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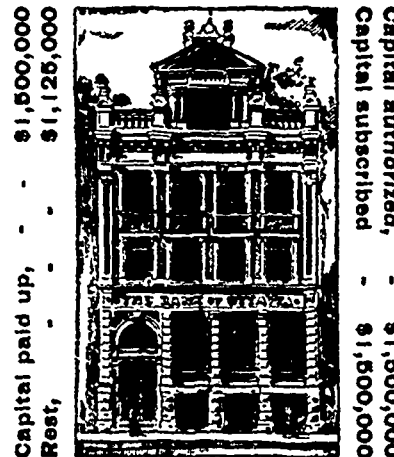
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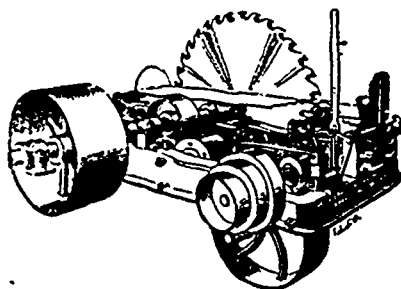
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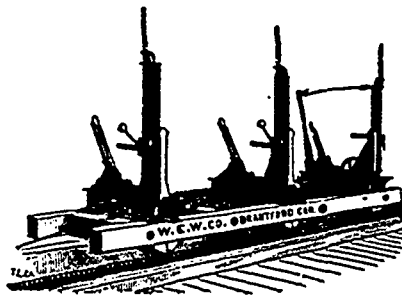
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FORESTRY.

The enormous destruction of timber by forest fires in Manitoba, during recent years, is a matter for sincere regret. It is therefore pleasing to note that the government is at last taking more interest in the preservation of our timber. This country, so largely open prairie land, can ill afford the loss which it has sustained within the past ten or fifteen years. It would perhaps be a good plan if certain areas were set aside as forest preserves, and careful measures taken to preserve the timber from destruc-

tion from fires. The valuable influence of forests upon climate are well known. In our prairie country every farmer should set aside a piece of land for forestry. If this were done on a large scale, the nature of the country would soon be transformed for the better. It would not be merely an improvement in appearance either which would result. A few acres of forest, if properly cared for, would keep a settler in fuel, besides adding to the value of his property and the comfort and beauty of his surroundings.

The economic value of forestry is something which our people do not seem to appreciate. Many farmers would think it a waste of land to devote a space to the growth of trees. Education is evidently needed, on this point. This might be provided by means of a society to encourage forestry, or by action of the government. The distribution of information re-

be no use in growing a forest, as the benefit would accrue to a future generation. Every man who would grow a few acres of forest would be a public benefactor. Besides this, a few acres of land planted with trees of quick growth, would soon bring in a return to the owner.

REPORTING THE MARKETS

It is not the business of a commercial journal to deal largely in market prognostications. Its duty is to report the markets as they exist, from day to day and week to week. There are times when market indications may be referred to as showing what is likely to take place in the future, but these are exceptional instances. As a general rule it is the better policy to report only actual conditions.

A short time ago this journal referred to the peculiar condition of



NATURAL MANITOBA FOREST

Snap shot from a Manitoba and Northwestern Railway train in the Assiniboine River Valley near Binscarth, by a Commercial representative.

garding the cultivation of forests, together with the offering of prizes for the most successful efforts in this direction, might produce good results.

As to the value of cultivated forests, we are not entirely in the dark. In Germany, particularly, forestry has been carried on many years, with the most successful results. The town of Fremdenstadt owns a forest of less than 6,000 acres, which produces a revenue sufficient to meet the annual expenditure of the town. The great Black Forest in Germany yields an annual net revenue varying from \$2.50 to \$10 per acre. This is a region of rough, broken land, which would be of little value under the plow.

Our country is young and sparsely settled, and we do not feel the need of cultivating forests at present. We should, however, be prepared to build for the future. It is a selfish view to take of the matter, that there would

the wheat markets. Cash wheat (wheat available for immediate delivery), then quoted for old grain, was selling at 20 cents per bushel or more above the value of futures, the latter being quoted on the prospective value of new grain. The Commercial pointed out that this condition of the market could not be maintained, and that in the face of a large world's crop, new wheat, when it came to market, would probably sell at the basis then quoted for futures. A provincial paper made this article the subject of a fierce attack upon The Commercial, on the ground that this journal was trying to depress wheat values. The provincial journal in question, evidently held a much higher opinion of the ability of The Commercial to influence the market, than its own editor does. We do not believe that The Commercial could add to or de-

tract from the current value of wheat one cent's worth, no matter how hard it might try to do so. It requires vastly more powerful factors than we can employ, to affect wheat prices even a fraction of a cent per bushel. The remarks of The Commercial of a short time ago, regarding the probable course of wheat prices, have developed just about as predicted; but this is not owing to any ability this journal has to influence prices. The Commercial, like other business institutions, looks for business through the general prosperity of the community. Wheat being our great source of revenue in this country, every material addition to the value of wheat adds to the general prosperity, in which this journal, like other business institutions, would share. A dollar per bushel for wheat would add a good many dollars to the revenue of this office. We are, however, obliged to report market conditions as they exist, and not as we would wish them to be, even though we should be charged, as has been the case several times in the past, with attempting to depress prices. One thing, however, we will take credit for, and that is, that for years past any forecasts made by The Commercial as to the course of the wheat markets, have invariably been borne out by results. Our weekly market reports on wheat are prepared with the greatest care, and they are reliable. They are moreover free from the many amusing errors which appear in some of the other reports published, as a result of lack of general knowledge of market conditions.

SUGAR BEETS

The possibility of growing sugar beets and manufacturing sugar therefrom in Manitoba, has been seriously engaging the attention of the Winnipeg board of trade for some time. The production of the sugar beet is one of the most important interests in several countries in Europe, particularly in Germany, Austria, Belgium and France. In the United States considerable attention is also being given to the sugar beet, and in the central western states good progress has been made. If this industry could be added to our resources in Manitoba, it would be a great thing for the country. It requires a very large investment of capital, however, to establish a beet sugar refinery and it would be a very foolish thing to establish a factory before testing the capabilities of our soil and climate most thoroughly for the production of the beet. It is urged that the provincial government should import a quantity of the seed and distribute it to farmers, who would make a test of growing the

beet under proper conditions. The cultivation of the sugar beet requires skill and care, and it would be no use in distributing seed promiscuously. It would have to be done on a sufficiently large scale to make the test conclusive, and at the same time the experiments would require to be confined to intelligent farmers who would carry out the instructions as to the mode of cultivating the beet. The industry is such an important one, that it would certainly seem worth while making an effort to have a thorough test of sugar beet cultivation here.

OATMEAL

The very poor crop of oats in Manitoba last year placed Manitoba oatmeal millers in a very unsatisfactory position. The crop was so small that there was not sufficient for feed purposes, a large quantity of corn having been imported from the States to supply the local deficiency in oats. Even if the Manitoba oatmeal millers could have obtained sufficient oats to have kept their mills running during the past year, prices were too high to enable them to manufacture the meal here to advantage. Owing to the scandalous provisions of the Canadian tariff in regard to oatmeal, which cause a discrimination against the home mills. On account of the duty being much higher on the raw material than it is on the finished product, Manitoba millers could not compete, at the prices ruling here for oats, with the meal imported from the United States. As a result, Western Canada during the past year has been supplied with oatmeal mainly from the United States, while our own mills were helpless to defend their own trade, owing to the absurd tariff situation, and were obliged to close down.

As the time came around for marketing a new crop, it was hoped that the better crop of oats this year, and consequently lower prices for the grain, would enable Manitoba millers to once more gain control of the home market. Some new Manitoba meal has been put on the market lately, but the continued wet weather has kept back the supply of oats, and so far our millers have not been able to offer much meal, and large sales of imported meal have recently been made. Sales of round lots of Manitoba meal have been made at \$1.60 delivered in Winnipeg for 80-lb. sacks, and several cars of imported meal have been placed recently at about the same price.

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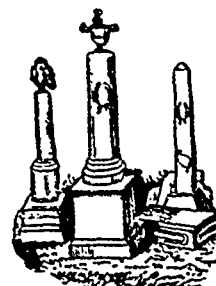
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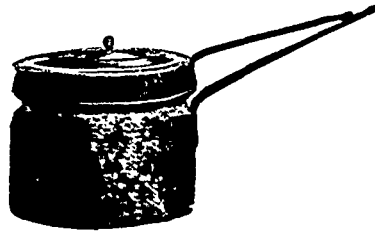
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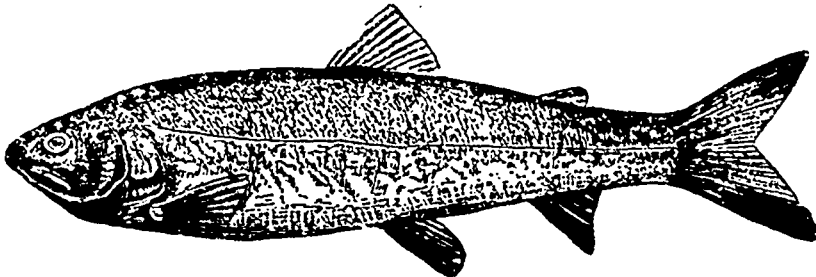
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Manitoba Fisheries.

E. L. Le Clair of the Baltimore Packing company is authority for the following statements: "In Lake Winnipeg this season 2,000,000 round white fish have been caught and frozen for the market. In fishing parlance "round" means fish that have not been drawn. In addition 3,000,000 dressed fish have been caught in Lake Winnipeg and frozen at Selkirk. That makes a total of 5,000,000 for Lake Winnipeg. The Lake of the Woods fisheries have yielded better for the same number of nets than for four years past. The sturgeon catch was very gratifying. The fish market will be over-supplied as it never was before. Fish will be about 40 per cent cheaper this winter than usual. Meat will also decrease in price."

This seems a large number of fish, but it is not too many for the size of the lake, as the catch on Lake Erie has been much larger for many years, and Lake Winnipeg is as large as Lake Erie.

Quality of Wheat Crop.

Inspection returns at Winnipeg for the season up to October 1, show the following percentages of wheat, according to grade. Forty per cent has graded No. 1 hard, 18.1-2 per cent No. 2 hard, 27 per cent 3 hard, or a total of 85.1-2 per cent of high grade wheat, which is a good showing. There was 9 per cent of low grade, included in the following grades: No. 3 hard, No. 2 northern, No. 1 spring, No. 1 frosted. Besides this 4 per cent was rejected or smutty wheat, and 1.1-2 per cent no grade or damp wheat.

The number of cars of wheat inspected for the last three weeks shows as follows: Week ended Sept. 24: No. 1 hard, 128 cars; No. 2 hard, 85; No. 3 hard, 2; No. 1 northern, 78; No. 2 northern, 19; No. 1 spring, 10; No. 1 rejected, 13; No. 2 rejected, 4; no grade, 5. Total, 339 car loads.

For the week ending October 1 inspection returns show: 1 hard, 187; No. 2 hard, 29; No. 1 northern, 110; 2 northern, 33; 1 spring, 7; 1 frosted, 1; 1 rejected, 7; 2 rejected, 2; no grade, 1. Total, 327 cars.

Week ending October 8: Extra hard 1; 1 hard, 177; 2 hard, 27; 3 hard, 1; 1 northern, 81; 2 northern, 19; 1 spring, 9; 1 white type, 3; 1 rejected, 10; 2 rejected, 2; no grade, 1. Total 331 cars.

This only shows one car of frosted wheat in about 1,000 cars, and 7 cars of no grade or damp wheat in the grand total of about 1,000 cars.

Coal.

A report from Duluth says: Anthracite coal is now being offered at \$4.50 a ton, which is a drop of 25c per ton from recent outside quotations, and in cases where immediate shipment is contracted for, as low as \$4.25 a ton. Anthracite has begun to move quite freely to the interior. October is usually the month of heavy shipments. In bituminous coal Hocking Valley is \$2.25 a ton. Yonghloheny is held at \$2.35 a ton, but a possible concession of ten cents can be had for quick shipment. The smokeless coals which were introduced a few seasons ago as substitute for anthracite, are now being used more extensively.

Magistrate—Prisoner, have you any visible means of support?

Prisoner—Yis, sir your honor. (To his wife, a laundress.) Bridget stand up, so that the court kin see yez.

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Bran—Per ton, \$8.00.

Shorts—Per ton, \$10.00.

Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, 30c for new.

Barley—Nominal at about 28c.

Butter—Dairy, Shippers buying at 12@14c, and 19½@20c paid for creamery at the factory.

Cheese—10@10½c paid to factories.

Eggs—Buyers paying 15c net.

Beef—City dressed, fresh, 4@5c.

Mutton—5@6c.

Hogs—Dressed, 6@7c.

Veal—5@7c.

Lambs—7@8c.

Cattle—Butchers 2@2½; export 3@3½c. Hogs—Live, off cars, \$4.75 per 100 lbs for best bacon.

Sheep—2½c off cars here; lambs, 3@3½c.

Seneca Root—16@17c lb.

Hides—Green city hides, 6½@7c, for No. 1.

Hay—Baled, on track, \$6.00 @ 8.00.

Potatoes—23@25c per bushel.

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Grain and Milling.

Dow & Currie, oatmeal millers, Pilot Mound, Man., have been operating some on new oats, but owing to the limited supply of oats caused by the wet weather, they have only been able to run a short time.

The corn section of the New South Wales chamber of commerce estimates that the incoming season will produce a yield of 15,000,000 bushels of wheat, of which 10,000,000 bushels will be required for home consumption, leaving 5,000,000 bushels, or roughly speaking, 100,000 tons of wheat to be exported.

There is some foundation in the rumor that another big flour mill may be erected next season, probably in Winnipeg, though some other point may be selected. The proposal is under consideration for the formation of a strong company, composed of Manitoba millers, in connection with which the erection of another mill is proposed.

W. W. Ogilvie is building an enormous elevator at Montreal, to hold 2,000,000 bushels of grain. The elevator will be built on the Gould flour mill property, purchased some years ago by Mr. Ogilvie. The foundation for the elevator is 240 feet by 200 feet. The situation is one of the best for an elevator, having a frontage of 240 feet on the harbor, 240 feet on the canal, and 430 feet deep, with Mill street and the railway tracks running through it. Mr. Thompson, manager of the Ogilvie Milling company, Winnipeg, speaking about this elevator, said that while Mr. Ogilvie was in Winnipeg last week it was decided that another mammoth flour mill with a daily capacity of 2,000 bbls. would also be erected at Montreal in connection with the new elevator. Mr. Thompson also intimated that the erection of another flour mill in the west was contemplated.

