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WINNIPEG, OCTOBER 6, 1890.

## Manitoba.

John Burr, watchmaker, Manitou, is dead.  
Geo. Lundy, Queen's hotel, Morden, has sold out.  
Morden Bros. will open a butcher shop at Morden.  
Ramsay & Clingan have opened a store at Virden.  
J. W. Ruth will open a general store at Carman.  
W. Tuck, grocer, Winnipeg, has sold out to R. Aston.  
Carberry's fall show takes place on October 9th and 10th.  
S. E. Downs, tailor, of Toronto, has commenced business at Boissevain.  
The late E. Fitz Bucke, of Brandon, carried an insurance of \$10,000 on his life.  
J. E. Porter has been taken as a partner in Burnham's law business at Emerson.  
A. E. Spera of Cornell, Spera & Co., Winnipeg, left for Hamilton, Ont. last week.  
J. K. Mitchell, confectioner, Winnipeg, has sold out his branch store on Portage Avenue.  
The rate of taxation for the town of Minnedosa has been fixed at two cents on the dollar.  
H. S. Westbrook, the well known Winnipeg implement man, returned last week from a trip south.  
The Queen's hotel at Morden has been purchased by Wm. Clougher, Winnipeg, who has leased it to Geo. Roman.  
Wm. Walker has sold the warehouse at Carberry formerly occupied by John Elliott & Sons, to Sylvester Bros.

Cooper, late harnessmaker with W. C. Cottingham of Boissevain, has embarked in business for himself in his line at Ninga.

At the auction sale of the estate of Alexander & Co., dry goods, Winnipeg, on Thursday last, the stock was purchased by Mr. Alexander, at 69½c on the dollar.

C. H. Strutt, who has recently started a tannery at Vancouver, B. C., has purchased a quantity of hides at Selkirk, for shipment to his tannery near Winnipeg.

The New Douglas hotel, Winnipeg, has again changed hands, Wm. Saults has been succeeded by John Garrow and James Denton. Mr. Saults leaves shortly for the coast.

Correspondence, says the Neepawa Register, is passing between some of our prominent citizens and the managers of the Portage Electric Co. which may result in the lighting of Neepawa by electricity.

Stonewall lead off with the first fall show this year, and it was a success, the display being good. This district, just north of Winnipeg, is one of the best in Manitoba, and can hold its own with the most favored localities.

The Mennonites who left Manitoba for Oregon last winter are returning. A Gretna correspondent says that five of the twenty families have returned sadder but wiser; the balance will come back as soon as they can find means.

Now is the time to be on guard against prairie fires, with the warm dry weather which we have had lately, a sharp frost would soon leave the grass in a condition to burn readily. The grass is very rank this year, and fires would be more dangerous than usual. Serious prairie fires have already occurred in Dakota.

The early closing agreement among Winnipeg merchants lapsed last week by limitation of time. Some of the principal merchants have wisely resolved to continue closing at the early hour, though others have gone back to the old system. It seems rather a narrow policy to follow the long hours system, and it is to be hoped that early closing will soon become general again.

Manager Graham of the Northern Pacific roads in Manitoba has been appointed Assistant Superintendent of the Northern Pacific Railway with headquarters at St. Paul. The office of general manager at Winnipeg has been abolished, and Winnipeg will now become the headquarters for what will be known as the Manitoba division of the Northern Pacific, which will include the lines of the company in the province, together with the line from the boundary to Winnipeg Junction in Minnesota, and the Duluth Crookston & Northern branch. F. E. Michaels will be superintendent of the Manitoba division, with headquarters at Winnipeg.

A correspondent at Souris, (Plum Creek), writes:—"Our little town grows apace, the building boom having reached us. A new elevator, with a capacity of 35,000 bushels, has just been put up by the Lake of the Woods Milling Company, and another will shortly go up, so it is rumored. Two flat warehouses, 20,000 bushels each are also being built at the station. With these two new elevators, and the one at McCullough & Herriot's flour mill (25,000 bush.) we ought to be in a position to handle our large wheat crop this fall. Several private dwellings, a new postoffice, an English

church, vicarage and two stores are among the new buildings, either partially built or shortly to be constructed. The new postoffice is almost ready for occupation.

## Alberta.

Dr. Binkley, dentist, of Hamilton, has opened a dental office at Calgary.

J. B. Bright has bought out Quail's furniture and contracting business at Macleod.

One thousand head of beef cattle belonging to the Cochrane ranche are being shipped to British markets, from the ranche near Macleod. W. F. Cochrane, manager of the company, accompanies the shipment.

Parties have made an inspection of the business of I. G. Baker & Co., in the interest of the Hudson Bay Company, with a view of the transfers of the stores at Calgary, Lethbridge and Macleod to the latter company. The report will go to headquarters for consideration, before decision is arrived at.

At a general meeting of the shareholders of the Lethbridge Building Company was held recently, at which Mr. Magrath was re-elected president and Mr. Conybears secretary. The following directors were named for the ensuing year: E. T. Galt, A. Moffat, F. H. Mewburn, J. H. Cavanaugh and Rev. C. McKillop.

The annual meeting of the Lethbridge board of trade was held recently. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, C. A. Magrath, re-elected; vice-president, C. C. McCaul; secretary, W. A. Gallihor; treasurer, T. D. Kevin; executive committee, Messrs. Colman, McNabb, Cavanaugh, Hawley, Bentley and Sherlock.

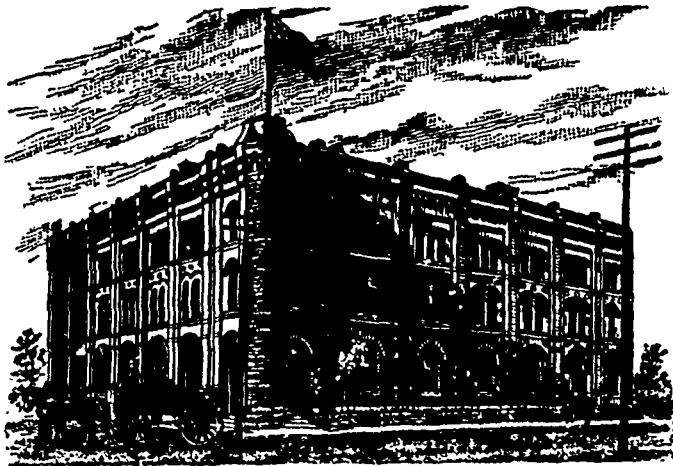
Lethbridge and Great Falls are now connected with an iron band. The last spike was driven on Oct. 1. A large crowd assembled at the depot to see the first locomotive complete its trip over the new road. A train loaded with Galt coal left at 8:30 in the evening of the same day for Montana. A banquet will be given in honor of the event, on Oct. 15.

The Macleod board of trade has again taken up the question of a bridge across the Old Man river, and is urging the matter upon the attention of the authorities. The bridge is certainly badly needed. The board is also moving in the matter of the southern extension of the Calgary and Edmonton railway, with a view to having the road located directly into the town, instead of having it terminate some place near Macleod. The board will address a communication to Sir John Macdonald on this matter. Macleod has waited a long time for a railway, and now that a road is in near prospect, it is but right that it should be built into the town, though it might be to the advantage of a few speculators to start a new town close by and have the road end there.

## Saskatchewan.

The trail from Battleford to Swift Current is practically abandoned. All Battleford freight now comes and goes over the Prince Albert railway, via Saskatoon.

John Black, who has had experience in the grain trade in the old country and the United States, has commenced business in Winnipeg as grain broker. He comes well recommended, and has been favorably received by the trade here.

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### Saskatchewan Valley.

The Saskatchewan country only needs to be seen to be appreciated. At a meeting held in Prince Albert on the occasion of the visit of the Waterloo delegates, Mr. P. L. Alexander, Dominion Immigration agent at Moosejaw, made a speech expressing his great pleasure at being able to accompany the delegates on their visit to the north country. As Dominion Immigration agent he desired to work for the interests of the whole country, without partiality for any particular district. Hitherto he had known nothing personally of the Saskatchewan country, which has been frequently misrepresented by interested parties in the southward. He was very much pleased and agreeably surprised with what he had seen, and in future, would be able to give intending settlers an accurate account of this fine country. Then again the country between Pitt and Edmonton has just been visited by Mr. Hamilton, Land Commissioner of the Canadian Pacific railway. Much as he has studied the country in the discharge of the duties of his office he was taken by surprise. He thought he had about reached the limits of profitable agriculture, instead of which he found he was in a country the growth of whose products would compare favorably with those of Manitoba, and on the borders of a fertile country lying beyond, the extent of which it was bewildering to contemplate, and the wealth of which it is impossible to calculate. There is nothing like bringing people to see for themselves. The eastern and western sections have this year been visited by well informed men who admit that the half has not been told as to the advantages offered to settlers; and every one who visits Battleford and the central section has the same to say of it. Now that railways are tapping the Saskatchewan we may see the fertile belt once more become the attraction as it was before a strong combination boomed the southern country as it did, and so for a time diverted attention from it.—*Battleford Herald*.

A prominent orange grower, of Florida, makes the statement that the orange crop of that State this year will not be more than 1,000,000 to 1,500,000 boxes, or about half of last year's crop.

### The Pottery and Glass Trade.

The one great trouble now is the question of prices. We do not often meet any one actively engaged in the glass, china, or earthenware business, whether as manufacturer, wholesale dealer, or retailer who does not lament, if he does not plainly anathematize his trade, as one in which there is no profit now-a-days. This is not merely a general remark, for we have in mind an interview we had very lately with a manufacturer who made just such a complaint. Our reply to him will suit everybody, "You ought to get a profit" It is no part of our business just now to say how this is to be done. Those who are actively engaged in trade know the necessity for having a profit—some profit—on all transactions, big and little. If traders would only insist upon this, leaving the extent of the profit to be regulated by circumstances, there would be fewer failures and a far more regular trade. There should be a profit on everything sold—excepting only when reductions are made on old stock that is just doubling its cost by standing on the shelves and losing interest.

There is a good sprinkling of novelties in the market, particularly in small goods—especially in pretty flower holders for table decorations. New designs are always safe in these things, because people soon want a change, and those who regularly use them will always buy the latest out. In addition to being very saleable these are "good goods" to put on show, because they set off the other fancy goods in a shop very effectively. Some of our best selling English goods are of the French type.

Fluted shapes seem to rather numerous—in toilets, dinners, and dessert sets, as well as tea sets. This fluted style is also adopted by some of our leading pressed glass manufacturers, and with considerable success. Similar in character are some pretty looking pillared pressed glass goods. Sugars and creams and bowls and dishes with slanting pillars are having a good run. The idea came originally from America, but in some respects has been improved upon.—*British Trade Journal*, Sept. 1.

The last number of the *Dominion Illustrated* is entirely devoted to the visit of Prince George of Wales to Canada.

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Small stores are the worst offenders, and it is to this class that we direct our words. A merchant owes it to himself that he secures insurance on his store the moment it is ready for business. To continue one day without it is more than he can afford. Let him be ever so careful he is liable to burn out, because he is in jeopardy, not only from his own house, but from fire in adjacent buildings.

No one better than the merchant's paper knows the necessity for insurance, for no one knows better the history of the thousand and one fire disasters that occur among them. Therefore, it is with the best data of information that we feel the necessity of urging upon them the importance of providing against fire loss.—*Kansas City Bulletin of Commerce*.

A telegram from Ottawa last Friday says that it is understood the bonds of the Shusway & Okanagan Railway Company, which has been incorporated for the purpose of building fifty miles of railway from the main line of C. P. R. in British Columbia, through the Okanagan district in that province have been purchased by Wheaton Armstrong, banker.

