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The Chemical Trade.

Sarce & Co., of Manchester, lingland, write under date of March list, as follows: As the year progresses the signs are more marked that commerce is rather on the down frade and, unlike the corresponding period of lisst year, the buoyant feeling and hopeful tone regarding the future with which it opened become fainter. With the louder complaints of during the progresses of the control of the co

The Boston Wool Market.

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There has been a large amount of
wool sold in this market during the
past two weeks, the bulk of it being
taken by manufacturers. At the close
the market is no higher, but the tone
is more steady, with the feeling more
confident that the bottom has been
reached. Considerable bankrupt wool
has been sold both here and in Phila
delphia during the past two monts,
and with this wool out of the way the
tone is stronger. For territory wools
the secoured basis for fine medium and
fine is about 40 to 43 cents, with
staple wools at 44 to 46 cents and
shorter and defective lots at 25 to 35
cents down, as to quality. Five
quarter and three-eighths blood up
washed feeces the range is about 1
to 23 cents. About 2,000 hales of
Australian wood cleaned up on the to 23 cents. About 2,000 bales oil Australian wool cleaned up on the market at 53 cents, the clean cost being about 65 to 60 cents. The London suction sale of wool opened March 12 with wool of 60 quality and abovirum, quarter-blood crossbreds stelly and fine crossbreds about 5 per cent below the close of the previous Lordon sale.—Bradistrests.

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THE RAILWAY CONTRACTS.

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Though the railway contracts have passed the Manitoba legislature, the agitation is still being kept up against putting them into effect. Last Saturday we gave the resolutions passed at a public meeting held in Winning in the previous evening, when it was decided to make a strong effort in phose the ratification of the contracts by Dominion legislation. The leaders in this movement have been at work during the week, perfecting their organization. It is proposed to send a deputation to Ottawa, composed of representative men from the different sections of the province, with the object of securing it possible the defeat of the measures which will be taken at Ottawa to confirm the action of the Manitoba legislature in this matter. this matter.

DOG TRAINS.

In the early days dogs were largely used throughout the west during the used throughout the west during the winter season as beasts of burden. The dogs were harnessed in a string, as shown in our illustration. Mails, passengers, and even light freight were moved to some extent in this way. Twenty or twenty-five years go, before the advent of rallways, dog trains were occasionally seen in Winnipeg. Dogs are still used in the far-northern portions of Canada, where they are about the only mode of conveyance. The toboggan is the vehicle used for dog trains. It is made as light as possible, with a flat bottom, so as to glide along on top of the snow.

INSOLVENCY LEGISLATION.

The Doninion minister of justice informed a delegation which waited on him a few days ago to press for a Doninion insolvency law that though the matter was engaging the attention of the government his "preference was to leave the matter to the provincial legislatures provided they could be brought near to a common basis." This answer was not satisfactory to the delegates and will not be satisfactory to the business organizations of all kinds throughout the country which have been pressing for this legislation as it is regarded as a polite way of shelving the question for another indefinite period.

The bill to encourage the manufac-ture of beet sugar in Ontario nassed the second reading. This provides for the raying of bounties to the amount of \$75,000 per year for three years.

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The law amendments committee of the Manitoba legislature was waited on by a delegation from Brandon askastiant the provisions of the corporations taxation act be nullified in so far as they apply to Brandon as in the present financial condition of that city it recuired every dollar that could be raised by daxation, for its own purposes

Vancouver Board of Trade.

The annual meeting of the Vancouver board of trade was held on the 13th inst. The report of the president contained a full review of the year's doings.

The total salmon pack last year amounted to only 161,423 cases as against 510,383 cases in 1899. This shortage is due to a small run last senson and also to the strike among the fishermen.

The shipments of lumber from Van-couver to foreign ports last year amounted to 43,000,000 feet, being a large increase over the previous year, but the shipments to Manitoba and the Northwest Territories were not so favorable

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The customs returns show an increase in imports and customs revenue with a slight shrinkage in exports and inhand revenue. The imports amounted to \$4,264,385, exports \$2,411,745, customs revenue \$304,005,01, inland revenue \$301,110,96. The bank clearings were \$40,644,098.

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west Territories the same privileges in regard to round trip rates as are allowed in eastern Canada, that is, a round trip ticket to any point for a fare and two thirds, such tickets to be good for one month from the date of issue. A reduction of 20 per cent. on passenger rates will also be made in British Colombia on April 1st and commercial travellers' rates west of Canmore and Macleod reduced to 3c per mile and a round trip rate also given.

A Great Northern Railway official circular announcing terms of a stock issue of \$25,000,000 has been issued. The circular announces the purchase of additional lines that will add more than 500 miles to railroads controlled by the company and to acquire control of ocean steamships of the Great Northern Steamship Co. The terms of issue of the new stock are: Stockholders will be entitled to subscribe for \$25 of new stock for each share of holdings of stock now outstanding, payments to be made as follows: Twenty per cent on each May 27, June 25, July 25, August 26, and September 25. Four dollars per share will be credited on each instalment on account of subscribers, interest in Manitoba bonds which are to be released to this company. Great Northern Railway official pany.

A report from St. Paul on Saturday last said: "The largest transactions in the history of the Northern Paoffic Railway have been brought to a successful conclusion. President Mellen left here to-night for New York. His mission is said to involve the saie of all the lands now owned by the North-



A DOG TRAIN.

were elected as follows: F. F. Burns, president: W. H. Malkin, vice-president: Wm. Skene, secretary, and for council 'Wm Godfrey, C. E. Tisdall, A. O. Camphell, R. H. Alexander, F. Cockburn, H. T. Lockyer, W. Pellew-Harvey, F. Buscombe, F. M. Black, W. H. Ker, W. G. Harvey, W. F. Salsbury, C. G. Johnson, W. T. Stein and Campbell Sweeny. ampbell Sweeny.

Wheat Supplies March 1st. 1

The report as to farm reserves of wheat on March 1 published by the department of agriculture about met expectations, in showing not far from one-quarter of last year's crop still in the hands of the producers. In actual bushels the report, indicating 128,-100,000 bushels held, came about midway between the minimum and maximum estimates by other statisticians. The quantity in hand is shown by the government publication to be 30,000,000 bushels smaller than a year ago and 70,000,000 bushels below the stock held on March I. 1899, following the bumper crop of 1898. It is, however, only 7,000,000 bushels larger than the 1898 stock. In several respects the report is a much more buillish one than that issued a year ago. Then, although the farm reserves were shown to be 40,000,000 bushels smaller, American and Canadian visible supplies (Bradstreet's) were 37,000,000 bushels farzer, so that the total American supply was only slightly smaller. This year, however, the farm reserves are again smaller and visible supplies were nearly 6,000,000 bushels less, as will be seen from the following table, which gives the stocks in farmers' hands, the Bradstreet vismum estimates by other statisticians.

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| March 1, 1900 | 159,000,000 |
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| Exports, March 1, 1900, to March 1, 1901 | 193,468,000 |
| Farm reserves March 1 Bradstreet's visible. United | 128,100,000 |
| States only | \$2.104.000 |

Railway and Traffic Matters.

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The sub-committee of the Dominion House of Commons appointed to consider the Great Northwest Central Railway bill met on March 15. There were present Messus. Sifton, Davis (Saskatchewan), Douglas, Lariviere, Tisdale and Russell. Judge Clark appeared before the committee and asked to get an extension of time for three years, if not for five years, as the bill provided for. There are two years to run and the additional three would make five in all. The committee was very much in carnest on this matter, and refused to give the extension. The company will be compelled to build each year or forfelt its charter.

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On Thursday, the 21st inst., the C. P. R. put into effect on their system throughout Manitoba and the North-

ern Pacific west to the Missouri River. The purchase price is given at \$40.000,000. It is understood this sum will be used to retire the preferred stock. The purchasers of the land are said to be eastern capitalists, who have perfected a syndicate and will undertake to encourage settlement and cultivation by eastern farmers, such as are now heading westward in the homeseckers movement each week.

Freight Rates.

A vessel load of corn was chartered at Chicago for Buffalo at the close of fast week at 2%c per bushel, says the Montreal Trade Bulletin. From Duluth to Montreal there has been considerable forward business by lake and rail to Montreal and Quebec at 5%c per bushel rail to Mo

ran to Montreal and Quebec at 5/2c per bushel

Further engagements of grain have been made for the continent, quite a lot having been booked for Hamburg at 2s 11/4d, and to Antwerp at 2s. Liverpool space is offered at 1s 6d, although we hear that some business has been put through at 1s 9d, but it is said that 1s 6d might be accepted. Bristol is quoted at 2s asked, and London 2s. Glasgow rates are 1s 71/4d to 1s 9d. Space has been taken for deals to II. K. ports by the regular lines at 45s to 46s 3d, and at 48s 9d 4o 51s 3d for full steames cargoes to U. K. ports, and at 62s 6d to Spanish ports.—Montreal Trade Bulletin.

A delegation from the Brandon fair board waited on Mr Roblin at Brandon station last Tuesday to sak him to increase their grant to \$3,000. He promised to consider the matter and to give a really within a few days.

The Chicago hide market was weak at date of last mall advices owing largely to poor quality of most of the offerings. No. 1 buff hides were quoted at 73 ic early this week, a decline of 4c on previous quotations.

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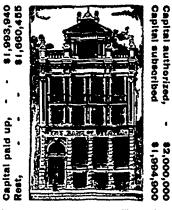
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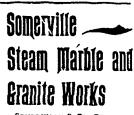
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Mr. Crimsonbeak—Human nature is a good deal like strawberries.

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The Canals of Canada.