Now that the grain season is on a recent case tried in Ontario will be of special interest here. A miller bought a load of wheat from a farmer, examining only one bag, which was said to be of extra fine quality. He was quoted a price on the basis of the bag opened. When emptied out, however, the wheat, with the exception of two bags turned out to be very inferior grain, alleged to be worth 20 cents per bushel less than the bag opened. The miller refused to pay the price named and was sued, the farmer winning the case. The court held that the sale was made of the load in bulk, and that the defendant should have inspected each bag before buying and there was nothing to prevent him from making such inspection. He could further have protected himself by asking plaintiff if the rest of the bags were of the same quality, but this he also neglected to do. If plaintiff had affirmed the bags to be all the same, he would have been liable for the difference in quality. In this case it is alleged that the farmer himself opened one of the bags and showed the sample but this did not prevent the court from finding a verdict in his favor. The case will be appealed to a higher court.

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Statistical Wheat Reports.

WHEAT IN CANADA

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

Montreal	80,000
Toronto	28,000
Kingston	
Winnipeg	115,000
Manitoba elevators	1,490,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	770,000

Total October 1 2,483,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains as reported by Bradstreet's on Oct. 1, were 13,857,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 31,508,000 bushels, and two years ago 63,955,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on Oct. 1 were 4,671,000 bushels, compared with 6,251,000 bushels a year ago.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains for the week ended October 8, was 12,210,000 bushels, being an increase of 947,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 22,794,000 bushels, two years ago 52,434,000 bushels, three years ago 44,481,000 bushels.

WHEAT STOCKS AT U.S. POINTS.

Chicago	1,660,000	bushels
Duluth	2,146,000	"
Minneapolis	733,000	"
New York	795,000	"
Buffalo	641,000	"

STOCK OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 5,469,000 bushels, compared with 13,383,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 22,202,000 bushels, compared with 37,740,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in the United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe, on Oct. 1, for a series of years, were as follows, Bradstreet's report: Oct. 1, 1898, 65,928,000; Oct. 1, 1897, 95,059,000; Oct. 1, 1896, 127,909,000; Oct. 1, 1895 153,838,000.

CROP MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States spring wheat markets from the beginning of the crop year, August 1, 1898, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This Crop	Last Crop
Minneapolis	16,516,810	13,781,860
Milwaukee	2,863,195	2,452,002
Duluth	19,452,691	16,246,124
Chicago	9,702,717	11,851,102

Total 48,535,413 44,331,088

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States winter wheat markets from the beginning of the crop movement, July 1, 1898, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This Crop	Last Crop
Toledo	7,590,807	6,778,955
St. Louis	5,525,194	6,208,694
Detroit	2,068,336	2,561,558
Kansas City	11,432,780	16,859,307

Total 26,612,117 31,908,507

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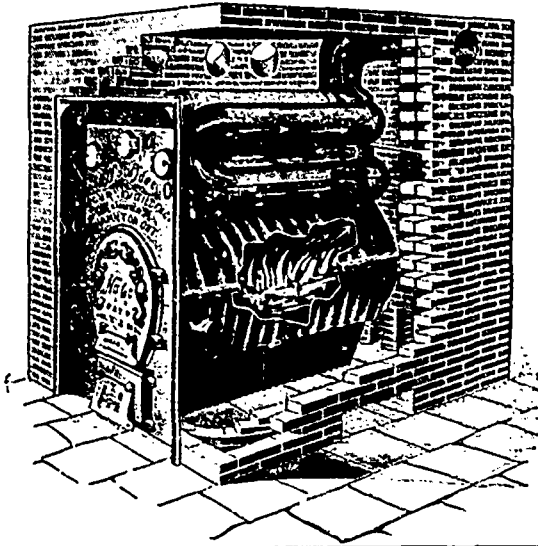
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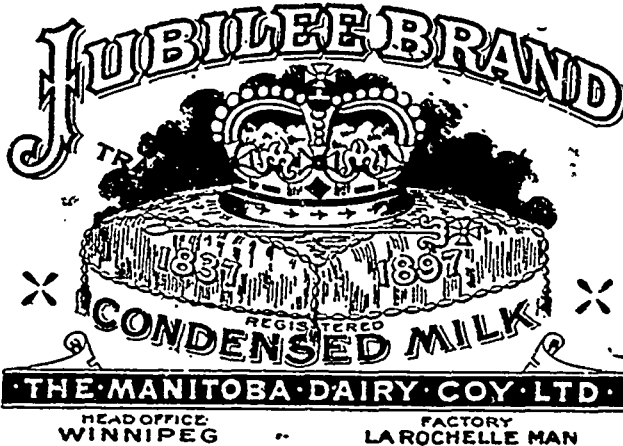
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Death of F. A. Fairchild

The wide circle of friends and acquaintances of the late F. A. Fairchild experienced a painful surprise when they were made aware of his sudden demise, which occurred at an early hour on Sunday morning last. He had been seen about the streets during the week, apparently in his usual state of health. On Wednesday he went to the country on a business trip, from which he returned on Saturday evening in a weak state of health, having been taken ill while away. Physicians were called in shortly after his return, and though he was considered very ill, it was not thought that the end was so near. At 4 o'clock Sunday morning, however, he was not awakened from a few hours' sleep and expired. Enlargement of the heart is given as the cause of his trouble.

Few people in Winnipeg, outside of his relatives and business associates, were aware that Mr. Fairchild has been a great sufferer of recent years. He was always of such an energetic and happy disposition that even intimate friends did not notice his trouble. He did not complain and was



THE LATE F. A. FAIRCHILD

always apparently full of life, energy, and good nature. But in spite of this pleasant outward appearance, Mr. Fairchild has suffered much of late years from inflammatory rheumatism and heart trouble, including several severe attacks.

Mr. Fairchild was no doubt the most widely known person connected with the wholesale implement trade in Winnipeg, and he has for a longer time than any other person occupied a prominent position in connection with this branch of trade in the city. He came to Winnipeg from the state of Illinois in March, 1878, and with his brother-in-law, H. S. Westbrook, established an implement house under the firm name of Westbrook & Fairchild. This business was continued for ten years, when the partnership terminated by effluxion of time. Mr. Fairchild then established himself in business in the same line, under the name of F. A. Fairchild & Co. In the spring of 1895 this business was formed into the Fairchild Company, Limited, in which were associated Messrs. F. A., J. H. and I. F. Fairchild, H. W. Hutchinson and Geo. E. Dixon, with the late Mr. Fairchild as president.

Mr. Fairchild was of a friendly and generous disposition, and outside of his business acquaintances he had a wide circle of friends. Amongst other things he took an active part in the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition association, and has always been one of the most active workers on the directorate of the association. Though coming here from Illinois, he was a Canadian, born at Mount Pleasant, Brant county, Ontario. He went to Illinois when quite a young man, and later, as stated, moved to Winnipeg. Mr. Fairchild was nearing his 49th birthday at the time of his decease. He leaves a wife, four daughters (one married) and one son.

Grocery Trade Notes.

Malaga raisins have advanced 1s, 6d in primary markets.

Tarragona almonds have advanced \$1 per bag, or 1c per pound in primary markets.

Molasses is strong, owing to the great destruction of the plantations by the big storm in the West Indies. A short crop next season is looked for as a consequence.

The New York market last week declined 1-4 to 3-8c on the week for refined sugar. This is the result of the fight between the sugar refiners.

Figs are costing high. There has been an advance in prices in primary markets since the opening this season equal to 6 1-2c. Present prices are higher than they have been for years.

James Phillips, who has been for years with the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., in their Winnipeg office, left for the Pacific coast this week, where he will take charge of the company's business in that quarter.

Owing to the very short crop of figs this year, fancy prices are being asked, and figs are likely to be a luxury for some time to come. It is said good Elmes would cost 25c laid down now. At these prices consumption will no doubt be so curtailed that values will decline later on.

War has broken out in the sugar-refining trade between the American Sugar Refining company and the independent United States refiners, including the Arbuckle company, whose new manufactory is now in active operation, the Mollenhauer works and others. The Dorecher plant for sugar refining in Brooklyn is also nearing completion, and is expected to become an active factor in the fray during the present month.

The prune growers of Oregon have never been so well prepared before to take care of their crop of prunes as this year. Hundreds of new evaporators have been built and hundreds of old ones have been enlarged and improved. It is probable that the drying capacity of the state as a whole is twice what it was last year.

Considerable attention, says the Produce Markets' Review, of London, is given to prunes as the French crop, which was expected to be unusually large and good is turning out deficient in the size of fruit, and some large sales of California prunes have been made this week for European account. Valencia almonds are quoted a little below the phenomenally high opening prices, but they are still dear and likely to continue so throughout the season, the French and Italian crops being both a failure.

The Montreal Gazette says: The tone of the market for canned vege-

tables is strong, and the recent advance in prices has been fully maintained. There is a good inquiry for corn, tomatoes and peas, but the offering of such are very small in net, some western packers are completely sold out of corn, and are in the market themselves as buyers in order to fill contracts. Tomatoes are quoted at 85c to 90c; but it is doubtful if even these figures would be accepted for any quantity. Corn is quoted at 90c, with none obtainable, and peas are scarce at 80c. Salmon on spot is strong, and \$5.25 is now the inside figure that would be accepted for choice brands, and in many cases holders ask \$5.50.

Hardware and Paint Trade.

At Montreal white zinc paints have advanced 1-2 to 7c for pure, 6 1-4 for No. 1 and 5 1-2 for No. 2.

The Montreal linseed oil market, which is ruled by British markets, is strong in consequence of higher prices abroad.

A Montreal report says: The undertone to the glass market is still very strong and another advance in prices is fully expected this week. The demand for all sizes is good and stocks are small.

At Montreal rope declined 1-4c to 1-2c per lb. in sympathy with foreign and other markets, with sales of Manila at the factory on the basis of 11 1-4c and sisal 9 1-4c. Jobbers' prices 11 3-4 to 12 1-4c for manila.

Following is a revised list of Montreal prices on linseed oil: Single barrels, raw, 50c; boiled, 53c; 2 to 4 barrels, raw, 49c; boiled, 52c; 5 to 9 barrels, raw, 48c; boiled, 51c; 10 to 19 barrels, 46c; boiled, 49c; 20 barrels and over, open. Terms, not thirty days, 3 per cent, to be added for four months terms.

The Montreal Gazette says: The firmer feeling in wrought iron pipe in the States has led to an advance in the jobbing price here. The advance on black pipe ranges all the way from 20c to 45c, according to size, and on galvanized from 15c to \$1. The new range is as follows: Black pipe, 1-1, 3-8, and 1-2 inch pipe, \$2.25; 3-4 inch, \$2.70; 1 inch, \$3.75; 1 1-4 inch, \$4.90; 1 1-2 inch, \$6.10; and 2 inch, \$8.70; galvanized pipe, 1-2 inch, \$3.95; 3-4 inch, \$4.80; 1 inch, \$6.65; 1 1-4 inch, \$9.15; 1 1-2 inch, \$11.75, and 2 inch, \$16.

Lumber Trade Notes.

The timber cut for the Rat Portage and Keewatin mills will be larger next year than it has been for the past four or five years, owing to the increased demand this year for lumber and low stocks on hand.

In Germany they are using paper for floors, the paper being spread on in paste form, rolled smooth and painted. This floor is said to be cheaper than hardwood, durable, clean and warranted not to warp, silver or split.

The Minneapolis Lumberman says: There is but little change in the red cedar single market. What change there has been is in the nature of a weakening of prices, and where a few weeks ago local wholesalers and jobbers were asking \$1.97 and \$2 per thousand for A's, they are now quoting \$1.95 and even lower. The demand has been a good deal of a disappointment this fall.

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Winnipeg Clearing House.

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

Week ended Sept. 15, 1898.....	\$1,087,014
Corresponding week, 1897.....	3,005,830
1896.....	1,453,171

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

	1898	1897	1896
January	6,347,168	5,009,819	4,977,700
February	5,517,600	3,551,000	4,052,000
March	5,965,000	4,289,000	4,286,000
April	6,240,000	4,162,000	4,032,000
May	8,683,364	5,014,786	4,216,201
June	7,399,000	5,531,000	4,094,000
July	6,316,238	5,616,503	4,601,277
August	6,186,335	6,298,571	4,616,059
September.....	6,414,551	5,035,201	4,630,706

The Bank Robbery.

So far as the public are concerned nothing more is known of the mysterious Molsons bank robbery than was made public in the first accounts of the affair. If any clue to the identity of the thieves has been obtained the bank officials and detectives are following them up with the utmost secrecy, so that outsiders are left to assume whether or not any progress is being made. Yesterday the subjoined circular was issued:

THE MOLSONS BANK.
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In Molsons Bank Notes...
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Notes2,000x\$1—\$ 2,000
Dominion Legal Tender
Notes15x\$1,000— 15,000
Dominion Legal Tender
Notes5x\$5,000— 25,000

\$42,000

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Your assistance to trace the robbers and recover the money is earnestly solicited.

Should any unusual amount of our notes or large Legal Tenders be presented in any way calculated to arouse suspicion, kindly communicate with me at once by telegraph.

A. D. DURNFORD,
Inspector, The Molsons Bank,
Winnipeg, Man.

Financial Notes.

J. H. Plummer, assistant general manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Toronto, is on a western tour of inspection.

James Crichton, of Toronto, has been appointed manager for the province of Manitoba for the York County Loan and Savings company.

In the matter of the Commercial bank liquidation, cheques have been issued for a further dividend of \$5.00 per share to the shareholders, making \$11.00 per share repaid to date.

Aaron A. Cox, of Toronto, is in the west in the interests of the Central Loan and Savings Co.

The Canada Land and Investment Co have arranged for an agency at Dauphin, Man., with Sparling & Murray as agents.

R. H. Swan, who was until recently manager of the Bank of Ottawa at Keowatin, was presented with a large leather covered arm chair as a token of the respect in which he is held by the business men of the town. Mr. Swan has been transferred to Alexandria, Ont.

The town of Selkirk, Man., has made a compromise with the Canadian Pacific railway in regard to the town's indebtedness to the company. The debt originally was \$85,000 and was increased by interest to \$80,000. The company has now accepted \$15,000 in settlement of all claims.

It was recently reported that J. O. Buchan, manager of the Union bank at Toronto, had been appointed general superintendent of the bank's branches in Manitoba and the Territories. A later report says Mr. Buchan has decided not to accept the position, preferring to stay in Toronto.

E. P. Cox, son of Senator Cox, of Toronto, was in Winnipeg this week on his way to the coast. He stated that the contracts for the erection of the Manitoba Trusts Co.'s new block in Winnipeg were nearly all let, and work on the structure would start next April. The site is on the northeast corner of Notre Dame street east and Main, and the estimated cost is over \$10,000.