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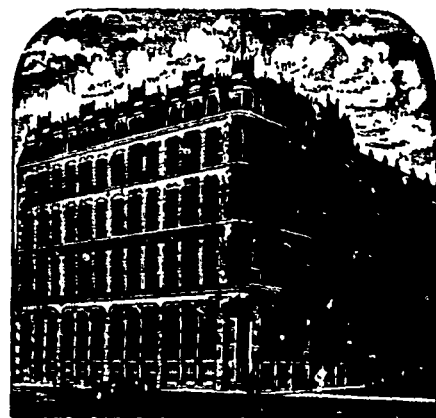
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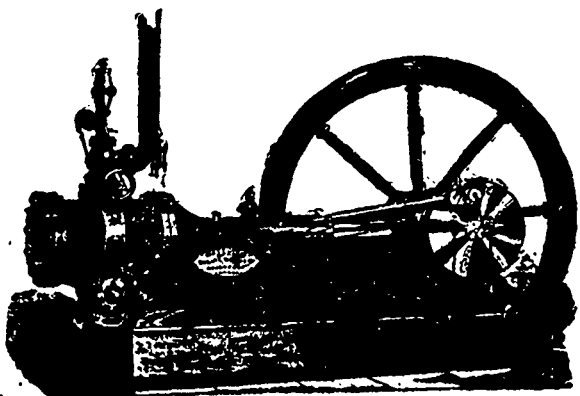
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## THE HARVEST.

It is only now that it is safe to speak with any degree of certainty regarding the harvest. The fine weather which has prevailed recently has enabled the farmers to secure the balance of their crops under favorable conditions, and the harvest of 1890 may now be said to be complete. At this time a glance over the past season may be taken. Though the spring was somewhat backward, the seed was placed in the ground in fairly good condition, and throughout the growing season prospects were very favorable. The rainfall was abundant all over the wheat districts, with the exception of some limited local areas which suffered somewhat during the earlier portion of the growing season. Later these exceptional districts received abundance of moisture, and the crops made rapid progress, promising a good average yield even in the least favored sections. This year relieved all anxiety on the score of drought, in which direction there was considerable anxiety at the commencement of the season, owing to the experiences of recent years.

The outlook continued very favorable for a very heavy crop of all cereals up to nearly the commencement of harvesting; but immediately preceding and during the harvest season the crops suffered from unfavorable weather, which materially reduced the quantity and quality of the wheat crop, and also injuriously affected some other crops.

During the growing season one of the dangers which crops are liable to suffer from are storms. This year the most damaging hail storm which ever visited Manitoba came just about the time the most advanced grain crops were nearly ready for cutting, and swept away in the neighborhood of 40,000 acres of promising crop. Distributed throughout the province a little from each farmer, the destruction of this quantity of grain would never have been felt in the totals. But when the destruction was confined principally to a continuous strip of country, as it was in this instance, it can be seen that the effect of the storm would be to cause severe individual loss in the district visited. In addition to this storm, some damage was done in localities by excessively warm weather just previous to harvest, which impaired the quality of wheat. Damage on this score, however, was not serious, and like the hail storm was not of such importance as to materially affect the crop of the country as a whole.

The next feature was the frost of about August 22. As to this frost it is impossible even yet to state in figures what damage was done. The frost was not general, and was very light in most instances. Large sections escaped entirely, and in other sections the frost was so light that even tender vines were not injured. All over the country for long after this date there was very little sign of frost having visited us, so far as vegetation was concerned. At the

Manitoba Experimental Farm, at Brandon, Government standard instruments did not register frost until September 8. Grain, however, was touched in some sections by the frost of August 22, the extent of the damage amounting in most cases to low spots here and there. For instance, in one of the districts visited by frost, one large farmer had four acres touched in a field of about 200 acres. Similar instances were reported from other sections, which shows that the frost was of a very light, local nature, and just touched spots here and there. In the western portion of the wheat belt the frost was more severe, the instruments at the Experimental Farm at Indian Head having shown five degrees of frost. In that region considerable grain was injured. At a number of country markets in Manitoba, as well as at some points in the wheat country westward from this province, there will be some samples of wheat touched by frost. Some of these samples, however, are so slightly injured as not to materially reduce their value, and the most of the grain affected will bring a good price. From one-third to one half of the wheat crop had been cut previous to the date of the frost, and the balance was so nearly matured that it would not receive much damage. Therefore, so far as frost is concerned, the country has escaped damage this year to a great extent, and if there were nothing more serious than this to take into consideration, there would be every reason to be thoroughly satisfied with the season of 1890.

Unfortunately other adverse influences have been encountered. Heretofore a wet harvest has been almost an "unknown quantity" in the prairie country of Western Canada. With the exception of the year 1884, anything approaching a wet harvest has not been experienced for many years. This year has been a tremendous exception to the rule, and from early in August until past the middle of September the weather was so wet that it was almost impossible to stack the grain. Farmers went on cutting between the showers and the crops were all placed in shock, but there it had to stay. Before the sheaves were sufficiently dried to be fit for stacking, the rain would set in again. Harvest dragged along very slowly until past the middle of September, when fine weather set in and allowed farmer to complete their harvest.

The result of the repeated soakings which the grain received while in shock has been to materially reduce the average quality. Fine, bright samples will be rare this year, while the bulk of the crop will be more or less bleached. There were some reports of sprouting, but it is not believed that much damage was caused from sprouting in shock, as the temperature was very low during the latter portion of the wet period. Some farmers have been foolish enough to stack their grain before the sheaves were properly dried out, and in such instances the loss will be severe. To what extent the stacking of damp sheaves has been carried, it is impossible at present to have any idea, and it is to be hoped the cases reported are isolated ones. Stacking damp sheaves means the destruction of the grain, and those who have been so utterly devoid of common sense as to do it, will suffer the consequence. The only excuse

which can be given is, that wet harvests are so rare here that many farmers have not had practical experience of this nature before.

Owing to the variety of influence affecting the crops this year, it is a very difficult matter to estimate the probable crop, previous to marketing. The last crop bulletin of the local government estimated the average yield of wheat for Manitoba at 24 6 bushels per acre. The official figures would indicate a total wheat crop for Manitoba of about 17,500,000 bu., after making a deduction for the acreage destroyed by hail. The last government report issued was dated August 1st, and it is since that date that the crop has suffered its principal drawbacks. If the official estimate was near the mark at that time, it would be necessary to reduce the estimate now. At the recent annual meeting of the Dominion Millers' Association the wheat crop of Manitoba (including wheat grown in the eastern portion of the territory of Assiniboia, adjoining Manitoba to the west) was placed at 15,000,000 bushels. On the basis of the millers' estimate, we would have between 12,000,000 and 13,000,000 bushels of wheat for shipment, after allowing amply for home requirements for bread and seed next year. If our shipments reach that amount we will have no reason to grumble.

With all the drawbacks of the present harvest, there is no reason to take a gloomy view of the situation. Our wheat will not be as fine a quality as we could desire it, and will not come up to the usual Manitoba standard of excellence, but even with the lowest estimates the yield is large when compared with other principal wheat regions on this continent. The higher prices ruling for wheat this year will make up for the poorer quality, and on this account the cash value will be as great as the finest wheat would bring, in recent years.

In other ways our farmers will not fare badly this year. The oats crop is very large. The average for this crop was placed at a fraction over 44 bushels per acre, and this estimate is not likely to prove excessive. Indeed, it is often regarded as under the mark. Threshing returns have shown individual yields varying from 75 to 90 bushels per acre. Wet weather is not as damaging to oats as to wheat, and there will be a large surplus of oats for shipment. Barley is not an important crop, but where it is grown the yield is large, being estimated at 34 to 35 bushels per acre. This grain is badly stained, and will be used for feed principally at home. Potatoes and vegetables generally have produced enormously, potatoes having produced between 300 and 400 bushels per acre in individual instances, while the average yield will be very large. Already quite a number of car loads of potatoes have been exported from Manitoba this fall.

All things considered our farmers have not fared so badly. Manitobans, who pride themselves on beating the world in the quality of their wheat, will naturally feel a little put out that the sample is not up to the average, but this cannot be helped. The country has suffered some from unfavorable weather, such as all agricultural regions are subject to. Fine weather for harvest cannot always be expected, and the result of this year should be a lesson to



farmers, that they may learn how to govern themselves under possible similar conditions in some future year. Even under the unfavorable conditions, when the result of the season is totalled up it will be found that this country will compare favorably with any other part of the continent.

### TWO MORE RAILWAYS.

At intervals during the past few years this journal has had the pleasure of chronicling the opening of new railways in western Canada. In a new country there is nothing which indicates and encourages progress like railways. It is pleasing therefore to again have to announce the opening of two more very important railways. The railway connecting the Saskatchewan town and district of Prince Albert with the main line of the Canadian Pacific at Regina, was taken over from the contractors last week, and is now open for traffic. This road is especially important from the fact that it is the first to reach the great Saskatchewan country. This region has long been known as an excellent agricultural and stock country, but heretofore it has been isolated from the world through lack of railway communication. The earliest settlers who went into the territories, selected locations along the Saskatchewan river, on account of the superior advantages offered for settlement. Important settlements were formed years ago at Prince Albert, Battleford and Edmonton, and all that has been wanting to increase the importance of these settlements was railway accommodation. Without this it was useless for the settlers to produce any larger quantities of produce than were required for local consumption. The opening of the railway to Prince Albert will add to the exports of the country, as it will afford a considerable number of people an opportunity of shipping out the products of their farms.

The construction of a railway to Prince Albert, under the control of the Canadian Pacific, was commenced last year, and the road was completed for a distance of about 120 miles by the beginning of last winter. Work was resumed last spring, and pushed vigorously until Prince Albert was reached, and the road is now an established fact. The length of the road will be in the neighborhood of 250 miles. It crosses the south branch of the Saskatchewan river at Saskatoon, where an important settlement was formed in 1882, known as the temperance colony. About Prince Albert is one of the largest and best settlements anywhere in the territories, and the establishment of this large settlement, so far from a railway, speaks much for the value of the district as an agricultural country. It is expected that this road will be extended in a westerly direction from Saskatoon to Battleford, another important settlement on the Saskatchewan river.

The opening of this railway marks a new era in the history of this great prairie region. It is an event of secondary importance only to the construction of the main line of the Canadian Pacific. As a colonization road it opens up a fine region along its entire length, and it can be extended, for hundreds of miles further through as good a country as that now served. The great Saskatchewan can now be reached in a few hours from Winnipeg. In a short

time the Prince Albert branch may be expected to become an important feeder to the main line, and the country along that road will no doubt add materially to the agricultural exports of the country.

The other railway of which we have to speak is the road between Lethbridge, Alberta and Great Falls, Montana, which is now about completed, and will be formally opened in a short time. The construction of this road is of special importance from the fact that it is the first road to cross the boundary into the United States west of Winnipeg. This railway also differs in its other important features from the Prince Albert road. It is not built as a colonization road, and there are no settlements along its line to be opened up on this side of the boundary. It passes through an open prairie country, in which there is practically no agricultural settlement and devoted only to a limited extent to ranching. The primary object in building the railway was to open a market in Montana for Lethbridge coal. The Lethbridge coal is of a superior quality to that found in Montana, and it was believed that by the construction of a railway to Great Falls, a large market would be opened for Alberta coal. The length of the railway from Lethbridge to Great Falls is about 200 miles, of which about 80 miles runs through Canadian territory.

Preparations have been made during the past summer to increase the output of coal from the mines at Lethbridge, in expectation of a large demand on the completion of the railway. Three new shafts have been put down, and other preparations made for a large output. If expectations are realized, the opening of this railway will more than double the output of the Lethbridge mines at once, and add vastly to the importance of the coal mining industry in Alberta.

### FINALLY DISPOSED OF.

The new tariff bill has at last been finally passed, and it is to come into force on September 6th. The effect will certainly be very injurious to Canadian trade with the United States. Nearly all exports from this country to the Republic will now be subject to higher duties, in some instances the new duties being practically prohibitory. The advance in the duties was shown by the publication in this journal last week, of the new and old duties in parallel columns. The balance of trade is already against this country in our commercial dealings with the United States, and the new tariff now going into force will increase the balance against us. Last year we bought goods from the United States to the value of \$50,029,419, while we exported to that country in return goods to the value of \$42,739,074, showing a balance against us of \$7,291,345. For a series of fifteen years the balance of trade against us has varied from three and a half to twenty millions dollars, while only during three years in that period has the balance been against the United States, and then only from about one and a third to five million dollars in the different years.

