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The latest development in railway progress in the West, is the extension of the Canadian Pacific system to Lethbridge, which adds about 110 miles of track to the great Canadian transcontinental system. The important feature of this latest addition to the Canadian Pacific is, that it is likely to become a link in another line through the Rocky mountains to the Pacific coast.

The Lethbridge extension of the Canadian Pacific is not altogether a new line, but rather the reconstruction of an old line. The road was originally built as a narrow gauge railway, by the Northwest Coal and Navigation Company. This company acquired a valuable coal property on the banks of the Belly river, and proceeded to develop the property. It was at first intended to transport the coal down the river to Medicine Hat, where connection could be made with the main line of the Canadian Pacific. For this purpose two flat bottom steamers were built, but they were never of much service to the company, as it was found that the river could not be successfully navigated. The company then built a narrow gauge line of railway, connecting the mines with the main line of the Canadian Pacific at Dunmore. The exact length of the railway is 109 miles. With the opening of the mines, a town soon grew up, which is now known as Lethbridge, and it is one of the principal towns of the territories to-day. The mines have been worked almost continuously and on quite a large scale. The coal is an excellent quality of bituminous coal, and it has a large consumption throughout the country, as far east as Winnipeg.

Some years after the construction of the narrow gauge road to connect the mines with the Canadian Pacific, another railway, also narrow gauge, was built from Lethbridge in a south-easterly direction to the United States boundary, and thence through the State of Montana to connect with the Great Northern at the city of Great Falls. This road is known as the Great Falls and Canada railway. It was built for the purpose of opening a market in the Montana cities for Lethbridge coal, and notwithstanding the duty of 75 cents per ton on bituminous coal going into the United States, a considerable trade has been done in that direction. The new tariff bill now before the United States Congress, provides for free coal, and if this feature of the bill is adopted, as there is every reason to believe it will, it will greatly improve the prospects of the Lethbridge collieries. The Canadian coal is far superior in point of quality to any coal found south of the boundary in the northwestern states, and with the duty removed, prospects at the Lethbridge mines will look up.

Last year arrangements were made with the Canadian Pacific to operate the road between Lethbridge and Dunmore, and the work of reconstructing the road to the standard gauge has been going on during the present season. This has been completed, and Canadian Pacific trains are now running over the new line. A considerable saving in the cost of handling the coal should result, as the transferring of the coal from the narrow gauge to standard cars is now avoided.

Lethbridge is directly on a line with the Crow's Nest pass through the Rocky mountains. For some years it has been understood that the Canadian Pacific contemplated the construction of a line through this pass, and it is known that surveyors have been at work in the pass during the past season, and also in previous years. A line through the Crow's Nest pass would tap the rich Kootenay mining country of British Columbia. The Columbia and Kootenay railway, now in operation from the Columbia river to the town of Nelson, in the Kootenay region, will form another link in the road through the Crow's Nest pass. It is understood that the road will be extended from Lethbridge westward to Macleod at an early date, where connection will be made with the branch running from Calgary to Macleod. When the line is ultimately completed through the Crow's Nest pass it will give the Canadian Pacific a much shorter route across the mountains to the coast.

AUSTRALIAN BUTTER IN CANADA.

Last week THE COMMERCIAL referred to the efforts being made to place Australian mutton upon the markets of Western Canada. There is another Australian commodity which has been introduced, which would hardly seem likely to find much of a market here. We refer to Australian butter. British Columbia consumes a considerable quantity of butter in excess of local production, and heretofore this deficiency has been drawn from Manitoba and Eastern Canada. Previous to the completion of the Canadian Pacific railway, British Columbia imported considerable but-

ter from the Pacific coast states, principally from California. With the completion of the transcontinental railway, Manitoba and Eastern Canada butter began to supplant the the California article. The placing of a duty of 4 cents per pound upon butter imported into this country assisted in shutting out the States article, and overcame the disadvantage in the matter of higher freight rates, which had to be borne by the Eastern butter. The cheap water freights from California, as compared with the long railway haul from Manitoba and the East, gave the California article an advantage in the matter of freights. The British Columbia people had also acquired a taste for the California article, which tended to prolong the imports from the latter place. Gradually, however, butter from Manitoba and the East came into use, and now a large number of car lots are taken annually in British Columbia. Creamery butter from Ontario and creamery and dairy butter from Manitoba now make up the principal supply of the British Columbia markets. The quantity of Manitoba creamery butter sent to British Columbia is limited only by the available surplus to be obtained here. Our shippers have a call for all the creamery butter they can supply, but as the industry has not yet progressed sufficiently in Manitoba to meet the full requirements of the Pacific province, the supply has to be supplemented by creamery from Eastern Canada. In dairy butter, Manitoba furnishes all that is required, and occasionally British Columbia markets are overstocked with Manitoba dairy.

Now that California butter has been largely shut out, a new competitor enters the field. Since the establishment of the Canada-Australia steamship line, some consignments of Australian butter have been received in British Columbia ports. THE COMMERCIAL cannot speak of Australia's ability to compete in the Canadian Pacific markets in butter. The fact that that country has been sending butter of fine quality to England, is something in her favor. It will seem strange, however, if Australia can send any considerable quantity to a dairy country like Canada. To be sure there is an expensive railway haul between our dairy regions and the Pacific coast cities, but the duty of four cents per pound is more than an offset to this. In case of the removal of the duty, which is a possibility of the perhaps not distant future, Australian butter might prove a strong competitor to the home commodity, in the coast markets. While the duty remains, however, the domestic article is not likely to suffer much, from Australian competition, we fancy.

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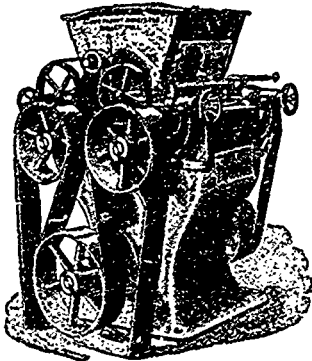
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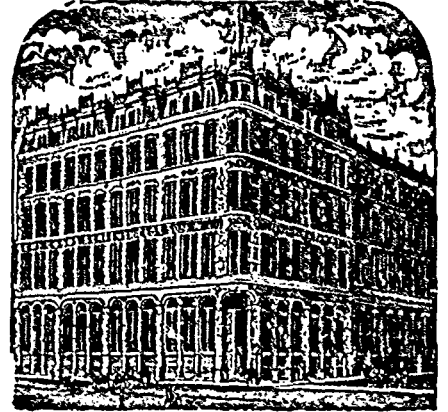
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likely to be a considerable trade during the present winter in this direction, if prices east are at all maintained. Nelson Bickordike, one of the best known names in Canada in connection with the cattle trade, has opened a warehouse in Montreal for the purpose of handling western beef. He will receive the beef in car lots, and dispose of it in a wholesale way to butchers and retail dealers in the East. Early shipments which went forward, sold by the carcass at 6½ to 70 per pound. The beef has been received with favor in the East, and has been purchased principally by those retail dealers who cater for the best class of customers.

As regards quality, there can be no question as to the superiority of the western range beef, so long as the cattle on the range are in good condition. Shipped in the form of dressed beef, the quality is also maintained at its best, and there is no loss in condition, which must take place in shipping live stock long distances. The fine quality of the range beef will no doubt create a demand for the commodity, even at a higher price than ordinary stuff brings. Beef is an article in which quality is an important feature. In every city there is a considerable demand for the finest quality of beef, regardless of price. The very best is wanted. Once this class of eastern people get the taste of western range beef, they will demand it continually, if it can be had.

The establishment some time ago of an abattoir at Calgary, upon a large scale, with modern improvements for slaughtering and shipping, gives good facilities in the west for handling the business. The ranchers can drive their cattle to Calgary and have them slaughtered, dressed and shipped east in car lot quantities, with expedition, and under the best conditions. With the facilities which exist, it is claimed that the beef can be placed on the eastern markets in as good condition as if killed on the spot. The beef will not be frozen, but will be chilled and sent forward in refrigerator cars, and during the winter season at least there should be no trouble about maintaining its prime quality, until it reaches the consumer.

While considering the question of shipping dressed meats, it may be noted that a strong company has been formed in the East, for the purpose of shipping dressed meats from the West to the Old Country markets. The enterprise, however, has not yet reached a practical stage. It is proposed by the company to establish a large slaughtering and cold storage industry at some point in the West, with warehouses at necessary shipping points, and enter largely into the trade. THE COMMERCIAL has always favored the plan of exporting meats in the dressed form, instead of shipping live animals, and eventually we believe this will become the general practice. The distance from the Western ranges is so great, that there is a great loss in shrinkage of condition, in shipping live animals; besides, there is the great cost of shipping live animals as compared with the more economical handling of dressed meats.

At the annual meeting of the Farmers Binder Twine company of Brantford, Ont., a dividend of 10 per cent. was declared and a considerable sum placed to rest account.

PROPOSED UNITED STATES TARIFF CHANGES.

The most important legislation, as far as Canada is concerned, which has come before the United States congress for a long time, is the Wilson tariff bill. It was a certainty from the moment the election of President Cleveland was assured, that a radical measure of tariff reform would be introduced. It was moreover certain that any measure of tariff reform enacted in the United States must of necessity reduce duties very largely upon such products as Canada exports most largely. The first step in the direction of tariff reform would naturally be to reduce the duty upon raw materials, food stuffs, etc., and these are the principle exports of Canada. If the Wilson tariff bill passes congress in anything like its present form, it will make a great change in our trade relationship with the republic, and a change which will be mutually beneficial to each country. Canada will be benefited by the opening of the most natural market for many of her export commodities, while the raw materials and foodstuffs which we can supply the United States more cheaply than under the high tariff policy, will be a benefit to the people of that country. In opening her market for our products, the United States will receive in return a larger demand from this country for such goods as we can purchase to advantage from them.

A striking feature of the new tariff bill is the substitution of ad valorem for specific duties, wherever practical. Duties are reduced or abolished entirely principally upon raw materials used in manufactures, and foodstuffs. There is also a considerable reduction in certain manufactured lines. The reduction in the sugar duty is an important feature. Canadians will turn first to agricultural products, and here we find important reductions. The McKinley bill imposed heavy specific duties upon live animals, such as \$30 per head on horses and mules; cattle, \$10 per head; hogs, \$1.50 per head; sheep, \$1.50 per head; lambs, 75c per head. These duties are abolished and 20 per cent ad valorem is substituted. This makes a reduction of nearly one half. Barley is reduced from 30c per bushel to 20 per cent., equal to 8 to 10c per bushel on a basis of present prices of barley in Ontario. Hay is reduced from \$4 to \$2 per ton; potatoes from 25 to 10c per bushel; eggs free; butter reduced from 6 to 4c per lb; salt is made free. The free list also includes wool, now subject to a duty of 12c per pound, and seeds, tallow, straw, apples, green and dried, bacon, cabbage, hides, lard, etc. Oats and oatmeal, rye, wheat, buckwheat and flour are placed at 20 per cent., but the bill provides that they shall be admitted free from countries which receive similar products from the United States free. Vegetables are reduced from 25 per cent. to 10 per cent. Beef, mutton and pork are made free, though formerly subject to 2c per pound; poultry is reduced from 3c to 2c for live and from 5c to 3c for dressed. Cheese is reduced to 25 per cent. Flax seed is reduced to 20c per bushel. These are the principal changes in the agricultural list. The most important changes to Canada are those on eggs, barley and animals.

In other lines besides agricultural products, there are changes which are very important to this country. This is particularly the case in lumber. Timber, hewn and sawed, spars, squared timber, ties, posts, blocks, lath, pickets, shingles, staves, hubs, are all free. Other manufactured lumber is reduced from \$1 to 25 per cent. This will be a great boon to our lumbering industry.

Another important feature for Canada is the changes in ores. Iron ores, now 75c per ton, and copper ores, now \$10 per ton, will be free. Nickel, now subject to a duty of \$200 per ton, is made free. Granite, sandstone and limestone also go free. These are all of great value to Canada. Bituminous coal, duty 75c per ton, is made free. This should help our western mines, particularly the Lethbridge and Vancouver Island collieries, which now have a large market in the United States.

In fish, pickled are reduced from 1½ to ¾ per lb; smoked, dried and fresh reduced from ¾ to ½; canned fish reduced to 25 per cent. Sole leather is reduced from 10 to 5 per cent. The fact that agricultural implements and binder twine have been placed on the free list, will no doubt force our government to do likewise. The change in the sugar duties will also have a bearing upon our tariff on sugars. The duty is reduced from ½ to ¼ on sugars above No. 16 Latch standard, and under that standard (raws) are free. A gradual reduction of ¼ each year, is provided for in the sugar bounties.