INSURANCE

Fires from Stored Hay.

That hay may take fire spontaneously through the generation of heat therein by rapid evaporation is not widely enough known. The New York Monitor reminds its readers of the fact, and makes a suggestion towards doing away with the risk thus: The spontaneous combustion of hay is the cause of many fires on farm property during the early fall, the hay being stored while yet uncurd, or while damp from recent showers, both conditions being highly favorable to the development of spontaneous combustion through the great heat generated in the process of evaporation. Several hundred hay fires from that source were reported to this office last year, and the agents writing such risks should inspect them carefully and warn customers to guard against the overheating of the hay which can easily be prevented if proper precautions are taken. It is a common practice to liberally sprinkle each layer of hay with salt for this purpose as well as to guard against must. Salt is a good absorbent of moisture.

Insurance Items.

It is understood that the late Mr. Fairchild, of Winnipeg, carried insurance policies on his life aggregating \$50,000.

A. G. Ramsay, president of the Canada Life Co., of Hamilton, Ont., and

Miss Ramsay left this week for the Pacific coast. Mr. A. McT. Campbell, the western manager of the company, will accompany them.

J. K. Macdonald, of Toronto, managing director of the Confederation Life Association, accompanied by his brother D. Macdonald, of Winnipeg, have returned from British Columbia. Mr. Macdonald returned to Toronto on Monday.

F. G. Cox, managing director of the Imperial Life, left Winnipeg on his return to Toronto on Wednesday. Mr. Cox reports that the new company is making wonderful strides in obtaining business. They closed their first year with \$1,000,000 of insurance.

Manitoba members of the defunct order of Select Knights of Canada, have received notice that a judgment of the court has been found against them for arrears. This is done under the Ontario act governing fraternal insurance, but it is said judgments will have to be obtained from the Manitoba courts to enforce payment here.

The Monetary Times says a subscriber who had seen the advertisement of the unconditional accumulative policy of the Confederation Life company, asks an explanation of it. This is how we understand it: Suppose a 20-payment life policy for \$10,000 at age 40 after two payments have been made, the party, if unable to complete his contract, has the option of taking a paid-up policy for two-twentieths of the amount, which would be \$1,000, or of having the insurance of \$10,000 extended for one year and ten months. If four premiums have been paid the beneficiary will be held insured for five years and nine months longer, or say nine years and nine months in all, or he may take a paid-up policy for \$2,000 payable at death. The policy is called unconditional because the holder of it may live where he chooses or engage in any occupation he pleases; and after a certain time it is incontestable. This is decidedly a liberal and attractive plan of life assurance.

Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 10.
There are no changes of importance this week. Wholesalers report the continuance of a very brisk trade from mining and logging camps and from Westminster retailers re-opening their place of business after the fire.

The numerous industrial and agricultural exhibitions throughout the province have been very successful and the past fire show of Westminster has proved a wonder to the coast. In this exhibition the pluck and recuperative powers of the people of New Westminster have been shown in a marked degree. The fair lasted one week, and was twice as large, twice as attractive, and was visited by four times as many people as on any previous year.

Work has been commenced on the erection of a Canadian Pacific railway depot at Selkirk.

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Tin—Lamb and Flagg, 56 and 28 lb ingots, per lb 19@20c.

Tin Plates—Charcoal plates, I C, 10 x 14, 12 x 12 and 14 x 20, \$4.50@4.75; I X, same size box, \$5.75@6; I C, charcoal, 20 x 28, 112 sheets to box, \$8.50@9; I X, box, 20 x 28, 112 sheets, \$10.50@ \$11

Terne Plates—I C, 20 x 28, \$8.50 @ 9.

Iron and Steel—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$2.05 band iron, 100 lbs., \$2.65@2.75; Swedish iron, 100 lbs, \$5.25 @6; sleigh shoe steel, 2.75@3; best cast tool steel, lb., 9@11c; imitation Russian sheet, 7@8c; genuine Russian sheet, lb., 12@13c.

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

Canada Plates—Garth and Blaina, 3.00 @3.15.

Galvanized Iron—American, 20 guage, \$3.75; 22 and 24 guage, \$4; 26 guage, \$4.25; 28 guage, \$4.50 100 lbs.

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

Lead—Pig, per lb., 4 1/2 to 5c.

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

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

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

Dupont Powder—Dupont Rifle FFG, 25-lb keg, \$5.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$2.75, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$6.60, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$8.50, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$9.25; Dupont Rifle FFG, 25 lb keg, \$5.25, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$3.00, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$7.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$9.00, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$9.75; Dominion Rifle, 25 lb keg, \$5.75, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$3, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$7, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$11, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$12; Sea Shooting Fg, 25 lb keg, \$6; Manitoba Sporting, 25 lb keg, \$8.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$4.25, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$9.00; cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$13.00; Eagle Ducking, 25 lb keg, \$11.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$5.75, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$12.00; Crystal Grain, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$14.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$17; Blasting, 25 lb keg, \$3.00. Dupont Smokeless powder, 12 1/2 lbs, \$22.00, 6 1/2 lbs, \$11.25, 3 1/2 lbs, \$5.75, 1/2 canisters, \$1.00.

Wire—Galvanized barb wire, \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; Plain wire and staples, \$3.00.

Axes—Per box, \$6@9.

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

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

Horseshoes—Iron shoes, \$3.90; steel hoes, \$4.15; Snow shoe, \$4.15 per keg.

Rope—Sisal, lb., 12c base; manilla, lb., 13 1/2c base; cotton, 1/2 to 1/2 inch and larger, 16c lb.

Building Paper—Anchor brand plain 45c; do tarred 65c; Jubilee plain 57c; do tarred 73c.

Winnipeg Prices of Paints, Oils, Glass, etc.

Following are close jobbing prices, as to quantity:

White Lead—Pure, \$6.50 100 lbs; No. 1, \$5.50.

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

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

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

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

Window Glass—First break is quoted at \$1.90@2.00 per box of 50 feet and \$2.25 for second break; 3rd break per 100 feet, \$5.00.

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

Turpentine—Pure spirits in barrels, 55c; less than barrels, gallon, 60c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

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

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

Winnipeg Lumber Prices.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mouldings and Base—Parting strips, 100 feet lineal, 60c; lattice, 1/2x1 1/2, 100 feet lineal, 75c, 1/2x1 1/2, 100 feet lineal, 85c; window and door stop, 1 1/2 inch lineal, \$1.25, dito, 2 inch lineal, \$1.50; 1/2 round and 3/4 cove, 75c; 1 1/2 inch mould, \$1.50; 2 inch mould, \$1.75; 2 1/2 inch mould, \$2.00; 3 inch mould, \$2.25; 3 1/2 inch mould, \$2.50; 4 inch mould, \$2.75; 4 1/2 inch mould, \$3.00; 5 inch mould, \$3.25; 6 inch mould, \$4.00; 5 inch window stool, 1 1/2 \$4.50; 6 inch window stool, 1 1/2, \$5.25; 4 inch casings, \$2.25; 5 inch casings, \$2.75; 6 inch casings, \$3.25; 8 inch base, \$4.25; 10 inch base, \$5.00; 12 inch base, \$7.00; hand rail, 2x4, \$5.50; wainscot cap, 2 1/2 inch, \$2.35, 3 inch, \$2.75; paper mould, 60c. Moulding made from 1 1/2 stock add 25 per cent; 1 1/2 add 50 per cent. Hardwood mouldings or mouldings to detail at special prices. All shop work at special net prices.

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B. Walkey, Nowdale, contemplates adding dry goods to his business.

Miss Maud Alexander has opened in the millinery business at Nowdale.

J. Fhally and J. Squires contemplate opening up a harness shop at Carman.

Harrison & Cline, veterinarians, Glendora, have dissolved partnership, J. T. Cline continues alone.

Lum & Co., confectionery, Neepawa, propose opening a branch store at Carberry.

Stanley & Co., printers and publishers of the News and Herald and the United Christian, have moved to 503 Main street, Winnipeg.

R. Muirhead has leased the Currie building at Neepawa in which he intends opening business in pork packing.

Winnipeg is making the experiment of sodding boulevards in the fall, with the probability that they will be winter killed before spring.

J. F. Edgar, formerly of Brandon, but latterly residing in California, has returned to Manitoba and will again engage in the grain trade at Brandon.

A. M. Nanton has been appointed receiver for the entire line of the Manitoba and Northwestern railway, instead of for the eastern division only, as before.

E. DePencier and Thos. Shaw, formerly of the Hudson's Bay store at Manitow, have entered into partnership and opened a general store at Thornhill.

Merry & Williams, of Carman, have purchased property at Roland, on which they will erect an implement warehouse and open up in this line of business.

Stanley & Kluzett is the name of a new firm who will do business in Winnipeg as accountants and general agents. They have opened an office at 503 Main street.

The Southeastern railway has been graded 50 miles from Winnipeg, and located to a distance of 95 miles from the city. Wet weather has greatly interfered with the work.

Letters patent of incorporation have been issued to the Carman Trading Co., Limited, general merchants and traders. The capital stock of this company is fixed at \$25,000.

A newspaper has been started at Austin on the main line of the Canadian Pacific railway west of Portage la Prairie. It is called the Record, and is edited by Malcolm MacBeath.

The firm of Cronyn & Halpin, publishers of the Portage la Prairie Review, have dissolved partnership, Cronyn retiring to assume charge of the Austin Record and Halpin continues the Review.

A partnership has been formed at Dauphin between R. C. Sparling and Wm. Murray, the firm to be known as Sparling & Murray. They will handle real estate and represent loan and insurance companies.

At a recent meeting of the Winnipeg Retail association, a committee was appointed to see to the enforcement of the early closing bye-law, it having been reported that the law was being violated by some traders.

H. Cockshutt, of the Cockshutt Plow Co., Brantford, Ont., one of the largest industries of the kind in Canada, was in Winnipeg this week, in connection with the business interests of his com-

pany in the west. The manufactures of the company have a large sale in Manitoba and throughout the west generally.

The last survivor of the original Selkirk settlers of the Red river colony passed away on Saturday last in the person of John Matheson. Mr. Matheson had reached the ripe age of 81 years. He came to this country with one of Lord Selkirk's parties in 1815.

Charles R. Sibbald, of Sibbald & Co., recently assigned, was on trial at Redburn before a magistrate on the charge of collecting accounts after having made an assignment. After hearing the evidence Sibbald was committed for trial. This is the second commitment of Sibbald, as previously reported, the first one being on the charge of obtaining goods by false pretenses. He has been released on bail, to be tried at the fall assizes.

Another Winnipeg house has decided to open business in British Columbia. W. A. Anderson, of the firm of J. H. Anderson & Co., wholesale produce dealers, left for Vancouver yesterday, where he will take up his permanent residence as manager of a branch of his firm, which he will open there. Mr. Anderson will decide upon premises for the business after his arrival in Vancouver. Mr. Anderson has been associated with J. H. Anderson & Co., in Winnipeg, for the last year or two, so that he has had much experience in the produce trade, which will be useful to him in conducting the business in Vancouver.

Assiniboia.

Mr. Perley has opened a meat shop at Wolsley.

James Sharpe is opening a flour and feed store at Moosomin.

Christie, Bailey & Co., of Millwood, will open a branch general store at Churchbridge about October 15.

A Regina correspondent says: There has been quite a boom among the Regina merchants lately. The Regina Trading company has opened its magnificent new store. The addition to the Glasgow House store was opened with great eclat, the Regina orchestra playing for the occasion. E. McCarthy & Co. have moved to their new premises, three large stores made into one. The new firm of Tinning & Gilroy have also made an opening.

The Commercial Men.

John W. Peck returned Monday from Montreal.

H. Kite, of the W. E. Sanford Manufacturing Co., of Hamilton, Ont. is in the west on a business trip.

G. A. Coslett general manager of the Bedford Manufacturing company, of Bedford, Que., was in the city this week on a business trip.

W. S. Crone, western representative of Nelson & Sons Co., Montreal, arrived in the city on Sunday last, on one of his frequent business trips.

Jas. Lamont, who formerly carried on business in boots and shoes in Winnipeg, has arranged with two eastern wholesale shoe houses to represent them on the road in the west. The houses are Pellerin & Sons, Montreal, and T. Migner, Quebec city. Mr. Lamont is receiving his samples and will begin his duties at once.

A. C. McRae, wholesale dealer in carriages, etc., Winnipeg, returned the end of last week from an extended

trip through the province. He reported business very good up to the time of the big rain storm of two weeks ago, but that seemed to put a dampener on business, as after the storm buyers would not take hold.

W. A. Anderson returned from a trip over the Deloraine branch on Saturday last. He reports that he only found three cases of eggs between Winnipeg and Deloraine, and there was also very little dairy butter held. At some points country merchants were paying farmers 18 and even as high as 20c per pound for butter, or 4 to 6c per pound above the wholesale price of round lots of dairy butter laid down in Winnipeg.

Live Stock News.

McLean & Bell shipped 263 head of cattle east for the old country market from Moosomin, Assa.

H. A. Mulins left Wednesday evening for Watwood, Assa, to superintend the shipping of 400 head of cattle to the old country markets.

Three trainloads of cattle were shipped from Maple Creek from the Canadian Land and Bacon company's farm at Crane Lake.

J. M. Paul of Prince Albert and W. H. Sinclair of Saskatoon were in Winnipeg this week. They each brought in a train load of cattle from their respective districts.

Fat Burns, a well-known western rancher, who owns a line of meat shops in the western country, speaking of the Yukon trade, says: Last year I sent in eighty head of cattle to Dawson City and this year over 100. The beef sells there at 50 and 60 cents a pound, but the business is not very profitable at present. The people now in Yukon have not got the money to pay the prices asked for beef. The market is not overstocked and there are not too many animals in Dawson to meet the demands of the population but there is a scarcity of cash with which to buy beef."

Almost every day this week, says the Medicine Hat Times, there have been big shipments of cattle from this district to the Old Country. On Saturday Mullins & Wilson shipped out two hundred and thirty head of beef cattle. The shipment was composed of a number of splendidly finished three and four year old steers and some fat cows. The animals were a good lot and in prime condition. On Sunday they shipped over 100 head more. On Monday Robert Stinson shipped about 100 head. On Wednesday B. Prince forwarded four cars. On Thursday Wylie & McDonald shipped 75 head.

The Sugar Market.

