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WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 24, 1888.

T. W. RUTLEDGE has opened a confectionery store at Fort William.

ELLIOTT & TRUMBELL, hotel keepers, Virden, Man., contemplate dissolution.

A. FERLAND & Co., general storekeepers, Calgary, are closing out business.

GRAHAM & GORDON, hardware, Crystal City, Man., have sold out to T. A. Greenway.

C. W. Belyea, butcher and provision dealer, Rat Portage, has sold out to J. W. Pickett & Co.

M. REDICE, a Grand Forks, Dakota, fur dealer, purchased a lot of furs at Emerson recently.

P. E. DURST, of Brandon, will open a watchmaking and jewellery store at Qu'Appelle Station.

JAMES F. TENNANT has been appointed out-port collector in Her Majesty's customs at Gretna, Manitoba.

THE Watson Manufacturing Company will erect an implement warehouse at Killarney, Manitoba, where Alfred Ashdown will act as agent.

RAT PORTAGE will have a Board of trade. At a meeting of the business men, a committee was appointed to arrange for the starting of a board.

A TELEGRAM from Port Arthur, Dec. 17th, says: A brisk wind again cleared the bay of ice to-day and navigation is still as open as in July. The T. H. Camp arrived and departed for Duluth to-day and expects to make another trip or two this year.

NOTICE is given of application to incorporate the Manufacturer's bank of Canada.

J. B. STEWART, stationery, etc., Brandon, contemplates removing to British Columbia.

F. JOHNS has opened out a watchmaking and jewellery establishment at Fort Qu'Appelle.

WM. VERRINDER has opened a restaurant and bakery at Birtle, Manitoba, in the store of E. G. Lewis.

J. JOSS, of Stobart, Sons & Co., wholesale dry goods, Winnipeg, arrived lately from a purchasing trip to Europe.

P. MCCONNELL has been appointed local Crown timber inspector for the Turtle Mountain district of Manitoba.

J. E. & F. Brown, who have purchased Geo. Craig & Co.'s general store business at Portage la Prairie, take possession on Feb. 1st next.

MADREL & ROBINSON, painters and decorators, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. Madrel retires and the business will be continued by Robinson.

R. N. KING, manager at Port Arthur for the Ontario Bank, has been promoted to the position of general bank inspector. He will be succeeded by A. J. Macdonell.

A. E. THOMPSON has retired from the retail butchering business at Deloraine, and will now buy stock and produce for shipment, Graham & Harden will carry on the retail meat business.

QUITE a boom in real estate has been in progress at Lethbridge, Alberta, during the past week in consequence of the news received regarding the extension of the Galt railroad to Montana.

R. S. SMITH, proprietor of the Qu'Appelle Valley Hotel, Fort Qu'Appelle, Assa., has ordered a steam launch to ply on Qu'Appelle lakes. Fort Qu'Appelle is a desirable summer resort.

THE next council of Emerson, Man., will be composed as follows: Mayor, D. H. McFadden; councillors, R. McDonald, D. Wright, E. M. Gatliff, J. W. McDonald, J. E. Cooper, J. Carmichael.

THE Watson Manufacturing Company has appointed W. Wigmore travelling agent for the company for the territory between Winnipeg and Salteats on the M. & N. W. Ry. John Thompson takes Wigmore's place as agent in Minnedosa for the same firm.

THE progress of Toronto has been very satisfactory of late. The recent census showed the population, not including Parkdale, to be 164,000. With that suburb the total figures would be 170,000, or nearly double the population given by the census of 1881.

THE early Kildonan settlers say that Canada thistles were first brought into Manitoba by the nuns of St. Boniface, among flower seeds, and others say it came in with some seed wheat brought by George Flett, returning from a visit to the United States.—*The Colonist*.

A RESOLUTION was passed at a recent meeting of the Port Arthur council rebating one-half of the accrued taxes of the C. P. R. company, which now amounts to \$10,000; also exemption from taxation of all present or future improvements of the company within the corporation,

THE Shedden Cartage Company, of Montreal, has received the contract of the N. P. R. for delivering freight in Winnipeg.

THE land office at Touchwood, Assa., has been closed, and the business transferred to the land office at Birtle, Manitoba.

A. PATTERSON is preparing for a large increase in his cheese making business at Rapid City, Man., next season. He will purchase a number of cows during the winter.

A LONDON, England, cable says:—The Manitoba Real Estate Company has registered with a capital of £45,000 in pound shares, to take over the properties of the Manitoba Mortgage and Investment.

PETROLEUM oil has been discovered in the Crows Nest pass, of the Rocky Mountains. This is the pass directly west of Macloed, Alberta. Coal and valuable mineral finds have also been discovered in this pass.

THE shipments of fish from along the Lake Superior shore by the Port Arthur Fish Company, during this year, amounted to 550 tons fresh and 250 salt, total value \$53,000, which went to Canadian and United States markets.

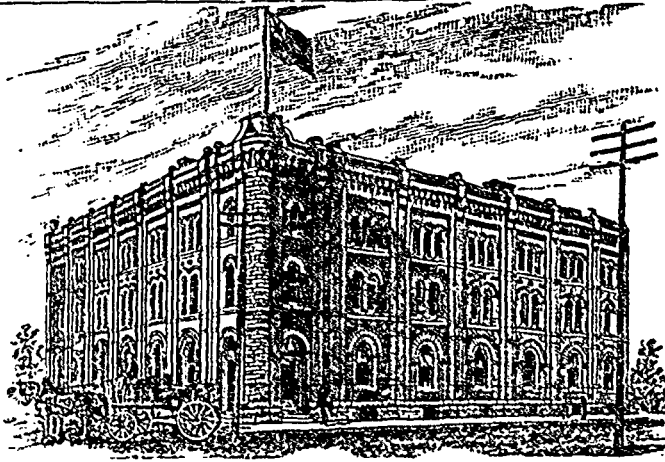
L. HIBBARD, second-hand dealer, Winnipeg, was burned out last week. Insured for \$1,000; loss claimed at something in excess of the amount. L. E. Gardner, furniture, and J. J. Shragg, adjoining Hibbard, suffered some losses from fire and water, which are nearly covered by insurance.

At the annual meeting of the Bank of Ottawa, held on the 12th instant, the president and directors were re-elected. The net profits of the year amounted to \$150,912. The Rest is now \$360,000 and after paying the \$12,000 in dividends a handsome sum was left at the credit of profit and loss.

At the last meeting of the agricultural society of the Wapella district, Assa., the following officers were elected: President, S. H. Morrison; secretary-treasurer, Mr. Low; first vice-president, W. Elliott; second vice-president, David W. Hogg. Directors, T. J. Smith, E. A. Janson, W. T. Blythe, A. Hare, James Agnew, A. Roberts, J. Marr, W. Logan, J. K. Schmidt, D. Black, H. Blake, and Cavendish Neville.

F. GILCHRIST, inspector of fisheries at Fort Qu'Appelle, is employed by the Government to test the feasibility of growing wild rice in the lakes of the Northwest. He is making the test on each Indian reserve where there is a body of water sufficiently large, and if the experiment proves a success it will prove a boon to the Indians, as the rice is a very valuable food. Seed has been procured from Rice Lake, Ontario.

R. P. BUTCHART & Co., hardware, Boissevaine, who have been selling out for some time, have disposed of the balance of their stock and business to Joseph Birbeck. G. M. Butchart, who conducted the business, goes to Owen Sound, Ontario, where he will engage, with a brother, in the manufacture of Portland cement. The firm now carries on business in hardware at Owen Sound, under the same style as the late business at Boissevaine. The branch business at Deloraine, Manitoba, will be continued for the present, with G. D. Butchart in charge.

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Lumber Cuttings.

The Minnesota and Ontario Lumber company, of Rat Portage, contemplate a cut of ten million feet next season.

W. J. Mathers now continues the lumber business of Wade & Mathers, of Deloraine, Man., the firm having dissolved.

An effort is being made to secure the operation next season of the sawmill at Birtle, Man. This mill has been idle for some years, though logs are taken through Birtle to the Assiniboine river.

Two hundred car loads of lumber, about three million feet, have been shipped this season by the Royal City Planing Mills at Westminster, B. C., to Sir John Lister Kaye's farms in the Territories.

Christie's new mill building at Brandon, Man., has been completed, and is ready for the machinery. Christie is preparing to bring down a lot of spruce logs from the Riding Mountain in the spring, via the Bird Tail Creek and Assiniboine river.

The Sabaskong Mining and Lumber Company has received its charter from the Dominion Government. The company has among its stockholders several Rat Portage men. Its object is to develop the mining and lumbering industries of the district.

The old saw mill at Moodyville, B. C., opposite Vancouver, which were established about 25 years ago, will be fitted up with modern machinery, and will soon be closed down for that purpose. The mill has done a large export business in past years.

Saw mill men in some sections still have to wrestle with the question of what to do with the sawdust, as they are prohibited from dumping it into the rivers. The day will come when sawdust will be too valuable a material to throw away. It is now being used largely in mortar instead of sand, and can also be used for mouldings, etc., to good advantage.

The supreme court at Ottawa has delivered judgment in the suit of Cameron et al. v. Tate et al. It was a case where the defendants failed to execute an agreement to supply machinery for

a lumber mill at Rat Portage to cut logs lying on the shores of the Lake of the Woods, and the plaintiffs obtained a verdict for \$25,000 in the lower court, which was reversed by the court of appeal, and the plaintiffs appealed to the Supreme court. The appeal was dismissed with costs.

A Toronto telegram says: The lumbermen have taken another step in the proceedings against tariff rates of the Grand Trunk railway. Four weeks ago they held a meeting and decided to present their grievances to Hon. Mr. Mowat, and ask him to attempt redress through the courts. The Premier, after a few weeks consideration, has accepted the retainer, and has instituted suits. The lumbermen are sanguine of the outcome of the coming struggle. A meeting of the lumbermen of the province will be held, probably during the last week of this month, in this city, for the purpose of organization.

Seven vessels cleared from Barrard Inlet, B. C., with lumber, during November, six of these being from the Moodyville mill and one from the Hastings mill. The lumber went to Australia, four loads; South America two loads; and China one vessel. During the month, four vessels arrived to load at the mills, three for the Hastings and one for the Moodyville mill. Robert Ward & Co., of Victoria, in their last shipping report quote the following rates on lumber from British Columbia to the ports named: To Hobson's Bay, 57s. per m.; Melbourne Wharf, 55s. to 57s. 6d per m.; Sidney, 45s. per m.; Shanghai, 50s. per m.; West Coast South, America, 45s. to 50s. per m.

Editor's Table.

A copy of *Grip's* annual comic almanac has reached the table. Those who desire a real good laugh can get it at the book stores for only 10 cents.