Following are some of the important features of the new tariff bill not of direct interest to Canada. Yarn, now 1.20 to 1.35 per cent, reduced to 35 per cent. Knit fabrics, duty from 97 to 1.45 per cent., reduced to 40 per cent. Blankets, dress goods, etc., duty, 77 to 1.05 per cent., reduced to 25 to 35 per cent. Carpets, a heavy reduction. Metals and manufactures thereof are reduced to 22½ to 45 per cent. Altogether there is a general reduction in the duty upon manufactures, which must benefit the consumer, while abundant protection still remains for United States manufacturers.

The tariff still remains a strongly protective one, averaging probably 40 per cent. on manufactured goods, notwithstanding the great reductions made. This should be protection enough to suit the manufacturers, if they would be satisfied with anything in reason. There are inconsistencies in the proposed bill, and this is perhaps unavoidable, for a protective tariff without inconsistencies would be a phenomenon. One of the inconsistencies is the placing of agricultural implements and machinery upon the free list, while manufacturers in other similar lines are protected by a duty of 30 to 45 per cent. The implement manufacturers will be compelled to buy their iron and steel from protected metal manufacturers, while they will have to sell their implements in an open market. To be consistent, the implement manufacturers should be given free raw material (iron and steel), or else they should be protected to the extent of the duty upon their raw material.

Jarvis street Baptist church, of Toronto, has paid \$571 taxes in practical demonstration of the belief that churches should not lean on the state.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Two recent by-elections in Ontario have proved as discomfoting to the Ontario government as the late election in Winnipeg has done to the Federal government. Both constituencies were considered strong government divisions and each returned a supporter of the government at the last general elections. Now the government candidates have been defeated by a large minority. In North Bruce the order of Patrons of Industry put up a candidate and elected their man by a majority of about 500, in a triangular contest, each of the other parties having a candidate in the field. In East Lambton the Liberal candidate was defeated by a nominee of the Protestant Protective association, backed by the Conservative vote. The result of the by elections is rather discouraging to the government, and does not augur well for them at the next general elections. The success of the Patrons will likely induce them to contest a large number of seats at the next general elections, and the same may be said of the Protestant association. Altogether the political situation in Ontario appears decidedly mixed, and it looks as though there will be trouble ahead. If the Patrons and the Protestant association can each succeed in electing a number of candidates, the prospect for smooth government in the sister province is anything but encouraging. The latter association particularly is a disturbing factor, and would prove destructive to either party. What good end the association can serve, or what need there is for its existence, it is difficult to see. As for the Patrons, they are likely to take sides with the Liberals, as a general rule.

FINANCE MINISTER FOSTER is very pessimistic over the effect the tariff reform movement in the United States will have upon Canada. This country is to be ruined because our raw material will pass into the United States free of duty, instead of being consumed at home. He sees in the proposed tariff bill in the United States a diabolical plot to draw our raw material across the boundary, for the benefit of United States manufacturers, and to the disadvantage of home industry. Did any one ever hear such nonsensical talk. According to our finance minister, it is going to ruin our country because we will be able to send our eggs, and poultry, and barley and wool, etc., to the United States free of duty, and get a higher price for these products than we could previously. If this is going to ruin the country, then we can stand all the ruin of this kind that the cunning Yankees can give us. Supposing we do shipp a lot of ores of one kind and another to the United States, better than leave it in the bowels of the earth in Canada. Our finance minister must surely be feeling very sore these days, when he can work off such pessimistic rot as this.

CONGRESS opened at Washington on Monday. The president's message is not of general interest to Canadians. The tariff question, which attracts the greatest interest here, was not dealt with at length by the president. He simply endorsed the proposed Wilson tariff bill, which will come before congress, and expressed his "great desire for the success of

that measure." Next to the tariff question, the financial situation in the United States is of most interest to Canadians. The president referred to the repeal of the law requiring the purchase of silver as a feature of the monetary system of the country. As to future financial legislation he said: "Of course, after the recent financial perturbation time is necessary for the re establishment of business confidence. When, however, through this restored confidence, the money which has been frightened into hoarding places is returned to trade and enterprise a survey of the situation will probably disclose a safe path leading to a permanently sound currency abundantly sufficient to meet every requirement of our increasing population and its business. In the pursuit of this object we should resolutely turn away from alluring and temporary expedients, determined to be content with nothing less than a lasting and comprehensive financial plan. In these circumstances I am convinced that a reasonable delay in dealing with this subject instead of being injurious will increase the probability of a wise action." All of which appears to be sound advice. The message is largely taken up with questions pertaining to foreign relations, and it is worthy of note that the president refers to no less than three instances in which the acts of United States officials abroad have been disowned in the harboring of political refugees, by the United States consul to Chili, and the action of Consul Stevens in the Hawaiian affair, and thirdly, the action of the United States naval commander in Brazilian waters, in saluting the rebellious Admiral Mello. The message, as stated, is not of general interest aside from the questions of tariff and finance.

In view of the approaching municipal elections in Winnipeg, civic questions are being stirred up considerably. The various candidates are having their say upon such questions as water-works, taxation, Red river improvements, Assiniboine water power, civic government, public parks, river bridges, paving, boulevarding, etc. As usual, the electors are apathetic, and at the moment seem inclined to let matters go as they please, though there may be a little awakening before election day. One thing which does not augur well for the city is the number of candidates for municipal honors who belong to the real estate business and legal profession. It would almost appear as though there was a scheme on foot among the members of these two branches to get control of the city council for some special purpose. It will be an evil day for the city if it is to pass into the hands of these interests. As for the questions pressing upon the city, they are many and important. That the city should own and operate its own water-works is beyond doubt, and sooner or later this must be accomplished. The Assiniboine water-power is an undertaking of vital importance, and deserves more earnest attention than it has received. As for the improvement of the Red river, this is a matter solely belonging to the Dominion government, and it is unfair that the city should be called upon to contribute \$100,000, or any other sum, for this work. Winnipeg is not financially flush, and the many pressing requirements of the city demand a careful husbanding of resources for undertakings which the city must carry out alone. The improvement of the Red river is urgent, but not more

urgent than the water-works question or the Assiniboine water-power scheme. With all these matters pressing upon the city, Winnipeg can ill afford to hand over \$100,000 for a purely Dominion public work. As regards the question of civic government, THE COMMERCIAL has heretofore expressed its opinion in favor of a business like management of the affairs of the city, upon a basis as nearly as possible similar to that which obtains in the conduct of any large business enterprise. The present municipal system is loose and unbusinesslike, and the same system applied to any large corporation would lead quickly to ruin. All that is required is the application of well known business principles in municipal affairs, to bring about a wonderful improvement. It would be the best thing the city could do to place its affairs in the hands of able business men, and pay them well for their services. Something for nothing cannot be secured by a city any more than by a private individual or corporation. The provisions for public parks and otherwise beautifying the city are all very well. The bridges are not a pressing necessity at the moment, and the proposed expenditure upon bridges should be postponed, if possible. The system of electing aldermen by wards is wrong. It admits more of clique interference, and creates sectional interests. Better men could be secured if aldermen were elected by the city at large. The new system of taxation is an improvement upon the old plan, though far from an ideal system.

THE establishment of a clearing house in Winnipeg on Monday last, marks a new feature of progress in the financial life of the city. The Bank of Montreal will act as clearing bank, and the ten banks of the city will operate together in the clearing house. The result of the first day's business showed clearings of \$183,331. Winnipeg makes the fifth city in Canada having a clearing house, the others being Montreal, Toronto, Halifax and Hamilton. The same rules will govern as are observed at Montreal and Toronto. The board of management consists of Messrs. Wickson, Kirkland, Nicholls, Hoare and Mathewson, and Mr. James Strachan, accountant of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, will act as the first manager. After Jan. 1 the accountant of each bank will act in turn as manager. The establishment of the clearing house will greatly facilitate business between the banks, which is the real object of the institution. It will also show the importance of Winnipeg as a trade and financial centre, as the figures of the daily clearances will be available for comparison with other cities.

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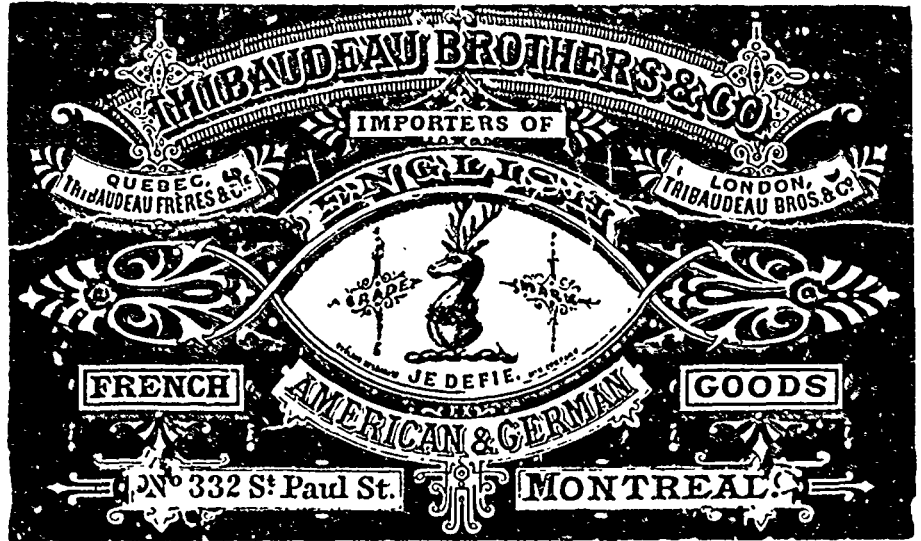
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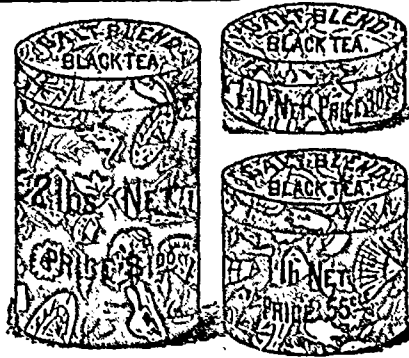
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WINNIPEG MARKETS.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, December 9.

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

GREEN FRUITS.—Apples are unchanged. Stocks of new lemons have not arrived yet, but are expected the first of the week and will sell at \$6.50 to \$7 per box. In the meantime there has been a good deal of scraping to keep the market going and some very poor stuff has had to be taken. In fact only poor stock has been obtainable. The demand for lemons is large, owing to the grippe epidemic, and the arrival of new water on fruit is anxiously awaited. Malaga grapes are somewhat lower. Florida oranges are in good supply at quotations. Prices are: Apples, \$5.00 to \$6.00 per barrel. Florida oranges, \$5.00 to 5.50 per box; California winter Nellis oranges, \$4.00 to \$4.50 per box. Cranberries are quoted at \$7.75 to \$8.50 per bbl. New Malaga grapes at \$8.00 to \$8.50 per keg. Sweet potatoes, \$5.50 to \$6.00 per barrel. Honey, strained, 12c per lb.

DRIED FRUITS.—New dates have at last arrived, the first small lot of new golden dates having been received this week, and sold at 10c. When larger lots arrive prices will likely be lower. Prices are: Dried apples, 7 to 7½; evaporated, 11 to 11½. Valencia raisins, \$1.80 to \$1.90 per box; currants, 6½ to 6c; prunes, 7½ to 8½; dates, old, 7 to 8c. California fruits—prunes, 11 to 12c; apricots, 16 to 18c; peaches, 24 to 27c. New layer figs have sold at \$1 per box in 6 pound boxes and \$2.20 in 12 pound boxes.

NUTS.—Fresh Ontario chestnuts, held at 14 to 15c per lb. New shelled almonds are also in. Soft shelled almonds are quoted at 16 to 17c, walnuts, 17 to 18c, peanuts, roasted, 14 to 15c, filberts, 12 to 13c, pecans, 16 to 17c, Brazils, 14 to 15c.

FISH.—Regarding the sale by Halifax parties of shore herrings, branded No. 1 Labrador, it may be stated that the Dominion inspection act provides a fine of \$100 for each barrel or half barrel so branded. Notwithstanding this stringent provision, it is said that the deception has been largely practiced for the past two years. Not only have certain parties been falsely branding shore herrings as "Labrador," but they have also added an assumed name along with the fraud, as inspector, to make the deception appear more real. The only change here is in the haddies, which are quoted lower. As they are arriving now by regular freight in large quantities, a further decline is not improbable. Fresh Lake Winnipeg fish, such as pike, pickerel, perch, mullet, etc., are offering abundantly at 2½ to 4c per pound. Prices are: Fresh fish—White fish, 6 to 6½c; Lake Superior trout, 9 to 10c per lb, and lake herrings 30c per doz.; B. C. salmon 15c; B. C. herring 12½c; halibut, 12½c; smelts, 12½c per lb. Smoked herring haddies are quoted at 10c and smoked salmon at 12½c per lb. Oysters, \$1.80 for standards up to \$2.25 for ordinary selects. Shell oysters, \$7 per barrel.