Mr. Blaine complained severely because the balance of trade was against his country in its

commerce with the southern republics. The fact that the opposite is the case in regard to Canada, has not induced Congress to give this country any consideration in framing the new tariff. In fact it would appear that the tariff had been prepared with the object of discriminating against the Dominion, as on about everything which we export the duties have been advanced. We do not, however, believe that this was the intention of the framers of the bill. The exports of Canada are mostly in the line of agricultural products, and they belong to the same class of products as are produced in the northern states. One of the avowed intentions of the new tariff was to "protect" the farmers, and accordingly the duties on agricultural products was increased all around. That Canada is hit the hardest is probably due more to the fact that our exports are similar to the products of the northern States, than to any studied discrimination against this country. Something had to be done to keep the farmers in line, as they are evidently getting their eyes opened to the injustice to them of the protective policy, hence the advance in the duties on agricultural products.

The important matter for Canada, is the effect the tariff will have on this country. Injure us it will, but we will survive, and no doubt even continue to prosper. The effect of the higher duties upon our exports will probably not be as keen as we expect. Our trade will adjust itself in a short time, and find new channels. To some extent the new tariff has already been anticipated here. Expecting the bill to come into force sooner, the quantity of barley grown in Canada was greatly curtailed this year, and the area taken from this grain was given to wheat. Instead of exporting barley to the United States, we will have more wheat and flour to export to the United Kingdom, and in this we will compete with the United States, thus evening up the trade on the score of barley. No doubt we will find ways of evening up our trade in other commodities, and instead of being crushed by the discriminating duties which the United States has just adopted against us, we will be surprised to find that we are not so badly off after all. We must simply go to work and endeavor to find new channels for our commerce. Canada was not crushed by the abrogation of the old reciprocity treaty with the United States, as it was claimed by the pessimists that we would be. We have even prospered wonderfully since that time. The outlook is no worse now than it was then, and though some may take a very gloomy view of the situation, we will no doubt continue to progress as we have done in the past.

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Tulloch & Co., of London, Eng., writing on Sept. 4, report an advance of from 10 to 15 shillings per ton, during the previous week. Stocks were reported to be very low and prices advancing, the rise in eastern exchange having held back shippers. Short supplies are looked for for two or three months. High prices are expected to rule for some time. The *Toronto Empire* says: "The consumption in Canada of linseed oil is about 30,000 barrels per annum.

The product of Canadian crushers does not amount to more than about 8,000 barrels, so that the balance has got to be imported. Prices here now are firmly maintained at 68 to 71c for raw, and 69 to 72c for boiled. Deliveries of Canadian makes are scarcely able to keep up with consumption, and there is very little coming forward from England, so that the market is comparatively bare at times."

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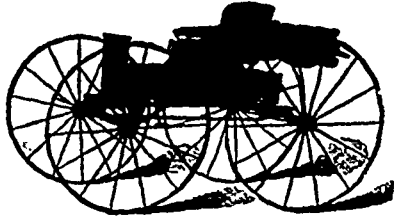
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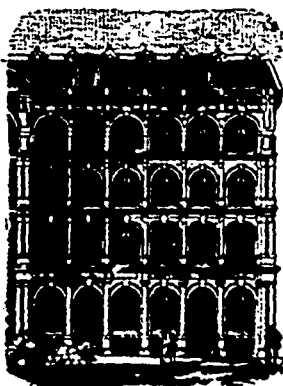
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**WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.**

In financial circles, the situation is still very close. Indications of a freer circulation are not yet forthcoming, the crop movement being comparatively trilling yet. Discount rates are steady at the usual figure of 8 per cent for ordinary commercial paper, with some choice accounts taken at seven. There has been considerable doing on city real estate, at 7 to 8 per cent.

**WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.**

The continued fine weather has kept a favorable feeling in commercial circles, though dealers are anxiously waiting for an incoming movement of cash, which has not yet put in an appearance. As the season is late, owing to the long delay during harvest, it is believed that farmers will not market much more grain at once than they are actually obliged to, to secure a little cash for immediate wants. The general movement of grain may be delayed until it freezes up, as farmers will be obliged to push their plowing for all it is worth. In this case cash will not circulate very freely for some time.

In clothing lines dealers are preparing spring samples already, and there is some buying in dry goods and clothing, on account of delayed orders. Some retailers are buying in a hand to mouth way. Receipts of country produce are light, eggs being practically nil. The tendency in grains, flour and feed is toward lower values. There was a big movement in exporting potatoes to the United States last week, before the new tariff came into force, shipments going forward not only by the car load but by the train load. Saturday, October 4, was the last day on which shipments could be made to get in ahead of the new duty, and special trains were run on that day to carry out the last shipments. Cattle have also been moving forward largely for export via Montreal. Stocks of green fruits are large.

**FISH AND OYSTERS.**

Fresh fish are in better supply. British Columbia salmon is coming forward freely, and also some halibut. Salmon is jobbing at 15c, halibut 18c. Lake Superior trout is held at 8c per pound and whitefish at 6c. Oysters \$2.50 per gallon.

**GROCERIES**

Sugars are still steady. There is nothing but strength to report in the tea market, and prices are considerably higher than last season. Prices here are quoted:—Sugars, yellow, 6½ to 7 as to quality; granulated, 7½ to 8; lumps 8½ to 9c. Coffees, green,—Rios, from 24 to 25c; Java, 27 to 29c; Old Government, 29 to 32c; Mochas, 33 to 35c. Teas: Japan, 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. T. & B. tobacco, 56c per pound; Lilly, 7s, 52c; diamond solace, 12s, 48c; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W., caddies, 47½c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brannetto Solace, 12s, 48c. McAlpine Tobacco Co's plug tobacco: Old Crow, 46c; Woodcock, 52c; Beaver, 63c; Jubilee, 60c; Ancho, 59c; cut tobacco: Silver Ash, 65c; Cut Cavendish, 70c; Senator, 80c; Standard Kentucky, light, 85; do dark, 80c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1000. Mauricio, \$42.50; Soudan Whips, \$40.00; Turkish Caps, \$35.00; Commercial

**GREEN FRUITS.**

The market is well supplied, with grapes, pears, tomatoes, of Ontario growing. Oranges and lemons are scarce. Crabs Traveller, \$25. Lion "L" brand mixed pickles, in kegs, are quoted: Three gallons, \$2.50; do five gallons, \$3.50; do 10 gallon kegs, \$6.50. generally in poor shape. Quotations are: Apples, \$4.50 to \$5 per barrel, as to quality, the latter for best eating. Oranges out of the market at present. Lemons, Messina, \$9.50 to \$10 per box. Bananas, scarce and firmer at \$3.50 to \$4.50 per bunch for choice. Ontario tomatoes, in 20 lb baskets, 75 to 80c per basket. California peaches, \$2.50 per box; California pears, \$4 per box; Oregon pears, in 40 lb boxes, \$3.75 to \$4 per box; Ontario pears, 75c to 80c per 20 lb baskets; California grapes, \$2.25 to \$2.75 per crate as to variety; Ontario grapes are quoted at 4 to 5c as to variety; Concord being worth 5 to 6c; crab apples, \$6 per barrel. Native cranberries are offered on the market at 25c per pail for high bush and 60 to 75c per pail for low bush; Wisconsin cranberries, \$10.50 per barrel.

**LUMBER.**

Following is the new price list for lumber, f.o.b. at Lake of the Woods mills: Dimension 2x4 to 12x12, 12 to 18ft long, \$14; do. 10, and 20ft long, \$15; \$1 per M advance on each inch over 12in surface; 50 per M advance on each foot over the above lengths to 24ft long; \$1 per M advance on each foot over 24ft long; surfacing, 50c per M; surfacing and sizing, \$1 per M. Boards: 1st common, rough, \$16.50, dressed, \$17.50; 2nd common, rough, \$14, dressed, \$15; Culls, rough, \$10, dressed, \$11; 1st common, stock, 12in, rough, \$19, dressed, \$20; do. 8 and 10in, rough, \$18, dressed, \$19; 2nd common, stock, 12in, rough, \$16, dressed, \$17; do. 8 and 10in, rough, \$15, dressed, \$16; 10ft long and under, \$1 less per M. Shiplap: 8 and 10in, \$16; 8 and 10in flooring and siding at \$1 per advance. Siding, ceiling and flooring: 1st, 6in, \$31; 2nd, 6in, \$27; 3rd, 6in, \$21; 4th, 6in, \$16; 1st, 5in, \$31; 2nd, 5in, \$27; 3rd, 5in, \$21; 4th, 5in, \$15; 1st, 4in, \$31; 2nd, 4in, \$27; 3rd, 4in, \$20; 4th, 4in, \$15; \$1 per M advance for dressing on both sides; \$1 per M less for lengths 10 feet and under. Bevel Siding: No. 1, 1st siding, ½ in x 6 in, \$20; No. 2, 2nd siding, ½ in x 6 in, \$17. Finishing (1½, 1½ and 2in): 1st, 2nd and 3rd clear, \$40; selects, \$30; shop, \$25; 1 inch, 1st, 2nd and 3rd clear, \$35; No. 1 stock, \$35; No. 2 do. \$30; No. 3 do. \$25. Mouldings: window stops, per 100 ft lineal, 60c; parting strips, do, 50c; ½ round and cove, do., 60c. Casing: 4 in O G, per 100 ft lineal, \$1.75; 5in O G, do, \$2.25; 6in O G, do, \$2.50; 8in O G, base, do, \$3.50; 10in O G, base do, \$4.25. Lath, \$2. Shingles: No. 1, \$3; No. 2, \$2.25; No. 3, \$1.50; No. 4, \$1.

**LEATHER, LEATHER GOODS AND FINDINGS.**

Prices here are firm and have not advanced in keeping with advance in values outside. Advances from eastern and United States markets are still very firm, and stocks light. Prices here are as follows: Spanish sole 26 to 30c; slaughter sole, 26 to 30c; French calf, first choice \$1.25 to \$1.50; Canadian calf, 75c to \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85; Bourdon kip, 70c; slaughter kip, 55 to 65c; No. 1, wax upper, 40 to 45c; grain upper, 50c; harness leather, 26 to 30c for plump stock. English oak butts, 60c; buffe,

17 to 21c a foot; cordovan, 17 to 21c; pebble, 21c; colored linings, 12c; shoe uppers, from \$1.25 to \$2.75. Horse collars—Short straw, \$22 der dozen; long straw, \$33 per dozen; long straw bodies, \$22; Boston team (thong), \$27 per dozen.

**PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.**

The local linseed oil mill has commenced crushing on new crop of flax seed and it will have oil on the market in a few weeks, which will do away with the necessity for the heavy imports of oil which have been made during the past summer, owing to last year's light crop of flax in Manitoba. Glass is firmer abroad, but unchanged here. Prices are: Turpentine in barrels, 70c per gallon; in 5 gallon cans, 81c gallon; linseed oil in barrels, raw 80c; boiled 83c; benzine and gasoline, 50c; pure oxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar \$6 a barrel; Portland cement, \$4.90 a barrel; Michigan plaster, \$3.25 a barrel; putty, in bladders, 3½c a pound, bulk in barrels, 3c; whiting in barrels, \$1.50 a cwt; Crown pure white lead, \$7.25; Royal Charter, \$6.75; Railroad, \$6.25; Elephant pure white lead, \$7.25; Elephant No. 1. do., \$6.25; Bulls head do., \$5.75; Calcimine, \$6 per 100 pounds; Alabastine, \$7.25 per case of 20 packages. Window Glass, first break, \$2.10.

**WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKETS.**

**WINNIPEG.**

**WHEAT**

The general situation in wheat has been dull and uninteresting. In leading American markets prices have been confined to a narrower range, and values are just about where they were a week ago. If anything the tendency has been weaker. There has been no encouragement from abroad to stimulate prices, but rather the contrary. Old Country markets were cabled ½d lower on Monday, and with liberal supplies of home grown wheat offering. British and French crops have been harvested in better condition than expected and the yield in each instance is reported to be exceeding earlier estimates. Three weeks of very fine weather was experienced which permitted of the completion of the British harvest in good shape. European crops with the exception of Russia, are reported upon very favorably. The visible supply on Monday last, Chicago statement, decreased 749,000 bushels, but this was due principally to 900,000 bushels going into private store, at Minneapolis. The wheat was not disposed of, but merely out of sight temporarily. Still, there is a large consumptive demand in the United States and stocks are not piling up very fast. Cables were again quoted ½d lower on Tuesday, with a poor demand. There was practically no export movement. On Wednesday, however, Liverpool cables were ½d higher.

Locally there has been considerable increase in the movement, but it is yet small. Only at about three country markets were farmers deliveries fairly large, Emerson, Portage and Gretna being the heaviest points. The weather was very favorable, allowing the completion of stacking under favorable conditions. Threshing was started pretty generally all over the country, and a large movement of wheat may be expected soon, though fall plowing will interfere with deliveries. A feature of last week

was the meeting at Winnipeg to arrange standards for grading the crop. The samples collected for this purpose from all parts of the country would indicate closely the average quality of the wheat. Nearly all the samples were more or less bleached. A considerable number also showed frost, and an unusual quantity of green and shrunken kernels were observable in many samples, the latter imperfection being due to premature cutting and uneven ripening. A peculiarity of the samples this year is that no soft grain to speak of was shown. On this account the examiners were unable to fix standards for No. 1 northern, which is a soft grade. All the samples were hard. Inspectors will, however, grade No. 1 northern for any grain offering suitable for that grade, regardless of the fact that no standards were selected. The standards as selected are very low this year. In addition to the regular grades of former years, a grade of No. 3 hard was fixed this year. This is on account of the poorer quality of wheat this year, and will allow of grading a large quantity of crop which would otherwise go rejected. Two grades of No. 1 and No. 2 frosted have also been fixed this year, to allow for grading frosted wheat, separate from the rest of the crop. There is some difference of opinion as to the advisability of making the standards so low this year. Even as it is the quantity which will grade No. 1 hard from this year's crop will not be large, as the wheat will not have the weight. Threshing returns are showing very favorable yields in some sections, and though the quality will be low, the quantity will be fairly large. Prices at points of shipment have started on rather a high basis. For best samples from 70 to 85c is paid in different country markets, and in some few instances up to 90c has been paid. These "best samples" will average considerably under No. 1. hard. Millers, who were completely out of wheat have been most active buyers, and after their wants are supplied easier prices are looked for.

#### FLOUR.

There has not been much change in flour locally, though low grades are lower. The outside situation is easier, but locally the light pressure on the markets keeps prices steady. The mills have been doing very little for some time, as the wheat for grinding was not to be had. Millers expected to be able to commence work on new wheat earlier, but owing to the long spell of cold weather, which delayed harvest and kept the grain soft, stocks of old wheat were exhausted with nearly all the mills some time before new wheat was fit to work on. Even yet the mills are doing very little, consequently there is no pressure to sell flour, and prices are thus maintained. Outside mills are practically not offering anything as yet. New wheat is not in good shape for working, and as hardly any of the millers have any old wheat for mixing, an indifferent quality of flour would be turned out. The poorer quality of wheat this year will cause a lower tendency on low grades, as compared with high grades. Quotations in jobbing lots to the local trade are:—Patents, \$3.05; strong bakers', \$2.85; second bakers, \$2.55; XXXX, \$1.60 superfine, \$1.30; middlings, \$3.05; Graham flour, \$2.85 per 100 pounds.

#### MILLSTUFFS.

There is no change yet to note in millstuffs. The tendency is easier, but as the mills are not turning out much stuff yet, prices are maintained. Prices in the meantime are quoted at \$14 for bran and \$16 for shorts, but likely to be lower.

#### MEALS.

Prices are as follows; Oatmeal, standard,

\$2.70; granulated, \$2.80 per 100 pounds; rolled oats, \$2.90 per sack of 100 pounds; Cornmeal is held at \$1.50 per 100 lbs. Pot barley, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.

#### GROUND FEED.

Corn and oat feed is held at \$27 per ton in a jobbing way, and oats and barley feed at \$26 per ton.

#### OATS.

The tendency continues in the direction of lower prices. On the street market loads sold from 25 to 30c per bushel. On track a car was reported to have been sold at 30c to a private party, for local use. This price, however, is an outside figure for shipment. Prices at point of shipment range from 25 to 30c, with a lower tendency.

#### BEANS AND SPLIT PEAS.

White beans are jobbing at \$2.25 per bushel in small lots. Split peas are held in the same way \$2.75 per 100 pounds.

#### BUTTER.

Receipts have not come forward as largely as usual at this season. Some fairly large stocks are held in the city. Good prices are being obtained for small lots from the local trade. These consist in sales of one or more tubs to local dealers, and for small lots in this way 15 to 16c is obtained for choice. This is above the market value for shipment in large lots. For western shipment prices must be regulated by prices in eastern markets. Butter can be shipped through from Ontario to western points, to nearly as good advantage as from here, and therefore local prices for western trade must be made to compete with eastern markets. 14 to 15c is the top price in eastern markets for butter equal in quality to our best local dairy makes. About 13 to 14c would therefore be about value here for choice dairy in quantity.

#### CHEESE.

The situation in cheese in the east has been dull, as factories have been holding above views of buyers. Late makes are being held at 10c and over by the factories, which is almost above export basis. In this market there is a firmer tendency, with jobbing of earlier makes at about 10c.

#### EGGS.

Eggs are still quoted at about 19 to 20c per dozen.

#### LARD.

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#### CURED MEATS.

Steady, and quotations are as follows:—Dry salt bacon, 10c; smoked long clear, 11c; spiced rolls, 12½ to 13c; boneless breakfast bacon canvassed, 13½ to 14c; smoked hams, 14½ to 15c. Mess pork \$18 to \$18 50 per barrel. German sausage, 9c per lb.; Bologna sausage, 8c lb.; ham, tongue and chicken sausage, 9c per ½ pound package.

#### DRESSED MEATS.

Pork is very scarce and bringing fancy prices; 10c per pound and even over has been paid. Good dressed hogs will meet with a ready sale at high figures. Heavy hogs especially are wanted, as offerings have mostly been light weight. Mutton has also been none too plentiful, and brings a ready sale, good usually selling at 11c, and lamb at 12c per pound. Beef is quoted at 5½c for good average quality. Veal ranges from 6 to 8c as to quality. Pork sausage 11 to 12c per pound.

#### POTATOES.

There was great rustling for potatoes last week, in order to ship to the States before the increase in duties comes in force. Cars were being loaded right up to the last minute and despatched for the boundary. Not only at Winnipeg, but at many country markets shippers were buying for export. Prices in country markets were held at 25c per bushel for a while, but later were advanced to 30c at some points. In the Winnipeg market 30c was about the general figure to growers delivered at cars, but

between 30 and 35c was paid in some instances, especially toward the close of the week. Saturday would be the last day on which shipments could be made, as the new duty goes into effect on October 6th. Hereafter the duty on potatoes shipped to the States will be 25c per bushel. This will likely have the effect of stopping further shipments, at least for the present.

#### VEGETABLES.

Some very fine home-grown tomatoes are offering, in limited quantity. Green tomatoes for pickling have advanced 25c. Turnips are lower. Carrots, beets and parsnips have a lower tendency. Prices are: Cauliflower 40 to 75c per dozen head for choice. Cabbage 25 to 60c per doz. Tomatoes—native ripe, 4c to 6c per lb. green tomatoes per bushel, \$1.25. Ontario tomatoes, 75c per 20 pound basket. Onions, 2 to 3c lb. Celery, 25 to 30c per dozen heads; vegetable marrow, 30 to 60c per doz. Citron, \$1 per dozen. Turnips, 25c per bushel. Carrots, 50c per bushel; beets 35c per bushel. Greenstuff in bunches is quoted: beets, 20c; green onions, 20c per doz. bunches; carrots, 20c per doz. bunches; parsnips, 20 to 25c per doz. bunches. Pumpkins, 12c per lb. Hubbard squash, \$1 50 per dozen; other varieties winter squash, 60c to \$1 per dozen; horse radish, 10c per lb.

#### POULTRY AND GAME.

Turkeys are in demand at 12½c per lb. live weight. Chickens will bring 50 to 75c per pair for good birds. Spring chickens are wanted in larger quantities are at 40 to 50c per pair. In game some prairie chickens or grouse have been offered, and bring 50c per pair, wild ducks are offering freely and bring 20 to 25c per pair as to quality for good fresh ducks, and wild geese 75c to \$1 each.

#### HIDES.

Prices in hides are somewhat irregular, and rather stiff figures have been paid for round lots of uninspected at country markets. Equal to 6½c per pound here, it is said, has been paid for lump lots at country points. Some buyers have apparently launched out to buy, regardless of established prices here. There would not appear to be much money in these extreme prices, on the present basis of prices in eastern markets. Quotations here are 6c for No. 1 steers, and 5½ for No. 1 cows, 4½ for No. 2 and 3½ for No. 3; round lots country hides taken at 5½ to 5½c. Calfskins skin were taken at 4 to 6c. Sheep and lamb-skins are now worth about the same figure, and newly killed will bring 35 to 45c each. Tallow, 2½c for rough and 4½ to 5c for rendered.

#### HAY.

Pressed on track worth between \$7 and \$8 per ton, loose on the market selling at \$5 to \$7 per ton. A good deal of hay has been put up during the fine weather of the last two weeks, which is said to be of fairly good quality, and the outlook is for an abundance of hay during the winter.

#### LIVE STOCK.

Hogs are in demand and will bring fancy figures, being very scarce. On the present basis of dressed pork, live hogs would bring about 7c per pound. Good sheep will readily bring \$4.50 to \$5 per head, and choice heavy will bring over these prices. Cattle may be quoted at 2 to 3c., though very few offering to bring top price. A good demand for milk cows is reported at a range of from \$20 to \$40 per head. Good new milk cows will bring \$30, and very good to extra animals, \$35 to \$40 per head.

#### SENECA ROOT.

Some fall gathered root has been offered. Dealers will pay 27 to 28c at point of shipment.

J. INGLIS, of Moosomin, recently shipped seven cars of cattle to Montreal, also two cars of sheep to Winnipeg. The prices paid for cattle averaged 2½ cents, and for sheep 4 cents live weight.

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**British Grain Trade.**

The *Mark Lane Express*, in its weekly review of the British grain trade, on Sept. 29, says:—

"English wheats are in plentiful supply and prices have fallen 6d. The sales during the past week were 106,369 quarters of English wheat at 31s. 6d. against 83,062 quarters at 29s. 1d. during the corresponding week last year. There has been a general drop of 6d. in foreign wheats. At Liverpool California futures fell 1d. per cental. Barley lost 3d. and corn 6d. Oats, beans and peas are weak. At Monday's market there were increased supplies of English wheat. Good white was offered at 35s. Bombay at 37s. California and Australian at 38s., and English reds at 30s. 6d. to 34s. Foreign flour was 6d. lower. Corn, beans and peas were in buyers' favor."

**The Northwest Central.**

The *Brandon Times*, of Thursday last, is authority for the statement that the completed portion of the Northwest Central railway will be opened at once for regular traffic. Some difficulty between the company and the con-

tractors, it is said, has stood in the way of the earlier operation of the road.

**Chicago Lake Freights.**

At Chicago, on October 1, lake freights were steady at 2½c for wheat, and 2c for corn to Buffalo; 1½c for corn to Georgian Bay.

SCHOENAN & Co. have taken over the hardware business carried on at Virden, by A. M. Cain.

GEORGE BELL is about to sever his connection with the Massey firm, and commence business at Melita, Man., as general blacksmith.

G. F. Wynne, representing Lyman, Knox & Co., wholesale drugs, Montreal, is again in the west on one of his business trips.

