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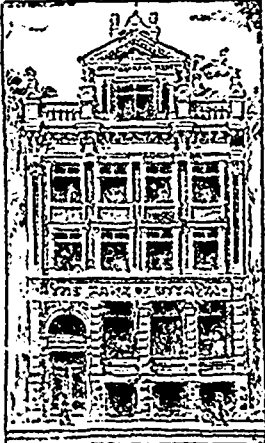
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## BUSH AND PRAIRIE FIRES

Saturday, October 2, was a disastrous day in Manitoba. The exceptionally long spell of bright, warm, dry weather, while very favorable for harvesting and threshing, and most enjoyable to the people, had rendered the prairies and wood districts as dry as tinder. It only required the dropping of a match to start a fire. Even the discharge of a gun would sometimes be sufficient to ignite the grass, while sparks from railway and threshing engines are ever present causes of prairie fires in dry autumn seasons. On the Saturday mentioned a terrific gale raged all day and into the night, and the prairie fires which are usually burning about the country in dry weather at this season of the year, were fanned by the fury of the gale into torrents of flame and went sweeping across the country.

But far more dangerous and destructive than the prairie fires were the bush fires, which raged in several districts. Fires had evidently been burning for days in the woods in several districts, and the gale of Saturday caused them to travel with fearful rapidity, resulting in enormous destruction, not only to the forests, but also to the scattered settlers who have located in the wooded, or partially wooded districts. Quite a number of settlers have gone into the wood districts, east of the Red River, between Whitemouth and Winnipeg,

during the past two or three years, and these settlers have suffered very severely. In a number of cases they have lost houses, live-stock and in fact everything they possessed. In one case a family of seven persons were hemmed in and burnt to death. Those who know the dangers of wood fires will wonder that more lives were not lost. The small village of Bagot, in a wooded district west of Portage la Prairie, was also burned by a prairie and bush fire, but no lives were lost in that region. On the open, upland prairie, the actual amount of damage will not be large, and is confined to a few stacks of grain or hay. Several swamp or hay districts, however, suffered very severely, owing to the large quantity of hay consumed. In the swamp or hay districts, prairie fires are always more destructive, owing to the rank growth of grass in such sections. The quantity of hay burned will be sufficient to materially reduce the supply and thereby enhance the value. In the wood districts large quantities of cordwood, cut last winter for fuel, were also destroyed, and the prospect is that there will be a scarcity of dry wood fuel before another supply can be prepared and cured. The greatest pecuniary loss of all is the destruction of a large area of timber, though that will not be felt so keenly and directly as the individual losses of buildings and effects.

People who are not acquainted with a prairie country, would probably conclude from the newspaper reports of the fires, that the prairie is an exceedingly dangerous place of residence. This would result from a failure to distinguish clearly between prairie and bush fires. A prairie fire under ordinary circumstances, is not a difficult thing to cope with. This is due to such an extent that in Manitoba very little attention is paid to prairie fires. They are often carelessly allowed to burn along for days, without any attempt being made to extinguish them. At this season of the year there are always fires burning about the country, though there is a law (not very strictly observed) against starting fires. There is also supposed to be a law providing for the extinguishing of prairie fires, but it is not generally enforced. In fact the general feeling is one of carelessness regarding prairie fires, and likewise the damage done by these fires is usually the result of carelessness, directly or indirectly. But while very little attention is paid to prairie fires under ordinary circumstances, a fire under conditions like that which prevailed on Saturday, is a source of great danger to property and even to life. In exceptional cases, though it is rarely indeed that means of escape from a prairie fire cannot be effected. Where personal injuries have been sustained, it is usually through fight-

ing the fire, and not in endeavoring to escape therefrom.

A prairie fire in its most dangerous form, however, is not to be compared with a bush fire, such as have had to be contended with in all new timber countries. In the case of a bad prairie fire, it is a matter of endeavoring to save property within possible reach of the flames. In a bush fire, it is a matter of saving life and letting the property go.

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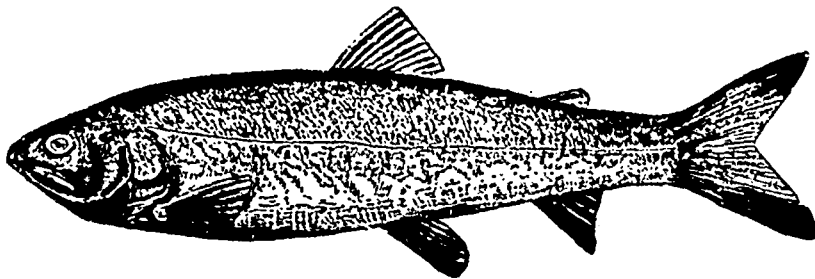
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The recent collapse of the Massachusetts Benefit Association, one of the largest and apparently most prosperous assessment associations, has added further to the alarm and troubles of the societies.

### FARM GRANARIES A NECESSITY

Last week we gave the substance of an interview with Mr. F. W. Thompson, manager of the Ogilvie Milling company, Winnipeg, in which the great need of grain storage upon the farm was clearly shown. Mr. Thompson gave several other arguments in favor of farm granaries, which were not mentioned in the article published last week, owing to lack of space. One important point mentioned by Mr. Thompson was the extra expense imposed upon the railway companies, in compelling them to handle the crops in two or three months. If the farmers were supplied with granaries, so that they could hold their grain and market it as convenience or their financial wants required. It would be much more satisfactory to the railway companies. If the railway companies were given six months in which to handle the crop, instead of having to handle the great bulk of a year's production of grain in two months, it would be a much more profitable business for them. The inference is that they would be able to reduce freights, in comparison with present rates.

Another point brought up by Mr. Thompson was in regard to providing shelter for farm machinery. The same buildings could be made to answer for storing farm implements. At present there is an enormous annual loss in Manitoba owing to the exposure of farm machinery to the weather. The life of a machine like a binder would be almost doubled, if carefully protected when not in use, compared with the custom of leaving these machines standing out exposed to the weather.

Then again Mr. Thompson mentioned the risk which farmers run from storing their grain in elevators, owned possibly by irresponsible persons. There is room for fraud in various

ways, in connection with country storage elevators, though fortunately Manitoba has been very free from anything of this nature in the past. Still, the experience in connection with elevators in the United States, indicates what fraudulent work might be done. What would become of the farmer's grain in case of the failure of a private elevator? It would most likely be found that the grain was held by a bank, and it would be impossible to identify individual holdings. When the farmer puts his grain into an elevator, its identity is gone. He may get as good an article and he may not. There is a possibility of manipulating his wheat to grade up some other lot. Under all circumstances, it would appear the better plan to sell the wheat when it goes to the elevator. If the farmer wishes to hold his wheat, the best place to hold it in many cases would be on the farm.

The lumber dealers have had a very busy season this year. Their reports indicate that the farmers have been buying lumber freely, and no doubt a considerable portion of this lumber will be used in building granaries. The special encouragement to build granaries on the farm, which Mr. Thompson proposed, namely that lumber for this purpose be carried at half rates by the railways, would undoubtedly have the effect of greatly increasing the number of granaries which would be built at once.

### HAY IN BETTER DEMAND

Hay has been selling at very low prices in this market for the past few years, but prices now are considerably firmer, and the prospects are that prices will rule considerably higher than for recent previous crops. The first reason for this is the light crop gathered this year, which alone is sufficient to improve the price. Added to this is the increased demand. Considerable shipments of hay have been made from the Winnipeg district to Southern Alberta, to be used in connection with the construction of the Crow's Nest railway. Hay is not easily obtained in that district, hence the necessity for shipping it such a long distance. There has also been considerable demand here for shipment eastward with cattle. Every train load of cattle which goes east requires a car of hay for feed en route. The enormous destruction of hay in stack by the recent disastrous prairie fires, is another feature which has greatly strengthened the market. Hay stacks are always sure to suffer in case of prairie fires. The hay marshes make the heaviest fires, and when a fire gets started in a hay district, with a wind prevailing like that of last Saturday, serious damage is sure to result. The large

quantity of hay destroyed this year, taken into consideration with the fact that the crop was an unusually light one, is sure to have its effect upon prices.

### MANUFACTURED FURS

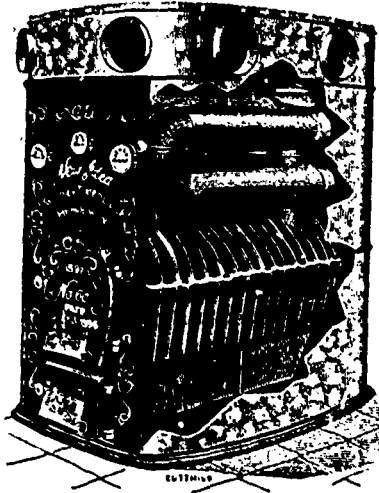
In styles, there is a demand for jackets made with loose fronts and medium sleeves, with or without cuffs; the blouse, which has been introduced this season, appears to be a favorite with many buyers who desire to secure chiefly something new, and this article will probably grow in favor as the season advances; fancy muffs take very well made in sealskin and other furs, and finished with a fur ornament; sealskin scarfs, ornamented with sable tails, are quite popular; collarettes have met with considerable favor. The opinion is generally entertained that the present will be an excellent sealskin season. Other furs selling, in order of popularity, are. Persians, sables, skunk, stone marten, Hudson's Bay marten, half-sheared brown and black coney, skunk dyed opossum, Attrakhan, Tibets and various fur tails.—New York Fur Trade Review.

### IRRIGATION CONGRESS

The meeting of the National Irrigation congress was held at Lincoln, Neb., recently. After hearing a number of addresses upon topics cognate to the work of the congress, the body adopted resolutions declaring that the value of the irrigated farm and the security of the homes thereby created are alike dependent upon the efficient public control of the water supply and the prevention of water becoming a speculative commodity, and that the water of all streams should forever remain public property; and further, that the perpetuation of the forests of the arid region is essential to the maintenance of the water supply for irrigation, as well as the supply of timber for industrial needs. It was decided that the president of the United States be memorialized to withdraw from entry or sale under the act of March 3, 1891, all public lands which are of more value for timber than for agriculture or minerals.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA MINING NEWS

A Vancouver citizen named Parke, has invented an amalgamating machine, which was tested before the Commercial correspondent and many mining men at Morrison and Armstrong's foundry this week. Twenty-eight hundredweight of crushed rock from the Money Splener claim, Harrison Lake, owned by the Fire Mountain company, was put through the machine in forty-five minutes. An ounce of rock was taken from each bucketfull as it was put into the



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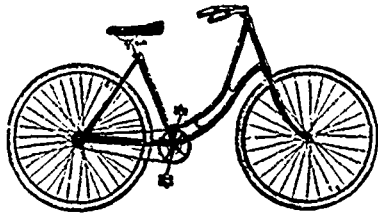
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feeder. This sample assayed \$82 in gold per ton. After the quicksilver, which received the gold, was retorted, a gold brick weighing 5 ounces, 10 pennyweights and 12 grains was obtained. The loss in the tailings was assayed as 10 per cent of the value put through the machine. The principle of the Parke patent is as follows:

The crushed rock is forced through a feeder into a metallic box holding 500 pounds of quicksilver. Steam power throws the amalgamator into violent commotion, so that every particle of the rock comes into contact with the "quick" which takes up the gold. The rock is then forced up to a rocker and mat where the released particles still containing gold get another chance to disgorge before the hurrying mass is emptied into the tailings tank.

Heavy holders have been buying Channe stock in this week on account of the lowness of the stock, occasioned by too much dickering. The future of this company is in a measure wrapt up in the success of the Gold Fields of British Columbia company, whose properties in Kootenay, the Tangier group, are said to be the richest smelter propositions on the Coast. The Channe own 30,000 shares in this company one pound par, and selling at that in London. Besides this, they have ample means in hand to develop their following properties, recently acquired. The Old Hat, Salmon River, North Arm, of Burrard Inlet surface, assay \$45 copper; Centaur, Kootenay, 7-foot vein, \$54 in copper; the Maple Leaf, 3 1-2 foot vein, \$34, all values. The Book Rest, \$194, gold and silver on surface; the Golden Hope, \$75, on the surface. Mr. Willis, superintendent, is now in Kootenay, superintending the development of these claims.

Smelter propositions are coming thick and fast in Vancouver. Harry Symonds, Q. C., representing a London syndicate offers to erect a smelter for a bonus of \$65,000, payable at the rate of \$1 a ton on the ore actually smelted, besides paying for the submission of a by-law to the people and putting up a guarantee of \$5,000 that he means business and transferring to the city when the smelter is completed \$65,000 worth of smelter stock for exchange for the bonus. Mr. Remington, of Salt Lake City, Utah, has offered to spend much more than the former on a smelter, but he asks for a bonus of \$100,000 payable at the rate of \$1 a ton on the ore smelted.

The city council want to give the bonus to the most reliable concern, parties who are not trying to get a charter from the city to barter to irresponsible parties. This is a difficult task. The smelter, of course,

must be built outside the city as the fumes kill all vegetation within miles of the chimneys.

#### Northwestern Manitoba

H. Roberts, general merchant, of Strathclair, was in the city last week and called on The Commercial. Mr. Roberts is quite pleased with the prospect in northwestern Manitoba, and he says that those districts are in better shape than any other part of the province, owing to the fact that the farmers there give more attention to live stock and dairying than in most other sections, and they are getting in money all the time. The dairy industry, he says, is proving of great value to the country. To such an extent is this noticeable, that in the fall when the season's returns come in from the factories, the farmers are enabled to pay off their store bills with the cash realised.

Mr. Roberts spoke about a new kind of water tank which has been introduced on the Manitoba Northwestern railway. One of these tanks—the first one in Canada—has been established at Strathclair station. It is known as the submerged tank water station. A few of the tanks are in use in the States, mostly on the Northern Pacific. The tank is placed at the bottom of the well. In the tank there is a float. Steam from the locomotive is turned into the tank by means of pipes which are arranged for the purpose, and this forces the float down. The pressure thereby caused forces the water up through another pipe to the locomotive. The whole thing is done very quickly, operates to perfection, and there is no trouble with frost.

