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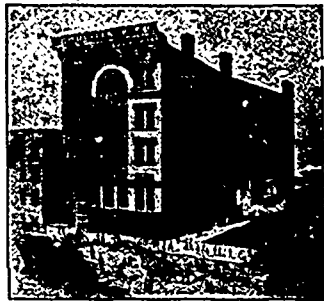


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TERRITORIAL INSOLVENCY ACT.

The law relating to the winding up of insolvent estates, passed at the last session of the Territorial legislature, is fully bearing out the opinions expressed by business men at the time the new law was passed. It has proved quite as burdensome to the commercial community as was expected. The result is that creditors have been compelled to resort to other plans for the settling up of insolvent estates, instead of having estates closed out under the insolvency law. This has been noticeable in the case of some recent bankruptcies, where the estate has been sold, with the consent of the creditors, without an assignment having been made at all. For instance, in the case of C. E. Magrath, of Wapella, the estate was purchased by one of the creditors, with the approval of the other creditors, and again sold by the purchasers, without any assignment having been made. This plan is being resorted to to avoid the heavy expense of closing out an estate under the insolvency law. Creditors would prefer to wind up estates under a reasonable insolvency law, instead of adopting this plan. Were a simple and inexpensive law in force in the Territories, such as we have in Manitoba, there would be no desire to avoid making use of the law to wind up estates.

The Territorial law is not only very expensive, but it is extremely unsatisfactory by reason of the delays experienced in closing up an estate. In one case recently it was found that it cost \$70 to call a meeting of creditors, whereas under the Manitoba law 70 cents would do the business. Experience has shown that it costs enormously more to close out an estate under the insolvency law in the Territories, than in Manitoba under the law in force in the province. Application must be made to the court for every move and there are endless ways of piling up law costs. The law appears to have been evolved mainly for the benefit of local lawyers, who reap the advantage of the excessive costs, and who thus receive liberal pickings from each case coming under the assignment act. The action of creditors in buying up estates, rather than have them wound up in this tedious and expensive fashion, will, of course, deprive the local Territorial lawyers from securing the plunder which they were working for in having this act placed on the statutes. This is at least satisfactory.

The Territorial act governing bankrupt estates is certainly a gross injustice, upon the commercial community. A bankrupt estate belongs to the creditors of the estate, and these creditors are the people who in all reason should have the chief say as to how the estate should be wound up. Retailers and jobbers alike, and indeed all business men should resent this injustice. While creditors are naturally anxious to make the most out of bankrupt estates, debtors also are anxious that their estates should pay as large a portion of their liabilities as possible. Where a large percentage is squandered in unnecessary expenses, it is a great injury to the debtor as well as to his creditors. It is to be hoped the commercial community throughout the Territories will be able to bring sufficient pressure upon the legislature to have this obnoxious legislation removed at the next session of the legislature.

MILK AND DISEASE.

The recent discovery in Winnipeg, through the individual efforts of a citizen, that typhoid fever had been spread about the city by means of milk, should draw public attention forcibly to the question of looking more closely after the dairies. Medical men and scientists claim that milk is a well known distributor of disease. It would appear too, from a superficial examination of the matter, that if Winnipeg dairies were properly looked after by the proper officials, it would not have been left for a private citizen to discover the cause of the trouble in the particular cases under question. The dairy should have been looked after long before it became a matter of private investigation. Winnipeg has a dairy inspector, a health inspector and a medical health officer, so that there are evidently officials enough, if that were all that is required. Evidently, however, this is not the case. The officials may not be efficient, or there may be lack of system, or their respective duties may not be properly defined. Whatever it may be, there is apparently something wrong somewhere, and the citizens must look to the city council or to those members of the city council who are directly responsible for this evident neglect. This is where the blame for the lack of system or incapacity should be placed.

Some years ago considerable agitation occurred in the city regarding the regulation and inspection of dairies, and considerable progress was made in the direction of providing for a more cleanly and wholesome milk supply. Latterly, however, it would appear that the dairies have been almost lost sight of and that progress has been made in a backward direction. True we have had a dairy inspector drawing a salary, and probably he may have performed the work entrusted to him quite faithfully. But an inspector who is not an expert in medical or sanitary matters could not be expected to properly handle this important work. The best he could do would be to see that the dairies are kept clean. So far as disease among the cows is concerned, there is practically no oversight over Winnipeg's milk supply—truly a very dangerous situation. In these days, when it is generally conceded that the dread disease tuberculosis, which is the cause of such a large percentage of mortality in the human family, is frequently contracted from drinking milk from tubercular cows, the neglect of a proper supervision of the milk supply would seem simply criminal. A system of inspection which neglects to look after the cows, and which does

not provide for the removal of diseased animals, is hardly worthy of the name of supervision at all. One of the most important features is entirely overlooked. Winnipeg citizens who have practically no protection against diseased and unhealthy milk, should call their aldermen to account for this neglect.

Referring again to the number of officials, it is quite possible that there are too many officials to secure the best results. Better results could no doubt be obtained by placing all departments pertaining to the public health in charge of a thoroughly competent person. Such a person would require to be thoroughly up in medical and sanitary science. Instead of three officials working independent of each other one competent expert controlling all, with such assistance as might be required in each particular department, would undoubtedly result in a wonderful improvement in the way matters pertaining to the public health are looked after in Winnipeg.

INDUSTRIAL DEPRESSION.

The wonderful industrial development in Germany of late years appears to have reached its limit, or at least it has received a serious check. Reports from Germany give serious complaint of depression in industrial centres and grave fears are entertained for the future. Industrial development in Germany has evidently overreached itself, and it now seems impossible to find a market for the vast quantity of goods which are manufactured. What is true of the situation in Germany is also true of other European countries. In a comparative sense, Germany as a high protectionist country, cannot expect to find material enlargement of the home market, and must look abroad for a market for the large surplus quantity of goods which is annually produced. On the other hand, the development of industries in countries which formerly imported many lines of goods, has tended to curtail the demand upon the old European industrial centres for manufactured goods. Undoubtedly as the years go by, the newer countries, which now import manufactured goods largely, will gradually manufacture more at home and buy less abroad, with the result of curtailing the trade of the older industrial centres.

TRANSMISSION OF POWER.

It is reported from Seattle, Wash., that The Snoqualm Falls Power Co. have succeeded in driving an electric motor successfully at a distance of 135 miles from the generator. If this means that further progress has been made in transmitting power long distances, by reducing the waste of energy in transit, it will be of great importance. It is worthy of note that Winnipeg is located practically the same distance as noted above from the great Keewatin water power works. There is an enormous force going to waste at Keewatin for lack of users. If we could have this power transmitted to Winnipeg, it would be a great thing for our city.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There were 1,225,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on Nov. 17. Receipts for the week were 200,000 bushels, and shipments were 253,000 bushels, compared with receipts of 231,000 and shipments of 759,000 bushels for the corresponding week last year. A year ago stocks in store at Fort William were 1,733,000 bushels. Stocks in store at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior points were estimated approx-

imately at 3,653,000 bushels, compared with 7,250,000 bushels a year ago, and 3,500,000 bushels two years ago.

Live Stock News.

D. J. McLean, buyer for Gordon & Ironside, Winnipeg, came in from the west this week with 13 cars of cattle from the ranches around Macleod, Alberta.

On Saturday last Alme Bernard, of Winnipeg, shipped a carload of horses to Montreal. This is the fourth carload Bernard has sent east during the past two weeks.

Beef cattle shipments this year from Medicine Hat, according to the News, total 3,755 head to date, with more yet to follow. This will show considerable increase over last year.

G. A. Kobold, butcher, at Rat Portage for over twenty years, has disposed of his business to John Gardner & Co., and will take an interest in the business of Kobold & Co., Winnipeg.

Six carloads of choice stocker cattle were brought in from Manitoba last week by Samuel DeRigny. They were all disposed of upon arrival, one carload being left off at Clarendon station, having been purchased by A. W. Burke, whose ranch is situated in the vicinity. The balance of the animals went to T. E. Cummins, whose ranch is located near Gleichen. The animals were A. No. 1 in every particular and arrived in first-class condition. Other shipments will be made before the season closes.—Macleod Advance.

Dairy Trade Notes.

The Crystal City creamery has closed for the season, after an output of over 40,000 pounds of choice butter. A. C. McLennan, of Gladstone, had charge during the season.

Wm. T. Ware, a well-known Montreal cheese and butter exporter, has severed his connection with Lovell & Christmas, Limited, and has resumed business on his own account.

A practice that should be abolished by country shippers is that of working low grades of packed butter into roll, and packing them in with fresh-made roll, with the intention of passing it off as fresh-made. The deception is always detected, and such lots are invariably sold at same prices as low grades of packed command. Care should also be taken before putting the butter in packages that all the sides and ends of the packages be lined with new white muslin, thus keeping the butter from defacement by touching the wood. A bad practice is in putting roll butter up in paper; this should not be done, as the paper sticks to the butter and damages the appearance. Each roll should be separately placed in a piece of new muslin cloth washed in warm water to take out the starch, and wet in good brine. The rolls should be of moderate size and not too large. Then again, the rolls should be of uniform color, not packing light and fresh-made with other that has been colored. The gross weight and correct fares should be marked on each package.

Railway and Traffic Matters.

G. B. Reeve has been appointed general manager of the Grand Trunk Railway Company. Reeve severed his connections with the railway last spring after 40 years' service and has since resided in California.

The Great Northern announces that the New Kootenay Valley railroad running from Bonnar's Ferry, Idaho, to Kuskanook, B. C., will be opened for business on Nov. 25. This gives a new and direct route from Spokane, Wash., to Kootenay Lake, B. C.

Regular train service has been opened on the Southeastern (Canadian Northern), between Winnipeg and Rainy River. The bridge over the Rainy river will be built during the winter, and possibly within another year connection will be made with the Ontario and Rainy River section of this road, thus opening a through line to Lake Superior.

The British Columbia salmon combine is said to have collapsed.

The total fire loss in the United States and Canada last month, as compiled by The New York Journal of Commerce, was \$7,107,000, against \$9,110,300 for September, \$12,046,250 for October last year and \$7,539,400 for the same month in 1893. The total for the first ten months this year amounts to \$143,426,550, against \$111,654,900 last year and \$30,043,000 in 1893.

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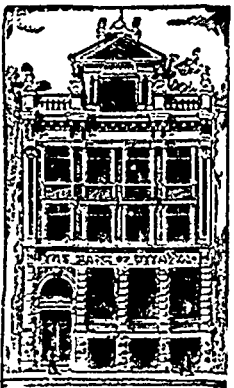
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ASSETS.	Jan. 1st, 1890.		Jan. 1st, 1900.		LIABILITIES.	Jan. 1st, 1890.		Jan. 1st, 1900.	
	\$	¢	\$	¢		\$	¢	\$	¢
Quick Assets	2,432,135.38		8,274,162.14		Capital paid in	1,114,300.00		1,780,900.00	
Loans and bills discounted	5,903,094.20		11,270,924.09		Reserve & undivided profits	572,973.81		2,193,136.57	
Other assets	44,956.41		74,669.61		Notes in circulation	1,325,270.68		1,670,368.50	
Bank premises	94,975.77		18,640.59		Other liabilities	194,238.36		198,632.96	
	\$ 8,475,161.76		\$ 19,638,396.43		Deposits	5,268,378.91		13,815,358.40	

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BRANDON, MAN.

Located along the great national highway between Winnipeg and Vancouver there are some half a dozen business centres which have already attained to considerable importance, and for which hopes of future greatness are entertained. Among these places is Brandon, a city of 5,400 of a population, built on the south slope of the valley of the Assiniboine river, distant from Winnipeg 133 miles by railway. The spot chosen as a town-site is well suited for the building up of a city, as it is centrally located in the province and has already a number of railroads running out of it. The slope of the ground to the river gives excellent drainage, and as the soil is light and sandy, it will not be a difficult or expensive matter to keep the streets clean. None of the streets have been paved as yet, but it is understood that this matter, as well as the question of the laying of granolithic sidewalks, will be dealt with in the near future. During the summer this city is quite pretty. It has numerous handsome business blocks and dwelling houses; the latter being surrounded in many cases by well kept grounds. During the last two years a great deal of attention has been given to beautify these grounds by way of laying out lawns, planting trees, etc. While trees do not belong naturally here, still they can be grown with good success, and it is pleasing to see that so many of the residents are now planting them around their homes. A good view can be had from many parts of the city of the opposite side of this valley, which adds not a little to the beauty of the place.

For its size Brandon is well supplied with public buildings. The city hall, which also includes the market, is of brick, erected some eight years ago at a cost of about \$60,000. This building contains, besides the civic offices, the county judge's chambers,

so the customs, inland revenue and Dominion lands offices. The provincial land titles office is a large one storey brick building, situated near the fire hall, in the central portion of the city. For fire protection a very efficient volunteer brigade is maintained. A brick building has been erected in which is kept a full equipment of fire fighting apparatus. Two permanent men are employed and six or eight volunteers sleep in the building. A very prominent feature of the landscape on the north side of the valley is the asylum for the insane. This is an imposing pile of buildings erected by the government as a reformatory, but as they appeared to be little need for such an institution, it was converted into an asylum. The general hospital has been doing good work this year, although greatly handicapped by lack of accommodation. It will accommodate 35 patients now, and it is proposed to erect an isolated building next year, to cost about \$6,000 or \$7,000, and to contain about 20 cots, the present isolated quarters having room for only about half a dozen. It is hoped that by the end of this year the hospital will be entirely free of debt. There are four public schools, the Central, containing 16 rooms, being the largest in the province. Twenty-four regular teachers are employed and two specialists—one in music and one in drawing. The Baptist church have at present a college under course of erection in the western suburbs, where they secured four blocks of land, making about 15 acres in all. The building is brick, on stone foundation, and has a basement, three storeys and attic, giving accommodation for 80 resident students in addition to class rooms, etc. It will cost about \$45,000 and will be ready for occupation by the 1st of October next. This is the outcome of an enterprise started some years ago under the name of the Brandon academy. Last year this

planned that, when desired, it can be brought into use, thus making it possible to comfortably seat about 1,200. The Presbyterians are at present erecting a church to cost, when completed, \$31,000. The work on the stone basement is about finished, but the building will not be ready for use until next year. It will seat about 900.

In the valley a little to the west of

of the day and thus equalize the power and the running of the machinery.

The Brandon Electric Light Co., are now building a dam on the Little Saskatchewan river at a point about ten miles from Brandon. By this means from four to eight hundred horsepower will be developed, which power can be considerably increased at a later date. The machinery is expected to be in position by next spring and

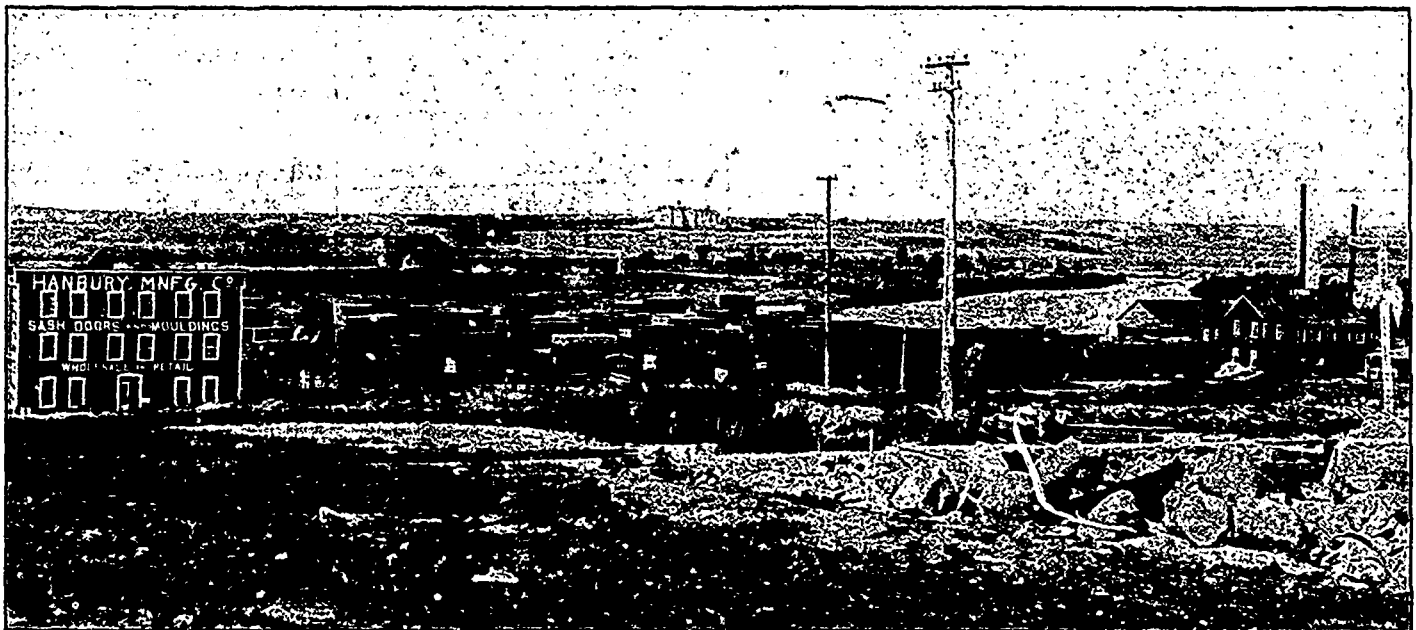


J. Hanbury, of the Hanbury Mfg. Co., Brandon.

the city, the Dominion government has an experimental farm which is proving a great help to the farmers of this country by way of experimenting with new grains, trees, etc. To the south of the city are located the exhibition grounds. An annual fair is held here which has been so well conducted that it now ranks a good second to the Winnipeg fair. A spur line was built to these grounds this year by the Northern Pacific railway,

when completed it will be used for lighting and power purposes in Brandon.

