feet lineal, 60c; lattice, 3/4 x 1 1/4 per 100 feet lineal, 75c; lattice, 1/2 x 1 1/4 per 100 ft. lineal, 85c; window and door stop, 1 1/2 inch lineal, \$1.25; window and door stop, 2 inch lineal, \$1.50; 1/2 round and 3/4 cove, 75c, 1 1/2 round mould, \$1.50, 2 round mould, \$1.75, 2 1/2 round mould, \$2.00, 3 round mould, \$2.25; 3 1/2 round mould, \$2.50; 4 round mould, \$2.75; 4 1/2 round mould, \$3.00; 5 round mould, \$3.25, 6 round mould, \$4.00; 5 round window stool, 1 1/2, \$1.50; 6 round window stool, 1 1/2, \$5.25; 4 round casings, \$2.50; 5 round casings, \$2.75; 6 round casings, \$3.25; 8 round base, \$1.50, 10 round base, \$5.50, 12 round base, \$7.00; hand rail, 2x1, \$5.00; wainscot cap, 2 1/2 inch, \$2.35; wainscot cap, 3 inch, \$2.75; paper mould, 75c.

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RAW FURS.—A few small lots are coming in, but no important business is doing. Prices are not very strong. In Great Britain furriers are having a large business, and though the fur trade has been dull in the United States, it is hoped that the commercial revival expected there will cause a better demand for manufactured furs than has been the case the last two years. T is unfortunate feature with the local raw fur trade is the fact that American furs are not in fashion in Europe. Marten and mink are meeting with a fair demand in Europe, but furriers there are inclined to neglect other kinds of American furs, owing to the fact that the fashion calls for Asiatic furs largely. Skunk is having a little better sale. Lynx is exceedingly slow sale, this article being a drug. Red fox are also slow. Some of the varieties of Asiatic lamb, Chinchilla and

Russian furs, particularly sable, are the fashion in Europe at present.

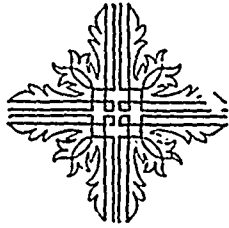
GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

The street market has taken on a wintry appearance the last week or two, noticeable by the large display of country dressed meats and poultry which are visible on every hand. Farmers are also bringing in a great deal of hay and considerable cordwood. Hay is very cheap. Shipments of frozen dressed beef are now beginning to be made to the lumber districts of Ontario. This demand takes a lot of beef from here every year, of a class that would be hard to dispose of in the city.

WHEAT—GENERAL SITUATION.—This has been an off week for wheat prices, and the general tendency of prices has been lower. Yesterday prices at Chicago closed 3 to 3 1/2c lower than a week ago. The leading causes of weakness have been closing out of deals in December wheat, larger receipts at Minneapolis, increase in visible stocks, and more favorable crop news from Argentine and India. There were reports yesterday of rain in India, and should that country receive good rains, the winter wheat crop may be a long way from the complete failure that has been predicted. The visible supply in the United States and Canada, east of the mountains, is less than one million bushels more than it was a year ago, while Bradstreet's statement makes American stocks less than a year ago. Supply statements show a moderate increase from week to week. American exports this week were 3,937,000 bushels.

WHEAT—LOCAL SITUATION.—Farmers deliveries have been light this week, owing to severe weather and reduction of supplies in first hands, as well as perhaps to the lower tendency of prices. The feeling has been weak here, influenced by the decline in United States market, and prices at Manitoba country points to farmers, have tended lower. Prices in country markets, however, have been very irregular, and though prices have nominally been reduced, at a number of points, high prices were still maintained. Prices have also been reduced in this market, and it will be noticeable that during the past week or two, prices for Manitoba wheat have declined to below a parity with Duluth values, whereas earlier in the season Manitoba grades were held anywhere from 2 to 5c above Duluth. This decline in the price of Manitoba wheat compared with United States markets, indicates a less bullish disposition in the local trade. This is due to the fact that Manitoba dealers are nearly all heavily loaded up with wheat and some have got all they can carry. This being the case, any break in prices causes a rather nervous feeling here. It has also been hinted that in some cases the banks have been tightening up a little, as they feel that the local trade is carrying a pretty heavy load. However, navigation cannot hold open much longer, and shipments will be stopped for the season. Some charters have been made for Buffalo this week, mostly for No. 3 hard, though some No. 1 has gone that way. Freight were at 2 1/2c early in the week, and later at 3c Fort William to Buffalo. Navigation may close with the bulk of the crop still held at Lake Superior ports and west. Prices in Manitoba country markets are nominally about 5c per bushel lower than a week ago, ranging from 60c for best sample of hard wheat upward to about 68c, though at a few points prices paid are considerably higher. In the Winnipeg market prices have been lower. About 31c for No. 1 hard, at Fort William was the highest point reached, early in the week, but prices have tended downward, and to-day No. 1 hard was offered at Fort William at 77 1/2c, and No. 2 hard

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at 7½c. A number of charters have been made for shipment from Fort William next week, aggregating about 1,000,000 bushels or more, and it is feared that navigation may close and prevent some of the boats getting out, owing to the severe weather.

FLOUR—The decline in wheat of course exerts an influence upon the flour market. Our advices from the east are to the effect that business was quieter and some reports said prices were easier. Millers, however, are holding prices as firm as possible, as they are loaded with high priced wheat and they cannot afford to cut flour prices on what may be only a temporary decline in wheat. Further good sized sales of Manitoba flour for export are reported. Local quotations vary more widely, one mill quoting 5c lower, while other brands are unchanged, and the extreme range of quotations is from \$2.25 net for patents up to \$2.45, and \$2.05 net for bakers to \$2.25. XXXX \$1.80, second bakers \$1.75.

MILLSTUFFS.—There is no change in bran and shorts. City mills are selling at \$7 per ton for bran and \$9 for shorts, delivered in the city, in small lots. These prices do not include sacks. Larger orders have been filled at \$6 and \$8 per ton. Some of the Manitoba country mills are selling at \$5 to \$6 per ton to farmers at the mills, and this gives them a better price than they can get by shipping east, as prices are low in Eastern Canada, owing to the low price there of feed grains. A Montreal report says there has been some inquiry for bran for exhibit to Europe, but it is feared it will not stand the freight, on account of its bulky nature.

BARLEY—There has been no business done in barley except a few farmers' loads of barley of feed quality that have been taken here at about 20c per bushel of 48 pounds, and brewers are paying 20 to 27c for malting grades, but there is scarcely any offering. Farmers will no doubt feed nearly all their barley this year on their farms, which is the most profitable way to dispose of it.

OATS—Prices are about the same as last week and continue to be held here much above an export basis. Car lots on track here have been quoted from 24c per bushel of 31 pounds for common feed quality up to 28c for choice white. New oats are generally held at about 24 to 25c, and old at 26 to 27c. Some new oats, however, of very poor quality, have been offered as low as about 21c. In Manitoba country markets about 15 to 16c is paid to farmers, and 20c to farmers in Winnipeg, local farmers' offerings being poorer quality as a rule than car lots offered here. At country points in Ontario oats in car lots were quoted at 20 to 22c.