The Montreal Gazette says: A weaker feeling has developed in the local market for refined sugar, and prices for extra standard granulated have declined 10c per 100 lbs. This is no doubt in sympathy with the demoralized state of the New York market of late, and the recent sharp cuts in prices. Local prices at the refinery are now quoted as follows: Extra standard granulated, \$4.40; yellows: Phoenix brand, \$4.15; extra bright coffee, \$4.05; bright, \$3.85; No. 3, \$3.75 and No. 2, \$2.65 per 100 lbs. There has also been an agreement in regard to freight rates on sugar in Ontario and Quebec, and sales will now be made on an equalized freight rate system, taking Montreal as the starting point.

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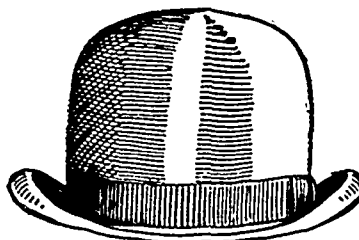
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Feed the Grain.

It seems a matter for regret that so many stocker cattle are being shipped out of Manitoba, in view of the fact that there will be a large quantity of feed grain in the country this season. The most profitable way to dispose of damaged grain and feedstuffs is to sell it in the form of beef, pork, mutton, poultry, etc. There is likely to be a considerable quantity of damp wheat which would be valuable for feed. If farmers who have feed grain to spare would buy up the stocker cattle, instead of allowing them to be shipped away to the States it would be money in their pockets. The scarcity of hogs and sheep, particularly the former, is a further matter for regret under the present circumstances. A couple of car loads of hogs have actually been brought from Ontario this week, to supply the Winnipeg market, on account of the great local scarcity. And this with tons of grain in the country which could be turned into pork at a much better profit than to sell it.

How Wheat is Handled.

As Manitoba wheat is largely handled for export through the port of New York, the following article, telling of the terminal facilities there and how wheat is handled, will be interesting to our readers:

It is a singular fact that the greatest city of the country has but one railroad, the New York Central and Hudson River. Every other road delivering freight into New York must ferry it across either East river or the Hudson—called North river, between New York city and New Jersey. The principal station of the Central is at Sixtieth street and North river, and here all east-bound lighterage freight is received. Like much of the water front of New York, these railroad yards are "made ground." That is, the spot was originally low, but has been filled in until as solid as need be. In the case of these yards, an additional interest attaches to them, for they are made from earth and rocks from almost every quarter of the globe, so says report. It seems that in early days vessels tied up here, for it was water then where the yards now are, and, unmindful of future navigators' keels, they dumped their ballast from other shores into the little harbor. Accumulations made shallow water, until finally the process was completed by the railroad company that now runs its trains where vessels once floated.

While every shipper knows the importance of stamping "Lighterage Free" across the face of his shipping bills for freight to New York, or for export from New York, every one perhaps does not know why it is necessary. Now, a shipment for New York, made by the New York Central railroad, might be delivered at the Sixtieth street station or at Twentieth street, or at some other station, as most convenient; the supposition of the railroad people being that the consignee would look after its arrival. But when it is billed lighterage free, the freight is received at

the Sixtieth street station to await final delivery instructions from the consignee; the railroad company standing ready to lighter it free of charge to any steamer or pier in North or East river, or in New York bay. Wheat is delivered at the company's elevator at Sixtieth street, and is lightered free in lots of 1,000 bushels or more. In lesser lots tonnage is charged.

As it is with the Central, so it is with the West Shore railroad, whose elevator and piers are on the Jersey shore, opposite the Central's Sixtieth street station; also the Erie and the Pennsylvania, with terminals in Jersey City, a few miles further down the river.

The Pennsylvania Railroad company's elevator and piers where all lighterage freight is delivered are at Harsimus Cove, opposite the lower part of New York—the Wall street district. This road has nine large piers in New York, and to these flour billed to New York is taken, the cars being ferried across the river, unless lighterage free. When it is so billed it is unloaded to the piers at Harsimus Cove, Jersey City, to await consignee's instructions.

At the Sixtieth street station the Central has four piers for east bound freight, and while they are not set apart for flour, they are used for little else. These piers are two stories high and are 500x100 feet in size. Each has a double track its entire length, and their capacity is 200 cars each. When I visited them in the early part of May they were full of flour; besides this there were 800 cars of flour in the yard. The barrels and sacks of flour are elevated to the loft and lowered again by steam link-belt elevators thus insuring careful handling. When loaded out from the piers, it is delivered to steamers and to other city points in either canal boats or lighters. The latter are much larger and built higher above the water than the canal boats. They are all, of course, towed by tugs.

The elevator at Sixtieth street of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Co., has a capacity of 1,500,000 bushels. When steamers are to be loaded canal boats are used largely for floating the grain to the steamers. Some of the boats stay about the waters of New York, but most of them are in the Erie canal during the open season, coming to New York for the winter for work of this kind until the canal opens again.

These boats and their occupants are interesting to one who has lived most of his life inland. Families live on them, and wherever the boat is towed the family sails also. Women, children and an occasional dog may be seen about the cabins of a fleet of boats, while, on wash-day, gaily colored garments float as joyously on the North river breezes as does the stars and stripes. Raising a family in such peaceful surroundings as are shown in this scene, with the beautiful Jersey shore in the distance, might have some charms; but when the tug comes along and transfers one's house to some steamer for loading, life changes to a sad reality.

Canal boats are unloaded into steamers by floating elevators. One of these machines steaming along the river is a curiosity-exciting object. It looks like a tall and narrow house built on a small ferry boat and as if a puff of wind would capsize it and send the house down and the boat up where, from the dimensions of the thing, they

seem to belong. When not in use the legs, as the elevating machinery is called, are drawn into the house. The legs are run out and dropped into the hold of a boat, the engine started and the elevators carry the wheat to another elevator, which pipes it directly into the hold of the steamer. The unloading capacity of a floating elevator is 1,000 bushels on each side an hour, or 8,000 bushels an hour when unloading two boats at once.

Owing to the lack of deep water at the New York and Jersey City elevators, all grain must be lightered and loaded into steamers in this manner. This, together with the impossibility of a belt line around New York, gives the lighterage business immense proportions. It takes the place of the great railroad yards and of switching in other cities; so the lighterage to be paid is widely different from lighterage free.—Rollin E. Smith, in the Northwestern Miller.

Monthly Wheat Statement.

The increase in wheat stocks during September, in the United States and Canada, as reported by Bradstreet's, was only 10,135,000 bushels, against an increase of 12,740,000 bushels in September of last year. European stocks gained only 5,400,000 bushels, against 14,200,000 bushels in September of last year. Combined American and European stocks gained only 15,500,000 bushels during September, whereas one year ago they increased 27,000,000 bushels, two years ago 20,600,000 bushels and three years ago 21,500,000 bushels. Of course, higher prices a year ago, quotations being fully 25 cents better than this year, exercised an effect that was lacking this year in drawing out supplies. The most plausible explanation, however, is that the usual large movement to primary markets during September has been this year deflected by the active milling demand nearer home.

The total stocks in the United States and Canada, east and west of the Rockies, are smaller than at any corresponding date for at least ten years past. Compared with a year ago the combined American stocks are 14,000,000 bushels smaller, they are only one-third those held in 1895 and 1896 and are less than one-quarter those held on October 1st, 1894.

European stocks on October 1 this year were 15,000,000 bushels smaller than a year ago, though they gained 5,000,000 bushels in September, were 10,000,000 bushels smaller than in 1896 and less than half what they were on October 1, 1895. The combined American and European stocks are slightly less than 66,000,000 bushels, whereas a year ago they were 95,000,000 bushels in 1896 they were nearly 128,000,000 bushels, and in 1895 were nearly 154,000,000 bushels.

An artistic "ad" is that of E. Nicholson's appearing in this issue of The Commercial, illustrated as it is with a fine half-tone engraving. The Commercial tries to make its advertising pages neat and attractive from a mechanical point of view. We leave our patrons to follow up the work of making them attractive by nature of their contents. The Commercial now has many patrons who give close attention to their ads and keep them fresh and interesting.

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Progress of the Prairie States.

The Philadelphia Press says: "The most interesting of the series of articles on the progress of the United States which Professor Melchior G. Muhlhall is preparing for the North American Review appears in the August number of that magazine and relates to what he calls the prairie states. Under this head are included all the states between the eastern boundary of Ohio and the western boundary of the Dakotas and north of the Ohio river. Missouri is also included, making twelve states in all. These cover what has been generally known as the west, this side of the Rocky Mountains, and which is known to have made the greatest progress of any part of the union. The five easternmost states of the group are now known as the middle west, and the twelve other states as the north-west.

Much of this region was practically unknown in 1850, the year with which Mr. Muhlhall begins his comparisons, and five of the states did not then exist. In 1850 what is now the prairie group of states had 5,402,000 population, and 1890 this number had grown to 22,362,000, an increase of 314 per cent. Its population is now estimated at 26,320,000, and by 1900 when the next census is taken, it will doubtless have nearly 29,000,000 people. They exhibit the same tendency to gather in cities as seen in the states farther east. In 1890, 5,493,000 of their population lived in cities, an increase of over 300 per cent in twenty years, and 16,869,000 lived in the country, an increase of less than 50 per cent in the same time. As it is known that a large percentage of the foreign immigrants go west, it is not surprising to find that the foreign born population in the prairie states increased 563 per cent during the period between 1850 and 1890.

"As agriculture is the chief industry of these states the progress they have made in this interest is naturally the most marked. In 1850 the prairie states produced 58 bushels of grain per inhabitant and a total of 634,000 tons of beef, mutton and pork; but in 1890 the same section produced 118 bushels of grain per inhabitant and 2,088,000 tons of meat. This great product was made possible by an increase in improved area from 27,210,000 acres in 1850 to 184,300,000 in 1890. This was an average increase in cultivated area of 13,000 acres a day and an increase in the average of improved acres per inhabitant from 5 in 1850 to 3.1 in 1890. The great product of these states can be better understood by comparison. It produced nearly as much grain as France, Germany and Austria, with 130,000,000 people, produce, and almost twice as much meat as France or Austria produces.

"Mr. Muhlhall adds that 'one hand in the prairie states raises as much food as five can do in the most advanced countries of Europe.' The increase in farming wealth in the forty years between 1850 and 1890 was \$7,569,000,000 or an annual average of \$190,000,000. 'Less than half a century,' says Mr. Muhlhall, 'has sufficed for a comparatively small number of farmers to convert the western prairies into one of the most productive regions of the globe, and to create and build up as flourishing a community as can be found to-day in either of the hemispheres.'

"Manufacturing, while showing great progress between 1850 and 1890, is not so important an industry in

the prairie states as agriculture. Nevertheless the number of operatives (increase) more than twelve times. The value of their product rose from \$147,000,000 in 1850 to \$3,161,000,000 in 1890. The wages per operative grew from \$270 to \$478 and the product per operative, from \$1,324 to \$2,247. As the average produce per operative rose 70 per cent, and the wages per operative 77 per cent it is plain that the operative was the more fortunate. The creation of wealth in the prairie states has been very rapid, the total now standing at \$25,256,000,000, or an average of \$1,130 per inhabitant. This gives a yearly increase of \$45 per inhabitant, while in Great Britain the increase has been only \$19 per inhabitant. Perhaps the most encouraging comparison of all is the one between the value of farms and houses and the amount of real estate mortgages. The total value of farms and mortgages in the prairie states is placed at \$15,125,000,000, and the mortgages at \$2,078,000,000, or 14 per cent of the value.

"In concluding, Mr. Muhlhall says: 'Compared with the Union at large, the prairie states stand for 36 per cent of population, 47 per cent of agriculture, 34 per cent of manufactures, 31 per cent of mining and 39 per cent of wealth, so that they may be said to constitute all round 25 per cent of the republic. In many respects they surpass in importance five or six European empires and kingdoms rolled into one.' And yet men still living can remember when their population did not exceed that of the island of Sardinia."

Loss from Strikes.

The great waste and damage to a country's industries involved in a great strike is well shown by some lately published statistics of the losses caused by the strike of the Welsh coal miners, which ended recently. This cost is placed at \$30,000,000, or \$1,500,000 weekly during the period the strike lasted. If the damage were confined to the mining industry itself this would be bad enough, but the interdependence of modern trade and commercial life make it necessary that a wide circle of industrial workers and enterprises should drink from the same cup. For instance, it is estimated that the loss in coal freights alone was fully \$7,000,000, while the losses of the railroads are placed at fully \$2,000,000. That the wages of sailors, etc. amounts paid for dock dues and other fairly measurable items were heavily reduced goes almost without saying. The indirect loss, some of which may never be regained, caused by the diversion of the coal trade to other countries is, of course, incalculable, but the decided boom given the United States export trade in coal to British colonial ports is of too close a date to be forgotten. It has even been stated—though, it is claimed, without adequate foundation—that the annual autumn manoeuvres of the British Channel fleet were postponed because of the strike.

Acetylene Gas.

The carbide calcium manufacturer in France is guaranteed to give 300 cubic liters of gas per kilogram. The output is constantly increasing, and the supply is fully equal to the demand. The retail price of the article

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There are two villages in France completely lighted by acetylene. They are Alzonne a town of 1,500 inhabitants, and Saurat-par-Tarascon, a place of 3,024 inhabitants. The ordinary method of introducing acetylene gas into towns, up to the present time, has been the same as that used by the local gas companies. For the privilege of furnishing gas to consumers at certain rates, the municipality usually demands of the contracting company that the lighting of the city itself shall be virtually free. It is claimed by the French acetylene gas companies that the installation of a gas plant in each particular house has become so simple that the consumers will not pay an increased price for gas on account of the free city lighting, but prefer to have their own plants thus having their light at a reduced cost and independent of the city plant.

Tenders.

Winnipeg city council will call for tenders for fire wood for civic buildings.

The Winnipeg school board will call for tenders for plumbing the Gladstone street school.

Tenders for the carrying of mail by stages in the different parts of Manitoba will close at the department at Ottawa on the 28th inst.

British Cattle Markets.

London, Oct. 10.—Trade in cattle was weaker. Choice States cattle sold 1-2c lower at 111-2c; choice Canadian 1c lower at 10c; Argentine, 1c lower at 10c, and ranchers were quoted at 9c. Sheep were also 1-2c lower, at 10c for Argentine and at 9 1-2c for choice Canadians.

Liverpool, Oct. 10.—Choice Canadian cattle and sheep sold at 9 1-2c to 10c. The outside figure for cattle is 1-2c lower than this day week.

A private cable received from Liverpool on Monday quoted choice Canadian cattle at 9 1-2c to 10c, and one from London also quoted them at 9 1-2c to 10c.

Freight Rates.

The Montreal grain freight market was firm at 3s to Liverpool for heavy grain, a load of oats being placed at 2s 9d; London 3s 6d. Flour 12s 6d to 15s, to Liverpool and London 15s. Cheese, Liverpool, 20s. Butter, Liverpool, 25s. Cattle, Liverpool 35s; London, 35s; Glasgow, 45s; Bristol and Manchester 35s.