#### Grain Inspection.

The grain inspection returns for the last two weeks of September will give some indications of the quality of the new crop, as a good deal of new wheat has been moving. For the week ended Sept. 23, Winnipeg inspection returns showed 352 cars of wheat inspected, grading as follows: No. 1 hard 90 cars, No. 2 hard 142 cars, No. 3 hard 4 cars, No. 1 Northern 5 cars, No. 1 white fye 1 car, rejected 8 cars, and 2 cars of frosted, which were no doubt old wheat. For the week ended Sept. 18, 205 cars were inspected, grading as follows: 1 hard 104, 2 hard 91, 3 hard 4, 1 northern 3, 2 northern 1, rejected 1, no grade 1. For the week ended Sept. 11 there were 76 cars in all, grading 1 hard 54, 2 hard 17, 1 northern 5. For the week ended Sept. 4 there were 57 cars, grading 1 hard 46, 2 hard 6, 1 northern 1, rejected 2, no grade 2.

Kingham & Co., coal, dealers, have opened business at Victoria.

#### British Columbia Business Review.

Vancouver, October 2

There are but few changes in the market this week. Creamery butter at this writing, is quoted at 23 1-2 for large tubs and 25c. for small. Eastern eggs will be fully 19 cents before the week is out. Fruit is much cheaper all around, owing to the local produce coming into the market, and late California varieties coming to hand. There is no change in the grain market. Hay and oats are still at the high water mark, owing to farmers keeping back their produce until harvesting is completed, aided by the present fine weather.

#### British Columbia Business Notes

W. J. Armstrong & Co., general store keepers, Anaconda, have sold out to Thomas Hardy.

Frayne & Thompson, hotel, blacksmith, etc., Benvenuto, have dissolved.

W. Elson, tailor, Enderby, has moved to Vernon.

John W. Wolf has opened business in boots and shoes at Fort Steele.

F. Peckstein, baker and restaurant, has opened business at Fort Steele.

D. M. Calder, has started a store in Golden.

McKenzie & Cameron, have opened an hotel at Greenwood City.

Fletcher & Fletcher, saloon, Kaslo, have dissolved, Archie Fletcher continuing.

T. Donovan, hotel, Kaslo, is succeeded by McCue & Howard.

The following have started business at Nelson: Richardson & Perdue, Queen's hotel; A. W. Peck, & Co., furniture; F. Donley, Lake View hotel; Nelson Wine Co.; Treford & Stannard, men's furnishings; O. Lund, Klondyke hotel; H. A. Prosser, blacksmith. The Nelson Blacksmith Co. has sold out.

J. S. McCague, baker, has opened business at Revelstoke.

H. W. Yromans, tinsmith, has opened business at Revelstoke.

Alex. Cohn, coal oil, etc., Rossland, is dead.

F. Locasto, fruits, cigars, etc., Sandon, is out of business.

McLeod Bros., blacksmiths, have opened business at Sandon.

Thos. Lake, Hick hotel, Slocan City, has given up business.

A. W. Biddle, & Co., stationery, etc., Vancouver, are in the hands of the sheriff.

Diplock Book and Stationery Co., Ltd., Vancouver; application for winding up order granted.

Jas. Bates has opened an hotel at Vernon.

W. J. Armstrong, hardware, has sold his branch business at Anaconda, to Thomas Hardy.

C. W. Kammerer, of T. N. Hibben & Co., books, stationery, etc., Victoria, is dead.

The Union Brewing Co., of Nanaimo, is opening an agency at Victoria.

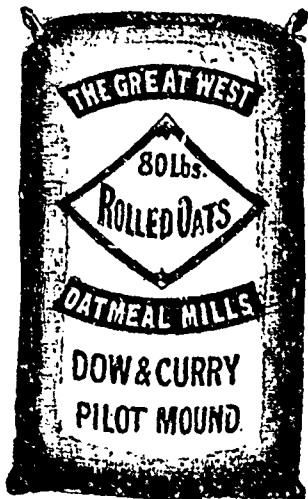
The Milwaukee Brewing Co., Victoria, is in trouble with the sheriff.

H. Harris, hotel, Victoria, has sold out.

F. W. Stubbs, has opened a saloon at Victoria.

Prof. T. F. Patterson, of the Ontario college, Guelph, has arrived in the province as agent for the British Columbia legislature for the purpose of teaching the farmers practical





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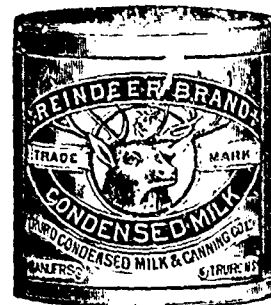
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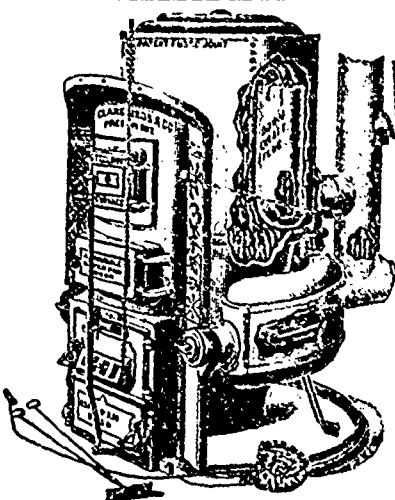


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farming and dairying. Mr. Paterson spent some time here on a previous occasion and is acquainted with the advantages and difficulties of Pacific coast farming.

The Coho salmon run is still on. It is a record run, but few of these fish are being packed, because they are in a degree inferior to the sockeyes though they make an excellent table fish.

The Chilliwack fair opened yesterday. The weather was bad but the attendance was good. The fair was opened by Lieutenant-Governor Dowdney. There were 250 more entries than on any previous year.

A scarcity of hard coal is reported in Vancouver, a state of affairs, it is said, which will last for about three months. As the wet chilly weather will soon set in, a demand has been created for cheap wood stoves to enable house holders to tide over the reported hard coal famine.

### Grocery Trade Notes.

Montreal Trade Bulletin:—Several sales of now evaporated apples have recently been reported at 63-6c to 71-2c as to quality and size of lot, which shows a considerable advance from the lowest price of last year's product, transactions in which occurred at 3c delivered here in car lots.

The amount of the new crop of Brazil coffee that has come into sight thus far this season has been far in excess of all previous records, being 1,081,000 bags larger than last year and 2,033,000 bags more than in 1895.

The Empress of India brought out 3,600 packages of Japan tea for one Montreal agent, besides lots for other firms on her last trip.

Eggs declined 1c at Montreal, owing to larger receipts and declining export demand.

A New York report says: No prices have yet been made on new dates for shipment, and, according to some importers, they are not likely to be less than 4c for Halloweens.

Eastern refiners are very low in stocks of syrup and prices are firm. Molasses is very firm, prices being 1c higher at Montreal.

Advices from Japan state that the tea market is exceedingly strong, and values have advanced fully 4c per lb., and the quality of the leaf offering now is so poor that buyers do not feel disposed to operate.

Willet & Gray, of New York, say: The drop of 6d in German granulated brings it down to an importing cost of 4 7/7c per pound landed in New York, against United States granulated at 4.85 per pound. German and Austrian refined will not be shut out by the new tariff, but on the contrary the importation of these sugars will be largely increased. Our refiners have succeeded in securing a very large amount of sugar from the Java crop. The cost of all these sugars to refiners has been less than the current quotations for centrifugals, and hence fully 1-4c per pound below the present parity of best sugars. With such a supply as this secured on a low basis, the refiners, with their present large stocks, are quite independent of best sugars for the remainder of the year.

The currant market in Greece has shown a decidedly upward tendency during the week, and price fluctuated from 14s 9d to 18s 0. and 1. Prices are now 75 per cent or more above last year's basis.

Eastern wholesalers have reduced terms on foreign dried fruits from 90 days, or 8 per cent 10 days, to 30 days or 1 per cent ten days.

Sultana raisins are very much higher than a year ago, having recently advanced 2s abroad, making them about 50 percent higher than last year.

The spice market in London is very strong and nearly all lines have experienced sharp advances in prices.

### Financial and Insurance Notes.

The Massachusetts Benefit Association of Boston was organized in 1879, and soon became the second or third largest of the assessment insurance companies, having over \$100,000,000 insurance in force. It entered Canada in 1887, taking over the business of the Nova Scotia Mutual Relief Society of Yarmouth, and the Canadian Mutual Aid of Toronto. It was regarded as one of the best managed and most successful assessment companies. The company had a deposit of \$100,000 with the Dominion government, as security to meet death claims, which it is said will not go far to assist retiring members. One of the worst features of the failure of this company or association is, that only those members who are in good health can now get insured in other companies.

The Select Knights are winding up their endowment branch and are endeavoring to place their beneficiary fund on a better basis by increasing the assessments.

The Ontario division of the A. O. U. W. has adopted an increased rate of assessment, since seceding from the supreme lodge.

John M. Smith, late of Winnipeg, has been appointed manager of the new branch of the Merchants' Bank of Halifax, at Russian, B. C.

The Sun Loan and Savings company of Ontario has appointed Mr. Verhoven as their manager for Winnipeg.

### The Hardware and Paint Trade.

Barbed wire has taken a turn upward in the east, and latest reports say prices have advanced 10 to 15 cents per 100 pounds, making the price about \$2.30 in Toronto, with staples held at \$2.50. The material from which barb wire is made is said to have advanced \$2 per ton.

Canadian manufacturers are said to have withdrawn quotations on bar iron owing to the advancing price of the raw product. In fact all iron products are very firm. United States steel hoops and bands, have advanced \$2 per ton. Galvanized iron is scarce for United States makes.

Cutting in prices of wire nails by Ontario manufacturers is a feature of the trade. Prices are said to be cut very low, being about 40c. under the price which Pittsburg goods could be delivered for at lake ports. At Toronto the nails are said to have sold as low as \$1.75.

The McCarty Manufacturing Co., report a record week in shipments from their factory at London, Ontario, shipments including 1,221 stoves, furnaces and ranges, and over 97,000 lbs. of tin and enamel ware.

The Montreal Gazette says trade in all kinds of metals and heavy iron continues good, and values generally have a firm tone. In fact higher prices on all staple lines of material are looked for in the near future. The first indication in this connection is the withdrawal by the rolling mills this

week of all quotations on bar iron. Previously car lots of this were obtainable at \$1.35. The increased cost of raw material is the cause of the change. Pig lead is firm and for this reason further advances are predicted in lead pipe and shot.

Copper is very firm owing to advances abroad.

### Legal Decisions.

On Tuesday at the court house Judge Walker gave judgment in a matter of considerable interest to tradesmen and debt collectors. In several cases the plaintiff, Stewart Dixon, and different defendants for amounts originally due to doctors and merchants which had been assigned to Dixon for the purpose of collecting.

After Dixon had obtained judgment he had issued judgment summonses against the debtors, but on the matter coming before the judge the objection was taken that the remedy by way of judgment summons was one that was only available by a tradesman who supplies actual necessities to a man for the use of his homestead, and could not be taken advantage of by an assignee of the debt as Dixon was in these cases. His honor dismissed all the summonses, holding that the objection taken was a valid one.

In a suit of Grey vs. Manitoba & N. W. railway company, brought to enforce the claims of the bondholders on the first 180 miles of the road a motion was made before Chief Justice Sir Thomas Taylor for an order that a commission issue for the examination at the city of Montreal of Andrew Allan, the president, and Hugh Montague Allan, a member of the board of the M. & N. W. R., touching the names and residences of the stockholders of the company, the amounts and particulars of stock held by each stockholder and the amount paid thereon, also as to any and what debts were owing to the company and and as to the estate and effects of the company. His Lordship refused the application without costs, holding it was doubtful if an order could be made for an examination abroad. The officials before whom an examination can be taken being named in the rules seemed to indicate that an examination within the jurisdiction is what was intended. No case had been found in Ontario or England of an examination abroad being ordered. That, of course, was not conclusive that such an order could not be made, but it was suggestive. A great deal might be said in favor of an order being made and the importance of the question was such that the opinion of the full court might well be taken upon it. Mr. Wilson for plaintiff; Mr. J. S. Tupper, Q. C., for defendant.

### Dry Goods Trade.

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**Winnipeg Hardware and Metal Prices.**

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

Tin Plates—Charcoal plates, 1 C, 10 x 14, 12 x 12 and 14 x 20, \$4.50@4.75; 1 X, same size box, \$5.75@6; 1 C, charcoal, 20 x 28, 112 sheets to box, \$8.50@9; 1 X, box, 20 x 28, 112 sheets, \$10.50@11.

Terne Plates—1 C, 20 x 28, \$8.50 @ 9.

Iron and Steel—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$2.10 band iron, 100 lbs., \$2.05@2.75; Swedish iron, 100 lbs, \$5.25 @6; sleigh shoe steel, \$3@3.25; best cast tool steel, lb., 9@11c; Russian sheet, lb., 12@13c.

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

Canada Plates—Garth and Blaina, \$3.15.

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

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

Lead—Pig, per lb., 4 1/2 to 5c.

Sheet Zinc—In casks, \$6.00 lb., broken lots \$6.50.

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

Ammunition—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American discount 40 per cent; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5; rim fire military, American, net list; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent, shot shells, 12 guage, \$6 @ 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 6c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 6 1/2c. Robin Hood powder, 17 lb kegs, \$10; 1/2 kegs, 4 1/2 lbs, \$3; Canister, 9 oz., 60c. Loaded shells, 12 guage, soft shot, \$18 per 1,000. No. 10 guage, \$20.70 per 1,000.

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

Wire—Galvanized barb wire, \$2.60@2.65 100 lbs.; Plain wire and staples, \$2.75.

Rope—Sisal, lb., 6 1/2c base; manilla, lb., 8c base; cotton, 1/2 to 1 inch and larger, 16c lb.

Axes—Per box, \$6@9.

Nails—Cut, keg, base price, \$2.50 for 20 to 60d., with new classification of extras; common steel wire nails, 4 1/2@6 inch, \$2.65 per keg, with usual extras for smaller sizes.

Horse Nails—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List price as follows: No. 5, \$7.50 box No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$9.75 box; No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount off above list prices 45 per cent.