In the business world Brandon is also well represented. There are several firms which do a wholesale, as well as a retail, business and Codville & Co., grocers, and the Rublee Fruit Co., Ltd., fruit dealers, both of Winnipeg, have branches here which do a jobbing trade. The fact of these two firms having branches at Brandon



Plant of the Hanbury Manufacturing Co., Brandon, Man.

the office of the municipality of Cornwallis, a public hall and the police station. Almost an entire block has been reserved here, the ground surrounding the hall being used as a stand by the farmers who bring in hay and other farm produce for sale. The court house and jail, situated on the outskirts of the city, is a brick and stone building, costing about \$70,000. This is owned by the city of Brandon, from which it is rented by the provincial government. The post office is one of the handsomest buildings to be seen here. It is a large four storey brick and stone structure, costing about \$60,000. In addition to the postal department, it contains al-

was taken over by the church and given the name of the Brandon college. Classes are at present being held in rooms on Rosser avenue; six teachers being engaged. The city is well supplied with churches, but of these we will mention only two, the Methodist and the Presbyterian, the former of which has built a new place of worship quite recently, and the latter has one now under construction. The Methodist church, a cut of which we herewith produce, is a handsome red brick superstructure on stone foundation, costing about \$30,000. It has seating accommodation for 650 in the main auditorium, and the Sunday School room is so

which proved a great convenience to visitors.

One of the largest undertakings to which Brandon has given itself is the waterworks system, built in 1893 and costing about \$115,000. The supply of water is taken from the Assiniboine river, about a mile above the city. Up to the present time it has been necessary to levy a small tax on property owners in addition to the water rates, for the maintenance of the system, but after this year it is expected that it will be self-supporting. The advisability of putting in a standpipe is now being considered. By this means a supply of water can be kept in reserve to be drawn on during the busy part

speaks well for it as a distributing point. There are also numerous manufacturing, such as the Hanbury lumber mill, Alexander, Kelly & Co.'s flour mill, the felt works, machine shops, marble work, pump factories, etc. The most extensive of these is that of the Hanbury Manufacturing Company. This business was first started under the name of Hanbury & McNeely, and four years ago was put into the present company. A year ago last spring the entire business, and the lumber limits, of the Assiniboine Lumber Company was purchased. In 1882, J. Hanbury, the head of the present firm, came to Brandon and started business as a contractor and

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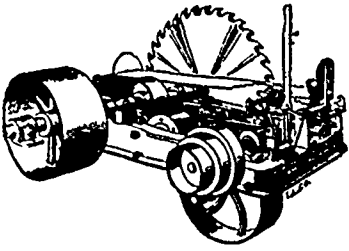
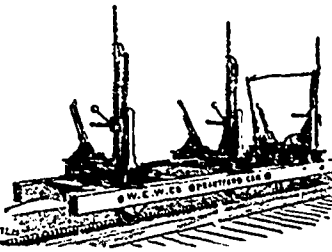
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A deal has just been completed by which 12 square miles additional timber limits have been acquired. It takes about fifty days to drive the logs down to Brandon. Owing to the light snowfall last winter and the dry spring, many of the mills were unable to get down their supply of logs, but this firm were fortunate enough to get theirs all down by the first of June. The mill, which has a capacity of about 33,000 feet per day of ten hours, started sawing on the 31st of May this year and cut during the season about 7,000,000 feet. This lumber is principally spruce, with some tamarac. A sash and door factory is run separate from the mill, in which

and claim to be the first firm in Canada to adopt these tools for their class of work. By their use three or four times the amount of work can be done by one man as could be accomplished with mallet and chisel. There are also two polishing machines, and with the aid of a gang saw large blocks of stone are sawn to required sizes. With the aid of this saw stone is now also being cut for building purposes. Only the best quality of stone is used, and everything is so complete about the premises that this firm are able to guarantee satisfaction in all work such as monuments, tablets, headstones, window and door sills, etc. Three travellers are on the road, covering a territory extending from Fort William to the coast province.

Alexander, Kelly & Co. have a flour mill of 350 barrels daily capacity, an oatmeal mill of 70 barrels capacity, and three elevators with a storage room for 120,000 bushels of grain. The flour and meal are sold principally in Eastern Canada.

The Brandon creamery, operated by A. Whitelaw, manufactured 142,000 pounds of butter from the first of April until the first of November this

now 14-foot channel which the government completed a short time ago.

Three other vessels are now on the way. The steamship Leafield is due in Montreal to-morrow, the steamship

movement of that of to-day in the Northern Pacific stocks. Occasionally in the past there have been sales on the single day of an imposing aggregate of some of the large capital-



Court House and Jail, Brandon, Man.

Theano is now at Prescott, and the steamship Polka is on her way down the lakes. The arrival of the Monkshaven indicates the beginning of a through traffic from the inland lakes to the sea without any breaking of bulk, which, as the route becomes known and the upper channel is still further deepened, holds out almost limitless possibilities. The steamship Monkshaven arrived in Welland basin yesterday from Conneaut harbor, Ohio, with a cargo of steel from the Carnegie iron works of Cleveland. This steel, which is in the shape of rails, is bound for Avonmouth, England. The Monkshaven left Conneaut harbor with 1,000 tons of cargo, and came as far as Prescott. There 250 tons was transhipped to barges as the pilots had informed the company before the vessel left Conneaut harbor that they did not think the vessel, with her draught of 13 feet 3 inches, could go through the river channel below Prescott safely. This lightened her to a draught of 12 feet, and she came through to Montreal safely.

lized western railroad systems, of which the floating supply in the market is always much larger than that of the more firmly established railroad properties in the older and longer settled portions of the country. But the very fact of the enormous floating supply of these stocks hampers the price movement.

To-day's sales of Northern Pacific foot up according to the customary calculations, 201,800 for common stock and 75,600 shares for the preferred stocks, a total of 277,400 shares. The common stock rose an extreme 6 1/2% and the preferred 6%. Various causes doubtless served to congest the speculation in these stocks. The favorite theory, however, was that the buying of Northern Pacific represents a process of transfusion of interests between the different transcontinental railroad lines, or, immediately the northern and northwestern routes. Such a process is on the lines of what has already been accomplished on a large scale in the eastern trunk lines and is in accordance with the best accepted theory for a solution of the competitive problems in railroad interests.

The movement in Northern Pacific had a dominant influence on the whole market and pulled it up ef-

New Manager of the G. T. R.

Montreal, Nov. 18.—Mr. Geo. B. Reeve has been appointed general manager of the Grand Trunk railway



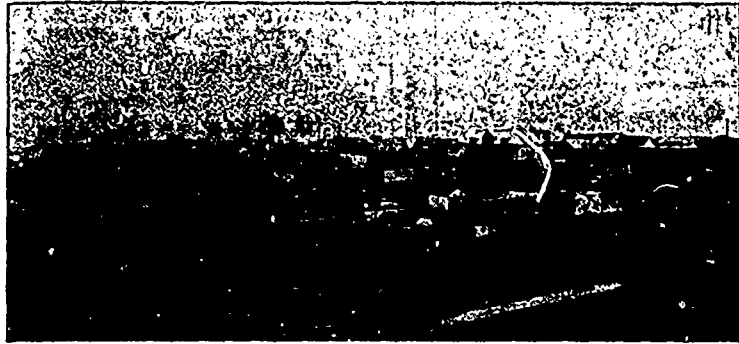
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to succeed Mr. C. M. Hays. The appointment was a complete surprise, for Mr. Reeve, after about forty years of service, had retired from the company after rising to the position of general traffic manager, and since last spring lived in California, where he had a farm and expected to spend the remainder of his days. It was also a gratifying surprise, for in railway business and social circles Mr. Reeve was everywhere esteemed and popular. His resignation of the position of general traffic manager was made the occasion of a marked exhibition of good will not only by the officials of the road, but by the business men of the city, and both tendered to the departing friend and official a farewell banquet, the one given by the board of trade on April 26, being one of the best attended and most enthusiastic fetes ever given by that body. His return to Montreal will be heartily welcomed, and, after the rest he has had, he will be in good shape to undertake the onerous duties of general manager.

fectively from the reactionary tendency which had overborne it during the early part of the day. This was due to the continued heavy profit taking and the heavy large selling for London account, after a light buying movement for that account during the early dealings. It is believed that large shipments of stocks and especially of Northern Pacific, which have been sold for foreign account since the election are now on the ocean. In the movement in iron and steel stocks was exceedingly irregular and a number of other specialties which have had recently notable advances, hung back to-day. As a consequence the day's net changes were exceedingly uneven, and not a few declines were mixed in with the notable gains. The conspicuously strong stocks besides the Northern Pacific, were the Union Pacific, the Denver and Rio Grande and the Baltimore and Ohio. Amongst the industrials and specialties the steel and wire stocks, Federal Steel, Tobaccos, People's Gas, Sugar, North American and International Power were conspicuous. After a sharp reaction on profit taking the Northern Pacific rallied, carrying the whole market with them and the closing was very animated and buying at about the top level.

Movement in N. P. Stocks.

New York, Nov. 20.—It is not often that a movement in the stock market attains the volume and the price



Brandon, Man.

about thirty hands are employed. In addition to a large retail business, a shipping trade is carried on, covering nearly all points of Manitoba and west to Medicine Hat on the main line. A full stock of all building material is carried, including builders' hardware, and during the winter months a large coal business is transacted, the Canadian anthracite being the coal handled. Mr. Hanbury owns a large number of houses in Brandon and has built for his own use this year a large and particularly fine frame dwelling, finished in Tennessee oak.

Waddington, Hesson & Co.'s felt factory has just been purchased by a joint stock company to be known as the Manitoba Felt and Yarn Works, Ltd., with a capital of \$30,000. A charter has just been secured and the works, which were closed down for some weeks, will be again started. They will manufacture felt boots, and other lines of felt goods, horse blankets, rugs, yarns, knitted goods, etc. This business was started nearly a year ago when a good plant of new and up-to-date machinery was installed.

We show herewith a cut of the Somerville steam marble and granite works, operated by Somerville & Co.

year. This is the fourth season that this creamery has been operated and the business has been so developed in that time that it is now the intention to double the capacity next year.

W. W. Carruthers, manufacturer of rugs, horse blankets, mats, etc., is working up a good business, as are, also, Hammill & Woodley, pork packers, who transact a wholesale and retail business.

The Brandon Cigar Factory, of which Ramsay & Co. are proprietors, has been operated here for several years, and the brands turned out, of which the St. Louis, Auld Reekie and Emperadores are the leaders, have become well known throughout this country.

There are many other manufactories and business places here which we would like to mention, but will have to pass over this time. It is a very noticeable fact that each year some new business of importance is being started, and that Brandon is making itself more and more widely felt in outside commercial centres.

Ocean Vessels on the Lakes.

Montreal, Nov. 20.—The arrival of the steamship Monkshaven from the upper lakes with a cargo which she



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Dominion Commercial Travel- lers' Association.

The annual meeting of the Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association was held in Montreal on Saturday evening, 10th November, in their chambers, in the board of trade building. The chair was taken by Mr. Max Murdock, president of the association. That gentleman informed his hearers that during the year 300 members had been admitted and 34 had died. Reports were read showing that the finances were in good condition. The meeting next proceeded to consider the nominations. They were: For the presidency, Mr. James Croll, representing Thibaudeau Bros. & Co., and Mr. T. L. Paton. The presidential election is to take place on 16th December. It may be remembered that Mr. Croll, who has long been a director, and was vice-president, last year, declined to contest the chair with Messrs. Murdock and Lesueur. Mr. T. L. Paton has been treasurer of the body and has many friends. For vice-president, Mr. James Robertson was the only nominee, and was declared elected by acclamation. Nominations for treasurer—Mr. R. O. Demers, of Chaput, Fils & Co.; and Mr. J. S. N. Dougall, of McCaskill, Dougall & Co.

For directors (five to be elected)—Messrs. John Hughes (Lockerby Bros.); A. R. Colvin (the Ames, Holden Company); R. Booth, Jr., (W. H. Brock & Co.); G. Tasse (P. D. Dods & Co.); W. J. Egan (National Cash Register); A. M. Ramsay (H. A. Nelson & Son), and W. E. Dixon. After the nominations were done with, a long discussion began on the often controverted subject of a banquet, against which there seemed to be a pretty strong opposition, partly, no doubt, because there has been deficits in connection with previous ones. Some of the members desired a public dinner, at which leading politicians would be present, but this was vetoed because the benefits to be derived therefrom were doubtful, especially as the general elections were over. A banquet was decided upon, and to look after its success a strong committee was appointed. On motion of Mr. W. J. Egan, it was decided to appoint a committee who are to report upon the proposal of forming a club for commercial travellers.

A feature as memorable as unusual was the presence, at the later and more convivial sessions of the evening of two soldier boys, members of the association, who have just returned from South Africa. Their names are Private Upton and Private R. D. McDonald. The latter gave a few reminiscences of the war.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard closed at 60½¢ in store Fort William.

Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$1.90; best bakers', \$1.70.

Oatmeal—\$1.70 per 80 lb. sack to the retail trade.

Millsstuffs—Bran, \$11.50 per ton; shorts, \$13.50, delivered to city dealers.

Oats—Carlots on track, new oats, 25 @ 27¢, according to quality.

Barley—25 @ 20¢ new bushel for feed grades of new; 32¢ for malting.

Country wheat—50 @ 35¢ per bushel, according to grade and freight rate to farmers at country points.

Corn—in carlots, 41 @ 42¢ per bushel of 50 lb.

Flax—\$1.20 per bushel.

Butter—Dairy, 16 @ 16¢ per lb. for best grades; creamery, 21¢ at the factories.

Cheese—Regular sizes, 11½¢.

Eggs—18¢ for Manitoba fresh.

Hides—No. 1 green hides, 7½¢ per lb.

Wool—7 @ 8¢ for unwashed fleece.

Seneca Root—37¢ per lb.

Hay—Baled, \$5.50 @ \$6 per ton on cars.

Potatoes—Choice new potatoes, 35 @ 40¢ per bushel; carlots at country points, 25¢.

Poultry—Turkeys, 11 @ 12½¢ per lb.; fowl, 9¢ per lb.; spring chickens, 10¢; ducks, 3¢ per lb.

Meats—Beef, 5 @ 6½¢; mutton, 5 @ 6¢; lamb, 9 @ 10¢; hogs, 6 @ 7½¢; veal, 5 @ 6¢.

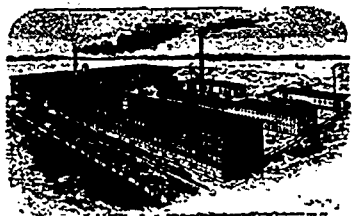
Live Stock—Cattle, 24 @ 31¢ for good to choice steers; sheep, 4¢; hogs 4½ @ 4¾¢ off cars, according to weight and quality.

The Canadian Pacific railway will build a new bridge over the Red river at Winnipeg.

M. Weidman, Winnipeg, has been fined for a violation of the early closing by-law.

The new blast furnaces of the Dominion Iron and Steel Works at Sydney, Cape Breton, are being rapidly pushed forward, and will soon be finished. The manufacture of pig iron will be begun at once. The manufacture of steel will begin on July 1 next year.

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sheets to box, \$10.50; 1 X box, 29x23, 112 sheets \$12.50. IRON PLATES—1 C, 20x23, \$10.00. TINNED IRON—1/4 in, 70 and 2 1/2 per cent; returned, 70 and 10 per cent.

Winnipeg Prices Paints Oils Glass, Etc.

ALABASTINE—Cases of 20 packages, \$4.00. ALUMINA—Do., \$3.50. BENZINE—Case, \$3.50. BLY COLOURS—White lead, lb, 7 1/2¢ red lead, 7¢; yellow ochre in barrel lots 2 1/2¢ less than barrel lots, 3¢; golden ochre, barrels, 3 1/2¢, less than barrels, 4¢; Venetian red, barrels, 3¢, less than barrels, 3 1/2¢; American vermilion, 15¢; English vermilion, \$1 per lb; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots 2 1/2¢ less than barrels, 3¢; English purple, sides, in cases, 6¢, less quantities, 4¢ lb.

Statistical Wheat Report.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

Stocks of wheat in Canada at principal points of accumulation are reported as follows: Montreal 399,000 Toronto 97,000 Coteau, Que. 123,000 Depot Harbor, Ont. 120,000 Kingston 70,000 Port William, Port Arthur and Alexanvian 1,488,000 Winnipeg 315,000 Manitoba elevators 1,830,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's, Nov. 10, were \$7,638,000 bushels. Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 70,123,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

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 Nov. 17, was 62,364,000 bushels, being an increase of 1,653,000 bushels for the week a year ago; the visible supply was 54,000,000 bushels, two years ago 21,362,000 bushels, three years ago 32,703,000 bushels, and four years ago 59,071,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 12,832,000 bushels, compared with 6,125,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 8,423,000 bushels, compared with 11,000,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in America and Europe and float for Europe Nov. 1 in each year,

for a series of years, were as follows—Bradstreet's report:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Bu'r 's. 1900.. 160,027,000 1899.. 169,880,000 1898.. 88,051,000 1897.. 111,090,000 1896.. 162,399,000 1895.. 178,440,000

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 movement, Aug. 1, 1900, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

Table with 3 columns: Location, This Crop, Last Crop. Minneapolis.. 30,080,210 32,000,330 Milwaukee.. 3,183,250 4,389,072 Duluth.. 8,683,923 23,061,918 Chicago.. 23,991,131 12,309,018

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, 1900, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

Table with 3 columns: Location, This Crop, Last Crop. Toledo.. 6,714,930 9,717,030 St. Louis.. 13,044,616 9,330,457 Detroit.. 1,709,693 2,641,418 Kansas City.. 22,816,717 9,212,700

Grain and Milling Notes.

Flaxseed advanced 30 cents a bushel in the Chicago market during the first nineteen days of October, reaching \$1.85 October 19. So rapid was the advance that there was talk in Minneapolis of a flax corner. The rise in price seems, however, to have been caused by scarcity of No. 1 seed.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: "There now can be no doubt that Manitoba Millers are beginning to see the necessity of putting down their prices more on a parity with those of Ontario millers, if they intend to do any business. It is evident that the price of Manitoba wheat is too high for export and consequently it will devolve upon Manitoba millers to absorb all offerings. A miller in Southwestern Manitoba, writing to his correspondents here this week, says: "I am surprised to see the wheat now being delivered by farmers of such good quality, as I thought it was almost completely ruined." It is the opinion of men in the trade here that Manitoba millers will have their hands full before they get through with taking care of all the wheat that will be tendered them on the present crop.

The idea of Manitoba millers expecting to do business in this market at 75 to 90¢ per barrel above the price of Ontario flour was out of the question, and we now hear of several acceptances of Manitoba millers at reduced rates on the basis of those current here.

Too Slow.

Winnipeg handlers of oatmeal say that Ontario millers are altogether too slow to make it satisfactory to do business with them. Ontario meal has lately been quoted slightly lower than the United States article, but the delay in receiving shipments from Ontario is such that the preference is given to United States millers. Shipments come to hand from the United States mills in from three to five days, while Ontario millers often hold orders many days before the shipment is made. In one case recently mentioned the meal was not shipped until a month after the order was given. This leads handlers of meal here to place many orders south, though they might be able to do a little better as regards price in the east. The Ontario millers are also charged with being penurious in not answering telegrams of inquiry in regard to quotations or dates of shipment. Replies by mail have come to hand several days later than an immediate reply by wire was wanted.