J. A. Kinsella, of the Dominion government creamery department, reports that Prof. Robertson has disposed of almost the whole of the August make of butter at the government Territorial creameries at 20 cents a pound, chiefly to the Kootenay and the coast. This no doubt means 20 cents delivered, freight paid to British Columbia points.

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Table of dried fruit prices including Raisins, Peaches, Apples, Prunes, and various nuts. Includes sub-sections for Matches, Nuts, Syrup, Salt, Spices, and Teas.

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Table of tobacco prices including T. & B. 38, 48, and 98 Cads., Lily, Ss, Cads., Crescent, Ss, Cads., etc.

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Table of wooden ware prices including Pails, wire hoop, Pails, Star fibre, Tubs, No. 0 common, etc.

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Table of leather prices including Harness, oak, Harness, union oak No. 1, etc.

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Table of meat sundries prices including Fresh pork sausage, Bologna sausage, Ham, chicken and tongue, etc.

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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, Saturday, October 15.

The unfavorable weather has produced a decidedly less hopeful feeling in business circles. Advices from the country this week show that this feeling is prevalent among merchants throughout the country as well as in the city. Travellers now on the road have not found it as easy to make sales as it was two weeks ago, and in a few cases at least, commercial salesmen have come in to wait a more favorable turn in the weather, on account of the depressed feeling caused by the recent unfavorable conditions. This, of course applies only to certain branches of trade such as implements, vehicles, etc. There is no doubt but that the big storm of two weeks ago did considerable damage to grain in stacks, the driving wind forcing the rain into the stacks. The rain on Monday further delayed threshing, but only for a short time, and a good deal of threshing has been done this week. Considerable damp grain has been reported from the threshing going on this week, which is very unfortunate, as damp grain is not merchantable as it cannot be taken into storage. No doubt some of the damp grain is a result of threshing too soon after the rain, and later returns will show an improvement. In other cases where the wet has got into the stacks, careful handling in throwing out the wet portions, might have avoided an admixture of damp wheat in some cases at least. Grain in stack will of course be badly heated, but bleached wheat is much preferable to the damp wheat threshed from the stacks. Since the rain of Monday the weather has been favorable this week, though it looks unsettled to-day. Inspection returns up to October 1st show 85 1-2 per cent. of high grade wheat out of the total inspected at Winnipeg, which is a very good showing as to quality, the low grade including only one car of frost-damaged grain in 1,000 cars inspected, and but seven cars of damp wheat. The weather has interfered very much with railway construction and building, as well as with farm work and as the season is getting advanced great efforts are being made to push the work. In the Winnipeg district, where the potato and root crop is an important feature, a spell of dry weather is needed to get up the crop, much of which is still in the ground, and therefore in danger should a severe freeze set in. Bank clearings at Winnipeg this week were again over a million dollars under the corresponding week a year ago. This is of course owing to the very limited sales of wheat this year, compared with a year ago.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Saturday, Oct. 15

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

COAL.

The advent of a new coal in this market, as a result of the construction of the Crow's Nest railway and the opening of new coal mines in that region, is to be chronicled this week. The coal is a very high grade bituminous in quality and a splendid steam coal. It is also a coking coal. It cannot be sold here much under \$8 however, unless a better freight rate can be secured, and that puts it practically out of the market for this year at least, as anthracite coals are selling this year at the lowest prices on record in the Winnipeg market. Last year anthracite sold at \$10 and \$10.50 per ton here, delivered to consumers compared with \$8 to \$8.50 per ton this season, which makes it a bad time to introduce a new coal. Canadian anthracite was reduced yesterday to \$7 per ton.

FISH.

Haddies are arriving more freely and the price is lower, but only express lots are being received, which makes the cost high on account of the heavy charge for carriage in this way. Prices will be lower when shipments by ordinary freight begin to come in.

GROCERIES.

Business has been rather quieter in this branch this week. In the way of price changes the advance in corn foreshadowed during recent previous weeks has taken effect in an advance here of 10 to 15c per case. Raspberries are also 10c higher from the inside price. Red salmon is again higher, with an advance of 25c on the previous inside price. In dried fruits loose muscatel raisins are 1-2c higher. Sugars are easier in sympathy with the easier tendency in the east, and yellows are 1-8c lower here. The fight in the United States between the sugar trust and the new independent refineries has caused a big break in prices in United States markets, thereby diverting some lots of German sugar intended for New York, to Canada, which in turn has caused a weaker feeling in our markets.

GREEN FRUITS.

The market is very bare of lemons this week, stocks having become exhausted, and only small express lots being obtainable, which make them cost big laid down here. The first car of new season California lemons is expected at once, and prices will be lower next week. Washington plums have still been arriving this week, but there may be no further receipts, and next week will probably wind up the plum deal for the season. Peaches have also been arriving. Apples have sold very low this season, like most other fruits, but good stock is now being held firmer. The earliest arrivals of apples always contain a good many which cannot be held any length of time, and as it is necessary to clean out such stock at once, prices are thereby depressed by the efforts to get rid of poor keeping stock. Culverts are the principal apple now offering. Grapes are selling freely. A few crabs are still obtain-

able, but it is not likely any more will be brought in. Tomatoes are out. Prices are: Oranges, late Valencias, \$3.50 a box; bananas, a bunch, \$2 to \$2.50 as to size; California lemons, \$7 to \$7.50 per box; peaches, \$1.25 per box; British Columbia plums, 75c per box; Washington blue plums, \$1 per box; prune plums, \$1.15 per box; Oregon pears, \$2 to \$2.25; Ontario apples, \$2.50 to \$3 per barrel; crab apples, \$5 per barrel; crabs in boxes, \$1.75 per box; California grapes, \$2.50 for four basket crates; Ontario grapes, 10 lb. baskets, concord, 23c to 25c; Ontario pears, 10 to 50c per basket, as to quality; cranberries, Cape Cod, \$3.50 barrel; sweet potatoes, \$5.00 barrel; coconuts, \$1 per dozen; Sicily filberts, large, 11 to 12c per pound; Grenoble walnuts, 14c; Parragona almonds, 12 1-2 to 13c; peanuts, green, 9c; roasted, 12c; pecans, 14 to 15c; strained honey, 7 1-2 to 10c per pound; maple sugar, 11 to 12c; syrup per dozen half gallon tins, \$6.50; apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels.

HARDWARE AND PAINTS.

There has been no further change in prices in this branch. Business is somewhat quieter. The main feature of the trade is the strength in glass, and a further advance is expected by the first of next month. Winnipeg prices for glass are fully 30c per box below a parity with Eastern Canada markets, and the price keeps on an upward tendency in Eastern and foreign markets.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

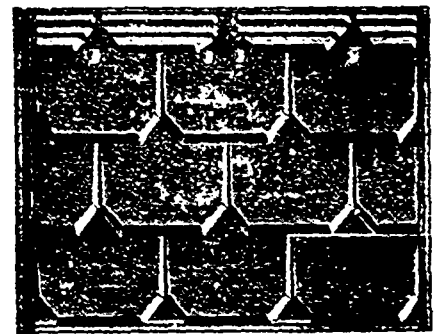
WHEAT—The markets during the past week have been subject to sudden and unexpected changes. Last Saturday the markets closed easy, and with a general impression that prices would probably go lower. Monday morning, however, found Liverpool

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excited over rumored political complications between the United Kingdom and France, and a sharp advance took place there. The American markets responded to the extent of fully 1c per bushel. On Tuesday the war scare seemed allayed and markets fell off in the forenoon, but suddenly advanced towards the close gaining a further appreciation of 1-2c to 1c per bushel. The remainder of the week has witnessed some erratic fluctuations. Yesterday Liverpool closed about 2c per bushel lower than the day before, and American markets opened 1-2c lower, but later advanced and closed 1-4c over the previous day's close. Receipts at primary points in the United States have again been very large for the week. The export demand has been good, and yesterday very large export purchases were reported, equal to 1,200,000 bushels, mostly on continental account, these being responsible for the advance in American markets in face of a decline of about 2c in Liverpool. The milling demand in the United States continues good. Accumulation of visible reserve stocks of breadstuffs is still on a small scale. Dry weather over Europe has interfered to a considerable extent with seeding of winter wheat there. Farmers all over the world continue to market their wheat in only a leisurely way. Advances in ocean freight rates, and an advance of 1 per cent in the Bank of England rate of discount, will operate to some extent in curbing the demand from Europe, unless prices decline on this side to correspond. The new winter wheat crop in the States continues to progress satisfactorily and the prospect is very promising for next season.

In the local market the tone has been strong and weak by turns, the sentiment of the trade sometimes changing twice in the course of the day, and thus prices paid have been very irregular, sometimes varying from 1c to 1 1-2c in the course of the day. Last Saturday closed with spot 1 hard offering at 70c affloat Fort William, and buyers bidding 69 1-2c. On Monday with higher outside markets and another bad rain storm over Manitoba 70 1-2c was paid for spot 1 hard, Tuesday spot 1 hard sold for 71c in the forenoon, but with the advance in the United States markets 72c was paid in the afternoon and for two or three cars 72 1-4c was paid, this being the highest price authentically reported. 1 northern on spot Fort William sold at 66 1-2c, with same grade for October delivery sold at 67 1-2c. Wednesday morning 72c was paid for spot 1 hard, but later the feeling became weaker and 71c was all buyers would pay. Thursday spot 1 hard sold at 71c, and this has continued to be the highest price since Wednesday. Yesterday buyers were only bidding 70c for spot 1 hard in the morning, but sales were made at 71c to parties who required the wheat to fill sales made for delivery first half of October. Even after outside markets had closed strong and higher, buyers would not bid over 71c for spot 1 hard. No. 1 northern has been selling the last few days at 66c to 67 1-2c spot Fort William, according to tone of market at time of sale. Yesterday 66 1-2c was the best price paid or offered for 1 northern, spot Fort William. The export value of 1 hard has fallen on New York prices is 7-4c c.i.f. Buffalo and 1 northern 69 1-2c. Freight Fort William to Buffalo can-

not now be secured under 3c per bushel. Allowing 1c per bushel for insurance, exchange and incidental charges will leave the export value of No. 1 hard at 70c and 1 northern 67 1-2c per bushel affloat Fort William. No. 2 hard, 2 northern and 1 spring are worth 62c in store Fort William and scoured 1 and 2 hard is quoted at the same figure. It is to be noted that the spread between 1 hard and 1 northern is being widened and instead of 3c as previously it is now 4 1-2c to 5c per bushel. This week very few sales have been made on basis, as buyers have found that delivery of sales on basis 1 hard is almost invariably made in 1 northern, unless car numbers of wheat sold have been given previous to inspection.

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

MILLFEED—A good demand for feed keeps up, which absorbs all offering. Prices are unchanged. Bran is quoted at \$9 and shorts at \$11 per ton for small lots, with large lots at 50c to \$1 per ton less, as to quantity.

GROUND FEED—Mixed chop barley and oats is quoted at \$17 to \$20 per ton as to quality.

OATS—The wet weather which prevailed at the beginning of the present week has further checked the deliveries of oats and the supply of oats continues very limited. There are no old oats left, and so few of the new crop have been marketed that there was hardly enough to supply the demand this week. Shippers ask 24 to 25c per bushel of 34 pounds for car lots at country points, and we quote 28 to 30c on track Winnipeg, freight paid. Very few however, have been obtainable. A few loads have been marketed here by farmers and such were taken at 28 to 30c. The bad roads keep back deliveries.

BARLEY—This grain, like oats, has not been offering, on account of the delay caused by the wet weather. Quoted nominal at 30c per bushel of 48 lbs.

BUTTER—Creamery—The market is steady and unchanged at about the same range of prices as quoted last week. Some of the factories are still holding out for 20c. Buyers have paid 19 to 19 1-2c, as to quality.

BUTTER—Dairy—The market is firm. Round lots of good average quality bring 13 1-2 to 14c here. Several lots having been bought in the country at 13 1-2c, which is about equal to 14c here. Offerings in the country have been smaller lately, owing to bad roads and larger consumption on the farms during harvest work. At some country points merchants have been paying prices several cents per lb higher than the butter would sell for in this market.

CHEESE—The market is easier. Factories have been offering more freely. Some factories that have held all the season are now offering, but owing to the large supply of Ontario cheese which has been brought in, buyers are not keen to contract for large lots, consequently factories cannot do as well now as they could have done before the eastern cheese was brought in. Last year there was a big local boom in cheese toward the close of the season, and the factories which held consequently made good money. This no doubt induced more factories to hold this year. But things do not always work out the same way, and

holding this year to the end of the season has not brought the best results. We quote 83-4 to 9c. Small sizes will bring a fraction more in a limited way.

EGGS—The market is very firm, owing to light supplies. Very few eggs are now coming in from the country. Prices are again about 1c higher, as high as 18c having been paid this week and we quote 15 1-2 to 16c. Dealers are selling at 17 1-2 to 18c.

DRESSED MEATS—Pork continues very scarce and with a higher tendency. Veal is plentiful. Mutton holds steady. It is said contracts have been made to deliver mutton later on at 6 1-2c and lamb at 7 1-2c. There is a wide range in the quality of beef offering, but 5 to 5 1-4c is the general price. Mutton 7 to 7 1-2c; lamb 9c; dressed hogs, 7 1-2 to 8c; veal, large calves 4 1-2 to 5c; real veal 6 1-2 to 7c; beef 4 3-4 to 5 1-2c as to quality.

POULTRY—Quotations are as follows: Chickens, 50 to 60c per pair live; spring chickens, 30 to 50c per pair as to quality and size; turkeys, 10 to 11c per pound live weight; ducks, 65 to 80c per pair, or 8c per pound live weight; geese, none.

GAME—Mallard ducks bring 25c to 30c per pair; canvass backs, 35 to 40c, and small varieties 15 to 20c per pair.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes are scarcer and higher, owing to light deliveries on account of bad roads. The continued wet weather has made it almost impossible to take up potatoes, and unless we have a change soon, there will be large loss of potatoes in the ground. Quotations are as follows: Potatoes, 30 to 35c per bushel; turnips, 15c to 20c per bushel; carrots, 40c; beets, 40c per bushel; cabbage, 25c to 40c per dozen; cauliflower 30 to 50c per doz; celery, 20 to 25c per doz; onions, 75 to 90c per bushel; green tomatoes, 40c per bushel; local ripe tomatoes, 2 to 3c lb; mushrooms, 10 to 12 1-2c per lb. Citrons scarce at 1 to 1 1-2c lb.