Grip, Canada's comic paper, and a good one too, has celebrated its sixteenth birthday. *Grip* compares favorably with the best journals of its class, published in the English language, and its enterprise deserves encouragement.

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Yours very truly,

THE PORTAGE MILLING CO.
Jas. MacLenaghan, Managing Director.

The *Dominion Illustrated*, Canada's new illustrated journal, published at Montreal, is keeping up the excellent standard of its engravings reached in the first few numbers. The last issue contained a cut of a farm house and surroundings, near Brandon, Man. The journal deserves encouragement.

The most recent addition to journalism in this region is the *Keewatin Hunter*, a new weekly little paper hailing from the future great manufacturing centre on the Lake of the Woods. The paper is filled with local and other matter, and bears evidence that a good deal of hustling must have been done to pick up so many new items.

The *Manitoba Colonist* for December appears in enlarged form, and makes an interesting number. A new feature is the addition of a couple of pages printed in the German language, and this department will be continued. The illustrations include a handsome engraving of the C.P.R. hotel at Banff, Alberta, with the mountains in the background; a view of Main Street, Winnipeg, and another of the Manitoba insane asylum, at Selkirk. Among the articles there are several which deserve special mention. "Curiosities of the Canadian Fur Trade," and "Nature in Canada," are articles which are well worthy of perusal, in point of interesting information about the Great West.

The enterprising *Grip Publishing Co.*, of Toronto, has decided upon the publication of a children's paper, and the first issue, which has made its appearance, is an excellent sample of what a children's paper should be. It is pure in tone, but interesting and instructive. No space is given to sensational and fabulous stories, which tickle and at the same time degrade the young intellect. This is the first and only children's paper published in Canada, and it should therefore receive encouragement. Heretofore such papers have always come from the United States, and many of them are very poor intellectual food for the rising generation. A post card to the publishers will bring a sample copy.

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THE annual meeting of the Manitoba Dairy association took place in the board of trade rooms, Winnipeg, on Tuesday evening of last week. The election of officers being proceeded with by ballot resulted in Mr. Wagner being elected president by 12 to 5 over Mr. Jackson, Major Boulton vice-president and H. Cameron secretary. The following board of directors was elected: Prof. Barre, Joly; Hon. W. Clifford, Austin; J. T. Henderson, Royal; R. Waugh, city; E. A. Struthers, Russell; Charles Mignault, Joly; A. Malcolmson, Minnedosa; C. S. Caron, St. Charles; Mr. Rockett, Manitou. On motion of D. MacArthur, seconded by E. P. Leacock, a committee consisting of the chairman, the secretary and Prof. Barre was appointed to draft by-laws. Mr. Bell suggested that this committee recommend some scheme for the collection of statistics regarding the output of dairy products, and ascertain the feeling among farmers and dairymen as to the advisability of buying and selling butter and cheese on inspection. This was concurred in. A committee consisting of Messrs. Wagner, Boulton, Clifford, Struthers, Ashdown and Cameron was appointed to wait on the Minister of Agriculture and ask him to introduce at the next session of Parliament an Act to promote the development and good management of public dairying. A resolution was also passed favoring the establishment of a board of trade in Winnipeg to promote the dairying industry, said board to hold regular meetings and deal with the transport and disposal of dairy products. A lengthy and interesting paper was read by Major Boulton, relating to dairying in Manitoba.

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BENEFITS OF RAILWAY COMPETITION.

Shortly after the opening of the R. R. V. railway into Winnipeg, some of the eastern champions of C.P.R. monopoly sneeringly remarked, that the only advantages it secured were to Montana sheep raisers, who could now rush their dressed mutton into the Winnipeg, and undersell the local producers of the same. The freight rate on grain and other articles of export and import were the same as those offered by the C.P.R., so these monopolists stated, and consequently Manitoba could receive no advantages from the new outlet, for which the province was paying so heavily.

Of course such advocates never took into consideration, that from the time when the province of Manitoba took the bull by the horns, and commenced the construction of the R.R.V., to the opening of that road into Winnipeg, a period of less than two years, grain freights to Port Arthur over the C.P.R. dropped over twenty-five per cent, and the drop was a gradual one, sliding downward just in proportion as the overbearing and bull-headed management of the C.P.R. were forced to the belief, that a united province must win in a fight for its just rights; the last concession of three cents a hundred pounds being made only about three weeks before the opening of the R.R.V. route to Duluth. Thus it was sought to make a virtue out of a necessity, but it is folly to look for a genuine virtue from an organization with an existence dependant upon what it can extort from the public purse, and how much it can over-ride the rights of one half of this Dominion. Manitoba has never received anything from the C.P.R. that was not forced, and any freight rate reductions received during the past two years are due to the threatened competition, which is now a fact in Winnipeg, and will soon be in other portions of this prairie province.

But to return to the mutton argument. Seemingly our local sheep raisers are not wiped out of existence yet, for mutton carcasses are still held at nine cents a pound in the Winnipeg wholesale market, and it is less than a month since the two figure quotation of ten cents was broken for the first time this year. At these figures we believe Manitoba sheep

raisers can still make a profit, especially when the home market can swallow up double or treble what they yet produce. It is just possible however, that a plentiful supply of mutton from Montana may be a barrier in the way of eastern Canadian butchers shipping into this province their inferior meat at fancy prices, as they have in the past, and that eastern selfishness and not solicitude for Northwestern sheep farmers brought this mutton argument to the surface.

But we are gradually finding out that railway competition is conferring a great many benefits upon Manitobans, and one generally appreciated is the frequent opportunities afforded to our settlers of visiting their former homes in the east, at a moderate cost. In the old monopoly days we had a fight once a year to get an excursion rate to the east, and did not always succeed. Already we have had two opportunities of going east and returning for \$40., although the monopoly came to an end only in October last, so that we may look for such chances frequently in the future, and for their frequency we will be indebted to railway competition with the C.P.R.

But there are several other benefits which Manitobans have already received through railway competition, and one of no small value is a system of freight rates on California fruit on the same footing as those enjoyed in Saint Paul and Minneapolis. The reduced prices on fresh fruits of that kind have been very marked, and now dried fruits are coming in from the same source, which are making quite a difference in the price of those coming from Southern Europe, from which the former supply came entirely. In this northern latitude when fruit raising must always be limited in variety, this is a really substantial benefit we have received through the opening of railway competition.

But in the regulation of the local market, Winnipeggers have this winter found the R.R.V. railway and its Northern Pacific connection a great benefit. Two months ago the wood dealers of the city found the local fuel market in a position, easy to corner, and prices were gradually raised until tamarac wood was quoted close to, if not actually at \$8 a cord. But by the R.R.V. and N.P. roads good oak and maple soon came pouring in, and were delivered to the consumer at \$7.50 a cord and in some cases lower. As a natural result, the local fuel dealers, who were

bound to hoist tamarac to \$10 a cord had to let go, and now it can be had in car lots on track for half of that price. It requires a Manitoban to fully appreciate the value of the service thus rendered in the breaking up of a fuel combination. Our severe winters teach us their value, and the gratitude we owe to those who accomplished the good work.

Our people who are importing and exporting, and paying heavy sums in freight rates, should remember, that in proportion to the encouragement given to this new competitor for our traffic will we derive advantages therefrom. Freight payers in this province have never received any favor from the C.P.R. management, and they are consequently under no obligation thereto. They have however a long record of suffering under the overbearing insolence, and insulting abuse received in the past from the C.P.R. personages from the president of the company downwards, and now that ordinary business courtesy can in some instances be had, it is because competition compels it. A policy of reprisal may not always be the correct one, but Manitoba freight payers are wise when they pursue one towards the C.P.R. They can deal a heavy blow to that corporation, by refusing to patronize it in any way, unless when they have no alternative. Assuredly every blow so struck is a blow in the interest of commercial freedom. Yes and a blow in the direction of cheaper and better freight facilities between this country and the east, for the offspring of monopoly, when they find a people prepared to resent injuries, will be compelled to offer greater inducements to regain the confidence they have lost by tyranny and injustice in the past.

DAIRYING IN MANITOBA.

A meeting of great importance to Manitoba was held in Winnipeg last week. Reference is made to the annual meeting of the Manitoba Dairymen's Association. This association has been formed for some time, and a few dairymen have worked hard for the progress of the association, and for the development of the dairying interests of the province. President Wagner is worthy of special mention in this connection. But while great progress has been made in dairying in Manitoba within the past few years, it is felt that the industry has not been given that assistance and encouragement from outside sources which its importance would demand. From the na

tural advantages which here exist for the manufacture of dairy products, it would seem that dairying should take a position second only to wheat-growing, as a source of wealth to the Manitoba farmer. Few portions of the world are so favored as Manitoba for the prosecution of dairying in all its branches. It is therefore of the utmost importance that the industry should be so guarded and encouraged as to produce the best results.

In Ontario, cheese manufacturing has developed wonderfully, and largely owing to the interest taken in the industry by the Government, the quality of the Ontario product stands high. In Manitoba a move was made by the local government a year or two ago to encourage high class dairying, but since then nothing has been done. At the meeting of the dairymen in Winnipeg last week, it was resolved to ask the local government to take steps to promote the development and good management of dairying in the province. Undoubtedly a great deal could be accomplished in the direction of high class dairying by the appointment of a skilled government inspector, whose duties would be to visit the various factories and give instructions in the methods necessary to produce the best qualities of goods. It is to be hoped the matter will receive favorable consideration from the Government. Manitoba is an agricultural country almost entirely, and the growth of the province will depend mainly upon the development of its agricultural resources. A little public money spent in the encouragement of so important an agricultural industry as dairying cannot therefore be unwisely invested.

Some figures given at the meeting of the dairymen will show the development of the cheese industry in Manitoba. In 1886 there were four cheese factories in Manitoba, and in 1888 there were twenty-one factories, representing an investment of about \$2,000 each. This year there were only two creameries (butter factories) in operation in the province. In butter-making there is great room for improvement, and it is not likely that the bulk of the butter made in the country will be of fair quality until the present promiscuous mode of making is succeeded by the co-operative or factory system of manufacture. Manitoba cheese, factory made, is of very good quality, but the bulk of the butter marketed here is of very indifferent quality. There is some excuse for the butter on the ground that the

great majority of our farmers have not been long established in the country, and they have not the facilities for making butter to advantage. A system of butter inspection, which has been advocated by some, would hardly have the complete result desired in the direction of improving the quality of our butter. Country merchants, who buy from the farmers, would be compelled to purchase, as they do now, largely regardless of quality. Competition compels this, for the farmer who receives a lower price for his butter than a neighbor is bound to make trouble. The only hope for our butter industry would therefore seem to lie in the abandonment of individual butter-making, in favor of the factory system. The factory system would also be a great relief to our country merchants, who are now compelled to handle the farmer's butter, though it is anything but a profitable business for them. The appointment of a butter inspector, while it would not likely have the desired effect of greatly improving the quality of butter made, would be a great convenience to the trade, both wholesale and retail, in buying and selling butter.