RAW FURS.—The outlook for prices at the coming sales is not regarded as bright. Country buyers require to exercise greater care than usual, in view of the depressed situation. The next sales in London will be on December 13, when the Hudson's Bay Co. will offer 1,529 salted hair seal skins. There will be no further sales after that date until January 15, when the general sales of the Hudson's Bay Company and O. M. Lampron & Co. will begin. The London correspondent of the New York Fur Trade Review, writing on Nov. 14, says:—"We wrote you in our last that business was very bad indeed on this side, and regret very much that we cannot chronicle any improvement; indeed, if there is any change at all trade has got worse during the last month, and there is no possibility of improvement this year, the season being too far advanced. This is a very poor termination to a season that opened out

so well, and shippers on your side ought to congratulate themselves that goods in O. M. Lampron & Co.'s sale did not have a greater drop than what actually took place. It certainly was not owing to the purchases by London buyers, for we cannot recollect an auction where so few goods were taken for this market, for fully three-fourths of the goods offered were taken for the Continent, the bulk of which, no doubt, will find its way to Leipzig. It is very hard to say which is the best article at the moment, so very little of any kind being in demand. Furs are not quite so brisk, and sales are rather few, furriers preferring to buy from hand to mouth until the result of the forthcoming salted seal sale on 20th inst." The following unfavorable opinion of the fur trade outlook is given by C. M. Lampron & Co., the great London collectors. In a circular received recently they say:—"The fur trade has been distinctly bad in this country; fairly good in Germany and France, but, on the other hand, rather more satisfactory in Russia. The depression existing in business in the United States is a most important factor which must be taken into account. Should it continue much longer we shall seriously feel its effects at the coming sales. Not only will there be a material increase in the quantities of several articles, on account of their being no longer largely consumed in America, but we shall also miss at our sales the usual support we get from that market. Speaking generally, therefore, we consider prospects for the coming winter and spring sales by no means favorable." Quotations below will about cover the range of prices now paid at Winnipeg. The value of a skin varies as to size, color and condition of fur. The top price is for large skins, of prime quality. Occasionally an extra large, fine skin is received which will bring even more than the top quotation:—

Badger, per skin	\$ 05 to \$ 80
Bear, black	50 to 25 00
Bear, brown	50 to 25 00
Beaver, grizzly	1 00 to 16 00
Beaver	2 00 to 7 00
Beaver castors, per pound	2 50 to 4 00
Emines, per skin	01 to 02
Fisher	03 to 7 00
Fox, cross	75 to 6 00
Fox, kit	.10 to .45
Fox, red	.25 to 1.50
Fox, silver	5.00 to 70.00
Lynx	.25 to 3.50
Marten	.75 to 2.50
Mink	.25 to 1.60
Musquash	.02 to .10
Oter	1.00 to 10.00
Raccoon	.50 to .85
Skunk	.05 to .60
Timber wolf	.25 to 3.00
Prairie wolf, large	.25 to .75
" " small	.25 to .55
Wolverine	.50 to 3.50

HARDWARE AND METALS.—Last week in the hardware report, comment was made upon the statement made during the recent political contest in Winnipeg, that United States manufacturers of wire nails had offered to lay the nails down at Winnipeg, free of freight charges, at \$1.75 per keg. THE COMMERCIAL quoted prices at Chicago as indicating that the nails could not be sold in Winnipeg at the price stated. It appears, however, that the statement is true. THE COMMERCIAL has been shown letters from a United States manufacturing concern, offering to lay the nails down at Winnipeg, freight paid, at \$1.75 per keg, the purchaser here to pay the duty of \$1.50 per keg. The freight is calculated on a water-rate basis from an eastern point, and the offer of course would not hold now that winter rates are in effect. Deducting freight, the price of the nails at the factory would be about \$1 per keg, which is in sharp comparison with the duty of \$1.50 per keg on nails coming into Canada. Local trade is quiet. The tendency in prices is of course firm, as the higher winter freight rates now in effect would increase the cost of

further additions to local stocks. However, stocks are well up, and very little goods will be brought in between now and spring.

Tin, lamb and flag, 56 and 28 lb ingots, per lb, 25 to 26c.

Tin plates—Charcoal plates, bright—Bradley I. C., 10 by 14, 12 by 12 and 14 by 20, per box, .75 to \$5; I. X., same sizes, per box, \$6 to \$1.25; I. O. charcoal, 20 by 20, 112 sheets to box, \$9.50 to 9.75; I. X., per box, 20 by 28, 112 sheets to box, \$11.50 to 11.75.

Terne plates—\$0.50 to 0.75.

Iron and steel—Common iron, per 100 lbs, base price, \$2.90 to 3; band iron, per 100 lbs, \$3.50 to 3.75; Swedish iron, per 100 lbs, \$3.25 to 6; sleigh shoe steel, \$3.25 to 3.50; best cast steel, per lb, 13 to 16c; Russian sheet, per lb, 12 to 13c.

Sheet iron—10 to 20 gauge, \$3.50 to 3.75; 22 to 28 gauge, \$3.75 to 4.

Canada plates, Garth and Blains, \$3.50 to 3.75.

Iron pipe—50 to 55 per cent off list.

Galvanized iron—Queen's Head—22 to 24 gauge, per lb, 5½ to 5½; 26 gauge, per lb, 5½ to 6c; 28 gauge, per lb, 6 to 6½.

Chain—Best proof coil, 3 16 inch, per lb, 7 to 7½; ½ inch, per lb, 6½ to 6½; 5 16 inch per lb, 6 to 6½; ½ inch, per lb, 5½ to 6c; 7 16 inch, per lb, 5½ to 5½; ½ inch, per lb, 5½ to 5½.

Sheet zinc, 6½ to 6¾.

Lead—Pig, per lb, 4½.

Solder—Half and half (guar) per lb, 18 to 20c.

Ammunition—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American discount, 3½ per cent; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 per cent; rim fire military, American, 5 per cent advance; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent; central fire cartridges, Dominion, 30 per cent; shot shells, 12 gauge, \$6 to 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft 5½; shot, Canada, chilled, 6½. Wads—Eley's, per 1,000, 11 to 16 gauge, 25 to 75c; 9 and 10 gauge, 85c.

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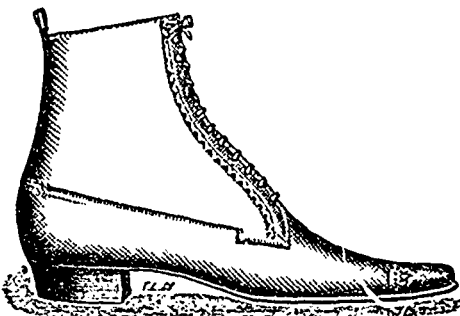
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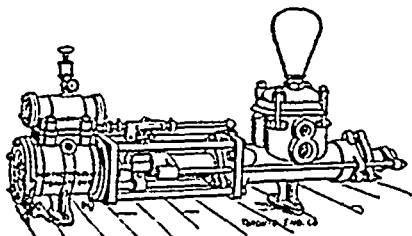
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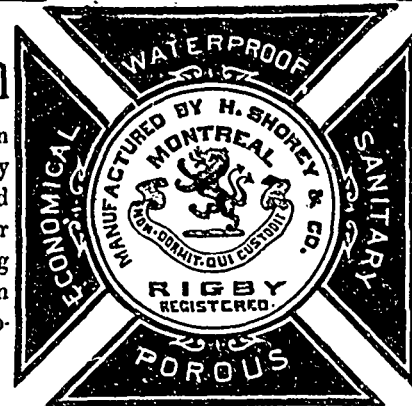
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WINDOW GLASS—1st break is nominally quoted at \$1.90, but cut prices are made for fair-sized orders.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, per gal, 65c; boiled, per gal, 68c. These prices are in barrels, but would be sladed 2c for ten barrel lots.

TURPENTINE—Pure spirits, in barrels, per gal, 65c; less than barrels, per gal, 70c.

LUBRICATING OILS—Capital cylinder, per gal., 58c; eldorado engine, 35c; Atlantic red, 35c; golden star, No. 1, 33c; extra, 35c; eldorado castor, 36c; golden, 32; black, 25 to 30c; lard, 70c; castor oil, per lb, 11c.

REFINED PETROLEUM.—We quote silver star Canadian at 21 to 22 and op'lens at 20c per gallon in barrels. Ecocene, United States, at 31c and sunlight at 27c in barrels.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—Wheat showed considerable strength on some days this week, but lost the gain on Friday in a drop of over 1c. On Monday there was not much change in United States markets, though prices were well maintained. The visible supply showed an increase of 808,000 bushels, and a year ago increased 1,815,000 bushels. The total supply was reported at 78,091,000 bushels, and a year ago was 72,580,000 bushels. On Tuesday United States markets were lower, in sympathy with lower British cables and speculative selling. On Wednesday quite a sharp advance took place at Chicago, where the close was 1c higher under fair buying in cash and December delivery. *Bradstreet's* report, which showed an increase of only 890,000 bushels east and a decrease of 130,000 bushels west of the Rocky Mountains had a strengthening effect upon the market. Prices were maintained on Thursday, United States markets closing slightly higher. Cables were higher. On Friday speculative feeling ran all to the bear side at Chicago, where prices declined 1½c. The reported high condition of winter wheat helped the decline.

At Chicago during November, the lowest point touched for cash No. 2 spring wheat was 58½c, on Nov. 20, and the highest price during the month was 63c per bushel on the 27th. During November 1892, the extreme range of prices was from 69½ to 73½c. For November 1891, the range was 91½ to 97c; November 1890, 88½ to \$1.01½; November 1889, 78½ to 82½; and during November 1888 the range was from \$1.02½ to \$1.16.

Exports of wheat for the week ended Dec. 7, from the United States both coasts, flour included were 2,588,000 bushels, as compared with 2,440,000 bushels last week, 4,401,000 in the week one year ago, 6,033,000 bushels two years ago and 2,641,000 bushels three years ago.

The talk of wheat being all marketed in the northwest states is not being borne out by facts. In Minnesota and the Dakotas farmers marketed about 3,000,000 bushels for the week ended Dec. 2, according to the *Minneapolis Market Record*.

Total receipts of wheat at the four principal winter wheat points, Toledo, St. Louis, Detroit and Kansas City from July 1 to date are 33,979,850 bushels, against 57,267,454 bushels in 1892 and 45,350,038 bushels in 1891. The total receipts at the four principal spring wheat

points since Aug. 1, the beginning of the crop year, foot up. Minneapolis, 24,245,743 bushels; Duluth, 20,089,426 bushels; Chicago, 12,767,272 bushels; Milwaukee, 5,681,815 bushels—making a total of 62,784,256 bushels, against 96,702,118 bushels during the same time last year, and 92,551,188 bushels in 1891.

The local market is very dull. Scarcely any business has been done in Winnipeg this week, and since the close of navigation very little wheat has been offering. Prices are away above an export basis, on the basis of winter freight rates, and this effectually puts the quietus upon shipping business. Any business that can be done would therefore have to be for future delivery or to place in store. This is hardly a sound basis to trade upon, and reduces business to a condition purely of speculation as to future prospects. Prices, however, do not show any tendency to decline to a shipping basis since winter rates came into effect. In Manitoba country markets, on the contrary, prices have shown a higher tendency, owing to the very light offerings. Prices to farmers in country markets vary widely even at points having a common freight rate. The usual basis of prices is 41 to 42c for No. 1 hard, to farmers, but 2 to 3c higher have been paid at some points, which shows a higher average for the country than before the close of navigation. Business therefore is of a speculative nature, and not on a basis which will permit of slipping at present freight rates. In round lots, the idea of values is between 65 66c, May delivery, Fort William, and 58 to 58½c on track, but in the absence of business these values are uncertain. Country deliveries are light, and the rail movement is now small. Winnipeg inspection returns are very much lighter than a year ago, but this does not show the comparative movement, as the wheat may be inspected either at Winnipeg or Fort William, in the option of the owner. A table elsewhere in this issue shows the movement of wheat to the close of navigation. Receipts at Fort William for the week ended Dec. 2 were 347,150 bushels, and shipments, 955,115 bushels, leaving 1,125,518 bushels to go to winter storage, navigation being closed. A year ago stocks were 1,309,835 bushels, showing an increase of 74,812 for that week, as compared with a decrease this year of 530,388 bushels. There is considerable difference of opinion as to stocks in interior storage, reports to the railways showing over 2,000,000 bushels in store, while buyers having the largest country storage, estimate stocks at not over 1,500,000 bushels.