HIDES—Hides easy at unchanged prices. Dealers would like to get the price worked down to 7c, as they claim there is no money in them at 7 1-2c. We quote hides, No. 1 7 1-2c; No. 2, 6 1-2c; kip 6 1-2 to 7 1-2c; calf, 7c to 9c; deacon skins, 15 to 25c each; sheepskins and lambskins 20 to 40c; horse hides 75c to \$1.75 each; colts, 25c each.

WOOL—We quoted 81-2c to 9c for unwashed Manitoba fleeces.

TALLOW—No. 1 31-2c; No. 2, 21-2 to 3c.

SENECA ROOT—Nominal at 19 to 20c.

HAY—Baled hay is quoted at about \$6 on cars here, or \$4.50 to \$5 per ton at point of shipment in the country. Owing to bad roads loose hay has sold as high as \$3 to \$10 per ton. The recent wet weather has damaged a lot of hay in the country, some that was stacked in low land being damaged or destroyed on account of the land being flooded.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—Stocker cattle are easier. Shipments of stocker cattle are still being made to the United States, though there promises to be a large quantity of grain in the country this year which could be used to good advantage for feeding these animals. Shippers of fat cattle say they would lose money on some cattle sold in England this week owing to the decline in prices there.

Export cattle are quoted in Winnipeg at 3 to 3d-1c, and butcher's 2d-2 to 3c as to quality, the latter price for butchers', being an extreme price for choice cattle.

COWS—New milkers are scarce and good prices are offered for such. Pair cows would readily bring \$30 each, and good cows \$35 to \$40. These prices for new milkers.

SHEEP—Sheep continue to bring good prices ranging this season through about 1c over a year ago. This is owing to the increased demand from Kootenay and other British Columbia markets, which has taken a good many sheep from the ranges. Sheep raising declined for some years, both in Manitoba and the Territorial range districts, and some breeders sold off everything. This year there is a tendency to hold ewes, with the object of increasing the flocks which is another cause for lighter offerings and consequent higher prices. Prices are steady at last week's quotations of 3 to 3d-2c for good to prime animals, the top price being for straight lots of good wethers, and 4 to 4d-4c for lambs.

HOGS—Offerings have continued very light. In fact there has not been sufficient to supply the demand from butchers for cutting fresh, to say nothing of the wants of packers. One firm of wholesale butchers have actually been obliged to go east for hogs, for the city trade, and a couple of cars have been brought in from Toronto this week. It is a matter for much regret that with all the feed in the country the supply of hogs is so limited. Of course hogs are always scarce while harvest work is going on as farmers will not leave their work to market them, and this year, with wet weather and bad roads the scarcity was likely to be more prolonged than usual. Hogs will be offered more freely later on, but the supply in the country is not expected to be large this season. They are quoted at 5 to 5d-1-4 here off cars.

HORSES—An auction sale of one car Montana range horses was held in the city this week, when good prices were realized. These were a better class than the ordinary range horse, being well broken and weighing 1,300 to 1,550 lbs., and of Percheron stock. These horses sold at a range of \$75 to \$115 each, most going about \$80. A few range horses of a smaller broncho cross class sold at about \$50 to \$55 each.

Minneapolis Markets.

Compared with a week ago flour is 5c higher, corn 1c higher, oats 1-4c higher, barley 1 to 2c higher, flax seed 1 1/2-1c higher, millfeed 50c higher, butter 1c higher, eggs 1-2c lower, hides 1-4c higher.

Flour—Prices in barrels. First patents \$3.60 to \$3.80; second patents \$3.40 to \$3.60.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$8.50 to \$9; bran in bulk, \$8.50 to \$9, corn feed, \$10.75 to \$12.25 per ton as to quality.

Corn—Corn quoted at 25 1/4 to 28 1/2c for No. 3.

Oats—Oats held at 27 to 28 1/4c for No. 3 white.

Barley—Malting 33 to 39c; feed quoted at 30 to 32c.

Flax seed—\$7 3/4c per bushel.

Eggs—12 1/2 to 13 1/2c for strictly fresh, including cases; seconds, 6 to 7c.

Cheese—Choice fancy, 9 to 10 1/2c; fair to good, 8 to 9c.

Butter—Creamery, 19 to 20 1/2c; seconds, 15 to 16c; dairy, 15 to 18c for choice to fancy; seconds, 12 to 14c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 5 1/2 to 7c; lamb, 8 to 10c; veal, 7 to 8 1/2c.

Potatoes—Car lots mixed, 17 to 22c per bushel.

Poultry—Hens, 5c; roosters, 4c; spring chickens, 7 1/2 to 8c; turkeys, 7 1/2 to 8c; ducks, 7 to 7 1/2c; geese, 5c; all live weight.

Hides—Green salted hides, 9 1/2c for No. 1; 8 1/2c No. 2; bulls, oxen and brands, 7 1/4 to 8 1/2c; sheepskins, 25 to 30c each; veal calf, 9 3/4 to 11 1/4c; tallow, 2 1/4 to 3 1/2c; seneea root, 20 to 24c.

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

Hay—\$6.50 to \$7 per ton for timothy; mixed clover, \$4.50 to \$5; prairie, \$5 to \$7.

Manitoba Country Markets.

Prices for wheat to farmers at Manitoba country markets were advanced 1/2c on Wednesday, to 57c for No. 1 hard, and other grades in proportion. This advance made prices at points having a 16 1/2 and 17 1/2 cent freight rate to Fort William, range as follows for the different grades. No. 1 hard 57c; No. 2 hard and No. 1 northern 54c; No. 3 hard and No. 2 northern, 49c; No. 1 rejected 43c; No. 2 rejected 39c; No. 1 frosted 37. Prices, however, varied greatly in different markets, according as they were influenced by local conditions. For instance, at Carberry, on Thursday, it is said the average price paid for all grades was about 61c, and the average would not be better than No. 2 hard in quality, which would therefore be equal to 64c for No. 1 hard. No. 1 northern and 2 hard have depreciated in price for shipment, compared with No. 1 hard, the difference in value between 1 hard and 1 northern now being 4 1/2 to 5c per bushel. This difference has not yet been put into effect in buying from farmers in country markets, doubtless owing to the small offerings, but it is likely to go into effect when offerings become large. Very little wheat was moving early in the week, owing to the rain on Sunday and Monday, but offerings by farmers were gradually increasing as the week advanced, and were becoming more liberal toward the end of the week, as thrashing was once more under way. A good deal of damp wheat was showing up from grain threshed this week. The week appears to be winding up wet again. Minneapolis markets

Bank Clearings.

New York, Oct. 14.—Bank clearings totals at eighty-nine cities, as telegraphed to Bradstreet's, for the week ending Oct. 13, show total clearances \$1,389,261,652, an increase of 6 1/2 per cent as compared with the corresponding period last year. Outside of New York city the clearances were \$556,133,465, increase 6.8 per cent.

The clearances for the Dominion of Canada were Montreal \$14,830,652, increase 4 per cent; Toronto, \$9,028,587, increase 1.5 per cent; Winnipeg, \$1,987,014, decrease 51.5 per cent; Halifax, \$1,280,332, decrease 1.5 per cent; Hamilton, \$687,631, decrease 3.5 per cent; St. John, \$566,294, decrease 1.2 per cent.



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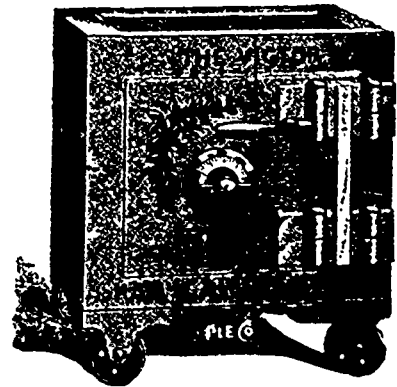
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BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.

Vancouver, Oct. 15, 1898.

Strong efforts have been made to advance the price of butter, and prices are nominally about 1c higher on creamery; dairy unchanged. Demand poor. Eggs are 1c lower. Some pickled eggs are coming in, and they are held 1c higher than fresh, which seems somewhat unusual. Cheese has been sold here at 10 1/2c. This is presumably early made cheese that was bought some time ago, as at present prices east it would cost 11@11 1/2c to lay cheese down here in car lots. Large local offerings of potatoes have reduced prices \$1@2 per ton.

Butter—Creamery, jobbers price, 22@23c; Dairy, jobbers price, 17@18c.

Eggs—Local, 35c; Eastern eggs, jobbers prices, 17 1/2@18 1/2c.

Cheese—Ontario, 11c, jobbers price. Cured Meats—Hams 12 1/2@13c; breakfast bacon 12 1/2@13c; backs 12 1/2@13c; short clear 10 1/2c; short rolls 10 1/2c; smoked sides 11 @ 12 1/2c; Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 10c per lb, in pails and tubs 9 1/2c lb.

Fish—Flounders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked salmon 10c; fresh halibut, 6c; salmon, 6c.

Vegetables—Potatoes, \$9@10 per ton; California silver skin onions, 1 1/2c; cabbage 2c lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12.00 a ton; local onions, \$20 per ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons, 5@5.50 box; bananas, bunch \$2.75; peaches, 85c @1.10; grapes, \$1.40; pears, \$1@1.25 box; apples, 65c; tomatoes, 3c lb; valencia oranges, \$2.75; watermelons, \$2.50 doz.; nutmeg melons, \$2.00.

Meal—Rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$2.80; 2 1/2 45 pounds sacks \$2.90; 4 2 1/2 pound sacks \$3.10; 10.7 sacks, \$2.50; Oatmeal, 10 10's, \$3.25; 2 50's, \$3.00.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$5.00; strong bakers \$4.70; Oregon, jobbers price, \$5.00.

Grain—Oats, 18.00 @ \$20.00 per ton; wheat, 23.00@25.00 per ton;

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$23.00 per ton; shorts \$20 ton; bran \$18; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

Hay—\$8 to \$10 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef, 6@7 1/2c; mutton 10@10 1/2c; pork 10c; veal 10@10 1/2c; Pemmican 40c lb.

Live Stock—Steers, \$3.50 per 100 lbs; sheep, \$4.00 per 100 lbs; hogs, \$7.00 per 100 lbs; cows, 3.00 per 100 lbs live weight.

Poultry—Chickens, \$4 @ \$6 dozen.

Evaporated Fruits—Apricots 10 1/2c per lb; peaches 9c; plums, 9@10c; prunes, French 5@7 1/2c; loose muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6@8 1/2c lb.

Nuts—Almonds, 13c; filberts, 12 1/2c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12 1/2c; walnut, 13c lb.

Sugars—Powdered, icing and bar, 6 1/2c. Paris lump, 6 1/2c; granulated, 5c; extra C. 4 1/2c; fancy yellows 4 1/2c; yellow 4 1/2c lb.

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 2 1/2c pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2 1/2c; 5 gallon tins \$1.75 each; 1 gal. tins, \$4.50 case of 10; 1/2 gallon tins, \$5.25 case of 20.

Teas—Congo: Fair, 11 1/2c; good 18c; choice 29c. Ceylon: Fair, 25c; good 30c; choice, 35c lb.

Toronto Hardware Market.

Toronto, Oct. 15.

Pig Iron—Canadian, \$14.00.

Bar Iron—Base price, \$1.45 @ 1.55; band iron, \$1.85 for Canadian and \$2.00 for imported; hoop iron \$2.

Sheet Steel—12-gauge, \$2.25 per 100 lbs; 16-gauge, \$2.40; 18@20, \$2.30@2.40; 22@24, \$2.30@2.40; 26, \$2.35@2.45; 28, \$2.45@2.55.

Galvanized Iron—16-gauge, 3 1/2c; 18@24, \$3.87 1/2c; 26, 4 1/2c and 28 at \$4.37 1/2.

Lead—Pig, 4@4 1/2c; sheet, 4 1/2@4 1/2c per lb; shot, can., dis. 7 1/2 per cent; pipe, dis. 25 per cent.

Black Iron—10@12 gauge, \$2.25@2.40 per 100 lbs; 14@16 gauge, \$2.60@2.70; 18@20 gauge, \$2.30@2.40; 22@24 gauge, \$2.25@2.35; 26-gauge, \$2.30@2.40; 28-gauge, \$2.45@2.55.

Coil chain—1/2 in., \$4.65; 5-16 in., \$3.75; 3/4 in., \$3.25; 7-16 in., \$3.15; 1 in., \$3.10; 1 1/4 in., \$2.80; 3/4 in., \$2.75.

Sheet Zinc—61@6 1/2c per lb.

Antimony—10 1/2@11c; solder 11 1/2c@12 1/2.

Ingot Copper—12 1/2c@13 per lb.

Ingot Tin—18 1/2@19c.

Canada plates—Half-polished. 52-sheet boxes, \$2.35; do, 60-sheet boxes, \$2.40; dull 75-sheet boxes, \$2.50; all-bright "Garth," \$2.60 per box; do, "alaska," \$3.00.

Timplates—Cokes, \$3.00@3.10 for 14x20; do, squares, \$3.15@3.25; \$6.25 for 20x28; charcoal plates, \$3.50@3.60 basis for good brands.

Iron Pipe—Black pipe, per 100 ft., 1/2 to 3/4 inch, \$2.10; 1/2 inch, \$2.20@2.30; 3/4 inch, \$2.65@2.75; 1 in., \$3.65@3.80; 1 1/4 in., \$4.85@5.05; 1 1/2 inch, \$6.30@6.60; 2 inch, \$8.50@8.75. Galvanized, 1/2 inch, \$3.87 1/2; 3/4 inch, \$4.75; 1 inch, \$6.75; 1 1/4 in., \$9.00; 1 1/2 inch, \$11.50; 2 inch, \$15.12 1/2.

Barb Wire—\$1.75, terms 30 days or 2 percent., ten days f.o.b. Toronto.

Fence Wire—Annealed, oiled and annealed, 35 per cent.; galvanized, 30 per cent.; terms 4 months or 3 per cent. 30 days. Bright wire 35 per cent.

Nails, Wire—Base price, \$1.75@1.80.

Cut Nails—\$1.75 base price, with 5c keg, Toronto, Hamilton, London and Montreal.

Horse Nails—Discount on regular brands, 50 per cent.

Horseshoes—Iron, light and medium pattern, \$3.25 per keg, Toronto and Hamilton.

Screws—Flat head bright, 87 1/2c; round head bright, 80; flat head brass, 82 1/2; round head brass, 75 per cent.

Bolts—Common carriage bolts, 1@5-16, 70 per cent; tire bolts, 70 and 5; machine bolts, 60 and 10; blank bolts, 60 per cent; sleigh shoe bolts, 80 per cent; plough bolts, 60; stove bolts, 70 and 5; nuts, square, 4 1/2c; hexagon, 5 1/2c.