Owing to the rich natural grasses and fine climate, a much larger percentage of butter can be taken from milk in Manitoba than in most other countries. By the centrifugal system of butter-making, 4.75 pounds of butter can be taken from 100 pounds of milk. This is given as an average for a season, and was the result of a season's operations at the Joly creamery, in Manitoba. In Ontario the average of butter from 100 pounds of milk is said to be from 4 to 4.25 pounds. Professor Barre believes that by improved processes the yield of butter in Manitoba could be brought up to an average of 5.25. This is sufficient to show that we have a rich inheritance, and that instead of the stuff now marketed here, Manitoba should be producing a large quantity of first-class butter, such as would find ready sale in any market. Surely a little effort to improve the mode of butter-making is therefore desirable. The Manitoba Dairy Association, which has for its object the conserving of the dairy interests of the province, should receive every encouragement, both of a public and private nature, in furthering its laudable aims.

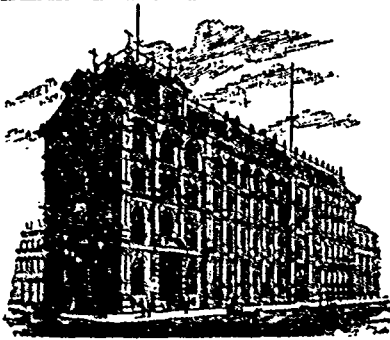
MINING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The new smelter at Vancouver the first in British Columbia, will be ready for

operation early in January. Ore from inland mines is already arriving. Now that ore can be treated in the province, it is expected that the mining interests will be given a great impetus. Heretofore the expense of shipping ore has been so great, that there has been little encouragement to mining enterprises. British Columbia must look largely to her mining wealth for her prosperity and development. There are vast quantities of medium and low grade ores which could be made to pay handsomely, with favorable shipping and reducing facilities, in addition to the many rich claims already discovered. Many rich discoveries were made during the past season, and with the better facilities now existing for working the mines, the prospects for the future are good. New companies are being formed to work the claims, and altogether the province would seem to be on the eve of a movement in the direction of developing the mineral wealth, such as it has not yet experienced. The local government is taking an active part in the movement to develop the mineral wealth of the province.

PRICES OF HOGS.

Hogs still hold up to high prices in the Winnipeg market, notwithstanding the easier tendency in outside markets. Packers have been trying to work prices down some, as they see that they cannot compete with the Chicago and Eastern Canada packers, at the high figures ruling here. Owing to light receipts, however, prices recede very slowly, but should receipts come in more freely, prices could not long be maintained at present values. At the prices ruling in the east, our packers are at a great disadvantage. In Ontario packing markets dressed, hogs are worth about 6 to 6½ cents, and packers there claim that prices are too high, though quotations are from 1½ to 2 cents under Winnipeg prices. It will therefore be seen that our packers cannot compete to advantage with the eastern product. Parties holding hogs in Manitoba cannot therefore reasonably expect to obtain higher prices this season than are now current, unless it be that the number of hogs in the country is very much smaller than it is generally supposed to be. If Manitoba has no more hogs than will be required for consumption as fresh pork, then present prices may be maintained, though not advanced; but with a surplus, as there undoubtedly is, available for packing, present prices are higher than the situation will warrant.



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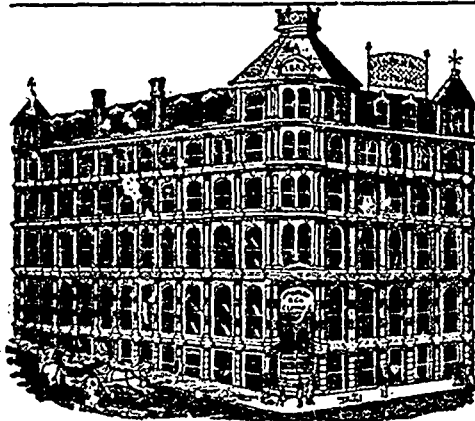
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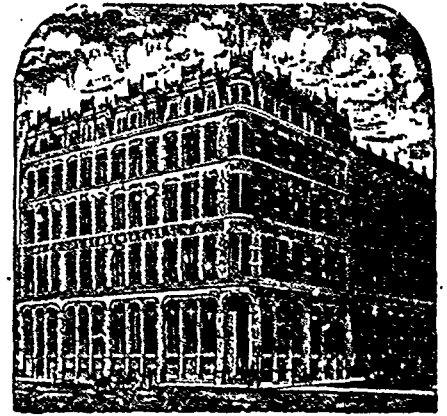
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WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

The feeling in banking circles during the week has been slower than during the early part of December, although there was a little stir around on the 18th when quite a little bunch of mercantile paper matured, and was met with satisfactory promptitude. Since that the quietness usual in the latter part of a month has been observable. There have been no change in discount rates on commercial paper, the range being still from 7 to 8 per cent. In real estate mortgage loans a steady movement has been going on, the new business being almost entirely farm loans. Interest payments have been coming in freely, with some new additions being made to the number that will have to be carried over to next year. On farm loans the interest rate holds at 8 per cent., and no city business has been done to call for a lower quotation.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

Wholesale trade has moved along steadily, considering the season, and outside of a few lines, there was little to show that the holiday season is at hand. One feature of business last week was, that an increased portion of the demand came from the city trade. In textile lines there was quite an improvement in the sorting demand from city dealers, whilst mail orders were light. A large number of the excursionists from country points who passed through the city last week, on their way to Ontario, remained over a day in the city, and fitted themselves out here with new overcoats, fur caps and suits of clothes before going east. This was quite a gain to the city clothing stores but a corresponding loss to country dealers. In fancy lines there was a fairly active demand from the city trade, which meant the wind-up of the holiday business, and fruits were also in good demand. Groceries and provisions were rather quiet for the season.

DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING.

In staple lines of dry goods trade was light, and country orders were few, but some call from the city trade for small lots. Fancy lines and furnishings were in fairly good demand. In clothing there was quite a call from the city trade for overcoats and some sorts in suits, and winter caps were called for to quite an extent, also from the city trade.

FRUITS.

Apples are in good supply, and though quoted as low as \$3 per barrel in some instances, yet for good fruit from \$3.25 to \$3.50 is the standard price for small lots. Florida oranges have sold very freely, at last quotations for good fruit, though some have been offered at as low as \$3.50. Quotations are as follows: Apples, \$3.25 to \$3.50 for choice to fancy stock; Montreal fameuse, \$4.25 per barrel. British Columbia winter pears are offered in large boxes at \$4 to \$4.25 per box. Messina lemons are quoted at \$6 to \$6.50, and Malagas, \$5.50 to \$6.00 per box. Florida oranges \$6.00 to \$6.50 a box; Malaga grapes in 50 to 65 pound kegs are quoted at \$8 to \$8.50; California pears in boxes, \$4.25 to \$4.50; Cranberries are quoted: bell and cherry, \$10.00; bell and bugle, \$11.50. Southern onions, \$2.50 per 100 pounds; cider, rectified, in barrels,

35c per gallon. California honey in comb, 28c per pound.

FRUITS—DRIED, AND NUTS.

Dried and evaporated apples are easier. Valencia raisins are usually held at \$2.25, but some choice are held at 5 to 10c higher. Quotations are as follows: Valencia raisins \$2.25 to \$2.35; Malaga \$3.00; London layers \$4.75; Black Basket, 1/2 boxes, \$1.75; Black Crown, \$6.25. New currants 7 1/2c; evaporated apples, 3/4c; peaches, 30c; apricots, 22 1/2c; dried apples, 6 1/2 to 7c. Eleme figs, in 10 to 20 lb. boxes, 18 to 20c per lb; one pound boxes, \$2 per dozen; Fancy golden dates in 50 lb. boxes, 9c per pound; ordinary dates, 7c per lb; walnuts, 18c per lb; peanuts, raw, 15c; roasted, 17c; almonds, 20c; pecans, 17c; Filberts, 15c; Brazils, 17c per lb; Cocoanuts, \$10 per 100.

FISH AND OYSTERS.

There is not much change in the fish market. In fresh fish, Lake Winnipeg white are quoted at 7 to 7 1/2c; boneless cod in crates of small boxes, 8 1/2c per pound; in boxes of from 25 to 40 pounds, 7 1/2c per lb; Labrador herrings, \$10 per barrel, and \$5.25 in half barrels; smoked finnan haddies, 11 cents per pound; smoked red herrings, 30 cents per box; Yarmouth bloaters, boxes of 100, \$3.25; St. John bloaters, \$2.50; fresh smelts, 10c per lb. Oysters quoted in bulk at \$1.80 a gallon for Standard and \$2 for Select. Cans are held at 50c to 55c for the same brands.

GROCERIES.

Trade is moving steadily in this branch, and prices are almost immovable. The only feature to note is an advance of 1c in T. & B. tobacco. Prices are: Sugars—yellows 7 to 7 1/2; granulated 9c; lumps 9 1/2 to 9 3/4. Coffees—Rios, from 21 to 24c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 48c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 46 1/2c; P. of W. caddies, 47c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

Quiet and prices unchanged as follows: Cut nails, 10d and larger \$3.60; I. C. tin plates, \$5.75 to \$6.25; I. C. tin plates, double, \$11.50 to \$12.00; Canada plates, \$3.75 to \$4.; sheet iron, \$3.75 to \$3.50, according to grade; iron pipe, 40 to 45 per cent off list prices; ingot tin, 30 to 35c per lb., according to quality; bar iron, \$3.00 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6 1/2 to 6 3/4; per lb.; tarred felt, \$2.60 to \$2.75 per 100 lbs. barbed wire, 6 1/2 to 7c.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

Hides were coming in at a lively rate last week, and dealers had all they could do to handle receipts. Prices are unchanged as follows: Winnipeg inspected, No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3c; No. 3, 2c. Frozen hides, 3c all round. Calfskins are quoted at 4 to 5c, but few are offering, and most are classed at kip, which are worth 2c. Sheepskins 25 to 30c. Tallow, 2 1/2c for rough, and 3c for rendered.

THE MARKETS.

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WHEAT.