The *Toronto Empire* of Sept. 30, says:—Flour continues weak and lower. The local demand is very dull, and there does not appear to be any export enquiry. The maritime provinces are awaiting the production of the new crop. Straight rollers may be nominally quoted at \$1.00 and extras at \$1.20, Toronto freights.

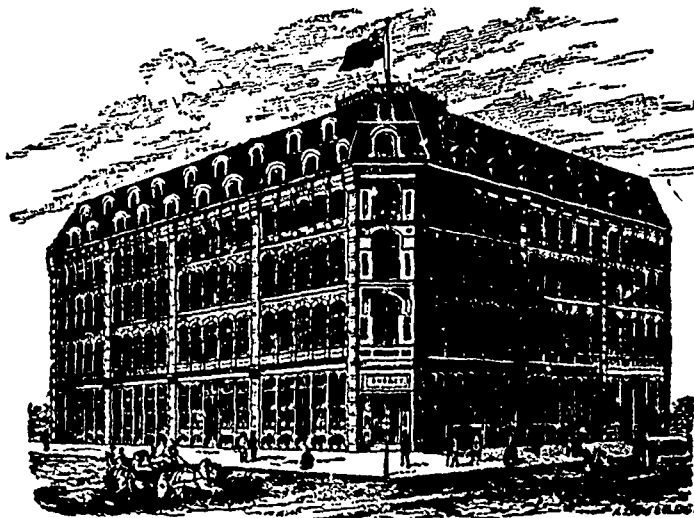
McBean Bros., grain merchants; Winnipeg have dissolved partnership, Duncan G. McBean will continue to carry on the business as usual. A. G. McBean withdraws from the Winnipeg business, and will continue in the same business at Montreal.

A Halifax despatch says: "It is understood here that an English syndicate is negotiating for the purchase of the sugar refineries of Canada with the intention of combining them under one management. The purchase of the principal breweries in the Dominion is also contemplated. Both schemes have made considerable progress, but it is said that all the refinery proprietors have not yet agreed to sell."

The *London Pall Mall Gazette* says: "During the year 1889-90 the length added to the railways in India was 869 miles, bringing up the total open on march 31 last to 16,095 miles. The chief sections opened were 20 9 miles of the Pungal-Nagpur Railway, 165 miles of the Indian Midland Railway, and 199 miles of the north ern Mahratta Railway.



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**Chicago Board of Trade Prices.**

Wheat was weak at Chicago on Monday, Sept. 29, and closed  $\frac{3}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  lower than Saturday's close. Cables were  $\frac{1}{2}$  lower, and the situation was generally bearish. Closing prices for futures were:—

|               | Sept.              | Oct.               | Dec.             | Jan.                |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Wheat .....   | 95 $\frac{1}{2}$   | 95 $\frac{1}{2}$   | 93 $\frac{1}{2}$ | —                   |
| Corn .....    | 47 $\frac{1}{2}$   | 47 $\frac{1}{2}$   | 47 $\frac{1}{2}$ | —                   |
| Oats .....    | 37 $\frac{1}{2}$   | 38                 | 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ | —                   |
| Pork .....    | 0.40               | 0.40               | —                | 11.62 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Lard .....    | 0.10               | 0.10               | —                | 0.16                |
| Short Ribs .. | 5.22 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 5.22 $\frac{1}{2}$ | —                | 5.07 $\frac{1}{2}$  |

Wheat opened stronger on Tuesday, and advanced, closing 1 to  $\frac{1}{2}$  higher. Cables were again  $\frac{1}{2}$  lower and there was no bullish news to put up prices, but the local feeling was strong. Closing prices for futures were:—

|               | Sept.              | Oct.             | Dec.             | Jan.               |
|---------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Wheat .....   | 97                 | 96 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1.00             | —                  |
| Corn .....    | 48 $\frac{1}{2}$   | 48 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 48 $\frac{1}{2}$ | —                  |
| Oats .....    | —                  | 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 39               | —                  |
| Pork .....    | 0.65               | 0.65             | —                | 11.75              |
| Lard .....    | 0.12 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0.15             | —                | 0.50               |
| Short Ribs .. | 5.20               | —                | —                | 5.72 $\frac{1}{2}$ |

On Wednesday, wheat was fairly active, at irregular prices, closing lower. Closing prices were:—

|               | Oct.               | Dec.             | Jan.                | May.               |
|---------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Wheat .....   | 96 $\frac{1}{2}$   | 99 $\frac{1}{2}$ | —                   | 1.04 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Corn .....    | 47 $\frac{1}{2}$   | —                | —                   | 50 $\frac{1}{2}$   |
| Oats .....    | 33 $\frac{1}{2}$   | 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ | —                   | 41 $\frac{1}{2}$   |
| Pork .....    | 9.57 $\frac{1}{2}$ | —                | 11.72 $\frac{1}{2}$ | —                  |
| Lard .....    | 6.20               | 6.40             | 0.52 $\frac{1}{2}$  | —                  |
| Short Ribs .. | 5.25               | —                | —                   | 6.73 $\frac{1}{2}$ |

On Thursday the grain market was of a local nature and nothing of importance happened. Closing prices were:—

|             | Oct.               | Dec.                       | Jan.               | May.                   |
|-------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Wheat ..... | 96 $\frac{1}{2}$   | 99 $\frac{1}{2}$           | —                  | 1.04 $\frac{1}{2}$     |
| Corn .....  | 47 $\frac{1}{2}$   | 48                         | —                  | 50 $\frac{1}{2}$       |
| Oats .....  | 33 $\frac{1}{2}$   | 38 $\frac{1}{2}$           | —                  | 41 $\frac{1}{2}$       |
| Pork .....  | 9.60               | —                          | 11.65              | 12.25-27 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Lard .....  | 6.20               | 6.25 to 6.27 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 6.47 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 6.87 $\frac{1}{2}$     |
| Ribs .....  | 5.22 $\frac{1}{2}$ | —                          | 5.07 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0.07 $\frac{1}{2}$     |

The wheat market was quiet on Friday. Trading was of a local nature. Closing prices:

|               | Oct.             | Dec.               | Jan.                | May.                |
|---------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Wheat .....   | 96 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1.00               | —                   | 1.04 $\frac{1}{2}$  |
| Corn .....    | 48               | 48 $\frac{1}{2}$   | —                   | 50 $\frac{1}{2}$    |
| Oats .....    | 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 38 $\frac{1}{2}$   | —                   | 41 $\frac{1}{2}$    |
| Pork .....    | 9.60             | 0.90               | 11.07 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 12.27 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Lard .....    | 6.15             | 6.32 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0.45                | 0.85                |
| Short Ribs .. | 5.25             | 5.47 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 5.07 $\frac{1}{2}$  | 6.05                |

**Minneapolis Market.**

Following were closing wheat quotations on Thursday, Oct. 2:—

|                      | Oct.             | Nov.             | Dec.             | On track         |
|----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| No. 1 hard .....     | 99               | —                | —                | 1.00             |
| No. 1 northern ..... | 91 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 92 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 94 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 94 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| No. 2 northern ..... | 88               | —                | —                | 90               |

Flour—A few large sales of bakers' have recently been made here for export at moderate figures. Patents were taken away at about \$5.30 to \$5.45, with some second grade cheaper. Baker's went at \$3.85 to \$4.40 for a general range, all in wood. Low grades in bags were quoted at \$1.80 to \$2.20.

Bran and shorts—Bran was quoted at \$11.25 to \$11.50 in bulk, shorts at \$13.25 to \$13.50 and middlings at \$14.25 to \$14.75.

Oats—Sold at 34 to 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Barley—The range was from 48 to 60c.

Feed—Market quiet with coarse meal going at about \$18.50 and mixed feed at \$18.50 to \$19.

Eggs—Selling at 17 to 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, including cases.

Potatoes—Car lots quoted at 60 to 65c.  
Apples—Ranged from \$2 to \$4.25, lowest price for common green, per barrel.

**Duluth Wheat Market.**

No. 1 hard wheat at Duluth on October 2nd ranged between \$1.00 $\frac{1}{2}$  and \$1.01 $\frac{1}{2}$  for December delivery. The range for the day was only a small fraction under the range of the same day a week ago.

**The Cattle Market.**

Cattle markets continue dull and low. Cables from Liverpool early last week, did not show any improvement, though it is perhaps some satisfaction to know that no further declines were reported in prices. Offerings were lighter but the market was described as dragging.

Receipts at Montreal were lighter, up to early last week, but larger shipments were reported to be on the way. The feeling was dull. A number of Manitoba cattle were offered, but were slow sale. Choice butchers' stock were not plentiful. At Montreal, export cattle were quoted 4 to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, medium to good butchers' at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 4c, and poor 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 3c. Liverpool cables quoted finest steers at 12c, good to choice at 11 to 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, poor to medium at 10 to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, and inferior and bulls at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 8c.

**Vancouver, B. C.**

Vancouver has three chartered banks and several private banking establishments. The first chartered bank to establish an agency was the bank of British Columbia. J. C. Keith is the manager of this bank. The managers of the bank of British Columbia have shown full faith in Vancouver from the commencement, and this year the contract has been set for a handsome new building for the Vancouver branch. The building will be on the corner of Hastings and Richard streets, and will be 32 by 120 feet in size. It is said it will be the most handsome building yet erected in the city. The other chartered banks are the bank of Montreal, C. Sweeney, manager; and the bank of British North America, D. Simpson, manager.

Considerable business is done at Vancouver in oriental goods, no doubt due to the fact of the existence of a line of steamships plying regularly between the port and China and Japan. There are several stores handling these goods, some of which are kept by Japanese. The oldest established store in this line is that carried on by J. F. Galbraith, a gentleman who was once a resident of Manitoba, and who at one time published the *Morden News*. A visit to Mr. Galbraith's store is well worth taking. He carries a large stock of Chinese and Japanese manufacture, some of which are very costly. To those who are not acquainted with Oriental wares, the store will contain many curiosities. Carvings in ivory are among the most handsome articles, in which the Japanese are said to lead the world. Visitors to Vancouver always carry away souvenirs from some of the stores handling these goods. Mr. Galbraith has a large trade both in retail and jobbing departments.

The journalistic field is well represented in Vancouver. There are now no less than three daily papers catering to the requirements of the citizens. The *News-Advertiser*, conducted by Mr. Cottin, is the oldest established of the trio. It is a morning paper, eight pages in

size and a creditable journal. The *World*, published every evening, is under the management of J. C. MacLagan, at one time a Winnipeg journalist. The *World* has been a couple of years in existence, and it seems to be holding its own with vigor. The *Telegram* is the latest addition to the list. It was established early the past summer. W. J. Gallagher is the manager. The field seems rather small for three dailies, and the youngest one will no doubt have to struggle for existence for a while at least. It is making a very creditable fight and may succeed.

The traveller who goes to Vancouver with the idea of finding a rough, new city, with the frontier style of accommodation, will be agreeably disappointed. Though the youngest city in Canada, Vancouver is not behind any in its hotels. Early in its history one of the finest hotels in Canada was established at Vancouver. This is the Hotel Vancouver, a large brick and stone building, five stories in height, above the basement. The house contains 100 rooms, and is elegantly furnished throughout, has steam heating and electric light plant on the premises. No effort is spared to render the service up to the standard of the best hotels on the continent. S. Kinnear is the manager.

The Leland House has been known since the early days of Vancouver. It took a leading position at the start as a commercial hotel and has maintained it since. It is well situated for commercial trade, and convenient to railway depot and steamship landing. Prout & Insley are the proprietors.

Not far from the Hotel Vancouver is the Manor House, corner of Home and Desmond streets. This is a new house completed and opened last spring, and kept by John Whelan, formerly of Winnipeg. The building has a frontage of 125 feet on one street, and 55 feet on the other street, four floors. It is nicely furnished, in modern style. It is built with a flat roof, and a broad stairway reaches this part of the building, which overlooks the harbor and city. A dancing platform has been arranged on the roof, while a fine promenade can be had around and around the building.