**Winnipeg Prices of Paints, Oils, Glass, etc.**

Following are close jobbing prices, as to quantity:

White Lead—Pure, \$6.25 100 lbs. Prepared Paints—Pure liquid colors, gallon \$1.15@1.25.

Dry Colors—White lead, pound, 7c; red lead, kegs, 5 1/2c; yellow ochre in barrel lots, 2 1/2c; less than barrels, 3c; golden ochre, barrels, 3 1/2c, less than barrels, 4c; Venetian, red, barrels, 3c, less than barrels, 3 1/2c; American vermilion, 15c; English vermilion, \$1 per lb., Paris green, 18@19c; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots, 2 1/2c; less than barrel lots, 3c; English purple oxides, 100 lb. kegs, 4c; less than kegs, 4 1/2c lb.

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

Sundries—Glue, S. S., in sheets, lb 12 1/2 @15c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 16 @25c. Stove gasoline, case, \$4; benzine, case, \$4. Axle grease, imperial, case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, case, \$3.75; Diamond axle grease, \$2.25 case. Coal tar, barrel, \$7. Portland cement, barrel, \$4@4.25; plaster, barrel \$3.25; plasterers' hair, P. P., 90c bale. Putty, in bladders, barrel lots, 2 1/2c lb., do., in 100 lb kegs, 2 1/2c., do., less than barrels, lb, 3c. Alabastine, cases of 20 pkgs., \$6.50@7.50 as to color.

Window Glass—First break is quoted at \$1.75 per box of 50 feet and \$2 for second break.

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

Turpentine—Pure spirits in barrels, 55c; less than barrels, gallon, 58c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

Oils—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25@30c gallon; clear machine oils, 33@40c, cylinder oil, 50@75c, as to quality; castor oil, 11c per lb; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatfoot oil, \$1; steam refined seal oil, 55c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 gallon.

Refined Petroleum—Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 18 1/2c, crescent, 22 1/2c, oleophene, 23 1/2c in barrels. Car lots, 1c gallon less. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 27c for eocene and 24c for sunlight.

**Winnipeg Lumber Prices.**

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

Dimension and Timber—No. 1, 2x4 to 2x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$18.50, 18 ft, \$19.50, 20 ft, \$20.50, 22 ft, \$21.50, 24 ft, \$22.50; 3x6 to 3x12, 4x4 to 4x12, 6x6 to 6x12 and 8x8, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$20.00, 18 ft, \$21.00, 20 ft, \$22.00, 22 ft, \$23.00, 24 ft, \$24.00; 8x10 to 12x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$22.00, 18 ft, \$23.00, 20 ft, \$24.00, 22 ft, \$25.00, 24 ft, \$26.00; 2x4, 10 ft, \$20.50; 2x6 to 2x 12, 10 ft, \$18.00. No. 2 dimension, \$1.50 less than No. 1. Dimension, 26, 28 and 30 ft, \$24.00. Timber, 26, 28 and 30 ft, \$28.00. \$1.00 per M advance on each inch over 12 inch in depth and width. Tamarac dimension same price as pine. Spruce dimension at \$2.00 per M less than pine. Cull plank, all widths at \$12.00 per M. B. C. fir dimension up to 32 feet at \$30.00 per M., 32 to 40 feet, \$33.00, 40 to 60 feet \$36.00. \$1.00

per M extra for each 2 in. over 12 in. in width or depth.

Boards—1st common, red pine, \$25.00, 2nd common, \$18.00, 3rd common, \$16.00; No. 1 cull, \$12.00, No. 2 cull, \$8.00; spruce, \$16.00. \$1.00 per M extra for stock boards. \$2.00 per M less for 10 ft. and under. No. 1 box, 14 in. and up, \$30.00, No. 2 box boards, 14 in. and up, \$26.00. Extra dressing \$1.50 per M.

Siding, Flooring and Ceiling—2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch, white pine, \$36.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch white pine, \$28.00; 1st and 2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$30.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$25.00; 4th, 4, 5 and 6 inch, red and white, \$20.00; B.C. No. 1 fir, \$32.00; B.C. No. 2 fir, \$29.00; B.C. No. 3 fir, \$26.00; B.C. spruce, \$32.00; 4, 5 and 6 inch spruce, native, \$20.00; 8 and 10 inch pine, \$23.00; No. 1 cedar siding and ceiling, \$36.00; No. 2 cedar siding and ceiling, \$30.00; 1/2 inch cedar or fir siding and ceiling, \$26.00. \$1.00 per M advance for dressing both sides.

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

Shiplap—Pine, 6 inch, \$18.00, 8 and 10 inch, \$20.00; Spruce, 8 and 10 inch, \$19.00, 6 inch, \$18.00; cull shiplap, \$16.00.

Shingles—B. C. cedar, per M, No. 1, \$2.50, No. 2, \$2.00; B.C. cedar dimension shingles, \$4.00; B.C. cedar dimension band sawed, \$5.00; No. 1 pine, per M, \$2.50, No. 2, \$2.00, No. 3, \$1.75.

Lath—Pine lath, per M, \$3.00.

Finishings—1 1/2, 1 1/4 and 2 inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$65.00, 3rd clear, \$55.00, selects, \$45.00, shops, \$36.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$32.00; B.C. cedar clears, \$55.00; B.C. fir clears and stepping, \$45.00; \$5.00 per M advance on 2 1/2 inch and thicker. One inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$60.00, 3rd clear, \$48.00, selects, No. 1, \$38.00, selects, No. 2 (extra 1st com) \$30.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$30.00; B.C. cedar, clear, \$55.00.

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

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

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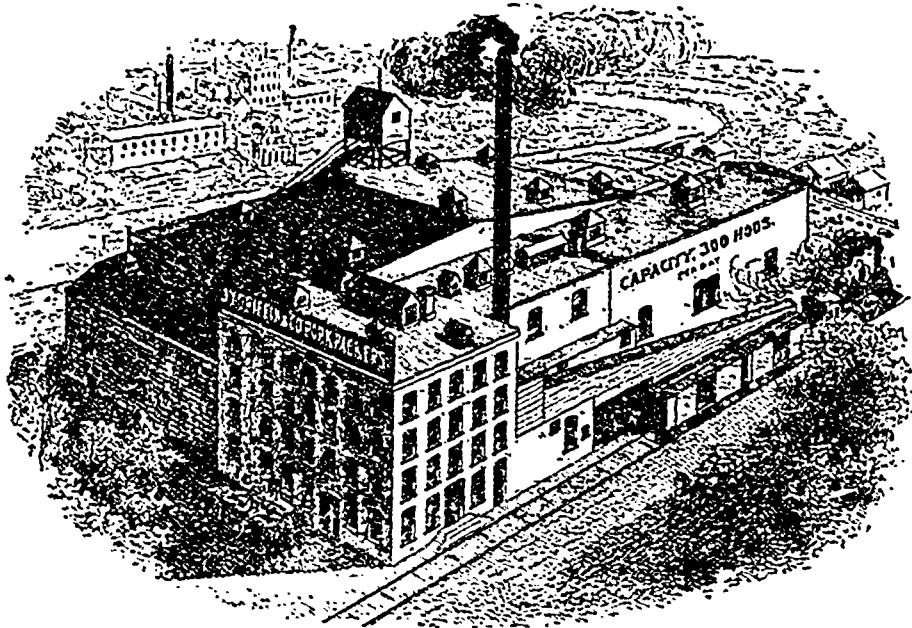
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# Winnipeg Grocery Prices.

Canned Goods		Per case		Cereals		Per sack		Nuts		Per pound		Tons		Per pound		
Apples, 3s, 2 doz.	25	2	50	Split Peas, sack 9s	2	25	2	50	Brazils	12 1/2	15	China Blacks—				
Apples, preserved, 3s, 2 doz.	3	25	3	50	Pot Barley, sack 9s	1	50	2	00	13	15	Choice		35	40	
Apples, gallons (per doz.)	2	25	3	50	Pearl Barley, sack 9s	1	00	4	50	13	15	Medium		25	35	
Blackberries, 2s, 2 doz.	3	25	3	50	Rolled Oats, sack 50	1	75	1	50	10	12	Common		13	20	
Blueberries, 2s, 2 doz.	2	50	2	75	Standard Oatmeal, sack 9s	2	00	2	10	15	15	Indian and Ceylon—				
Beans, 2s, 2 doz.	1	50	1	75	Granulated Oatmeal, sack 9s	2	00	2	10	13	15	Choice		34	40	
Corn, 2s, 2 doz.	1	50	1	75	Beans (per bushel)	1	25	1	30	12 1/2	15	Medium		35	42	
Cherries, red, pitted 2s, 2 doz.	4	75	5	00	Cornmeal, sack 9s	1	45	1	55	25	30	Common		22	28	
Peas, Marrowfat, 2s, 2 doz.	1	50	1	50	Per pound					Syrup						
Peas, sifted, 2s, 2 doz.	3	00	3	25	Rice, B	4	1/2c	4	1/2c	3 1/2c	4c	Young Hysons—				
Pears, Bartlett, 2s, 2 doz.	3	50	3	75	Rice, Japan	4	1/2c	4	1/2c	3 1/2c	4c	Choice		35	45	
Pears, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	4	75	5	00	Sago	5	00	5	00	2 1/2c	3c	Medium		28	35	
Pears, Bartlett, 3s, 2 doz.	5	00	5	00	Tapioca	4	00	4	00	5	00	Common		22	30	
Pineapple, 2s, 2 doz.	4	50	5	00	Cured Fish						Sugar					
Pineapple, imported, 2s, 2 doz.	5	00	6	00	Codfish, whole cases, 100 lbs	6	00	6	00	4 1/2c	4 1/2c	Extra Standard Granulated	4 1/2c	4 1/2c		
Peaches, 2s, 2 doz.	3	50	4	00	Codfish, boneless	04	06	04	06	6c	6 1/2c	German Granulated	4 1/2c	4 1/2c		
Peaches, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	4	75	5	00	Codfish, Pure	07	08	07	08	4 1/2c	4 1/2c	Extra Ground	6c	6 1/2c		
Peaches, Canadian, 3s, 2 doz.	5	00	6	00	Herrings, in kegs	3	50	3	75	4 1/2c	4 1/2c	Powdered	6c	6 1/2c		
Plums, 2s, 2 doz.	3	50	4	00	Dried Fruits.						Salt					
Plums, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	4	50	5	00	Currants, Prov'l Barrels	06	6 1/2	06	6 1/2	1 1/2c	1 1/2c	Rock Salt	1 1/2c	1 1/2c		
Pumpkins, 3s, 2 doz.	2	00	2	50	Currants, Prov'l 1/2 Barrels	00 1/2	6 1/2	00 1/2	6 1/2	1 1/2c	1 1/2c	Common, fine	1 00	2 09		
Raspberries, 2s, 2 doz.	3	25	3	50	Currants, Vostizza Cases	07 1/2	08	07 1/2	08	1 00	2 00	Common, coarse	1 00	2 00		
Strawberries, 2s, 2 doz.	3	25	3	50	Currants, Filiatra, bbls	00 1/2	07	00 1/2	07	3 25	3 50	Dairy, 100 3	3 25	3 50		
Tomatoes, 3s, 2 doz.	2	25	2	40	Currants, Filiatra, cases	07	7 1/2	07	7 1/2	3 15	3 30	Dairy, 60 5	3 15	3 30		
Salmon, talls, 1s, 4 doz.	5	00	6	00	Dates, Cases	06	07	06	07	Per Sack						
Salmon, Cohoes talls, 1s, 4 doz.	5	00	6	00	Figs, Eleme, about to lb box	12 1/2	15	12 1/2	15	00	50	Dairy, white duck sack	00	50		
Sardines, domestic 1/2s	06	08	06	08	Figs, Cooking, Sax	08 1/2	09	08 1/2	09	00	45	Common, fine jute sack	00	45		
Sardines, imported, 1/2s	09	15	09	15	Prunes, Bosnia, Cases	08	09	08	09	Spices						
Sardines, imported, 3/4s	15	25	15	25	Prunes, French, Cases	06	07	06	07	Per doz.						
Sardines, imp. 1/2s, boneless	20	35	20	35	Sultana Raisins	10	12	10	12	75	90	Assorted Herbs, 1/2 lb tins	75	90		
Sardines, Dom., mustard 1/2s	10	12	10	12	Raisins, Val., box of 25 lbs	70	1 00	70	1 00	Per pound						
Imported Fresh Herring, 1s, 1 doz.	1 00	1 75	1 00	1 75	Raisins, Val. Layers, per box	25	2 55	25	2 55	Allspice, whole	18	10	Per doz.			
Imp. Kipper Herring, 1s, 1 doz.	1 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	Loose Muscatels, 2 crown	08 1/2	09	08 1/2	09	Allspice, pure ground	20	25	Per doz.			
Imp. Herring, Tom. Sauce 1st	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	Loose Muscatels, 3 crown	11	12 1/2	11	12 1/2	Allspice, compound	15	20	Per doz.			
Imp. " Anch. Sauce 1st	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	London Layers, 20 lb Boxes	11	12 1/2	11	12 1/2	Cassia, whole	18	20	Per doz.			
Imp. " Shrimp Sauce 1st	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	Apples, Dried	3 1/2	4	3 1/2	4	Cassia, pure ground	20	25	Per doz.			
Canned Meats	Per case		Per case		California Evaporated Fruits						Per pound					
Corn Beef, 1s, 2 doz.	3	25	3	25	Peaches, peeled	18	20	18	20	Pepper, black, whole	10	15	Per doz.			
Corn Beef, 2s, 1 doz.	4	75	4	75	Peaches, unpeeled	11	13	11	13	Pepper, black, pure ground	13	15	Per doz.			
Lunch Tongue, 1s, 2 doz.	6	50	7	00	Pears	9	11	9	11	Pepper, white, whole	20	25	Per doz.			
Lunch Tongue, 2s, 1 doz.	6	25	6	50	Appricots, new	10	11	10	11	Pepper, white, pure ground	25	35	Per doz.			
Brawn, 2s, 1 doz.	2	25	2	50	Bitted Plums	9	11	9	11	Pepper, Cayenne	30	35	Per doz.			
Pigs Feet, 1s 2 doz.	6	00	6	50	Prunes, 100 to 120	5 1/2	6	5 1/2	6	Ginger, whole, Jamaica	25	30	Per doz.			
Roast Beef, 2s, 1 doz.	2	75	3	00	Prunes, 90 to 100	6	6 1/2	6	6 1/2	Ginger, whole, Cochin	20	25	Per doz.			
Chicken, Duck or Turkey, 1s 2 doz.	5	00	5	00	Prunes, 80 to 90	7	7 1/2	7	7 1/2	Ginger, pure ground	25	30	Per doz.			
Potted Ham, 1/2s	75	75	75	75	Prunes, 70 to 80	7 1/2	8 1/2	7 1/2	8 1/2	Ginger, compound	15	25	Per doz.			
Devilled Ham, 1/2s	75	75	75	75	Prunes, 60 to 70	8	8 1/2	8	8 1/2	Nutmeg, (per pound)	60	1 00	Per doz.			
Potted Tongue, 1/2s	75	75	75	75	Prunes, 40 to 50	10	11	10	11	Mace (per pound)	1 00	1 25	Per doz.			
Devilled Ham, 1/2s	75	75	75	75	Coffee						Per pound					
Potted Tongue, 1/2s	75	75	75	75	Green Rio	15	17	15	17							

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Following are prices for parcel lots, with usual reductions for broken packages.