FLAX SEED.—The prices paid to farmers at Manitoba points is still 45 to 50c per bushel for good milling seed. At Chicago to-day cash flax was quoted at 76c, which is a decline of 1½c as compared with a week ago.

GROUND FEED.—Prices range from \$10 to \$15 per ton, as to quality, the top price for rolled oat feed. Ordinary mixed mill feed is held at \$12 to \$13 per ton. Anything under \$12 would be damaged wheat and mixed grains.

OATMEAL.—Prices are very firm owing to the high price of oats and the scarcity of oats fit for milling in the new crop. Following are prices in large lots, with small lots to retail dealers held about 15c more. Rolled oatmeal in 80 lb sacks \$1.50 per sack; standard, \$1.55 and granulated \$1.60 in 98 lb sacks. Rolled wheat, 80 lbs, \$1.60. Pot barley, \$1.70 in round lots.

OIL CAKE.—Oil cake holds at \$16 per ton, including bags, for nutted or ground meal.

BEANS.—Some car lots have recently come in from Ontario. They have sold in large lots to jobbers at about \$1.10 per bushel,

BUTTER—Prices are the same as last reported. Business is still confined mainly to dairy grades, for which there has been a demand for choice goods at about 16 to 18c in a jobbing way, and about the same for fresh rolls, when nicely packed and of good quality. Dairy in round lots has sold at 12 to 15c as to quality.

CHEESE.—Quiet. We quote the jobbing price at 9 to 9½c as to quality.

EGGS—Dealers are now paying 18c here for receipts.

POULTRY—Dressed poultry is coming forward fairly freely. Prices are: chickens, 7 to 8 per lb; turkeys, 10 to 12c per lb; ducks and geese 9 to 10c per lb. In game, rabbits are the only thing at 5c each.

LARD—Prices are lower and there has been some sharp cutting on round lots. Prices are: Pure \$1.50 for 20 lb pails, and \$3.75 for 50 lb pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$5.75 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 7½c pound; cases of 30, one lb. tins, \$9.00.

CURED MEATS.—Smoked meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 11½c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 11c; 4c, backs, 10c; short spiced rolls, 7½c shoulders, 7c smoked long clear, 8 cents; Fancy clear, 8½ cents; Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 6½c per lb; shoulders, 6½c; backs, 8c; barrel pork, clear mess \$13.00; short cut, \$15.00; rolled shoulders, \$14 per barrel. Pork sundries, fresh sausage, 8c; bologna sausage, 6c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 3c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 25 to 30c lb.

DRESSED MEATS.—There is a lot of frozen country dressed beef offering, some of which is brought in by farmers, and also some large lots shipped in from outside points. A good deal of this is rather rough stuff. It sells at 3c to 4c per pound, by the side, and it will have to be very good to bring 4c, as city butchers are selling fresh unrozen beef as low as 4c in some cases, though not the best of course. A good deal of this country beef will go to the lumber woods later on. A good many dressed hogs are offering, for which there is a good demand from packers, at from 4c for heavy hogs up to 5c for best bacon hogs. Some pretty rocky mutton is offering on the street market at 5c to 6c to consumers. The general price for good city dressed beef is 4½ to 4½c. Mutton is quoted at 5½ to 6c, 5½c being the usual price. Dressed lambs, 5½ to 6½c; dressed hogs range from 4 for rough heavy up to 5c for choice light. Packers are buying mostly at 4½ to 4½c.

HIDES—Prices are somewhat irregular, and the local market is higher again, as high as from 6 to 6½c has been paid for green city hides. These prices are for butchers' hides which it is known will grade No. 1. Green country hides are not intrinsically worth within 1c of good butchers', as they grade mostly No. 2, being badly taken off. Still in some cases pretty long prices have been paid for this class. We quote: Hides, green 6 to 6½c; calf, 8 to 15c lb. skins, 4 to 6c per lb.; dekins 10 to 20c each; 5 kips to 6c; sheepskins range all the way from 25 to 40c, according to quality, but the average is about 30c each, but for recent take-off 40 to 50c has been offered, for large, choice skins, Horsehides, 75c to \$1.25.

WOOL.—Nothing doing here and prices nominal at 7 to 9c.

TALLOW Dealers are paying 5½c for No. 1 tallow and 2½ to 3c for undergrades. Rough tallow 2c.

SINCEA ROOT—Prices continue firm. Up to 22c has been paid for some lots. We quote 20 to 22c per lb for dry root.

HAY—Held at about \$5 per ton for balai prairie on track here. Demand very slow. Loose offering very freely and selling at \$2 to \$3 per load.

VEGETABLES.—Prices are firmer. Prices are: Potatoes 25c bus., some sold 2 to 3c lower. Onions 1c lb, carrots, 25c bus., beets, 25c bus., turnips, 15c, parsnips, 6½c bus., colery, 25c dozen, cabbage 20c dozen. These are prices dealers buy at from market gardeners.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—The exceptionally cold weather throughout the West this week with heavy snow is bad for the range cattle. There are quite a number of cattle on the ranges yet which were intended for shipment this season and also some to come in for the local market, and it is feared they will lose in condition. Gordon & Ironside have a couple of thousand head to go forward yet. They have two train loads in to day in the yards here, which they are holding to ship via St. John, N. B., space at Montreal being closed. Prices are about the same, the extreme range for cattle here being from 1½ to 3c, the lower price for rough stock and the top for export cattle or fancy stock for the local holiday trade.

SHEEP—A couple of cars were in to-day from Prince Albert, for the local market. The price here is from 2½ to 2½c. Real chaco lambs would possibly bring 3c for a straight fine bunch.

HOGS.—A good many hogs are offering, but not in excess of wants of packers. There is no change in prices. We quote: Good bacon stock weighing 150 to 300 pounds 3½c. Sows and heavy hogs 2½ to 3½c, according to quality. Stags 1½ to 2½c, off cars here.

COWS.—The demand for new milkers is only fair. A good cow will bring \$30.

Trade With Australia.

The secretary of the Winnipeg Board of Trade has received the following communication from J. S. Larke, commercial agent of the Canadian government, at Australia.

Sir—Owing to the dry season last year Australia had to import her bread.

In the chief wheat exporting colony, South Australia, the coming harvest is likely to be worse than last year. In Victoria the prospects are fair, and in this colony (N. S. W.) they are uncertain. The signs portend another unfavorable crop, and in most of the wheat districts unless rain falls soon, the harvest will be no better than last year. The probabilities just now are that Australia will be an importer of breadstuffs in 1897 as in 1896. The Canadian Pacific Railway and Canadian steamships this year have given very favorable rates. If the demand for 1897 should be as great as this year, arrangements should be made early for additional tonnage, for although a third steamer will be on the route after the new year, it will not meet the demand.

In addition to wheat, oats could have been marketed here to advantage, if your sample is as good as I think it to be. So far, I have been unable to get a sample of oats from the Northwest, but I have just received figures that go to show that oats could have been laid down in Sydney from points in the Northwest at 45c per bushel of forty pounds. This meant very favorable freights. A few months ago primo oats were quoted at 70c per bushel. The market has varied very much and today (Oct. 8) the price is down to 50 to 55c.

With a proper effort, malt, split peas, pearl barley and oatmeal may be pushed into this market. Considerable quantities come into New South Wales and Queensland from England.