FLOUR—There is no change to report locally, though advices from the east report rather a better feeling, and it is said slight advances are asked by holders in some cases. A good demand for Manitoba flour is reported in eastern markets. Quotations in small lots to the local trade, delivered in the city, are as follows: Patents, \$1.60; strong bakers, \$1.50; XXXX, which varies widely in the quality of different mills, is quoted at 80 to \$1.00 as to quality. Prices per sack of 98 pounds.

MILLSTUFFS.—The firmness continues in bran and shorts, and there is a good local demand, which absorbs all offerings quickly. Farmers and others appear to be feeding more millstuffs this year, and thus, with the eastern demand, maintains prices at a comparatively high basis. Prices continue firm. We quote bran at \$10 to \$11, and shorts at \$12 to 13 per ton as to quantity.

GROUND FEED—There is a fairly good local demand, and prices are firm, at \$17 to 18 per ton for oats and barley chop. Mixed wheat feed has been offered at about \$14 per ton, but there is not much to be had.

OATMEAL, ETC.—Ontario rolled oatmeal has been selling at \$2.30 to 2.40, the latter for brands having a high reputation. The tendency is firmer, as new stocks would cost more owing to higher freight rates. Granulated and standard oatmeal in the market is local manufacture and is quoted higher than rolled. Eastern rolled oatmeal is quoted at \$2.30 to

\$2.46 in small lots for 80 lb. sacks. Winnipeg mills standard and granulated oatmeal is held at \$2.70 per 98 pound sacks. Cornmeal, \$1.75; buckwheat, flour, \$4, and rye, \$3. Beans are quoted at \$1.90 to \$1.90 per bushel; split peas, \$2.40 to 2.50; pot barley, \$2.40 to 2.50; and pearl barley \$4 per sack, rolled wheat, \$3.50 per barrel.

OATS.—We noted last week the declining tendency in oats. Since then the feeling has continued easy, but very little business has been done, and what has been done is of a local nature. At some western points in Manitoba and the territories the local supply is not sufficient for local wants, and a few car lots are moving in this way from points where there is a surplus to points where there is a deficiency. Prices are too high for shipping east, and consequently no business is being done in that direction. As no oats have been shipped out beyond north shore and British Columbia points, there will doubtless be sufficient in the country to last until another crop comes in. On account of the low price of wheat and the high price of oats, a great deal of wheat is being fed by farmers instead of oats, and millstuffs and barley are also being fed more largely than usual this season, so that the consumption of oats is being curtailed. Farmers will market their oats, and feed wheat and barley instead, as much as possible. The tendency has been rather lower in country markets, but at a number of points prices are high, ranging from 25 to 35c per bushel of 34 pounds. These high prices are at points where the local supply is short. Car lots on track, country points, quoted at 25 to 25½c for feed quality per bushel, average freight rates. Cars were sold on track Winnipeg at 30c per bushel. The Winnipeg street price ranges from 30 to 33c as to quality, the top price for milling oats.

BARLEY.—In demand for feed quality, but farmers appear to be feeding about all their barley, as there is scarcely a car lot offering. Feed quality will bring 30c per bushel of 48 pounds here for local use. Malting barley is higher, and up to 35c per bushel has been paid by local brewers.

FRED WHEAT—There is a good demand for low grade wheat for grinding for mixed feed, but as the crop is nearly all of high quality, very little is obtainable. Some old wheat from last year's crop, of very poor quality, is eagerly bought up for feed. The price paid is high, in comparison with choice wheat. Up to 40c per bushel of 60 pounds has been paid for feed wheat in Winnipeg, while No. 1 hard brings only 46c at the mills here.

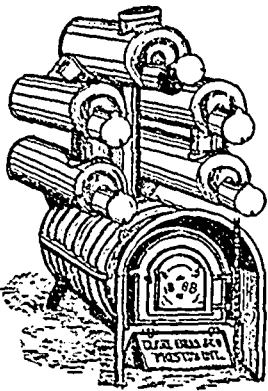
FLAX SEED AND MEAL—The price holds at 75c per bushel of 56 pounds here, and 70c in country markets. Ground oil cake meal quoted at \$24 to 25 per ton.

BUTTER—The declining tendency noted last week continues, and prices are again lower, under freer offerings in the country. 19c was the best bid on a round lot of good dairy, and some holders are offering to sell in small lots at 21c for choice dairy. In the meantime the tendency is decidedly easier.

CHEESE—Quiet and quoted at 11 to 12c, in small lots, dealers selling price.

EGGS—Prices hold at 20c in small lots, for pickled, and 19 would probably be accepted for a quantity. Fresh, irregular and not obtainable in any quantity. It is reported that a small lot of new laid sold at 40c per dozen to a city hotel, though ordinary fresh are quoted at 25c.

CURED MEATS—The declining tendency in United States and eastern markets is felt here. Last week we marked prices down ½c all around, and this week another ½c can be knocked off, except on breakfast bacon, prices for which are maintained on account of light stocks and good demand. Prices are down about 2c from the top price of the season, on long clear. Local mess pork is off \$2 per barrel. Hams, 13c; break-



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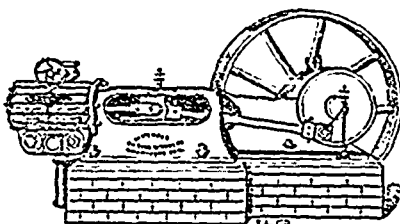
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fast bacon, 13½c for backs and 14c for bellies; dry salt long clear bacon, 10c; smoked long clear 11c; spiced rolls, 10½c; mess pork, \$19 00 per barrel. Sausage is quoted: fresh pork sausage, 8c; bologna sausage 9c per lb; German, 9c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per half lb. packet. Pickled hogs tongues, 5c lb.

LARD—Pure lard is again 10c lower making a decline of 20c per pail. Price now at \$2.30 in 20-pound pails, per pail; compound unchanged, at \$2.10 per pail; pure in tins, \$7 per case.

DRESSED MEATS—Prices hold about the same. Packers are taking dressed hogs at 6c per lb. and this is the general price for ordinary stock; ½ to ¾c higher has been paid by butchers in a few instances for a nice light fat hog for family use, but the regular price is 6c. There is abundance of country dressed frozen beef offering, which sells at 3 to 4c per lb. for sides, though ½ to 1c more is sometimes obtained on the street market from a private party. City dressed beef, good, is held at 4½ to 4, and up to 5c for fancy. Mutton selling about 8c per lb. Hogs are lower east again, and packers are trying to buy at 6c at Toronto.

DRESSED POULTRY.—The first lot of eastern poultry was brought in this week, and further shipments are on the way. There is a plentiful supply of Manitoba chickens offering, and the price is 8c per lb., paid by dealers. Turkeys, 11 to 12½c as to quality and ducks and geese about 9 to 10c. Eastern poultry held at ½ to 1c higher.

HIDES—Some butchers are holding on account of low prices. One or two city butchers have been holding since midsummer and salting their hides. We quote Winnipeg inspected hides here as follows:—No. 1 cows, 2½c; No. 2, 1½c; No. 3, 1c; No. 1, heavy steers, 3½c; No. 2 heavy steers 2½c; No. 3 steers 1c. Frozen hides, mixed grades uninspected, 1½c per lb. Calf, 8 to 13-lb skins, 4 to 5c per pound. Kips about the same as hides. Sheepskins and lambs, 50 to 55c each for new skins. 55c was paid for a couple of lots of city butchers. Talow, 4½c; rendered; 2 to 3c rough.

WOOL—Ordinary long wools nominal at 7 to 8c per pound; mixed quality, containing some finer grades 8 to 9c per pound; downs 9 to 10c as to quality; fine wools, such as good merino grades, 10 to 11c.

SENECA ROOT—Quoted at 30 to 33. About nominal. The reason is about wound up.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes have been selling on the street at about 40c per bushel, and are firm. Other vegetables are quoted: Turnips, 15 to 20c; carrots, 40c; beets, 40c; parsnip, 75c; onions, 90c to \$1 per bushel. Cabbage, 75c to \$1 per dozen. Celery, 25c per dozen.

HAY—Baled hay, on track, \$5 to \$6 per ton, or \$4 50 to \$5 at country points. Loose hay on the street market about \$4 to 5 per ton.

LIVE STOCK—Several car lots of live hogs have been received in box cars, and do not appear to have suffered from the cold weather. Packers who have the facilities for handling live hogs, would rather take them live than in a dressed frozen state, as there is no trouble about thawing out. Shipped in box cars in cold weather, they appear to suffer no inconvenience. Some cattle—a train load or so, are billed to go through next week to the east, and these will likely be the last of the season to go east. Cattle shipments eastward this season total up just about the same as last year, or about 16,000 head in all. There is a considerable difference, however, in the class of cattle shipped, as compared with last season. There were more Manitoba cattle and fewer western range cattle last year, the figures standing about 10,000 head of Manitoba, and 6,000 range animals. This year the figures are just about reversed, shipments showing about 6,000 Manitoba and 10,000 head of range cattle. The reason for the decline in Manitoba appears to be in the season, which was an unfavorable one for fattening on grass. For some reason or other, stock did not fatten well on grass this year, and it was very late in the season before

animals began to get in fair condition. One reason given for this is that mosquitoes were exceedingly prevalent during the spring and early summer.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

On Monday business was quiet at a higher range of values. Wheat opened a fraction higher and advanced ½, but declined and closed ¼ to ½ higher than Saturday. Corn gained a ¼. Oats unchanged, Pork 2½ to 5c higher. Closing prices were:—

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat.....	63	63	63	63
Corn.....	35	35	35	35
Oats.....	28	28	28	28
Pork.....	12 61	12 61	12 61	12 61
Lard.....	7 82	7 82	7 82	7 82
Ribs.....	6 67	6 67	6 67	6 67

On Tuesday wheat was easier, opening ¼ to ½ lower, advanced ¼, declined ½ to ¾ and closed ¼ to ½ lower. Closing prices were:—

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat....	62	62	62	62
Corn.....	35	35	35	35
Oats.....	28	28	28	28
Pork.....	12 47	12 47	12 47	12 47
Lard.....	7 80	7 80	7 80	7 80
Ribs.....	6 67	6 67	6 67	6 67

On Wednesday prices were stronger for wheat, opening ½c higher, advanced ¾c, declined ½ to ¾c, advanced again ½ to ¾c and closed ½ to ¾c higher for May and 1c for December. Closing prices were:—

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat.....	63	63	63	63
Corn.....	36	36	36	36
Oats.....	28	28	28	28
Pork.....	12 62	12 62	12 62	12 62
Lard.....	7 82	7 82	7 82	7 82
Ribs.....	6 67	6 67	6 67	6 67

On Thursday wheat was quiet. Prices fluctuated within a ½c range and closed a trifle higher. Closing prices:—

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat.....	64	64	64	64
Corn.....	36	36	36	36
Oats.....	28	28	28	28
Pork.....	12 65	12 65	12 65	12 65
Lard.....	7 9	7 9	7 9	7 9
Ribs.....	6 67	6 67	6 67	6 67

On Friday prices for wheat declined heavily, under free local selling, and closed 1 to 1½c lower. Closing prices were:—

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat.....	62	62	62	62
Corn.....	35	35	35	35
Oats.....	28	28	28	28
Pork.....	13 60	13 60	13 60	13 60
Lard.....	8 10	8 10	8 10	8 10
Short Ribs.....	6 55	6 55	6 55	6 55

On Saturday December wheat opened at 62½ and closed at 62½. May opened at 63½c and closed at 63½c per bushel. A week ago December closed at 62½ and May option at 69½c per bushel, for No 2 regular.

New York Wheat.

Wheat closed at 67½c for December option, and 73½c for May. A week ago December wheat closed at 67½c and May at 73½c.

Minneapolis Wheat.

No. 1 Northern wheat closed on Saturday at 66½c for cash and 63½c for May. A week ago cash closed at 59½c and May at 63½c.

The British Grain Trade.

The Mark Lane Express of Dec. 4 in its weekly review of the British grain trade says: "English wheats are depressed except the finest wheats, which are firm. Foreign wheats are in immense supply, and the demand is dull. No 1 California is quoted at 26s 6d, fine Manitoba at 26s 9d, and No 2 red winter at 25s 6d. The prices of spot corn are maintained. Malt-ing barley is in good demand. Grinding barley is 3d cheaper. At to-day's markets fine white wheats both English and foreign were 3d dearer. All red wheats were weak, slow and cheap. American flour was a turn dearer. Malt-ing barley was firm. The trade in oats was poor."