The past week has been one of very great dullness and depression in the leading wheat markets of the continent, partly due to the holiday season, and partly to other sources. There has been little support to the markets from any source, and prices have declined steadily on almost every day of the past week. On Thursday there was a heavy break of five cents all around at Duluth. The convention of United States millers, held at Milwaukee, brought about a weaker feeling in wheat. The convention tended to draw attention to the huge stocks of flour now piled up in the country, which, owing to the high price of wheat, has been manufactured at a cost which will not permit of exportation at a profit. However, it is hinted that the millers are short on wheat, and want to buy it cheaper, hence the convention. The visible supply statement on Dec. 17 showed an increase of 675,000 bushels, making the total 37,214,923 bushels, against 43,240,442 bushels a year ago. Exports of wheat from Atlantic ports for the week ended Dec. 15 were only 1,300 bushels, against 591,500 bushels the same week last year. For the same week exports of flour were 118,000 barrels, against 201,700 barrels for the corresponding week of last year. Receipts of wheat at Minneapolis and Duluth, for the week ended Dec. 15 aggregated 266,000 bushels against 530,039 bushels the same week last year. There are now about 9,000,000 bushels of wheat held in interior elevators in Dakota and Minnesota. It is estimated that Duluth and Minneapolis will get between them about 120 cars of wheat daily for the remainder of the crop year, which has 235 days to run yet. This would amount to say 15,000,000 bushels. Another weakening factor was the large quantity of wheat on passage to the United Kingdom and Europe from exporting countries other than America, which shows that importing countries are still obtaining abundant supplies of wheat at prices under quotations ruling on this continent. Over 24,000,000 bushels of wheat and flour were on passage on Dec. 15th, being an increase of 400,000 bushels over the previous week. This big movement must cause a continued dull feeling in British and other importing markets. The local situation continues to be marked by very light deliveries at most points in Manitoba. Last week's wheat receipts at the elevators at Port Arthur and Fort William amounted to 74,340 bushels, against 106,470 the same week last year. This makes the receipts this season to date 1,611,750, against 2,914,940 the same period last year, a decrease of 1,303,190 bushels. There is now in store 431,523 bushels. There is some movement all rail through to eastern points. Prices paid at provincial points are very irregular, and range from 80 to 90c for No. 1 hard. About 82c is the usual price, however. The irregular prices are caused by light deliveries, which occasionally cause buyers to indulge in a little competition, there being more buyers than loads of grain at the points. One peculiarity with the situa-

tion is that buyers in the country are frequently paying higher prices to farmers than can be obtained on 'change in Winnipeg for car lots on track. In this way from 5 to 6c above the 'change value for cars on track, is constantly being paid to farmers at provincial points.

FLOUR.

There does not seem to be much improvement in eastern flour markets, and the situation remains very dull. The large Ogilvie mill in the city was closed down last week, advantage being taken of [the dullness] to make some improvements to the mill. It is not likely that the mill will remain long closed. Prices are unchanged and to the local trade are quoted: Patents \$2.90; strong bakers, \$2.70; XXXX, \$2.10; superfine, \$1.60.

MILLSTUFFS

Unchangeable in price bran being still quoted at \$12 and shorts \$14 per ton. Ground feed, \$22 per ton.

BARLEY.

This grain remains very dull, but a small quantity is moving eastward. Feed qualities are in some demand, and for such 20 to 22c is being paid at outside points, to farmers. For samples fit for malting 30c is about the top figure paid to farmers, in provincial markets.

OATS.

The feeling is dull and easier, as prices east are irregular, and buying for shipment eastward is not safe at present prices. About 20c was the figure paid to farmers at outside points. On the city market from 25 to 26c was being paid for loads, of feeding qualities, and as high as 28c for choice milling lots.

OATMEAL.

No change reported, prices are: Standard, \$2.50; granulated, \$2.65; rolled, \$3.

CHEESE.

Holds very quiet, and jobbing lots are still offered as low as 10½c, with some holding at 11c for choice.

BUTTER.

An increased receipts has been noticeable. Prices have not yet shown much change though the feeling is easier, and top figures are not so readily obtained. Choice may now be quoted at 20 to 21c, with 22c sometimes obtained for small lot of extra.

EGGS.

Lined, of good quality, are offered at 25c. Some receipts from the country, called fresh, but often not strictly so, are held at 25 to 27c. Strictly fresh bring 30c. The latter are mostly imported Minnesota eggs.

LARD.

Home packed is now meeting with a good demand from the city trade, who prefer it to the imported article, the demand being in excess of the supply. It is quoted at \$2.60. Chicago held at \$2.50 in 20 lb pails.

CURED MEATS.

Home cured quoted: Dry salt, 12c; rolls, 13c; breakfast bacon, 14c; hams, 15c. Chicago cured quoted: Dry salt 11½ to 12c; rolls, 14c; breakfast bacon, 15c; hams, 15c; pork sausage quoted at 10c, and bologna 9c per lb.

DRESSED MEATS.

Frozen beef is now offered freely, and is in fairly good demand. Country dressed sides are quoted at from 5 to 6c for good to choice. City dressed, 6 to 7c. Some choice, fancy Christmas beef, has brought as high as 8c per pound, but this price is limited to a few carcasses of very fine. Hogs keep up well in price, and though prices are quoted as ranging from 7½ to 8c, yet most sales were made at the top quotation. Packers are now preparing to import hogs in car lots from the east, where prices are very much lower than ruling quotations here. It is understood that one packer has made arrangements to ship in a few car lots from Ontario. If this is the case, prices will likely drop here to a figure in keeping with the situation. Mutton holds steady at 9 to 10c,

and good veal is scarce, prices ranging from 8 to 10c, as to quality.

POULTRY.

There has been a good demand for poultry, but prices are expected to be lower after the holiday demand has ceased. Chickens are easier, and quoted at 8 to 10c; turkeys, 13 to 14c; and geese and ducks, 11½ to 12½c. Top prices for drawn.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes are firmer and worth 25 to 30 cts. per bushel, the latter price being usually paid for loads on the market. Other prices are: Turnips, 25c per bushel; onions, \$1.50 per bushel; cabbage, \$6 to \$7 per 100; carrots, 60c per bushel; beets, 50c per bushel; celery, 50 to 75c per dozen bunches.

FUEL.

Wood has been more reasonable in price of late, due to the competition offered from wood shipped in from Minnesota by the Northern Pacific Railway. Owing to this competition freight rates on the C.P.R. have been reduced, and a local combination to keep up prices has been broken. Tamarac wood for the civic corporation has been secured at \$1.85 delivered, on a large order. On the market poplar is held at \$3 to \$3.25, tamarac, \$5 to \$5.25; oak, \$6; hard maple, \$6.50. The latter two varieties come mostly from Minnesota. The citizens keenly appreciate the competition which has prevented a fuel monopoly this winter. Tamarac wood would probably have been held at from \$8 to \$10 per cord, had it not been for the opening of railway competition to the south. An expected advance in coal has also been prevented for the same reason.

HAY.

Hay has been offered very freely of late, and the prices have declined from \$11 to \$6 per ton.

Manitoba on Top.

Manitoba has won a great victory for provincial rights. About noon on Saturday telegrams from Ottawa made the welcome announcement that the provincial cause in the railway crossing case had been upheld. At the opening of the Supreme Court on Saturday the Chief Justice stated "the Court is unanimously of the opinion that the statute of Manitoba is valid, so as to confer authority on the Railway Commissioner to construct the Portage extension, the railway committee of the Privy Council first approving of the mode and place of crossing," etc. Legal objections to the construction of the Portage branch are therefore removed, and Manitoba is free to build provincial roads.

WM. L. BAKER, of Baker & Co., general merchants, Rat Portage, is dead. He was understood to be sole partner. The business will likely be continued by his wife.

J. W. CARROLL, who has been connected with the C.P.R. here for some years, is now doing a jobbing and shipping business in produce. He is located at 68 King Street, Winnipeg. He handles farm produce of all kinds, and purchases consignments outright, instead of handling on commission.

W. N. JOHNSON & Co., wholesale dealers in leather and findings, hides, etc., Winnipeg, have recently added a new department to their business. This is the manufacture of horse collars, which the firm has gone into on an extensive scale, and they are now taking orders from the trade in this branch.

ARTHUR THOMPSON and W. L. Bernard are interesting themselves in the formation of a

company at Calgary, to be called the Calgary Hide and Tallow Company (Limited). The prospectus sets forth that the purpose of the company is to carry on the trade and business of tanners and manufacturers of leather, soap, gelatine, glue, size, plastering hair, ground bones, superphosphate of lime and other products obtainable from the hides, fat and offal of animals.

THE Clearwater elevator of Messrs. Rogers & Mitchell which was recently burned was insured for \$1,000 in the "Glasgow & London" and "Quebec" fire insurance companies. On Tuesday Mr. J. A. Mitchell handed in to Mr. A. Holloway, the local agent of both companies his statement and proof of his losses, and in half an hour afterwards he had in his possession a cheque for the above amount, \$1,000. Promptitude like this deserves special notice, for it is not an unvarying rule with fire insurance companies.

J. I. JOHNSTON, one of the leading merchants of Emerson, and who has been identified with all the public questions of interest to Emerson for a number of years past, has decided to move to British Columbia. He has been completely overcome by the seductive attractions of the bustling western terminus of the C.P.R., and although doing a good trade at Emerson, he has concluded to give up business and locate in Vancouver, where he will open a large clothing and merchant tailoring establishment. Emerson's loss will be a great gain to Vancouver. Mr. Johnston is a pushing business man, and he will certainly come to the front in Vancouver.

A. W. B. THOMPSON, who commenced business in Winnipeg a short time ago as manufacturer's agent, purposes opening out a stock of furniture in the Catharine Block, Alexander Street, some time next month. He represents Krug Bros. & Co., Chesley, Ont., in this line. Mr. Thompson also represents D. S. Perrin & Co., confectionery, of London, Ont., and he now carries a stock of the manufactures of this house. Mr. Thompson came from Stratford, Ontario, to Winnipeg, and was formerly engaged as a commercial traveller in Ontario. He visited Manitoba first last spring, and was so pleased with the outlook, that he returned and engaged in business here.

The annual meeting of the Dominion Commercial Travellers association was held at Montreal Saturday week. During the year 378 new members were admitted, and 271 old members resigned, making the total membership to-day 1,936. Deaths during the year, 14. The cash surplus shows a gain of \$11,175, the largest ever had in one year. The officers elected are: President, F. Birks, by 146 majority over Thos. Haines; vice-president, F. Piche; treasurer, R. B. Hutcheson. Directors—G. L. Cains, W. Percival, John Taylor, J. A. Canlie, S. S. Boxer. The wine question was again discussed, and the temperance men suffered a second defeat.

A LARGE amount of land in Southern Alberta, held under lease for ranching, has been thrown open to settlement. The leases have been cancelled on the ground of non-fulfillment of the agreement with the Government regarding stocking the lands. This is a move that should have been taken some time ago, as a large quan-

tity of land has been held under lease by speculators, who have done little or nothing toward bringing in stock, and the leases, which were granted under the old regulations, prevented settlers from locating on the lands. By the leasing system now in vogue, settlers are allowed to take up homesteads on leased lands, regardless of the opposition of the cattle men.