The Wheat Movement.

The wheat movement continues to increase in volume, inspection returns for the Winnipeg division (which includes all the wheat moving east by either Emerson or Winnipeg) being 950 cars for the week ended Nov 21, compared with 741 cars for the previous week and 707 cars for two weeks ago. There has been a gradual increase in the movement each week for some time back, and this increase has been such more marked since wintry weather set in. A great deal of the wheat moving, as shown by the inspection returns, has gone to the big milling companies, which accounts for the fact that receipts of Manitoba wheat at Fort William and Duluth have been considerably less than in-



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Inspection returns account for. Wheat coming to Winnipeg for the Ogilvie Co., or going to Keowatin for the Lake of the Woods Co., shows up in the inspection returns, but does not again appear at lake ports.

A feature of the Manitoba grain movement this year is that practically nothing has gone to Buffalo, whereas in previous years the bulk of the crop has gone to Buffalo, for export via New York. Shipments this year east of Fort William and Duluth have gone mostly to eastern Canada points, where it is either being held for the Ontario milling trade, or is being exported via Montreal or some other port. Of course the total movement eastward to date this season has been very limited, and stocks of Manitoba wheat held in Ontario are certainly not large. They are probably less than usual at this time of year. Ontario millers seem to want Manitoba wheat as here was an offer Thursday for a round lot, by wire from Ontario, of 92c for No. 1 hard, grinding in transit, Ontario rate, which is a firm price considering the market on that day.

Winnipeg grain men say there has been no money in the crop for them so far this season, as prices opened comparatively high and have held much above export values. The elevator men also complain very much. The movement has been so light that there has been no profit in operating many of the country elevators. It is expected that a number of the elevators will be closed down much earlier than usual, owing to the light crop. It does not pay to run an elevator for a few hundred bushels per day.

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Manitoba.

Chas. Perry intends opening a butcher shop at Roland.

J. McMillan has sold his blacksmith shop at Carberry to Chas. Burton.

W. J. Swain has opened a general store at the new town of Grand View.

A new company is being organized to take over the business of the Judd-Moore Printing Co., Winnipeg.

W. J. Brockearidge, of Hespeler, Ont., will open a jewelry store at Hamiota.

A. S. Baker, general merchant, of Hilton and Ninette, was married recently to Miss Mary E. Davies, of the former place.

R. P. Roblin is gazetted as railway commissioner of Manitoba, and C. H. Campbell as municipal commissioner, vice H. J. Macdonald, resigned.

Alex Brown has disposed of the Windsor Hotel at Rapid City to Frank Caldwell, late of the Queen's Hotel of that place. Mr. Brown intends going into ranching near Calgary.

The Commercial House, Rydal City, which has been controlled by S. T. Thibault until recently, has changed hands, and L. Rollins will be manager in the future.

The general stock of G. M. R. Stritzel, of Plum Coulee, will be sold by auction in Winnipeg on Nov. 28 at a rate on the dollar. Stock amounts to \$1,405, including \$277 of shop furniture. Books accounts \$1,000. Equity in house and lot, \$500. Making total assets of \$5,906.

The general stock of the estate of Robt. Bullock, Selkirk, was sold by auction at Conway's auction rooms, Winnipeg, on Thursday. There was a large attendance of buyers and bidding was brisk. The stock was sold to Olaf Anderson of Selkirk at 72 1/2 cents on the dollar, which is a very good price.

Assiniboia.

R. J. Mullen has succeeded to the liquor business of W. B. Pocklington, of Regina.

D. A. Black, drugs, Medicine Hat, has assigned to William Cousins, of the same place.

Wm. Thomson has opened a grocery store at Caron, on the Canadian Pacific railway main line, west of Moose Jav.

The estate of C. E. Magrath, Wapella, has been sold to Geo. E. Nugent & Co. The stock amounted to about \$10,000. Book accounts and similar assets of this estate were very excessive, amounting to over \$12,000.

Alberta.

Ponoka is to be incorporated as a village.

R. S. Kelly, grocer, Calgary, who sold out recently, is moving away from that place.

R. K. Allan, of the late firm of Allan & McNulty, Strathcona, expects to open a hardware store at Ponoka shortly.

James Lawlor, of Strathcona, is erecting a new hotel in Ledue. Geo. Nofield has applied for a license for the place.

R. Kenneth, tent and mattress factory, Calgary, has sold out to J. G. Terry, manager of the tent department of the Great West Co.

Northwest Ontario.

Robert Stewart is opening a store at Keewatin.

It is reported that Armstrong Bros. will shortly open a meat and provision business at Keewatin.

Navigation on the Lake of the Woods is closed for the season.

At a meeting of the creditors of W. T. Newman, tobacconist, Rat Portage, it was decided to sell the tobacco and barbering business on Monday, Nov. 23.

A large portion of the grading on the Rainy River railway (the Ontario section of the Canadian Northern) has been completed. The road will connect with the Southeastern at Itany River, making a through line from Winnipeg to Lake Superior.

Manitoba Liquor Act.

The prohibitory liquor law, passed at the last session of the Manitoba legislature, will come before the court of Queen's Bench shortly for consideration as to the validity of the law. No

less than eleven questions have been submitted for reference to the court.

Lumber Trade Notes.

The Rat Portage Lumber Co. are opening a branch yard at Portage in Prairie, Man.

Now that the Rat Portage and the Keewatin Lumber companies have each opened branch yards in Winnipeg, these concerns will be eligible for membership in the Western Retail Lumbermen's Association. It is understood they have applied for membership. Formerly they were, as wholesalers, only "honorary" members of the association. That meant that they paid their dues but had no vote.

Muscatine, Iowa, lumbermen, says a Duluth paper, are commencing a deal whereby they will acquire 210,000,000 feet of pine north of Duluth and south of the Canadian boundary. The pine is owned by Cook & Turrish, the Duluth pine land men, who are behind the great project of ralling logs from the Rainy River country on the Canadian border to Stillwater. The 210,000,000 feet in question will be ralled through Duluth to Stillwater and thence by river to Muscatine. The deal involves about \$750,000. W. P. Wheelman, of Necedah, Wis., has sold 50,000,000 feet of pine in Lake county to Alger, Smith & Co., for \$200,000.

Blue, Fisher & Deschamps is the name of a new firm formed at Roxland, B. C. The firm is erecting a saw mill at Rock Creek, near Rossland, with a capacity of 25,000 feet per day. The company has purchased from the Nelson and Fort Sheppard Company 1,400 acres of timber land. There are about 5,000,000 feet of spruce, tamarac, white pine and cedar on the land. The same firm is now taking a mill into Beaverton, B. C. This mill will have a capacity of 25,000 feet per day. It will be in running operation in about a month. J. S. Deschamps, formerly manager of the Yale-Columbia Lumber Company, is to be the general manager of the new firm.

The Liquor Act.

The following is a copy of the order in council dated Nov. 20, 1900, regarding the Liquor Act: to the court of Queen's Bench:

Whereas the legislative assembly of Manitoba recently passed an Act intituled "The Liquor Act" and being chapter 22 of 43 and 64 Victoria, which Act was assented to on the fifth July, 1900.

And whereas doubts have arisen as to the power of the legislature to enact certain of the provisions thereof and objection has been taken by certain of Her Majesty's subjects resident in Manitoba, who claim that such provisions are beyond the power of the said legislature.

And whereas it is represented that if the said Act comes into operation and afterwards is declared unconstitutional, injury will be caused to certain classes of business, and that the property and rights of certain persons within the province will be injuriously affected;

And whereas it is claimed that the said Act prejudices or affects the rights or properties of the governor and company of adventurers of England trading into Hudson's Bay (commonly known as the Hudson's Bay company) contrary to the terms and conditions of the deeds of surrender and of the order-in-council accepting the same, copies of which are hereinafter referred to, and of the legislation respecting the same, and is therefore not binding on the said company;

And whereas it is expedient to avoid a multiplicity of suits and appeals involving the said questions by referring the questions to the Court of Queen's Bench for Manitoba, for hearing and consideration under the provisions of chapter 28 of the revised statutes of Manitoba;

Therefore the Lieutenant governor of Manitoba in council orders that the following questions be referred to the Court of Queen's Bench for hearing and consideration under chapter 28 of the revised statutes of Manitoba, and that for the purpose of such hearing and consideration the court may, in addition to such other facts and matters as the court may see fit to take into consideration, accept as true and correct the statements set out in the schedule hereto, and may refer to and accept as correct the order of Her Majesty in council at the court of Windsor on the 23rd day of June, 1870, and the schedule thereto, copies

of which are to be found on pages 1311, to 1324, both inclusive, appearing to be printed by Brown Chamberlain, law printer for Canada at Montreal, and bound up in the copy of statutes of the Dominion of the Dominion of Canada passed at the 32nd year of Her Majesty's reign; the copy of the deed of surrender, and the minutes and reports as contained in the schedules to said order-in-council and bound up with the said statutes, and copy of the report from the select committee of the House of Commons of Great Britain on the Hudson's Bay company, dated the 31st July, 1801 printed on pages 111 and 112 of said printed report, together with chapter of the Hudson's Bay company in the Appendix thereto, ordered by the said House of Commons to be printed as printed, and such other statements, facts and documents relating to the Hudson's Bay company as may be submitted to the court by order of the lieutenant governor in council, and all statutes which may bear upon the subject:

1. Had the legislative assembly of Manitoba jurisdiction to enact "The Liquor Act," and if not, in which particulars, or respect has it exceeded its power?

2. Had the legislative assembly of Manitoba jurisdiction to enact the 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th and 56th sections of "The Liquor Act" or any and if so which of such provisions without the explanatory provisions of section 119 of the Act.

3. Had the legislative assembly of Manitoba jurisdiction to enact the provisions of the 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th and 56th sections of "The Liquor Act" or any of them, as interpreted by the explanatory provisions of section 119 of the Act, and if so, which?

4. Has the legislative assembly of Manitoba jurisdiction to make regulations, limitations, or restrictions on the sale or keeping of liquor by brewers, distillers or other persons in Manitoba, duly licensed by the government of Canada for the manufacture in Manitoba of spirituous, fermented or other liquors, as provided by sections 47, 51 and 54 of, and elsewhere in said Act?

5. Has the legislative assembly of Manitoba jurisdiction to prohibit or restrict the giving away in Manitoba, as a free gift by the owner thereof of liquor, which has been lawfully imported into Manitoba, or otherwise lawfully acquired by such owner?

6. If the legislative assembly of Manitoba has no authority to prohibit the importation of liquor into the province, has it authority to declare it illegal for an importer to employ a bona fide agent residing in the province to make the importation on his behalf or to prohibit importation through such agent?

7. Has the legislative assembly of Manitoba jurisdiction to prohibit an agent in Manitoba of a person residing in Manitoba retaining in such agents possession in Manitoba on behalf of such resident, liquors imported into this province through such agent on behalf of such resident, such liquors being the property of the importer and not the agent, so that such resident may take delivery of portions thereof from time to time as such resident may desire.

8. Has the legislative assembly of Manitoba jurisdiction to provide that no sale of liquor for export from the province shall be made within the province, unless such liquor shall be delivered by the vendor at some point outside the province?

9. If not, has the legislative assembly of Manitoba jurisdiction to compel a person purchasing liquor in Manitoba to convey the liquor purchased to a place outside the province without opening or breaking or allowing to be opened or broken the package or parcel containing the same, as received from the exporter?

10. Do the provisions of the Liquor Act interfere with or infringe on the rights of the Hudson's Bay company, as assured to that company by the conditions contained in the deed of surrender to Her Majesty and the various orders-in-council and statutes passed in respect thereof, and if so, to what extent?

11. Is the Hudson's Bay company subject to the provisions of the said Act, and bound to observe the same? If not altogether, then to what extent?

Schedule.

To order-in-council passed by the Lieutenant governor of Manitoba in council on the 20th day of November, A. D. 1900.

1. For the purpose of considering the questions referred by the aforesaid order-in-council, the following facts may be taken into consideration:

(a) That at the time of the passing of the Liquor Act there were and are now in Manitoba brewers and malsters duly licensed under the Inland Revenue Act of Canada, and amendments by the government of the Dominion of Canada to carry on the trade or business of brewers and malsters in Manitoba, and who were then and are now engaged under their said respective licenses, in manufacturing malt liquors and malt for both sale within and export from Manitoba, and selling within and exporting from Manitoba, malt liquors and malt.

(b) That at the time of the passing of the Liquor Act, there were and now are in Manitoba, a number of wholesale liquor dealers engaged in buying and selling liquor by wholesale within the province, and in importing liquor by wholesale into the province from other provinces and countries, and exporting from such province liquor so bought and imported.

(c) That at the time of passing the said Act many transactions took place and still take place in purchasing and selling liquor between residents of Manitoba and residents of other provinces and countries, both by way of import into Manitoba and export therefrom, and the government of Canada derives revenue both from the importation of liquor into Canada and the manufacture of liquor therein.

(d) That prior to the said surrender of Rupert's Land by the Hudson's Bay company to Her Majesty, the Hudson's Bay company, as part of its trade, imported into and bought and sold spirituous liquors in that part of what was Rupert's Land which now constitutes the province of Manitoba, and exported liquors from said part of Rupert's Land to other parts of British North America, and since the said surrender the said company has continuously, as part of its trade, imported into and exported from and bought and sold spirituous liquors in Manitoba.

(e) That prior to and at the time of the said surrender the portion of Rupert's Land now comprising Manitoba was sparsely settled.

(f) That the Canada Temperance Act is not adopted or in force in any part of Manitoba.

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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Saturday, Nov. 24.

Favorable weather conditions have materially assisted in improving the business situation during the week. Winter weather and winter roads, good sleighing now prevailing, has provided just what was wanted to impart more snap to the business situation. In season lines, such as dry goods, clothing, winter footwear, etc., a very good mail order trade has been doing this week. With good winter roads, work in the woods has begun actively, with a prospect of a good season. It has been said that a favorable winter season for work in the woods is the next best thing after a good crop in this country. Certainly an active winter in the woods, giving work for a large number of men, is a very good thing for the general trade of the country. The wheat movement shows a sharp increase, the last weekly report showing 981 cars of grain inspected, compared with 741 the previous week and 707 two weeks ago. The wheat inspection figures cover practically all the wheat moving eastward from country points, all wheat arriving at Winnipeg, or at Emerson for shipment out via Duluth, being included in inspection returns. A favorable feature of the week is an improvement in mercantile collections. This is a welcome condition, coming after a long period of slow collections. While there will certainly be less money realized from the crop this year than usual, it must also be borne in mind that what money there is, is later than usual in coming into circulation, on account of the long delay during the harvest, caused by unfavorable weather. While available funds will not be large, a considerable portion of the proceeds of the crop has yet to come out. Bank clearings at Winnipeg this week were \$2,640,000, compared with \$3,322,000 a year ago and \$2,312,000 two years ago.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Saturday, Nov. 24.

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

BOOTS AND SHOES

The weather has been favorable for this branch and there has been a decided improvement in business, particularly in the direction of mail orders, which have come to hand quite freely this week. Warm winter footwear has been mainly in demand and a good trade has been done in felts, which continue to grow in popularity as the favorite article for warmth and comfort for the winter season.

DRUGS

Staple drugs are steady as a rule, and there are no changes this week in our list. Quinine advanced one cent yesterday in first hands, but this does not affect the local market. There has been a continual upward tendency for some time in druggists' sundries, including all articles made of wood, metal and glass, or partly of these substances. The profits of jobbers has been seriously reduced on many sundry lines, owing to this continued upward tendency, as it has been difficult to follow the advances in first hand. The question of revising prices of sundries, however will have to be met soon, if the upward tendency continues.

DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING

Dealers report a decided improvement in business during the past week. This is of course due to the wintry weather and the prevalence of winter roads and good sleighing. A good, sorting business has been done in clothing, by mail orders. Fur goods have not been very active yet in a sorting way, but a fair number of mail orders have come to hand for furs.

FUEL

There is no change in fuel prices

Wood is beginning to offer more freely, now that sleighing prevails in the woods, and fresh supplies can be hauled out more easily than during the summer. Some choice tamarac from the Dauphin line is held as high as \$1.50 here. As regards coal, it is reported that stocks at Lake Superior ports are very light, and a scarcity of coal is predicted before navigation opens. It is even alleged that there is a probability that coal will have to be brought in all rail before navigation opens next spring, which would mean a big advance in the cost of laying coal down in the west. As the close of navigation is now close at hand, there is not much chance of materially adding to upper lake stocks this season.

FISH

Fresh winter caught pickerel and pike, or jack fish, as they are called locally, will likely be in the market next week. The close season for whitefish ends Nov. 30 for Lake Winnipeg, but whitefish may not be caught in other Manitoba lakes until Dec. 15. Only frozen summer caught whitefish are now in the market. The variety of sea fish is still limited. Haddies have so far come forward only in small lots. Prices for all kinds of fish remain as follows: Whitefish, 6c per pound, pickerel, 4c, pike, 3c, trout, 10c, salmon, 12½c, salt cod, 7c, Labrador herring, per barrel, \$3.00, flinnan haddies, 9c to 10c per pound, oysters select, \$2.25 per gallon, standards, \$2.00.

GREEN FRUITS

The feature of the market is the strength in apples, which show a decided tendency to advance. Prices have advanced sharply east, and as a result local dealers have experienced difficulty in getting their orders filled in full. Owing to the advance eastern shippers are trying in some cases to crawlfish out of their engagements by making short deliveries on orders previously booked. The market was bare of oranges for a time this week, but fresh supplies will be to hand again shortly. Cranberries have taken a big jump up of \$2 per barrel, which makes \$3 advance in two weeks. New dates are in this week. They are being opened to-day and will probably sell about 7½c. New figs are also being opened. They will likely range from 15 to 18c as to quality. These prices may be slightly modified. No new nuts are to hand yet. Some lots have come in lately, but they were not new stock. Spanish onions are out of the market, but there are supplies of very nice ordinary stock. In apples, Kings are now about out of stock. We quote: Apples, Spies, \$1.00 to \$1.25; Baldwins, Ben Davis and Pippins, \$2.50 to \$3.75; greenings and russets, \$3.25; California navel oranges, per case, \$5.50; California lemons, per case, \$6.00; bananas, per bunch, \$3.25; cranberries, per barrel, \$12.00; California pears, per case, \$3; Malaga grapes per keg, \$5.50; onions, per 70 lb. 3c, or in 35-lb. lots, 2½c; sweet potatoes, 30c; mince meat in 25-lb. pails, 10c per pound; cartoon dates, per package, of 1-70 10 cents.