Duluth Wheat Market.

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

Monday—December, 67c; May, 65½c.
Tuesday—December, 67c; May, 65½c.
Wednesday—December, 67c; May, 65½c.
Thursday—December, 67c; May, 65½c.
Friday—December, 67c; May, 65½c.
Saturday—December, 67c; May, 65½c.

A week ago prices closed at 60½c for December and 65½c for May per bushel. A year ago cash wheat closed at 67½c, and May at 74½c per bushel.

The Mutual Life.

A short time ago THE COMMERCIAL announced briefly a change in the local management of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York. Agar & Beck, insurance brokers, Winnipeg, have been appointed resident directors of this great company, and W. P. Sweatman has been appointed manager, his territory extending from Sudbury, in north-west Ontario, to the Rocky Mountains. Mr. Sweatman, who is well known as manager of the Manitoba Assurance Company (fire), is now very busy perfecting his organization of the Mutual Life business throughout his vast territory, and a vigorous policy will be entered upon at once. Under his management, the business of the Mutual Life will no doubt greatly expand in the West.

THE COMMERCIAL can quite confidently recommend Mr. Sweatman to the business community, as a gentleman of integrity and who will be found straightforward in all his dealings. As for the Mutual Life, it is hardly necessary to attempt to add anything to the glory already achieved by this wonderful institution, whose financial statement deals with millions of dollars as unceremoniously as the ordinary business man talks of dollars and cent. There is really something wonderful in the growth of this great life company. In 1844 the assets of this company were placed at the very modest sum of \$32 311. In 1893 assets total the enormous sum of \$175,084,157, and there is no telling what they will be in a few years, as the rate of increase appears to be growing. Such a thing as a stationary or retrograde movement has never been known in the affairs of the Mutual Life. The last annual statement shows \$159,181,667 reserve for policies; income for the year, \$10,238,865; amount paid policy holders during the year, \$19,386,582; other disbursements, \$7,419,611; insurance in force \$745,780,083; increase in insurance for the year, \$50,295,925. These figures are too vast for comment.

While assuming the management of the Mutual Life business here, Mr. Sweatman will continue in charge of the Manitoba Assurance company, and the London Assurance corporation, the latter two fire.

Friday's train from Edmonton, Alberta, took out a car of timothy hay to Ussah, B. C. Considerable coal is also being shipped to Calgary.

Harrison & McAlister, liquors, etc., Victoria, British Columbia, have dissolved. Wm. Harrison continues.

The statement made last week that John Morris, trading as the Braudon Boot and Shoe Company, had assigned, was incorrect, though the concern was in financial difficulties, and an attachment has been issued.

The St. Nicholas hotel, Winnipeg, was badly gutted by fire on Friday night. Building owned by E. L. and F. W. Drewry, and valued at \$6,000. Insured for \$3,000. D. A. McArthur lessee, loses about all the contents, which were insured for \$1,500. The fire spread to a row of two story stores occupied by Abramovitch, I. Druximan, Lovine & Co., T. J. Tillet and J. J. Shragge. The stocks and the rear portions of the last were badly damaged. The first three merchants lost nearly everything.

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Late Western Business Items.

J. E. Nash, is opening a hotel at Napiuka, Man.

John A. Alexander, butcher, Trehorne, Man., burned out.

T. C. Birdie, photographer, is opening business at Manitou.

Burrows & Bradford are starting a tannery at Morden, Man.

E. Gilchrist, tailor, Brandon, has sold out to Gordon & Rao.

John Knetchell, Killarney, Man., is reported to be selling out.

Guilmont & Haverty, hotel, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership.

Chas. J. Smith, of Smith & Brigham, miller, Moosomin, Assa., is dead.

C. Bell, hotel, Whitewood, Assa., has sold out and moving to Ontario.

C. Cook, general store, McGregor, Man., sold out to J. B. Henderson.

R. A. Nelson, restaurant, Deloraine, Man., has sold out to Rollston Bros.

W. H. Adams, sewing machines, etc., Victoria, B.C., commencing business.

W. H. Perry, stoves and tins, Victoria, B.C., contemplating admitting a partner.

Lloyd & Henderson, furniture, Morden, Man., is succeeded by M. B. Lloyd

Mrs. Thomas Miller, hotel, Nanaimo, British Columbia, has sold out to James Curran.

Langman & Sills, general store, Vernon, British Columbia, have dissolved partnership.

J. B. Wilson, general store, Kaslo, British Columbia, has assigned in trust to G. N. Hodgson.

AUCTION SALE.

I am instructed by Geo. H Rodgers & Co., who are going out of the regular retail trade, to sell their dry goods stock en bloc by public auction on Friday, December 29th, at 12 o'clock noon on the premises 432 Main street, Winnipeg. Stock and fixtures amount to about \$15,000 more or less, is principally staple and the larger portion comparatively new. Store is one of the best, if not the very best, in Winnipeg and will be transferred to the purchaser. There has been a business done annually from sixty-five to one hundred and three thousand dollars during the last four years. This means a great chance for a dry goods man with either small or large capital. Stock can be seen any time on premises and stock sheets complete day of sale. Terms, \$200 cash at time of sale, balance two, four and six months without interest with satisfactory security.

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Toronto Markets.

Wheat—Prices were firmer. Red and white wheats, middle freights west, were quoted at 57c. A bid of 57c for 10 cars of red wheat, middle freights, was reported. Manitobas were steady to firm. No. 1 hard was wanted east at 72c to-day, but holders were asking more. No. 1 west was quoted at 71c and No. 2 east at 70c. No. 1 grinding in transit is quoted at 76c.

Flour—Quiet and unchanged. Manitoba grades are the most active line. There is a fair demand for them at previous quotations.

Millfeed—Bran is steady. Sales were made middle freights west at \$11. Shorts are quoted at \$12.50 to 13.00 west.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats quiet; quoted at \$3.85 in bags for car lots on track and \$3.95 for broken lots.

Oats—Unsettled. Five cars of mixed oats, C.P.R. west, sold at 28c. White oats west were quoted at 29c.

Barley—Steady. Demand is inactive, but holders are firm at 41c for No. 1. Feed is selling in moderate quantities at 35 to 36c.

Grain and Flour—Car lot prices are: Flour (Toronto freights)—Manitoba patents, \$3.65 to 3.75; Manitoba strong bakers', \$3.50 to 3.60; Ontario patents, \$3.10 to 3.20; straight roller, \$2.80; extra, \$2.50 to 2.75; low grades, per bag 90c to \$1. Bran, \$12.00. Shorts, \$14.00 to \$14.50. Wheat (west and north points)—White, 57c; spring, 58c; red winter, 57c; goose, 56c; spring, Midland, 59c; No. 1 hard, 71c; 2 hard, 69c; No. 3 hard, 66c. Peas (outside)—51 to 52c. Barley (outside)—No. 1 41c; feed, 35 to 36c. Oats—28c to 29c. Buckwheat, 48 to 50c. Rye, 43c.

Eggs—Fresh sold from 17c to 18c to-day, and limed at 15c to 16c. Strictly new laid are quoted at 20c.

Apples—Offerings are light and prices firm. Selected apples are quoted at \$3.25 to \$3.50, and cooking apples at \$2.25 to \$2.50. Dried stock is quoted at 5c and evaporated is held at 10 to 10c.

Beans—Quiet at \$1.25 to 1.50 per bushel. Jobbers are plying \$1.25 and are selling at \$1.50 for white and 5 to 5c for Limas.

Onions—Demand fair and prices easy. Commission houses are now getting 1 to 1c per lb for prime yellow Danvers and silver skins.

Honey—Receipts are moderate. The demand is active and prices are steady at 8c for extracted and \$1.50 to \$1.75 per doz for sections.

Poultry—Supplies continue heavy. Commission houses have about all they can handle and prices are easy. Turkeys are easy at 7c to 8c; chickens sold at 20 to 40c; geese, sold at 5 to 6c, and ducks 35 to 70c.

Dressed Meats—Quiet. Beef fores are quoted at 4c to 5c, and hinds at 6 to 8c; carcass pork, \$6.25; carcass lamb, 5c to 6c; and veal, 6 to 7c.

Dressed Hogs—Packers were buying a few lots on the street at \$6 to \$6.25, and were talking the same figures for rail lots, with only a small business doing. On the street prices ranged from \$6 to \$6.50. Four or five lots were sold at \$6 and most of the offerings at \$6.25. A few prime lots brought \$6.50. Provisions were dull and easy.

Cured Meats—Quotations as follows: Mess pork, Canadian, \$18.50 to \$19; short cut \$20; shoulder mess, \$17.50; bacon, long clear, new, per pound, 10c lard, Canadian tierces, 11c; tubs 11c, and pails, 12c; in tins, from 3 to 10 pounds, 12c; compound, do, 9 to 9c. Smoked meats—Hams, per lb, 12c; bellies, 13c; rolls, per pound, to 9c; backs, per pound, 12c. Packing salt, in car lots, 60c per sack for coarse and 62c for fine.

Butter—Unchanged. There is a good sale for creamery and choice dairy grades at steady prices. Choice dairy tub sell at 20 to 21c,

with an odd lot of extra fine at 22c. Rolls sell at 19 to 19c. Bakers' butter is in moderate demand at 15 to 16c. Creamery refrigerator pounds sell at 26c to 27c and creamery tubs at 24 to 24c.

Cheese—The local jobbing trade is steady and prices are firm. Some old cheese is being jobbed out at 10 to 10c; August makes sell at 11c, and September make at 11c. To-day's cable quotations are 5c for white and 5c for colored September make.

Cattle—Everything was taken in sales of small lots to local butchers and the regular buyers. One load of butchers' cattle, averaging 1,020 lbs., sold at \$32 a head; 15 head, averaging 1,190 lbs, sold at \$40 a head. Odd one's and two's, picked, sold at 3c to 3c. Some buyers were here looking for stockers, but there were only a few head in, not sufficient to start on. There is a limited demand for stockers at 2c to 2c for light feeders, and 3 to 3c for cattle weighing 1,100 lbs and up.

Hogs—The run was fair again to-day; 780 here. Prices were 12c lower. Straight fats, weighed off car, sold at \$5, and fed and watered at \$4.75. Stores and half fats sold at \$4.50, stug at \$2.50 to \$3. The buying was active, all offering being bought.

Sheep and Lambs—Prices were easy, ranging from \$1.50 for culls up to \$2.70 for choice 85 lb lambs. A bunch of 236, averaging 85 lbs, sold at \$2.70; a bunch of 57, averaging 70 lbs, sold at \$2.19, and a bunch of 72, averaging 75 lbs, sold at \$2.17. Sheep were in slow demand. A bunch of 17 head, averaging 130 lbs, sold at \$3 a head.

Milch Cows and Springers—About 15 were on the market to-day. Prices were easier, good cows bringing rather less than \$50. A pair, one of which was a Jersey, sold at \$95. Inferiors sold down as low as \$25.—*Empire*, Dec. 2

London Fur Sales.

Phillips, Poltzer & Co. have made the following report on the November fur sales in London:—

The excessive heat lasting well into the autumn, the deadlock in America, the great strikes nearer home, and consequent general depression, have all had their share in unfavorably affecting the fur trade this season. Notwithstanding these circumstances the sales were fairly well supported, and, under the influence of an active demand in Russia and more encouraging reports from America, the offerings were quickly disposed of, though prices, as a rule, disclosed a downward tendency.

Bears—3,163 skins (last year 4,098). All kinds continue in demand, and although the extreme price of last June for the highest grade was not reached, the lower and medium have done better.

Raccoon—60,038 skins (last year 13,500). Met with some inquiry for Russia, and prices for the medium and lower sorts were fully maintained. The rough skins were a little easier, but on the whole there is no essential change.

Musquash, brown—279,786 skins. Sold steadily at last June prices.

Musquash, black—6,155 skins. Could not be disposed of at the previous high rates and have declined twenty-five per cent.

American Opossum—8,031 skins (last year 1,809). Were too small in quantity to attract any attention.

Fox, gray—1,002 skins (last year 227). Ditto, ditto.

Beaver—1,544 skins. Ditto, ditto.

Otter—577 skins. Ditto, ditto.

Lynx—597 skins. Ditto, ditto.

Wolf—3,052 skins (last year 460). Ditto, ditto.

Australian Opossum—532,525 skins (last year 630,000). Notwithstanding the large sup-

ply was readily disposed of, the seconds and thirds being in fair request for Germany and Russia. The firsts were in less demand and declined fifteen per cent., while seconds and thirds have fully maintained former values.

Wombat—34,066 skins (last year 34,448). The collection consisted mainly of very poor red skins which realized very low prices; good silvery were scarce and sold at last sale prices.