The tremendous commercial and inmetrial development which has lately been inaugurated in many different directions in the Dominton is chiefly and directly traceable to the opening of the system of enlarged canals, which has made possible the introducconais. on of vessels of moderate draught in the trade of what is known as the St. Lawrence route. It has been realized for some years that Montreal and other points on the lower St. Lawrence River presented admirable facilities as sports for grain, just as it has been appreciated that the iron industry of Canada needed little fostering to yield from fections, but activity in both di-ections mass been considerably recard-el by inadequate factions for water

transportation, inst we importance of a waterway inking the treat Lakes and the Atlantic, and the benent which it would conter, not atone upon Canada, but upon the entire region bontering on the Great Lakes, has been realized, as arrested by the Immonse interest auested by the firmense interest which has been manitested in the investigutions of the Deep Waterways Commission appointed by the U.S. tengress u few years ago to compare the advantages of the various routes exclusively in U.S. territory, for a navigable channel from fresh to salt water. Canada has felt the necessity of such an avenue of communication far more keenly than the U.S., for not only has she practically no shipping on the Great Lakes, but almost the only outlet for the product of the grainfelds of Manitoba—one day to become the greatest cereal-producing region in the world—has been found in rail lims. On the other hand, however, Canada had what the U.S. with its immense lake fleet and network of railreads had not, a natural waterway to the coast, which with a moderate expenditure could be adapted to the traille of ships of fair size throughout its entire length.

Although the Canadian system of canals has only just been brought to the point where it is a factor in the utilization of the natural resources of the country, the Dominion government has, since Confederation in 1807, spent more than \$75,000,000 on the various canal systems, the backbone of which is of course the Welband and St. Lawrence waterways. These two systems together with those portions of the St. Lawrence River where mo improvement has been necessary and the chain of Great Lakes and their connecting rivers, gives 'o Canada what is unquestionably the most remarkable uninterrupted course of finland water communication in the world, a stretch of almost 2,400 miles extending from the Great Lakes to the Altanic coast, was first seriously considered the mistake somewhat deeper. At the dime the scheme was first mapped out the immense, steel, freight carrying steamers now in service on the lakes were unthought of, even as a remote possibility, and it was supposed that a channel capable of accommodating vessels drawing 13 or 14 feet of water would meet all the requirements of any trade which might be developed in this poart of the content.

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compiered the mistake was discovered, but it would have been monifestly useless to make the new canals deeper unless a like improvement could be introduced in those first constructed, and on the original uniform depth was adhered 40.

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The St. Lawrence system proper centers of six canals, ranging in length from one to 14 miles. With the Welland Canel, which goes to make up the seven artificial waterways between Lake Eric and the sea, the cenals have an aggregate length of mer 70 miles. In this distance there are 33 locks, overe ming a height of 523 feet. To thing the locks in their recent uniform dimensions of 270 feet in 200 cm and 45 feet in width, more or less extensive alterations had to be mide on each one; nor did a sirvie one of the locks have, originally, the derivid denth.

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from the level of the river at Montreal to Lake Ontario and to avoid the dangerous rapids which are found at various points. The menace which these have constituted to navigation interests has been well illustrated by experiences during the interval when the improvements on the canals were uncompleted. Upon occasions when the demand for lake-built craft for Atlantic coast service was urgent, the Standard Oli Co. and other interests allowed several vessels which were of too great draught to pass through the canals to "shoot the rapids." This proved an extremely hazardous proceeding, and several of the craft were either lost or seriously damaged.

The largest, the most kitely completed, and decidedly the most interesting canal of the St. Lawrence system is the Soulanges, which in the details of design and construction may be taken as typical of the most approved to the contact the most approved.

cen is the solillinges, which in the de-tails of design and construction may be taken as typical of the most approved practice in waterway construction in the Dominion. The Solillinges is four-teen miles in length, and not only overcomes the difference of 82 feet be-tween the levels of Lake St. Francis and Lake St. Louils, but enables ves-sels to avoid sixteen miles of danger-ous rapids. This canal cost 55,250,000, is operated by electrical power, and is claimed in point of equipment to be the most modern in the world. Vessels may traverse the waterway by day or night, and it is a remarkable fact that the canal has only two curves and that the entire 'all of \$2 feet is overcome by four locks. One of the chief points of novelty in the Soulanges is the introduction of concrete to a large extent in the walls

anical features of the canal is found in the application of electrical power to the operation of the gates. Owing to the height of the walls at the lower entrance and the solidity of the sates, each large leaf weighs fully 90 tons in the air. Preliminary experiments with a dynamometer on one of these when in place showed that a force of fully 3,000 ibs. was required to move it through the water at the rate of 15 feet a minute. This movement was effected by attaching a horizontal op-It through the water at the rate of 15 feet a minute. This movement was effected by attaching a horizontal operating bar or strut to the gate about half way down between the heel and miter. On the side of this strut a rack of sufficient length was fixed into which a pluion was geared and driven by electrical power. A system somewhat similar has been in use on the North Sea canal for several years. It might be noted in conclusion that three small rivers, tributaries of the St. Lawrence, pass under the Soul anges canal through iron pipes.

The second most important canal of

anges canal through iron pipes.

The second most important canal of the St. Lawrence system is the Cornwall, which is 11½ miles in length, overcomes a lift of 48 feet and ends at the town from which it derives its name. The Welland canal, tithough as explained not in the St. Lawrence system, constitutes a most important link in the chain of communication which the new waterways have opened up. The Welland, extending from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario, is almost 27 mites in length and has a total rise of about 327 feet. It was opened in 1883 for vessels drawing 12 feet of water, and four years later for vessels with a draft of 14 feet.

cess, but the best practical results seem to have been obtained from its operation there. The merchants in the local association decided to turn in to the secretary a list of all their present and past customers who were fairly not entitled to credit. The secretary of the association then supplied each member with a list of such undesirable credit customers, and now if a rew customer comes to a store and asks for credit, the merchant can turn to his list and if the name of the applicant for credit is not there he feels warranted in granting it to him in such a sum as he may consider advisable. able.

It is related in connection with the It is related in connection with the operation of this system that shortly after it was put into effect one of the well known characters of the town le't his former grocer owing him a large sum of money and attempted to transfer his patronage from East Grand Forks to West Grand Forks. The first merchant he applied to for credit looked him up and tlatly refused to grant him any. He left the store in a towering rage and swore that he would get credit from another dealer. He tried the second dealer and again he was turned down. In turn again he was turned down. In turn this man tried every merchant in town this man tried every merchant in town and from none of them could he obtain credit. He is now paying eash. In Minnesota a similar credit arrangement was perfected at Hopkins, a suburb of Minneapolis, a year ago, and it has met with great success. Other towns have undoubtedly resorted to the same method.

If you are in the town where there



Manitoba Farm Scenes-Farm of Peter Peters. Winkler, Man.

and foundations of the locks. In the locks of the Welland and most of the other Canadian cannis the backing is of masonry, but in this latest canal the mass is concrete faced with stone. Each of the locks has a lift of 23½ feet and is 350 feet in length, 40 wide and 42½ high. At the upper end there is a breast wall about 23 feet high of solld masonry. The water to fill or empty the lock is conveyed through tunnels in the side walls which are 25 feet apart at the base. Control is effected by means of slutees, placed in wells behind the recesses for the gates, and operated from the copins wens behind the recesses for the gates, and operated from the coping of the locks. From the gates, and operated from the coping of the locks. From the tunnels the water is introduced to the chamber of the lock by twenty cast from pipes, each 2½ feet in diameter, ranged 10 on either side. The means of escape is, of course, by the same avenue. The lock is filled in about five minutes, and under ordinary conditions a lockage can be made in from twelve to fifteen minutes. minutes.

age can be made in from twelve to fifteen minutes.

The question of the provision of an adequate water supply in all parts of the canal at all times has been solved by the provision of commodious side channels. At the intake at Lake St. Francis the water designed to maintain an uninterrupted flow is passed through a supply weir of large dimensions provided with four slulees and debouching into a channel or raceway behind the guard lock. This is continued to the lower end of that structure, where it joins the main canal. The slutees, which are of the vertically operated steel shutter type, so common in Europe, are operated by electricity, as are also the locks and bridges. All of the 40 slutee-gates along the canal are submerged, and no water for supply is passed over the breast walls.

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The locks of the Welland and Stated, 270 feet long from the miters of the gates, and 45 feet in width, but this does not convey a strictly correct idea of the largest size of vessel which may lock through, this being dependent upon the model of the bow and stern of the vessel. A vessel which is sharp forward at the deck line and narrow at the stern can lock several feet longer than one that is nearly full beam of the locks. The reason why a steamer of narrow beam may lock through longer is found, of course in the fact that she may locks of the Welland and St

lock through longer is found, of course in the fact that she may be swung to one side of the lock and one gate opened, and then to the other side of the lock while the other gate is being opened. It will thus be appreciated how vessels ranging all the way from 240 to 270 feet represent the maximum capacity of the locks for craft of different types. Generally speaking, however, it may be stated that the vessels especially adapted for traffic on the St. Lawrence route are each capable of carrying, on an average, 63,000 bushels of wheat or 3,000 tons of iron ore.—Waldon Fawcett in Railway and Shipping World.

Regulating the Credits.

Grand Forks, North Dakota, is one of the cities in that state which has a practical credit system, through which any member of the local association can obtain an adequate idea of the paying ability of a new customer who asks for credit.