GROCERIES

There has been no change in canned goods this week. Canned sardines keep advancing, owing to short catch, and increased cost of material used in packing. Domestic sardines have been advanced 10c per case, or equal to ½c per tin, by packers, during the past few weeks. This advance has not affected the local market, as stocks of old pack are held here which are being closed out at old prices. When new stock comes in the advance will be felt. Imported canned fish, such as blotters, herrings, etc., have advanced about 10 per cent, and this advance will take effect here at once, as new stocks are now coming in. Our quotations on these lines show advances of 10 to 15c per dozen this week. Canned meats maintain their strong position, but locally are unchanged this week. Sugars and syrups are unchanged. Green Rio coffee has fluctuated considerably of late but generally maintains a firm position in cereals, higher prices are expected for oatmeal, owing to approaching close of navigation. The special freight rate made on Ontario meal forced United States millers to cut prices for this market. With winter freights going into effect, United States millers will be able to obtain higher prices, owing to reduction of Ontario competition.

Many lines of cured fish are very scarce. Blotters and Digby herrings can hardly be had at all, higher prices are expected. This applies to Labrador herrings, which are very scarce. An advance of 20c has been noted on Labrador herrings, in dried fruit currants are unchanged. The market has evidently reached the top on this line. Now cooking and tubed tigs have been received here, they show good quality and good value. These new lines are quoted in our list on another page. Later shipments of Valencia raisins are to hand and prices have been reduced here in consequence of the lower freight rate on these late shipments. The reduction is 1c per box on fine off stalk and 40 to 50c per box on Valencia layers. New table raisins are now in the market, and show very fine lines. A new list of table fruit is given this week in our price list on another page. It is worthy of note to say that these fine goods are arriving early this year. Fancy holiday lines of new trunks, nuts, etc., were not in last year until late in December, in consequence of which jobbers were unable in some cases to supply the usual Christmas demand for such lines. Evaporated and dried apples are much stronger, owing to large export demand upon eastern packers for these goods, which have been going to the United Kingdom and Europe freely. The big storm in Ontario last fall also had the effect of causing a premature falling of apples, greatly reducing the crop of choice fruits, and causing higher prices to rule than were looked for earlier. Prunes are unchanged. New almonds have arrived and are costing very high. New Tarragonas are 1c higher than was quoted for old stock, while shelled almonds show a big advance, being quoted at 12 to 13c, compared with 8 to 10c previously quoted. Jobbers report a larger trade this week and some improvement in collections is noted.

HARDWARE

The strength in rope is the most marked feature of the market at the moment, due to the advance in raw material. An advance of 1½c in hemp has taken place within a short time and as a consequence rope manufacturers and eastern jobbers have advanced prices in sympathy. Higher prices on cordage generally are looked for and the local market may advance at any moment. Following recent predictions in these columns, the tendency on many lines of metals and heavy hardware has taken a turn upwards. Several recent advances at the mills have been reported, and many believe that the bottom of the recent declines has been reached and that prices will now show a strong tendency. It is believed that some of the late declines in the United States were due to political conditions. The large trusts control almost everything in the metal trade, and the popular outcry against the trusts caused a weakening of the situation while the election campaign was on. Now that the elections are over and the government has been sustained, confidence has been restored in trust circles. They have another four years' lease of power and they will avail themselves of the opportunity to increase their profits by holding prices strong. This theory is strengthened by the course of the stock market, where the stocks of the big trusts have shown an advancing tendency since the elections.

IMPLEMENTS AND VEHICLES

Quite a good trade has experienced in sleighs this week. The season has opened very favorably for the winter vehicle trade, as there is now good sleighing all over the country. A good many sleighs are being taken for work in the woods. The frost before the snow came, froze the soft ground, and this was followed by snow, so that the roads in the woods are in shape for beginning work at once, with prospects of a good season. There was also quite a little sport in cutters this week, but on account of so many cutters having been carried over from last year, owing to the absence of snow, most retailers have some held over stock to clear out, consequently, jobbers do not look for heavy sales of cutters this season. As regards collections, matters are beginning to look up somewhat. Jobbers report quite an improvement in collections lately.

LUMBER

A very unfavorable season is drawing to a close, so far as the Winnipeg lumber trade is concerned. The lumber trade in the city has been demor-

alized by the unbusinesslike custom of cutting prices. This unfavorable condition has prevailed throughout the season. The trade has lost from \$1 to \$5 per thousand on the lumber sold in the city, owing to the pig-headed stupidity which has characterized the season's business. The total loss to the trade will aggregate many thousands of dollars. No more unbusinesslike custom than price cutting can be followed by business men, and it is not the first time that the lumber trade of Winnipeg has been ruined for a season by such practices.

PAINTS, OIL AND GLASS

The feature of the week has been a decline of 3c in linseed oil, which drop was announced by the Winnipeg mill on Thursday, making the jobbing price here now 57 and 56c respectively for raw and boiled oils. In other lines there has been no change in prices during the week. Business has been settling down to the usual winter's quiet. Glass holds steady and firm.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE

WHEAT—The wheat market has been nervous during the past week, both in feeling and in action, and has resulted in disappointment to both bulls and bears. A decline on Monday was followed by a moderate advance continuing over the next three days and a decline yesterday which brought prices back to practically where they were at a week ago. There has this week been a marked falling off in the amount of the primary receipts in the States compared to a year ago. The southern points such as St. Louis and Kansas City, continue to have larger receipts than a year ago, but the spring wheat points, Minneapolis and Duluth are far behind and show the deficiency in the spring wheat crop. While this lessening of primary supply in the States would argue for higher prices there, the large and increasing visible supply, together with a dull and depressed flour market stand out against it. Free offerings of wheat from Russia and the Danube, and large world's shipments, cause an uneasy feeling to prevail in Europe and during this week there have been no disturbing reports from Argentine. In fact yesterday it was reported from that country, that the weather was fine and clear and favorable for crops. The new winter wheat crop in the States is well spoken of, weather has been very favorable for growth and in some sections it is too far forward and has been pastured to prevent it from jointing. All over Europe the reports of the new winter wheat crop are favorable. No change is reported from Australia where the crops promise large yield. The weather continues very favorable in most parts of India and the crop outlook is satisfactory. The American visible supply increased 1,658,000 bushels, compared to the increase of 671,000 bushels for previous week, and an increase of 1,439,000 bushels for the same week last year, and the aggregate now stands at 62,361,000 bushels. The world's shipments were 5,562,000 bushels, previous week 9,000,000 bushels, same week last year, 6,304,000 bushels. The world's visible supply, according to Bradstreet's, increased 1,800,000 bushels, previous week increased 7,083,000 bushels, same week last year increased 700,000 bushels.

The local market was active in the fore part of the week, consequent on shippers buying more freely of the low grades of Manitoba wheat for shipment across the lakes before the close of navigation, but business has been completely checked the last two days owing to the unexpected difficulty in chartering vessels. On account of this shippers have stopped buying until they find out definitely if they can secure further space. No business is doing, but prices now quoted are being put upon all rail freight basis. Up till yesterday prices have been steady around 6½c for No. 3 hard, but to-day the best bids obtainable are 6½c to 6½½c for No. 3 hard, in store, Fort William. No wheat is yet changing hands at these prices. We quote values nominally as follows:—1 hard, 7c; 2 hard, 7½c; 3 hard, 6½c; 3 northern, 6½c; tough 2 hard, 6c; tough 3 hard, 6½c; tough 3 northern, 6½c; in store, Fort William, spot or en route.

FLOUR—Prices hold at the decline noted last week, with a fair demand. We quote: Lake of the Woods, Five Roses, \$2.10; Red Patent, \$1.95; Medora, \$1.60; XXXX, \$1.35 per sack of 48 pounds. Osgile

Milling Co., Hungarian, \$2.10; Glenora Patent, \$1.05; Manitoba, \$1.60; and Imperial XXXX, \$1.20 per sack of 35 pounds.

MILLEED—Bran is quoted at \$12 per ton bagged, and shorts at \$11 per ton.

GROUND FEED—Prices are unchanged, except for corn feed, which is \$1 ton lower. We quote oat chop, \$25 per ton; barley chop, \$18, mix. 2 barley and oats, \$23, corn chop, \$20, all cake, very scarce and price nominal.

COUNTRY WHEAT—The price paid for wheat to farmers in Manitoba country markets ranges from 50 to 68c. This is a good price, considering the average quality of the crop, which is about No. 3 hard, when compared with export value.

OATS—The movement continues very light. Prices have held steady this week at the same figures as quoted a week ago. We quote 34 to 35c for car lots on track of best oats available, inferior grades 1c to 3c less. At country points about 27c or 28c represents the best figures being paid. Average quality continues poor.

BARLEY—Carlots of barley on track here to-day are worth 34 to 35c per bushel, according to quality for feed grades. Offerings have been very small and no barley fit for malting is offering.

CORN—Carlots on track are worth 45 to 47c per bushel, an advance of 1c since last week.

FLAX—Dealers are offering \$1.40 to \$1.45 per bushel for flax at country points. The quantity offering is very limited and there is a good demand for all obtainable.

HAY—Fresh baled is quoted at \$7.00 to \$7.50 per ton in carlots on track and loose hay about the same.

OATMEAL—The market is getting firmer as the close of navigation draws near, as it will cost more to lay down meal from Ontario. United States millers have been obliged to reduce their quotations to meet competition from Ontario meal, and they will no doubt take advantage of the higher winter freight rates from Ontario to advance their prices proportionately.

BUTTER—Creamery. — Business is about over for the season. Dealers here quote 19½ to 21c per pound for best, but these prices are now about nominal.

BUTTER—Dairy—There is a good demand for all the choice butter offering but supplies are light. Deliveries of rolls and prints are larger owing to cooler weather, but tubs are preferred and the same quality in packages will bring 1c more than in rolls. Straight lots of butter are worth 13 to 17½c per pound commission basis for held stock. Strictly fresh made will bring 15 to 16c for choice, and fresh being 15 to 16c for choice in packages and fresh rolls are quoted at 15c.

CHEESE—The market is weak. Small sizes are quoted at 6c and large about 8c.

EGGS—Receipts are light and the price is firm at 18c per dozen net for fresh case eggs here, which shows an advance of 2c on the week.

VEGETABLES—We quote: Potatoes, farmers' loads, 40c bushel; parsley, 20c; carrots and beets, 35c per bushel; turnips, 20c per bushel; cabbage, 25c to 50c per dozen; celery, 20 to 25c per dozen.

DRESSED MEATS—There has been a good demand for beef to send to the woods and a fairly good quality of meat is being taken for this trade. A good many cattle have been killed here for freezing for the shipping trade. Large stocks of mutton are now held, city dealers having killed heavily since the cold weather set in. Some orders have been placed east for mutton for this market but none is here yet. Hogs are easier at prices quoted last week. Prices are: Choice beef, 3½c per lb; frozen beef, 4½ to 5c for city dressed. Good country dressed, 4 to 4½. Veal, 5 to 6. Mutton, 5½c. Lamb, 10c. Hogs, 6 to 6½ for best weights, heavies and rough hogs lower, according to value.

DRESSED POULTRY—Colder weather has made a better market for poultry and there is a good demand for all offering and more are wanted.

We quote Dressed chickens, 8c; spring chickens, 9c per lb. ducks, 9 to 10c, geese, 9c to 10c, turkeys, 11 to 12½c.

GAME—There is very little in the market in the game line except held stocks of frozen ducks. Rabbits are worth about 8c each.

HIDES—The market is uncertain and holders are trying to keep well sold up in case of a slump, though the immediate tendency has been firm. As high as 7c has been paid for city hides for choice take-off. Country frozen hides are quoted at 6½c flat rate. Calf and kip 6½ to 7c. Deakin skins, 25 to 35c each. Sheepskins are up 10c to 45c for fresh kill.

WOOL—Market is nominal. Dealers quote 8 to 8½c per pound for unwashed fleece and 12½c per pound for washed.

TALLOW—Quoted at 1c for best grades.

SENECA ROOT—Offerings light. For good, clean, dry root 33c would be paid delivered here, and the market may be quoted as ranging from 32 to 33c.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—The export movement is about over for the season, though some shipping business was done this week. Choice steers, best grades are worth 3½c per pound, weighed off cars, second grades, 3 to 3½c. Feeders, 2½c per lb; stockers, yearlings, \$13 to \$14 each, two year-olds, \$18 to \$20; spring calves, \$8 to \$10 each.

SHEEP—Buyers quote 4 to 4½c per pound for best mutton sheep, weighed on cars here. Sheep are now about all in, and with cold weather heavy stocks of dressed mutton are being held here.

HOGS—Receipts are fairly liberal. Packers are paying 5c per pound for best weights, off cars here.

MILCH COWS—There is an active enquiry for milking cows, but the supply is very limited. From \$30 to \$45 is being offered for these.

HORSES—There is very little sale for horses. A few western bronchos are being taken for winter breaking. These are worth from \$50 to \$90 each, according to quality.

Navigation Closing.

The Grand Trunk railway stopped receiving freight this week for shipment west via the lake route. The last Canadian Pacific Railway liner is billed to leave Owen Sound for Fort William on Nov. 23. The recent prolonged storm on the lakes greatly delayed shipping. Several days were lost. It is not expected there will be much doing on the upper lakes after the regular line steamers lay up, as the quantity of grain moving eastward is light and prices are unsatisfactory.

Saskatchewan.

A J Adamson has opened a banking business at Rosthern.

Mr Sperring, photographer, Rosthern, has sold out to M. J. Friesen.

Nick Smith has built a hotel at Rosthern and expects to occupy it shortly.

Dawson & McEwen are building at Rosthern, where they will open a general store.

Steele & Co., photographers, Winnipeg, will establish a branch at Prince Albert, so says the local paper.

Insurance Notes.

Under the heading of "A Job for the Receiver," the Economist for October has the following: "The Victoria-Montreal Fire Insurance Company, which was launched on Napoleonic principles about eighteen months ago is now a candidate for the receiver. The company is being sued for claims in many places. The treasury is exhausted and the unfortunate shareholders have a white elephant on their hands. Instead of being as solid as the continent" the concern has proved to be a "temple of wind." An enormous amount of money was swallowed up in promoting the company." There are unfortunately a considerable number of shareholders of the above company in Manitoba, who were induced to subscribe through the promises made them of cheap fire insurance. F. Holland & Company were the agents for the company here.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, Nov. 19. — Inclement weather has seriously affected business this week, while on Friday a violent snow storm, succeeded by a thaw and then a sharp frost did about \$15,000 damages to telephone and telegraph wires.

The new California crop of oranges and lemons is on the Vancouver market, and the steamship Empress of China has just arrived with the first consignment of Japanese oranges, which are selling at 10 cents a box. The market is clear of eastern apples and Oregon and British Columbia apples are now the only source of supply.

Fresh local eggs are almost unprocurable and are selling retail in the stores without guarantee at 50 cents. The most important news of the week is the statement that the sealing fleet have at length agreed upon the basis for a combine, and that all three schooners are in the new syndicate. Ships for lumber are still unobtainable.

R. P. Rithet & Co.'s report reads as follows. Freight rates are firm, with an upward tendency for grain carriers, but as the high rates now prevailing are beginning to attract steamers to this business, further advance will probably be checked. There is no change in lumber freights. During the month there has been a steady decline in the price of wheat. Particulars of the Canadian sealing catch, are also given. The reports say that the average catch per schooner for the Behring Sea cruise is small as compared with previous years, caused by the unfavorable weather during the whole season. The dealers report that there is no diminution of the seal herds. The total catch for the season is 35,548 skins, compared with 35,471 in 1899.

British Columbia Markets.

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PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

(By wire to The Commercial.) Vancouver, Nov. 21. The only change this week is in cured meats, which are ½c lower in some lines. All other prices are steady.

GRAIN—Oats, \$26 per ton; wheat, \$24. FLOUR—Delivered R. C. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$5.20; strong bak ers, \$4.60; Oregon, \$4.50 per barrel; Enderby, B. C. patents, \$5.20.

FEED—National millers chops, \$24 per ton, bran, \$18, shorts, \$20, oil cake meal, \$15 ton, f.o.b. Vancouver, including duty on imported stuff.

HAY—Per 100, \$12. MEAL—Rolled oats, 90lb sack, \$2.60, two 45lb sacks, \$2.70; four 22½lb sacks, \$2.90; ten 7lb sacks, \$2.50; oatmeal in 100 sacks, per 100lb, \$3.25; in 50lb sacks, \$3.00 per 100lb.

HIDES AND WOOL—Sound heavy steers, 7½c per lb., medium, 6½c, light cows, 5½c; sheep pelts, November killed, 20c each; deer skins, green, 8 lb deer skins, dry, 20c; wool, 60lb lb. LIVE STOCK—Steers, \$1.50 per 100 lb., butchers' cows, \$5 per 100 lb., sheep, \$5.00 per 100lb; lambs, \$4.00 to \$4.50 each; hogs, \$4.00 per 100lb.

POULTRY—Chickens, \$3.75 doz.; ducks, \$4.65, geese, \$10 doz., turkeys, 15¢20c lb. live weight.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef, 7½c; mutton, 11c; pork, 8½c; veal, 8¢10c.

GAME—Mallard ducks, 60c per pair; golden plover, 18c; venison, 3½c; salpe and moose, 18c.

OYSTERS—Cans, 6c dozen, shell, 30c dozen.

CURED MEATS—Hams 13¢14c; breakfast bacon, 16c; backs, 14½c; long clear, 12¢13c; rolls, 12¢12½c; smoked sides 13½c.

LARD—Tins, 13c per lb.; pails, 12½c; tubs, 12c.

BUTTER—Local creamery, 30c; Manitoba creamery, 26½c; gov't creamery, 26c; fresh, 26¢27c.

EGGS—Fresh local, 40c; eastern eggs, 26¢27c.

CHEESE—Eastern, 13¢14c.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, Fraser Valley \$15¢16¢ per ton. Ashcroft potatoes, \$20 per ton; silver skin onions, 1½c per lb., California onions, 1½c per lb., lettuce, \$2 crate.