A NUMBER of the provincial papers in Manitoba have lately reported wheat to be on the rise, and they advise farmers to hold, as wheat will soon be up to the \$1 mark again. The average country editor, who is usually editor, business manager, printer, and sometimes devil, has no time to study the wheat situation, and is not competent to give an opinion in the matter. The wheat question is a very intricate one, and one which requires constant study to form even a vague opinion as to the probable course of prices. It is therefore wrong to advise farmers to hold their wheat, as they may make a mistake by so doing. What prices may be a month from now it is hard to say, but at present all wheat markets are very dull and constantly declining in price, and there is no immediate prospect of a legitimate advance.

At a meeting of the council of the Regina board of trade, held Thursday last, it was resolved, "That the Regina board of trade in the interest of the trade and commerce of the Territories is of opinion that since the introduction of 4 per cent. beer a number of small breweries have been closed, entailing considerable loss upon those engaged in making mild beer previous to the introduction of the 4 per

cent.; we desire to bring this injustice before the Government and that the Minister of Inland Revenue be at once requested to allow at least at points where customs officers are established the establishment of breweries for the manufacture of beer, thus encouraging an industry in the Territories and keeping a large amount of money in circulation in the Territories that is now sent to other parts of the country; and the secretary is hereby instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Minister of Inland Revenue and to other boards of trade in the Territories."

The Season on the Lakes.

The *Plain Dealer* of December 4, presented an extensive review of the season of lake navigation just closed, together with reports from ship builders all over the lakes showing the amount of new tonnage to be built during the winter. The list of lost boats presents the names of forty-eight unfortunate crafts that have passed out of existence. They were capable of carrying 17,760 gross tons and were valued at \$439,400. In 1887 seventy boats, valued at \$777,700, and capable of carrying 34,300 tons, were lost. The lives lost in times of shipwreck during 1887 numbered 116, while this year only sixteen were lost under similar circumstances. The losses have been largely curtailed by the class of boats that have met with fatal accidents, being as a rule small and of the lower grades. The Canadian marine has had more than its share of trouble, and fire has destroyed more boats than usual for a single year.

The shipyards of the lakes are destined to give employment to an army of men for another year. In Cleveland alone thirteen boats of 31,550 gross tons capacity and valued at \$2,555,090 are to be built, and eight of them will be entirely of steel. The list shows 59 boats capable of carrying 100,950 gross tons and valued at \$7,124,000. Last winter 60 boats of 103,525 gross tons capacity valued at \$8,325,000, were built. Several big tugs, and the Michigan Central ferry boat building here, and valued at \$325,000, are not included in summary. Of these crafts eleven will be entirely of steel. Cleveland will build 13 boats; Detroit, 8; West Bay City, 13; Buffalo, 2; Marine City, 6; Mount Clemens, 4; Milwaukee, 2; Trenton, 3; Gibraltar, 2; Manitowoc, 2; Cheboygon, Duluth, Sandusky, and Green Bay each 1. All but five of them are steamers.

At first thought it would seem that this vast duce rates of freight, but ask an opinion on this question from the men who are putting thousands of dollars in the movement and the answer invariably is: "The country is growing and the lake traffic is only keeping pace with it." A year ago fears were expressed of ship building being overdone, but the vessel men who built boats on the prospects of work for them made money. As far as this neighborhood is concerned the encouraging features are again here. It is settled beyond a doubt that the consumption of ore this year will exceed that of last by 2,000,000 tons, and every pound of the 5,000,000 tons produced by the Lake Superior mines will be used by the opening of navigation next year.—*Empire*.

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EASTERN MARKETS.

CHICAGO

On Monday, Dec. 17, January wheat opened at 1.06½, and ranged from 1.05½ to 1.06½. Business was dull. Closing prices were:

	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	May.
Wheat	1.04½	1.03½	—	1.10½
Corn	33½	34½	—	36½
Oats	25½	25½	—	27
Pork	12.75	12.85	—	13.25
Lard	8.10	7.62½	—	7.77½
Short Ribs	—	6.77½	6.77½	6.90

Wheat was dull on Tuesday. January wheat opened at 1.05, and only fluctuated ¼c. A holiday feeling prevails. Closing prices were:

	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	May.
Wheat	1.04½	1.03½	—	1.10½
Corn	34½	34½	34½	37½
Oats	25½	25½	—	29
Pork	12.90	13.00	—	13.37½
Lard	8.05	7.80	7.72½	7.85
Short Ribs	—	6.80	6.82½	6.95

On Wednesday January wheat ranged from 1.04½ to 1.05. The Milwaukee Miller's Convention produced a bearish feeling. Prices ruled weaker, and trading was dull. Closing prices were:

	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	May.
Wheat	1.03½	1.04½	—	1.09½
Corn	34	34½	34½	37
Oats	25½	25½	—	29½
Pork	12.85	12.95	—	13.32½
Lard	8.12½	7.77½	7.72½	7.85
Sacred Ribs	—	6.80	6.82½	6.95

On Thursday wheat continued dull and easy, and prices declined considerably. Closing prices were:

	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	May.
Wheat	1.02½	1.03½	—	1.08½
Corn	34½	34½	34½	37½
Oats	25½	25½	—	29
Pork	13.00	13.10	13.20	13.47½
Lard	8.12½	7.77½	7.75	7.87½
Short Ribs	—	6.82½	6.85	7.00

Wheat continued in its downward course on Friday. Closing prices were:

	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	May.
Wheat	1.01½	1.02½	—	1.08
Corn	34	34½	34½	37½
Oats	25½	25½	—	29½
Pork	13.05	13.12½	13.20	13.50
Lard	8.10	7.87½	7.85	7.92½
Short Ribs	—	6.90	6.90	7.05

On Saturday Chicago wheat closed as follows: Dec. 1.02½; Jan. 1.02½; May 1.03½; June, 1.04½.

MINNEAPOLIS.

Closing quotations on Thursday for wheat were from three to seven cents lower than a week ago, the heaviest decline being on low grades, as follows:—

	Dec.	May	On track
No 1 hard	1.17½	1.24½	1.18
No. 1 northern	1.06	1.15	1.09
No. 2 "	98	1.04	98

Closing quotations for flour were: Patents, sacks to local dealers, \$6.50 to \$6.65; patents to ship, sacks car lots, \$6.40 to \$6.65; in barrels, \$6.65 to \$6.75. Delivered at New England points, \$7.15 to \$7.35; bakers, here, \$4.50 to \$5.35; superfine, \$3 to \$4.35; red dog, sacks, \$1.60 to \$1.65; red dog, barrels, 1.89 to \$1.85.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

The market has been characterized by dullness and weakness, and the leading feature was a heavy break of 5c in prices on Thursday.

No. 1 Northern ruled at about \$1.08, and No. 2 Northern 97 to 98c up to Thursday, when prices declined about 5c, in sympathy with No. 1 hard. Closing prices for No. 1 hard on each day of the week were:

	Cash.	Dec.	May	June.
Monday	1.23½	1.23½	1.25½	—
Tuesday	1.22	1.23	1.25½	—
Wednesday	1.22	1.22	1.27½	1.20½
Thursday	1.16½	1.17	1.25	—
Friday	1.16½	1.16	1.24½	1.24

Closing on Saturday: Cash, 1.17½; Dec. 1.17½; Jan. 1.17½; May, 1.25½; June, 1.24½.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKET.

The following quotations on Dec. 21 as compared with prices on Oct. 26 will indicate the course of the stock market:

	Oct. 26.		Dec. 21	
	Offered.	Bid.	Offered.	Bid.
Montreal	227	226½	244	223
Ontario	127½	125½	127½	123½
Toronto	—	—	—	208
Merchants	140	139	135½	134½
Commerce	119½	119½	117	116½
Molson's	169	152½	165	152½
Union	—	91½	96	92
N. W. Land Co	63½	62½	65	60
C. P. R.	57	56½	52	51½

CANADIAN SECURITIES IN ENGLAND.

The Canadian Gazette of Dec. 6, gives the following quotations of leading Canadian securities in the London market:

	Price.	Rise.	Fall.
Bank of British Columbia	35	—	—
Bank of B. N. A.	74	—	—
British Columbia 4½ per cents.	112	—	—
Canada 3½ per cents.	103	—	—
Ditto 3 per cents.	94½	—	—
Canada North-West Land	3	—	—
Canadian Pacific shares (N. Y. register)	53½	—	½
Ditto shares (London register)	53½	—	½
Ditto first mortgage bonds	107	—	—
Grand Trunk ordinary stock	107½	—	—
Ditto first preference	67½	—	—
Hudson's Bay	18½	—	—
Land Corporation of Canada	2	—	—
Manitoba 5 per cents	112	—	—
Manitoba Mortgage	—	—	—
Manitoba Northwestern bonds	101	—	—
Quebec 5 per cents.	103	—	—
Trust and Loan of Canada, £5 paid.	5	—	—
Ditto £3 paid.	2½	—	—
Vancouver Coal	6½	—	—
Winnipeg 5 per cents	108	—	—

There are now 530 mares on Sir Lester Kaye's farms in the Territories. Speaking to a reporter of his future intentions, Sir Lester Kaye said: "Next year I shall put up and about complete 170 miles of fencing on all the eleven farms. The posts, wire, etc., are already on the ground. With the permission of the directors, I wish to bring out one hundred more good English agricultural laborers, which I am now going home to select. I shall return in March and proceed at once to Oregon to complete contracts I am now arranging for the purchase of about 70,000 sheep, and to bring them on to the farms. I also wish to buy, if the directors will allow, about 500 British Columbia, Oregon or Montana mares. For the improvement of these I wish to bring out Cleveland Bay thoroughbred stallions.

A DEPUTATION of the Manitoba Dairy Association, consisting of Messrs. Wagner, Boulton, Cameron and Bell, waited on Premier Greenway Wednesday afternoon in reference to the

Government granting a sum sufficient to pay a dairy inspector for the province. Mr. Wagner explained that the association thought it advisable that an inspector should be appointed whose duty it would be to periodically visit the various creameries and cheese factories, and point out defects, and suggest remedies, and thus raise the standard of butter and cheese manufactured in the province. In reply, Mr. Greenway said he could not promise a grant at present, but as the commencement of the fiscal year had been changed to January 1st, a sum might then be put in the estimates to meet the views of the association. Major Boulton also pointed out to Mr. Greenway the necessity of better protection for dairies, and Mr. Greenway intimated that if the committee would draft a bill the Government would probably pass such legislation that would give some assistance in the matter.

The Presidential Election and Lumber Interests.