Rivets—Iron, 60 per cent; copper rivets, 45 per cent.

Glass—First break in 50-foot boxes, \$1.70, and in 100-foot boxes, \$3.20; double diamond, under 25 united inches, \$4.75. Toronto, 4 months, or 3 per cent 30 days.

Green Wirecloth—\$1.20 per 100 square feet; terms, 4 months or 3 per cent for 30 days.

Spades and Shovels—Discounts 40 and 10@45 and 2 1/2 per cent.

Rope—Sisal, 7-16 in. and larger, 10c; 3/4 in., 10 1/2c; 1/2 and 5-16 in., 11c; Manila, 7-16 and larger, 11 1/2c; 3/4, 12 1/2c; 1/2 and 5-16, 13.

Toronto Grocery Market.

Toronto, Oct. 15.

Sugar—Standard granulated sugar, 4 1/2c; yellows, 3 13-16@4 1/2c.

Syrup and Molasses—Syrup medium, 30c@32c; special bright, 35c@42c. Molasses—West Indian, bris, 32c@45c; New Orleans, 23@30c; for medium and 35c@47c for bright.

Teas—Japans, low grade, 16c@18c per lb; Young Hysons, seconds 16c@19c; firsts, 25@45c; Indian, 18@50c; Congous, low grades, 10c@15c; mediums, 22@25c, and fines, 40c @ 55c; Ceylons, 17 @ 25c; Formosa Oolongs, 25@65c.

Coffees—Green, Rio, 7 1/2@11 1/2c; Mocha, 23c@28c; Java, 30c@32c.

Canned goods—Tomatoes, \$5@90c; peas, 75c@81; sifted peas, \$1.05@1.20; corn, 85@90c; beans, 70@90c; pumpkins, 70@75c; strawberries, 2's, \$1.50 @ 1.80, raspberries, 2's, \$1.60@1.90; peaches, 2's, \$1.65@1.75; 3's, \$2.40@2.50. Cohoes Salmon, \$1.15@1.20; sock-eyes, \$1.50@1.60; lobsters, halves, \$1.75; tail lbs, \$2.80; flats, \$3.25.

Nuts—Marbots, 10c; filberts, Sicily, 9c; Grenoble Walnuts, 12@13c.

Rice—Rice, bags, 3 1/2@4c; do Patna, 5 1/2 @6c; do Japan, 6@6 1/2c.

Dried Fruits—Raisins, Valencias, off-stalk 5 1/2c; fine off-stalk, 6c; selected, 6 1/2c; layers, 6 1/2@7c; Provincial, currants, 6@6 1/2c; Filiatras, 6 1/2@7c; Patras, 7c; Vostizzas, 7c. California evaporated fruits—Apricots, 10 1/2 @ 14c; pears, 9c @ 10c; prunes, 70's to 80's 7 1/2 @ 8c; 80's to 90's 7@7 1/2c; 90's to 100's, 6 1/2 @ 7 1/2c. Bosnia prunes, 5 1/2@6 1/2c; Sultanas, 9 1/2c@13c. Peel—Orange, 12c @ 15c per lb; citron, 18c @ 20c; lemon 11c @14c. Hallowee dates, 5@5 1/2c. Malaga, London layers, \$1.30@1 50 per box; black baskets, \$2.00; blue baskets, \$2.25; royal clusters, \$4.00; quarter flats, London layers, 65c; black baskets, 75c; blue baskets, 85c; Dehesia, clusters \$1.25.

S; ices—Ginger, Jamaica 25c; Cochin 20c; cloves, Zanzibar, 15 @ 18c; Amboy, 15 @ 25c; allspice, 20c; nutmegs, 50c@81; cream tartar, pure, 25@28c, and 15@23c for compound.

PROVISIONS.

Mess Pork—\$16.00@16.50 for Canada mess; short cut, \$17; clear mess, \$15.50.

Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, car lots 8 1/2@8 3/4c, ton and case lots, 8 1/2 @9c.

Smoked Meats—Breakfast bacon, 11 1/2c; hams, large 11c and 11c to 1 1/2c for medium; rolls, 9c; green meats out of pickle are quoted 1c less than smoked.

Lard—Tubs, 7 1/2c; pails, 7 1/2c.

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Western Business Items.

Sixty miles on the Swan river extension of the Dauphin railway will be finished this season.

Walter Bros. of Rat Portage, has decided to build another steamer for the Lake of the Woods trade.

Tracklaying on the Stonewall extension of the Canadian Pacific railway will be commenced on Monday.

R. W. McLeod, merchant, of Portage la Prairie, Man., has gone to Indian Head, Assa., to establish a branch store at that point.

The track on the Southeastern railway will be laid this year to St. Annes and if possible to a point forty miles from Winnipeg. Grading will be completed to a point sixty miles distant from Winnipeg.

John Giles, butcher, Portage la Prairie, Man., offers to sell out. This is one of the most prosperous and best managed meat business in Manitoba, and is a rare opportunity for a good man who wishes to take the business.

A twelve stall round-house, machine and car repair shops, storehouse, blacksmith shop, coal trucks, ash pits and turn-tables, are being built by Jas McDermail, of Winnipeg, for the Canadian Pacific railway at Calgary. The work will be finished early in the new year. The cost will be \$75,000.

A telegram from Montreal yesterday says, John S. Douglas, of Winnipeg, was arrested here yesterday on a capias issued in 1896 at the instance of E. H. Kostock, wholesale furrier. He will serve the three months' sentence passed on him in his absence some time ago in Montreal for making a fraudulent transfer of his goods to the detriment of his creditors.

The Fairchild Company.

A meeting of the Fairchild Company was held on Monday, and after adjournment the following announcement was made to the public:

Owing to the lamentable death of Frank A. Fairchild, our late president, we have this day elected the following officers:

- J. H. Fairchild, president.
- L. E. Fairchild, vice-president and manager threshing department.
- G. E. Dixon, secretary.
- H. W. Hutchinson, treasurer and general manager, who will carry on the business as heretofore, characterized by the same spirit of fairness and liberality.

While thanking you for the very liberal patronage and confidence which you have extended to us in the past, we solicit a continuance of the same, assuring you we shall endeavor to merit it by promptness and care in all our business dealings.

Respectfully yours,

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Winnipeg, Oct. 11th, 1898.

Wheat Crops.

Of the 236,000,000 bushels increase indicated in European crops over 1897 France is expected to furnish 104,000,000 bushels, Italy 40,000,000 bushels, the Danubian countries 40,000,000 bushels, Austria-Hungary 33,000,000 bushels, Russia (including Poland and Caucasus) 11,000,000 bushels and the United Kingdom 9,000,000 bushels. Smaller gains by Turkey, Greece, Belgium, Holland and Switzerland hardly offset small decreases in Germany, Spain, Portugal and Sweden. As regards American yields, the estimates

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point to an aggregate gain of 88,000,000 bushels, of which the United States furnishes 60,000,000 bushels, Canada 11,000,000 bushels, Argentina 10,000,000, and the balance is made up by small but general gains in Mexico, Chili and Uruguay. A falling off of 20,000,000 bushels is indicated in Asiatic yields, of which Turkey accounts for 10,000,000 and India for 8,000,000 bushels. A gain of 13,000,000 bushels in Africa and of 20,000,000 bushels in Australia are of interest chiefly as showing the almost world-wide tendency toward enlarged production of the leading world's cereal.—Bradstreets.

Exports	48,806,924	43,465,085
Imports	32,990,471	44,190,170
Aggregate trade...	\$80,797,395	\$87,655,255
Duty collected ...	\$ 5,127,700	\$ 6,784,944

Increase in duty \$1,657,244
The exports for the month of September, included in the above, show a drop of over \$2,000,000 in the exports, or from \$16,400,000 in September, 1897, to \$14,600,000 last month. The imports, on the other hand, increased from \$12,000,000 to \$13,000,000. The increase in duty for the month was about \$60,000.

Trade Returns.

Ottawa, Oct. 14.—The trade returns of the Dominion for the first quarter of the current fiscal year, ending Sept. 30 last, show an increase in the aggregate trade of the country of about \$7,000,000 over the same period of last year. It must also be remembered that last year's figures were the highest on record.

The aggregate record for the quarter is \$87,282,409, compared with \$80,797,394 for the same time in 1897. There is an increase in the imports of over \$11,000,000, and a decrease in the exports of about \$4,000,000. The imports are \$44,190,170, as against \$32,990,471 for the previous year. The exports are \$43,465,085, compared with \$47,806,924 in 1897. The duty for the current year is \$6,784,944, as against \$5,127,700, an increase of \$1,657,244. The export figures for both quarters in 1898 and 1897 are as follows:

	1897.	1898.
Produce of mine...	\$ 3,644,759	\$ 3,043,140
Produce of fisheries	2,482,031	2,386,258
Produce of forest	13,808,559	12,824,711
Animals' other produce	15,441,855	12,546,627
Agricultural products	9,213,527	9,354,972
Manufacturers	2,874,425	2,836,387
Miscellaneous	89,623	100,138
Bullion	214,665	324,741
Gold	37,500	48,105

Bank Currency.

Much of the paper currency of Canadian banks has no legal standing. It is simply the printed promises of banks to pay the bearer on demand a stipulated quantity of yellow metal. It passes from hand to hand in commerce so far as people are willing to accept it for their goods and no farther. Any individual can give his note at sight for goods to anyone willing to accept it, and it can pass from hand to hand in trade. The negotiation of such promissory notes is a common business transaction. While there is no law against it, and rightly so, there is a protection for the unwary in a law that no person or firm other than a chartered bank can issue notes intended for circulation. Banks have no monopoly of the money except in the same sense that farmers have a monopoly of the grain, fishermen a monopoly of the fish and weavers a monopoly of the cloth trade. There is absolutely free trade in money, and every bank must compete with lenders in all parts of the world. This issuing of printed promises accepted as money is an advantage in which both borrower and lender share. If the privilege or right were denied the profits of banking would be less, and borrowers would pay higher rates of interest.—Trade Review.

CHEESE MARKETS.

Liverpool, Oct. 14.—Cheese, colored and white quoted at 42s 6d, which shows an advance of 6d on the week.

New York Wheat.

New York, Oct. 10.—Wheat receipts, 295,075 bushels; exports, 73,880 bushels; sales, 1,730,000 bushels; futures; 240,000 bushels spot. Options opened strong on higher cables and war talk, and, with the exception of a mid-day decline under realizing, were firm all day; closing 7-8c to 1c higher. The afternoon advance was due to heavy export purchases and a small visible supply increase. March, 71 3-8c to 71 3-4c, closed 71 3-4c; May, 69 5-16c to 69 7-8c; closed 69 3-4c; Dec., 69 9-16c to 70 1-4c, closed 70c.

New York, Oct. 11.—Wheat receipts 388,500 bushels; exports, 113,230 bushels; sales, 1,125,000 bushels futures 266,000 bushels spot. Options opened firm on cables, and but for a brief morning set back under realizing, displayed market strength all day, particularly in the afternoon. Exporters were heavy buyers and this with prospective smaller receipts produced vigorous late coverings. The close was 1-8c a 5-8c net higher. May 69 1-4c a 70 5-16c. Closed 70 1-4c; Dec. 69 11-16c a 70 11-16c, closed 70 5-8c.

New York, Oct. 12.—Wheat receipts, 137,825 bushels; exports, 270,415 bushels; sales, 1,325,000 bushels futures; 258,000 bushels spot. Options opened firm and developed pronounced strength later, in consequence of bullish cable news, large export sales, covering and investment purchases. Near the close, however, a sharp break occurred on general realizing which left the market finally unchanged to 1-8c lower. March closed 72 3-8c; May, 70 1-8c to 70 7-8c, closed 70 1-8c; Dec., 70 5-8c to 71 7-8c, closed 70 5-8c.

New York, Oct. 13.—Flour receipts 23,221 barrels, exports 13,515 bus; sales 9,000 packages.

Wheat — Receipts 274,725 bushels; exports 386,628 bushels, sales 1,175,000 bushels; futures; 138,000 bushels spot. Options were at first strong on unexpected bullish Liverpool cables, but gradually eased off under disappointing export trade, closing with a slight rally at 3-8c to 1-2c advance. Foreign houses sold moderately, seaboard clearances were liberal. March closed 73c; May 70c to 71c, closed 70 1-2c; Dec. 70 3-4c to 71 3-4c; closed 71 3-4c.

New York, Oct. 14.—Wheat — Receipts 296,000 bushels; exports 115,810 bushels, sales 1,230,000 bushels futures, 152,000 bushels spot. Options were weak and lower early, under disappointing cables, and short selling; with a later development of heavy export business, however, shorts stamped, and a violent recovery took place, leaving final prices 1-4c to 3-8c net higher. Sales include No. 2 red, March, opened 72 1-2 to 73 3-8, closed 73 3-8; May opened 69 13-16 to 70 7-8, closed 70 3-4; Dec. opened 70 1-2 to 71 3-4, closed 71 5-8.

New York, Saturday, Oct. 15.—December wheat closed at 71 7-8c, and May at 71c.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

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

Chicago, Oct. 10.—The leading futures closed as follows:—
Wheat, Oct., 63 7-8c; Dec., 63 3-4c to 63 7-8c; May, 63 1-8c.

Corn, Oct., 29 1-2c; Dec., 29 7-8c; May, 31 7-8c to 32c.

Oats, Dec., 21 1-2c to 21 5-8c; May, 22 7-8c to 23c.

Pork, December, \$7.67; January, \$8.80.
Lard, December, \$4.75; January, \$4.80.

Ribs, October, \$5.20; January, \$4.62.

Chicago, Oct. 11.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat — Oct. 64 3-4c; Dec. 64 5-8c; May 65 1-2 to 5-8c.

Corn — Oct. 30 1-8c; Dec. 30 1-2; May 32 5-8c.

Oats — Dec. 21 3-4c to 7-8c; May 73 1-8c.

Pork—Dec. \$7.75; Jan. \$8.59.
Lard—Dec. \$4.60; Jan. \$4.90.

Ribs—Oct. \$5.25; Jan. \$4.67 1-2.

Chicago, Oct. 12.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat, Oct., 64 3-4c; Dec., 64 1-4c to 64 3-8c; May, 65 3-8c.

Corn, Oct., 30 1-8c; Dec., 30 1-2c; May, 31 3-4c.

Oats, Dec., 22c to 22 1-8c; May, 21c.

Pork, Dec., \$7.82 1-2; Jan., \$9.02 1-2.
Lard, Dec., \$4.80; Jan., \$4.87 1-2.

Ribs, Oct., \$5.32 1-2; Jan., \$4.70.

Chicago, Oct. 13.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat — Oct. 65c; Dec. 64 7-8c; May 65 7-8 to 66c.