Wallaby—32,595 skins (last year 56,000). Were in good demand and have advanced ten per cent.

Japanese Fox—16,676 skins (last year 14,978). Remain unaltered at last sale prices.

Raw Persians—12,000 skins. The quantity offered was more important and attracted some attention. Prices were moderate, the quality of the skins being unsuitable for the demand.

Bastard Chinchilla—32,016 skins (last year 3,444). Met with more inquiry and were bought for America. The best skins advanced ten per cent. and the pale and small thirty-five per cent.

Nutria—39,946 skins (last year 8,860). A poor collection which sold at about last sale prices.

Fox, red—6,652 skins (last year 4,930). Remain unaltered at former prices. The Asiatic were withdrawn for want of competition, and the European sold at extremely low figures.

Russian Sable—1,351 skins (last year 8,150). Were mainly skins of the lowest possible grade, which were very much neglected. A few Yakutzky skins met with better competition at a decline of fifteen per cent. to twenty per cent.

Marten—3,808 skins (last year 10,100). Were in less demand, and, while the low Canadian skins maintained previous prices, the higher grades realized somewhat less.

Wolverine—135 skins. The quantity being very small met with no attention.

Mink—24,000 skins (last year 52,600). Did not sell well at the high prices current at the early part of the year, and have now declined fifteen per cent., several strings being withdrawn.

Skunk—11,859 skins (last year 20,000). Realized June prices.

In the smaller sales held previously:—

Monkeys were actively competed for at former values, the entire collection being purchased for America. 46 041 (last year 25,105).

Australian Opossum—The firsts were somewhat neglected and declined fifteen per cent. Seconds and thirds sold steadily at last sale prices. 1,190,197 (last year 435,810).

Thibets—Coats, crosses and skins were nearly all withdrawn, the collection consisting mainly of common woolly skins which could not be disposed of. The fine silky goods are scarce and in better request. 1,191 coats, 3,972 crosses, 29,923 skins.

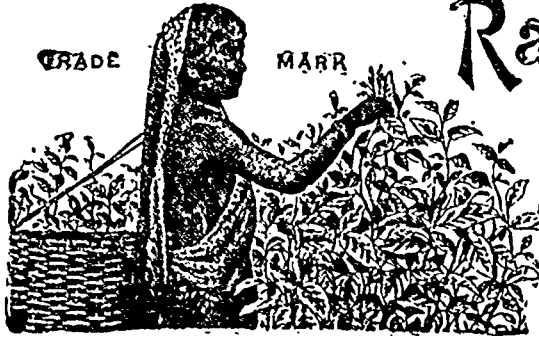
FUR SEAL SALES.

Sales of salted fur seals were held in London on November 29, when the following quantities were offered:—C. M. Lampson & Co. offered: Alaska, salted, 7,500 skins; Alaskas, dressed and dyed, large sizes, 1,200 skins; Northwest coast, dressed and dyed, small and medium sizes, 800 skins; Northwest coast, salted, 70,000 skins; Copper Islands, salted, 32,800.

The Hudson's Bay Company offered:—Northwest coast, salted, 8,000 skins. Culverwell, Brooks & Co. offered:—Northwest coast, salted, 15,000 skins. Goad, Rogg & Co. offered:—Lobos Island, Cape Hope, etc., salted, 10,300 skins.

Following is the cable report of the result:—Alaskas, 13 to 15 per cent. lower; Copper Islands, 17c per cent. lower; Northwest coast, 20 to 30 per cent. lower.

Prices of Copper Islands:—Middlings, 74 shillings; smalls, 80 shillings; middling and smalls, 83.6 shillings; large pups, 76.3 shillings; middling pups, 68.9 shillings; small pups, 61.6 shillings.



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BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Business Review.

December 4, 1893.

Colder weather has improved business in clothing and furnishing lines. The export lumber trade is looking up. A good many vessels are now loading. The proposed United States tariff changes, if they go through, will help this province, particularly in the coal industry. There is no coal on the coast that can compete with the Vancouver Island product, and the principal market is now in San Francisco, notwithstanding the duty of 75c per ton. The free export of iron and other ores, granites, etc., to the United States, is an important feature for British Columbia. The lumber trade will also be greatly benefitted by the proposed changes. Flour is low, some lines being quoted as low as \$1.10 per sack. Other prices are pretty much the same as a week ago.

Brief Business Notes.

D. H. Adams, hotel, Duncan's, sold out to W. Crutchley.
 Hunt & Dover, Nelson, jeweller, dissolved. J. Dover continues.
 Irving & Cook, saloon, Victoria, dissolved. John Cook continues.
 W. L. Tait, shingle mills, Vancouver, partial loss by fire. Insured.
 Chas. Kapps, Kaslo, manufacturer soda water, sold out to Geo. Mot.
 Parry & Graham, coal and wood, Victoria, dissolved. Parry continues.
 J. Johnson & Co., stationers, booksellers, etc., Victoria, have assigned.
 The ship Eclipse was towed into port to load lumber at the Hastings mill for England.
 Geo. N. Gowen, general store, East Wellington, assigned to J. H. Todd and M. Baker.
 Mr. Spicer, the Vancouver shingle manufacturer, says that cutting in prices has demoralized the industry.
 A Mr. Jones, direct from Wales, has purchased the business and blacksmith shop of A. Derby, Kamloops.
 McKinnell & Decker, Vancouver, have sold out the Palmer House to Green & Thomas, and will continue to run the Crown.
 A new cigar factory will be started in Vancouver in a few days by A. Philo & Co. This will be the fifth factory in the city.
 The well known legal firm of Davis, Marshall & McNeill have opened a branch office in Nanaimo with G. F. Cane, late of Toronto, in charge.
 The Norwegian ship, Beaconsfield, 1,450 tons, Capt. Bastiansen, is now en route from Honolulu to load lumber at the Hastings Mill for Europe.
 The schooner Reporter, which sailed from the Hastings mill for Naga-aki had a cargo of 368,294 feet of rough lumber, 100 spars, the value of which was \$10,000.
 Nanaimo's foreign coal shipments for November totalled 44,697 tons, of which 20,937 were from the New Vancouver Coal Company's mines and 22,250 from those of Wellington.
 Charles E. Smitheringale left Nelson this

week for Nakusp to take charge of the Ledge. R. T. Lowery, who conducted the paper up to this stage, proposes to go into business in New Denver.

Private bills will be asked for at the next session of the Legislature for the revival of the Mt. Tolmie & Cordova Bay Railway Act of 1893, and the re-organization of the Vancouver Electric Railway & Lighting Company.

The sealers will do better in the returns from the London sales than was expected. Some of the seals brought 57 shillings, and will in some instances net the owners about £12. Others will net £11 while many will be below that.

The total customs collections at Vancouver for November were \$27,379.65. Imports, free, \$53,864; imp. rta. dutiable, \$84,085. The exports were \$67,667. The total inland revenue receipts reached \$99,043.55, an increase of \$1,731 over last year.

J. S. Riuby, who has been engaged in Vancouver for some time part in the construction of the Canadian Pacific railway cement works, left yesterday for Montreal. He expects to return about March, when it is understood the cement works will be started up again.

Notice has been given in the *Canada Gazette* of an intention to apply to the Dominion Parliament for a charter to build a railway from some point on the Canadian Pacific railway to Barkerville. This would of course open up a very rich district of Cariboo.

The customs returns for the port of New Westminster for November were: Imports, dutiable goods, \$31,433; free, \$71,136; total, \$110,569. Duty collected, \$11,336.25. The other revenues were \$205.23. Total collections, \$11,541.53. Exports, \$111,804.

J. R. Hamilton and A. E. Kelly, doing business as grocers at Vancouver, have dissolved partnership. A. E. Kelly retires from the firm, and A. C. Ford has been admitted. The business will be carried on by J. R. Hamilton and A. C. Ford, under the style of Hamilton & Ford.

The *Kootenay Star* says: S. S. Ryckman, M.P., W. A. Wood, W. D. Lang, J. S. Hendrie, G. H. Bisby, Henry Carscadden and other residents of Hamilton, Ont., have been incorporated by letters patent as the Fish River Copper & Silver Mining Co., Limited, with a capital of \$500,000.

The following notice appears in the *British Columbia Gazette*: "Application will be made to the legislature at its next session for a bill to incorporate a company 'to construct, equip, maintain and operate a line of railway from some point at or near Garry Point, on the Fraser river, South Vancouver and Burnaby, by the most feasible direct route to the city of New Westminster, with power to construct a branch line from some point on the main line in a northerly direction to the city of Vancouver, with all such powers, rights and privileges as are incidental and necessary thereto.'"

The returns for the Vancouver Inland Revenue division, for November, 1893, were as follows:—

Spirits	\$4,601.73
Malt	589.42
Tobacco	2,981.50
Cigars	474.90
Licenses	220.50
Petroleum insp	165.00
Other receipts	1.00

Total

At the Vancouver Customs house the revenue for the month was as follows:—

Duty collected	\$24,171.30
Other revenue	3,208.35
Total	\$27,379.65
Imports, free	\$53,864
Imports, dutiable	84,085
Total	\$137,949
Exports	\$67,667

There are at the present time no less than seven vessels loading lumber at the Hastings Mill. The seven vessels aggregate a tonnage of 8,430 tons, which is more than have ever been at the mill at one time. The vessels are bound for different parts of the world, and will take away about 7,000,000 feet of lumber.

Victoria's exports for last month totalled \$449,189, of which \$411,121 represented the worth of Canadian products. The imports were of the value of \$211,827, of which those to a worth of \$182,241 were dutiable. Duties collected were \$37,649.16, other revenue \$1,843.77, as compared with \$71,077.54 and \$7,117.55 respectively for the same month of last year. Duties received thus showed a diminution of \$13,429.34, whilst miscellaneous receipts fell to the extent of \$5,273.78.

Hides, Pelts and Wool.

Jas. McMillan Co., of Minneapolis, report as follows in their last circular:—

Sheep Pelts—The receipts are very heavy. At present low prices of wool, sheep pelts average by the piece very low in price, and where speculators hold their pelts at high prices they cannot find buyers. Sheep pelts have ruled fully as low in the large markets like Chicago and Kansas City as they have in the country, and for that reason we have been able to buy a great many in such markets. Caution your butchers not to eat or score pelts in taking them off. These are times when it is necessary to be careful and not waste anything by destroying it.

Hides—The receipts are large, and this month will probably be as heavy as any month of the year. The demand which has been active for salted hides is now dull and prices are easier. Salted calskins and all descriptions of dry hides are still in active demand. The heavy dry hides are used almost entirely for sole leather, and that class of leather has been doing better recently. During cold weather hides can be shipped green in a frozen condition.

Wool—The receipts are light, although we are receiving some lots all the time that have been held since shearing time, and those holding lots and wishing to realize we would be pleased to have ship them in. Prices of wool are low, in fact not much over half what they were a year ago when growers complained; but it is a question whether they will be any better in the immediate future, because of the report of the Congressional committee that wool will be put on the free list in the new tariff schedule. If wool growers were united in their opposition to free wool they would have either protection for their wool or free woollen goods. In fact, the sentiment among all classes over the West and Northwest, as far as we have learned, is that if wool is put on the free list they will write to their representatives in Congress protesting against free wool, or demand that they have free woollens as well. With the sheep business abandoned in the West, and having free wool and a duty of 40 to 50 per cent on manufactured goods the eastern manufacturer will have a monopoly against the central and western manufacturers, because the eastern manufacturer at the seaboard has every advantage buying foreign wools, not only in saving freight to the interior, but also his large capital and facilities in buying any large lots abroad that are cheapest. While sheep growers have reason to be discouraged, we advise them to stay in the business.

The quarterly meeting of the Commercial Travelers' association of Canada was held at Toronto on Dec. 2. The report showed that the association now has 3,600 members and about \$250,000. The nomination of officers for the ensuing year resulted in the re-election of C. C. Van Norman as president by acclamation. Boards for the branches in Winnipeg and Victoria, B.C., were elected by acclamation.

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Commercial Travellers Association

The general meeting of the Commercial Travellers' association for the nomination of officers and board of directors for 1894 and other business was held Saturday evening in the board of trade room, president M. W. Rublee, occupied the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and the chairman then called for nominations for officers and board of directors. The following were received. President—H. Bruce Gordon, acclamation. Vice-president—J. Y. Griffin, acclamation. Treasurer—J. Mundie, acclamation. Directors—M. R. O'Loughlin, L. C. McIntyre, W. H. Graves, J. M. Lamb, A. S. Binn, W. H. Walker, T. P. McIntyre, J. C. Gillespie, J. T. Black, M. W. Rublee, W. J. Taffe. Seven of the above will comprise the board. The result of the balloting for directors will be known on Saturday evening, December 16. Auditors—S. S. Cummins, J. Lindsay, acclamation.