The Grand Forks system has been tried at many other points and has always worked with more or less sucare no more than three merchants an understanding of the kind in effect in Grand Forks and in Hopkins would result in a benefit to you. Talk it over with the other merchants and agree with the other merchants and agree with them that if you can show to their satisfaction or they can show to your satisfaction or they can show to your satisfaction a man is no longer entitled to credit it will not be granted to him-make a binding agreement on this point—and then take off all the bad debtors on your books and have the other merchants do the same, including in this list farmers and others who trade in your town, go carefully over this list at a meeting or conference and agree on those who should go on the list as not entitled to credit and then live up to the agreement in every respect and you will have reached a practical solution of the question to whom you should grant credit and who should not receive it. If a new comer moves into your town or community and you are in doubt as to whether he is entitled to credit investigate him as the wholesale house would you if you asked credit from them when you bought a new stock of goods Trace him to the town where h. formerly lived, ask him of whom he traded and write to the merchant there about it. The answer will come back within a short time and if the customer is not entitled to credit shut him off then and there and warn all the other merchants of this fact.

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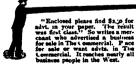
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Pree Lands at Rainy River.

It is officially announced that sixty thousand acres of the free grant lands in the Rainy river district have been su veyed and are now available for settlement.

The general provisions of the free Grants and Homesteads Act apply also to free grants in the Rainy river district, which will soon be traversed by the Canadian Northern railway, with these differences :

The limit of a Rainy rivor free grant is 100 acres. The male head of a famlly or the sole female head of a famlly having a child or children under eighteen residing with him or her may locate for 100 acres, and may also purchase an additional 80 acres at \$1

settlement duties are: (1) To The settlement duties are: (1) To have at least afteen acres cleared and had under cultivation, of which two acres at least are to be cleared and cultivated annually during the three years: (2) To have built habitable house, at least 16 by 20 feet lize: (3) And to have actually and calling the relief upon and cultivated the

(3) And to have actually and continuously resided upon and cultivated the land for three years after location. A locatee who purchases an additional 80 acres must, within three years, clear litteen acres and cultivate the same. Patents may issue at the expiration of three years from the state of purchase or sooner. If the date of purchase, or sooner if the settlement duties have been perform-ed. Pine trees and minerals are re-served from the sale. The locatee may cut and use such pine trees as nuy cut and use such pine trees are he requires for building, fencing and fusi on his land, and may also cut and dispose of any pine required to be removed in the process of clearing; but he must pay timber dues on pine so disposed of. Trees remaining on the land at the time the patent issues

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and at the time the patent Issues pass to the patentee.

The following townships are now open for location under the Rainy River Free Grants and Homesteads Act: Curran, Atwood, Blue, Worthington, Nelles, Carpenter, Dilke, Patullo, Morley, S. of Morley, Tait, Shenston, Roesbery, Barwick, Lash, Aylsworth, Devlin, Woodyatt, Crozier, Roddick, Doble.

The agents for the sale and location

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The agents for the sale and location of the lands are: Wm. Campbell, Italny River P. O., agent for the townships of Rosebery. Shenston, Talt, Pattullo, Morley, Dilke, Nelles, Blue, Worthington, Curran and Atwood; William Stephenson, Big Forks P. O., agent for the townships of Barwick, Lash, Aylsworth, Devlin, Woodyatt, Crozler, Roddick, Carpenter and Doble; E. A. Chapman, Rat Portage, who will furnish intending settlers with the number of lots open for location.

cation.

The Rainy river block comprises the only agricultural land along the line of the Canadian Northern in Ontario.

of the Canadian Northern in Ontario.

The property of the Pioneer Steam Navigation Co., of Wabigoon, Ontario, tin liquidation) consisting of the seamers "Galatea" and "Wm. Whyte," with their equivement and two barges as they now lie at the dock at Wabigoon, and the steamer "Wm. Cross," with her equipment, and one barge as she now lies at the dock at Gold Rock, Ontario, and also a freight shed 20x24 at Gold Rock, and a stopping place at Pickle Rapidas being offered for sale by tender. Tenders for all of the above mentioned property may be made in two ways. First, en bloc as a going concern; secondly, for any portion or portions in piece. Tenders will be received up to Monday, the 1st day of April. 1901. D. A. Pender, accountant, Rat Portage, Ont., is receiver.

The Anthractic Coal Company has

1901. D. A. Pender, accountant, the Portage, Ont., is receiver.

The Anthracite Coal Company has for some time past been engaged in dilling for the purpose of discovering that was below the well known bed of the Souris lignite coal deposit. After mesing through some small strata of fon tinged olay, and one or two seems of coal an inch or two thick, a bed of wolld clay 40 feet thick was struck. Below that a seam of sandstone two feet thick was met und undermeath that a seam of coal 26 inches thick. This coal approximated in quality to the Canadian Anthracite. It coked well and proved to be a coal of very super-requality. The depth at which this sam was found was 108 feet below the river bank. It would seem from this that beds of coal of superior quality exist below the lignite deposits of the surface.

MINING MATTERS.

British Columbia Mining.

The inili run on the Athabasca mine last month averaged \$18.11 per ton. The mill ran 16 days, crushing 283 tons, which yielded a total of \$5,237.06.

Kasio is offering a bonus of \$50,000, and exemption from texation for ten years to any company who will erect and operate a smelter at that

The mining committee of the provin-cial legislature has decided to urge the minister of mines to issue crown grants for placer ground instead of leases as at present.

The mining force at the Athabasca. Nelson, has been increased by some fifty men, there being about eighty in in all now at work. The new cyanide plant works well.

Ratepayers of Kuslo and Slocan have unanimously passed a by-law to provide a \$50,000 bonus for a smelter to be erected there. A site has been secured and exceptionally good water power obtained.

The Centre Star has declared another dividend of 1 per cont, amounting to \$35,000. This is the fifth dividend, making the total amount paid up upwards of \$175,000. The dividend ds payable on April 1.

The contract has been let for the air compressor and drill equipment of the Dominion Copper Company's property at Phoenix. This machine win be 20 drills. The Stemwinder property will also be supplied with a compressor plant of five-drill capacity as we'd as some further equipment.

The Rossland "Miner" expresses the The Rossland "Miner" expresses the opinion that everything points to great activity in mining development in the Boundary country the coming summer. All who have knowledge of the immensity of the mineral deposits of that district are quite certain that, given adequate smelter and transport atton facilities, there is no portion of the confinent of America water with the continent of America which will make greater strides in progress and prosperity.

It is calculated by the Rossland "Miner" that the aggregate capacity of the Interior smelters is now a treatment of 3,400 tons a day. The Van Anda smelter on Texada Island adds slightly to the above total, when a work, so 3,000 tons a day with oe in round figures about the present agreement active. gregate ually smelling capacity of the works in the province, counting in that Just across the line at Northport, near Rossland, and attached to the Le Rol mine ownership.

It has been announced from Ross-It has been announced from Rossland, where the head office of the company is situated, that a pian has just been perfected whereby the treasury of the Brandon and Golden Crown Mining Company will be replenished and that this will enable mining operations to be resumed shortly on the extensive scale. The company's Golden Crown mine is in the Boundary district. Much stock in this company is held at Brandon and other pages in held at Brandon and other places in

The Revelstoke Board of Trade has resolved to decline to co-operate with the Associated Boards of Trade of Eastern British Columbia in urging the provincial government to support the granting of a charter for the proposed railway to connect the Crow's Nest Pass coal fields with the Great Northern railway. The Revelstoke board is of the opinion that the granting of that charter would not be in the interests of the smelting industry of the province. The Revelstoke Board of Trade has

the province.

Robert Jaffray, of Toronto, is reported to have stated an Victoria on the 9th instant, that Elias Rogers, who is nanaging director of the Crow's Nest pass Coal Company, has an option on an iron property near Crow's Nest and that, if results of examination warrant it, a smelter will be erected to treat the ore. He is also reported from Vancouver to have said in that city that there are three darge smalter propositions on foot, and that the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company and the Great Northern Railway Company will do all they possibly can to forward projects for building in British Columbia.

British Columbia's representatives

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British Columbia's representatives on the Board of the Canadian Mining Institute, elected at the annual meeting at Montreal on March 8, are Vice-president, Robert R. Hediey, manager of the Hall Mines smelter, Nelson; members of the council, Bernard Macdonald, manager of the Le Rol mine, Rossland; Edmund B. Kirby, manager

of the War Eagle mine, Roseland, and John B. Hobson, manager of the Carl-boo Consoldated Hydraulic Mining Company, Quesnel. Another western representative in the council is W. F. Little, of Anthracite, Northwest Ter-ritories

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The Hall Mining and Smelting Company, Litd., has issued notice to its shureholders, calling up the last shiftling due upon the company's f shares. The circular in which the call is made sets out that it was thought advisable to make the call, as the use of this amount will effect an important seving in interest charges. Concerning the company's smelting operations the circular calls attention to the fact that smelting and mining are now carried on as separate businesses. The obstacles which the company had not separate businesses. The obstacles which the company had not overcome in the way of profitable lead smelting were the uncertainty of the supply from the mines in the district, the insufficiency of fluxing and iron ores, and the inadequacy of the resisting power of the calcining plant in the possession of the old company. Satisfactory contracts have now been made with the lead mines, as well as contracts for a sufficient supply of iron ore for fluxing purposes, and the board has caused a new mechanical reaster and briquetting plant to be erected at a cost of \$25,000, which will very materially reduce the cost of smelting.

Wheat Stocks.

A considerable decrease in stocks of wheat in the United States and Canada, which was almost offset by increases in the stocks in the other leading countries of the world during February, left the total supply on March 1 but little below that held at the beginning of the preceding month. The increases were shared aimost equally between the stocks in Europe and affoat therefor and in Australia and Argentina. We give below the usual data bearing on the state of the world's wheat supplies, which is of special interest just at present in view of the forthcoming government report on the situation.