Corn — Oct. 30 3-8c; Dec. 30 5-8c to 3-4c; May 32 7-8c.

Oats — Dec. 22 3-8c to 1-2c; May 23 3-8c.

Pork — Dec. \$7.57 1-2, Jan. \$9.10.
Lard — Dec. \$4.82 1-2; Jan. \$4.92 1-2.

Short ribs — Oct. \$5.32 1-2; Jan. \$4.72 1-2.

Chicago, Oct. 14.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat — Oct. 65 1-4c; Dec. 65 to 65 1-8c; May 66 1-8 to 66 1-4c.

Corn — Oct. 32 5-8c; Dec. 31c; May 33 1-4 to 33 3-8c.

Oats — Dec. 22 5-8c; May 23 3-8c.

Pork — Dec. \$7.97 1-2, Jan. \$9.22 1-2.

Lard — Dec. \$4.92 1-2; Jan. \$5.02 1-2.

Ribs — Oct. \$5.30, Jan. \$4.77 1-2.

Chicago Saturday, October 15.—December wheat opened at 65 3-8c, and ranged from 64 1-2 to 65 3-8c. Closing prices were:

Wheat—Oct., 64 3-4c; Dec., 64 1-2c; May, 65 5-8c.

Corn—Oct., 30 5-8c; Dec., 31c.

Oats—Oct., 21 7-8c; Dec., 22 1-4c.

Pork—Oct., \$7.87 1-2; Dec., \$7.97 1-2.

Lard—Dec., \$4.97 1-2; Jan., \$5.05.

Ribs—Dec., \$4.75; Jan., \$4.77 1-2.

A week ago December option closed at 62 3-4c. A year ago December wheat closed at 92 1-2c, two years ago at 75 7-8c, three years ago at 60 1-8c four years ago at 53 1-4c.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—Dec., 61 7-8c; May, 64 1-2c.

Tuesday—Dec., 62 3-4c; May, 65 1-8c.

Wednesday—Dec., 62 7-8c; May, 65.

Thursday—Dec., 63 1-8c; May, 65 3-8c.

Friday—Oct., 65 5-8c; Dec., 63c; May, 65 1-2c.

Saturday—Oct. 65c; Dec. 62 1-2c; May 64 7-8c.

Cash No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 68 3-4c, and cash No. 1 northern at 65 1-4c.

A week ago December wheat closed at 60 7-8c.

A year ago December wheat closed at 87 1-8c. Two years ago December option closed 74 1-2c, and three years ago at 56 7-8c, and four years ago at 56 1-4c.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

With the weather rough and unsettled and rain reported from the west, the local market was firm today, notwithstanding the decline shown in United States markets. There was not much business done. One sale of 5,000 bushels, October delivery, was reported at 71 1-2c at Fort William for No. 1 hard. Fort William stocks on Monday were 769,000 bushels.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, Oct. 15.—Flax seed closed at 93c for May option.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Saturday, Oct. 15.—No. 1 northern wheat closed at 63c for October and 61 5-8c for December. Cash No. 1 northern 63 3-4c; cash No. 2 northern 61 3-4c.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT.

Liverpool, Oct. 15.—Wheat closed 1 1-4 higher.

NEW YORK MONEY.

New York, Oct. 14.—Money on call steady, 2 1-4 to 2 1-2 per cent.; last loan 2 1-4 per cent.; prime mercantile paper 3 1-4 to 4 per cent.; sterling exchange steady at \$4.81 to 1-4 for demand, and at \$4.81 1-2 to 3-4 for sixty days; posted rates \$4.82 to 1-2 and \$4.85, commercial bills \$4.80 to 1-4; silver certificates 59 3-4 to 60 1-2; bar silver 60, Mexican dollars 48 3-4; government bonds strong.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

New York, Oct. 14.—The stock market opened irregular. Burlington 115; Louisville 54 7-8; Manhattan 95; Northwest 131; Northern Pacific 41 3-8; Northern Pacific, preferred, 76; Peoples Gas 104, Sugar 112 1-6; St. Paul 107 3-4; Southern, preferred, 33 1-4; Tobacco 118 1-2; Union Pacific 32 7-8, Union Pacific, preferred, 65 1-2.

Noon—Money on call nominally at 2 1-2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3 1-4 to 4 per cent.; sterling exchange heavy at \$4.84 to \$4.84 1-4 for demand and at \$4.81 1-4 to \$4.81 1-2 for sixty days; posted rates \$4.82 to \$4.82 1-2 and at \$4.85; commercial bills \$4.80 to \$4.80 1-4; silver certificates 59 3-4 to 60 1-4; bar silver 60; Mexican dollars 48 3-4, government bonds strong.

FREIGHT RATES.

Chicago Trade Bulletin says: There is no improvement in the rate situation east or west, cutting continuing. Grain rates from Chicago to New York are anywhere from 12c to 15c, and provisions 20 to 22c. Cut rates are to be withdrawn Oct. 15, but officials do not believe that the tariff can be maintained. Ocean rates are higher at 4d per bu. on grain from New York to Liverpool. The through rate on wheat from Chicago to Liverpool is 14.05c per bushel, and on corn 13.35c. Flour is 29 1-2 to 30 1-2c per 100 lbs. and provisions 34.06 to 39c per 100 lbs. Lake and rail rates to New England are 16 1-2c per 100 lbs. on flour, 9 1-2c per bushel on wheat, 8 1-2c on corn and 5 1-2c on oats. Lake rates from Chicago to Buffalo were firmer, with a good business at 2c on wheat, 13-4c to 17-8c on corn and 13-8 to 11-2c on oats. Corn to Kingston, 3c.

A. R. Muskett, of Vancouver, who was arrested at Montreal on a charge of fraud in obtaining goods, has been released without prosecution.

Several compromises have resulted from the New Westminster fire.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Oct. 15.

Dry Goods—Trade in heavy fall and winter goods is depressed by mild weather. There is a good sorting demand for lighter stuff. Values are firm and unchanged. Spring samples of domestic goods will be on the road with travellers next week. Deans are lower.

Hardware—There is a fair demand for general goods, and for stoves and tinware, the demand is greater than the trade can well handle, sisal rope is 1-2c lower; manila unchanged; tin and copper decidedly strong; pig iron easier, glass very firm, and stocks moderate.

Groceries—Sugars still unchanged. The refineries yesterday refused to shade prices, and appear not anxious to make contracts. Canned vegetables are firm. Corn and tomatoes \$5 to 90c. Tea in active demand. Figs were called yesterday as having an upward tendency still. Currants are selling dearer.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Oct. 15.

Grain deliveries in the country have been somewhat larger this week, and there is a more active export demand. Manitoba flour has declined 10c per barrel.

Flour—Manitoba patents, \$1.30; Manitoba bakers \$3.90; Ontario straight roller, \$3.10 per barrel in wood, in car lots.

Wheat—Ontario red and white winter wheat, new, 63 to 65c for ears at country points; No. 1 hard, 81 to 82c. Toronto.

Oats—White, 24c for ears at country points.

Barley—No. 1, 40 to 43c at country points.

Milfeed—Shorts, \$11 to \$13 per ton at country points. Bran, \$8 per ton.

Oatmeal—\$3.25 in bags per barrel.

Eggs—15 to 16c for fresh gathered, and 13 to 14c for held fresh.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, 15 to 16c for choice fresh goods; medium grades, 11 to 13c; creamery, tubs, 18c to 18 1-2c; prints, 20 to 21c.

Cheese—9c.

Hides—No. 1 green, 81-2c; cured, 9 1-4c; sheepskins and lambskins, 50c to 65c; calfskins, 8 to 10c; tallow 31-2 to 4c.

Wool—Washed fleeces, 15 to 16c; unwashed, 10 to 10 1-2c.

Beans—50 to 95c per bushel as to quality.

Dressed hogs—\$5.25 to \$5.75 per 100 pounds.

Dried apples—3 1-2 to 4c for round lots; evaporated, 7 1-2 to 8c.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Oct. 11.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 44 cars, including 950 sheep and lambs and 1,200 hogs.

Cattle—Very few exporters offered. Prices were unchanged at 4 to 4 1-2c as to quality. Butchers' cattle slow. Good sold at 3 1-2c and common at 2 3-4 to 3c. The best stockers brought 3 1-4 to 3 1-2c and some as low as 3c. Feeders 3 3-8 to 3 3-4c.

Hogs—Prices unchanged. Choice bacon \$4.10 to 4.50 per cwt. Light and thick fats \$1.15 to \$1.25 per cwt. Sows \$3 to \$3.25 per cwt.

Sheep and lambs—Sheep for export

and butchers use sold at \$3.50 to \$3.60 per cwt. Spring lambs brought \$4 to \$4.10 per cwt. Bucks slow at \$2.75 per cwt.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, Oct. 14.

Receipts of cattle were 84 carloads including 1,800 sheep and lambs and 2,000 hogs.

Butchers' cattle were firmer and sold at a shade better prices than on Tuesday. Other lines ranged about the same as on Tuesday.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Oct. 15.

Hardware, paints and navel stores have been fairly active this week. Iron pipe is higher. Turpentine has advanced 2c. Rope is 1-1 to 1-2c lower.

White lead, government standard, \$5.62 1-2; No. 1, \$5.25; dry white lead in kegs, 5c; red lead in kegs, 4 1-2c; linseed oil, raw, 48 to 49c; boiled, 51c to 52c; turpentine, 48 to 49c. Bar iron, \$1.40 to \$1.50. Tin plates, cokes, \$2.75 to \$2.90. L. C. charcoal, \$3.25 to \$3.75. Canada plates, \$2.10 to \$2.15; tin plates, \$5.95 to \$6.25, galvanized iron, 4 1-4 to 4 3-4c, lead, \$3.75 to \$4; iron pipe, 1 to 4 1-4c, putty in bulk, \$1.65, in bladders, \$1.80; ingot tin, 17 to 18c. Cement, English brands, \$2.25 to \$2.35. Germany, \$2.35 to \$2.50, and Belgium, \$1.85 to \$2.05 per barrel ex-wharf. Rope, sisal 10c to 10 1-2c. Manila, 11 1-2 to 12 1-2c for 7-16 size and larger.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Oct. 15.

The grocery market has been fairly active, sugars are easier and are quoted 10c lower per 100 lbs. Molasses is firmly held. Canned vegetables firm.

Quotations are: Granulated sugar, standard, \$4.40 per 100 lbs. at refineries, yellow \$3.60 to \$4.05, molasses 30 to 31c, syrups, 2 to 2 1-2c as to quality, Valencia raisins 4 3-4 to 5 1-2; Valencia buyers, 6 1-2c; currants, 5 1-8 to 6 1-2c, as to brand; coffee, Rio, 8c to 10c; Mocha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c; rice, Crystal Japan, 5 1-4c, B, 3 3-4c.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Oct. 15.

Oats are in good demand at 1-2c higher prices for export and local account. Flour is in fairly good local demand at unchanged prices. Eggs firm at 1-2c advance. Butter easier. Dairy grades have declined a full 1c from the outside range of a week ago. Creamery is 1-1 to 1-2c lower. Cheese is also weak and lower, choice western showing a decline of 1-4c and a similar decline on eastern grades.

Oats—No. 2 white, 28 1-2c in store; 28 3-4c afloat.

Flour—Manitoba strong bakers \$4.30 to \$4.40; Manitoba patents, \$4.60 to 4.70.

Milfeed—Bran \$11.50 per ton, shorts, \$14, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.75 per bag.

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

Eggs—14 to 15c per dozen.

Butter—Choice dairy, 15 to 16c; western dairy, 13 1-2 to 14c.

Butter—Creamery in tubs, 18 1-2 to 18 3-4c; boxes, 19c.

Cheese—Choice western, 9 to 9 1-8c; eastern, 8 3-4 to 8 7-8c.

Beans—85c to \$1 per bushel as to quality.

Potatoes—Car lots, 50 to 55c per bag.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Oct. 11.

Liverpool cattle space for October has been about all engaged at 35s, and London space at 30s. About 5s more is now asked for each port.

Receipts at the East End abattoir market yesterday were 700 cattle and 700 sheep and lambs. Trade was not particularly active, and some were left over, notwithstanding moderate offerings. Prices were about the same as last market day. Choice cattle sold at 4 1-2c, good at 4c to 1 1-4c, common at 2 1-2c to 3c, and inferior at 2c to 2 1-4c. The supply of sheep was small, prices were unchanged at 3 1-4c to 3 1-2c. Lambs active at 4c to 4 1-2c.

At the Grand Trunk stock yards the offerings of live hogs were moderate, and sales were made at 4 1-4c to 4 1-2c per lb. fed.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, Oct. 14.

Receipts of cattle at the semi-weekly market yesterday were 600 head, sheep and lambs 650.

Offerings of cattle were chiefly low grade. Exporters were not active buyers at firm prices as they claim to have lost money on sales in England this week. The best cattle sold at 4 to 4 1-4c and fair to good at 3 to 3 3-4c. Sheep sold at 3 to 3 3-8c and lambs at 4 to 4 1-2c. Hogs were lower, selling at \$4.40 to 4.50 per 100 lbs.

CHEESE MARKETS.

Bellefleur, Oct. 11.—At to-day's cheese board eighteen factories board 1,350 boxes of cheese; 9c was offered for September but no sales were made.

Ingersoll, Oct. 11.—Offerings, 575 boxes. No sales; 8 5-8c highest bid.

SUGAR.

Special to The Commercial.

London, Oct. 14.—Market dull and unchanged. October beet quoted 9s 8 1-4d. November the same.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Oct. 14.—Cattle were slow but 1-4d dearer, at 10 1-2 to 11 1-4c, estimated dressed weight.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, Oct. 14.—12:30 p. m. Wheat—Spot, steady; No. 1 California 6s 7d to 6s 8d; No. 2 red western, winter, stocks exhausted. Corn—Spot, steady. American mixed 3s 6 1-2d. Peas—Canadian 5s 5d.

BRITISH STOCKS.

London, Oct. 14.—4 p. m.—Closing: Consols for money 108 15-16; do., for the account 109 5-16, Canadian Pacific, 86; Erie, 13 3-8; Erie, first, preferred, 45; Grand Trunk, 7 1-8; Illinois Central 112 1-4; Northern Pacific, preferred, 78 1-2; St. Paul, common, 111 1-2; New York Central, 119; Pennsylvania, 60 3-8; Reading, 87 3-8; Union Pacific, preferred, 67 1-2; Atchafon, 14; Louisville, 56 3-8; bar silver, 27 11-16; money, 2 1-2 to 3 per cent. Rate of discount in the open market for both short and three months' bills 3 5-8 to 3 3-4 per cent.