Alum, lb	3 1/2	4 1/2
Alcohol, gal.	5	5 75
Bleaching Powder, lb.	06	08
Bluestone, lb.	06	07
Borax	11	13
Bromide Potash	68	75
Camphor	60	65
Camphor, ounces	80	85
Carbolic Acid	40	45
Castor Oil	12	13
Chlorate Potash	22	25
Citric Acid	22	25
Copperas	03 1/2	04
Cocaine, oz	50	55
Cream Tartar, lb	25	28
Cloves	25	28
Epsom Salts	03 1/2	04
Extract Logwood, bulk	25	28
Extract Logwood, boxes	25	28
German Quinine	38	42
Glycerine, lb.	30	32
Ginger, Jamaica	38	42
Ginger, African	38	42
Howard's Quinine, oz.	45	50
Iodine	5	5 50
Insect Powder	1	1 40
Morphia, sul.	2	2 25
Opium	4	5 00
Oil, Olive	1	1 40
Oil, U.S. Salad	1	1 40
Oil, Lemon, sapor	3	3 25
Oil, peppermint	4	4 50
Oil, cod liver, gal.	1	1 25
Oxalic Acid	13	15
Potass Iodide	3	4 00
Paris Green, lb.	72	80
Saltpetre	10	12
Sal Rochelle	30	35
Shellac	35	40
Sulphur Flowers	31	35
Sulphur Roll, keg.	31	35
Soda Bicarb, keg of 112 lbs	31	35
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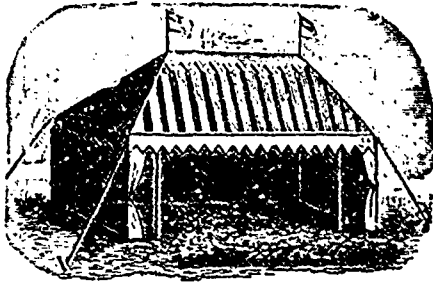
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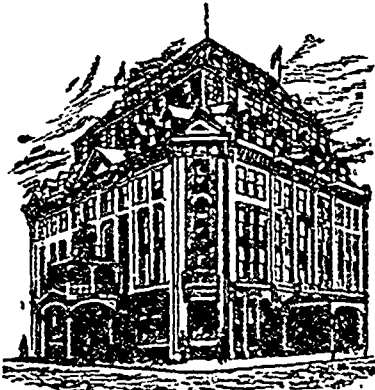
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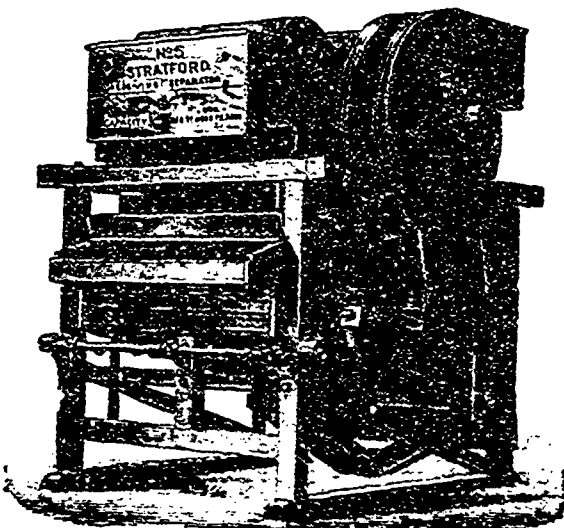
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### Manitoba.

T. E. Woodley, of Hamilton, has opened a butcher shop at Brandon.

J. J. Philip, cold storage warehouse, Winnipeg, has sold out to W. A. Anderson.

Fifty-six cases of fish were shipped to Buffalo recently from Lake Winnipegosis.

W. K. Kington, lumber dealer, Fox Warren, is adding hardware to his business.

Chas. S. Cooke has opened up business in men's furnishings, at Boissevain.

R. D. Scurfield has sold his livery stable business at Manitow to Edward Carey, of Swan Lake.

R. Harden has purchased the store of A. Munro & Co., Brandon, and will open a restaurant in the building.

Bell & Hanley, butchers, Boissevain, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by W. Hanley.

C. L. Shorey, of Montreal, a member of the firm of H. Shorey & Sons, was in Winnipeg last week on a pleasure trip through the west.

Ros. Martin, groceries, boots and shoes, etc., McGregor, has sold out to P. Martin, and contemplates moving to British Columbia.

Senator Sanford, of Hamilton, Ont., who is the head of the Sanford Manufacturing company, was in Winnipeg last week, suspecting his important business and other interests in Winnipeg and elsewhere in Manitoba.

W. Scott's stable on Lombard St., Winnipeg, was badly burned on October 2, the roof being destroyed. On the same night an old building owned by J. H. Ashdown on Bannatyne St., was badly damaged. It was occupied by J. H. Cullham and McDonald, contractors.

Geo. A. Coslett, general manager of the Bedford Manufacturing Company, of Bedford, Quebec, manufacturer of axes and garden and farm tools, etc., has been spending a few days in Winnipeg. This is Mr. Coslett's first trip to the West, and he was much pleased with the prospect here.

The new addition to the Royal Crown Soap factory, Winnipeg, will cost, with new machinery, about \$25,000. Jas. Mitchell, who has gone into the business with Mr. Bull, as a partner, is the well known Mr. Mitchell of Martin, Mitchell & Co., grain merchants, Winnipeg.

Emerson & Hague, manufacturers, Winnipeg, report they have had an unusually busy season this year, in their shirt and overall departments. The mining development and railway work has increased the demand for this class of goods. There has also been a big demand for tents, 2,000 of which they sold in one month.

Saturday's gale carried a bush and prairie fire into the small village of Bagot, on the main line of the Canadian Pacific railway, west of Portage la Prairie, almost wiping out the place. The following were burned out: McMillan's elevator (Dominion Elevator Co.), with 15,000 bushels of wheat, Canadian Pacific railway station and several box cars, five of which were loaded with wheat; J. C. Lawrie, general store, including store, stock, dwelling and out buildings, R. E. Walden, blacksmith shop, dwelling and contents, Hogaboom, stable, also several hundred cords of wood, belonging to Lawrie and others. Lawrie had \$1,000 insurance on stock and \$450 on building. Considerable of the wheat was owned by farmers who had stored it and some was probably not insured. J. C. Lawrie will rebuild at

once, and the burned elevator will also be replaced. The Lake of the Woods Milling company's elevator and two residences were saved in the fire.

### The Lumber Trade.

The Rat Portage Lumber company has opened its branch warehouse in Winnipeg, and several carloads of sash and doors from their factory at Rat Portage, were put in last week. J. C. Graham will be in charge of the business.

The Minneapolis Lumber Exchange held a meeting preliminary to the recent meeting of the price list committee of the Mississippi Valley Lumbermen's association, and discussed the present list and the matter of an advance. It was thought that there should be sent out to the trade a list on which the prices for a number of items which appear to be short in the stocks of this section would be a half dollar higher. After a full discussion it was decided to make such a recommendation.—Minneapolis Lumberman.

Wm. Robertson, secretary of the Rat Portage Lumber Co., was in Winnipeg last week, in connection with the purchasing of supplies for the lumber camps which will operate during the winter in the Lake of the Woods region. Several camps have already been established and are now at work cutting logs, and large quantities of supplies will be taken in before navigation closes on the lake. In consequence of the brisk demand for lumber this season, the cut of logs will be large. The Rat Portage company expect to handle about 35,000,000 feet of logs next spring. Mr. Robertson says stocks of lumber at the mills are lower than they have been for many years, and by the time the season's trade closes stocks will be not more than half what was annually carried over a few years ago, and less than in any year since the lumber industry became established on the lake. The tendency of late years has been toward a reduction in stocks, but not so rapidly as this year. In some lines of low grade stuff, such as fourth flooring and ceiling, and third common and cut boards, stocks are now quite low. This was the cause of the recent advance reported a couple of weeks ago in The Commercial, on these grades. The Rat Portage Lumber company will keep their sash and door factory running all winter, and they will have about 3,000,000 feet of logs to carry over, with which to begin operations in the spring.

Toronto, Oct. 6.—An important meeting of Canadian lumbermen was held today at the board of trade to consider the report of the committee appointed at a previous meeting to wait on the Ontario government and ask for the prohibition of logs cut on government lands, unless sawn in the province. The committee presented a letter from Crown Land Commissioner Gibson, saying what action the government had taken with reference to the exclusion of alien labor, and that the government held it was impossible for them to interfere with the present year's licenses. John Bertram held that the attitude of the government was reasonable in not wishing to interfere with existing licenses, while hoping the government would enact the wished-for prohibitory legislation next year. John Charlton, M. P., strongly protested against retaliatory legislation in respect to compelling the cutting of logs on this side. But the government promised to

consider further what action should be taken on the expiration of licenses in April next. Strong ground was taken by many present, against this attitude of the Ontario government. On a resolution calling on the government to enact saw log prohibitory legislation to come into effect after the season, the vote for it was 44 to 4. A committee was appointed to urge the Ontario government to pass said legislation.

### Freight Rates.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says. Quite an additional lot of grain has been engaged for forward shipment at 2s 6d to 2s 9d for London, 2s 9d to 3s for Liverpool and Glasgow and 3s 2d for Bristol. In sack flour there has been considerable business for London at 13s 9d, and to Liverpool and Glasgow at 15s. Sacks have been taken for Bristol at 17s 6d. A fair business in cheese at 20s London, 25s Liverpool, 25s Glasgow, and 30s Bristol next week. Butter rates steady at 25s London, 30s Liverpool and Glasgow, and 30s Bristol. Cattle steady at 40s to 50s. Horses, to London and Bristol 70s and Glasgow and Liverpool 80s.

A large quantity of wheat has been engaged from Chicago at about 13-4 to 5c through to Montreal. Further engagements of wheat from Duuth and Fort William have been made at 61-2c to Montreal.

Chicago Trade Bulletin: East-bound rates are said to be cut 5c by one road on oats. The tariff on flour and grain is 20c, and on provisions 30c per 100 pounds to New York. The rate on wheat is 17.43c per bushel, from Chicago to Liverpool. The rate on flour 29.06 to 31c. Through rates, lake and rail, from Chicago to New England are steady at 10c per bushel on wheat, and 53-4 on oats. Lake rates were lower at 17-8 to 2c for wheat, and 13-8 to 11-2c for oats to Buffalo.

### The Live Stock Trade.

The following live stock shipments are reported: Six cars of cattle were shipped from Nanton to Revelstoke for P. Burns. A train load of cattle were shipped from Clareholm by Gordon & Ironside. Two cars of sheep were shipped from Calgary to Arrowhead, B. C. D. McLean, buyer at Virden, for Gordon & Ironside, shipped a carload of very fine cattle east. W. Galloway, of Gladstone, came to Winnipeg with a consignment of ten cars of cattle for export. Glen, Campbell and S. L. Head each shipped four cars of cattle from Dauphin. McCulloch & Herriot shipped a carload of cattle to Winnipeg from Souris. Campbell & McGregor shipped five cars of cattle from Manitow, one car to Fort William and the balance to Montreal for export.

The Montreal Stock Association will in future keep stock inspectors in Alberta during the whole shipping season.

### WINNIPEG WHEAT INSPECTION.

Winnipeg inspection returns for the week ending Oct 2 is as follows: Extra Manitoba hard, 3 cars; No. 1 hard 209 No. 2 hard, 117, No. 3 hard, 6; No. 1 northern, 9; No. 2 northern, 1; No. 1 white Fyfe, 1; rejected No. 1 14; rejected No. 2 2; total, 363 cars.

Eggs declined again 1-2c at Montreal on October 4, in addition to the 1c decline of the previous week.





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**Grain and Milling.**

Ontario grades of flour declined 15c to 25c per barrel at Montreal on Sept. 29, to \$175 to \$5 for winter wheat. Oats declined 1-2c. at Montreal September 29, and again 1c on Sept. 30. On Oct. 2 a farther 1-2c decline was reported.

F. W. Thompson, manager of the Ogilvie Milling company, Winnipeg, on instructions by wire from W. W. Ogilvie, has donated a car load of flour and feed for the sufferers by the recent bush fires in Manitoba. The Canadian Pacific will ship the car free of charge to its destination.

A meeting of the board of flour examiners of the Winnipeg board of trade was held recently. Stephen Nairn was again chosen for the position of president. A telegram from the department of inland revenue was received asking for a recommendation in the matter of a representative to the Dominion flour standard meeting, which is held annually in Montreal. Robert Muir was recommended for the appointment.

Detective Cox paid a visit to the Portage la Prairie elevators and had summons issued against the managers on a charge of violating the noxious weeds act. The managers appeared in court and pleaded not guilty to selling the tailings and screenings in which the noxious weeds are said to be, but contend they have no right to prevent the farmers from taking away these screenings, as they are their own property. The case has been postponed until next week.