The total stock of wheat in the leading countries of the world on or about March 1 compares with preceding

Totals . 178,496 179,421 Mar. 1. 1900. 1009. 100

months, since January 1, 1900:

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 .80,591,000
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 90,648,000

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 87,911,000
 8,080,000
 90,597,000

 Feb. 1
 .80,324,000
 8,717,000
 95,041,000

 Mar. 1
 .80,704,000
 6,722,000
 87,670,000
 Of the decrease for the month shown on the above table, as will be seen, the bulk occurred in the stocks east of

the Rockles.

The situation of supplies in the United States and Canada is shown in the following table, which gives the stock of wheat held on March 1, 1001, with comparisons for eight years

Great Britain's Imports of Wrought Steel.

Writing on the statistics of imports Writing on the statistics of imports of unwrought steel by Great Britain during 1900 and the two preceding years, an authority, the London Iron and Coal Trades Review, notes that "those figures emphasize the fact that Great Britain is importing steel in augmented quantities from nearly all of the steel-producing countries, which warmer desires and the steel-producing countries. of the steel-producing countries, which in varying degree, compete with Great Britain's own speel industry in the markets of the world. In 1838 Great Britain imported an aggregate of 40,-231 done from all sources. This total, which had swelled to 77,290 tons in 1800, reached the seriously obtrustve total of 179,341 tons in 1900. In other world a half three

which had swelled to 77,290 tons in 1800, reached the seriously obtrusive total of 179,341 tons in 1900. In other words more than two and a half times as much foreign-produced steel was imported last year as was imported during the year previous, and over four times more than for 1898.

"The principal contributor to this result was of course, the United States, from whose Atlantic ports we absorbed 157,851 tons last year, as compared with 59,374 tons in 1899 and 29,574 tons in 1898. Here we have an increased importation of close upon 100,000 tons during the past tweive months. Our next largest imports were from Sweden, from which source, however, we derived rather less during last year than during the year previous. Our imports of Swedish unwitought steel last year amounted to 12,192 tons, as compared with 14,081 tons in 1899, and 6,904 tons in 1898. The fact remains that, with the exception of the United States, from which we derived vastly the greater portion of our foreign-produced steel, Sweden continues, though on a somewhat diminished scale, our second largest source of supply. Holland takes third place with 4,852 tons last year, boing more than four times the amount taken in 1890. Canada is drawing forward with 1,877 tons in 1900 against 357 tons in 1899, and Belgium shipped 1,466 tons to us last year as compared with 938 tons in the year previous. Germany follows with 916 tons, against 209 tons, and the resource of supply to the property of the property as compared with 938 tons in the year previous. Germany follows with 916 tons, against 109 tons, and the remaining totals are trifling, representing in 1898 or 1899 such sources of origin as the Argentine Republic, the statistics for last year. On the other hand, New South Wales and Portugal appear on the list for the first time in 1900, although the figures are insignificant.

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"The fact that we are deriving from the steel works of our arch-competitor the United States, an increasing yearly tonnage of unwrought material is, however, on unpalatable fact which our manufacturers and engineers will do well to appraise at its proper industrial and economic valuation."



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GASTLINE—Stove, per case, \$3; naph-tha, \$2.50. Similar places for threak 16

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reis, &c II.,
RUFINED PETROLEUM— Silver Star,
BC: Oleophene, 21c; Sunlight, 22c; Eocene,
214c per gallon: Diamond, 254c; T. & I.,
21c; Solar, 22c; Brilliant, 214c per gal. in
barrels. T. & F., cases, § 7.75; Solar, case,
22d.

barrels. T. & F., cases, \$1.0; som, case, \$2.55.

TURPENTINE—Pure spirits in barrels, 68; less than barrels, 73c per gai. An additional charge for packages of small quantities.

"ARNISHES—No. I furniture, per gai., \$1; catra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50; elssite cak, \$1.75; No. I carriage, \$1.50; elssite cak, \$1.75; No. I tarriage, \$1.50; par junters gold size Jupun, \$1.70; coach painters gold size Jupun, \$1.70; coach painters do., \$20,\$2.25; No. I brown shellac, \$2.00; pure orange shellac, \$2.25.

WHITE LEAD—Pure, \$7.00 per 100lb; No. I, \$0.50.

WHITINU—\$1.25 per 100lb gross weight.

Toronto Grocery Prices.

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SUGARS—Granulated, delivered Toronto, \$4.584(\$4.63; yellows, from \$5.784(\$4.33; yellows, \$6.784(\$4.34; yellows

GSC; Ceylons 17G38c; Formosa colongs 24G3c; Colons 17G38c; Formosa colongs 24G3c.

CANNED GOODS— Tountoes, 70 & SUc; eas, 75G38c; corn. The incompagation of the second peas, \$1.05G381.20; eaupkins, 8Uc; respheretes, 2s, \$1.15G32; eaupkins, 8Uc; respheretes, 2s, \$1.15G32; eaupkins, 8Uc; respheretes, 2s, \$1.50G32.25; opples, 2s 85c; plnespple, 2s \$2.25G32.25; pples, 2s 60c; plnespple, 2s \$2.25G32.25; pples, 2s 60c; plnespple, 3s \$1.05G31.20; plnespple, 18c; coresppendinger, 18c; plnespple, 15c; nimes, 40G80c; cream tartar, pure, 25G 2s; compound, 1620c; penper, pure white, 2s 9c; pnlip; FRUITS—italisins, Valencia, se-

pond, 104/15c; pepper, pure white, 226
DBIED FRUITS—Raisins, Valencia, seketed, 1443; off stalk, 64/474/c; Califorsu 3-crown loose Muscatels, 34/470c; Filditas currants, 64/4710/c; Patras, 114/15c;
Valizzas, 124/15c; California dried fruits
Infoots, 116/13c; peaches, 84/14c; Prunes,
75 to 573. 6/40/c; S0's to 60's, 54/46'3/c;
05 to 100's, 44/40'3/c; Sultanas, 94/412'4c;
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121/13c; lemon, 104/40
12c; citron, 176/20c,
NJTS-Shelled Valencia almonds, 35c;
46/6d Jordan almonds, 42'4c; Borders walmuts, 106/114/c; shelled walmuts,
24/25c; Grenobles, 124/4(13c, Sielly filberts)
114/4(124c)

Toronto Hardware Prices.

Toronto, March 21, ANTIMONY-11@11%c per in for Cook-BARDED WIRE—Car lots, f.o.b. Cleve-had, \$2.70%(\$2.82%; Toropto, \$3.05 per 100 BAR IRON-Price for common. \$1.7060

BAR TRON—Price for common. \$1.700 ki. 5 per 100lb.

BINDLE TWINE— Pure Manila, 10% or in: mixed, 8%c; sisni, 7%c.

BLACK SHEETS—28 gauge, \$3.30.

BOLIES AND NUTS—Norway bolts, full sure, 70 per cent; common carriage wits, all sizes, 65 per cent; machine kits, all sizes, 65 per cent; machine the six all sizes, 65 per cent; conch screws, iper cent; sleigh since bolts, 70 per cent; 2nt bolts, 65 per cent; bolt ends, 65 per tri; muts, square, 4%c off; nuts, hexagon, fic off; thre bolts, 67% per cent; stove kits, 67% per cent; prough bolts, 60 per at; slove rods, 668c.

BEASS—Sheet and rod, discount 15 per set.

BUILDING PAPER—Three-ply, \$1.05 per square; do. 2-ply, \$1.40 per square, £0.5. Toronto, Hammton and London.
CANADA PLATES—All dutl, \$3.00 per 100lb; half-polished, \$3.15; and all bright \$1.05\(\tilde{x}\). The All per square, £0.5. Tealish do., \$2.85\(\tilde{x}\); Englan, \$2.40\(\tilde{x}\). The EMENT—Canadian Portland, \$2.40\(\tilde{x}\); Englan, \$2.50\(\tilde{x}\). The Canadian hydraulic cements, \$1.25\(\tilde{x}\); Canadian hydraulic cements, \$1.25\(\tilde{x}\); Collection calcined paster, \$2.00; ashesto's coment, \$2.30\(\tilde{p}\) per barrel.
COLLE CHAIN—Per 100lb, \$4\(\tilde{x}\), \$3.93\(\tilde{x}\). The lin., \$4.50\(\tilde{x}\), \$5.50\(\tilde{x}\), \$5.7\(\tilde{x}\), \$5.85\(\tilde{x}\), \$5.7\(\tilde{x}\), \$1\(\tilde{x}\), \$1.2\(\tilde{x}\), \$2.85\(\tilde{x}\), \$5.7\(\tilde{x}\), \$1.2\(\tilde{x}\), \$2.85\(\tilde{x}\), \$2.85\(\ti

Gall. (ALVANIZED WHRT -Nos. G. 7, and 8, 25,50(\$5.55; No. 0, \$2.856(\$5.15; No. 10, \$1.30(\$5.40; No. 12, \$1.00(\$5.40; No. 12, \$1.00(\$5.40; No. 13, \$1.00(\$5.50; No. 16, \$1.00(\$5.50; No. 16, \$1.50(\$5.50; No. 16, \$1.50(\$5.50(\$5.50; No. 16, \$1.50(\$5.5

\$1.85(\$5.55. Star, first break, in 50 foot boxes, \$2.10, and in 100 foot boxes, \$4.00; double diamond, under 25 united linehes, in 100 foot boxes, \$4.00; for not loudon. Terms 4 months or 3 per cent 30 days.