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This company has been organized and incorporated under the Ontario Joint Stock and Mining Acts of Parliament, with full powers to buy sell or otherwise acquire or dispose of mining properties within that province, also to lease, hold, develop or operate such properties, and generally to carry on the business of mining, smelting and other necessary undertakings, and to acquire or dispose of any real estate or other property necessary for the carrying on of such operations.

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Toronto Grain and Produce Markets.

What—Cars of red and white are quoted, west now at 81 to 85c. Manitoba wheat is easier: No. 1 hard is quoted at 94c Toronto and west, and No. 2 hard at 92c.

Flour—14 unsettled owing to the easier feeling in the wheat market. Cars of straight roller are quoted west at \$1.25 and Ontario patents at \$1.50. Manitoba flour is firm.

Millfeed—is quiet at \$9 for shorts west and \$8 for bran.

Barley—Is dull at 35c for No. 1. 36 to 37c for No. 1 extra and 31 to 32c for No. 2.

Oats—Are steady at 21c for mixed west and 21½ to 22c for white.

Butter—Jobbing prices are: Large dairy rolls are worth 12½ to 13c, dairy tubs 12c to 12½c, dairy rolls 15c. The demand for creamery is good at 17 to 18c for tubs and 18 to 20c for prints.

Eggs—Fresh are worth 15c and strictly new laid 16 to 17c. Cold storage are coming forward at 13½c and pickled eggs bring 18c.

Poultry—Chickens sell at 25c to 40c per pair; ducks 40 to 60c, geese, 5½ to 6c and turkeys 7c.

Baled Hay—Good No. 1 is worth rather better than \$11. No. 2 hay goes at \$9.50 to \$10.50 per ton.

Dressed Hogs—Firm at \$1.50 to \$5, the lower price for heavy. —Globe, Nov. 17.

Montreal Grain and Produce Market.

Grain—No. 2 oats, 26½ to 26¾c. Malting barley, 46½ to 47¾c. Barley, feed, 34c.

Flour—The tone of the flour market continues firm, and prices are fully maintained in spite of the declining wheat markets. Prices are: Winter wheat \$1.90 to \$5.10; Spring wheat, patents \$5.20 to \$5.30; Straight roller \$4.40 to \$1.65; Straight roller, bags \$2.10 to \$2.55; Extra bags \$1.75 to \$1.85; Manitoba strong bakers \$1.50 to \$5.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats per bag \$1.65 to \$1.70.

Feed—Dran, \$9.50 to \$10.50; shorts \$11.00 to \$12.00.

Cheese—The cheese market was quiet today and with the tail end of the fall making gathered up at low prices there is nothing to induce buyers to meet holders' views on finest September at present. At the wharf 2,500 sold at 9¾ to 9½c.

Butter—For finest creamery in boxes buyers' and sellers' views are apart, the latter asking 19½ to 20c and the former bidding 19 to 19½c.

Eggs—New laid sold at 20 to 22c, choice candied and Montreal lined at 14 to 14½c. Western lined at 13 to 14c and culls at 8 to 10c per dozen.

Hogs—The market for dressed hogs was quiet at \$1.75 to \$5 per 100 lbs—Gazette, Nov. 17.

A Scandinavian workmen's association of Winnipeg, Man., will establish a co-operative store, which will be opened on the 1st of December.

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British Columbia Markets.

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(BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.)

Vancouver, November 21, 1896.

Fresh eggs are very scarce. Practically out of the market. Held eggs are advancing.

Butter.—Manitoba Dairy butter, 18c; Manitoba creamery, 25c; eastern creamery, 24½c; local creamery, 25c; Manitoba cheese, 11c; local cheese, 11c.

Cured Meats.—Hams 18½ cents; breakfast bacon 12½c; backs 12 to 12½c; long, clear 8c; short rolls 9½ to 10c; smoked sides 9½c. Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 9½c per pound; in pails and tubs 9c.

Fish.—Prices are: Flounders 8c; smelt 4c; sea bass 4c; black cod 6c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 4c; herring 4c; spring salmon 7c; whiting 6c; soles 6c; steel head, 6c; crabs 60c dozen; smoked halibut, 10c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c; salt oolachan, 25 and 50 lb. kits \$3.75 and \$3.50; smoked salmon 10c.

Vegetables.—New potatoes, \$15.00 per ton; onions, silver skins, 1c per pound; California onions 1½c; cabbage, ½c lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$7.50 a ton.

Eggs.—Fresh very scarce. Eastern eggs 20c.

Fruits.—Fruit is sold by box unless otherwise quoted. Standard American boxes measure one foot ten and a half inches by eleven and a half inches with depth of eleven inches, inside measurement, and contain from 250 to 600 lemons, from 125 to 800 seedling oranges,

or from 125 to 150 naval oranges. California lemons, \$3.75 to \$4; Australian oranges, \$3.25; Tomatoes, 2½c per lb; Pears, 40 lb. box \$1.25; California apples, 50 lb. box, \$1.35; British Columbia apples, 50 lb. box, 75c to \$1; Eastern apples \$1.00.

Evaporated Fruits.—Apricots 11c per lb; peaches 7½c; plums 9 to 10c; prunes, French, 4½c to 7c, loose Muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.65 box; Italian prunes, 6 to 7½c.

Nuts.—Almonds, 13c; filberts, 12½c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12½c; walnuts, 10 to 16c lb.

Meal.—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$3.00; 45 pound sacks, \$3.10; 22½ pound sacks, \$2.60; 10.7 sacks, \$2.00. Oatmeal, 10-10's, \$3.25; 2-50's, \$3.00. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.25; 2-15s, \$2.35. Manitoba Rolled Oats, 90's, \$2.25 45's \$2.35.

Flour.—Delivered B.C. points.—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$5.65; strong bakers, \$5.25; Oregon, \$5.25; Oak Lake patent, \$5.20; do. strong bakers \$1.80.

Grain.—Washington State wheat \$30.00 per ton f. o. b. Vancouver, duty paid. Oats \$18.00 per ton.

Ground Feed.—National mills chop, \$21 to \$22 per ton; ground barley, \$22 ton; shorts, \$20.00 ton; bran \$18.00; oil cake meal, \$30 ton; F. O. B. Vancouver, including duty paid on import stuff.

Hay.—\$12.00 per ton.

Dressed Meats.—Beef, 6 to 7c; mutton, 6 to 7c; pork, 6 to 6½c; veal, 7 to 8c.

Live Stock.—Steers, \$3.00 to \$3.50; per hundred lbs; sheep, \$3.10 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs; hogs, \$1.50 to \$1.75 per 100 lbs; lamb \$2.75 to \$3 per head.

Poultry.—Chickens, \$3.50 to \$1.50, ducks, \$5 per dozen.

Sugars.—Powdered and icing, 6½c; Paris lump, 6c; granulated, 5c; extra C, 5½c; fancy yellows 4½c; yellow 4c per lb.

Syrups.—30 gallon barrels, 1½c per pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2½c; 5 gallon kegs, \$1.50 each; 1 gallon tins, \$1 per case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$1.75 per case of 20.

Teas.—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good, 18c. choice 26c. Ceylons: Fair 25c, good 30c; choice 35c per lb.