The Douglas House is another well known commercial hotel. This year the old hotel building has been moved to adjoining vacant property, and a fine new brick and stone building is being erected, in its place. The new building will be 66x132 feet in size, three stories and basement. The location, corner Cordova and Abbott streets, is a good one for the commercial trade. It will have about 80 rooms. Dougall and Jackson are the proprietors.

The *Winnipeg Free Press* is responsible for the following: "In view of the fact that the McKinley bill imposes a duty of six cents per pound on Canadian butter, parties here who are interested are now asking the Government to impose a corresponding duty on American goods, particularly with a view to excluding the California article, and also are demanding an investigation into the alleged adulteration of California rolls, with a view to prohibiting the import of the same into Canada." A large quantity of California butter is imported into British Columbia, and it is claimed that this is largely adulterated. This is probably why the special reference is made to California butter. The importation of adulterated butter is now prohibited by law.

### British Columbia Salmon Pack.

A very erroneous report has been sent out from Ottawa regarding the salmon pack of British Columbia for 1890. The report which was telegraphed to London, England, reads as follows:

"The Fisheries Department have been advised that the salmon pack in British Columbia is the largest known for years. This year 500,000 cases of canned salmon have been exported, the bulk of which goes to London."

This statement is very wide of the truth. The pack is not the largest known for years, and it is along ways under 500,000 cases. Some time ago it was estimated in this journal that the pack would be about 400,000 cases. More recently, after some of the returns were in, it was stated in these columns that the total pack of the Province would not fall far short of 400,000 cases. These figures are practically correct, as the returns now in show that in round numbers the pack is 400,000 cases. The returns from the Fraser river place the pack at 246,050 cases, and the pack on the other rivers and inlets is placed at 163,000 cases. Instead of being the largest for many years, these figures are slightly under last year. The Ottawa report is therefore very wide of the truth. It is a peculiar fact that many of the most erroneous statements regarding western matters are sent out from Ottawa. Some of the most absurd reports concerning Manitoba crops, which are circulated freely every year, are dated from Ottawa. THE COMMERCIAL has frequently been obliged to puncture some of these ridiculous statements. This one regarding the British Columbia salmon pack is in keeping with the reports concerning western crops. London is the principal market for our canned salmon, and this Ottawa dispatch about the British Columbia pack is calculated to do great injury to the holders of the fish. Attributed as it was to the "Fisheries Department" it would no doubt be regarded in London as authentic, even in the face of statements to the contrary from other sources. The salmon markets have been in a depressed state for some time, owing to the large stocks from last year, and this exaggerated estimate of the British Columbia pack for this year would have a further depressing effect upon the market. The despatch was also wrong in stating that the pack had been exported, as at that date no shipments had been made. Probably not over 300,000 cases of salmon will go to London from British Columbia this year, as a portion of the pack will be used at home, and some will go to Australia.

Regarding the situation for canned salmon latest advices are more favorable. Advices received from San Francisco note a change for the better in the tone of the salmon market at that point. English buyers, it was stated, have purchased somewhat liberally of Alaska fish, taking the cheaper varieties to a remarkably good extent. Goods available at 90 to 95c on the coast, it is said, have been pretty well cleaned off, leaving very little if anything to be had at less than \$1 there for either prompt or future delivery. The Columbia river pack is said to be well cleaned up. Alaska salmon is the only "uncertain quantity" now to be reckoned upon, returns from that quarter being

yet incomplete. It is quite possible that the low prices may so increase consumption that the large stocks will soon melt away.

### The Crops.

Calgary has a turnip weighing over eighteen pounds, and then it was pulled before it was fully grown.

Mr. Donald Ross, of Edmonton, Alberta, has four heads of cabbage weighing 85 pounds, one of them tipping the scales at 24 pounds.

A farmer named B. Car, near Moosomin, Assa., reports nine potatoes from one root, averaging one pound each.

Winnipeg market gardeners are vying with each other as to who can produce the largest cauliflower. Several specimens have been shown weighing fifteen to twenty pounds each. A good many have been sent away to the States and the East, to show what Winnipeg mud will produce.

Jas. Walker, near Manitou, Man., has shown turnips which weigh between 20 and 25 pounds each, and carrots over two feet long.

Neepawa, Man., Register says: "Threshing is now in progress. The yields of wheat on different farms so far as learned are 30 bushels, 29 bushels, 27 bushels, and 25 bushels per acre, so that so far the average yield is 27½ bushels per acre."

Calgary Tribune: "Threshing operations are now the order of the day. Mr. Joseph McPherson, of the Elbow, has been having his grain threshed. A measured acre of two rowed barley gave a return of fifty bushels. Unfortunately, during the wet weather it became discolored, but otherwise it is as fine a sample as any one could wish for. Oats are going about 40 and wheat 20 bushels to the acre."

### Winnipeg Trade Returns.

The following statement shows the value of goods exported, imported and entered at Winnipeg for consumption with duty collected thereon, during the month of September, compared with the corresponding month 1889:—

| Description.                               | Value.<br>1889. | Value.<br>1890. |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| Exported .....                             | \$202,544 00    | \$249,202 00    |
| Imported—dutiable .....                    | 175,370 00      | 232,250 00      |
| Imported—free .....                        | 33,490 00       | 56,493 00       |
| Total imported .....                       | \$208,860 00    | \$288,743 00    |
| Entered for consumption—<br>dutiable ..... | \$150,221 00    | \$230,453 00    |
| Entered for consumption—<br>free .....     | 33,490 00       | 56,493 00       |
| Total for consumption .....                | \$213,711 00    | \$286,946 00    |
| Duty collected .....                       | \$ 56,598 08    | \$ 63,716 35    |

### SAVINGS BANK TRANSACTIONS.

The transactions at the Dominion Government Savings Banks at Winnipeg during September were as follows:—

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Deposits .....    | \$19,271 00 |
| Withdrawals ..... | 24,801 69   |

The Inland Revenue collections at Winnipeg, for Sept. were as under:—

|                    |              |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Spirits .....      | \$ 9,310 70  |
| Malt .....         | 1,067 40     |
| Tobacco .....      | 10,039 89    |
| Cigars .....       | 238 20       |
| License fees ..... | 340 00       |
| Petroleum .....    | 104 70       |
|                    | \$ 21,093 30 |

Total collections for Sept., 1889 .....

The steamship Batavia arrived at Vancouver on Oct. 2 from Chiba and Japan with 16 Europeans, 85 Chinese and 26 Japanese passengers, and a full cargo of tea and silk.

### Assiniboia.

Tenders are called for a new land and registry office at Regina.

The assets of the Stair coal mine are advertised for sale by tender.

Charles Street has disposed of his business at Whitewood to his brother Richard.

Regina will be lighted with electricity, work on the system having been started.

Millar & Co., hardware, Moosomin, have started to build a new store, the foundation for which will be laid this fall.

Lieut. Governor Royal has issued a proclamation calling for the opening of the legislative assembly at Regina on October 20th.

The Western World for October has an illustrated write-up of Regina, which indicates that that place has been forging ahead at a rapid rate of late.

The English syndicate stock yards at Chicago have been swept by fire, and an immense quantity of hog products consumed. The loss foots up to nearly \$1,000,000.

The London Financial News says: "The advance in copper to £60 fails to increase the output of copper from Spain or Chili, nor is it likely to increase, for there are no signs of any new copper mine of the first magnitude coming to the front. Meanwhile the demand for copper continues to expand with startling rapidity." Canada has copper in unlimited quantities. Why not work it?

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### Peace River.

Information about the great northern country is always interesting. The following is clipped from a recent issue of the *Edmonton Bulletin*:

John Hodgson, who arrived from the Lesser Slave Lake a couple of weeks ago, went to Peace River from Prince Albert by way of Edmonton in the summer of 1887 to mine gold. They reached Peace River early in August 1887 and began mining on the bar near Fort St. John, about 50 miles below the Rocky Mountain Portage, in September. The gold is found exactly as in the Saskatchewan, in very fine dust, amongst the sand and gravel of the bars. They wintered at the mouth of the Montanais River. The winter was not severe but the snow was deep. Chinooks were felt strongly several times during the winter which cleared the snow from the hill sides. The ice was late in leaving Peace River the next spring and did not go out until May 10th. The men started mining again in the latter part of May and took out \$100 in ten or twelve days, when the high water stopped them. They then laid up for 36 days. At the end of that time the water had lowered sufficiently to permit them to work, and out of the bar they had already worked they took \$150 more. They then moved to another bar and took out \$100 in two days and in four following days took out an ounce a day. They then moved to the bar worked out the fall before and took out \$70. The last bar worked on during that season was near Fort St. John and yielded \$257 in ten days. Hodgson left Peace River in July 1889 and has since resided at Lesser Slave Lake post.

His opinion of the Peace River as an agricultural country is not favorable, as summer frosts are prevalent. The river flats on which the H. B. posts are situated are comparatively free from frost but are not of great area, while the upland is frosty. Last year, however, the upland land was free from frost and a crop put in by Rev. Mr. Brick at old Wives lakes, in rear of Dunvegan, was a success. The gardens at Hudson's Hope, Fort St. John and Dunvegan are almost uniformly successful. A. Mackenzie at the mouth of the Smoky and Rev. Mr. Brick seven miles above have about ten and twenty acres under crop respectively. Cattle and horses do well, the country is of pleasing appearance and the winter climate not as severe as at Prince Albert. Game is not as scarce as has been reported. At the Narrows on Peace River 30 miles below Fort St. John Mr. Hodgson has counted 13 bears feeding on a single flat of not more than 200 acres. In February and March of 1888 an Indian killed 27 moose between St. John and Hudson's Hope, and the same Indian in the spring killed five bears at Montanais river. At the same time there have been some cases of starvation amongst the beaver Indians, but of old people or those incapable of providing for themselves, such people as would be in the poor house in the old country. Speckled trout are caught in the Peace as far east as the mouth of the Smoky. There are no Sturgeon in the Peace. Whitefish are found in a small lake near Hudson's Hope.

At Slave Lake there is no scarcity of food, as whitefish are abundant. At Whitefish lake, north of Slave lake, there was some scarcity last winter. A large fish, called bull trout, is also caught in the lakes and is very good eating. The half-breeds settled around Slave lake all have small patches of potatoes, and many of

them cattle and horses as well. Last year was very dry and the potato crop was not very good, so that a full crop was not planted this year as seed was scarce. Frost was general this season throughout Peace river about June 4th, all the crop sown being injured, but no injury was done at Slave lake, owing to the influence of the water.

### Canada's Monetary System.

A marked feature in the monetary system of Canada is the complete maintenance of a gold standard, although there is scarcely any gold in circulation, and, compared with most other countries in which similar results are attained, but little gold in reserve. The account money consists of dollars, cents and mills. Provision is made by law for the coinage of a five-dollar gold piece, but this has never been carried out. The British sovereign by law passes current at \$4.86 $\frac{1}{2}$ , and the American eagle at \$10, and multiples and halves are full legal tender: and gold in this form is the basis of the paper circulation, the monetary unit being identical with the dollar of the United States, its value in British gold being 4s. 1.31d. Dominion notes are the full legal tender currency of the country. They are issued for fractional parts of a dollar, as well as for 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 500, and 1,000 dollars. Their holder can claim their conversion into gold by tendering them at the place at which they are made payable. Their issue is limited, and their convertibility is guaranteed as follows:—

(a) Not more than 1,000,000 dollars may be issued at any one time, and not more than 4,000,000 dollars in any one year.

(b) The issue department must hold 25 per cent. of their value in gold and Dominion securities guaranteed by the British Government, not less than 15 per cent. being in gold.

(c) Dominion debentures must be held for the balance of issue up to 20,000,000 dollars, everything in excess of that being covered by gold.

The total issue of Dominion notes on November 30, 1889, amounted to 15,928,960 dollars, of which 6,531,961 dollars was in one's and two's, and 8,364,000 dollars in notes of 500 and 1,000 dollars.