After the nominations the mode of celebrating this year caused considerable discussion, some of the members being in favor of a dinner, others a conversation-dance, and it was also moved that the members simply have an oyster supper. After the matter was fully discussed it was moved by L. C. MacIntyre, seconded by J. M. Lamb, that it be left to a committee to arrange for a celebration, if any. This motion was carried. The meeting then adjourned.

Immediately after the general meeting adjourned the committee appointed to decide the question of celebration was called to order.

President-elect, H. B. Gordon occupied the chair, and after everything was fully explained by the chairman it was moved by P. Russell, seconded by J. M. Lamb, that the mode of celebration this year be a dinner. This was carried unanimously, and immediately the several sub-committees were struck so that there would be no lost time, as the members wish to make the dinner a grand success. It was decided by the committee to hold the dinner on Tuesday evening, December 26th.

Montreal Markets.

Flour—Holders are not as anxious to sell as they were a few weeks ago. Nor can car lots of straight rollers be bought at within 5 or 10c of the prices at which they were offered two or three weeks ago. A dealer, who was offered two cars of Ontario straight rollers about two weeks ago at \$3.02½, is now asked \$3.10 for the same brand of flour. A choice brand of strong bakers, which two weeks ago was offered at \$3.50 is now held at \$3.60. Patent spring, \$3.65 to 3.90; patent winter, \$3.60 to 3.85; straight roller, \$3 to 3.20; extra, \$2.75 to 3.00; superfine, \$2.75 to 2.70; fine, \$2.15 to 2.30; city strong bakers, \$3.50 to 3.60; Manitoba bakers, \$3.25 to 3.60; Ontario bags—extra, \$1.35 to

1.40; straight rollers, \$1.40 to 1.45; superfine, \$1.15 to 1.30; fine, \$1 to 1.10.

Feed—There is a good demand for bran, with sales of car lots at \$15.50. Shorts are scarce, with sales reported at \$17 to 17.50 in car lots. Moullie is quiet at \$20.00 to 22.00, as to grade.

Oatmeal—There is very little change to report in this market, car lots of rolled oats and granulated being offered at \$4.05 and 4 10 as to brand. In a jobbing way there is a fair demand at the following range of prices:—Rolled and granulated, \$4.20 to 4.30; standard, \$3.85 to 4 10. In bags, granulated and rolled are quoted at \$2.05 to 2.10 and standard at \$1.85 to 1.95.

Wheat—Sales west of Toronto have been made at 56 to 57c for red white winter.

Oats—The market is quiet, although we hear of a few cars selling at 37½c for No. 2 on local account, while No. 3 has been placed in car lots at 35½c.

Barley—There is a little more enquiry from brewers, but holders in the West are less inclined to offer since the reduction in the United States tariff has been proposed. We quote malting grades 50 to 53c, and feed 42 to 43c.

Pork, Lard, &c.—The market for mess pork is again lower, actual sales of Canada short cut having transpired at \$18, and we quote \$18 to 19 Canada short cut has declined \$1 per barrel on the week. In lard there is also an easy feeling, with sales of compound in pails at \$1.62½ to 1.65 per 20 lbs, up to \$1.70 and 1.75. In smoked meats there have been sales of Montreal sugar cured hams in good sized lots at 12½ to 13c, a lot of 100 pieces selling at 12½c. We quote: Canada short cut pork, per barrel, \$18 to \$19.00; Canada clear mess, per barrel, \$17.00 to \$18.00; Chicago clear mess, per barrel, \$18 to \$19.00; hams, per pound, 12½ to 14c; lard, pure in pails per pound, 11½ to 12½c; lard, compound, in pails, per pound, 8½ to 8½c; bacon, per pound, 12 to 13c; shoulders, per lb, 10½ to 11c.

Dressed Hogs—Car loads have commenced to arrive, and the sale of 3 cars was made at \$6.70 and 2 cars at \$6.60 per 100 lbs. Car lots are offered at points west of Toronto at \$6.25 to 6.35. A few jobbing lots have been placed at \$6.75 to 7, but it is difficult to get the outside figure. The above prices show quite a decline on the week, and packers say they will have to go lower yet before it will be safe to cut up hogs for barrelled pork. A car is just reported sold at \$6.50.

Butter—The sale of 300 tubs of choice late made creamery was made at 23c for shipment to British Columbia. Sales have also transpired at 22c and 22½c for English account. Eastern Townships dairy is in very limited supply. We quote prices as follows: Creamery, August, 22 to 22½c; Creamery, Sept and Oct., 22½ to 23c; Eastern townships, 20 to 22c; Western, 18 to 20c. For single tubs of selected, 1c per pound may be added to the above. A few lots of roll

butter have been received, which found pretty ready sale at 22 to 23c, one lot of large rolls selling at 21c.

Cheese—There has been considerable buying during the past week west of Toronto, in a quiet way, everything that could be picked up at 11c being quickly secured. The larger holders, however, refused to take less than 11½ to 11½c. Notwithstanding the recent quietness in England, orders have been received at a slight increase upon former limits.

Eggs—The market here continues steady, fresh held stock selling at 16 to 17c, and strictly fresh boiling stock at 21c.

Dressed Poultry—Turkeys in cases have sold at 9 to 10c; geese at 6 to 6½; chickens at 6½ to 7c; and ducks at 9 to 10c. These prices represent good stock. Sales of turkeys in poor condition, however, have sold at 8c, geese at 5 to 6c, and chickens at 6c. A lot of poor scalded turkeys sold at 6c.

Apples—Are still scarce and arrivals small, good stock in car lots selling at \$3.25 to 4.00, and poorer goods from \$2.00 to 3.00, and 25 to 50c per barrel higher for small lots.

Wool—We quote prices here as follows:—Greasy Cape, 14 to 15½c; Canadian fleeces, 18 to 20c. In pulled wool, 20 to 22c is quoted for supers; extra, 23 to 26c; Northwest wool, 11 to 14c as to grade.

Hides—Sales of lambskins are reported at 65 to 70c, one lot of small skins bringing 60c. We quote as follows:—Nos. 1, 2 and 3 light hides to tanners 4½, 3½ and 2½c, and to dealers 4, 3 and 2c for Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Calfskins 7c, lamb-skins 65 to 70c.—Trade Bulletin, Dec. 1.

Paints and Oils.

The feature of the week is the decline in linseed oil, which is the result of competition. We quote on large lots only: Pure white lead, ground in oil, association guarantee, \$5. Prepared paints (½ and gal tins)—Pure per gal, \$1, second qualities, per gal, 90c. Colors in oil (25-lb tins, standard quality)—Venetian red, per lb, 4½ to 5½c; chrome yellow per lb, 11c; chrome green, per lb, 8c; French Imperial green, 19c. Colors, dry—Yellow ochre (J.C) in bbls, per cwt, \$1.35 to 1.40; Venetian red (K.C. 2) per cwt, \$1.50; do (best) \$1.80 to 1.90; English, oxides, in bbls, per lb, 3½c; American, in bbls, per lb, 2½c; Canadian, in bbls, 1½ to 2c; burnt umber, per lb, 9c; chrome yellow, per lb, 11 to 12c; chrome, greens, per lb, 12c; In line red, 6c for ordinary, 10c for pure, agricultural red, 15 to 20c; golden ochre, 3½c. Turpentine, in bbls—Selected piggs, per gal, 46c for 1 to 3 bbls, freight allowed for outside points. Glue, common, broken, in bbls, 10 to 11c; French medal, 11 to 12c; cabinet makers', 17 to 18c; white, 16 to 17c. Castor oil, per lb, 8 to 8½c. Linseed oil, raw, per gal, 60½c; boiled do, 63½c net cash 30 days delivered. Putty, \$2 for 100 lbs; resin, \$1 per 100 lbs. Pine tar (pint tins) 95c per doz.

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Manitoba.

The livery and feed stable business of Loch-ead & Iunis, Deloraine, has been rented to McBurnie.

Cameron & McKay, masons, Deloraine, have dissolved partnership. Mr. McKay is thinking of going to the coast.

Geo. Armstrong, blacksmith, Hamiota, has removed to Bradwardine, where he has taken over the business of the Campbell Bros.

Wallis & Ford is the name of a new Winnipeg firm, who have begun business as commission and manufacturers' agents, at 186 Owen street.

The partnership subsisting between W. R. Allen and H. N. Williams, insurance agents, Winnipeg, has been dissolved by mutual consent.

On the 1st of November next Winnipeg city bonds fall due for \$249,960, which will be paid from the sinking fund. There will be no other bonds due until six years later, in the year 1900.

A general meeting of the full board of the Winnipeg board of trade is called for Tuesday afternoon, 12th inst., when matters of importance will be submitted by the council.

The lien law, as it affects growing or prospective crops, was discussed at a recent meeting of the council of the Winnipeg board of trade, and the matter referred over to a future meeting.

The reported destruction of P. McArthurs planing mill at Westbourne by fire was an error. The mill was only slightly damaged—to the extent of less than \$300, and will be quickly repaired.

THE COMMERCIAL received this week a post office order from Gibraltar for nine pence, accompanied by a letter asking for a copy of the British Columbia edition of this journal, published some time ago.

The Dominion Government savings bank transactions for the month ending 30th Nov., 1893, at the Winnipeg branch were: Deposits, \$21,499,000; withdrawals, \$26,340,63; withdrawals exceed deposits by \$4,841,63.

Particulars regarding the San Francisco mid-winter fair can be had from Secretary Bell, of the Winnipeg board of trade. The date of closing of entries expires soon, and intending exhibitors should act at once.

A request from the Hamilton board of trade that the Winnipeg board should join in urging upon the Dominion Government the extreme advisability of giving the public a two cent postal service has been acquiesced in by the latter board.

Henry Fry who recently resigned his position at the head of the Manitoba & Northwestern land department, has since been appointed Land Commissioner for the Manitoba & Northwest Land Co. His previous experience fits him admirably for this position.

Twelve miles of sidewalk and two and three-quarter miles of sewers had been built in Winnipeg the past season, making a total of 120 miles of sidewalk and 36 miles of sewers. This extension was payable on the frontage system. Artificial stone and tile sidewalks had been put down to test their adaptability to the climate.

Geo. H. Rogers & Co., Winnipeg, are going out of the regular retail trade, and with this object in view will offer their dry goods stock for sale by auction, en bloc, on December 29. The purchaser can have lease of the premises, which is one of the best locations in Winnipeg for a retail dry goods trade.

In the matter of the Dominion insolvency act, President Stobart of the Winnipeg board of trade has been requested to name a committee to consider the draft of the act presented by the eastern boards of trade to the Dominion government, which is being printed by the government for distribution amongst the boards of trade in the Dominion.

Following is a statement showing the value of goods exported and imported at Winnipeg, and which have been entered for consumption and duty paid thereon during the month of November, 1893, compared with the same month of 1892:—

	Value. 1892.	Value. 1893.
Exported	\$ 93,319	\$141,079
Entered for consumption duties	147,110	122,610
Entered for consumption free....	68,211	71,464

Total for consumption.....\$11,327 \$194,114
Duty collected.....\$ 60,673 84 \$47,361

The stock in trade of Whitehead Stewart, general merchant of Neepawa, will be sold at a rate on the dollar on Saturday, December 9, consisting of dry goods \$3,287.77; gentlemen's hats, caps, etc. \$1,282.64; ready made clothing \$1,262.42; boots and shoes \$830.40; groceries \$405.07; tweeds and cloths \$271.25; crockery and glassware \$142.78; shop fixtures \$740.70; total \$9,224.13. Book accounts \$1,662.07.

A serious fire occurred at Emerson on Dec. 6th. The large two story brick store, owned by J. H. Ashdown, of Winnipeg, and occupied by R. A. Whitman, general merchant, was consumed. Whitman had about \$12,000 worth of goods destroyed. Insured for \$5,000. Nothing was saved. The fire started in the basement. Ashdown's building was a store erected some years ago at a cost of over \$7,000, and was insured for \$3,000.

Assiniboia.

The Palmer House, Regina, has changed hands. Wm. McIvor, an experienced hotel-keeper, lately of Hamilton, and J. F. Smith have now assumed the management.

A. D. Ferguson has sold his brick block to Hugh Armour, who will use half as a butcher shop. L. C. Rogers, the present occupant of the whole store, will use the other half.

Northwest Ontario.

Henry B. Warren, a Victoria, British Columbia, mining expert, has just returned from a visit to the Ophir gold mine, in the Alg ma district, and reports that at the lowest estimate the value of gold in the mine is \$25,000,000.

Grain and Milling.