Winnipeg Clearing House

Clearings for the week ending Nov. 19 were 2,053,571; balances, 331,511. For the previous week clearings were 2,174,127. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were 1,614,491 and for the week two years ago, 1,492,242. Clearings for the month of Oct. were \$7,585,472, compared with \$7,911,938 for October, 1895, and \$5,786,730 for October, 1891. Clearances for all Canadian cities the week ended November 12 were as follows:

Montreal	\$13,462,176
Toronto	8,499,205
Halifax	1,212,378
Winnipeg	2,171,127
Hamilton	678,110
St. John	555,867

Bank clearings at Winnipeg, Hamilton, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax amount to \$22,729,000 this week, compared with \$6,006,000 last week and \$19,013,000 in the corresponding week one year ago.

Marcus Wolfe, a prominent citizen and insurance agent of Nanaimo, British Columbia, shot and killed himself on Nov. 20. Business complications are supposed to be the cause.

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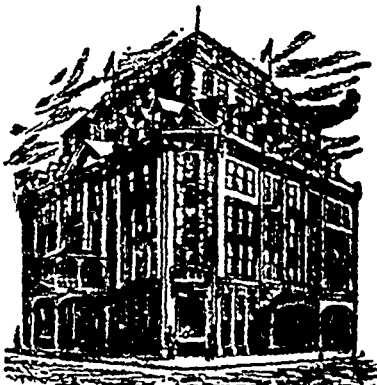
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our wheat and flour is subject to in shipping to Australia. It is therefore satisfactory to know that we have been able to do some business with Australia, on account of the extra quality of our flour.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

The most important change was a drop of about 1c in wheat. Flour was 10c lower. Mill-stuffs were \$1 per ton lower. Butter 1c lower. Eggs 2c higher. Hides ½c lower. Hogs were ½c lower for live and ¾c lower for dressed.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—About 36c to 40c for No. 1 hard, country points, to farmers, and 5½ to 5c afloat Fort William.

Flour.—Local price, per sack, Patents, \$1.75 to \$1.80; Bakers, \$1.55 to \$1.60.

Bran.—Per ton, \$9.

Shorts.—Per ton, \$11.

Oats.—Per bushel, Winnipeg street price, 15 to 17c.

Barley—A few loads sold at 16c to 22c.

Flax Seed.—60 to 65c to farmers at country points.

Butter.—Dairy round lots 12c to 11c.

Cheese.—Jobbing price 7½ to 8c.

Eggs.—Fresh, 20c.

Beef.—City dressed, 4 to 1½c, country dressed, 3 to 4c.

Mutton.—Fresh, 5½ to 6c; lamb, 5½ to 6c.

Hogs.—Dressed, 4½ to 5c.

Cattle.—Butchers' 2 to 2½c. Export 2½ to 3c.

Hogs.—Live, off cars, 3½c.

Sheep.—Sheep and lambs 2½ to 3c off cars.

Sonoca Root.—Dry 18 to 20c lb.

Poultry.—Chickens, 7 to 9c lb; turkeys, 10c; ducks and geese, 8 to 9c.

Hides.—No. 1 cows, green salted weak at 5c.

Wool.—Unwashed fleeco, 10 to 12c.

Potatoes.—15 to 18c per bushel.

Hay.—\$5.50 to \$1 per ton, car lots.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

The following shows the number of cars of wheat inspected at Winnipeg for the weeks ended on the dates named, compared with the number of cars inspected for the corresponding weeks a year ago, as reported by Inspector Horn to the Board of Trade:

Grade.	O t.	17 Oct	21 Oct	31 Oct	Nov. 11	Nov. 11
Extra Man. H'd	0	7	27	61	16	16
No. 1 hard	29	37	37	395	178	178
No. 2 hard	61	12	11	1	83	83
No. 3 hard	2	31	61	62	46	46
No. 1 North'n	10	25	13	11	10	10
No. 2 North'n	4	2	4	2	5	5
No. 3 North'n	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 white fyfe	2	2	3	1	0	0
No. 2 white fyfe	2	0	2	0	0	0
No. 1 Spring	2	2	1	2	2	2
No. 2 Spring	0	0	2	0	0	0
No. 1 frosted	10	11	12	18	34	34
No. 2 frosted	5	3	0	13	3	3
No. 3 frosted	0	7	1	4	3	3
No. 1 Rejected	8	11	0	11	6	6
No. 2 Rejected	8	3	7	10	4	4
No Grade	1	0	2	3	5	5
Condemned	0	0	3	1	1	1
Total	419	610	591	611	430	430
Same week last year	311	468	355	221	401	401

*Wheat inspected at Emerson going out via the Northern Pacific to Duluth, is included in Winnipeg returns. A considerable portion of the wheat moving is inspected at Fort William, and does not show in these figures.

Freight Rates and Traffic Matter.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says "As regards grain freights, nearly all the ocean space has been secured to the end of the

season. Possibly a few small lots might be accommodated with space for Liverpool and London at 4s. For apples, cheese and other perishable produce, there is still space offered for Liverpool and London at 3s for apples and 3s for cheese. For sack flour, limited room can be had at 20s to Liverpool and London.

Comparative Prices in Staples.

Prices at New York compared with a year ago.

	Nov. 13, 1896.	Nov. 14, 1895.
Flour, straight spring	\$1.60 to \$1.75	\$3.00 to \$3.40
Flour, straight winter	\$1.40 to \$1.55	\$3.00 to \$3.40
Wheat, No. 2 red	92c	67½c
Cor'n, No. 2 mixed	31½c	38c
Oats, No. 2	23½c	23½c
Rye, No. 2 Western	40c	—
Barley, No. 2 Milwaukee	47c	48c
Cotton, mid. upld.	8 1/16c	8 7/16c
Print cloths, 64x64	2 11/16c	3 1/16c
Wool, Ohio & Pa., X	17c to 18c	17½ to 18c
Wool, No. 1 combg.	20 to 24c	22 to 23c
Lard, mess new	9 5/16 to 9.00	8 7/16 to 10.00
Lard, westn, sim.	4.47 1/2	5.85
Butter, creamery	20c	20c
Cheese, ch. east	10c	10
Sugar, centrif., 98°	3 7/16c	3 1/16c
Sugar, granulated	11c	10c
Coffee, No. 7	—	16c
Petroleum, N. T. Co.	\$1.20	\$1.82
Petroleum, rfd. gal.	7.13c	8.30
Iron, Bes. pg.	\$12.00	\$11.00
Steel billets, ton	\$21.25	\$20.60
Ocean Steam Freights—		
Grain, Liverpool	5d	3 1/4d
Cotton	2 23/4d	—

Business Men's Convention.

C. N. Bell, secretary of the Winnipeg board of trade, has mailed post cards to 500 or more of business men in Manitoba and the Territories calling their attention to the proposed business men's convention. The card reads as follows:

"The board has under consideration the advisability of arranging for a convention of business men of the West to be held at Winnipeg during the week preceding the curling bonspiel, in February, at which matters affecting our common interest may be discussed and dealt with. Special railway rates granted for the bonspiel will be obtainable. It will assist us if you will be good enough to mail us, at your earliest convenience, replies to the questions annexed: 1. Does the proposed convention meet with your approval? 2. Will the date named suit you? 3. Can you attend? 4. What subjects do you suggest for discussion?"