FISH—Flounders, 3c; smelts, 5c; sea bass, 6c; whiting, 5c; sole, 5c; halibut, 6c; salmon, 7c; cod, 6c per lb.; crabs, 60c per dozen, smoked salmon, 10c; smoked halibut, 10c.

GREEN FRUITS—California navel oranges, \$4¢4.50; Pomegranates, \$1.50, local apples, 50¢51¢. Oregon apples, \$1¢1.50 box; California grapes, \$1.60¢1.75 box; lemons, \$2.50 to \$4.50.

DRIED FRUITS—Apricots, 11c; peaches, 10c; pitted plums, 11c; prunes, French, 15¢16c; London layer raisins, \$2.25 per box, Muscatel raisins, 2 crown, \$2c; 3 crown, 9c; 4 crown, 9½c, dates, 9c, black figs, 6c; white figs, 9½c; layer figs,

10lb box, \$1.25, silver prunes, 9½c, quartered prunes, 10¢11c, half prunes, 11¢12c, nectarines, 11c, sultanas 11¢14c, blackberries, 15c; raspberries, 25c; seeded raisins, 11c.

NUTS—Almonds, 17c; Alberts, 27½c; peanuts, 8¢10c; Brazil, 16c; walnuts, 14c per lb; peanuts, 8c per lb; coconuts, 10c¢11 doz.

SUGARS—Powdered, 16c and bar, 7c. Paris lump, 6½c, granulated, 5½c, extra C, 13c, fancy yellows, 4½c, 3c and low, 4½c per lb.

SYRUPS—30 gal barrels, 2½c lb 10 gal kegs, 2½c; 5 gal tins, 1.75 each; 1 gal tin, \$4.50 case of 10; ½ gal. tins, \$5.25 case of 20.

TEAS—Congo, fair, 11½c; good, 18c; choice, 20c; Ceylon and India, fair, 20c, 11½c—Chinese rice, \$74 ton, Japan rice, \$80¢\$84 ton; tapioca, 6c; sago, 6c.

CANNED GOODS—Corn, \$1.60¢1.10; peas, \$1.65¢1.10; tomatoes, \$1.25, beans, \$1.10.

HARDWARE—Bar iron—Base, \$2.75. Horse shoe nails, discount, 40 per cent; horse shoes, kegs, \$5.25. Wire nails—Base price, \$1.00, cut \$3.35. Rope, Manila, 15¢. Lined oil, \$1.00. White lead, 50. Putty, \$3.50. Barbed wire, \$4.75 per 100 lb. Glass, first break, \$4.75.

PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

Special to The Commercial.

Nelson, Nov. 21. Business is good here. The market is very steady, prices being practically unchanged all round.

Butter—Choice dairy, 20c. Creamery, 24 to 25c.

Cheese—New cheese, 13c.

Eggs—24 to 26c.

Oats—Per ton, \$29.

Milled—Bran, \$20; shorts, \$22 per ton.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$5.40.

Hay—New, per ton, \$23.

Potatoes—New, \$17 per ton.

British Columbia Notes.

H. B. Beeler, of Barkerville, has assigned.

The S. Charles Hotel, Rossland, has been sold out to Harmon and Thompson.

J. W. Bennett has bought out Chas. J. Aman, tobacconist, at Revelstoke, and will continue the business.

T. Lay, Jr. has purchased the confectionery and cigar stock and good will of R. J. Hall at Chilliwack.

Doxat & Rayson, freighters and contractors, of Cariboo road, have dissolved partnership. Doxat continuing.

M. W. Crane, dry goods and clothing, Phoenix, has assigned. Alan G. Simpson is named as assignee, also of Phoenix.

The S. Fader Co., Limited, Vancouver, have bought the grocery and fish business of Winch & Bower in that city.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has commenced work on a new bridge over the Fraser river near Mission City.

M. R. Smith & Co., of Victoria, manufacturers of bread, biscuits and confectionery, have incorporated, with a capital of \$100,000.

The joining of the tracks of the two railways running into Rossland, the Canadian Pacific and the Great Northern, has at last been accomplished. This will be a great advantage to the district.

W. H. Brayton, of the Kaslo & Slokan railway, says that application will be made to the legislative assembly at its next session for an act to incorporate a company with power to construct a line of railway from Crawford Bay, on Kootenay lake, through the valley of Crawford creek and the valley to the St. Mary's river to a point at or near Fort Steele, to reach the mines in the district, including London Consolidated, the Commonwealth, X Ray and others.

British Live Stock Markets.

London, November 19.—There was a weaker feeling in the market for cattle and prices for United States cattle declined ¾c to 1½c within the week, with sales to-day at 11½c to 12c. Canadian cattle had a wide range at from 10c to 11½c. Sheep were strong and prices show an advance of ¼c to 1c, with sales at 11½c to 12c.

Liverpool, November 19.—Canadian cattle sold at 11c, and sheep at 12½c.

Standard Oil Shares Jump.

New York, Nov. 22.—Standard Oil shares made another new high record to-day, selling up to \$74 a share "ex-dividend." This represents a jump of 21 points for the day and is equivalent to an advance of 31 points, the dividend being 10 per cent.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE. Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Nov. 21

Dry Goods—Mild, rainy weather has kept down sales of winter goods, but more business is doing in spring lines. Holiday goods are selling well. Retailers have advanced spool cotton owing to manufacturers' prices going up several weeks ago. Spools are selling retail now at 4c each, while a short time ago two for 5c was the retail price.

Hardware—Business is more active. Large shipments have been made by last inland vessels. Galvanized pressed spikes are 1/4c lower. Rope is higher, sisal 1c and manilla 2c dearer. The demand for horse shoes is so active that orders cannot be filled promptly. The movement of metals is larger. Steel is \$3 ton higher. Iron pipe is advancing and is 10c per cwt. dearer for black.

Grains—A good demand for staples is reported. All refined sugars were reduced 10c per cwt. here to-day. This was a surprise to jobbers, who rather expected an advance. Granulated is now held here at \$1.88 to \$1.93 per 100 lbs. Yellows, \$1.13 to \$1.81.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE. Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Nov. 21

Grain deliveries have been light. Very little export business doing. Manitoba wheat is easier. Receipts of butter have been more liberal, but prices are steady. Eggs also have been coming to hand freely. Dressed hogs are 1/2c higher. Poultry experienced a slump owing to mild, wet weather, but prices will advance with colder weather.

Flour—Manitoba Patent, \$1.60; Manitoba bakers, \$1.30 for carlots at Toronto. Ontario patent, \$2.30 to \$3.10.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, 6 1/2 to 6 3/4c for red and white west; Ontario spring, 6 1/2 to 6 3/4c; No. 1 hard, 9 1/2c, and No. 2, 8 1/2c, grinding in transit. Toronto and west, 9 1/2c for No. 1 hard.

Oats—No. 1 white, 2 1/2 to 2 3/4c; east, 2 white, 2 1/2 to 2 3/4c, on cars north and west.

Barley—3 1/2c for No. 3 extra at country points west.

Milled Shorts, \$12.00 to \$13 per ton for cars west, bran, \$11.

Oatmeal—\$3.10 in bags per barrel, and \$3.20 in wood for carlots, Toronto.

Hay—Carlots on track, \$9.50 to \$9.75 per ton.

Eggs—17 to 18 1/2c for fresh gathered per dozen, as to quality. Lined and fresh held, 15 to 16c.

Butter—Choice fresh dairy in tubs and pails, 18 to 19c, as to quality. Large rolls, 16 1/2 to 18c, pound rolls, 19 to 20c; creamery packages, 21 to 22c; prints, 23 to 24c.

Cheese—11 1/2c for job lots.

Hides—5 1/2c for No. 1 cows. No. 1 heavy steers, 5 1/2c; country hides 1/2c under these prices; calfskins, 5c for No. 1, and 7c for No. 2; sheepskins, 5c each; tallow, 5 to 5 1/2c.

Wool—Washed fleeces, 16 to 18c; unwashed, 9 to 10c.

Beans—\$1.35 to \$1.45 per bushel for handpicked, job lots.

Dried Apples—4 to 4 1/2c for round lots; evaporated, 5 1/2c.

Honey—3 1/2 to 10 1/2c per pound.

Poultry—Chickens, 2 1/2 to 4 1/2c per pair, turkeys, 7c to 8c per pound, ducks, 40 to 60c per pair, geese, 5c to 6c per pound.

Potatoes—28 to 30c per bushel for carlots.

Dressed Hogs—Car lots offering at \$6.50 per 100 pounds.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET. Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Nov. 21

Receipts at the semi-weekly market yesterday were 900 cattle, 2,000 sheep and lambs, and 625 hogs.

Export Cattle—Choice cattle were quoted at \$1.40 to \$1.60 per cwt. with light at \$1.20 to \$1.40. Four loads were sold at prices ranging from \$1.25 to \$1.60.

Butchers' Cattle—Few sales were made owing to the indifferent quality of the stock. Choice and good cattle are in over supply. Picked lots are now worth \$4.40 to \$4.75 per cwt. and choice sell at \$4 to \$4.40. Good cattle are quoted at \$3.40 to \$4. Medium are slow at \$2.50 to \$3.25, and common are almost unsaleable at \$2 to \$2.50. Some good to choice cattle

were sold to-day at \$3.40 to \$4.05, and some medium lots changed hands at \$2.75 to \$3.25.

Export Bulls—Heavy are worth \$3.50 to \$1.25 per cwt and light \$3 to \$3.50. Choice animals are easily sold.

Feeders—Prices are steady at \$3.50 to \$3.80 for short-keep, \$3 to \$3.50 for heavy and \$2.50 to \$3 for light.

Stockers—Trade dull. Prices are easier; animals of 400 to 800 lbs are now quoted at \$2 to \$2.75 per cwt. Off-colors and heifers are plentiful, but there is a limited market for them. They are quoted at \$1.50 to \$2.

Sheep and Lambs—Trade dull and prices low. Only a small portion of the receipts found buyers. Export ewes are quoted at \$3 to \$3.35 per cwt, bucks at \$2.50 to \$3 and butcher's sheep at \$2.50 to \$3 each. Lambs are weaker, selling down to \$3.50 to \$3.75 per cwt and \$2.50 to \$3.25 each.

Hogs—The recent advances in prices have not been great enough to induce heavy shipments, and hogs are scarce again. The price was advanced all round to-day, and quotations are 12 1/2 to 17 1/2c per cwt higher. Selects of 160 to 200 lbs natural weight have advanced from \$5 per cwt to \$5.25; fats have gone up from \$1.42 1/2 to \$3, and light from \$1.62 1/2 to \$1.75.

FRIDAY'S MARKET.

Toronto, Nov. 21

Receipts at the semi-weekly market yesterday were 45 cars, including 1,600 sheep and lambs and 1,500 hogs.

Export cattle were dull and unchanged at Tuesday's prices. Very few offered. The season for grass cattle has now closed. Butcher's cattle slow. Offerings light. The best prices paid were from \$3.65 to \$3.75, but there were no choice offered. The latter would bring \$4 to \$4.50. Stockers were firmer, and \$3 was paid for some. Feeders firmer. Sheep and lambs dull and unchanged. Hogs firm at Tuesday's advance. Choice bacon sold 2 1/2c higher, touching \$7.50. Heavy fat were also higher at \$5.25 for best. Light hogs came on on Wednesday.

MONTREAL GRAIN & PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Nov. 21

Oats have been in good demand and show an advance of 1/2c on the week. Wheat quiet and easy. Flour weaker. Manitoba patents have declined 30 to 35c, and bakers' grades at 5 to 15c lower. Oatmeal has been steady and in fair demand. Feed active and firm. Hay in good demand and firm. In dairy produce cheese has been quieter and prices steady. Butter has been rather firmer. Top prices on creamery are 1/2c higher. Dairy butter steady. Eggs are in active demand and firm. Hides firm. Maple syrup and honey steady.

Wheat—No. 1 spring wheat, 73 1/2 to 74c.

Barley—46c.

Oats—30 to 30 1/2c.

Flour—In fair demand. Manitoba patent, \$4.25 to \$4.40; Manitoba strong bakers, \$4.05 to \$4.10, straight rollers, \$3.15 to \$3.40.

Rolled Oatmeal—\$3.25 to \$3.30 per barrel, and \$1.57 1/2 to \$1.60 for bags.

Feed—Market firm, good demand. Manitoba bran, bags, \$15, shorts, \$17.

Baled Hay—Choice, \$9.50 to \$10, No. 2, \$8.50 to \$9.00.

Cheese—Western, September, 11 1/2 to 11 3/4c; October, 10 1/2 to 10 3/4c; eastern, 9 1/2 to 10 1/2c for September and October.

Butter—Finest creamery, 20 1/2 to 21c, seconds, 19 1/2 to 20c; western dairy, 17c to 18c.

Eggs—Prices firm. Strictly fresh, 22c, No. 1, candled, 19 to 20c, No. 2, 16 to 17c.

Maple Syrup—6 1/2 to 7c in wood, tins, 50 to 60c.

Honey—White clover, comb, 13 to 14 1/2c, buckwheat comb, 10 to 12 1/2c, extracted, 7 to 8c.

Hides—No. 1, 9 1/2c, No. 2, 8 1/2c, No. 3, 7 1/2c calfskins, 8 and 6c, lamb-skins, 50c for good fresh skins.

Potatoes—Carlots, 40c; broken lots, 15 to 20c.

Poultry—Turkeys, 9 to 10c; chickens, 7 to 8c; fowl, 6 to 7c; ducks, 3 to 4c; geese, 6 to 7c.

Game—Partridge, firsts, 60 to 75c pair; seconds, 40 to 45c; deer, carcasses, 5 to 7 1/2c per pound.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Nov. 18

Receipts of live stock at the East end abattoir market yesterday were 1,500 cattle and 1,800 sheep and lambs.

Buying of cattle was active at steady prices. Choice cattle sold at 1 1/4c, good at 3/4c to 1c, fair at 3c to 3 1/2c, common, 2 1/2c to 3c, and inferior at 1 1/2c to 2 1/2c per lb. Sheep met with a fair sale at prices ranging from 2 1/2c to 3 1/2c, and lambs sold readily at 3 1/4c to 4 1/4c per lb. Live hogs met with a good demand at 5c to 5 1/2c for straight lots weighed off cars.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, Nov. 21

At the East End abattoir yesterday receipts were 600 cattle, 600 sheep, 400 lambs and 300 hogs.

Trade was fairly active for cattle and prices steady. Choice sold at 1 1/4c, good at 3/4c to 1c, fair at 3 to 3 1/2c, and common 2 1/2 to 3c. Sheep were in fair demand and steady at 2 1/2 to 3 1/2c. Lambs active at 3 1/4 to 4 1/4c. Hogs sold at 5 to 5 1/2c off cars.

Exports for the season are: Cattle, 92,172; sheep, 34,838; horses, 2,832. Gordan & Ironsides shipped 37,119 cattle and 6,297 sheep. Total expenditure \$7,872,149.

MONTREAL GROCERY TRADE

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Nov. 21

Sugars are active and steady. Teas quiet. Provisions in good demand. Prices as follows:

Sugar, granulated, \$1.85 per 100 lbs; yellows, \$1.50 to \$1.65; molasses, 40 to 41c. Valencia raisins, fine off stalk, 8 to 8 1/2c; selected, 8 1/2 to 9c; layers, 9 1/2 to 9 3/4c; currants, 1 1/2 to 1 3/4c. Canned goods, tomatoes, 5 1/2 to 5 3/4c; peas, 7 1/2 to 8 1/2c; corn, 80 to 90c; salmon, \$6 to \$6.75 per case. Japan teas, 17 1/2 to 20c. Provisions—Quotations are: Pork, \$19 to \$21; lard, pure, 10 1/2 to 11 1/2c; hams, 10 1/2 to 14c; bacon, 13 to 15c.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Nov. 21

Pig iron is firmer and fairly active. Turpentine firm. Cement quiet. Prices as follows:

Pig iron, summerlee, No. 1, \$24 to \$25.00, Nova Scotia, \$18.00 to \$20.00; bar iron, \$1.50 to \$1.60; tin plates, cokes, \$3.85 to \$4.00; charcoal, \$1.25 to \$1.50; Canada plates, \$2.80 to \$2.90;terne plates, \$7.50; Ingot tin, 29 to 30c, copper, 18 to 19c, lead, \$1.15 to \$1.25; manilla cordage, 12 to 13c; sisal, 9 to 10c; linseed oil, raw, \$1 to \$2c; boiled, \$4 to 5c; seal oil, 5 1/2 to 5 3/4c; turpentine, 62 1/2 to 64c; cement, German, \$2.40 to \$2.60, English, \$2.20 to \$2.40, Belgian, \$1.80 to \$2.00; Canadian, \$2.10 to \$2.25, white lead, standard, \$6.50; coal tar, \$4 to \$4.50.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Nov. 21

Cheese quoted at 5 1/2 to 5 3/4c, which is a decline of 6d on the week on the inside price.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Nov. 21

Cattle steady at 11 to 12 1/2c, dressed weight; sheep, 12 to 12 1/2c.

LONDON SUGAR MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

London, Nov. 23

Beet sugar 9s 5 1/4d for November and December.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Nov. 21

Provisions are in good demand and prices are steady. Dressed hogs are offering at \$6.50 for choice weights in car lots.

ONTARIO CHEESE MARKETS.

Ingersoll, Ont., November 20.—Only two lots of 450 boxes boarded. No sales on board. Large attendance of both salesmen and buyers.

Campbellford, Ont., November 20.—At the regular meeting of the cheese board here to-day, 500 November white cheese were offered, all sold at 10c. Season closed to-day till first of May, 1901.

MONTREAL MONEY MARKET

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Nov. 21

The Montreal money market was unchanged, call loans 4 1/2 to 5 per cent.

FINANCIAL

WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS.

Returns for the Winnipeg Clearing House for the week ending Thursday, show as follows:

Table with columns for Week ending Nov. 21, 1900, 1899, and 1898. Rows include Corresponding week, 1899, 1898, and monthly totals for 1900, 1899, and 1898.

BANK CLEARANCES.

Canadian bank clearances for the week ended Nov. 22, were as follows: Montreal, \$10,738,552, increase 4.9 per cent. Toronto, \$11,033,903, increase 12.5 per cent. Winnipeg, \$2,246,538, increase 21.7; Halifax, \$1,730,282, increase 14.9; Hamilton, \$487,850; St. John, N. B., \$777,340; Vancouver, \$786,751, decrease 3.6 per cent; Victoria, \$830,986, increase 40.1.

British Dairy Markets.