GREEN WHEE CLOTH-\$1.35 per 100 months lead:

square feet: HARVEST TOOLS-50, 10 and 5 per

HORSE NAILS-Countersunk, 50, 10 and 10 per cent; C brand, 50 and 7½ per

INGRSE SHOES—No 2 iron shoes, light, m. dium and heavy, \$3.00 f.o.b.; snow shoes, \$3.85.

HGON PIPE—Black pipe, & in., \$4.15; \$1, in., \$3.35, \$1. in. \$4.70, \$1, in., \$3.40, \$1, in., \$3.5, \$4, in., \$5.5, \$4, in., \$5.3, \$6, in., \$6.55, \$4, in., \$6.3, \$6, in., \$6.55, \$4, in., \$6.3, \$6, in., \$6.25, \$2, in., \$23.50; \$1, in., \$7.70, \$2 in., \$10.20, \$10.2

dry hones, 406506 per 100h.
PIG IRON—Canadian pig, \$17 for 100 ton lots.
PIG LEAD—43/45c per lb.
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PIG TIN—33c per lb.
POULTRY NETTING— Discount of 50 and 5 per cent.
RIVETS AND BURRS—Iron, 60 -- 10 per cent; Iron burrs, 55 per cent, copper rivets, 35 and 5 per cent.
ROPT—818-11 lbe; pare Manlla, 179-c.
SCREWS—Flat head, bright, 874 per cent of the list; round head bright, 824/2 and 10 p.c.; flat head brass, 50 and 10 per cent; flat head bronze, 65 per cent.
SHEET ZINC—63/47c for cask lots 76714c for part casks.
SHOT—Common, \$4.50 per 100fb; chilled \$7; bull seal and ball, \$7.50; discount, 7 per cent.

Per cent.
SMOOTH STIEL WIRD—Nos. 6 to 8, 82.90; No. 9, \$2.80; No. 10, \$2.87; No. 11, \$2.90.
SPADES AND SHOVELS—40 and 5 per

SPADES AND Star, Cont.

SPELTER-GROWE per ID.

SOLDER-Half and half, 18c; relined.

17kc; wiping, 17c.

STEEL-Hoop steel, \$3.10; sleighshoe steel, \$2 base.

STOVES AND FURNACES-Discounts—
Stoves and ranges, 45 and 5 per cent.; furnaces, 40 and 5 per cent.; registers Coper cent. per cent. TERNE PLATES-I. C., \$8.50; I. N.,

THEO PHARES - C., \$10.50.
TIN PLATUS—Usual sizes, I. C., \$4.15; special sizes, base, \$4.50; 20x23, \$8.50.
TINNED SHEETS—23 gauge, 96004c.
f.o.b. Toronto and west,
WHEE NAILS—Base price, \$2.75682.85
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PAINTS AND OILS.

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CASTOR OIL—East India, in cases, 200 cities, and 10% file for slugle tins.

GUM SHELLAC — in cases, 22c; in less than cases, 25c.

LINSEED OIL—Ray, 1 to 4 barrels. (20; bolled, 72c.

LIQUID PAINTS — Purc, \$1,200313.0 per sallon: No. 1 quanty, \$1 per gallon.

PARIS WHITE—M \$1.00.

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PARIS OILSE—P a rels. 16% c; kegs. 17c; drums, 50 to 160.

174c; drums, 50 to 160.

174c; drums, 27th.

185c; tins, 1th, 10½c, packages, 1th, 18½c.

PLASTER PARIS—New Brunswick. \$1.00 per barrel.

1900 for barrels and 435c per to in small quantities; lump, 10c per to lin small lots, and 5c per to lin small otts, and 5c per to lin small dist, and 5c per to lin small otts, and 5c per to lin barrels.

PUTTY— Bladders, in barrels. \$2.20.

1 in cases of 5600.

SEAL OIL-54c per gallon, and rellow seal at 45c TURPENTI C-In single barrels, 62c; 2 to 4 barrel lots, 61c. WHITING-70c per 100lb; gilders' whit-lor bole

ing, 80c. WHITE LEAD-Ex-Toronto, pure white lead, \$6.00; No. 1, \$0.12/9; No. 2, \$5.75. No. 3, \$8.33/2; No. 4, \$5.00; dry white lead, in casks, \$6.00.

BRITISH COLUMBIA OFFICE OF THE COMMERCIAL

Business at Vancouver.

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Vancouver, March 18, 1901.

Owing to the numerous failures in British Columbia recently and the unsatisfactory financial condition the wholesale grocers have threatened to shorten credit. They claim that the custom now in vogue in Vancouver among retailers to delay payment for three and even six months beyond maturity, has become, to say the least, embarassing. The Wholesale Grocers' association and the 'letail Grocers' association subsequently met to talk the matter over, the retailers blame the unsatisfactory state of affairs on the consumers, who had got into the habit in too many instances, of letting their accounts run until they had got so large that they were not alle to pay, or until they were intreatened with legal proceedings. The wholesale grocers intimated that the custom must be stopped, as in most every instance, they (the wholesalers) were obliged to pay cash for their goods, and as a protection to themselves, they had decided to shorten credit, thus compelling retailers to do the same with their customers. The Itenail Grocers' association met tegether subsequently and decided to extensively advertise the fact, that all customers without exception, must pay their bills before the twentieth of the month, following that month in customers without exception, must pay their bills before the twentieth of the month, following that month in which their bill matured. Falling to do this they would be allowed three days grace, after which time they would again be notified, if the bill was not then paid at once it would be put in the hands of collectors. This plan failing the incorrigable customer would be black-listed, and would be unable to obtain goods on credit at any other store. The Itetail Grocers' association are careful to explain that owing to the action of the wholesalers they are compelled to take this action.

they are compelled to take this action. There are numerous changes in the market this week. In dressed means beef is much scarcer and hogs have declined owing to their being in greater supply. Australian mutton is still going down in price as caives are more plentiful. The price of veal is lower. In live stock steers have advanced owing to Klondike demand. In grain oats are advancing as is natural at this time of the year. In sympathy with the American markets cured meats have advanced. The feature, however, of the week is the sudden drop in eggs. The imported article is out of the market and in the words of the wholesaler fresh local eggs are being almost given away. Potatoes are somewhat firmer, owing to those who have been holding them having pretty well unloaded their stock. California vegetables are in good supply in the market and are a better stock and cheaper in fice than at this time last year. The bank clearings this week show a big decline from the corresponding week last year have fallen off over \$703,000. Hardware merchants report that in their line Klondike business will be deather to fants year. Drug business is dull. The wholesale grocers have decided upon caution in spreading their business. The sale of Implements to farmers is reported brisk. plements to farmers is reported brisk.

British Columbia Market

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PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

(By wire to The Commercial.)

Vancouver, March 23.

Oats are \$1 per 10n deater. Live stock prices have advanced in sympathy with the firm prices cast of the Rockles. Dress-cd pork is casier. Cured meats are leitiguer. Local creamery in particularly out of the market. Eggs are lower Fraser River valley potatoes are lower.

(Gh. "N-Oats, \$28 per ton; wheat, \$28.

F1. JR-Delivered B. C. points-Manitoba patient, per barrel, \$5.00; strong bakers, \$4.70; Oregon, \$4.50 per barrel; Luderby, R. C., patents, \$5.00.

FEED-National mills chops, \$24 per ton; bran, \$20; shorts, \$22; oil cake meal, \$35 ton, f.o.b. Vancouver, including duty puld on imported stuff.

MEAL—Rolled oats, Dolb sack, \$3.00, two 45lb sacks, \$3.10; four 224lb sacks, \$3.30; ten 7lb sacks, \$2.50; oatmeal in 10lb sacks, pter 100lb, \$3.25; in 50lb sacks, \$1.00 per 100lb, \$3.25; in 50lb sacks, \$1.00 per 100lb. WOOL — Sound heavy sters, 75c per lb.; medium, 6½c; light cows, 5½c; sheep pelts, November Klied, 30c cach, deer kliss, green, \$c lb.; deer kliss, green, \$c lb.; deer kliss, green, \$c lb.; deer kliss, \$7.50 green, \$1.00 per 100lb; sheep, \$32.80,50 per 100lb; hogs, \$7.101 JTRY—Chickens, \$12.80,50 dozen; turkeys, 186.20c; cold storage turkeys, 124.60. 200 c. 30c c. 8km+ 6 LIVE 40b;

22g. DRUSSED MEATS—Beef, 9494g; mut m, 1442g; Alstrallan frozen mutton. Jer pork, 64g; vedt, 10441g. OYSTERS—Cans, 65g dozen; shells, 35g

Ozen, CURED MEATS—Hams, 1446a(15c breakfast baren, 161₄c; backs, 14a(144)c; long clear, 12⁴₂c, rolls, 12⁴₂c; smoked sides, 14c, 1.4RD—Tins, 13c per lb, palls, 12⁴₂c; tabe (1916).

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per dozen. Linoked salmon, 10e; smoked hallbut, 10e; smoked herring, 9e; shrimps, 20e.

GREEN FRUITS—California navel or anges. \$2.504(\$2.75. Oregon apples, \$1.754(\$2.8. C. apples. Colb gross boxes, \$1.75. lemons. \$2.504(\$2.75. Erape fruit. \$3. case. NUTS—Almonds, 154(10e; filberts, 12½e; peanuts, 11e; Bruzil. 18e; walnuts, 14e per fb., cocoanuts, 90c(\$\$1\$) per dozen. SUG* 18.—Powdered, leing and bar, 1e: P ris limip. 6½e; granulated, 5½e; extra C, 4¾e; faney yellows, 4¾e; yellow, 4¾e per fb.