Hides, Wool, Etc.

A Montreal report says: "Canadian fleeco is from 1 to 2c per pound higher. A Montreal house last week, considering wool a good speculation, sent a buyer into Ontario to try and gather in from 30,000 to 400,000 pounds of wool. When this gentleman started out he had the idea that he would be able to buy around 19c per pound, but when he got into the country holders would not negotiate under 21c. The majority of the selections offered also at this price were not of the very best grade and the latter can scarcely be bought with holders in their present temper under 22c. Expectation of a heavy demand from the United States seems to be the chief foundation for the strong feeling."

The Toronto Globe says: "There are still some large lots of wool held in the markets, and prices offered for good selected lots are ½c to 1c higher than before the elections in the United States, dealers here quoting 20 to 21c for washed fleeco.

Advices from Ontario state that some large sales of green salted hides have been made. A United States buyer offered a dealer at Montreal 8½c for all the buff hides he had on hand.

Two German families left Manitoba last spring to settle in Texas. When they were leaving one of the men was asked why they they were leaving Manitoba, "Too cold," was the laconic answer. Last week the two families returned to Winnipeg by the Great Northern and will again take up land near Balgonie. The head of one of the families was asked why they left Texas, "Too hot," was the answer.

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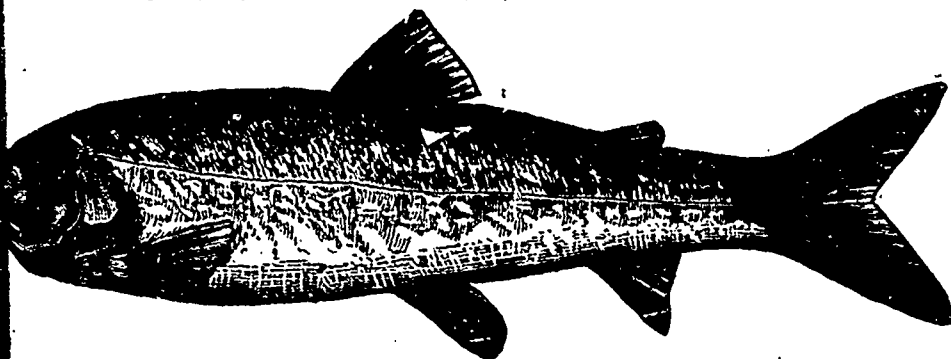
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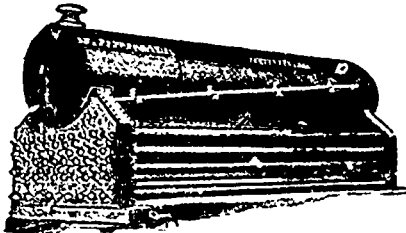
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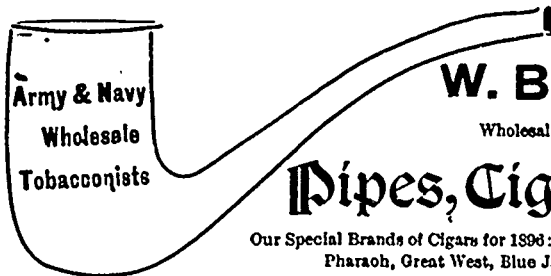
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British Columbia Mining News

On the the seaboard of British Columbia mining activity has only just commenced, and very satisfactory reports are coming in from all the districts within a short distance from Vancouver. There is a persistent rumor current to the effect that the Channe mines at Philips Arm are to be sold to a rich syndicate of English capitalists for a big figure, which will enable the company to place a large sum in the treasury and will increase the value of the stock. The Channo mines are very close to Vancouver, and by a special arrangement freight on the ore costs but 50 cents a ton.

The greatest surprise to the mining world here this week was the announcement that a splendid vein of ore had been struck on the Albion mine claims on Bowen Island, scarcely 14 miles from Vancouver. According to the experts report shown to your correspondent the vein is very promising as at the very commencement it runs 87 ounces in silver and some gold, and has every indication of improving. That silver could be found of such richness close to Vancouver was never dreamed of by mining men here until a short time ago.

The rich mines of Taxada Island, Albarni, Lillooet and other districts close to the B. C. mercantile centers, and the new discoveries constantly being made within a radius of 200 miles from Vancouver and Victoria, declare louder than words that the mining activity along the coast proper is only in its infancy, and that with smelters and increased railway facilities, Canadians are to reap great benefits that they will not be obliged to share with the United States capitalists, as the great majority of seaboard mines are being developed by English and Canadian money only.

There are also many mines further inland that are being operated from Vancouver, among the most prominent, the Two Friends, a silver proposition in which Vancouver citizens are chiefly interested. The stock is to be placed on the market at once at 30 cents and will be sold by application. This mine is shipping steadily, a carload of ore having arrived from the property for shipment to Tacoma yesterday. E. E. Evans returned from the claim this week and reports that the ore in the east drift is richer than any previously taken out. The ore house is now full, and as soon as rawniding can be commenced larger shipments will be made.

The Bondholder, also situated in the vicinity, will ship ore in a very few weeks. The demand for this stock at 15 cents in Vancouver has been unprecedented, and the faith in the mine is so strong from many quarters that the agent for the stock, who

had several "refusals" out, has offered considerable sums in an attempt to have the options cancelled.

The Big Chief mine is also promoted by Vancouver citizens entirely. The Big Chief the Nelson Miner claims is a continuation of the Li Roi, or rather the vein of the Li Roi can be traced through several properties to the Big Chief and through it to the Alice mine. The Big Chief is stocky and will be placed on the market here. The Miner says that the ore in the Big Chief is rich and abundant.

Small holders of Golden Coche stock have been pretty well sold out and the stock is being held firm at \$1.50. Dominion Mining and Developing stock is not for sale but is said to be held at \$1.70 in the east. Channo stock is being held at 20 by the company who claim that there will be another advance shortly. It is reported that many shares are changing hands at 20 cents in the east.

The Howe Sound mines are being developed by the B. C. Mining Co., who are selling shares at three cents each.

Chillawack is having its mining boom. All the side of the mountain is staked out. Good paying quartz is being found in very unlikely places in the province, and when one takes into consideration the immense number of magnificent prospects and the few mines shipping ore can realise the truthfulness of the saying that mining is only in its infancy in British Columbia.

The ore shipments in Revelstoke for four weeks amounted to \$100,981.

The following companies have been incorporated this week: International Gold and Copper Co.; English Canadian Gold Mining Co.; Boundary Falls Mining Co.; Orphan Bay Gold Mining Co.; Agnes Hydraulic Mining & Milling Co.; Boundary Creek Mining & Milling Co.; London and British Columbia Gold Fields Co.; Slocan Queen Mining and Milling Co.

The Li Roi Mine Co., have declared another dividend of 5 cents a share amounting to \$25,000. The company have now paid \$225,000 in dividends. The Li Roi is second amongst the dividend payers of West Kootenay, the Slocan Star being the first.

The Champagne Vintage.

Chas. Heidsieck, of Rheims, France, sends The Commercial the following with a request for publication: "Sir,—I have much pleasure in sending you herewith my report of the vintage 1896 from the great vineyards of the district of Ay and the Marne, Rheims Mountain, Verzenay, and Bouzy; also of the Marne Blanche (white grape district), Craimant, Avize, and Le Mesnil, and few remarks on the vintages from 1892 to 1895, which I trust you may find interesting and useful.