London, November 17.—The cheese market here has been demoralized during the past week, prices slumping away off to 40s to 45s. The trade generally assert that stocks are heavy, and with a light demand, do not consider the outlook very promising. Butter, on the other hand, has ruled steady under a fair demand, and with moderate stocks, values have been maintained, 9 1/2 to 10 1/2s for ordinary, and 10 1/2 to 10 6/8 for creameries.

Bristol, November 17.—Demand for cheese has been slack this week, but prices have been fairly well maintained, and stocks are not excessive. The range has been 5 1/2 to 5 3/4s. Enquiry for butter has been good, and with light stocks here the immediate prospects for this product are encouraging. Ordinary is quoted steady at 9 1/2 to 9 3/4s, and creameries, 10 1/2 to 10 3/4s.

Liverpool, November 17.—Finest butter, quiet, 5 1/2s; good, dull, 5 1/4s. Finest white cheese, easy, 5 1/2s; do. colored, 5 1/4s.

The Van Dusen-Harrington Company, Minneapolis, has issued a report compiled from about 1,400 replies to inquiries, showing the estimated yield of flax in Northern and Southern Minnesota. North and South Dakota per acre as follows: Northern Minnesota, to 7 1/2 bushels per acre; Southern Minnesota, 8 to 9 1/2 bushels; North Dakota, 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 bushels; South Dakota, 6 1/2 to 6 4/5 bushels.

Investigation of School Land Sales.

Notice is hereby given that, acting under the powers and authority conferred upon me by an order of His Excellency the Governor-General-in-Council, appointing me a commissioner to inquire into and report upon certain alleged fraudulent practices or irregularities at public sales of school lands in this province, I will proceed with the investigation of the said matters and hear complaints relating thereto, at the following times and places, namely: McGregor—At or near the School House, Monday, Nov. 5th, at 1.30 p.m. Carberry—At the Municipal Hall, Tuesday, Nov. 13th, at 10.30 a.m. Brandon—At the Court House, Wednesday, Nov. 14th, at 10.30 a.m. Oak Lake—At or near the School House Thursday, Nov. 15th at 1.00 p.m. Virden—At or near the School House, Friday, Nov. 16th, at 1.30 p.m. Miam—At or near the School House, Monday, Nov. 19th, at 3.00 p.m. Baldur—At or near the School House, Wednesday, Nov. 21st, at 7.00 p.m. Winnipeg—At the Court House, Nov. 27th, at 2.50 p.m. Emerson—At the Municipal Hall, Thursday, Dec. 6th, at 4.50 p.m. Holland—At the Municipal Hall, Tuesday, Dec. 11th, at 8.00 p.m. Souris—At or near the School House, Thursday, Dec. 13th, at 7.30 p.m.

The inquiry will be continued at all other points where sales have taken place, concerning which further notice will follow.

Dated at Winnipeg, this 15th day of October, A. D. 1900.

JAMES E. P. PRENDERGAST, Commissioner.

Toronto Grocery Market.

Toronto, Nov. 24. SUGARS—Granulated, delivered Toronto, \$1.88@1.93; yellow, from \$1.84@1.83. Special Brigs, 35¢@42¢. ...

CANNED GOODS — Tomatoes 87¢@87¢; peas, 80¢@85¢; corn, 77¢@80¢; beans, 80¢@85¢, sifted selected peas, \$1.05@1.20. ...

DRIED FRUITS—Raisins, Valencia, selected, 57¢@1.00, off stalk, 80¢@85¢; California 3-crown loose Muscatels, 94¢@94¢; ...

PROVISIONS. PORK—Canada mess, short cut, \$20. heavy, \$18.00; shoulders, \$1.50. ...

Toronto Hardware and Paint Prices.

ANTIMONY—11@11½¢ per lb for Cook-son's. BARBED WIRE—Csr lots, f.o.b. Cleveland, \$2.85; Toronto, \$2.75 per 100 lb. ...

CANADA PLATES—All dull, \$3.15 per 100 lb; half polished, \$3.25, and all bright \$3.50@3.75 per 100 lb. ...

100 lb; new light scrap copper, 12½¢ per lb; bottoms, 10½¢; heavy copper, 13¢; light scrap brass, 7¢; heavy yellow scrap brass, 10¢; ...

CASTOR OIL—East India, in cases, 10¢@10½¢ per lb, and 10½¢@11¢ for single tin. GUM SHELLAC — In cases, 22¢ in less than cases, 25¢. ...

MINNEAPOLIS MARKETS. Compared with a week ago flour is 15c lower, oats ½¢ higher, corn 2½¢ higher, flax seed 6c lower, hides ¼¢ higher. ...

FLOUR PRICES IN BARRELS: First patents, \$3.75 to \$3.95; second patents, \$3.55 to \$3.75. MILLFEED—Shorts in bulk, \$11.50 per ton; bran in bulk, \$11.50 per ton. ...

ton, as to quality, prairie, \$3.00 to \$12.50. Beans—Fancy hand picked, \$2.25; medium, hand picked, \$2; medium, \$1.25 to \$1.50. ...

NEW YORK WHEAT. New York, Nov. 19—Wheat, Dec. opened 77½¢, highest 77¾, lowest 77½ b, closed 76¾. ...

CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE PRICES. Chicago, Nov. 19.—Wheat, Nov. opened 71½, highest 71¾, lowest 70¾, closed 70½. ...

CHICAGO WHEAT. Chicago, Nov. 21.—Wheat, Nov. opened 70¾, highest 71¼, lowest 70¾, closed 71¢. ...

CHICAGO WHEAT. Chicago, Nov. 22.—Wheat, Nov. opened 71¼, highest 71¾, lowest 71¼, closed 71¼. ...

CHICAGO WHEAT. Chicago, Nov. 23.—Wheat, Nov. opened 70¾, highest 71¼, lowest 70¾, closed 71¢. ...

CHICAGO WHEAT. Chicago, Nov. 24.—December wheat opened at 70¼¢ and ranged between 70¼¢ and 71¼¢. ...

LIVERPOOL PRICES. Liverpool, Nov. 23.—Wheat, spot No. 2 red western winter firm, 6s. 11 northern springs, firm, 6s 3¼d. ...

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT. The market continues quiet and unchanged to-day. Prices the same as given at the close yesterday.

DULUTH WHEAT. Duluth, Nov. 19.—Wheat, Dec. opened 73 b, highest 73¾, lowest 72 b, closed 72½ b. ...

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT. Minneapolis, Nov. 19.—Wheat, Dec. opened 73 a, highest 73 a, lowest 72½, closed 72¾. ...

DULUTH FLAX MARKET. Duluth, Nov. 24.—The market for flax seed closed at \$1.68 for November and \$1.65 for December.

BRITISH STOCKS. London, Nov. 23.—1 p. m.—Consols for money, 98 7-16. do for the account, 98 9-16. ...

TENDERS. Winnipeg committee of works is asking for tenders for supplying 3,000 lineal feet of sewer pipe. ...

THE COMMERCIAL MEN. N. G. Conybear, western manager for Sir Thos. Lipton, was in Winnipeg this week.

J. D. Roberts is laid up at Revelstoke with a damaged back. He was thrown against a seat in a railway car, by the sudden starting of the train.

Jas. Logie, of Buntin, Reid & Co., Toronto, paper manufacturers, etc., was in the city this week, returning from a western business trip. ...

Remember the annual meeting of the Northwest Commercial Travelers Association for the nomination of officers for 1901, and other business at the board of trade room, Grain Exchange building, Winnipeg, on Saturday, November 24th, at 8 o'clock.

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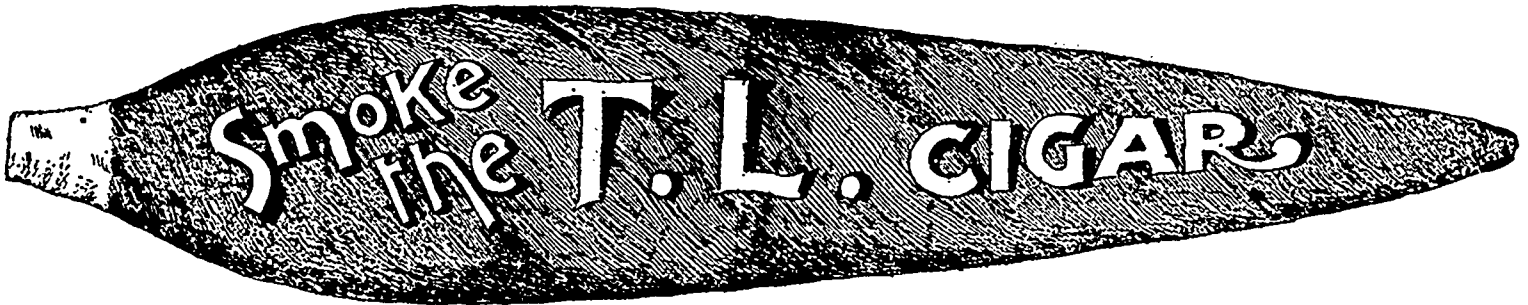
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A Paying Concern.

Brantford, Ont., Nov. 21.—At the annual meeting of the Farmers' Binder Twine company a dividend of 90 per cent. was declared. Last year the concern paid 100 per cent., the year before 60 per cent. and for five years before that 10 per cent.

The officers in their speeches claimed that these extraordinary dividends were due to the purchase of the raw material at the right time and wise speculations. Joseph Stratford, general manager, was voted a handsome bonus.

The officers elected are: S. Harold, president; Dr. Digby, vice-president; J. Stratford, C. H. Waterous, T. Brooks, F. Leeming, R. Beth, W. Roddick, W. Edmandson, A. H. Vanloon, and J. Mott, directors.

Small Increases in Wheat Supplies.

Stocks of wheat in the United States and Canada east of the Rocky mountains increased only 6,107,000 bushels in October, while Pacific coast stocks, owing to heavy exports, actually decreased 225,000 bushels, the net result being a total held in the two countries on November 1 this year of 92,221,000 bushels, or a gain of 5,942,000 bushels for the month. Reference to records for the same month in preceding years proves this increase to have been the smallest recorded in

ed since 1893. The combined American and European stocks made the following comparison:

	(000's omitted.)			
	1900	1899	1898	1897
January 1	107,477	117,080	132,434	150,159
Feb. 1	162,399	118,470	127,721	143,597
March 1	159,631	124,389	118,543	133,721
April 1	161,697	124,459	114,247	122,378
May 1	148,014	117,213	95,590	107,108
June 1	132,583	110,297	99,062	94,690
July 1	128,823	110,353	80,204	78,602
August 1	128,008	110,813	68,938	64,040
Sept. 1	135,923	117,169	53,234	53,113
October 1	154,179	134,898	67,223	95,032
Nov. 1	166,021	150,880	85,571	111,634
Dec. 1	166,463	109,810	127,003	

November 1 was 11,542,000 bushels larger than on October 1 this year and 2,777,000 bushels larger than on November 1 a year ago. As compared with 1898, however, the increase is fully 81,380,000 bushels. Here, as in previous compilations, it is, of course, natural to find that the gain in supplies during October was only about one-half of the increase shown in 1899 or 1898.—Bradstreets.

Comparative Prices of Staples.

These are prices at New York, except for Bessemer pig iron and steel billets, for which Pittsburg prices are given.

	Nov. 10, 1899	Nov. 10, 1900
Flour, straight wint	\$3.40	\$3.70
Wheat, No. 2 red	77 1/2c	73c
Wheat, No. 2 mixed	45 1/2c	39 1/2c
Oats, No. 2	2 1/2c	2 1/2c
Rye, No. 2 west'n	69 1/2c	69c
Cotton, mid. upld.	9 1/2c	7 9-16c
Primates, Gt. Ind.	3 1/2c	2 1/2c
Wool, Ohio & Pa X	2 1/2c	31 1/2c
Wool, No. 1 embg	2 1/2c	35 1/2c
Pork, mess, new	\$12.00	\$13
Lard, prime, cont.	7.60c	5.25c
Butter, ex creamery	27c	25c
Cheese State, L.C.F.	10 1/2c	12c
Sugar, centif. 90.	4 1/2c	4 1/2c
Sugar, granulated	5.60	5 1/2c
Coffee, No. 7 job's lots	3 1/2c	3 1/2c
Petroleum, rd gal.	7.25c	9.10c
Iron, Bessemer, Plg	13.75	\$25.00
Steel billets, ton	\$19.75	\$30.00
Steel rails	\$23.00	\$35.00
Copper, lake ing. lb	10.75c	17.00c
Lead, lb.	4.37 1/2c	4.00c
Tin, lb.	29.00c	27.25c

*Pittsburg. —Bradstreets.

Trend of Prices.

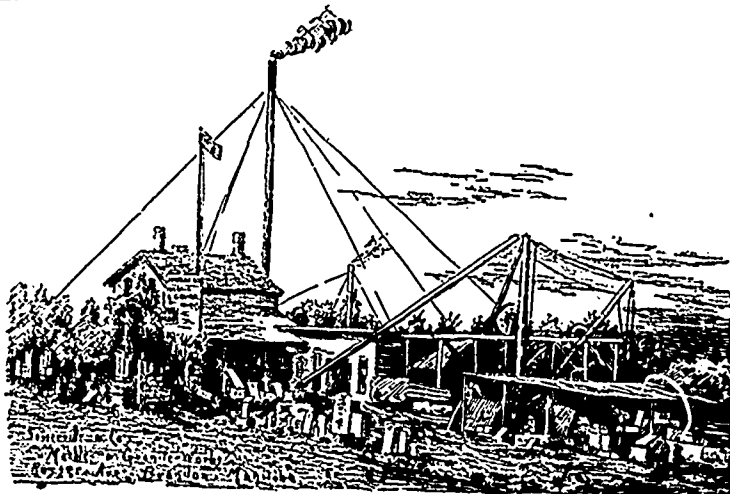
Staple prices here and in England advanced in September and declined in October. The causes of the declines in the two countries, however, were not identical in all cases. The declines in raw cotton, wool and sugar were features common to both countries, but it is to be noted that iron and steel and coal fell in price in England in October, while the contrary was the case here. English prices, as a whole, fell 3 per cent in October, while the decline here was about 2 per cent. As compared with a year ago, the general level of English prices is about 1 per cent higher, while here they are 2 per cent lower, differences which must be regarded as trifling ones under the circum-

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October for seven years past. It is, for instance, less than one-third the increase shown in either October, 1899 or 1895, and less than one-half the gain shown in either 1898 or 1897, only 41 per cent. of the gain in 1896 and only 35 per cent. of the gain in 1894. From the first of the present cereal year to November 1, four months, the increase in American and Canadian stocks has been 27,795,000 bushels, so that the gain of 5,942,000 bushels in October was less than the average gain per month this cereal year. The following table shows the situation of stocks on the first of each month since Jan. 1:

	East of Rockies	Pacific Coast	Total U.S. and Canada
Jan. 1	82,235,000	10,022,000	92,257,000
Feb. 1	87,473,000	8,362,000	95,835,000
March 1	85,370,000	7,814,000	93,184,000
April 1	79,830,000	7,217,000	87,047,000
May 1	70,764,000	7,050,000	77,814,000
June 1	57,017,000	6,884,000	63,901,000
July 1	58,523,000	5,903,000	64,426,000
Aug. 1	60,398,000	5,770,000	66,168,000
Sept. 1	60,210,000	7,483,000	67,693,000
Oct. 1	76,071,000	10,238,000	86,309,000
Nov. 1	82,238,000	9,983,000	92,221,000

Wheat stocks in this country and Canada on November 1 this year compare with corresponding periods as follows:

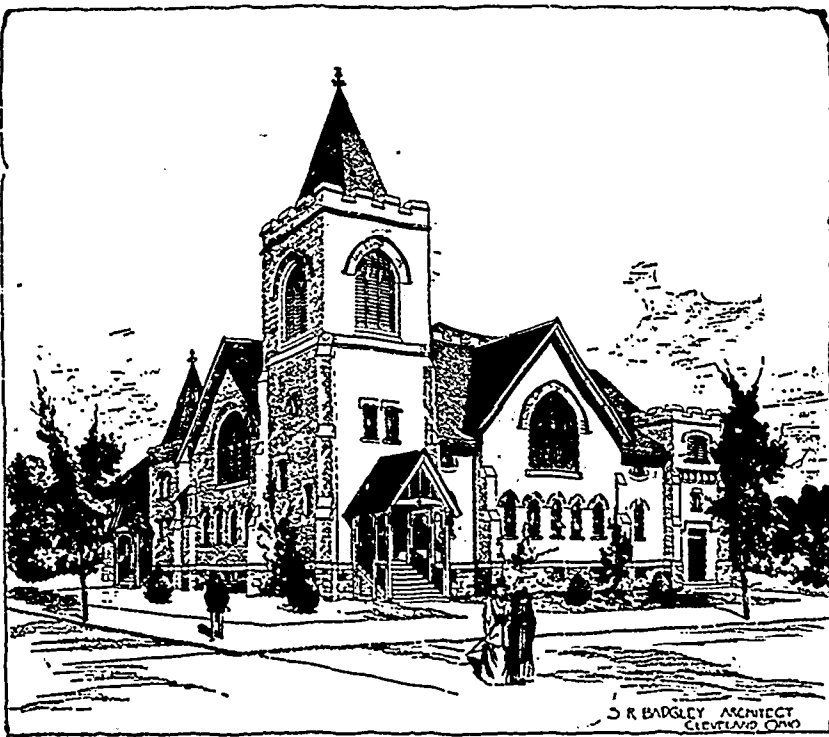
	East of Rockies	Pacific Coast	Totals
1900	82,238,000	9,983,000	92,221,000
1899	77,195,000	11,083,000	88,278,000
1898	33,930,000	10,221,000	44,151,000
1897	42,009,000	7,301,000	49,310,000
1896	76,716,000	6,883,000	83,599,000
1895	75,598,000	9,651,000	85,249,000
1894	105,874,000	12,008,000	117,882,000

As compared with a year ago, it will be seen, there is an increase in American and Canadian wheat stocks of only 4,000,000 bushels, but compared with 1898 the stock is 52,670,000 bushels larger, with 1897 42,000,000 bushels larger and with 1896 9,000,000 bushels larger. It is still necessary, in fact, to go back to 1894 to find a total larger than that now held. The situation of European stocks is just as interesting, as will be gathered from the following table of stocks held in Europe on November 1, as reported by the Liverpool Corn Trade News:

	(00,000's omitted.)			
	1895	1896	1897	1898
January	78.5	89.8	70.2	71.6
February	81.1	73.8	77.5	71.3
March	81.2	73.8	70.2	69.0
April	70.7	69.0	64.7	60.9
May	81.5	63.1	65.9	61.5
June	85.6	62.0	65.5	67.2
July	88.4	61.4	60.3	59.3
August	88.8	48.0	58.0	44.8
September	78.9	48.2	43.1	37.0
October	89.0	48.1	67.3	39.7
November	81.2	48.8	61.6	49.0
December	83.4	83.2	70.5	54.4

There was a gain of 6,000,000 bushels during October, or about the same as that shown in October a year ago and two-thirds that reported in 1898. Little change is to be noted as compared with the stock held a year ago, but it is 25,000,000 bushels heavier than it was in 1898 on November 1. It is likewise the largest stock report-

The increase in the combined stocks in October. It will be seen, was 12,442,000 bushels, or only about one-half that shown in October a year ago, about 60 per cent of the 1898 increase. 75 per cent of the 1897 and one-third that of 1896. The combined stock, it will be observed, is only 6,741,000 bushels heavier than held a year ago on November 1, but is 78,000,000 bushels larger than in 1898. The showing as regards the world's supply—that is, the stock held in America, Europe,



Australia and the Argentine Republic—is given as follows:
 Nov. 1, 1900. Oct. 1, 1900
 U. S. and Canada...92,221,000 86,270,000
 Europe and afloat...74,400,000 67,600,000
 Australia...4,200,000 4,700,000
 Argentina...1,440,000 1,340,000
 Totals...172,261,000 160,710,000
 Decreases are, of course, still a feature of the Australian and Argentine stocks. The aggregate world's stock on

stances. What is most significant, however, is the opinion beginning to be generally expressed abroad that the recent decline in prices points to a decided slackening in activity of British industries. It such proves to be the case some interesting reflections on the possible effect of slower British trade upon United States export business may be possible.—Bradstreets.