SYRIUS—30 gal. batrels, 2¼c fb; 10 gal. kegs, 2¾e; 5 gal. tina, \$1.75 each; 1 gal. tins, \$5.25 case of 20.

TEAS—Congo, fair, 11½e; good, 18e; choice, 29e; Ceyton and india, fair, 20e. RICE—Chiluese rice, \$74 ton; Japan rice. \$55.355 ton; taploca, 5c; sago, 5c.

CANNED GOODS—Corn, \$1.00; peas, \$1.054(\$\$1 to: tomatoes, \$1.20, beans, \$1.25. HARDWARII—Bar Iron—Base, \$2.75. Horse shoe nails, discount, 40 per cent: horse shoes, kegs, \$5.00. Wire nails—Base price, \$3.75, cut \$3.25. Rope, Manila, 13½e, Bolled oil, DJc. White lead \$8.25. Putty, \$3.50. Ratbed wire, \$4.75.

PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.
Special to The Commercial.

Nelson, March 23.

Prices are unchanged Potatives
cosior Trade is quiet owing to closing down of several silver lead mines
owing to the low price of bad.

Butter—Creamerry, 24½ to 25½c.
Eggs—Fancy fresh, 24c: case eggs.
21 cents.
Cheese—12½c.
Oats—Per ton, \$28.

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

Flour-Manitoba patent, \$5.40. Hay-Per ton, \$23. Potatoes-Per ton, \$26.

Stocks of leather at United States centres of accumulation are reported to be small and consequently prices are holding firm. Tunners claim to be sold ahead for several months.

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On currants the Hills Bros. Company say c—"Demand is improving somewat, and a fair quantity has been moved out during the week; prices gent ally unchanged. In Liverpool consumption appears to be going on at an unusually large scale, and bonded stocks are reported at only 1,400 tons, comparing with 6,035 tons at the same time inst year." From London our friends write as follows:—"The market is somewhat irregular, but on the whole there is more activity, both for home trade and export. Apart from a few forced sales to close accounts all sellers are firm in their demands. During the month some 2,000 tons have been shipped from Greece, leaving still some 5,000 to 6,000 tons available. It would appear that the little stock remaining in Greece ought to be easily absorbed by England and the continent."

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MISCELLANEOUS MINING.

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The output from the Klondike region is expected by the leading lankers and merchants of Dawson City to be half as big again this year as it was last, from the fact that new claims are being rapidly developed white the older properties are holding their own. Hunker and El Dorado crec's are turning out very rich and two strike of rich pay dirt, are reported at Thistle creek. There were several stampedes during the winter, to Marcot, Sixty Mile and one or two other creeks, but nothing of very greating portance was found. Quartz mining is also receiving attention.

The B. C. mine in the Bondary continues to ship 100 tons of re-per day and this output will not be in-creased until a larger plant is in-stalled. The main shart has read-soluted. The main shart has read-on the 480-600t level in in procress to reach the ledge.

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CLEAN UP.

We are now approaching the son for the annual house-cleaning and it would be well for the merchant also to give some attention to the cleaning of his store, as the accumulation of dirt, and olds and ends purhed into dark corners, during the long winder months, are brought very conspicuously before the customer's notice nor that the days are getting longer and brighter. It is not enough simply owash the front windows and perhaps sorub the floor, but the shelving and counters should also be cleaned sind fresh coat of raint added where it is surprising the latest the paint will be shelved and the same after a more attractive appearance to the stock. The smell of son for the annual house-cleaning and

fresh paint is very offensive to many people, and the fear of getting their clothes solled may turn back some customers, therefore Saturday sagister should be chosen, if possible, for say painting that is to be done. Show cares and glass display jars, of course, require constant care, but a little extra sateration would not come amiss at this time.

this time.

In cleaning the store the merchant may find some stock that has become shelf worn, or out of rashion, its labels on the canned goods may be dirty or there may be still on hand some lines of specialties which did not "take." It would be better to set up a bargain counter and get rid of these goods at once, as it is very unlikely that they would ever bring full price and the money they represent

ould be used to better advantage in

could be used to better advantage in buying new stock. In the grocery department and down in the basement there are sure to be some boxes and basices which have become broken and dirtied through use. Three are better out of the way and will come in very handy as fuel at this season of the year when a free is only necessary for a short time in the morning.

is only necessary for a short time in the morning.

When cleaning-up the office be very careful of any papers to be filed away, particularly of the receipts. A little time spent now in arranging receipts, letters, etc., for convenient reference may save hours of hunding during the busy season. The arranging of any office about to be letters, etc., for the arranging of any office about the letters of the convenient of the same of the s

Manitoba.

W. Alderson, of Gretna, has bought out the hotel business of W. H. Saults, at Boissevain.

P. McElinoyle thas bought out the atcher business of Beddome Bros., at

Campbell & Ferguson, lumber dealers, Molita, last week gave a supper to their employees.

A five brigade has been organized at Minnedosa. Suitable apparatus will be purchased at once.

The hardware business of the late James A. Schoenau, Virden, has been taken over by John Cain.

taken over by John Cam.

Wm. B. Williams, proprietor of the
Revere hotel, Deforaine, died at the
Winnipeg general hospital on the 16th

Residents of Miami and district are firring a bonus of \$2,000 to any mil-ler erecting a 50 barrel mill at that point

Morkill & Whiteworth, lumber and implement dealers, Morris, have sold their implement business to H. G. Swain and Geo. Lane.

Three dwelling houses with out-building were burned in St. Boniface on Wednesday, entailing a loss of \$7,000 to \$5,000.

The first issue of the Miami Dispetch has been received. B. N. Woodhull, formerly of the Holland Observer, is the manager of the new paper.

ver, is the manager of the new paper. Notice is given that Norman Holmes general merchant, MacGegor, has made an assignment to C. H. Newton, Winnipeg, of his estate and effects for the benefit of his creditors.

the benefit of his creditors. Checks for the hondry business of Wm. Wineberg, Windrybeg, (deceased), which has been carried on as the Standard Machine Works, was offered for sale by cender this week by Andrews, Andrews & Mauison, solicitors, Winnipeg.

H. Rasmusson and S. E. Haugan have commenced carrying on business at Winnipeg as the "International Land Company." They are located in the grain exchange building.

The steel bridge across the Andrew

The sies bridge across the Assint-boline river, near Portage la Prairie, is now completed and open for traifie, it cut \$20,000 and it is expected will help greatly in developing the section of country to the south of the river.

of country to the south of the river.

R. H. Agur, manager of the Massey-Harris company, at Winnipeg, has offered the following prizes to the Winnipeg industrial Exhibition: On-mower, value \$50; two Imperial gang plows, \$40 each; and \$25 for advertising purposes. He will also donate a \$50 prize for 3-year-olds in the colt races of 1901.

colt races of 1901.

Contractor Kelly reports that all is now pain sailing in the construction of the C. P. R. bridge over the Red river. Winnipes. All four caissons have been successfully sunk and excavation work is progressing. A game of 125 men are working and relief sangs keep up the work by electric light all night. The stone pier on the case river bank has been completed and material is on the ground for the other piers and abutments.

Some time during Endey night last

other piers and abutments.

Some time during Friday night last burdars entered the store of Weldon & Co., on Fortage avenue, Winniper. and attempted to break open the safe. Falling in the attempt to reach the contents of the safe they ransacked the till, in which they found a small arount of eash which was appropriated together with a quantity of circurs and other goods. eigurs and other goods.

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Portage la Prairie was visited by a Portage la Prairie was visited by a Portage la Prairie was visited by a serious fire on Sunday night, which serious fire on Sunday night, which serious brake out in the rear of the premises brake out in the Post of the largest in town and the second and third stories are rented as living any third property with the block of the block will be block and it is estimated his law will account to about \$5,000, which is fully covered by transpance.

Morrow Bros. stack will be a complete loss, and attip the insurance carried is \$2,400.

Alberta.

N Bell and M. Liss are starting a clear factory at Calkary.
Cristall & Diamond, of Edmonton, are selling out their stock of dry

At the annual meeting of the Ed-

monton board of trade held last week, the president's report showed very satisfactory progress during the last year. A number of gold diredges were built and a lot of machinary imported and the prospects for mining for the coming casen on the North Saskatchewan elver are very good. Coal mining is making rapid progress, and a number on new mines have been opened for operation within the past few months. The officers for the ensuing year are: J. H. Gariepy, president; Alex Taylor, vice-president, and F. F. Tims, secretary-treasurer.

secretary-treasurer.

Late reports from Edmonton regarding the outbreak of disease at that point, which some of the doctors have pronounced smallpox against the there are still 31 cases in caracter, none of which are serious. The parelies of the control of the

Sisters of Mercy and a Catholic priest. It is reported that the proposition that C. Shultz placed before the people of Calgary and surrounding district some ten days ago, is beginning to attract more attention. Briefly staced, he promises to establish the business of meat packing in Calgary on a large scale, provided shiares in the concern to the value of \$25,000 are subscribed for by persons in the neighborhood. The company will not ask for this money until they have expended \$500,000.

Assiniboia.

B. B. Gilbart, Fleming, has moved the building lately used for a post of-fice alongside of his store and intends adding hardware to his other lines.

Saskatchewan.

The stock in trade of John D. Mc-Leod, general merchant of Prince Al-bert, valued at \$17.700 was sold at Winnipeg this week at a rate of 701/2 cents on the dollar. William J. Craig, of Winnipeg, was the purchaser.

Northwestern Ontario.