There are thirty-nine banks, which issue notes of 5 dollars and multiples thereof, to the extent of their unimpaired capital. These notes are issued for 5, 10, 20, 50, and 100 dollars. They are not legal tender, but they must always be received in payment to the bank of issue at par, and are redeemable in specie and Dominion notes at the place at which they are payable. The amount of cash reserves to meet these notes is not fixed by law, but as a rule the banks keep a reserve of from 25 to 50 per cent. of their circulation and call deposits. They are required to keep as near as practicable one-half, but never less than 40 per cent. of their reserves, in Dominion notes. Payments not exceeding 60 dollars must be made in notes of 1, 2, and 4 dollars, at the option of the receiver.

The total circulation of the banks on November 30 last amounted to 34,399,830 dollars, against which there were reserves of 6,620,069 dollars in specie, and 9,669,644 dollars in Dominion notes.

Silver dollars are not legal tender in Canada. The subsidiary coins consist of silver coins of the following denominations—50, 25, 10, 5 cents, and of copper 1 cent. They are all manufactured in England. The silver coins are legal tender up to 10 dollars, and the copper up to 25 cents.—*Colonies and India*, London, England.

### The Paper Barrel.

A recent issue of the *Paper Trade Journal* contained the following description of the paper barrel as lately improved for storing and transporting all kinds of liquids as well as flour and other finely powdered substances: The walls of the barrel are composed of a series of paper blanks, provided in their longitudinal edges with a series of triangular or tapered notches or gores, so that the blanks have the appearance of a number of united barrel staves placed side by side. The first blank is placed upon a suitable collapsible core, and at its ends is secured to the bevelled outer surface of a series of rings by means of cement or other adhesive material, the ends of the blanks extending to the outer edge of the rings. The sheets or blanks are placed in such a manner that the joints are not over each other, but alternately the solid portion of one blank covers the gores of the adjacent blanks. The several layers on the core are then pressed together by suitable means, and thus form a rigid shell. The core is then collapsed and covered, as the shell formed has sufficient strength and thickness to serve as a core for the following layers.

The heads of the barrel consist each of two strong paper disks, secured to each other by means of cement or other suitable adhesive material, of which the interior disks fit precisely within the rings. The diameter of the outer disks is such that their rings are flush with the outer surface of the shell. Then more paper blanks or sheets are secured on the shell in the manner previously described, forming the thickness of the barrel and extending some distance beyond the outer edges of the disk of the heads, and are cemented or secured by other adhesive material to the heads, and the projecting part of the shell and the ends of the shell are turned off flush with the outer faces of the rings on the head. Before the heads are inserted the bung-hole is cut in the shell. Strong iron hoops or bands are then applied on the barrel, and the ends or heads are secured by means of screw clamps, and the barrel is then filled with linseed oil under pressure and in this way impregnated with oil from the interior toward the exterior. The remaining oil is then drawn off. The impregnated barrel is then baked at a temperature of 120° to 140° R. The temporary hoops or bands are removed, and then permanent bands or hoops are applied, and the heads may be secured by means of angle irons.

### The Failures.

Bradstreet's reports the total number of mercantile failures for the United States, for the nine months past, with comparisons for preceding years as follows: 1890—number of failures, 7,538; actual assets, \$44,450,712; liabilities, \$92,541,950; percentage of assets to liabilities, 47.86. In 1889 the number of failures were 8,334; actual assets, \$50,751,518; liabilities, \$101,755,518; percentage of assets to liabilities, 50.06. 1888—number of failures, 7,330; actual assets, \$44,649,552; liabilities, \$33,941,991; percentage of assets to liabilities, 53. 1887—number of failures, 6,598; actual assets, \$44,545,000; liabilities, \$90,642,000; percentage of assets to liabilities 49. For Canada and the provinces the totals for nine months are: 1890—number of failures, 1,184; assets, \$5,353,780; liabilities, \$10,406,301. 1889—number of failures, 1,175; assets, \$1,370,155; liabilities, \$9,279,963.

### British Columbia.

R. J. Mathews, tailor, Victoria, has added clothing.

J. P. Matthews & Co., grocers, have dissolved; Matthews retiring.

An electric street railway enterprise is under consideration at Nanaimo.

M. R. Counter contemplates opening a jewelry store at Nanaimo.

Robert Steward, blacksmith, Port Haney, has departed for parts unknown.

Shirley & Hoy have commenced business at Westminster, in the hardware line.

A. B. H. Cochrane & Co., commission, etc. Golden, succeeded by Hayes & Sharp.

R. H. Bryant, general storekeeper, Salmon Arm, has sold out to Chas. A. McGuire.

Lafferty & Moore, bankers, have disposed of their Vancouver branch to Casement & Creery.

Wm. Kirkup & Co., hardware, etc., Revelstoke, are building a new and more commodious store.

A new telephone company is proposed at Victoria. The rates of the existing one are considered too high.

H. V. Rudd, formerly the accountant of the Bank of British Columbia at Nanaimo, has opened a store at Westminster.

W. E. McCartney, who recently sold out his drug business at Kamloops, contemplates starting in business at Victoria.

The Vancouver Land & Securities company has decided to add a banking department to its general agency and financial business.

A telegram from Victoria last week stated that the strike at Wellington Coal Mines was practically over, and that a number of men were at work.

The Mount Royal Milling company, of Victoria has engaged the Keegan Mills Co. to install the Crompton electric light system in its mills.

Arrangements have been made to publish in future the imports and exports of British Columbia in the *Canada Gazette*. Chinese statistics will also be published.

T. W. Clarke of Vancouver, is making a shipment of 100 barrels of salted salmon to Australia, and Captain Webster is also sending a small consignment to New Zealand.

At the next meeting of the Victoria city council a by-law will be introduced providing for the expenditure of the sum of \$10,000 in constructing a garbage crematory.

The Vancouver world is authority for the statement that the William Hamilton Manufacturing company, of Peterboro, Ont., saw mill machinery, contemplate establishing a branch in this province.

It is reported says the *Victoria Colonist*, that an effort is on foot to consolidate the brewing interests of Victoria, and a syndicate is now in formation whose object will be the purchase of every existing brewery and malting establishment in the city.

The *Vancouver World* says: "John Hewitt, of the firm of Hewitt & Fraser, foundrymen, Lachute, Que., has been in the city for the past week, and is so pleased that he is decidedly in favor of moving his manufactory here. He will leave for the east in a day or two to make arrangements with his partner.

The annual meeting of the Royal Agricultural and Industrial Society of British Columbia was held at New Westminster during the evening. G. W. Chadsey was elected president; vice-president, W. B. Townsend; first vice-president, R. V. Winch; secretary, T. R. Pearson; treasurer, G. D. Brymner.

Alderman George Baker of Nanaimo has given notice of his intention to introduce a by-law for \$145,000 to provide for the supplying of water and light to the city of Nanaimo and also to purchase a stone crusher. This would probably involve the taking over of the water works and lighting system now operated by private companies.

Butter has advanced at Vancouver, especially creamery. Prices are from 25 to 27c for creamery and good dairy from 20 to 22c. Fresh roll butter is worth 24 cents per lb. Fresh eggs find a ready sale at 40 cents, sometimes as high as 50 cents being paid. Case eggs are worth 24 cents. Salmon is the principal fresh fish of the market, worth 4 cents per lb.

"It is probable, says the *Sentinel*, that in the near future Kamloops will revel in the luxury of electric light. Jas. McIntosh has under contemplation the establishment of a system, utilizing the engine now used in pumping for the waterworks for power. J. E. Saucier, the local electrician, says he will institute a system on a limited scale, and will soon be ready to supply lights at a low price."

A joint stock company is talked of, says the *Nelson Miner*, for the purpose of building a large hotel at Ainsworth. The building will be something after the style of the C. P. R. hotel at Banff, but smaller. The hot water from the springs will be introduced throughout the building. It is believed that after the completion of the Kootenay & Columbia railway the place will become a fashionable summer resort.

The great event of the year for New Westminster—the annual fall fair and celebration—has come and gone. This is the principal fair on the main land, and in addition to the exhibition, a general celebration is given. This year the exhibition is a decided success. Westminster people deserve credit for the energetic manner in which they have worked up this annual event. The city will derive much benefit from the exhibition each year.

*Vancouver News-Advertiser*: "Next May will see the completion in this city of the finest hotel building north of San Francisco. N. S. Hoffer, the well known architect has finished his drawing for the structure, which, for elegance of design, solidity of construction, and spaciousness, cannot be excelled in any city in the Dominion. The gentlemen who are erecting the building are Towne and Robinson, the English capitalists, who have lately been on a visit to this city.

At the last meeting of the Vancouver board of trade the committee appointed to wait on Mr. Lowe, reported that it had seen that gentleman and explained fully to him the unsatisfactory condition in which the quarantine arrangements were in British Columbia. Mr. Lowe said that he had given very careful consideration to the subject while he had been in the Province, and had arrived at the conclusion that the best way in which to deal with the question would be to place the quarantine station at Albert Head on a thoroughly efficient footing,

with appliances for the disinfection of vessels' baggage and mails, and the location there of a permanent health officer. A steam launch would be provided so that vessels could be boarded and no delay incurred. Mr. Lowe also said that he would recommend such regulations being enforced in this port as would form an effectual prevention against the risk of disease being brought in by vessels arriving here to load lumber or other cargoes. The committee appointed to meet Sir Hector Langevain also reported. It had accompanied Sir Hector to False Creek and shown him the importance of that water to the commerce of the city. The committee believed that Sir Hector was fully impressed with this and that he would communicate his views to his colleagues in the Cabinet. He desired that the board would forward an accurate map of the Creek so that the department could deal intelligently with the subject and consider what could be done for the deepening of the channel. After some discussion the board passed a resolution asking the city council to make an appropriation for the purpose of making a survey and a committee was appointed to lay it before the council and urge that the matter be attended to without delay. The attention of the Board was called to the importance of urging the Dominion Government to make Vancouver a port of registration for shipping, and a resolution was passed asking the Minister of Marine to give the necessary instructions that this matter be carried into effect. The subject of the Board taking some action with a view to obtaining information as to the various markets in the Interior, the description of commodities they required or had to dispose of, and the comparative cost of transportation between them and Vancouver and other places was discussed and a committee was appointed with a view to collecting information for the use of the merchants of Vancouver. A communication from P. T. Duun on the unsatisfactory condition of the law respecting the possibility of a creditor attaching the goods of a debtor before judgement had been obtained, who, he had reason to believe, was about to dispose of them with a view to defraud his creditors, was laid before the Board and was referred to the committee on legislation for a report.

### Northwestern Ontario.

It is stated that by the end of October the Port Arthur, Duluth & Western railway will be completed to Silver Mountain.

Application will be made to the Ontario Government for an act to incorporate "The Thunder Bay Iron and Steel Works."

A new strike of silver was made recently on the Porcupine location, Port Arthur district, on the new or No. 3 vein, which is showing very rich silver, native and argentine.

The West Algoma fair held at Port Arthur last week, was unprecedented success. The exhibit of grains, grasses, fruits, roots and vegetables surprise those not accustomed to the wonderful growth of this district. The dairy products are splendid, and the exhibit of local minerals cannot be rivalled. Amongst the attractions are two lake Superior salmon, measuring three feet, nine inches in length, and an aggregate weight of ninety pounds.

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## Eastern Business Changes. ONTARIO.

R. A. Spiers, grocer, Delhi, has sold out.  
George Barnes, tailor, Essex, has assigned.  
J. M. Bell, general store, Vars, has assigned.  
G. & J. Rogers, hats, Toronto, have assigned.  
P. C. Foy, soda water, Peterboro has assigned.  
W. R. Morphy, laundry, Sarnia, was burned out.

E. L. Brooks, druggist, Toronto, has assigned.

Hugh Robb, dry goods, Toronto, has assigned.

C. F. Burtis, stationer, Toronto, has assigned.

Robert Jordan, Plumber, Toronto, has assigned.

Mrs. R. Carter, confectionery, Mt. Forest, is dead.

Lovly Bros., rubberine collars, Sarnia, have dissolved.