The Montreal Gazette of October 5 says: The feature of the flour market yesterday was the weaker feeling in Manitoba grades and prices declined 25c per barrel, which is no doubt due to the recent weakness in the wheat markets. The demand from foreign buyers for Ontario flour continues good, and one miller states that he is sold up for the whole of this month.

**Live Stock Markets.**

London, October 4.—There was a firmer feeling in the market for United States cattle and prices show an advance of 1-4c since this day week, but values for Canadian cattle were unchanged. Choice States cattle sold at 11 1-4c; choice Canadians at 10c, and Argentines at 10c. The market for sheep was strong and prices advanced 1c, choice Canadian selling at 11c, and Argentines at 11c.

Liverpool, October 4.—The market for cattle was steady, choice United States selling at 11c, choice Canadians at 10c, and muddings at 9c. The feeling for sheep was weak and prices declined 1-2c to 1c, choice Canadians selling at 9c.

At the Point St. Charles stock yards, Montreal, on October 4, the receipts of cattle were small, there being only 125 head. There were 200 hogs offered, which met with a ready sale at 53-4c per lb. live weight.

The Montreal market on Oct. 4 was glutted with common and inferior stock, while good to choice cattle were scarce. The Gazette says the only good cattle were a bunch of 100 head of Manitoba cattle. Prices were fully 1-8c per lb. lower than last market day. The demand for stockers for shipment to Buffalo was also limited, owing to the decline of prices of late in that market, and only a few small lots of steers were bought at 21-4c and common bulls at 11-2c per lb. Good cattle sold at 31-2c to 37-5c;

fair at 23-4c to 31-4c; common at 2c to 21-2c, and inferior 1c to 13-4c per lb. In sheep trade was fairly active, and prices ruled steady at 3c to 31-4c for good to choice stock, while culls sold at 21-2c to 23-1c. Lambs scarce at 33-4c to 41-4c.

**Annual Meeting.**

Montreal, Oct. 6.—The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Lake of the Woods Milling company, Limited, was held in the office of the company, Board of Trade building, to-day. A dividend of 8 per cent. was declared on the capital stock of the company for the year ending August 31, 1897.

The following directors were elected for the ensuing year: Robert Meighen, W. A. Hastings, R. B. Angus, John Turbuhl, of Montreal, and John Mathur, of Ottawa. At a subsequent meeting of the directors Robert Meighen was elected president and managing director; W. A. Hastings, vice-president and general manager; George W. Hastings, manager at Winnipeg, and general superintendent; F. E. Bray, secretary; and B. S. Sharling, assistant secretary.

**Business in Canada.**

Toronto, Oct. 7. — R. G. Dun & Company's weekly statement of trade in Canada says: As nearly as can be judged from general inquiries, the 4th of October payments in dry goods and kindred lines at Montreal showed a good average though some houses profess to have been better paid than others. In most other lines, a distinct improvement is reported in the country, but some complaints are heard regarding city payments. Failures for the week in this district are singularly few. The general trade movement may be called fairly satisfactory. The weather has not yet been sufficiently broken or cold to make an active sorting trade in shoes, clothing and drygoods, but grocery men report a good demand, and hardware, paints, oils, etc., are also in pretty good request. The stiffening in values in many lines continues. Among the latest is an advance in domestic bar iron; pig iron also tends to firmness and further advance is noted in iron pipe. In groceries, all lines of dried fruits are firmly held and further advance seems anticipated in California raisins and prunes. Cheese has eased off a shade, but this seems to have induced more activity in exports, and shipments the last week or so have been large. As first indicated by us last week, the money market is stronger and nearly all the local banks with perhaps one or two exceptions, quote four per cent. for call money.

The trade situation at Toronto is unchanged. Merchants generally speak well of business and good feeling still prevails.

Prospects are considered encouraging. The demand for staple merchandise are fairly active, and stocks are being reduced rapidly. Dry goods, groceries, hardware and drugs are in fair demand, and even some lines are active. Cold weather will stimulate the demand for heavy dry goods, furs, etc. The movement of wheat is large, there being considerable quantities of both Manitoba and Ontario grades taken for export to Great Britain. The quality of Manitoba wheat is excellent, and there is no doubt this season in its comparison with Duluth wheat. It is also above the latter, and is sought after in preference to any other when quality is wanted. On the other hand Ontario wheat is hardly up to the mark. In many sections a good deal of wheat sprouted, and in consequence the trade is not wholly satisfactory. Remittances continue good and money is unchanged. Imports of gold at New York from Europe have been resumed. Speculation in stocks is fairly active. Canadian Pacific is higher, so is Cable, Toronto Electric Telephone and Northwest land securities. These stocks are highly spoken of. The supply seems small and they go up easily. Failures for the week were 39 as against 46 for the same week last year.

**LIVERPOOL MARKETS.**

Liverpool, Oct. 8.—12:30 p.m.—Wheat—Spot, No. 1 California, 8s 1-2d to 8s 7d; No. 2 red western, winter, 7s 8d to 7s 9d. Corn—Spot, American mixed, now, 3s 13-4d; old, 3s 2 1-2d. Receipts of wheat during the past three days were 231,000 cwt., including 126,000 American. Receipt of American corn, 325,000 cwt.

4 p. m.—Consols for money, 111 9-16; Pacific, 83; bar silver, 26 1-2d; money, 3-4 to 1 per cent. Rate of discount on the open market for both short and three months' bills was 2 to 2 1-16 per cent.

Close—Wheat spot No. 2, red western, winter, steady, 7s 8d; No. 1, red northern, spring, 8s 7d for new crop. Corn—American mixed, new, quiet, 3s 1 1-2d; do, old, 3s 2d; Oct., 3s 13-4d; Nov., 3s 2 3-4d; Dec., 3s 3 3-4d.

**CUSTOMS RETURNS.**

The following statement shows the value of goods exported and entered for consumption at the port of Winnipeg with duty collected thereon during the month of September, 1897, compared with the same month in 1896:

Description.	Value.	
	1896.	1897.
Exported .....	\$310,687.00	\$200,574.00
Entered for consumption—Dutiable .....	184,791.00	246,893.00
Entered for consumption—Free .....	51,560.00	62,756.00
Total for consumption .....	\$236,351.00	\$309,649.00
Duty collected .....	\$58,162.78	\$73,516.09



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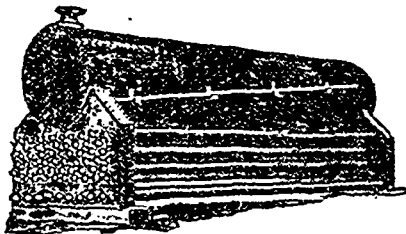
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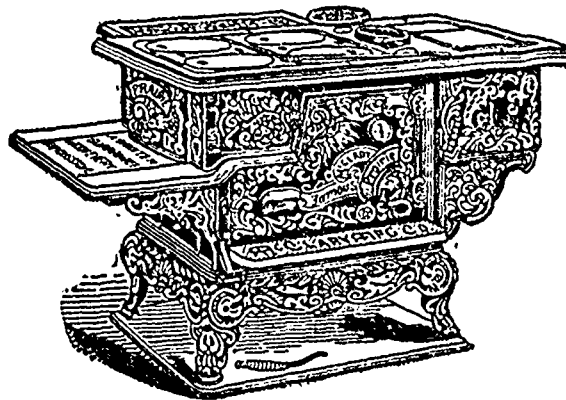
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Flour—Prices advanced 20c. Local price, per sack: Patent, \$2.10; bakers' \$1.90.

Bran—Per ton, \$6.

Shorts—Per ton, \$8.

Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, 19@20c.

Barley—Nominal.

Flax Seed—Price to farmers at country points, 50c per bushel.

Butter—Dairy, good to choice, 10@12c as to quality; creamery 17 @ 18½c.

Cheese—7½@8½c to factories.

Eggs—Dealers were paying 14c net.

Beef—City dressed, 4 @ 4½c.

Mutton—6c; lamb, 7@8c.

Hogs—Dressed, 4½ @ 5c.

Cattle—Easier at 2@2½c for butchers' stock.

Hogs—Live, off cars, 3½c for best bacon.

Sheep—Easier. 2½c off cars. Lambs, 3c.

Hides—No. 1 green, salted, 5c.

Seneca Root—Dry, 15 to 16c.

Poultry—Chickens, 40 @ 45c per pair; turkeys, 9@10c per lb. live weight.

Potatoes—20c per bushel.

Hay—\$5.00 for baled on track.

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**New York Wheat.**

New York, Oct. 4.—Wheat receipts, 440,075 bushels; exports, 98,571 bushels; sales, 4,000,000 bushels; futures; 240,000 bushels spot. Spot firm, No. 2 red, 95 7-8c f.o.b. afloat, No. 2 hard, 95 5-8c f.o.b. afloat. Options opened steady on cables, broke badly under rain reports and liquidation, but recovered on large export sales and active covering, closed strong at 1-2c to 1c not advance. Sales includes No. 2 red, May, 89 13-16c to 91 7-8c, closed 91 7-8c, Oct., closed 93 7-8c; Dec., 90 7-8c to 92 7-16c, closed 92 3-8c.

New York, Oct. 5.—Wheat receipts, 143,375 bus; exports, 113,300 bus; sales 6,015,000 bus futures; 500,000 bus spot. Spot strong, No. 2 red, 93 1-8 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 Northern, Duluth 95 3-8 f.o.b. afloat; No. 2 hard 97 7-8 f.o.b. afloat. Options opened strong on higher cables and drought news reacted under realizing, but advanced again on active covering, induced by heavy export buying; closed 1 5-8 to 2 1-4 net higher. No. 2 red, May 92 3-4 to 93 7-8, closed 93 7-8; Oct., 95 1-2 to 95 1-2, closed 95 1-2; Nov., 93 3-8 to 94 7-8, closed 94 7-8; Dec., 93 to 94 5-8, closed 94 5-8.

New York, Oct. 6.—Wheat receipts, 206,275 bushels; exports, 123,349 bushels; sales, 5,295,000 bushels futures, 400,000 bushels spot. Spot strong, No. 2 red, 99 3-8 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 98 7-8 f.o.b. Oats, No. 2 hard, New York, 97 1-8 f.o.b. afloat. Options opened strong on cables, drought news and foreign buying, reacted under realizing and weaker late English, finally rallied on big export demand and disappointing increase in world's stocks, closed strong at 1 1-4 to 1 1-2 net advance. No. 2 red, May, 94 1-4 to 95 3-8, closed 95 3-8; Oct., 96 to 96 7-8, closed 96 7-8; Dec., 94 13-16 to 95 15-16, closed 95 7-8.

New York, Oct. 7.—Wheat receipts, 143,375 bushels; exports, 361,527 bushels; sales, 2,785,000 bushels futures; 200,000 bushels spot. Spot weak; No. 2 red, 97 3-8c f.o.b. afloat; No. 2 hard, 97 7-8c f.o.b. afloat. Options opened weak under reported rains West, recovered on foreign buying and steadiness of continental markets, but weakened again owing to disappointing exports and liquidation and closed 1c to 1 1-2c net lower! No. 2 red, Jan., 95 5-8c to 95 13-16c, closed 95 5-8c; May, 93 7-8c to 95 1-8c, closed 93 7-8c; Nov., closed 95 7-8c; Dec., 94 13-16c to 95 7-8c, closed 94 7-8c.

New York, Oct. 8.—Wheat — Receipts 159,000 bushels; exports 6,984 bushels; sales 1,035,000 bushels futures; 200,000 bushels spot. Spot easy; No. 2 red 97 3-4 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth 97 1-2 f.o.b. afloat to arrive; No. 2 hard 97 3-4 f.o.b. afloat. Options opened a shade higher on drought news, but weakened on weak cables, liquidation, small clearances and light export demand. The market later rallied slightly on bullish Modern Miller reports, and closed 1-4 to 5-8c lower. No. 2 red Jan. closed 95 1-2; May opened 93 1-2 to 94 5-16, closed 93 3-4; Oct. opened 95 to 95 3-8, closed 95 1-4; Dec. opened 94 1-2 to 95 1-4, closed 94 3-4.

On Saturday, October 9, wheat closed at 95 7-8c for December, and 94 7-8c for May option. A week ago December wheat closed at 91 7-8c.

**MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.**

On Saturday, October 9, No. 1 Northern wheat closed at 89 1-8c for October, 89 1-8c for December and 89 1-2c for May option. A week ago December wheat closed at 86 1-4c.

**Chicago Board of Trade Prices**

Chicago, Oct. 4.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat, No. 2, Oct., now, 87 3-8c, now Dec., 89 3-8c; May, 89 3-4c.  
Corn, No. 2, Oct., 27 3-4c; Dec., 29 1-2c to 29 5-8c; May, 33 1-8c.  
Oats, No. 2, Oct., 18 3-4, Dec., 19 5-8c; May, 22 3-8c.  
Mess pork, Oct., \$8.10, Dec., \$8.20; Jan., \$9.17 1-2.  
Lard, Oct., \$4.47 1-2; Dec., \$4.57 1-2; Jan., \$4.70.  
Short ribs, Oct., \$4.90; Dec. and Jan., \$4.75.

Chicago Oct. 5.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat, No. 2 Oct., now, 84 3-8; Dec., now, 91 3-8; May, 91 5-8.  
Corn, No. 2 Oct., 28 1-8; Dec., 29 7-8; May 33 5-8.  
Oats, No. 2 Oct., 29; Dec., 19 7-8; May, 22 5-8.  
Mess Pork Oct \$8.02 1-2; Dec. \$4.12 1-2; Jan., \$9.10.  
Lard, Oct., \$4.42 1-2; Dec., \$4.50; Jan., \$4.65.  
Short Ribs, Oct., \$4.90; Dec., \$1.70; Jan., \$4.72 1-2.