Jno. R. Smitr and S. Scott will start a butcher shop at Fort William. M. Leaney bis opened up in Port Arthur with a stock of fruit, confec-tionery, pipes, cobaccos and smokers'

Tenders.

Tenders.

Tenders for the reconstruction of the Swedish Lutheran church. Winnipeg, and the erection of a parsonage for the same congregation will be received up to the 25th March by J. Wallman, 325 Jarvis street, Winnipeg. Tenders are wanted for the purchase and removal of a one and a half story frame dwelding, situate on northwest corner of McDermot and Albert street, Winnipeg, now occupied by Samuel Hooper: building to be away not iner than April 5th. Tenders addressed to J. D. McLean, secretary, Ottawa, and endorsed "Tender for Indian Supplies," will be received up to noon on Monday, April 1st, 1801, for the delivery of Indian supplies during the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1902, at various points in Manitona and the Northwest Territories.

Mankona and the Northwest Astri-tories.

Tenders will be received for the frection of a two-roomed ward school (brick), in ward one, Neepawa, Man, up to Monday, the first day of April. Buildings to be completed by the first day of October, 1901. Plans and speci-fications for examination at the office of the Secretary-treasurer, Neepawa.

At the annual meeting of the Grand Forks' board of trade held on the 11th inst., the following were elected officers for the ensuing year: President, A. C. Flumerfelt, first vice-president, A. R. Miller; second vice-president, J. B. Henderson: treasurer, F. Clarke; secretary, Colin Campbell. There are about seventy names on the roll of messibers of the board.

G. F. Williams intends shortly opening at Phoenix a branch of his Greenwood dry goods establishment. Valencia raisins hold steady at last week's decline.

Currants are showing more activity

week's decline.

Currants are showing more activity on the London market, and sellers are firm in their demands.

Cable advices from Malaga report a strong situation in akmonds, with holders' views higher than the merket prevailing in New York. No further light has been thrown on the reported thamsee by frost to the new crop.

Statistical Wheat Report.

WHEAT IN CANADA. WHIRAT IN CANADA
Stocks of wheat in Canada at principal points of accumulation are reported as follows:

Montreal 100,000
Toronto 100,000
Oepot Harbor, Ont 11,000
Kingston 11,000
Keywatin 2008,000
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Winalpeg 200,000
 Keewatin
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 Winnipeg
 323,000

 Manitoba elevators
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Total stocks in the United States and
Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as
reported by Bradstreet's March B. were
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Stocks of wheat at Pacific coast ports
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WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS. Stocks of wheat in America and Europe and affoat for Europe Feb. 1 in each year, for a series of years, were as follows— Bradstreet's report:

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CROP MOVEMENT CHOP MOVEMENT:
The following table gives the receipts if wheat at the four nrincipal United States spring wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement. Aug. I. 1900, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

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Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago. Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

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Live Stock—Tattle, 22461, as to grade; sheep, 5c; hors, 4176416; off cars, according to quality.

Live Stock TradeNotes.

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The C. P. R. has reduced rates on stock at the rate of twenty-five per cent on its Edmonton branch.

The Machod Gazette says: "Ranchers are twell satisfied with the condition of stock at the present time. The whiter has been the finest for years, and the losses have been practically nil, compared with other years, while young and old stock with good constitutions are in prime condition. Only in cases of weak stock and calves has feeding been necessary this winter, and we know of ranches where the calves were turned out after weaning and have rusted along in frisky condition. Prospects in the stock line were never better than at present in this district."

Another stage in the matter of providing proper clevator facilities for the port of Montreal has been reached, a new offer having been submitted to the harbor board by a Montreal legal firm on behalf of large American Interests. In view of this offer, action upon the notice of motion to borrow one million dollars and erect elevators with the same, paying government in terest at the rate not to exceed 3 per cent, per annum, was deferred, and the whole question will be reconsidered at the next meeting of the board,

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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Saturday, March 23.

This week has been marked by mild weather and increasing activity in all departments of trade. Sleighing is practically done in the city and reports from the country say that the roads are becoming bad in places so that it may be expected vehicular traffic will be retarded until the roads are fit for wheeling with a correspondinging deline in country trade. Seeding operations may be expected to commence soon. Meantime the country merchants are stocking up with spring and summer goods, implement men are hurrying their stocks of spring machinery to delivery points and there is a steady increase in volume of trade of all kinds and in industrial activity. Settlers' excursions are beginning to arrive from the east and there is a fairly large volume of railway passenger traffic to and from the west. The grain movement from country points has become very light and many of the buyers have been taken off the market. Labor is well employed for the season of year. Bank clearings at Winnipeg show a moderate increase as compared with last year. Money is in good demand at from 6 to 8 per cent. for mercantile loans.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

BOOTS AND SHOES.

There is a steady demand for all kinds of seasonable footwar at local jobbing houses and the situation is without special feature. Values hold steady.

CURED MEATS.

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DRY GOODS.

The jobbing demand is still charac-terized by great activity and ship-ments to country points are large. Ready-made garments are in good de-mand. Country remittances are slow.

FISH.

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Demand is good and prices remain unchanged. It is not expected chast there will be any not expected chast there will be any not expected warletter grand to prices for domestic variettes until the new fishing section varieties will be priced by the control of the contro

GREEN FRUITS.

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There is a much better trade being done in this line than at this time last year, and we note considerable activity and activity and we note of a supercent that the price of these. This is carried in the price of these. Pineappier in the price of these. Pineappier in the price of these. Pineappier are not usual. There is \$4.00 per care not in and selling at \$4.00 per care of 6 baskets. New strawberries are arriving from Texas by express and wholesale at \$560 per box. The crop is said to be lighter than usual owing to heavy storms in February, which destroyed the growing berries in many places. We quote: Apples. Ben Davis. \$4.00: Baddwins. \$5.00; Russets. \$4.00: Baddwins. \$5.00; Russets. \$4.00: California navel oranges, per box. \$1.00 to \$1.00; bitter oranges. \$6.00 per case: lenons, \$4.00; S. \$4.50; ss to size: bananas, per bunch, \$3.00; wisconsin cranberries, per barrel, \$10.

Jerseys, frozen, 48.50; figs, 41.25 per 10 lb box; onlons, per lb., 2%c; mince meat 4n; 25-pound pails, 10c per pound; cartoon dates, per peckage of 1-pound; loc; new dates, lc; clder in kegs or barrels, 35c per gain; honey, 1-pound jars, \$2.50 et dozen; maple syrup, 2-pound lins, per dozen, \$2.25; hair gailon this, 30.50 per dozen; gailons, \$12.00; date collection than \$12.00 per dozen;

gallons, \$12.00.

So far as quotations are concerned there has been no change in falls market this week. Green Rio coffee is firmer on the strength of advices from Rio and the advance of last week has been dully maintained. Feunes are looking up and the very low priced small stock which has been offering in this market has apparently been pretty well exhausted. Packers at the coast have advanced prices 1/2 to 3/cc per last advanced prices 1/2 to 3/cc GROCERIES

HARDWARE.

HARDWARE.

Demand is active and shipments to country points are the principal feature. Prices remain unchanged since a secondary of the second

FHEL.

The mild weather has lessened the demand for fuel and we note a smaller volume of business here. Prices remain unchanged as given elsewhere in this issue.

IMPLEMENTS.

Business is more active in this mar-ket. Spring lines are wanted in a hurry and attention is being centred on the delivery of these. Values seem to be holding steady and there are no special features to note.

SCRAP.

There is a fairly good demand for scrap iron and prices for this and other old materials rule steady as follows: No. 1 cast iron, free from wrought and malicable, 312 to 313 per ton: No. 2, 34,00 to 35 per ton: No. 2, 34,00 to 35 per ton: wrought iron scrap, \$7,00 per ton: No. 2, 34.00 to 35 per ton: wrought iron scrap, \$7.00 per ton: wrought iron scrap, \$7.00 per ton: heavy copper 10 to 12c per pound: red brass, 10c per pound: yel-low brass, heavy, \$6 per pound: Hight brass, 5c to 6c per pound: lead piper tea lead, 2 to 2½c per pound: rags, country mixed, 50c per 100 nounds: rubbers, free from rivets, buckles and arctics, 5c per pound: sinc scrap ic per nound: bones, clean, iry and bleached, \$5 to \$6 ton; bottles, quarts, 20c per dozen; pints, 12%c per dozen.

STONE AND LIME.

Prices are as follows: Rubblestone, \$4.60 per cord; footings, \$5.50 per cord; footings, \$5.50 per cord; white lime 20c per bushel; grey lime 15c per bushel. These are practically the same prices as prevailed last

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
WHEAT—There has been more activity in the speculative wheat markets during the past seven days than for some time previously, but the advance made at the end of last week has not been well sustained and after a gain of about 2c from the low point of the previous week, closing prices yesterday had avceded to within one cent of the low point of the previous week, and 1½c under the highest point reached in the interval. Several things happened to cause the activity and work in favor cause the activity and work in favor cause the activity and work in favor of an advance. There were war rum-

ors between Russia and England over a little matter in China. Also rumors that England was about to put some duty on breadstuffs. Then there was wheat arriving at Liverpool not up to contract grade, and shorts in the option market there had prices up. The consequence was that England and continental markets all showed good advances. Then there were some crop damage reports in the States and a bullish feeling arose in Chicago, and taken altogether the news caused the shorts there and in other American option markets to cover their short such and that along with investment buying pushed the prices up. Since them it was the shorts there and in other American option markets to cover their short such and that along with investment option pushed the prices up. Since them it was a such and that along with investment of the warlous rumors. The trade and all wheat has not sensitive up the area with an easier feeling has prevailed with one of the short of th

for the previous week and a occureanof 1,325,000 bushels for the same
week last year.
There is practically no change in
the local market since a week ago,
At the beginning of the week, with
the advance in outside markets, there
arose a stronger feeling, and prices
were nominally 160 higher without
causing any increase in the amount
of business. This has been lost since,
Holders are firm but there is no demand and buyers are scarce. There
is increasing caution as regards tough
wheat. Prices at the close yesterday
were exactly the same as a weck
ago-1 hard, 84c; 2 hard, 70c; 3 hard,
63c; tough 3 northern, 63c, all in
store, Fort William, spot or en route.
FLOUR-Prices hold stendy as

store, Fort William, spot or en route.
FLOUR-Prices hold steady as
follows: Lake of the Woods, Five
Roses, \$2.10; Red Patent, \$1.35; Medora, \$1.00; XXXX, \$1.25 per sack of
98 pounds. Oglivle Milling Co., Hungarisn, \$2.10; Glenora Patent, \$1.95,
Alberta, \$1.75; Manitoba, \$1.60 and imperial XXXX, \$1.25 per sack of 98
pounds.