The whaleback principle in ship-building has reached the Mississippi river.
 The rumor is again in circulation that the Northern Pacific will shortly pass under the control of the Great Northern. President Mellen, of the Northern Pacific, denies the report, though it has been announced by New York papers as a positive fact.

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Grocery Trade Notes.

The two leading oracles on the beet crop of Europe have furnished estimates, one placing it at 5,500,000 tons, and the other at 5,615,000 tons, but both agree in placing this year's production considerably above that of last year, which turned out to be 5,510,000 tons.

Filberts and almonds of the new season's crop are arriving at New York, with prices higher throughout. Grenoble walnuts are in New York, and it is expected that deliveries will be made before the end of the month. Buyers are favoring walnuts this season, as they are lower in price than either filberts or almonds, whereas they are generally 2c to 3c higher. Advances of 2c to 3c are noted in shelled almonds and ½c to 1c in unshelled almonds and filberts.

Willett & Gray say of sugar: "The whole sugar situation at home and abroad is in an unsettled condition, which makes it necessary to watch the markets closely. At home we have the Louisiana crop and the several domestic beet sugar factories in full operation most of the latter producing granulated sugar of superior quality, ready for direct consumption. These factories will market their products as fast as possible at the present range of values and they should have a successful business season everywhere. Abroad the tendency of conditions is to produce a somewhat lower level of value for beet sugars, both raw and refined, but a further decline is being established very slowly and factories are beginning to show an inclination to store their sugars."

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

EUROPEAN DRY GOODS BUYERS HOME.

J. M. Campbell and A. S. Binns, European buyers for R. J. Whitla & Co., wholesale dry goods merchants, have returned to Winnipeg from a purchasing trip. They had a very busy time while away, and placed a good many orders for goods in both British and continental markets. The same difficulties as were experienced last spring and a year ago in getting prompt delivery of goods was met with and there seems to be no let up to the activity in manufacturing centres. As regards prices there was not so very much difference as compared with six and twelve months ago. Woolens were found to be cheaper owing to decline at recent London sales. Linens were dearer and cottons. The opinion seemed to be generally held by manufacturers that there would be an actual shortage of cotton for spring manufacture. Linens they found to be in a very firm position owing to shortage of the flax crop of Russia and other producing countries. Mr. Binns devotes his attention mainly to dress goods, linens, etc. He says that one thing will be emphatic in regard to next year's styles, and that is the predominance of black in both plain and figured dress goods. The best buyers in the world have been taking large quantities of goods in this color, and they are most decidedly the leading line in the market. Quiet effects in greys, browns, fawns, etc., will come next in point of favor. While away Mr. Campbell visited the Paris exposition. He was very much impressed with the beauty of the buildings and grounds and as an exhibition he says it has never had an equal. As regards attendance, however, it has not been a success. The number of people on the grounds each day has been from 50 to 75 per cent. less than was anticipated. The losers by this failure in the attendance are banks and speculators, who bought up the tickets at the beginning of the fair with the expectation of selling them at a premium, whereas they have actually been sold at a loss.

DRY GOODS NOTES.

Montreal Trade Bulletin says: Cottons are quite active, and from recent reliable sources we glean that a further advance may be looked for soon.

The Commercial Bulletin says of the Boston wool market: "The market continues the strong healthy gait struck just before election. The fine wools are improving in request, and Ohio XX is a little firmer. The market is at last in the seller's favor."

The market for cotton, says the Toronto Globe, continue firm. With raw cotton in the neighborhood of 10c there is not much prospect of any reduction in the prices of the finished

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lines. Indeed it is pointed out that the present cost of cotton goods, both in Great Britain and Canada, is still below a parity of the current prices for the raw material and that a further advance might be made, although there are no present indications of any rise in values in the near future. The raw markets are now being influenced by receipts. A crop letter says that it is impossible to see how a crop of 10,500,000 bales can be realized in view of the recent killing frost and killing weather which occurred in every cotton state. Some estimates are now as low as 9,755,000 bales, and from that the estimates run up to 10,500,000 bales.

THE HARDWARE TRADE.

CHICAGO LINSEED OIL MARKET.

The situation in linseed oil is strong because of the small supply, says the Chicago correspondent of the Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter. This is the local view of the oil question. It is quite evident the old stocks of oil large though they were, are nearly exhausted and the amount of new oil made this season is less than was made last year during the same period, for the very good reason that the supply of seed up to Nov. 1 this year has been 2,700,000 bushels less than for the corresponding time a year ago. The stock of available seed having been reduced it follows that the oil output has been cut down. If reckoned on the seed basis the decline in oil output would equal 6,750,000 gallons. Heavy stocks were brought forward from last season, so the old saying holds true that when it is all gone there is plenty left. With a great many buyers it is just now a question of immediate supply, and the size of the delayed flax crop cannot enter into their calculations. Under ordinary conditions one could look for an easing off in oil prices in December, and a decline usually takes place in that month, but when one considers that immediate supplies of seed have been very much reduced by weather conditions it is easy to understand how it is possible to successfully carry the present prices of oil through December. Yet it really looks as though the price was getting a little top heavy and a decline in December would surprise no one. The seed, being damaged, is not available for foreign consumption and in all likelihood will be used at home. There is an abundance of such seed. The price of oil for the week is unchanged at 72c for raw in car lots, Chicago. The demand is fair and steady.

HARDWARE TRADE NOTES.

United States ammunition has been advanced temporarily at Toronto.

At Toronto green wire cloth has been fixed at \$1.50 per 100 sq ft. Poultry netting, formerly held at 45 per cent. discount, is now quoted on a basis of 50 per cent. discount.

It is reported that the only Canadian manufacturer of sand paper has disposed of his plant and business to a United States manufacturer, and that, in consequence, the making of this article in Canada will be discontinued.

The recent advance east of 5c in bar iron is said to be due to scarcity of scrap. Some weeks ago dealers throughout the country were paying only \$9 to \$10 per ton for No. 1 wrought, now they can secure very little at \$12 to \$13.

On October 18, says American Elevator, the American Linseed Company advanced the price of linseed oil ten cents a gallon. Before noon of that day the price was 60 cents; at noon it was raised to 70 cents. The price in New York the next day was 71 cents. This is the highest figure ever known. The lowest was in June, 1897, when sales were made at 23 cents per gallon. Officials of the company say that the advance was necessary on account of the high price of seed, which sold at \$1.82 on the day the advance was made.

A meeting of the Paint Grinders' Association of the United States, was held in New York recently. The sessions were behind closed doors, and all members were pledged to secrecy. It is known, however, that several important matters pertaining to the welfare of the trade were thoroughly threshed out and action taken to amend certain grievances. The members, too, made no pretence of denying that, in view of the high cost of linseed oil and other raw materials, the price of liquid paints had received considerable attention, and that a

recommendation to advance present values 10 per cent upon standard grades and 15 per cent on minor qualities had been passed, which is equivalent to a general adoption.—Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter.

An oil well known as the Copley gusher, situated in West Virginia, has been creating considerable interest in petroleum circles and has actually caused a decline in the refined petroleum market owing to its large production. Its initial production was 6,000 barrels per day and its present rate of production is 2,400 barrels. And now another well of like capacity in close proximity to the Copley has been struck causing further weakness in the market. It is believed that a new oil field of great importance has been discovered.

At a recent meeting of the Canadian Wholesale Hardware Association at Toronto, a number of changes were made, including the following: Swedes Iron was placed at 44c Rogers' cutlery will now be sold at 75 per cent on the new sterling coat Heavy T and strap hinges were put on a combine basis as follows: 4-in., \$5.25 per 100 lbs.; 5-in., \$5.00 per 100 lb.; 6-in., \$5.75; 8-in., \$5.50; 10-in., and up, \$5.25; light T and strap, 60 and 5 off; chest hinges, 60 and 5 off; hinged hasps and staples, 60 and 5 off; wrought butts, 60 and 10 off. Peter Wright's anvils were raised from 9½c., in some cases, to 11c per lb. Nuts sold in less than 50-lb. lots will now have 1c per lb. extra added. Scythe snaths were fixed at 45 per cent. off. Barn door backs, 1-in., will now be generally sold at 1c per foot. Galvanized wires was fixed as follows: 4 and 5 gauge, \$1.52½; 6 to 8, \$3.85; 9, \$3.10; 10, \$4; 11, \$4.05; 12, \$3.25; 13, \$3.35; 14, \$4.40; 15, \$4.90; 16, \$5.15. This also involves no change.

Implement Trade Notes.

W. J. Kennedy, implements, Virden, Man., where he has been in business for 17 years, has sold out.

Lent & Rukenbrod's weekly report of the fibre market says: "We have to report a stronger market for manila hemp, with prices about ¼ to ½ of a cent higher."

A conference of representatives of the leading interests in the binder twine industry was held at New York last week for the purpose of discussing questions of interest to both manufacturers and dealers.

Under the influence, possibly, of an advancing fibre market, says Farm Implement News, some of the manufacturers now state it as their belief that hemp prices have touched bottom and from now on changes will be upward instead of in the other direction.

The past month has witnessed a very rapid advance in manila hemp, chiefly the result of renewed purchases by mania operators in the London market, under the influence of which prices were driven up until £2 10s was paid for October-December shipment and £20 10s for January-March. The demand being satisfied rates have since fallen away to £28.

About a year ago the Continental Company, which was the title of the national screen door and window screen trust, was formed at Detroit, Mich., and included about 95 per cent of the works in operation in the United States. The combination did a business of \$1,500,000 in the United States and Canada during the first year, but outside competition grew rapidly and the combination, with its consequent increase of prices, caused a number of independent firms to start up. The directors of the Continental Company held a secret conference a few days ago when the trust was dissolved.

MINING MATTERS.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

New machinery is being installed in the Mother Lode mine, near Greenwood.

The Evening Star company have levied an assessment of 5 mills a share, payable Jan. 10, 1901.

Work will be resumed on the Old Abe. This is one of the most promising prospects in East Kootenay, and bids fair to make a good mine.

The West Kootenay Power and Light Co. have decided to increase the capacity of their plant at Bonington by 10,000 horse power. All the power now developed—5,000 horse power—has been taken, mostly at Rossland

and Trail. The cost of the work is estimated at \$1,000,000.

The Nip and Tuck placer ground, in East Kootenay, has been sold to David Griffith.

The Rossland Miner places the pay roll of the mines of that district for the month at \$105,000. This is for wages only.

The Mountain Con, on Carpenter creek, has been bonded by an English company. This property was floated by Alex Sprout, of New Denver, and R. D. Featherstone.

The Silverite group, says the New Denver Ledger, has been bonded to E. Woakes for \$21,000. There are three claims and three fractions in the group. Cory, Allen and Foster are the owners. The amount paid down was \$1,000. C. B. Taylor has sold his interests in the Bird and Summit fractions, near the Surprise, to Wm. Kent, for \$6,000.

The Cooper group of mineral claims, situated in Burnt basin, near Gladstone, says the Rossland Miner, has been bought by Mr W H Jackson, of this city, for an eastern syndicate. The group is one of the best in the Burnt Basin. The ore carries gold, silver, copper, and lead. Mr. Cooper has done considerable work, sufficient to demonstrate the value of the claims. The syndicate which has acquired the property will begin the work of development in the spring.

News has reached here, says the Rossland Miner, from London to the effect that the Britannia group, at the coast, has been sold in London for \$1,500,000 to a syndicate. The Britannia group consists of the Fairview, Editha Fraction, Jane Clifton, Heather Fraction, William and Mineral creek claims, situated three and a quarter miles from the beach, near the head of Howe Sound, twenty-eight miles from Vancouver. The property is a very valuable one and considerable development work has been done upon it. The ore carries a large percentage of copper and the ledges are large.

J. W. Peters, of the C. P. R., says that 800 tons of ore per day is being handled in the Boundary country. The smelter of the Dominion Copper company at Greenwood will be ready to blow in on the 1st of January. Mr. Peters said that in the last week in October, 15,070 tons of ore was handled in the Kootenay country outside of that sent from Rossland to Trail, and of this quantity \$800 tons came from the Boundary country. This shows how the camps outside of Rossland are commencing to produce. The Grand Forks smelter, he said, is operating splendidly, handling 600 tons of ore per day. When however, the Dominion Copper and the pyritic smelters are put in operation the output should be largely increased.

An enthusiastic meeting was held at Rossland to establish a chamber of mines for Southern British Columbia. After thorough discussion it was moved and unanimously carried that an association, to be known as the Chamber of Mines of Southern British Columbia, with the words "Kootenav's" and "Yale" bracketed in—should be established. And "That a committee of four, with a president, should be appointed to act together for the purpose of communicating with representatives of the mining, smelting and transportation interests, soliciting their active and earnest co-operation in the carrying on of this chamber of mines." J. B. McArthur was elected president of the chamber; C. P. Chamberlain, J. S. C. Fraser, F. W. Rolt, and John McLane were appointed the provisional committee. F. J. Walker, John Ferguson McRae and N. E. Townsend were appointed a committee to solicit membership and subscriptions to the chamber.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Winnipeg Mining & Smelting Company, says the Rossland Miner, was held for the purpose of placing the present concern in liquidation and reconstructing by incorporating a new company to be known as the Winnipeg Mines, Limited. Richard Pienman, of Rossland, controlled the meeting, having personal stock and proxies for the eastern shareholders of three-quarters of a million shares. The meeting passed resolutions for reconstruction with a capital of \$1,250,000 divided into shares of \$1 par value, fully paid up to the extent of 95 cents to be allotted shareholders share for share. The holders will be required to pay 1 cent per share on transfer stock and not to exceed one-half cent per share a month until the

balance of four cents, if required, is put up. This method will provide nearly \$50,000 for development, besides what may be derived from the sale of 250,000 treasury shares. It was announced that the last shipment of 22 tons gave a net return of \$36.20 per ton.

The annual meeting of the St. Eugene Mining Company was held last week at Toronto. A dividend of 3 per cent for the three months ending December 31, and payable January 1, was declared. The reports of the mine were satisfactory. The following directors were elected: President, Geo. Gooderham, vice-president, T. G. Blackstock; W. H. Beattie, W. G. Gooderham, A. E. Goodeham, John A. Finch, of Spokane, James Croman, of Moyle, J. C. Drewry, of Rossland; E. P. Heaton and Geo. Sumner, of Montreal. It is expected that the same quarterly dividend of 3 per cent will be continued.

NORTHWEST ONTARIO.

The Oxford Copper company which have been for years refining at their works in New Jersey the copper nickel matter of the Canadian Copper company, are now establishing a smelting or refining works at Copper Cliff, a few miles west of Sudbury, in the vicinity of the Canadian Copper company's McArthur mine.

The Wabigoon Star notes the finding of an apparently valuable iron deposit near the C. P. R. track by Monks & Campbell. It is a banded formation about 500 feet wide, and can be traced for some distance. At certain outcrops the iron ore is in more solid masses, the width being apparently less, about 30 to 50 feet.

The court, says the Rat Portage Miner, has sold the old Pine Portage mine, situated in the Lake of the Woods district, to C. S. Scott, of Hamilton, the purchase price being \$20,000. This was done as the result of an action in a dispute between the owners, in which T. W. Doble was the plaintiff. He has a preferred claim amounting to \$3,000.

The Lake of the Woods Gold Mining Syndicate, Limited, is a new English corporation organized in London. The syndicate is represented by S. G. Abbott, who is accompanied from London by A. Panter and A. M. Rutherford, both of London. Mr. Byles, of the London British Columbia Review, informs the Rat Portage Miner that the syndicate is composed of some of the wealthiest men in London.

Work has been commenced by F. H. Clergue, of Sault Ste. Marie, and his associates in the enterprise at that town in developing a gold mine on the Grace claim, near Wawa lake, in the Michipicoten mining division. The ore is a sugar quartz containing much visible gold. The vein is 2 feet wide and has been shown to be 200 feet in length, and it is probably much longer. A shaft is being sunk, which is now down 40 feet, showing good ore all the way.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Canadian Gold Fields Syndicate have declared a dividend of 3 per cent, payable Dec. 31. The transfer books will be closed from Dec. 24 to 30.

The North Star Co. have declared a dividend of 3 per cent, payable Dec. 1. The financial statement of the company shows that they have \$74,000 on hand, after allowing for the dividend.

Boots, Shoes and Leather.

The market for sole leather is very firm, with an upward tendency in prices, owing to a good export and home demand.

The failure of Messrs. Cote, shoe manufacturers, of St. Hyacinthe, P. Q., with heavy liabilities, was a surprise to the trade, as they were considered one of the strongest houses in the manufacturing line. The failure is said to be due to the low prices prevailing in the shoe trade.