Chicago, Oct. 6.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—No. 2 Oct. 90 5-8; Dec. 92 5-8; May 92 5-8 to 92 8-4.  
Corn—No. 2 Oct. 28 3-8; Dec. 30 1-8; May 33 3-4.  
Oats—No. 2 Oct. 19 1-4; Dec. 20; May 22 3-4.  
Mess pork—Oct. \$7.95; Dec. \$8.50; Jan. \$8.95.  
Lard—Oct. \$4.80; Dec. \$4.87 1-2; Jan. \$4.52 1-2.  
Short ribs—Oct. \$4.80; Dec. \$4.62 1-2; Jan. \$4.65.  
Receipts—Hogs, 30,000

Chicago, Oct. 7.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat, No. 2, Oct., now, 89 5-8c; Dec., 91 5-8c; May, 91 1-8c.  
Corn, No. 2, Oct., 27 1-2c; Dec., 29 1-4c; May, 32 7-8c.  
Oats, No. 2, Oct., 19c, 8 Dec., 19 3-4c; May, 22 3-8c.  
Mess pork, Oct., \$7.75; Dec., \$7.85; Jan., \$8.77 1-2.  
Lard, Oct., \$4.20; Dec., \$4.27 1-2; Jan., \$4.42 1-2.  
Short ribs, Oct., \$4.70; Dec., \$4.52 1-2; Jan., \$4.52 1-2.

There was no meeting of the exchange on Saturday on account of the day being a local holiday.

A week ago December wheat closed at 89 1-4c. A year ago December wheat closed at 69c, two years ago at 60 1-2c, and three years ago at 58c.

**Northwest Ontario.**

J. E. Mathe, tailor, Fort William, is out of business.

Wm. Rapsey, butcher, Port Arthur, is dead.

C. J. Letch, tailor, has started business at Wabigoon.

Robt. Merrick, plasterer, Fort William, is out of business.

Jas. Courtney, liquors, Rat Portage, has resumed business.

F. Deacon, baker and confectioner, has opened business at Wabigoon.

Wimpress & Wright, upholsterers, have opened business at Port Arthur.

R. A. Warren, confectionery, etc., Rat Portage, has assigned to J. Gardner & Co.

Almack & McLennan, have opened business as butchers and lumber dealers at Wabigoon.

H. E. Hallett, clothing and men's furnishings, Rat Portage, has assigned to Wm. Bishop.

During last month letters patent were issued incorporating the following mining companies: The Yel-

low Jacket Gold Mining Co., of Seine River Limited, capital \$90,000 in \$1 shares. The A. D. Gold Mfg Co. of Ontario, Limited, capital \$500,000 in \$1 shares. The Gold Creek Mines and Exploration Co. of Ontario, Limited, capital \$500,000 in \$1 shares. The Mine Centre Development Co., Limited, capital \$50,000 in \$1 shares. The Railroaders Gold Mining Co., of Ontario, Limited, capital \$50,000 in \$1 shares.

**British Columbia Business Notes**

McAuley & McCuaig, hotel, have dissolved. McAuley & Keightley continue.

R. Logan, tailor, has opened business at Nelson.

Stamford & Co., plumbers, have started business at Nelson.

Stevenson & Co., of Nanaimo, dry goods have opened business at Revelstoke.

E. J. Carson, grocer, is opening business at Rossland.

C. P. Young, liquors, Rossland, reported out of business.

McKellar & McGaughey, hotel, Rossland, have assigned.

Miss N. Bosworth has opened a bakery at Silverton.

J. C. McLean is opening in hardware at Slovan City.

N. Lapsley, drugs, Steveston, moving to Skagway Bay.

Follert & Levine, groceries, fruit, Trail; Follert seriously injured by gunshot accident.

Short & Squair, canners, Vancouver, have dissolved.

F. Cope, of Cope & Young, Vancouver, is drowned.

Cates & McDermott, stevedores, Vancouver and Victoria, have dissolved.

The Crow's Nest Land & Investment Co., Ltd., has been incorporated.

A. Peckill, butcher and rancher, Vernon, is dead.

The Milwaukee Brewing Co., Victoria; mortgage in possession.

**Western Business Items**

The stock of A. Adam & Co., general store Dauphin, Man., amounting to \$8,000, is advertised for sale by tender.

Harris Bros., clothing, are starting business at Morden, Man.

Alex. Acheson general storekeeper Rosefeld, is dead.

A. A. Espen, general store, Sedgeley, is out of business.

Wm. Bryant, butcher, Winnipeg, has admitted E. J. Bricker into partnership.

A. White, livery and horse dealer, Winnipeg, closed out under chattel mortgage.

A census of Brandon was taken on Wednesday, with the result that the figures show an actual population of 5,020.

A. A. Hunt has opened a dry goods store in the Miller block, Brandon.

**Assiniboia.**

John Hutchison, M. D., has sold his drug and stationery business at Grenfell to A. W. Argue, M. D.

J. E. Howson has succeeded R. A. Copeland, hotelkeeper, Grenfell.

**Alberta.**

Birchner & Mayerhofer, drye works, Edmonton, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by F. Mayerhofer.

The failure of the Labrador fishery is complete. The catch is below even that of last year.



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## British Columbia Markets.

[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.]

BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.

Vancouver, October 9, 1897.

Butter—Manitoba dairy 18@20c; Manitoba creamery 23½@25c.

Eggs—Eastern eggs, 18c.

Cheese—Manitoba 11c.

Cured Meats—Hams 13½c; breakfast bacon 14c; backs 13c; long clear 10½c; short rolls, 10½c; smoked sides 11½c; Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 9½c per lb, in pails and tubs 9c lb.

Fish—Founders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; black cod 5c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 5c; herring 4c; spring salmon 10c each; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked halibut 10c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c; smoked salmon 10c; finnan haddie 10c; kippered herring 12c; Columbia river oolochans 7c lb.; fresh halibut, 6c; sockeye, 4½c.

Vegetables—Potatoes \$12@\$14 per ton; California onions 2c lb; onions 1½c lb; cabbage 1½c lb; carrots turnips and beets \$10.00 a ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons \$4.00 @ 4.52; bananas \$2.00 per bunch; cucumbers, 6 doz. box \$1.25; plums, 20 lb boxes, 30 @ 40c; peaches, 80 @ 90c; Grapes, \$1.55 box; Melons, \$3.00 per dozen; California plums, 90c@\$1.00.

Meal—National mills rolled oats. 90 lb sacks, \$2.75; 2-45 pound sacks \$2.80; 4-22½ pound sacks \$2.90; 10-7 sacks, \$2.00; Oatmeal, 10-10's, \$3.25; 2-50's \$3.00. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.50.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$6.50; strong bakers, \$6.25; Oregon jobbers price \$6.00.

Grain—Oats, new, 18@20 per ton; wheat, 25@\$30 per ton.

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$23.00@\$24.00 per ton; ground barley \$22 ton; shorts \$21.00 ton; bran \$19.00; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff. Higher prices for bran and shorts next week.

Hay—\$14.00 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef \$5.75 @ \$6.25; mutton 7½@8c; Australian mutton, 6c; pork 7@8c; veal 6@8c lb.

Live Stock—Steers, grass fed \$3.65 per 100 lbs; sheep, \$3.75 per 100 lbs; hogs \$5.00 per 100 lbs; cows \$2.75 @ \$3.00.

Poultry—Chickens \$4.00@4.50 a doz. spring chickens, \$3.00; ducks, \$3.50.

Evaporated Fruits—Apricots 11c per lb; peaches 9c; plums 9@10c; prunes, French 5@7½c; loose Muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6@8½c lb.

Nuts—Almonds, 13c; filberts, 12½c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12½c; walnuts, 13c lb.

Sugars—Powdered and icing, 6½c; Paris lump, 5½c; granulated, 4½c; extra C. 4½c; fancy yellows 4c; yellow 3½c lb.

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 1½c pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2½c; 5 gallon kegs, \$1.50 each; 1 gallon tins, \$4 case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$4.75 case of 20.

Teas—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good, 18c; choice 26c. Ceylons: Fair, 25c; good 30c; choice, 35c lb.

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**Hudson's Bay Expedition.**

St. John's, Newfoundland, 25th Sept., 1897.

To the Editor of the Free Press.  
 Sir,—The steamship Diana arrived this morning at the port of St. John's and following the communication sent from Nachvak early in August I will give a general idea of the movements of the Hudson's Bay expedition since that time. Leaving Nachvak on 13th August we proceeded to Cumberland Sound, which was entered on the morning of the 15th. That evening we anchored at the whaling station on Kikerton Island on the east side of the sound. At this place, and at Blacklead Island on the west side, which we visited a few days later, an American company with headquarters in Connecticut had erected and occupied buildings and had for many years been carrying on whaling from these posts. According to the information we received, they were the first to occupy these grounds in the way of erecting buildings and establishments of a permanent character. A Scotch house, at the head of which is Mr. C. Noble of Aberdeen, has also been engaged for many years in the same industry in these waters, and this house has recently acquired the interests and property, at these two stations, of the American company, which, as we are given to understand, has retired from whaling in the sound.

For carrying on the industry here no ships or crews are sent out by the proprietors. They are represented by resident agents, but practically the work is done exclusively by Eskimo in whaling boats supplied by the proprietors for that purpose. At Kikerton there was at the time of our visit an agent and one assistant, the only white people at the place, and at Blacklead an agent with none but native assistance. The last mentioned agent had for about twenty-five years represented the American company from whom part of the buildings and much of the plant, particularly at Blacklead, has been acquired by the Scotch company.

At the time of our visit the work for the spring season had been finished, and they were awaiting the arrival of the ship from Peterhead that comes every year to bring supplies and to carry home the proceeds of the hunt for the past season. In the meantime nearly all the Eskimo connected with the two posts were away in the interior hunting deer for their winter supply of food and clothing. On these yearly hunting expeditions, which occupy six or seven weeks in July and August, the native hunters are accompanied by their entire households and household effects. On their return whaling is resumed and kept up until the waters are closed up with ice. For residences for the agents, and for offices, storehouses, etc., commodious and substantial buildings have been erected, which are heated with coal brought across the Atlantic. The Eskimo occupy skin tents in the immediate vicinity of the buildings. The number of Eskimo of all ages at Blacklead, as enumerated in a census taken last Christmas, was 145. The number at Kikerton, according to our information, would not be far from the same figure. At Blacklead we found a band of natives numbering about 150 that had lately come from another whaling station formerly conducted by the same American company between Cumberland Sound and Froisher Straits, and now practically abandoned as we were given to understand.

At the Blacklead there is a mission station conducted by the Church Missionary Society of London that has been laboring for years among the Eskimo of Hudson Bay and neighborhood. At present it is under the charge of Mr. Sampson, a young Englishman, who has been here for only a year and who is mainly engaged in the meantime in acquiring a knowledge of the language. Altogether the appearances at both the stations indicate thrift and a degree of success that encourages the enterprising proprietors to continue the industry. The closing of the establishments would be serious to the Eskimo, who have apparently become wholly dependent upon them for their living.

Our trip from Kikerton to Blacklead was made on the 18th, and next day we left the last mentioned harbor to make our fifth passage through Hudson's Straits, continuing it to Fort Churchill. On the 21st we entered the straits and anchored for a few hours at Port Burwell, on the inner side of the Labrador coast. Here we found the steamship Nimrod, of St. John's, with a crew of over 50 men engaged in cod fishing. This is the most northerly point on the American side of the Atlantic, and the only point within the entrance to Hudson's Straits, in which the cod has hitherto been found. The fish usually arrive here about the 15th of August, but this season they did not come until the 20th, so that the season's work was just commencing. A fairly good catch had rewarded the labors of the crew for the first day. On the same evening, after replenishing our stock of fresh water, the Diana proceeded on her way to Churchill, which was not reached till the evening of the 29th, her progress being somewhat hindered by head winds and fog. The post of the Hudson's Bay company here is under the charge of Captain Hawes, who for over twenty years was master of the company's ship coming here yearly from London. He and his family with four half-breed families form the entire population of the place, not including the Rev. Mr. Lefebvre and his family, who left this season, or Mr. Aston a former resident of Millwood Manitoba, who spends part of the year at York and part at Churchill as assistant to the agent, and is now absent on a visit to England. A number of Indians come from the interior periodically to trade and a band of Eskimo came every spring with furs from the west coast of the bay, in the direction of Marble Island. In this place of great historic interest and high future hopes we remained till the 2nd of September. After spending some days cruising in the bay and straits, and after some further delay from head winds and fogs, we anchored on the 12th at Big Island, on the north side of the straits, where Dr. Bell and his party were taken on board having completed their season's work in connection with the geological survey. In a few hours we left for the Hudson's Bay post at Ungava, the place appointed to meet Mr. Lowe and his party. Arriving at the head of Ungava Bay on the 16th we were met by a very intelligent Eskimo sent to pilot the ship to the port, which is thirty miles up the river. This post is under the charge of a former Manitoban, Mr. D. Matheson, at one time in charge of Fort Ellice and in more recent years of the post at West Lyone. To the agents at all the posts we visited, both of the Hudson's Bay company

and the whaling company, we are indebted for many acts of kindness.

On the 19th we left Ungava and passed clear of Cape Childley into the Atlantic at 2 o'clock p.m., of the 20th, and making straight for St. John's entered this harbor at 2 a.m. of the 25th, having enjoyed beautiful bright weather along the whole coast. After landing our friends of the geological survey, taking in a fresh supply of coal and having some needed repairs made to the machinery, we expect to leave again for the north towards the end of this week. If all goes well we should get back to Halifax about or soon after the 1st of November. As in my former communication I refrain for the present from making any remarks bearing on the special objects of the expedition.

JAMES FISHER.

**U. S. STATEMENT.**

Washington, Oct. 7.—The bureau of statistics has issued a table showing the exports and imports for August, the first full month under the new tariff. The figures show the largest exports of domestic merchandise of any August in the history of the government. The exports were \$79,490,264. For the first eight months of the year the exports were \$61,810,000 in excess of the first eight months of 1896, so that the bureau officials believe that the exports this year will far exceed those of last year, which was itself a record breaking year, in the matter of exports. The value of all imports dutiable and free for August was \$39,848,312. These figures show a decrease of about \$50,000,000 below that of 1896. The decrease was due to a heavy reduction in importation of raw wool.