W. T. Merrick, jeweler, St. Catharines, has assigned.

C. F. Tucker, harnessmaker, Mattawa, has assigned.

S. Estlake, general storekeeper, Highgate, has assigned.

C. W. Emmons, butcher, Odessa, was damaged by fire.

Dan. Taylor & Co., druggists, Toronto, have assigned.

D. St. Louis & Son, merchants, Windsor, have assigned.

T. Brennan, general storekeeper, Copper Cliff, has assigned.

Williamson & Lambe, teas, sugars, etc., Toronto, have dissolved.

John Cullingworth, general storekeeper, Mt. Salem, is selling out.

W. J. F. Gordon, builders' supplies, Hamilton, was damaged by fire.

J. A. McIntosh, general storekeeper, Winchester Springs, has assigned.

Edgar & Morden, general storekeepers, Arva, was burned out; insured for \$1,000.

Thompson & Smith, tailors and gents' furnishings, Ingersoll; G. A. Thompson, of this firm, is dead

Sussman, Sons & Co., manufacturers of varnishes, etc., Toronto, are offering to compromise at 45c on the dollar.

The following were burned out: A. W. Baker, butcher; S. Bond, general store; T. Milsop, general store; Murphy & Son, shoes, all of Odessa.

## QUEBEC.

Wm. Chas. Craig, trader, Montreal, has assigned.

Joseph Dagenais, grocer, Montreal, has assigned.

Leandre Laurin, tailor, Montreal, has assigned.

Beauchamp & Co., grocers, Montreal, have assigned.

E. A. Knapp, general storekeeper, Domville, has assigned.

P. A. Vaillancourt, general store, Black Lake, was burned out.

J. E. Morasse, general storekeeper, Black Lake, was burned out.

Stanislas Bouche, general storekeeper, Marieville, has assigned.

Bates & Scott, manufacturers agents, Montreal, have dissolved.

R. G. Berry, vet. surg. and livery, Sherbrooke, has assigned.

J. N. Massicotte, tins, West Farnham, is offering to compromise.

Benj. Leclaire, general storekeeper, Lapageonniere, has assigned.

Mrs. Louis Baril & Co., general storekeepers, Iberville, have assigned.

J. C. Spence & Son, glass stainers, etc., Montreal; J. C., Spence, of this firm, is dead.

## NOVA SCOTIA.

Wellington Neary, Horton, has assigned.

A. C. Morrison, Acadia Mines, has assigned.

A. S. Skimmings, dry goods, Halifax, has assigned.

W. D. King & Co., patent medicines, Truro, have dissolved.

W. J. Hames, pork, etc., Halifax, has admitted J. Davis as a partner; style of firm now Hames & Davis.

Knight & Co., Halifax, partnership registered; J. A. Knight, James McG. Cameron, and Willis E. Webb.

## NEW BRUNSWICK.

Adams & Gregory, mill, St. John, have dissolved.

C. E. Smith, lumber, Fredericton, has assigned.

C. B. Champion, shingle mill, Campbellton, was burned out.

T. W. Hall & Co., shingle mill, Nash's Creek, was burned out.

## Teas.

Low grades are waxing scarcer, and the demand for them is also waxing. Low grade greens are not to be had; low grade Japans can be got but only by paying well for them. Tea that sold last year at 15 to 18c cannot be got now under 20c. Blacks are quite plentiful and cheap, and are falling in for a part of the trade that has to be foregone in greens, and to some extent in Japans. Even the concession of prices will not ensure the receipt of Japans. Wholesalers make their contracts to supply customers, but often fail to get stock when prices are good. The enquiry for Indians continues good. The rallying power of the market noticeable last week has since been more fully dispensed, and in London the public sales have gone off with increased spirit at almost daily advancing rates. The quantity offered has been large, comprising a better selection of teas. The finer grades above 1s. fetched a rise of a ½d. to 1d. per pound. Pekoe Souchongs and qualities below 1s met with lively competition, and in many cases were sold ½d. to ¾d. dearer, thus establishing a material enhancement from the late lowest point. In Ceylons, the upward movement continues, and is more especially visible in Pekoes at from 10d. to 1s. —Toronto Canada Grocer.

### Grain and Milling.

Isaac Corbett will buy grain this winter for N. Bawit.

The new flour mill at Pilot Mound, Man., is nearing completion.

Machinery is now being placed in the new roller mill at Neepawa, Man.

The last of the machinery for the new flour mill at McGregor has arrived, and the mill will soon be ready for work.

The Portage Milling Co., of Portage la Prairie, has closed its branch flour and feed business in Winnipeg.

The Austin Milling company, and the Carberry Milling company, are building grain warehouses at Sydney, Man.

J. J. Hamilton is building a grain warehouse at Neepawa. Elevating machinery is being put in Ogilvie's grain warehouse at the same place.

The grain examiners met at Winnipeg last week, for the purpose of selecting standards for grading this year's crop. Standards for the following grades were fixed: Extra Manitoba hard; No. 1 hard; No. 2 hard; No. 3 hard; No. 2 Northern; No. 1 frosted; No. 2 frosted. It will be observed that the grade of No. 1 Northern has been omitted. This was due to the fact that no grain examined suited this grade. Inspectors will, however, grade No. 1 northern for any grain offering which meet the requirements of the act for this grade.

The stock of wheat stored in private warehouses has become so large that the visible supply statement is losing much of its value. For instance, on Sept. 20, out of the total of 24,446,520 bushels of available wheat reported in *Bradstreet's*, fully 6,750,000 bushels were not in official warehouses. Hence no notice is taken of it by official reporters. In brief, if a visible supply statement, or an available supply statement, is not made to include approximately all of the wheat hanging over the market at principal points of accumulation, such reports are worse than worthless. It is likely to be out of the question.

The report of the Lake of the Woods Milling company, published in *THE COMMERCIAL* last week, that the company had already decided upon an extensive enlargement of the mill at Keewatin. The present capacity of the mill is placed at 1,600 barrels, and this will be increased to 2,000 barrels per day. This would indicate that the mill under its present management is a success. Competition in milling is keen and the profits are small, but when carried on on a large scale, under efficient management, there is still a margin on the right side. Near the base of supplies of the great Manitoba wheat fields, producing a fine quality of grain, and with an unlimited water-power for operating the mill, milling should return a margin of profit, if it can be made to pay anywhere. The surplus wheat crop of the country will go on increasing year by year, and the more that can be exported in the form of flour, instead of wheat, the better for the country.

An item has been going the rounds of some of our exchanges to the effect that there are no flour mills in British Columbia. This is a mistake. There is a roller flour mill at Enderby, south of Sicamous station, on the main line of the C. P. R. This mill has been

in existence for several years, and is now controlled by R. P. Rithet, of Victoria. The mill has a capacity of 100 barrels per day and does a good trade. Flour is shipped to the coast markets. Wheat equal to the Manitoba article can be grown in the district, as the mill is located in the dry interior climate. Manitoba hard wheat has been brought in for seed. A mill was established at Nicola about a year ago, and another fine roller mill, with a capacity of 200 barrels per day, has been established this year by Hall, Ross & Co. at Victoria. There are also three or four old style stone mills, including one at Saanich, near Victoria, owned by Blackman & Kerr, in connection with which there is an oatmeal mill; one at Chilliwack and one at Quesnel.

### Lumber Cuttings.

W. J. Mather has opened a lumber yard at Neepawa, Man.

A rarity in the shape of a raft of 25,000,000 feet of white pine timber passed down the St. Clair river recently.

It is estimated that upwards of seven million feet of lumber have been shipped from Lake Winnipeg mills this season.

The saw mill hands at Rat Portage, says the *News*, are talking of organizing an association or a branch of the Knights of Labor, during the winter, so as to be in running order next spring, as they intend strongly advocating reduced hours of labor.

There was a large attendance at the sale of provincial timber limits at Toronto last week. Berths were sold subject to crown timber regulations, and timber dues to remain the same as now, the charges being \$ per thousand feet for pine, for seven years from the date of sale. It was further provided that timber cut from the limits shall be manufactured in the province of Ontario. The timber is situated on the R. Bay River, Thunder Bay. The following is a summary of the results: Sold, 344; total bonuses, \$321,862; average bonus per mile, \$933.

### Items About Trade.

The *Toronto Empire* of Sept. 28, reports the flour and wheat market as follows: "Flour was very dull and rather unsettled. Straight rollers sold at \$4.25 Toronto freights, and for export at \$4.50. Extras are nominally at \$4.25 to \$4.30. Wheat was easier and quiet. White sold on the Northern to-day at 96c. There is no old Manitoba wheat in the market and none of the new crop has arrived yet. For first half October delivery No. 2 hard sold at \$1.15 and No. 1 at \$1.22.

Oats sold at 40 to 42c at Toronto early last week.

Oatmeal at Montreal last week sold at \$5 to \$5.15 for granulated and standard at \$4.80 to \$4.90 in bags.

Potatoes in car lots were offering at Toronto at 60c per bag.

There are but sixty iron furnaces now in blast in Scotland, against eighty-four at this time last year.

The *Montreal Trade Bulletin*, of Sept. 27th, says of the flour market: "It is evident that the top prices of a few weeks ago are no longer obtainable, and although city strong bakers are

quoted at \$6 some state that they can buy for less money. Manitoba strong bakers flour has been sold at \$5.50 to \$5.75. Spring patents are selling at \$6.25 for choice. New wheat flour from Ontario is arriving in very good condition, owing to the splendid quality of the wheat. Straight rollers have sold at \$4.90 to \$5, and on track at \$4.85 with more offered at the same figure. Ontario millers are shipping through to Great Britain, as it is said they can dispose of certain brands to better advantage on the other side than here."

### Eastern Dairy Markets.

At Woodstock, Ont., on Sept. 24, at the cheese market, ten factories boarded 3,985 boxes of August make; 190 sold at 9½c. Market dull.

At Brockville, Ont., on Sept. 25, offerings on the cheese board were 5,000 white and 570 colored cheese. Sales were: white, 670 boxes at 10½c; 416 boxes at 10 3-16c. Colored cheese, 300 boxes at 10 3-16; 50 boxes at 10½c. The cheese sold at 10½c were all August make, that bringing the highest figure mostly Septembers; and buyers were generally anxious for cheese at the figures offered, but would not advance to meet the views of sellers who stood out for higher prices.

At Ingersoll, Ont., on September 23, 19 factories boarded 9,200 boxes of cheese, August make. Sales were: 580 boxes at 9½c. Market dull.

*Toronto Empire*, Sept. 27: "Butter is in good demand for choice dairies, which is scarce. A good deal of medium is coming in, and stocks of this quality are ample. Prime dairy tubs bring 14 to 16c, and good medium tub 10 to 13c. Large rolls are scarce and are worth 14c. Creamery rolls sell at 22 to 23c, and tubs at 18 to 20c. Cheese—for medium quality 9½ to 9½c is asked but good brings 10c."

### Furs.

*Calgary Herald*: "Mr. Thomson, of the Hudson Bay company, has been engaged all the afternoon in checking over another consignment of furs, which has just been brought in from McKenzie river and Athabasca. Nearly the whole of the consignment consists of musk ox, and probably weighs about 20,000 pounds."

C. M. Lamson & Co., London, fur dealers, have issued the following circular: "We beg to inform you that we have had advice from the North American Commercial company that their steamer has arrived at San Francisco with 21,000 Alaska fur seal skins, and that 3,500 more seal skins taken from seals killed by the natives for food purposes will probably come forward later on. The company informs us that the United States government agent had stopped the further killing of seals, in consequence of the small number of animals found on the islands, and that the above will therefore constitute the total catch of Alaska seals this year. We propose to offer the 21,000 on the 27th of October next."

In addition to the 21,000 seal skins of the North American company, noted in this column, there will also be offered at Lamson & Co's sales the Pacific coast catch of skins, and other skins taken by private vessels.

At Toronto on Tuesday a sale was reported of 600 bushels No. 1 Manitoba hard for October delivery at \$1.15.

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