The Lumberman, not to wholly ignore the great political struggle that has just terminated, or the issues that have been determined by it, assumes the privilege of drawing some conclusions therefrom that are significant to lumbermen all over the country. It is to be observed, for one thing, that the triumph of the protectionists has postponed the passage of a tariff measure by congress that would place lumber on the free list. This may be some consolation to those Democrats of the South who are engaged in the saw mill industry, or the marketing of Southern forest products. A considerable opposition to the Mills bill among the lumbermen of that section had been developed during the campaign. They felt that if Canada lumber were admitted to this country free of duty, it would tend to hinder the progress in the North of their own product. Under existing conditions Southern pine meets a powerful competitor in the white pine of the North. Southern producers are looking for a decline in the Northern supply, which will be deferred if Canada lumber shall be admitted free of duty. It is also argued that the effect of such admission would be to weaken the general market by an over supply. Now that the Mills bill is likely to be killed entirely, or very much modified by Republican administrative and congressional influence, the Southern Democratic mill men should feel that their bitter pill certainly has a sugar coating, and swallow it with becoming composure.

An important consideration also is the tendency of capital Southward, which now will continue unchecked, to aid in the development which of late years has been rapid. Lumbermen of the Northwest and East in search of new investments have turned their eyes to the Pacific coast, and more largely toward the South; but the inducement of free lumber would likely occasion many purchases of timber in Canada, and the building of many mills, where otherwise the same enterprise would be directed elsewhere, and to the advantage of the South. The advancing tendency of Canada limits will be checked, and investments there will likely be made with more caution.—Northwestern Lumberman.

Grain and Milling.

Only 673,912 bushels of wheat were in store at Duluth on Dec. 10th, against 4,326,865 bushels a year ago.

At a special meeting of the Port Arthur council a resolution was passed to submit a by-law to the ratepayers granting a bonus of \$10,000 to Grey Bros., of Toronto, for the erection of flour mills, also exemption from taxation and a free site.

The 400,000 bushel elevator at Keewatin for the new mill there, is nearly completed. Over 100 men were working on it recently. The mill is lighted with electricity. Flour from the mill is offered in some Manitoba markets, and shipments will be made east. A barrel factory is operated in connection with the mill.

A new rate on grain, flour and millstuffs has been made from Duluth by the South Shore & Atlantic, to eastern points. The rates are, to Toronto, Buffalo, and Hamilton, 22½c a hundred; to Rochester, 25½c; Oswego, 26½c; Baltimore, 27c; Philadelphia, 28c; New York, 30c; and Boston and Portland, 35c.

The freight rate on wheat from San Francisco to Great Britain is 35 to 37 shillings per ton. From Portland the rate is 47 to 50 shillings. The highest rate named is about equal to the freight rate charged by the C. P. R. on wheat from Winnipeg to Montreal, all rail. California can therefore deliver wheat at Liverpool considerably under the cost of carriage from Manitoba.

Owing to the railway competition at Morris, Man., the C. P. R. authorities allow the loading of grain from wagons directly into the cars, though at other points in Manitoba where there are elevators, grain will only be accepted through the elevators, and will not be taken from flat warehouses or from farmers' wagons. The effect is to give the elevators, where such exist, a monopoly of grain handling.

On wheat receipts at Duluth previous to the beginning of winter storage, the elevators have made a reduction of storage rates. On all receipts issued prior to Nov. 30 the storage for the term prior to winter will be charged for at the rate of ¼c for every 15 days or fraction thereof. By this change charges for wheat in store from October 30 to May 15, are reduced from 5½c to 4½c, and in the same ratio for other wheat.

At a recent meeting of the city council of Westminster, B.C., a communication from Woods, Turner & Gamble, was read, asking the council what amount of bonus would be granted for the erection and maintenance of a flour mill within the city limits. The communication was favorably received but the council did not act in the matter, thinking it best to let the new council take it in hand. A resolution, however, was passed recommending the project favorably to the new council.

It was claimed at a public meeting at Calgary recently, to discuss the mill question, that 200 car loads of flour were taken to Calgary during the year, besides a large quantity of millstuff. There is no mill nearer than Regina, a distance of about 400 miles. The Calgary Tribune says that this year nearly every farmer in the district grew a small quantity of wheat, as an experiment; and the yield was from 25 to 40 bushels per acre of excellent grain. The prospects of securing a mill at Calgary are now very good.

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The Pembina Mountain Branch.

The Pembina Mountain branch of the Canadian Pacific railway runs through a well known section of Manitoba. This branch is sometimes, but erroneously, termed the Southwestern. It is only properly and officially known as the Pembina Mountain branch. The Southwestern branch, officially so called, is the road from Winnipeg to Glenboro. The Pembina Mountain branch runs from Winnipeg almost due south a distance of 56 miles to a station known as Rosenfeld, when it turns and runs almost due west to the present terminus of the road at Deloraine, a further distance of 146 miles. The full length of the line is therefore 202 miles. The road runs parallel with the Dakota boundary from Rosenfeld, at a distance of about twelve miles north of the boundary, though the curves in the road in crossing the Pembina river, between Manitou and Pilot Mound, carry it at one point over 18 miles north of the boundary. The Pembina river runs through a wide valley, enclosed by high hills. The railway follows the course of a ravine down into the valley, and up to the level prairie again by another ravine. This causes a considerable curvature in the road, and affords the traveller a change from the level prairie to a semi-mountainous scenery. Some of the views in descending to and ascending from the valley are very nice. The hills are mostly wooded, and afford a shelter for game, both large and small, the stately moose and elk being found in the region, while deer of more than one variety are met with. The Pembina district was and still is a favorite with the sportsman.

The Pembina Mountain branch of the C. P. R. was built as far as Manitou in the summer of 1882. This completed the first 100 miles of the road. The branch was liberally subsidized by the Government, and the city of Winnipeg voted a large bonus, on completion of the first 100 miles, together with other considerations from the company. Manitou remained the end of the track for about three years. In the summer of 1885 the road was constructed as far as Boissevain, a distance of about 80 miles, but it was not completed and put in operation for regular train service until January, 1886. In the summer of 1886 the road was constructed to Deloraine, which place still remains the terminus.

The road runs through an excellent agricultural country for the entire distance. There is scarcely an acre of land which is not suitable for cultivation. From Winnipeg southward the first thirty or forty miles, the country is very sparsely settled, but when the Morris district is reached an improvement in this respect is noticeable, and for the balance of the distance the country is well settled. In the neighborhood of Rosenfeld and south to Gretna and west to Morden, the country is settled up with Mennonites. Beyond the end of the track at Deloraine, the country is well settled for a distance of about 100 miles. These people went in mostly between the years 1830 and 1832, and they are naturally very anxious to have the road extended westward. They have been obliged to put up with a great deal of hardship, owing to the distance which they reside from market. Many harrowing tales might be re-

lated of the sufferings of these settlers, who have been obliged to drive from 50 to 100 miles in severe weather, to sell a little grain. Storms sometimes would come up, and the animals, usually oxen, would become exhausted from travelling through the drifting snow. In this way the trip to market would consume from six to ten days, and even longer, and cause any amount of suffering to men and beasts. The settlers beyond the end of the track use oxen mostly, as they do much better than horses for long trips, in bad weather, with loads. According to the charter, the C. P. Ry. Co. should have extended the Deloraine branch through this settled district some years ago, but notwithstanding the heavy subsidies given the company, the Government out of favoritism for the company, has from time to time extended the time for completing the road, regardless of the petitions and sufferings of the settlers. This has been very unfair to the settlers, as they went into the district with the understanding that the road would be completed according to the original charter. The extension of the road 100 miles west of Deloraine would add a couple of million bushels to the annual wheat exports of Manitoba, almost at once. Though the district is well settled, the people are too far away from markets to make wheat growing profitable.

The portion of the Pembina Mountain branch between Winnipeg and Rosenfeld, also serves as a part of the through line between Winnipeg and St. Paul. The company extended the line southward from Rosenfeld to Gretna, on the Dakota boundary, a distance of 14 miles, in 1892. At Gretna connection was made with the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba railway, and a through line to St. Paul formed. Since the change in the C. P. R. time table a few weeks ago, all through traffic from the south comes via Gretna and thence over that portion of the Pembina Mountain branch, to Winnipeg. The Emerson branch of the C. P. R., which also connects with the St. Paul road, is now only operated as a local line, and no through traffic passes over it.

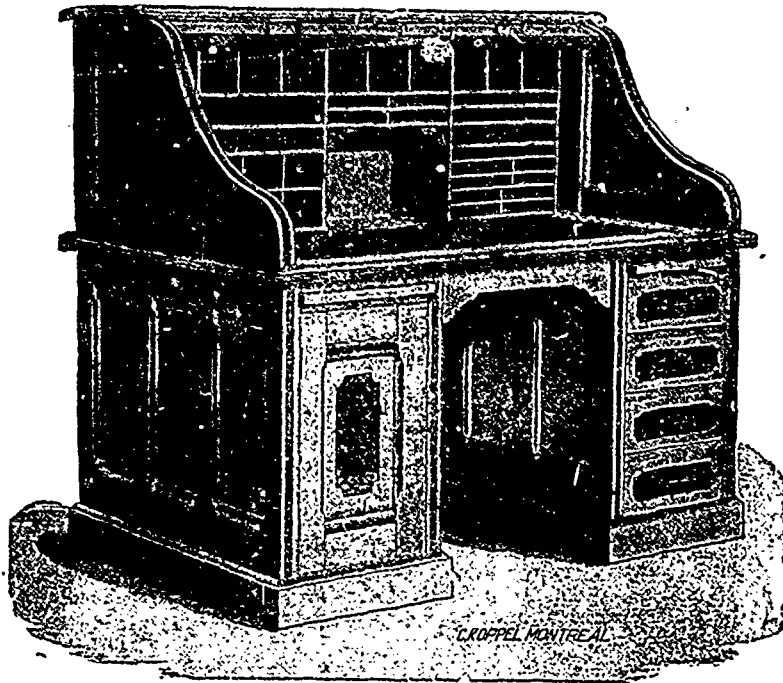
Going southward from Winnipeg on the Pembina Mountain branch, Morris, 42 miles distant, is the first town reached. Morris is one of the old towns of Manitoba, and in the "boom" days was quite an important place. Like all the old towns, it was located on navigable waters, being situated on the Red River. The country around was fairly well settled before "boom" days, and before the construction of railways in the province, it was a shipping point for wheat, of some importance. The wheat was loaded into barges built for the purpose, and these were towed by the river steamers to Winnipeg or other milling points. Wheat was exported out of Manitoba via the Red River, in these barges. Between 1857 and 1880 Manitoba's annual wheat exports were carried in these barges up the Red River to Fargo, in Dakota, and these transferred to the Northern Pacific railway, and taken to Duluth or Minneapolis. Wheat exports from the entire province in those years, however, only amounted to a few thousand bushels, and not as much as is now annually marketed at Morris alone. The year 1877 was the first year in which wheat was shipped out, and then only about a car lot,

forwarded as an experiment by the Ogilvie company, but the amount increased to over 20,000 bushels the following year. The railway arrived in 1890 and superseded river traffic.