**BRITISH EXPORTS.**

London, Oct. 8.—The morning papers comment upon the continued decline in British exports. The board of trade returns for September show a 7 1/2 per cent decline as compared with the corresponding month of last year. It is admitted that this is mainly due to the Dingley tariff. The Times says: "Whatever its ultimate effect, it is clear that the immediate result of protection in America is to close the American markets very largely to British exports. We may as well make up our minds to this fact and look an opening for our goods elsewhere."

**WHEAT STOCKS IN CANADA.**

Montreal	241,000
Toronto	30,000
Kingston	8,000
Winnipeg	191,000
Manitoba elevators	2,400,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	1,721,000

Total, Sept. 25 ... 4,594,000  
 Total stocks in U. S. and Canada, 29,194,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 61,954,000 bushels, Bradstreet's report.

**MANITOBA WHEAT MOVEMENT.**

Receipts of wheat at Port William for the week ending October 2, aggregated 793,994 bushels, the shipments by water from that port were 499,476 bushels, and the quantity in store was 1,110,533 bushels.

The broom and binder twine factories in connection with the Central prison at Toronto, were damaged \$90,000 by fire recently.

## MONTREAL MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial.  
 Montreal, Oct. 9.  
 Oats are dull and have continued downward for the past two weeks, declining 11-2c to 2c this week, and about 11-2c last week. Manitoba flour is quoted 10c lower on the outside range than a week ago. Millfeed is firm.  
 Oats—No. 2 white in store, 26c.  
 Flour—Manitoba strong bakers, \$5 to \$5.15; Manitoba patents, \$5.20 to \$5.55.  
 Millfeed—Manitoba bran, including sacks, \$11.50 per ton. Shorts, \$12.50.  
 Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.60 to \$1.65 per bag.  
 Hides—Unchanged at 8c for No. 1 and 7c for No. 2.  
 Eggs—Candied, 13c; new laid, 15c.

## MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.  
 Montreal, Oct. 9.  
 — Export shipments of cattle and sheep this week were heavy. Prices for cattle were unchanged. Sheep were 1-4c per lb. lower. Hogs, 5c to 10c lower than a week ago. Prices realized were as follows:  
 Cattle—Export, 4 to 4-1-4c; choice shippers, 4 1-2c; cattle butchers, 3 to 4c.  
 Sheep—2 1-2c to 3c per lb.  
 Hogs—\$5.40 to \$5.75 per 100 lbs.  
 Exports this week were as follows: Cattle, 6,390; sheep, 3,718. Total exports for September: Cattle, 16,326; sheep, 13,405; horses, 1,629.

## MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.  
 Montreal, Oct. 9.  
 Teas quiet and steady. Sugars, granulated, unchanged, yellows 1-16c easier on the outside range. Granulated sugar, 4c in lots of over 250 barrels, and 4-1-6c for 100 barrel lots, at the refineries; yellows 3 1-4 to 3 1-2c. Barbadoes molasses, round lots, 25c; jobbing lots, 26c. Syrups 1 3-4 to 2 1-2c as to quality. Valencia raisins from 5c to 6c. Coffee, Rio, 9 to 12c; Mocha and Java 20c to 24c.

## MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.  
 Montreal, Oct. 9.  
 Iron is very firm and an early advance is predicted on bar iron. White lead government standard, \$5.37 1-2, No. 1 \$5. Linseed oil, raw, 13, boiled 46c. Turpentine, barrel lots, 46c.

## MONTREAL DAIRY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.  
 Hodson Bros. & Co., wire The Commercial this (Saturday) morning as follows:

Montreal, Oct. 9.  
 Butter—Creamery very dull. Export demand nil, and in the absence of business prices are somewhat nominal. Finest September 19 1-2c; August goods 18 1-2. Dairy butter firm and stocks light.  
 Cheese—Market firm. Improved inquiry. Finest western September colored, 9 5-8 to 9 3-4c; finest white, 9 1-2c. Western Augusts 9 1-2c; Quebec September 9 1-4c.

## MINNEAPOLIS MARKETS.

Flour is about the same as a week ago. Millfeed a shade higher. Oats and corn slightly higher. Eggs 1-2c lower. Butter 1c lower. Quotations are.  
 Flour—Prices in barrels. First patents \$5.10 to \$5.20, second patents, \$4.95 to \$5.10.  
 Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$6.75 to \$7; bran in bulk, \$6.50 to \$6.75.

Corn—Quoted at 25 1-2c to 26 1-4c for No. 3 and No. 4.  
 Oats—20 1-2c to 21c for No. 3 and No. 3 white.  
 Barley feed quoted at 24 to 24 1-2c as to quality, per bushel of 50 pounds, malting samples, 26 to 30c.  
 Flax seed—97c per bushel.  
 Eggs—11 1-2c. to 12c for strictly fresh candied, the latter prices including cases.  
 Butter—Creamery, 15 to 20 1-2c; dairy 11c to 19c.  
 Cheese—Choice to fancy, 8 1-2c to 10c; fair to good, 7 to 8c.  
 Dressed Meats—Mutton, 6c to 6 1-2; lamb, 6c to 9c.  
 Dressed hogs—3 3-4c for heavy; medium to choice, 4 3-4 to 5c.

## TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.  
 Mullins & Wilson wire The Commercial the following reports of prices realized at the semi-weekly live stock market at Toronto, on Friday, October 1.

Toronto, Oct. 9.  
 Seventy-two car loads were offered, including 3,371 hogs and 1,510 sheep and lambs.  
 Export cattle were very slow, the demand being limited and prices rather easier. Stockers were also quieter and easier. Owing to the large offerings of hogs prices were 1-3 to 1-4c lower. Prices were as follows:  
 Cattle—Exports paid 3 3-4 to 4 1-4c. Butchers' cattle sold at 2 1-2 to 3 1-2c. Bulls, shipping, 3 to 3 1-2c. Stockers, 2 1-4 to 2 3-4. Feeders 3 to 3 1-2c. Stock bulls 2c to 2 1-2c.  
 Sheep—Export sheep brought 3 to 3 1-4c; bucks 2 1-2c per lb.; lambs, 3 3-4c.  
 Hogs—Hogs, best bacon, 5 5-8c per lb.; thick fat, 5c, and light fat, 5 to 5 1-4c per lb. weighed off cars.

## DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

No. 1 Northern wheat at Duluth closed as follows on each day of the week:  
 Monday—October 86 1-2, December 86 1-8c.  
 Tuesday—October 83 3-4c, December 83 1-4c.  
 Wednesday—October 99 7-8c, December 89 1-2c.  
 Thursday—October 89 1-4c, December 89 5-8c.  
 Friday—October 83 3-4c, December 83 1-4c, May 89 3-4c.  
 Last week December option closed at 86 1-4c.  
 Saturday—October 89 3-8c, December 88 7-8c, May, 90 1-4c.  
 Cash No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 91 3-8c. and cash No. 1 Northern at 89 3-8c.  
 A year ago December option closed at 67 7-8c, and two years ago at 57 1-4c; three years ago December option closed at 56c.

## WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

Firmer and 1-2 to 1c higher to-day (Saturday) at 91 1-2c to 92c for No. 1 hard, afloat Fort William.

## BUSINESS FOR SALE.

On main line doing \$30,000 a year, carrying \$10,000 stock and doing a strictly cash trade. For further information apply to S. A. D. Bertrand, Winnipeg.

At the live stock market at Toronto on Tuesday the only change was in hogs, which were lower, at 5 5-8c for best bacon. Export cattle were slow and easy, and the quality rather poor. Several lots of butchers' cattle were not sold.

## TORONTO MARKETS.

Wheat—Sales of 20 cars of No. 2 red north and west at 70c and 77c middle freights, Manitoba wheat 95c at Goderich, and No. 2 hard 93c.  
 Flour—Cars of straight roller are quoted west at \$3.90 to \$4 in wood.  
 Millfeed—Is quiet at \$11 to \$12 for shorts; bran \$7 to \$7.50 west.  
 Barley—No. 2 is quoted at 81c to 32c, and feed at 21c outside.  
 Oats—Cars of white sold at 21 1-2c north and west.  
 Butter—The receipts of dairy are small, there is a good demand for everything offering and the market is firm at 14c to 15c for choice and 10 to 12c for common and medium. Creamery is in good demand and sells as quickly as it comes in owing to the scarcity of choice dairy lines and prices are firm at 20c for prints and 18c for tubs.  
 Eggs—Firm at 14 1-2c to 15c for fresh gathered.  
 Potatoes—Cars on the track here are quoted at 45c per bag.

## CHEESE MARKETS.

Ingersoll, Oct. 5. — Offerings, 1,720 boxes colored and 610 boxes white; August make, 9 1-4c bid for white and 9 1-8c for colored; no sales, salesmen holding for 9 3-8c.  
 Belleville, Oct. 5. — Twenty-three cheese factories offered 2,410 white and 265 boxes of colored; 9 1-3 to 9 3-8c bid for September.

## TENDERS FOR WOOD AND COAL.

Winnipeg city council has received tenders for wood and coal as follows: D Woods, tamarac, \$4.79; J. G. Hargrave, \$4.98; Kelly Bros., \$4.92; Wm. Scott, \$5.10. West-coal Co., Pennsylvania hard coal, \$10; Pocatong smokeless coal, \$7; D. Adams, Souris coal, \$4.50, Canadian anthracite, furnace or stove, \$9.50, nut size, \$7.25. These figures were in all cases delivered: the price was 50 cents less in the yard. The tender of Mr. Woods for tamarac cordwood was accepted, but no action was taken on the coal tenders.

## SASKATCHEWAN.

E. H. Holden is opening business in jewelry at Prince Albert.

Churchill and Schultz are opening out a confectionery and fruit business at Virden, Man.

A. E. Beatty & Co., butchers, White-wood, Assa., have sold out to Mrs. J. E. Henry.

Walter Crane, the well known representative of H. A. Nelson & Sons, Montreal and Toronto, was seen on Winnipeg streets this week.

The Western Retail Lumber association held a meeting in Winnipeg Friday evening and discussed collections and other matters.

Brigham & James, Moosomin, Assa., offer their elevator and other property at Moosomin for sale.

Chicago Flax Market—Cash flax closed at 99c. and December at \$1.00.

Exports of wheat, flour included as wheat, from both coasts of the United States and from Canada this week aggregate only 835,641 bushels, as against 5,834,000 last week, but compared with 4,050,000 in the week a year ago, 2,244,000 in 1895, 3,317,000 in 1894 and 2,862,000 in 1893. Corn exports aggregate only 2,125,000 as against 3,108,000 last week, 2,772,000 in the week a year ago, 1,367,000 in 1895, 184,000 in 1894 and 1,089,000 in 1894.

## THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

Winnipeg, Saturday, Oct. 9.

The grain movement has kept up large, though deliveries at country markets were not as heavy as last week. The proportion of the crop already marketed is much larger than in previous years at this date, the bright, dry weather which has prevailed over since harvest started having enabled farmers to get ahead with their work very fast. In some districts threshing is almost complete. The weather has been very enjoyable, but has been marred by the knowledge that the continued bright, dry, warm weather has been productive of a considerable loss on account of prairie and bush fires, which have been the most destructive in the history of Manitoba. Business in the jobbing trade is good, and shipments of hardware and building supplies and general merchandise, to country points are heavy, the difficulty being to keep up stocks in some lines. Lumber stocks are the lowest in many years. Purchasing supplies for the lumber camp, which will operate in the woods during the coming winter, was a feature of the trade this week. There will be more work done in the woods during the coming winter than for years, both in getting out saw logs and cordwood, owing to the reduced stocks of lumber and the destruction of cordwood by bush fires recently. Live stock shipments continue heavy. Bank clearings at Winnipeg this week make a new record, being considerably more than double clearings for corresponding week last year.

## WINNIPEG MARKETS.

Winnipeg, Saturday Afternoon, Oct. 9  
COAL.

Up to the end of this week the weather had not been cold enough to materially increase the demand for coal and dealers are becoming impatient for colder weather. Supplies from the native western coal mines are now coming in. The Souris mines are now busy putting out coal. A supply of the native anthracite coal is in this market, but the company has been greatly hampered by the flooding of their mine by the freshet last summer on the Bow river. The Winnipeg supply was got out before the flooding of the mine, and work has not since been fully resumed, as it has taken a long time to get the mine pumped out, consequently there may be difficulty in filling all orders for this coal for country points. The large quantity of cordwood consumed by bush fires recently, may enhance the price of wood and thus lead to a larger consumption of coal. Stocks of coal are said to be very light at Duluth, whence our supply is principally drawn. The wholesale quotation at Duluth is \$5.60 for nut, stove and egg anthracite. Freight, Buffalo to Duluth, are quoted at 20c per long ton.

## DRUGS.

Glycerine has been advanced 1c per pound by manufacturers. Castor oil is advancing. See prices on another page.

## GROCERIES.

The principal feature this week is the arrival of new California prunes. A couple of cars have come to hand and more will quickly follow. They are in good demand, as this market has been practically bare of prunes for the past month and plenty of orders are in waiting for stock. Receipts so far have been mostly small sizes. They are quoted at 5 1-2 to 6c for small sizes and 6 to 8c for large sizes. Some very fine samples of California prunes have been shown here, claimed to be equal to the finest French prunes, but they are rather too expensive for this market. In the past the demand has been largely for the cheaper grades of prunes, and it has been difficult to handle the expensive grades here, either in French or California goods. The California prunes now pretty well control this market. They are liked better than the eastern prunes and are claimed to be of better keeping quality. California raisins are expected shortly. California loose muscades are the principal raisins in demand here, and they are taking the lead over Valentias. Sultanais raisins and currants are very fine and prices asked are much higher than a year ago, for new goods, which will come to hand later. Currants will soon be in. Teas are firm. Package teas are in good demand. See quotations on another page.

## FISH.

Local jobbing prices are as follows for fresh fish: White 5 1-2c, pickerel 4c, trout 9c, salmon 12c, halibut 10c per lb; kippered gold-eyes, 30c per dozen; Minnan haddies, 12 1-2c per lb. Oysters are quoted at \$2.50 per gallon in bulk.