Jackson Bros., bakers, Rat Portage, are carrying on business as usual. They have no connection with the firm of Jackson Bros., in the same business at Keewatin, who assigned recently. On account of the two firms having the same name, and carrying on business in the same lines in the same district, the one has inadvertently been confounded with the other. The Rat Portage firm is all right.

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Grain via St. John.

Montreal, Nov. 10.—Mr. Hinton, general freight manager of the Canada Atlantic railway, stated at Ottawa this morning that a contract has been entered into between the Canada Atlantic and the Intercolonial railways for the carriage of western grain to the Canadian seaboard at St. John. He declined to give the contract price, but said it is the same as if the haul was to Boston, though the distance to St. John is a little longer. Then, by the American route there are three competing lines, while in Canada there are two.

This month, Mr. Hinton says, the amount carried will be in the neighborhood of half a million bushels, which will take all available ship room at St. John. The grain is all from Chicago and diverted through Canada, instead of going to Portland or Boston, via Buffalo. There will be other shipments month by month, according to the available vessel room in St. John. In addition to their share of the freight the Intercolonial railway gets the elevator dues of a cent and a quarter a bushel.

The Keewatin Lumber Company has purchased the lumber business of W. Armstrong & Co. at Portage la Prairie, Man., and leased the mill of J. M. Taylor for three years. They have also taken over Taylor's yard and will amalgamate it with Armstrong's.

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Annual Meeting of the Canadian Bankers' Association.

Toronto, Nov. 15.—The annual general meeting of the Canadian Bankers' Association was held to-day, President Clouston, general manager of the Bank of Montreal, presiding. In the course of his address Mr. Clouston referred to the numerous evidences of the expansion of trade and commerce in Canada as shown particularly by the growth of the note circulation and bank deposits and by the immense development of foreign trade.

Referring to the proposed establishment of a mint he expressed the opinion that the decision to do so had been arrived at without due consideration. He feared it would lead to some disturbance of our currency system. That the use of gold instead of notes as a daily currency would cause a heavy loss by abrasion was not appreciated generally. On the other hand the bankers were only allowed to hold gold to 60 per cent. of their cash reserves, the remainder being required to be in Dominion notes. If the banks on the other hand imported gold which they would doubtless be driven to do, they would be subject to considerable loss on exchange. There was some profit in minting silver but this came to the Dominion government from England in any case, amounting to about \$70,000 yearly. Minting of gold entailed actual loss.

His Six Reasons.

Mr. Clouston concluded his remarks on this subject by saying: "The establishment of an assay office in British Columbia is not perhaps open to the objections I have urged against the mint, but I deem it my duty to record my conviction the coinage of gold in Canada in our present circumstances is undesirable because:

1. The very basis of the banking and currency system is thereby disturbed.
2. Coin will not circulate, and neither demand nor occasion for it exists.
3. It cannot be retained by the banks and must either be exported at a loss or demonetized.
4. It involves a loss to the government.
5. It tends to displace and disorganize the currency system which is safe, stable and peculiarly adapted to the needs of our commerce.
6. It opens the door to that incalculable mischief, the free coinage of silver.

Mr. Clouston closed by again commenting on the remarkable evidence of prosperity found throughout Canada and the splendid spectacle shown of Imperial unity last year by the action of the colonies during the war.

Mr. Byron E. Walker echoed the remarks of Mr. Clouston on the subject of the mint.

The New Officers.

The election of officers was unanimous and resulted as follows: Honorary presidents, Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, president of the Bank of Montreal; Mr. Geo. Hague, general manager of the Merchants Bank of Canada. President, E. S. Clouston, general manager of the Bank of Montreal. Vice-presidents, Messrs. Thos. McDougall, general manager of the Quebec bank; Duncan Coulson, general manager of the Bank of Toronto; H. Stikeman, general manager of the Bank of British North America; Geo. Burn, general manager of the Bank of Ottawa.

Executive council — B. E. Walker, general manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce; Thos. Fyche, general manager of the Merchants Bank of Canada; D. R. Wilkie, general manager of the Imperial Bank, T. G. Brough, general manager, Dominion bank; M. J. A. Prendergast, general manager La Banque D'Hochelega; W. Farewell, general manager Eastern Townships bank; J. Turnbull, cashier Bank of Hamilton; H. S. Strathy, general manager Traders bank; E. L. Thorne, general manager Union Bank of Halifax; E. E. Webb, general manager Union Bank of Canada; T. Blenvu, general manager Banque Jacques Cartier; G. P. Reid, general manager Standard bank; E. L. Pease, general manager Merchants Bank of Halifax; C. McGill, general manager of Ontario bank.

Alberta Live Stock.

Calgary, Nov. 17.—During the past week, P. Burns and Co. have received two train loads of fat cattle from the Medicine Hat district. These cattle will be slaughtered at once for the Kootenay and coast markets. The same firm has also purchased 2,000 head of fat sheep from G. H. Johnston, of the Rosbud, and will proceed

to convert them into Alberta mutton without delay. In addition to these several carloads were brought in on Sunday from Maple Creek and eight carloads on Thursday from W. Ish. P. Burns and Co. are holding a band of 10,000 sheep at their sheep camp north of the Bow and will draw from this bunch as supplies are needed for the abattoir.

On Wednesday, A. C. Sparrow, agent for Gordon & Ironside, shipped three train loads of prime Alberta steers to the Old Country.

Burns & Co. exported 100 head of primo beef to the Old Country market on Tuesday.

P. Burns & Co. shipped a train load of cattle from Wetaskiwin this week and three train loads from Strathmore were shipped by Gordon & Ironside, which are destined for the Old Country market.

A. J. McLean shipped 300 head from Gleichen to Medicine Hat this week for the Medicine Hat Rancho Co.

During the past week the importation of stockers shows an increase of 300 per cent over the best preceding season. Over 20,000 head of cattle in all have been exported from Alberta this season. H. Glichrist shipped 300 head of prime cattle to the Old Country markets last week.

Winnipeg Board of Trade.

A meeting of the council of the board of trade was held Wednesday afternoon. Although the members of the board had attended the funeral of the late Mr. Nairn, an ex-president of the board, in a body, this being the first meeting of the council held since his death, a resolution expressing the regret of the members and sympathy with the family, was passed.

The action of the president in appointing a committee in the matter of the proposed Strathcona banquet was endorsed, and the hope expressed that Lord Strathcona would be able to accept the invitation later on.

A letter from the Vancouver board of trade was read, in which the request was made that the Winnipeg board would endeavor to obtain a promise from each candidate for the Dominion House that he would support any equitable bankruptcy bill, which may be introduced during the next session. This request had been before the legislative committee, but had been returned to the council without comment.

A report was received from the editor of the Labor Gazette, Ottawa, notifying the board that copies of the Gazette would be mailed regularly, and asking for copies of the board's reports and all other records of its work.

As the result of correspondence between the board and a gentleman in Sioux City, Iowa, in regard to the establishing of a tannery in Winnipeg for tanning robes and furs, Mr. Frank J. Glenn wrote the board that he would likely visit Winnipeg shortly to look over the ground.

Notice was received from Mr. Frank T. Shutt, chemist at the Dominion experimental farm, Ottawa, that, as requested by the board, he has secured and was analyzing sugar beet roots from the experimental farms at Brandon and Indian Head, and also beets sent by the Manitoba department of agriculture at the request of the board, from the small plots which had been sown in the neighborhood of Winnipeg last summer under the direction of the department.

A copy of all the resolutions passed at the late congress of chambers of commerce of the empire, held in London, was received from the London chamber.

A letter was read from Ald. D. A. Ross, chairman of the city board of works, endorsing Mr. Curry's report on the cost of waterworks buildings, with the valuator's itemized report, also the report sent by Road Commissioner Campbell. Ald. Ross stated that both these reports showed that day labor, as handled at present, is far from satisfactory, and that he considered that the board should take an interest in the matter without delay. As the waterworks matter is now being investigated by a commission the council contented itself at present with taking action as defined in the following resolution:—"That it is the opinion of this council that in the investigation re waterworks, both sides should be represented before the commission appointed, in order that the whole facts should be thoroughly brought out, and that the president appoint a committee to interview the finance committee of the city council to endeavor to have proper persons present at the sittings of the commission to bring out such facts." The

president appointed the following as a committee in the above matter.—Messrs. Jas. H. Ashdown, Wm. Whyte, John McKechnie, John Galt and William Brydon.

The committee on the Northwest Assignment Act reported that they were in correspondence with the Hon. Mr. Haultain, and hoped to have an interview with him on his next visit to the city.

The committee appointed to endeavor to have the railroad companies to grant regular return tickets from Manitoba to eastern points, reported that their efforts had been successful, and that return tickets were being issued.

The committee appointed some time ago to act in co-operation with the Manitoba board of fire underwriters reported that some of their requests had been granted and others were under favorable consideration.

Brandon Board of Trade.

A meeting of the Brandon board of trade was held last evening in the city council chambers. President McHattie occupied the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting recalled to those assembled some of the advantages the board had secured during the year. Vice-President Nation explained what had been done in the effort to secure a reduction in the rates of insurance and plate glass insurance. Although a reduction had not been secured he believed it would be. Messrs. Hanbury, Fraser, Nation, Inglis and Campbell were appointed a committee to meet the officials of the C. P. R., to discuss one or two matters in connection with freight rates, also to secure if possible excursion rates to Brandon from surrounding towns during the Christmas season. A committee was appointed to meet Mr. Clifford Sifton to discuss with him the attitude of the railway companies towards traffic over the switch put in at the crossing of the C. P. R. and N. P. R. near Wawanesa. It is entirely impracticable for the public to make any use of this connection, secured after much difficulty.

Paint Grinders Advance Prices.

In our last issue, Oct. 29, says the Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter, of New York, we referred at some length to the effects of the advance in linseed oil upon trade, and we predicted that, notwithstanding the slowness of the trade to adopt such a course, a change to higher prices for liquid paints and colors in oil would shortly ensue unless oil took a sudden and decided drop. The announcement, therefore, that the grinders in the local market had advanced the price of their standard grades of mixed paints and colors in oil did not take any one by surprise, though it was generally thought that the change would have been deferred until the meeting of the National Paint Grinders' Association, which will be held here during the present month.

Demand has been fairly steady and manufacturers began to feel the tax of supplying goods at what might be classed as impossible figures, in view of the extraordinary high cost of raw materials. It, therefore, did not require much urging on the part of some prominent members of the trade to bring about the much needed change to higher values. Prices for standard grades of liquid paints were advanced from one dollar and fifteen cents to one dollar and twenty-five cents a gallon, subject to usual terms. The increase in colors in oil is equivalent to a ten per cent advance all around.

Even at the higher prices the margin will be sufficiently close to warrant a further upward movement should oil, turpentine and lead be maintained upon their present basis of value. As there is considerable uncertainty about the course of these markets, it was not deemed wise to make too radical a change at once. Grinders, however, are more than usually firm in their views, and it will be, indeed, a most desired and favored customer who obtains manufactured paints at any concession from the new scheduled list.

Counterfeit Bills.

Some counterfeit bank notes are in circulation. One is a counterfeit of the \$1 issue of March 31, 1898, Dominion of Canada, check letter A, signed J. M. Courtney, for the minister of finance, and countersigned W.

C. Barrie. The other is a counterfeit of the \$10 issue of Molson's Bank, Montreal, dated January 2, 1900, and bears the check letter B. It is signed by Wm. M. Macpherson, president, and T. Jefferson, general manager.

Counterfeit U. S. bank bills are being circulated in the city. Persons accepting American paper money should scan it very closely as the counterfeiters are cleverly executed.

The average counterfeit bill shows better work on the right hand side than of the left. More care is taken to make the work accurate, because unless a man is left-handed it is customary in counting a pile of bills to hold the left ends down and turn up only the right ends.

His Trade Paper.

I was in a hardware store the other day, and noticed several up-to-date innovations that were somewhat out of keeping with my previous knowledge of the proprietor.

"How did you happen to think of that?" I asked, pointing to an attractive showcard.

"Oh," said he, laughing, "I didn't think of it, that's one of George's hobbies."

"That is an excellent hobby," I said; "where did George get that idea?"

"Oh, he got it out of his trade paper. Nothing would do but I must get that paper, and now it's George's bible, he looks up all the new ideas and I let him go ahead."

"Well, they're good ideas; you find they help trade, don't you?"

"Yes, that's so, they're all right, George is a good boy."

I thought as I walked away that George would be a partner there be-

fore many years. A clerk who studies his trade paper and avails himself of every hint to gain business will not be a clerk forever.

A travelling salesman was telling me of his experience with a clerk who reads. He said: "I had just taken Mr. B's order for a nice line of goods, and good quantities of each size, when the clerk came in. Mr. B. said: 'Tom I am getting a line of —, see if this is your idea of quantities.' I opened my book and showed Tom the order as I had written it down. He suggested one change which his employer at once ordered to have made, and Tom then asked what the discounts was. I said 60 per cent. He left us without a word and went to the desk, turned over some papers for a minute or two, and then brought a trade journal to Mr. B. They looked it over together and Mr. B. said to me: 'See here, these goods are quoted at 65 per cent. discount; if you can't give me the bottom price I don't want them. I had to come down as gracefully as I could, for I wanted the order. That's what we get from these trade journals that quote bottom prices to Tom, Dick and Harry!'"

I fancied that I could also hear Mr. B. saying to his clerk: "That's right, Tom; post yourself up as to prices, and keep a sharp lookout for the extra five per cent."—St. Paul Trade Journal.

On the evening of the 15th the power house of the N. P. R. coal dock at Belmont caught fire. The fire was carried to the coal dock itself, and ran up the building. It was eventually put out with the loss of the engine house and the scaffolding on the outside of the dock.

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Winnipeg Grain Inspection.

For the week ending Nov. 21 there were 983 cars of grain inspected, compared with 741 the previous week, which graded as follows: Wheat—1 hard, 31; 2 hard, 113; 3 hard, 432; 3 northern, 23; rejected, 11; no grade, 302; feed, 1; condemned, 1 car. Oats—Feed, 1 car. Barley—Feed, 1 car. Flax seed—No grade, 1 car. For the corresponding week of last year there were 1,654 cars of grain inspected, of which 1,140 graded 1 hard. The movement of wheat continues to gain in volume, the increase this week being about 250 cars.

The Outlook for Starch.

In view of the unfavorable potato crop reports considerable interest centers in the position of starch, which lately has sprung into better demand consequent to the early close of navigation. The market for all grades has been steady for some time and subject to but trifling fluctuations. There is little doubt, however, that were it not for the inactivity of the large textile and other consuming industries demand would have forced values to a much higher level. As it is, corn and potato starch, both domestic and foreign, are in a more than usually strong position, and show a tendency to advance. Domestic potato starch is now firm at an inside price for large lots of three and three-quarter cents, with smaller quantities quoted as high as four cents. An American manufacturer is credited with expressing the opinion that the price for one hundred ton lots would touch four cents by January first, and that his six mills were not turning out more than the usual output of two. Whatever values may be by the first of the new year, the present position of the potato crop, both at home and abroad, would justify the supposition of steady, if not advancing prices from the basis of current quotations for potato starch.

The domestic potato crop has suffered more or less from dry rot and the yield falls some 5,000,000 bushels below that of last year, notwithstanding the outturn on the whole must be considered generally satisfactory and in some quarters more than moderately good. In an agricultural country so extensive as the United States such a calamity as general failure of so hardy a crop would be well nigh impossible. According to the American Agriculturist the domestic yield this year approximates 230,000,000 bushels, which, while lower by some five million bushels than last year, as stated, still compares quite favorably with the average outturn during the past ten years. The loss in production here would not in itself, therefore, prove an important factor in the starch market had not the demand for the vegetable as a food been so heavy as to cause a considerably shortened supply for manufacturing purposes.

The foreign market is even in a stronger position than the domestic. Returns from the British Isles show the crop there to have been practically a total failure, so much so, that large vegetable dealers have been forced into the Belgium, Danish and German markets. Upon the first two they are drawing heavily, but as the German is a tuber better fitted for starch purposes than edible the demand for British consumption there will come principally from the English starch manufacturers.

Statistics concerning the continental crop have not yet been compiled, but it is estimated that the yield will not exceed the average, so that with the extra drain from Great Britain the supply available for manufacturing purposes will be none too plentiful. Under the circumstances, it is hardly to be expected that any great quantity of foreign starch will find its way over, unless the home product should go much beyond present quotations, and even then the outlook abroad promises an advance in about the same ratio. With corn starch the situation is also strong, not only in sympathy with potato, but owing to the probable advance in freight rates. At the time of writing no change has been reported, but there is now every likelihood of a change at any time. Kindred causes are also likely to bring about an advance in domestic dextrine, which is firm, but as yet quoted without change, from prices prevailing last week. There is no disturbing element with either rice or wheat starch, which continue to move in moderate quantities at old current quotations—Oil, Paint & Drug Reporter.

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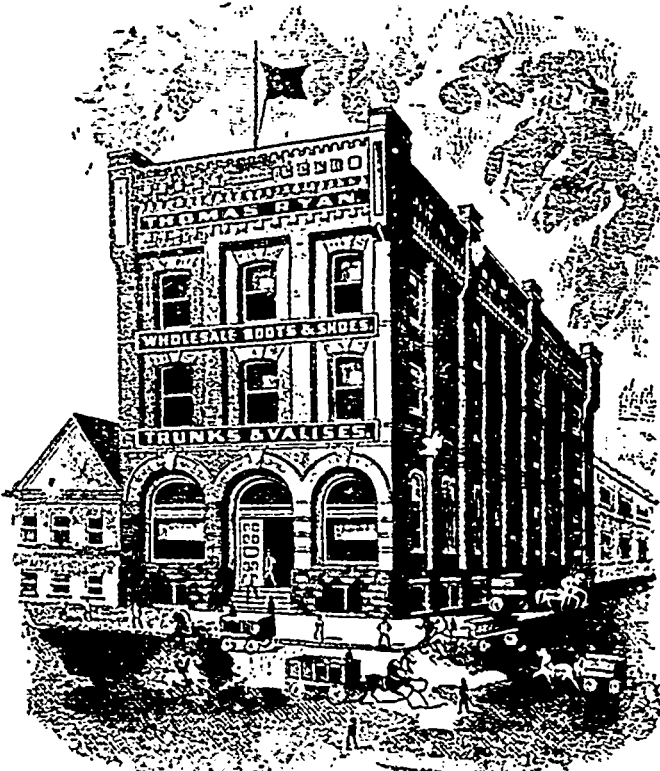
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