The new Canadian Pacific railway elevator at Quebec city was opened on Dec. 2.

Out of forty car loads of wheat shipped from Moosomin by Jas. Sharp only three graded No. 1 hard.

The steamer Miles from Fort William bound to Owen Sound with wheat, lost her rudder off Cabot's Head on Dec. 2. After drifting in sight of Christian Islands on Sunday the crew rigged up a temporary rudder, using the steamer's topmast for a rudder post, and managed to arrive off Owen's Sound on Dec. 5, when she was picked up and towed into port.

The Canadian Pacific Railway have arranged to ship 16,000 bushels of Ontario wheat and about 1,000 tons of Quebec hay to the English market from the port of St. John, N. B., as an experiment. The undertaking is important, as marking the first effort of the road to use St. John as a winter port for the upper provinces.

A cargo of No. 1 California wheat sold at Liverpool recently for prompt shipment at 27s 7 1/2d per 500 lbs, or for exactly the same sum as a dozen years ago was charged for the freight alone. This grade of wheat brings the highest price in the Liverpool market, exceeding even No. 1 hard Manitoba. This shows not only the low price of wheat, but also the great shrinkage in freight rates.

The combined receipts at Minneapolis and Duluth for the week ended Dec. 2, showed the largest falling off, compared with either of the past two years, that they have since the beginning of the new crop year. At Minneapolis, the amount received was but 54 per cent of a

year ago and 44 per cent of that of two years ago. At Duluth the falling off was more marked; the receipts being but 42 1/2 per cent of the amount received last year and 37 1/2 per cent of that received two years ago. The smaller receipts were due, mostly, to farmers selling less and to elevator companies leaving the wheat in interior houses to earn storage.—

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

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

Grade.	Nov. 4.	Nov. 11.	Nov. 18.	Nov. 25.	Dec. 2.
Extra Manitoba					
hard	4	4	0	0	3
No. 1 hard	120	141	115	70	78
No. 2 hard	46	57	49	40	10
No. 3 hard	4	7	11	9	1
No. 4 hard	0	2	0	0	0
No. 1 Northern..	13	12	8	4	6
No. 2 Northern..	4	2	3	3	1
No. 1 White t/yo.	0	3	2	1	0
No. 2 White t/yo	0	0	5	0	1
No. 1 spring	2	2	0	0	0
Rejected	24	25	23	18	8
No Grade	3	9	3	3	0
Total	219	267	219	143	114
Same week last year	403	276	319	312	419

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

Wheat Receipts and Shipments.

Following are receipts and shipments of Manitoba wheat from our Lake Superior ports (Fort William and Port Arthur) for each week from the beginning of the crop year to the close of navigation:—

	Receipts. Bushels.	Shipments. Bushels.
Sept. 2	98,373	320,441
" 9	70,423	234,758
" 16	81,817	286,065
" 23	179,589	356,702
" 30	243,365	117,051
Oct. 7	412,660	243,488
" 14	413,573	403,830
" 21	553,692	385,037
" 28	402,769	431,877
Nov. 4	615,533	319,210
" 11	733,557	607,921
" 18	819,195	909,238
" 25	581,713	417,255
Dec. 2	347,150	955,115
Total	5,556,344	5,987,888

A considerable portion of receipts during September was made up of old wheat held in store at interior points, so that allowing for this, total receipts of new wheat would amount to about 5,000,000 bushels to the close of navigation. Besides the movement shown above, the Northern Pacific moved out about 1,000,000 bushels via Duluth, and another 1,000,000 went out in flour, making a total of about 7,000,000 of the crop which has gone forward. Of this 1,125,518 bushels remain in store at Lake Superior ports. The balance has been exported, with the exception of perhaps 1,000,000 held in store in Eastern Canada. Interior stocks (west of the lake) are estimated by the railway companies, from reports received on Dec. 2, at over 2,000,000 bushels.

J. D. King & Co., shoe manufacturers, Toronto, have notified their employees of a general reduction in wages equal to about 20 per cent, to take place shortly. At a meeting of the shoemen's union it was stated the proposed reduction is part of a general movement among shoe manufacturers west of Montreal, who claim that at the present rate of wages they cannot compete with eastern manufacturers. The union deferred taking action on the reduction.

Montreal Hardware Market.

No change is to note in the market for iron and heavy metals. We quote prices here as follows:—Summerlee pig iron, \$18.50; Eglington, \$17 to 17 25; Carnbro, \$16.50 to 17 00; Ferrona, \$16 50 to 17.50; Siomons No. 1, \$17.50 to \$18; Langloan, \$18.50; wrought scrap No. 1, \$15 to 16; bar iron, \$1.90 to 1.95. Tin-plates, cokes, \$3 05 to 3.20; I. C. charcoal, \$3.50 to 4.00; Canada plates, \$2.01 to 2.50; terne plates, \$7.25 to 7.50. Galvanized iron, 4½ to 4¾ for 28 gauge. Oxford copper, 11½ to 13; ingot tin, 21½ to 22¼; lead at \$2.85; and spelter at \$4.75.

Cement, Petroleum—English cement is offered at \$2.05 to 2.15, and Belgian at \$1.90 to 2.00. Fire bricks are scarce, and light stocks have stiffened prices to \$17 to 21 per 1,000, according to brand and quantity.

We quote Canadian crude petroleum at \$1.05 per bbl f.o.b. at Petrolia; Canadian refined at 11½ in shed in Montreal for round lots, and 12c for small quantities. United States petroleum, 16½c in car lots, 17c in 10 barrel lots, 17½c in 5 barrel lots, and 17¾c for single barrels, nett cash; United States benzine, 23 to 25c; Canadian benzine, 10¾c Petrolia; 12½c Montreal

Turpentine, 46 to 47c; resins, \$2.50 to \$5.00 as to brand; coal tar \$3 75 to \$4 00; cotton waste, 5½c for colored, and 7 to 10c for white; oakum, 5½ to 7½, and cotton oakum, 10 to 12c. Cordage—Sisal at 9½c for 7-16 and upwards, and 16c for deep sea line. Pure manilla, 11c for 7-16 and upwards, and 12c for smaller sizes.—*Gazette*, Dec 1.

The Canadian Magazine.

The *Canadian Magazine* in its December, or Christmas number, fully bears out the high character of this periodical, which it has already attained in literary quality and interest. The fiction is excellent and well illustrated. The articles are fresh, and of great variety; the poetry is equal to that of any magazine in the world. Ogilvie's famous trip "Down the Yukon and up the Mackenzie," furnishes a most entertaining and well illustrated story of travel and exploration. Rev H. H. Gowen's "Salmon Fishing and Canning on the Fraser," is another illustrated article of much interest. J. L. Hughes tells charmingly of "An Hour with Oliver Wendell Holmes." W. H. Blake in "Humors of Bench and Bar," writes one of the best of recent contributions; to fan. Leut. Col. O'Brien writes thoughtfully on "Our Militia," and J. D. S. Ewart, Q. C., vigorously, in reply to his critics on the Manitoba School Question. J. Castell Hopkins, in "Lord and Lady Aberdeen," contributes a timely article. "Art at the World's Fair," by J. A. Radford, and "W. T. Stead on Telepathy," make interesting reading. H. Beaugrand, of Montreal, gives an excellent Christmas story of French Canadian life, and Miss Freeland another of Ontarioan flavor; the former beautifully illustrated; while A. H. Morrison, in "A Christmas Tragedy," produces a well illustrated, comic tale. Bliss Carmen's "The Ships of St. John," and Moncton's "Kootenay," are amongst the striking poetical contributions. Published by the Ontario Publishing Co., Ltd., Toronto; \$2.50 per annum. As a Christmas gift to a friend, the *Magazine* for one year would be one of the very best of the season's remembrancers.

Alfred Houlo, general merchant, Lstelier, Man., is erecting a building on one of his farms, near the station, which he intends to use as a cheese and butter factory, to be ready for operation early in the spring. This will prove a valuable industry and a benefit to the farmers of the district.



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Toronto Grocery Market.

Sugars, Syrups and Molasses.—The only change in sugars is an easing off in yellows, owing to the last reduction in granulated bringing prices close down to best yellows. Granulated, 42c; Paris lumps, boxes, 52 to 54c; extra g ounce, bbls, 52c; powdered, bbls, 52 to 54c; refined, dark to bright, 33 to 41c; and brights, 41 to 43c.

Syrups, per gal. imperial of 14 lbs.—Dark, 22 to 26c; medium, 23 to 32c; bright, 32 to 35c; extra bright, 36 to 38c; extra, very bright, 40 to 43c; special brights, 43 to 48c.

Molasses—West India, bbls, 23 to 35c; New Orleans, open kettle, 45 to 55c; centrifugal, 30 to 40c; inferior low grades, 23 to 28c per gallon.

Teas and Coffees—During the week a consignment of green Rio coffees, the first received here for several weeks, was got. They quote it at 21 to 22c, but most of the lot is already gone. Roasted coffees continue to move fairly well. Low grade and medium teas are still in active demand. Prices are: Green Rios, 21 to 22c; Roasted coffees—Rio, pure, 25c; choice, 26c; fancy, 26c; extras, 27c; Maricaoibos, 30c; Jamaicas, 28c; Javas 31c for imperial; Java, old Government, 32 to 34c; private growth standard Java, 36c; Mochas, pure, 33c; genuine Arabian Mochas, 36c.

Dried Fruit—A very satisfactory trade is being done in all lines. Stocks are being reduced more rapidly than in any season for many years, and some lines are already very scarce. This is true of off stalk Valencia raisins and selected goods.

Quotations are:—Raisins—Valencia, 4 1/2 to 5c for off stalk; 5 to 5 1/2c for fine off stalk; 6c for selected and \$1 per 28 lb box for old fruit; layers, new crop, 6 to 7c; Sultanas, old, 6 1/2 to 8c; London layers, old, \$1.25 per 22 lb box, and new, \$2.25 per 22 lb box; black baskets, old, \$2 per box, and new, \$3.25 to 3.40; blue baskets, old, \$2.25 a box, and new, \$4 a box; connoisseur clusters, new, \$3.20 to 3.40 per box; extra desserts, \$4 per box; quarter flats, \$1.25 per box; extra dessert quarter flats, \$1.50; prunes, fine new Bordeaux, 5 to 6c. Figs—Comaline, 30 lb taps, 5 to 6c; Elemes figs, 3 to 12 lb boxes, 11c; filberts, 10 1/2c. Orange peel, 16 1/2 to 18c per pound; citron 20 to 24c; and lemon, 13 to 16c.

Nuts—Shelled Jordan almonds, 45 to 50c per pound; shelled Valencia almonds at 25 to 28c a pound, and Tarragona almonds, 12 to 14c per pound; walnuts, 11 to 14c.

Canned Goods—The canned goods trade is featureless this week. Canned fish is quiet with prices steady and unchanged. Canned vegetables—Packers are holding firm at former prices and are not anxious to sell. Quotations are: Fish, Salmon, 1's tall, \$1.20 to 1.40; and flats, horse shoe, \$1.50; lobster, imperial crown flats, \$2.50, mackerel, \$1.00; sardines, \$1.35 to 1.50; sardines, French 1's, 9 1/2 to 13c; sardines, French 1/2's, 10 to 23c; sardines, American 1's, 5 1/2 to 9c; sardines, American 1/2's, 9 to 12c. Fruit and vegetables—Tomatoes, 3's, 85 to 90c; corn, 3's, 80 to 90c; peas, 2's, 85c to \$1.45; beans 85 to 95c; pumpkins, 80 to 95c; strawberries and raspberries 2's, \$1.75 to 2.10; apples, gals., \$2.25; 3's 95c to \$1; peaches, 2's, \$1.80 to 2; peaches, 3's, \$2.90 to 3; plums, 2's, \$1.65 to 1.75; 3's, \$2.60 to 2.85; pears, 2's, \$1.45 to 1.80; 3's, \$2.60 to 2.75.

Rice and Spices—Rice—Bags, 3 1/2 to 3 3/4c; do., off grades, \$3.15 to 3.25; do, Patna, 4 1/2 to 5 1/2; do., Japan, 4 1/2 to 5 1/2; sago, 4 1/2 to 5c; tapioca, 4 1/2 to 5 1/2; whole pepper, black, 1 1/2 to 16c; do., white, 18 to 25c; ginger, Jamaica, 20 to 25c; cloves, 15 to 20c; allspice, 10 to 13c; nutmeg, 80c to \$1.10; cream of tartar, 23 to 35c.—*Empire*, Dec. 1.

Parliament will be asked at the next session to pass an act extending the time for the completion of the main line of the Hudson Bay railway to the Saskatchewan until December, 1896. The time originally set was 1894. The bill will also include a clause changing the name of the company.



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