After a period of exceptionally warm sunshiny weather, enjoyed during the earlier months of the summer, it was confidently anticipated that the vintage of 1896 would be of exceptional quality and quantity, but August set in cold, accompanied with heavy rains, which continued almost without intermission during the whole of this and the following month, culminating in the disastrous storm of September 25, which completely upset all preconceived calculations. The vintage was made during most unfavorable weather and under adverse circumstances. The grapes, nourished by too much wet, were gathered not sufficiently ripe to prevent partial rot. I express the general opinion of my fellow shippers when I state the vintage of 1896 will be of little use to the English market. 1892's. These wines have developed very satisfactorily. They show excellent bouquet with good body, but as the quantity is limited they will probably soon be followed by the 1893's. 1893's—This vintage is decidedly a grand one. The quality is exceptional, full bodied, luscious, with a most exquisite bouquet. In color they are full, in style somewhat similar to 1874, but certainly more refined. 1891's.—Not good enough for the English market. 1885's—The quality of the wines in various districts differed, but where the grapes were carefully selected the wine will turn out delicate in character and light in color.

Helping the Dairy Industry.

Part of the sum of \$20,000, voted by Parliament at the last session, for cold storage purposes, will be devoted to assisting the owners of creameries to provide suitable cold storage. Prof. Robertson says that a chain of cold storage will be established from the producer in Canada to the consumer in Great Britain. Creamery butter, he says, should be protected in cold storage from one day after it is made. To encourage the owners of creameries to provide proper cold storage accommodation, the government will grant a bonus of fifty dollars to every creamery which provides and keeps in use a refrigerator room, according to the plans and regulations provided by the government, during the season of 1897. The government will also pay a bonus of \$25 to every creamery which provides and keeps in use a similar refrigerator room during the season of 1898. The government will further pay a bonus of twenty-five dollars to every creamery which provides and keeps in use a similar refrigerator room during the season of 1899. It will thus be seen that the owner of a creamery who provides the necessary refrigerator room, and keeps in use according to the regulations during the years 1897, 1898 and 1899 will receive a bonus of one hundred dollars. Information as to plans of refrigerator, etc., will be furnished on application to the Dairy Commissioner, Ottawa.

Montreal Grocery Market.

Notwithstanding the activity and strength in the sugar there has been no improvement in syrups, the demand being slow and prices steady at 1 1/2 to 2 3/4 per lb., as to quality, at the factory.

The demand for molasses continues slow, owing to the fact that buyers are well supplied, and sales at present are chiefly in small lots at 27c to 27 1/2 for Barbadoes, and at 28c for Porto Rico.

There is no change in the situation of the spice market, the feeling being still firm, and prices are fully maintained. The following quotations are what jobbers can buy at only: Penang black pepper, 6 to 7 1/2; white pepper, 10 to 12 1/2; cloves, 7 1/2 to 9c; cassia, 8 1/2 to 9 1/2; nutmegs, 60 to 90c, and Jamaica ginger, 15 1/2 to 18 1/2.

In rice the feeling is very firm, and prices are fully maintained at the recent advance. The advices from abroad continue of a strong nature, and higher figures are anticipated in the near future. The demand here at present is slow, and business rules quiet. We quote: Crystal Japan, \$5 to \$5.25, standard B., \$3.70; Patna, \$1.50 to \$5.25; Carolina, \$6.75 to \$7.75; choice Bermuda, \$1, and Java kinds, \$1.25.

Owing to the recent sharp advance in prices for all lines of tea the demand has been checked somewhat, and in consequence business has been rather quiet during the past week, but the tone of the market is firm, and holders show no disposition to make concessions. In New York the market for gun-powders has been strong, and prices have advanced fully 2c per lb, in consequence of which there has been some demand here for these teas, and some round lots have been sold for shipment. Some small sales of low grade Japans are reported at 14 to 16c, and siftings are scarce and firm.

There is no alteration in the strength of the dried fruit market. Locally there is no Valencia stock available in first hands and a leading commission firm who represent some of the very best brands, state that their fall business is over, as their correspondents in Spain have all the orders they can attend to. Stocks in jobbers' hands also are by no means well assorted. A few have fair supplies of fine off-stalk, and they are making a profit of fully 1/2c per pound on turn overs to other jobbers. These firms got in early, before prices reached the top. They have made sales recently to western buyers at 5 1/2 for fine off-stalk in s right lots. There are very few selected Valencias in second hands, and the same remark applies to layers. The former are held at 6c and the latter at 6 1/2c.

Grocery Trade Notes.

A Toronto report says the season is getting pretty well under way now for Valencia raisins and there is a better demand for the Malaga fruits just arriving. The supply this year is very short and the prospect is for good prices. They have advanced from 40c to 50c per box from the low point. The shipments to Canada have been very small. There is something new in Malaga raisins in fancy cartoons at reasonable figures. These are specially for the Christmas trade.

In rice the Japan market is very strong and the tendency is for higher prices for imported goods.

The New York Journal of Commerce says: The tea trade has shown changed conditions in that, while the country and general distributing hands have fallen off, yet investors have taken hold of large invoices with the belief that there will be a short supply by comparison with the previous year that the production will all be needed. Therefore there have been taken up some large invoices

of Japans, for future distribution, while the prices made have been quite firm without showing a further advance.

The raisin situation in California at the end of October is thus reviewed by The California Fruit Grower: Heavy rains on Monday last did some damage to raisins in the field, and will cut the second crop short. Owing to early frosts, the first and second crop have been harvested largely at one and the same time. Curers of Valencia style raisins report some damage from rains. There is an active demand and prices are firm. The f. o. b. prices are 3 1/2c, 4c and 5c for 2, 3 and 4 crown respectively. A few packers are holding for 1/2c higher, but the eastern trade does not respond. Fancy goods for holiday trade are in demand at full quotations.

There is another Santos coffee crop estimate, placing next crop at 3,500,000 bags.

Advices from Dania report a firm and advancing market, supplies there being small and the growers holding back stocks for better prices.

The receipts of Brazil coffee at Rio and Santos reach thus far, since July 1, fully 4,210,000 bags, against 2,819,000 bags same time the previous year.

The New York Commercial Bulletin says of nuts: "Stocks in the hands of distributors are about the smallest on record and short crops of nearly all leading varieties has caused a very firm feeling among holders. Sicily filberts have come in for a good share of attention, and the report is that the crop is fully one-third smaller than that of last year. The market here shows a tendency to advance in sympathy with advices from primary points, cables received this morning making the price for prompt shipment equivalent to 7 1/2c laid down here."

The Montreal Gazette of November 18 says. The firmness in all kinds of dried fruit continues and advices this week note further appreciation abroad. New dates are selling, to arrive, at 5 1/2 to 6c in jobbing lots, and figs at 9 1/2 to 15c as to quality. It costs fully 5 1/2c to lay down new Bosnia prunes here, and jobbers are asking 5 1/2 to 6c for them to arrive. New French prunes are already in the hands of the trade, and jobbers quote them 5 to 9c, according to grade. No fresh supplies could be laid down under 4 1/2c net cash for ordinary stock, and the goods are held firm as a result. New Valencia almonds were cabled 6d higher on Monday, and another 6d to-day, making 1s advance per box at Dania since the week opened. They are the only new nuts offering here yet this fall, selling at 18 to 20c for shelled. New Almeria grapes are held firm at \$5 to \$7.50 per keg, as to quality. Last year they never ruled much above \$5 to \$5.50 per keg.