Morris suffered a good deal from the real estate boom of 1881-82, and the town was entrapped into financial difficulties, by granting a bonus to the C. P. R. for the construction of the railway, and other unnecessary expenditure. The town has now, however, got down to a solid basis, and houses remaining are doing very well. There is a settlement of Mennonite farmers west of the place, who bring in a good deal of grain and produce, and the rest of the district is fairly well settled with English-speaking people and some early French Canadians along the river. A good deal of grain and produce is therefore handled at Morris. The Northern Pacific (R. R. V.) railway runs through and has a depot at Morris, so that the town is well situated as regards railway competition. The Ogilvie Milling Company have a large grain elevator at Morris, and buy wheat here during the season. There are other grain buyers, including W. A. Russell, who also has a general store, and is proprietor of the Queen's Hotel. Owing to the competition at Morris, the C. P. R. authorities allow dealers to load grain from wagons into cars, though at other points, where there are elevators, grain is only received by the railway through elevators, and loading directly from wagons into cars is not permitted. The C. P. R. Company has lately erected a depot building at Morris, heretofore a car having been used for the purpose. Laurie Bros. have a general store at Morris, and do a large trade. C. J. Kercher carries on business in hardware, etc. J. W. Castrer has the Commercial hotel, which he has conducted satisfactorily for some years. The only recent addition to the business places is the general store of Hamilton & Co., established last summer. A. D. Carscallen, M. D., has also recently located at Morris. There are also blacksmith shops and one or two other lines represented.

Going south from Morris we will take a glimpse at Gretna, before going west from Rosenfeld. The first peculiarity of Gretna is that every one there speaks a German dialect. The business of Gretna is almost entirely with the Mennonites, who are about the only settlers in the surrounding country, this region being a portion of the Mennonite reserve. The business people, regardless of nationality, all speak the language familiar to the Mennonites, and from the conversation heard on the streets and in the stores, one would imagine that he was in a foreign country. The business people, however, can all speak English, though some of them not very clearly. Others are English speaking people, who have acquired the Mennonite dialect. Gretna is a splendid wheat and produce market, and an excellent business point. In addition to the farm products usually marketed at Manitoba towns, Gretna is a flax market. There are only two points in Manitoba where flax is marketed to any extent. These are Gretna and Morden. Flax growing is confined almost entirely to the Mennonite population, which accounts for the fact just stated. The flax is shipped mostly to Waterloo county, Ontario, and to Winnipeg, where there

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are linseed oil mills. Recently Minneapolis buyers have been taking the article to some extent. About 100,000 bushels of flaxseed is marketed between Gretna and Morden. The price now current is 90 cents per bushel, though 80 cents has been the ruling figure heretofore. The advance is said to be due to the advent of Minneapolis buyers. The Mennonites are a thrifty and industrious people, and strictly honest as a rule. They are nearly all doing well, and many are now in good circumstances. They are also a progressive people, and with the improvement in their circumstances, they are going in more for the luxuries of life, and adopting the conveniences of modern domestic life. To show the honesty of the Mennonite people, Mr. Schultz, of the firm of E. Penner & Co., says that they have lost more through trusting English speaking persons, than they have on account of the Mennonites, though they deal with one hundred of the latter to one of the former.

Among the business institutions of Gretna stands out most prominently the firm of E. Penner & Co. The firm is composed of Erdman Penner, Otto Schultz, and H. P. Hansen. The firm carries on business at four different points, namely, Gretna, Morden, Rhineland and Plum Coulee. Messrs Penner and Schultz reside at Gretna, and Mr. Hansen at Morden. J. Peters is manager at Rhineland, and August Wagner at Plum Coulee. This firm was the first Mennonite store in Manitoba, the business having been established near Niverville in 1876. The business at Gretna was established in 1881, in one of the Mennonite villages near the place, but was moved to the depot when the railway

arrived. Messrs. Penner & Co. do a very large business at Gretna, and employ eight or ten clerks. The present size of their store is 26x75 feet, two storeys and cellar, and besides they have a large warehouse, size 50x50 and several smaller additions all filled with goods, including almost every line of general merchandise except liquors. A building is now in course of erection which will be connected with their main store by an archway, which will exactly double the size of the store. The store is fitted with the Lamson automatic cash carrier service. The bill of a purchase of goods, together with the cash, is placed in a wooden ball, and is carried to the office, where the cash is taken and the change is returned. Penner & Co. is the only firm in Manitoba using this wonderful system, and both the Gretna and Morden stores are fitted with the cash carriers. The firm has established no less than seven branches in Manitoba, though only four are now in operation. D. Peters & Co. also do a general store business, and they were the second to start at Gretna, having commenced there over five years ago. The firm does a good trade, carries a large stock and is rated high. Abrams & Esau have recently commenced business at Gretna, though the firm is not a new one in Manitoba. They were in business at Rhineland and Schanzefeld before starting at Gretna, and still carry on business at these places. They commenced at Gretna last summer, where they purchased the bankrupt stock of the Hoffman estate. The members of this firm, like the ones already mentioned, are Mennonites. C. Hiebert opened in the general merchandise line at Gretna in

September last. Mr. Hiebert was formerly with his brother, J. Hiebert & Co., of Pilot Mound, Man. He carries a good stock and reports trade very good since he opened. A. Coblentz deals in liquors and cigars, and has been four years at Gretna. Phillip Rau does the harness and saddlery trade, and has been established since 1883. He employs three men. Herman Helofs deals in meats, poultry and produce of all kinds, which he ships largely to Winnipeg in addition to supplying his local trade. He also ships live stock, E. Winkler handles lumber and building material, and reports that the Mennonites have built many new houses of modern design during the past summer. He looks for a great deal of building in the Mennonite reserve next summer, as the settlers have commenced to replace their original house with thatched roofs, by modern style of frame dwellings. There are two hotels. The Anglo-American is kept by J. D. Pierson, formerly of Maple Creek, Assa., who is well and favorably known to nearly all the commercial travellers in the country. The Queen's is kept by J. N. Braun, who also has a liquor store. There are two large shipping elevators for handling grain, owned by the Ogilvie Milling Company and McBean Bros., of Winnipeg. There are a number of other business establishments, in addition to those named, including a drug store, tin shop, agencies of all the leading implement dealers, blacksmith shops, liverymen, doctors, lawyers, etc. J. R. Hoffman, it is understood, contemplates opening again in the general store line. Altogether Gretna is as busy and solid a little town as there is in Manitoba, and that it so speaks well for the thrift of the Mennonite settlers inhabiting the district.

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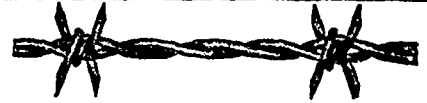
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John West, hotel keeper, Lucknow, has sold out.
J. C. O'Neil, dry goods, Chatham, has assigned.
W. S. Johnston, grocer, Chesley, has assigned.
Johnson & Harper, paints, Ottawa, have assigned.
T. L. Godfrey, furniture, Toronto, has assigned.
E. M. Trowern, jeweler, Toronto, has assigned.
D. Parkinson, dyer, Toronto, bailiff in possession.
David Douglas, harness maker, Dundalk, has assigned.
Charles Brown, merchant, Peterboro, has assigned.
J. Happle Hutcheson, tailor, Hamilton, has assigned.
James Henderson, hotelkeeper, Bervie, has sold out.
T. M. Campbell, confectioner, Strathroy, has sold out.
Guy & Husband, tailors, Guelph, sheriff in possession.
Smith Brothers, plumbers, London, John Smith dead.
D. J. McBeth, tailor, Amberley, has removed to Lockalsh.
Mark Hill, baker and confectioner, Hamilton, has assigned.
James Ferguson, manufacturer, Tp. Kenyon, has assigned.
Wm. J. Underwood, fruits, etc., Uxbridge, has assigned.
Miss Mary McDonald, milliner, Avonmore, has assigned.
John McGregor, harness maker, Ridgetown, has assigned.
C. W. Laker, grocer, Toronto, meeting of creditors held.
Miss Maria Splatt, milliner, Dunville, is giving up business.
Newsome & Phillips, lithographers, Toronto, have dissolved,

W. G. Pugh, music dealer, Toronto, is dead.
William Neil, grocer, Thorold, closed under chattel mortgage.
Congdon & Hall, hardware, Dunville are about to dissolve.
Nevills & Weaver, music dealers, Dunville, are about to dissolve.
W. G. Temple, harness maker, Bervie, has gone out of business.
John M. Hodgson, cheese maker, Tp. Strorington, has assigned.
Wm Colvin, general storekeeper, Tp. South Dumfries, has assigned.
T. C. & J. H. Harbottle, general storekeeper, Craubrook, has assigned.
Rising Sun Canning and Packing Co., (Limited), Hamilton, assigned.
A. Borrowman, crockery, Toronto, stock advertised for sale by auction.
Hugh S. McColl & Co., general storekeepers, West Lorne, have assigned.
Kenneth Mackenzie, blacksmith, Wheatley, has removed to Leamington.
Crayston & Hodges, grocers, Welland, have dissolved—Hodges continues.
F. L. Paris, (Paris Mfg Co.) undertakers hardware, Hamilton, has assigned.
Stovel & Armstrong, tailors, Toronto, stock, etc., advertised to be sold by auction.
Wm. Ellis, wholesale saddlery hardware, London, was partially burned out, insured.
R. B. Morrison, general storekeeper, Morristown, has compromised at 50 cents in the dollar.
Orr, Harvey & Co., wholesale boots and shoes, Toronto, has admitted Charles C. VanNorman as a partner.
D. S. Barclay, engraver, Toronto, has admitted Thomas J. Clark a partner under style of Barclay, Clark & Co.

QUEBEC.

F. Gourdeau, tanneries, Quebec, damaged by water.
F. Guay & Co., dry goods, Quebec, has assigned.
Wm. J. Rabbitts, fruits, Montreal, has assigned.
Hould & Frere, grocers, Montreal, have assigned.
F. Genest, grocer, Quebec, is offering a compromise.