## GREEN FRUITS.

The strong outlook for apples is the feature of the market. Holders south are now asking \$2.50 per barrel, and even up to \$3 per barrel for choice winter stock, i.e. car lots, to which would have to be added freight, duty and other costs of handling, which would make the price about \$5 to sell here. Apples in the East are now held high. At a recent auction in Montreal fall apples sold at \$2.20 to \$3.25 per barrel. A car of B. C. apples of very good quality was in the market and sold well, and a few crates in the car, arrived in good condition. Plums are now out of season. None were received this week. Peaches are getting short in supply, and a good many offered are edging stones. It is doubtful if any further large lots of peaches will arrive, though there will be some small lots in mixed cars. Crabs are practically done. A few baskets were received in mixed cars. California grapes firmer and are arriving in good condition and of good quality. Tomatoes are scarcer and higher. Pears have advanced 50c for Pacific coast varieties. Bananas are 50c higher. Virginia sweet potatoes are the only new thing in. Prices are as follows: Bananas per bunch, \$2.50 to \$3. California lemons, \$5 to \$5.50 a box; tomatoes, 20-lb. baskets, 60c; California peaches, \$1.25 per box; Washington and Oregon pears, \$2.25 to \$2.50 per box; apples, \$1 to \$1.50 per barrel for fall and winter varieties; Concord grapes, 30c 10-lb. baskets; California grapes, \$2.50 to \$3 per crate for Tokays; Ontario pears, 65 to 85c per 20-

lb. basket; Cape Cod cranberries, \$9.50 per barrel; sweet potatoes, \$5 to \$5.25 per barrel.

## PAINTS, OILS, ETC.

Business is active in glass, large stocks of which are now in the warehouses here. Prices are very firm, and abroad prices have advanced. White lead and linseed oil are very firm at the recent advance. Turpentine is firm and higher east. There are no changes in quotations here this week. See prices on another page.

## GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—Wheat has been irregular this week in leading market. On Monday prices were a trifle lower, but there was a considerable advance on Tuesday and Wednesday, when a moderate falling off in values again on Thursday and Friday. The average of prices for the week has not varied much from last week, and prices yesterday closed about 2c higher than a week ago. One of the principal features of strength has been the drought in the winter wheat states. There were also reports of crop shortage from Argentine from orouth and locusts. The news, as a whole, has been favorable to the bulls, and we regard the outlook as favorable for a firm market.

In Manitoba country markets, prices paid to farmers were stronger, there being advances at a number of places on Wednesday and Thursday. Prices ranged from 69c to 73c for No. 1 hard on Monday, according to freight rates and local conditions, and on Thursday the general range had advanced to 72c as the lowest price at most points, though prices vary greatly in different markets. Wheat deliveries have been rather under the average of last week, but the movement has kept up fairly liberal, ranging from 200,000 to 250,000 bushels per day. It is estimated that about 4,000,000 bushels are now in store at Manitoba country points. The proportion of the crop handled to date has been much larger than in previous years, making an unexpectedly heavy strain on the railways to handle the traffic and keep the elevators open. Inspection returns show that the yield is nearly all No. 1 and No. 2 hard. Prices in the Winnipeg market advanced to 92c on Wednesday, for No. 1 hard, afloat Fort William, which was the highest figure of the week, and 92c was said to have been realized early on Thursday, but at the close on Thursday 91c was outside value. Yesterday sales were made again at 91c afloat Fort William, for No. 1 hard per bushel of 60 lbs.

FLOUR—There has been no change. Millers report a good demand for shipment. Prices are the same as last week. We quote prices as follows: Patent \$2.40 to \$2.45; strong bakers' \$2.20 to \$2.25; second bakers' \$1.75 to \$1.80; XXXX \$1.40 to \$1.50 per sack of 98 lbs. These are local quotations in broken lots.

MILLFEED—Bran is quoted at \$8 per ton and shorts at \$10 per ton delivered in the city to retail dealers.

GROUND FEED—Ground feed is held at \$16 to \$18 per ton, as to quality for good straight grain feed.

OATMEAL—The market is firm and \$1.70 is asked in lots to retail dealers for rolled oats per sack of 80 pounds.

BARLEY—Nominal at about 25c per bushel of 48 lbs. None offering.

OATS—Stocks of oats in the city are very light and the condition is verging on scarcity. In fact, it is said



there is hardly a week's supply ahead. Stocks of old oats have been about exhausted, and farmers are not marketing new oats. With wheat bringing high prices and a lot of fall work to do on the farms before winter sets in, farmers will not market their oats at present prices. Scarcely any new oats have been offered yet this season. A few loads have been taken at 25c to 27c here to farmers, and we quote car lots at 27c to 28c as to quality, nominal, which prices are above a shipping basis.

**BUTTER**—Creamery. Prices are about the same as quoted last week, and the market is firm. Factories are pretty well cleaned up and a good many have closed for the season. A round lot of 42,000 pounds of creamery, belonging to the estate of the late Mr. Hettie, was offered. We quote 19-1-2c to 20c for creamery, as to quality.

**BUTTER**—Dairy. The market is firm. Country dealers are said to be holding a number of lots of dairy, and several lots are held in cold storage here on account of country dealers. Prices are firm and steady, and we quote 14c for choice lots of dairy and 12c to 14c as to quality for good to choice round lots.

**CHEESE**—The local market holds very strong for cheese, and high prices have been paid, compared with values in the east. We have heard of 9-3-4c being paid this week to factories, and 10c for small sizes, which are certainly big prices. Jobbers are offering at 10-1-2c to 11c.

**EGGS**—There has been a further advance of 1c on eggs, to 15c, and dealers are selling at 16c. Receipts are limited to about local requirements, and the western trade is being supplied from eastern Canada markets.

**POULTRY**—Prices are the same. Old fowl bring 45c per pair, and spring chicken 30 to 40c. Ducks are offering freely at 50 to 60c per pair. Turkeys nominal at 9 to 10c per lb. live weight.

**GAME**—Dealers have paid 15 to 30c per pair wild ducks, as to quality. Wild geese, 30 to 50c each. Wavies 25c each.

**LARD**—The market for lard is very firm. Prices are: Pure, \$1.70 for 20 lb. pails, and \$4.15 for 50 lb. pails; pure leaf lard, in 3, 5 and 10 lb. tins, quoted at \$5.75 per case of 60 pounds; tereces 7-3-4c per lb.

**CURED MEATS**—Prices are as follows: Smoked meats, hams, assorted sizes, 12-1-2 to 13c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 12 to 12-1-2c; do., backs, 10-1-2 to 11c; short spiced rolls, 9 to 9-1-2c; shoulders, 8-1-2 to 9c; smoked long clear, 9-1-2 to 10c; dry salt meats are quoted; long clear bacon, 8-1-2c; boneless shoulders, 8 to 8-1-2c; backs 9 to 9-1-4c, barrelled pork clear meat, \$13 to \$13.50, short cut, \$15.50 to \$16; rolls \$14.50 to \$15 per barrel. Pork sundries, Bologna sausage, 6-1-2c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 8c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 20 to 25c; per lb. Pickled pigs feet, \$1.50 per pail.

**DRESSED MEATS**—There is no material change in prices. Dressed hogs are firm and the tendency is higher. Beef is selling at 4c to 5c as to quality. Mutton ranges from 5 to 6c as to quality. Dressed hogs are firm at 6-1-2 to 7c; veal, 5 to 7c; lambs, 7 to 8c, as to quality.

**HIDES**—Prices here are about the same as last week for hides. Sheep and lambskins have been advanced 5c to 85c for good lots of fresh

skins. Green city hides are quoted at 61-2 to 7c for No. 1; country hides 5-1-2c to 6c in the country, flat rates for all grades; calfskins, 8 to 15 pound skins, 7c to 8c per pound; deskins 10c to 20c each; kips 5c to 7c; sheepskins, fresh take off, 30 to 35c; lambskins, 30 to 35c. Horsehides 75c to \$1.25.

**SENECA ROOT**—Quoted at about 10c per lb. here. Nothing now coming in.

**WOOL**—We quote 8 to 9-1-2c here for unwashed fleece. Next to nothing offering.

**TALLOW**—Quoted steady at 3-1-2c for No. 1 and 2 to 2-1-2c for other grades, as to quality.

**VEGETABLES**—Potatoes are selling at 20 to 25c per bushel for loads on the street. Callflower 30 to 75c per dozen; cabbage 15c to 40c per dozen; celery 15c to 20c per dozen bunches; onions 50c to 60c per bushel; tomatoes 50c per bushel; citrons 1-1-2c to 2c per lb.; squash 1-1-2c per lb.; pumpkins 1c per lb.; carrots 40c to 50 cents per bushel; beets 25c per bushel; turnips 15c per bushel.

**HAY**—The market is firm and offerings of baled are light. There is considerable demand for baled to ship with live stock going east for feed en route. The large quantities of hay destroyed by prairie fires during the past two weeks, added to the fact that the crop is light, indicates a firm market and higher prices are expected before the winter is over.

**WOOD**—Prices are firm. A large quantity of wood cut last winter has been destroyed by bush fires, and on this account prices are very firm. The present outlook indicates a short supply of seasoned wood for the city during the coming winter. Tamarac, \$4.25 to \$4.50; pine, 4 to \$4.25; poplar, \$3 to \$3.25 for car lots on track here, per cord.

#### LIVE STOCK.

**CATTLE**—Export shipments of both range and domestic cattle have been kept up this week at a lively rate and a good many train loads have left the yards here during the week. Prices are the same. Butchers' cattle range from 2c for rough common, up to 2-1-2 for the ordinary run of cattle, and 2-3-4c for choice. Exporters, 3 to 3-1-4c live weight.

**SHEEP**—The situation is much the same in sheep. We quote 2-3-4c off cars here, per lb. Lambs steady at 4c per lb.

**HOGS**—Prices are steady and firm. As high as 5c has been paid for lanches of choice hogs by butchers, but of course they are not in the market for large quantities. We quote choice bacon hogs weighing 150 to 250 pounds at \$1.75 per 100 lbs.; 250 to 300 lbs., \$4.25; heavy hogs over 300 lbs., \$3.50 to \$3.75, as to quality, off cars here.

#### Friday's Wheat Prices.

Wheat deliveries have not been as heavy this week, and for a period will be much less, as farmers are busy finishing their fall work and will wait for sleighing to haul in the greater portion of their grain. Prices, however, have been firmer, with an upward tendency, and for the week the increase will aggregate three cents. While the prairie fires have done considerable damage, the quantity of grain destroyed this season was not equal to such losses in previous years. Large shipments are daily being forwarded to lake ports, and a considerable portion of the crop will have been carried out by the time navigation closes.

The following were the prevailing prices paid at C. P. R. points yesterday for No. 1 hard wheat:

Main line—Poplar Point 74c, High Bluff 75c, Portage la Prairie 73c, Burnside 71c, McGregor 74c, Austin 73c, Silvey 75c, Carberry 78c, Chater 71c, Dougan 74c, Brandon 75c, Komay 72c, Alexander 75c, Griswold 71c, Oak Lake 77c, Virden 73c, Hargrave 72c, Ekhorn 70c, Fleming 72c, Moosomin 70c, Wapella 73c, Whitewood 71c, Broadview 75c, Grenfell 70c, Wolseley 69c, Sinituluta 69c, Indian Head 68c, Qu'Appelle 69c, Balgonie 70c, Regina 69c, Fense 68c, Moose Jaw 69c, Lumsden 69c.

Souris branch—Beresford 71c, Souris 74c, Hartney 70c, Lawer 71c, Napuka 70c, Melita 70c, Pierson 71c, Gainsborough 71c, Carnduff 70c.

Glenboro branch—Alameda 70c, Carman 72c, Rathwell 71c, Treherne 71c, Holland 72c, Cypress River 72c, Glenboro 72c, Stockton 74c, Carroll 72c, Methuen 72c, Nesbitt 71c, Pipestone 71c, Reston 71c, Elva 75c, Carleton 70c.

Deloraine branch—Morris 71c, Grana 69c No. 2 hard, Plum Coulee 70c No. 2 hard, Winkler 72c No. 2 hard, Morden 70c No. 2 hard, Thornhill 70c No. 2 hard, Manitow 72c, La Riviere 72c, Pilot Mound 74c, Clearwater 69c No. 2 hard, Hoinfield 72c, Killarney 72c, Ninga 71c, Boissevain 77c, White-water 76c, Deloraine 72c, Altona 69c No. 2 hard.

Stonewall branch—Stonewall 71c. Emerson branch—Emerson 70c, No. 2 hard, Dominion City 68c No. 2 hard, Otterburne 69c No. 2 hard.

#### Bank Clearings.

New York, Oct. 8.—Bank clearings totals at 87 cities for the week ended October 7, as telegraphed to Bradstreets, show total clearances of \$1,398,840,936, an increase of 32.3 per cent as compared with the corresponding week last year. Outside of New York city the clearances were \$564,057,350, increase 25.3 per cent.

The clearances for the Dominion of Canada were: Montreal \$14,601,837, increase 31.5 per cent; Toronto \$9,052,107, increase 37.1 per cent; Winnipeg \$3,110,863, increase 130.3 per cent; Halifax \$1,442,967, increase 12.5 per cent; Hamilton \$816,060, increase 6.6 per cent; St. John \$627,216, decrease 12.7 per cent.

The Winnipeg bank clearings for the week ending Thursday, Oct. 7, gave an idea of the big increase in the trade of the west this fall, the figures showing an enormous rise over the same weeks in 1895 and 1896. For the week ending Oct. 7th, 1897, the clearings were \$3,116,663, balances \$646,982; the figures for 1896 for the same period, \$1,358,623, balances \$307,798; for 1895 same week, the clearings were \$1,728,624, balances \$393,672.

#### Boots and Shoes.

Advises from Quebec state that the shoe manufacturers of that city have issued a circular to the jobbing trade to the effect that on and after the first day of October, their terms and conditions of sale will in no case be longer time or larger discount than 30 days 6 per cent., 60 days 5 per cent. and 90 days 4 per cent. from date of shipment of goods, and that no dating ahead will be allowed. The circular also states that discounts will be forfeited on all overdue accounts beyond 90 days, and that 6 per cent per annum only will be allowed on shorter time than 30 days.