Wheat Stocks.

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Nov. 14, 1896, shows an increase of 1,085,000 bushels, against an increase of 3,390,000 for the corresponding week last year, an increase of 1,062,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago, and an increase of 2,701,000 bushels three years ago.

The following table shows the total visible supply of wheat at the end of the first trade week of each month for four years, as compiled by the Chicago board of trade and includes stocks at most important points of accumulation in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains. There are some important points not covered by this statement;

	1895.	1894.	1893.	1892.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.
Jan. 2...	83,581,000	80,223,000	81,233,000	45,907,000
Feb. 5...	83,378,000	79,803,000	81,393,000	43,181,000
Mar. 4...	78,708,000	75,609,000	70,033,000	41,556,000
April 1...	74,308,000	71,459,000	77,054,000	41,036,000
May 6...	62,190,000	65,156,000	73,069,000	36,190,000
June 3...	62,229,000	69,394,000	71,030,000	27,110,000
July 1...	41,561,000	64,057,000	62,310,000	21,262,000
Aug. 3...	38,517,000	60,001,000	69,424,000	26,079,000
Sept. 7...	36,784,000	63,103,000	56,140,000	33,700,000
Oct. 7...	41,832,000	73,014,000	63,276,000	61,250,000
Nov. 4...	62,990,000	80,047,000	71,306,000	61,717,000
Dec. 2...	63,903,000	85,179,000	78,091,000	72,330,000

The following shows the visible supply by weeks, for four years:

	1896.	1895.	1894.	1893.
Jan. 4...	69,812,000	87,850,000	79,053,000	81,736,000
" 11...	69,945,000	80,615,000	80,433,000	83,029,000
" 18...	67,963,000	85,286,000	81,392,000	82,247,000
" 25...	67,623,000	84,006,000	80,277,000	81,437,000
Feb. 1...	66,734,000	83,376,000	79,803,000	81,190,000
" 8...	66,110,000	82,322,000	79,500,000	80,733,000
" 15...	65,926,000	80,733,000	78,607,000	80,214,000
" 22...	65,011,000	79,476,000	77,257,000	79,443,000
March 1...	64,080,000	78,701,000	76,509,000	79,033,000
" 7...	62,590,000	77,717,000	74,607,000	74,103,000
" 14...	62,123,000	76,713,000	73,359,000	74,020,000
" 21...	61,348,000	75,771,000	72,103,000	73,204,000
" 28...	61,043,000	74,908,000	71,458,000	77,651,000
April 4...	60,322,000	74,703,000	70,702,000	77,204,000
" 11...	59,330,000	70,147,000	69,217,000	76,038,000
" 18...	58,483,000	68,920,000	68,425,000	71,803,000
" 25...	57,910,000	68,776,000	66,637,000	76,027,000
May 2...	56,810,000	62,190,000	65,166,000	73,069,000
" 9...	54,000,000	60,023,000	63,510,000	72,407,000
" 16...	53,140,000	60,481,000	62,044,000	71,520,000
" 23...	51,293,000	54,244,000	61,329,000	70,167,000
" 30...	50,340,000	62,220,000	69,324,000	70,307,000
June 6...	50,147,000	49,739,000	58,214,000	63,605,000
" 13...	49,458,000	47,717,000	57,105,000	66,370,000
" 20...	49,319,000	46,225,000	65,351,000	63,681,000
" 27...	47,800,000	44,561,000	61,657,000	62,101,000
July 4...	47,193,000	43,359,000	64,114,000	61,319,000
" 11...	47,220,000	41,327,000	63,154,000	60,328,000
" 18...	46,743,000	40,438,000	63,714,000	60,903,000
" 25...	47,142,000	39,229,000	67,144,000	60,319,000
Aug. 1...	46,734,000	38,517,000	69,001,000	60,421,000
" 8...	46,420,000	37,339,000	68,321,000	59,869,000
" 15...	46,876,000	20,892,000	63,901,000	57,844,000
" 22...	45,189,000	35,088,000	64,711,000	57,241,000
" 29...	45,574,000	33,433,000	66,949,000	60,881,000
Sept. 5...	46,495,000	36,754,000	69,168,000	66,110,000
" 12...	47,602,000	38,092,000	69,214,000	67,341,000
" 19...	49,055,000	39,385,000	70,139,000	68,093,000
" 26...	48,716,000	40,703,000	71,413,000	69,228,000
Oct. 3...	49,116,000	41,832,000	73,044,000	69,675,000
" 10...	49,434,000	41,431,000	75,771,000	69,233,000
" 17...	54,803,000	46,199,000	70,039,000	66,975,000
" 24...	57,235,000	54,458,000	78,180,000	69,327,000
" 31...	68,030,000	62,094,000	81,279,000	71,396,000
Nov. 7...	69,033,000	66,036,000	81,226,000	74,000,000
" 14...	61,003,000	69,326,000	82,231,000	70,103,000

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on November 7 is as follows:

	Bushels.
Montreal	512,000
Toronto	217,000
Kingston	—
Winnipeg	265,000
Manitoba interior elevators	2,425,000
Fort William, Port Arthur & Keowatin	2,673,000

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on November 7, 1896:

	Bushels.
East of the Mountains	78,617,000
Pacific Coast	6,833,000
Total stocks a year ago were:	bushels.
East of the Mountains	80,236,000
Pacific Coast	9,651,000

Bradstreet's report for the week ended Nov. 14, shows an increase of 1,633,000 bushels in stocks of wheat east of the mountains, making the total 80,300,000 bushels on the latter date.

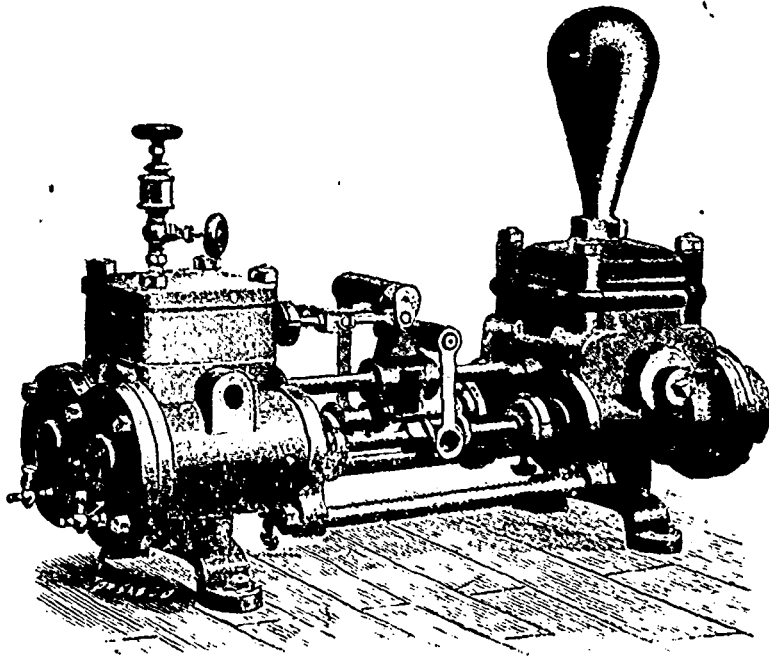
Worlds stocks of wheat on November 1, 1896, (United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe) were 137,575,000 bushels, as compared with 153,633,000 bushels on Nov. 1, 1895; 173,632,000 on November 1, 1894; 172,825,000 on November 1, 1893; 151,272,000 on November 1, 1892; 133,611,000 on Nov. 1, 1891; 91,151,000 on November 1, 1890, and 109,117,000 bushels on Nov. 1, 1889, exclusive of flour.