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Adelard Payette, druggist, Hochelaga, has assigned.
Emerie Bissonette, shoes, St. Hyacinthe, has assigned.
Tremblay & Frere, hardware, Montreal, have dissolved.
F. Genest, grocer, Quebec, meeting of creditors held.
L. F. Roy, general storekeeper, St. Felicien, has assigned.
George A. Chevalier, dry goods, Montreal, has assigned.
G. Lemieux & Co., general storekeeper, Fraser-ville, has failed.
W. A. Marsh, manufacturer boots and shoes, Quebec, burned out.
Reynolds & Kellond, patent solicitors, Montreal, have dissolved.
Tapley, Elam & Co., financial agents, Montreal, have dissolved.
Louis Dayon, general storekeeper, St. Francis, Beauce, has assigned.
Lafond & Frere, dry goods, Montreal, are offering a compromise.
Beuthner Brothers, manufacturers' agents, Montreal, have assigned.
Timothee Cayer, general storekeeper, Grenville, demand of assignment.
McNevan & Cole, paper manufacturers, Sault au Recollet, have dissolved.
George Mauger, general storekeeper, St. Adelaide de Pabos, has assigned.
Ed. Cimon, general storekeeper, Baie St. Paul, is offering a compromise.
M. Greenburg, hatter and clothier, Montreal, advertises stock for sale by auction.
A. Davelny, general storekeeper, St. Ven-ceslas, has removed to Maddington Falls.
Gauthier & David, saw mill, Valleyfield, have dissolved, business continued by Gauthier & Lalonde.
M. Laing & Sons, wholesale produce, Montreal, have admitted James N. Laing as partner under same style.
L. A. Sauve, general storekeeper, Coteau Station, Gaspard Deserres has ceased doing business under this name.
F. McElderry & Co., commission dry goods, Montreal, have admitted George McKinnon and Robert M. Liddell partners under the same style.

Mullarky & Co., shoe manufacturers, Montreal, E. P. Mullarky has ceased doing business under this style & Michael. C. Mullarky registers as sole proprietor.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Patrick Quinn, grocer, Halifax, is dead.
 H. B. Wafd, lumber, Canning, has assigned.
 E. E. McKay, mills, Strathlorne, burned out.
 P. J. Chisholm, clothing, Truro, has sold out.
 Henry Mack, lumber, Mills Village, is dead.
 Stephen Harlow, shipbuilder, Lockport, has assigned.

C. F. Wright, grocer, Liverpool, has removed to Lunenburg.

J. H. Johnson, general storekeeper, Spring Hill, has assigned.

Thomas Lindsay, general storekeeper, Belmont, has assigned.

A. W. Brown & Bros., planing mill, Spring Hill, have assigned.

Simon Fraser, hotelkeeper, Truro, is offering business for sale.

D. McIntosh, dealer in liquors, etc., Port Hastings, has assigned.

John McLearn, general storekeeper, Mount Uniacke, has assigned.

F. H. Parker, general storekeeper, Aylesford, is offering 25 per cent.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

J. T. Carpenter, grocer, Portland, has sold out.

Watson Lutz, grocer, Moncton, style now Lutz & Beaumont.

P. E. ISLAND.

P. J. Foran, tailor, Charlottetown, burned out.

Baker & Farrow, flour, etc., Summerside, have dissolved.

British Columbia.

R. Campbell has opened a boot and shoe store at Vancouver.

Ermatinger & Co. have opened the Windsor Hotel at Vancouver.

A company asks a bonus to establish a flour mill at Westminster.

The Vancouver News-Advertiser has added a book binding department.

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The Vancouver Tea and Coffee Co. has commenced business at Vancouver.

The schooner Venture has been fitted out at Vancouver to fish for black cod.

A. C. Flummerfelt, of the Ames, Holden Co., Victoria, is on a trip east to Montreal.

Venison is a drug on the market, and large quantities continue to arrive from the northern coast.

W. J. Trythall, from Plymouth, England, has started a job printing office at Vancouver, and in connection with it a stationery and bookstore.

The injunction restraining the New Westminster Council from handing over the \$150,000 debentures to the Westminster Southern railway company has been formally dissolved.

Henry Saunder, of Victoria, wholesale fish dealer, etc., has had another cargo of black cod arrive from Queen Charlotte Island. He says the black cod can be caught by the ton in the waters of Queen Charlotte Sound. He will go into the business extensively in the spring.

Salteries on Queen Charlotte Island will be established.

A by-law to amend the liquor license by-law has been passed by the Vancouver city council. The number of hotel licenses is not to exceed 52 until the population exceeds 15,000, and the number of saloons is not to exceed six. The licenses imposed will be:—For saloons, \$400 per annum; hotel, \$200 per annum; wholesale, \$50; shop or retail licenses, \$500, the same to be paid half yearly. The revenue to the city from this source will be in the neighborhood of \$15,000.

Vancouver World:—By the statement of Ald. Alexander it was shown that the gross receipts of the Vancouver city treasury for the eleven months ending November 30th, were \$72,037.24, including a balance of \$7,766.52 brought forward from last year. The various items in the receipts were:—Licenses, \$15,226.83; police court fines, etc., \$5,138.50; cemetery, \$426.50; taxes, \$33,785.67; sundries, \$604.84; making a total for ordinary sources of revenue of \$55,181.34. The extraordinary items of revenue were:—Government grants, \$3,250; profit realized on frontage debentures, \$2,839.38; profit on sale of \$150,000 debentures, \$3,000, making the extraordinary receipts \$9,039.38. The expenditure was: Finance committee, \$25,430.05; board of works, \$11,944.13; board of health, \$10,576.21; fire, water and light, \$6,899.91; and police, \$6,139.79; making a total of \$61,038.89. The additional expenditure up to Dec. 31st, 1888, is estimated at \$9,942, which will make the total expenditure for the year, \$70,980.89. There is therefore in the hands of the city treasurer, at the end of this year, \$1,056.35, in comparison with \$7,766.52 last year.

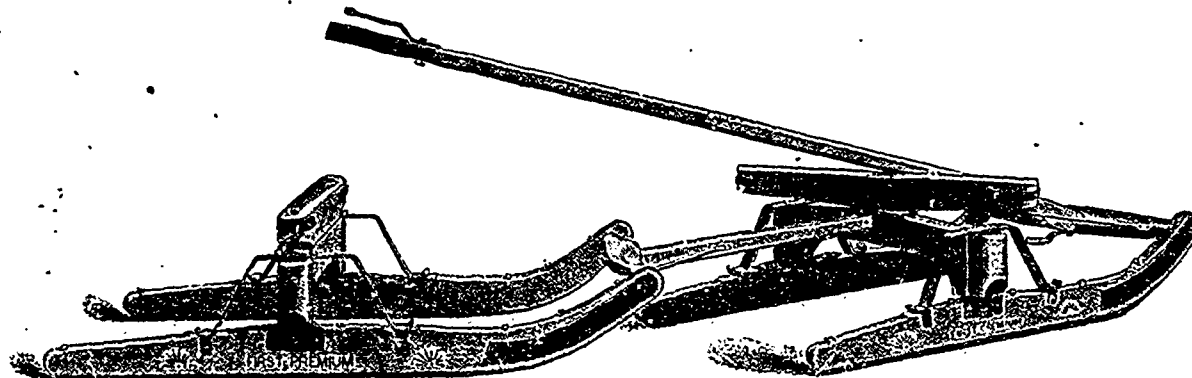
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WINNIPEG.

Judge (to prospective grand jurymen)—What is your occupation? P. G. J.—Collector for the gas company. Judge—You are excused. It would be impossible for you to bring in a true bill.

Mrs. GOSHLEY (tremulously): "Does the doctor give us any hope, Mary?" Mary (joyously): "Yes, ma'am. He says the worst of it is over, and Mr. Goshley will recover." Mrs. Goshley (tearfully): "Go down to Yardly and Ribbons and tell them not to send that sealskin sacque. I had hoped the life insurance would pay for it."

THE tobacco of Martinico was once the favorite with the smoking world, and when old Father Heuipen descended the Mississippi about 1680 the Indians were much surprised to see an European with such an excellent sample of their native plant. But the smokers of the "Myrtle Navy" would give but a poor account of the once celebrated Martinico. Their favorite brand is as much superior to it as it was to the raw and uncured leaf which the Indians of that day.

RECENTLY we received at this office a sample case of assorted canned fruits and vegetables from the canning factory of Messrs. A. C. Miller & Co. of Picton, Ontario, through their agent in Winnipeg, John E. Dingman. The goods we have since tested, and compared with some of the best goods from the United States, and the comparison results very favorably for the Picton articles. The vegetables in particular are equal to any ever received in this country, and a long way superior to the average received from the eastern provinces. Since the high protective duty was placed on canned goods, some pretty poor stuff has been dumped on this market from Ontario, but evidently we have some Canadian canners who can compete with the best in the United States, and as one of the limited number we have no hesitation in placing Messrs. A. C. Miller & Co. of Picton, Ontario among this class.

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ARRIVE DAILY		LEAVE DAILY	
6 15 p.m.	Winnipeg	9 10 a.m.	
6 05 "	Portage Junction	9 20 "	
6 43 "	St. Norbert	9 40 "	
5 27 "	St. Agathe	10 20 "	
4 42 "	Silver Pl. Ins.	10 47 "	
4 20 "	Morris	11 10 "	
4 04 "	St. Jean	11 28 "	
3 43 "	Catharinc	11 55 a.m.	
3 20 "	West Ljuno	12 20 p.m.	
3 05 p.m.	Pombina	12 35 "	
6 25 a.m.	Winnipeg Junction	8 50 "	
8 35 p.m.	St. Paul	6 35 a.m.	
8 00 "	Helena	7 05 "	
6 40 "	Garrison	4 00 p.m.	
3 40 "	Spokane	6 15 "	
1 05 a.m.	Portland	9 45 a.m.	
8 00 p.m.	Tacoma	6 30 "	
7 40 "	"via Cascade"	3 50 "	
4 30 "		6 40 "	

P.M.	A.M.	STATION	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
2:30	8:00	St. Paul	7:30	8:00	7:35
P.M.	A.M.	Chicago	9:00	3:10	8:10
10:30	7:00	Detroit	7 15	10 45	6 10
P.M.	P.M.	Toronto	9 10		9 05
6:45	10:15	New York	7 30	8 50	8 50
A.M.	P.M.	Boston	9 35	10 50	10 50
9:10	9:05	Montreal	8 15		8 15

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CHANGE OF TIME.

Taking Effect November 21th, 1888.

PASS Tuesday and Saturday	Miles from Portage	STATIONS.	PASS Monday and Friday
LEAVE			ARRIVE
18 00	35	Portage la Prairie	18 30
17 45	61	Gladstone	12 05
18 43	61	Nepawa	10 35
19 45	79	Minnedosa	9 55
26 50	94	Rapid City	8 30
21 30	115	Snoal Lake	8 00
22 30	138	Birtle	7 60
23 39	155	Bincarth	5 55
34 10	166	Russ II	5 15
24 40	180	Langenburg	7 15
1 45	206	Salcoats	3 40
			LEAVE

*Meals.
 *Trains for Bincarth leave Birtle Tuesdays and Saturdays only at 22 50; returning leave Bincarth Wednesdays and Mondays only at 5 55. For Russel leave Birtle Tuesdays only at 22 50; returning leave Russel Wednesdays only at 5 15. For Langenburg and Salcoats leave Birtle Saturdays only at 22 50; returning leave Salcoats Mondays only at 3 40. For Rapid City leave Minnedosa Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 20 00; returning leave Rapid City Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 30.
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