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J. J. Macartney has been appointed manager in Winnipeg, of the Provincial Life Association Society of New York.

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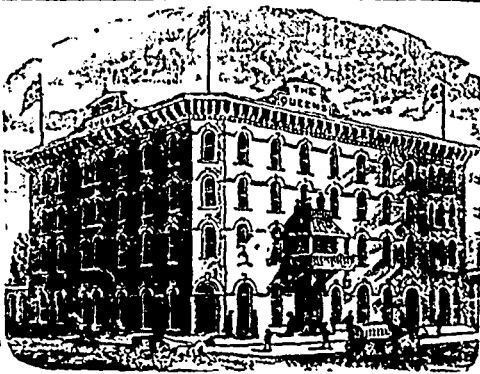
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Fur Trade News.

The Leipzig (German) correspondent of the New York Fur Trade Review writes as follows on October 10. American furs have a slightly better status at the present moment than at the beginning of the summer, but the prospects cannot be considered good, so many Russian, Australian and East Asiatic furs lead in favor. Owing to low values, however, certain American articles maintain their standing. Mink is a middling good article for German use, and has been taken by both wholesale and retail furriers. Mink linings are expected to do fairly well this winter, and if prices remain as at present the demand may be satisfactory next season. Some parcels of skins have been taken for England. Marten has again had a regular sale in European countries; it will doubtless be in demand again next season if prices remain moderate. Stocks in raw musquash are not large. The demand for fine skins is limited, as seal imitations have a slower sale of late. Mink imitations and mink tail imitations are always sold to some extent. All linings of musquash backs, especially the middling and cheaper grades, have sold well, and stocks suited to the purpose have been taken out of the market. Musquash bellies have been used quite largely for the manufacture of capes, but it remains to be seen whether these capes will continue in favor in competition with the new electric French conies. There has been only a limited request for black musquash, belly linings selling better than back linings for Germany and Austria. Beaver has been only in small request, as our furriers found but little use for this fur, and a few skins have been taken for Russia. It is our opinion that this article must be cheaper in the spring. The demand for raccoon has been limited. Some parcels were taken for Russia, and others for dyeing purposes. We think this article would have been better had it not been for the advance in price which occurred in the spring. We anticipate lower rates beginning with next year. Skunk has been somewhat better than earlier in the summer in consequence of higher prices. We do not think the June values should be exceeded in the coming spring, particularly as there are so many imitations in both fine and moderate-priced goods. There is very little demand for American opossum, and very low prices should rule next spring. Turkish and Russian customers are overstocked with red fox owing to the large quantities which were brought forward at the different sales this year, and there is no demand here at the present time. Gray fox has been used for silver blue dyeing, and the result is very good, but the demand is very limited. We do not think an advance in price possible. Blue fox is still cheap, and the low prices have resulted in some sales, with a possibility of further transactions. There has been the usual sale of dark otter, but only limited demand for other grades. The medium and pale colors usually taken for Russia are neglected, and views for next spring are not good. There is no demand for lynx. Some wholesale furriers have attempted to introduce natural lynx backs, but have not met with much success. The supply of nutria, though larger than 1895, is small; prices are high, and large selected skins have fancy values. Owing to the prices and the continued scarcity of skins, buyers have turned their attention to other articles, noticeably natural raccoon. Real chinchilla is in very good demand notwithstanding the high value and though prices for bastard chinchilla are not high, the demand is very fair. Stocks of raw Japanese foxes are not large, and there are no parcels of superior skins on hand. Blue dyed skins have their usual customers in Russia, Ger-

many, etc. The skunk imitations sell fairly well. Japanese marten are in better supply than in the spring, and some of the skins, which are nicely topped, sell well. Chinese mongolian lambs, black dyed, skins and crosses, have sold well to Austria. There has been a very fair sale of Australian opossum in natural brown dyed and sheared dyed beaver color. Russian furs.—Sable has been in favor for Franco, and a large furrier of Paris has purchased parcels of good dark skins, and his lead was followed by other buyers; inferior shades have been dyed, topped, and have met with some demand for Franco and Austria. Ermine has had a continued sale, superior parcels are scarce and prices are firm, ermine tails are very dear. In squirrels, back linings sell slowly, only certain colors being in demand; bellies are more in favor, and there has been some demand for Russian belly sacs, twisted squirrel tails are in good request, but boas are neglected. Black dyed Astrakhan lambs are offered in large quantity, but only in rough skins, and the demand for these is slow; flat moires are in better request, but are scarce and dear, as the Russian collectors refuse to sell moires separately. Ukrainian and gray Krimmer lambs have been exported to Canada at reasonable prices, and half-Persians have been purchased by Austrian and Roumanian dealers. Persian lamb is one of the principal articles here, and the fresh parcels from the Nijni Novgorod fair, which have come from the dyeing, sell fairly well to French, English and American buyers; the supply is rather large and the prices high; those ordering Persian here should name not less than ten or twelve marks as the lowest sort they wish to secure.

The London, England, correspondent of the Fur Trade Review, writing on October 15, says: "The improvement of the fur trade reported in my last letter has been fairly maintained up to the present time so far as the home trade is concerned, manufacturers finding it difficult in many instances to keep pace with their orders, as Manchester, the Midlands, and the Scotch towns show great activity and have placed important orders. Merchants have not as yet felt the full effect of the improvement, as manufactured stocks were of very fair dimensions, some dyed sealskins being steadily consumed at small profit, and the outlook is good for a maintenance of prices at the December sales, subject to the United States taking fair supplies. American marten and mink remain in fashion, and are selling freely. Persian lambs have sold well, and will be much used here. Tibet lambs have been largely used, but the home trade has become staple. A strong demand prevails for electric rabbits, but very great competition among our manufacturers, coupled with a probable further increase in the prices next year, will not tend to keep the article in favor. Bears show some life for the Provinces, while both real and bastard chinchilla, as well as Russian sable, are to be fashionable, the latter article being the rage in Paris."

Unprecedented Snow Storms.

The snow fall for November throughout Western Canada is the heaviest on record in recent years. The majority of the settlers now in the country cannot recollect anything like it. We often have the ground bare until toward the close of the month, but this year snow has been falling almost daily since the first of the month. In the mountains the snow is very deep and railway traffic has been delayed. In the states to the south of us the snow fall has been heavier than it has been north of the boundary, very heavy storms having been reported from Minnesota, North and South Dakota and in the mountains in Washington and Oregon,

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