MILLFEED—Demand is large and the supply decidedly inadequate. Bran is quoted at \$15 per ton and shorts at \$17.00 per ton delivered.

GROUND FEED-Ground feed is scarce owing to the small supplies of coarse grains. Pure out chop is worth \$27 per ton delivered, mixed barley and outs \$25 per ton and corn is \$1.50 higher at \$21.50 per ton.

nighter at \$21.50 per ton.

COUNTRY WHEAT — The country wheat market is dull. Deliveries have fallen off to a very small point, and many of the buyers have been taken of the market. The top price quarted to farmers is 650 per bushed for, best grades of wheat, and from that prices grades of wheat, and from that prices range down to 560 according to quality of grain and rate of gradual.

ity of grain and rate of greight.

OATS—There is no change to note in the oat markot. Prices are steady at last week's figures and the situation is without special feature. Seed ane in demand and in most cases Alberta oats are being taken for the purpose. Manitoba oats in cariota on track here are worth 38 to 40c per bushel. Northern Alberta oats are quoted at 41 to 14c per bushel on the

track. Most of the business being done in these is at 43c per bushel. BARLEY-None offering. CORN-Carlots of No. 3 corn of

BALLET—None onewnes.

CORN—Carlots of No. 3 corn on track here are worth from 48 to 40 green track here are worth from 48 to 40 green turshel, an advance of 1½ to 2c per bushel for the week.

FLANSEED—None offering.

HAY—Stocks are light at shipping points and most of the offering report quality. We quote choice from the point and most of the offering to track here. Loose hay on the street is also worth \$6 to \$0 per ton. POULTRY—Turkeys are higher at 11 to 14c per pound. Chickens, 7½ to 10c; ducks, 1c; geese, 1c.

GAME—Wild pigeons are in good demand and dealers will pay 15c per

thands. Dealers are selling from stock at about 22c per pound.

BUTTER—Dairy—There is a good demand for choice dairy butter at as the per pound, but the supply is a side per pound. The side of the s paralley, 30 per pound; onloss, 35 per bushel; turnipa, 36 per pound; onloss, \$1.50 per bushel; cabbage, 2 to 25c per pound; celery, native, 40 to 50c imported, 75 to 90c per dozen bunches, actuce, 40c per dozen bunches, et-tuce, 40c per dozen bunches, 40c p

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HIDES — The market continues weak. Advices from Chicago and other big markets this week have an encouraged the track from the situation and the poor quality of local one-ring is having a further department of the track of the trac

fleece.

TALLOW—Dealers are paying for No. 1 tallow at 4c per pound. No. 2h worth 3c per pound. A good 1 al of tallow is being sold by country shippers in the rough, in which star it is worth 2c per pound.

SENECA ROOT—None offering The best price that would be path her now for clean, dry goot is 500 per pound.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—Prime beef catt an scarce and in active demand. Find his been so scarce that very few furner have any fat cattle for sale. First in oshipping being done. We state the period of the first interest grades beef cattle, 4th per pound here: good, it to 4kc; interiw

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stock, 314 to 4c. Stockers, yearlings, \$12 to \$10 per head; two year olds, \$18

512 to \$10 per head; two year olds, \$18 to \$222

"HEEP-Market nominal.

#10GS-Best hogs are worth \$5.50 per 100 polands, afferior lats are ruling at \$4.50 to \$5.25.

MILCH COWS—The demand for cows has improved. Prices range from £20 to \$40.

HORSES—Medium weight horses for working purposes are in demand at from \$125 to \$200 each, according to weight and quality. Drivers are selling at from \$100 to \$175.

London Fur Sales

The annual March fur sales of the Hudson's Bay Company and C. M. Lampson & Company were held this week in London. England, commenting Monday. Following were the results so far as they have been cabled up to the time of writing:

HUDSON'S BAY CO.
Otter, dark, same as last March.
Otter, pale, 10 per cent. lower than last March.
Otter, thirds, 25 per cent, lower than last March.
Fisher, 22 per cent, lower than last March.

March. Cross Fox, 35 per cent lower than

last March.
Silver Fox 60 per cent, lower than

last March.
Marten, 12 per cent lower than last

Red Fox, 45 per cent. lower than us: March Wolverine, same as last March
Berver, 10 per cent, higher than in
Januars.
Mink, 10 per cent, lower than last

Lynx, 40 per cent, lower than last March Wolf, 50 per cent, lower than last

March.
C. M. LAMPSON & CO.
Cross Fox, 40 per cent lower than
last March.

COMMERCIAL MEN.

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The following commercial travellers registered at the Leland hotel, Winnipeg, this week. A. L. Mailus, London, England, W. Dunlop and Harry Kite, Hamilton, Ont. F. C. Shorey, Walter Sadler, Jas. R. Miller and A. R. Shewan, Montreal Miss G. Sexton, New York: F. W. Clemes, A. W. Lasher, J. A. Brady, C. F. Jeffry and Frank Gieen, Toronto, Geo. H. Grilliss, Quebec: J. E. Williams, Kingston,

Harry Kite, of Hamilton, and A. W. Lasher of Toronto, arrived from the cast this week and registered at the Leland. This 'a Mr. Lasher's forty second trip to Winnipeg. Mr. Kite, and the complex form the cast this week and registered at the Leland. This 'a Mr. Lasher's forty second trip to Winnipeg. Mr. Kite has been coming to the city since ISSI, Only one traveller on the road at present has a more historic record—John Glass, of London.

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WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS.
Returns for the Winnipeg Clearing Rosse for the week ending Thursday.
Work ended March 21, 1800 \$1,000,000 orresponding week, 1800 1,255,024 forresponding week, 1800 1,355,024 forresponding week, 1800 1,355,024 The monthly totals are as follows:

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The National Biscult Co of the United States are offering to sell their employees preferred stock on very favorable terms. This stock hast year paid a little over 7 per cent. per analysis

Western Business Items.

O. Burdett has purchased the Star bakery husiness at Birth

W. F. Young has leased the World newspaper of Moosomin.

Cooper & Taylor, barrister, Portage, ave opened a branch office in Mav-Gregor.

Geo. Howard has bought out the steam dye works of Crittendon & Co., at Carnua.

"he Manitoba Farmers' Hedge and Wire Fence Company, Limited, is ap-plying for incorporation.

I. M. Marshall has secured the ency for the Frost & Wood Co.'s line implements for the Regina district.

Tenders will be received by D. Mc-Lean, Carberry, for a frame church to be exected on the S. E. corner of N. E. 4, S. 16, T. 11, R. 15.

The Neepawa Club, Limited of Neepawa is applying for incorporation.
W. Mumberson has bought out the fivery business of Daicy Jones at Ro-

R. Davidson for the past fly years manager at Prince Albert of the Im-perial Bank has been appointed to succeed W. Bell as manager at Port age la Prairie.

age la Prairie.

A. Macdonald, wholesale merchant, Winnipeg, will build a three storey brick warehouse on Market street, on the site of the old Thistle rink. Its this mensions will be 50 by 140 feet.

Macabe and White, proprietors of the saloon in connection with the Wil-son hotel, at Victoria, have purchas-ed the Commercial hotel, in that city. and are refltting it.

and are refitting it.

About \$10,000 or \$12,000 damage was done by fire at Roland tast Wednesday, the places burned being James Mawson & Co., bardware; C. F. Boardman, bakery and confectionery, and W. H. Nesbitt, private bank.

The stock of general merchandise, book accounts and fixtures of the Neepawa Trading Company, of Nexpawa, Man., will be sold by auction at rate on the dollar by Newton & Davidson, Winnipeg, on the 27th inst. The total value is \$16,878,97.

The formation of an outlon market

The formation of an obtion market for Winnipeg is progressing favorably A meeting of the grain exchange will be held shortly to make the necessary amendments and revisions of the constitution of the exchange authorizing the new form of trading.

trading.

The matter of having perishable imports examined after the arrival of steamers from Rootenay landing has been arranged. The Nelson business men who import perishable goods have forwarded their powers of actorney to the Canadilan officer at Rykerts who will pass the goods, thus doing away with the necessity of an examination at the port of Nelson.—Nelson Miner.

J. D. McArthur, contractor, bought the outfit of W. F. Powell, railway contractor of Lac du Bonnet, which was sold on Thursday by Newton & Davidson for 50c on the dollar. His purchase included the general merchandise etc comprised in the stock of W. Wardrop, of Lac du Bonnet, which was recently purchased by Powelt.

R. P. Rithet & Co., of Victoria, have R. P. Rithet & Co., of Victoria, have published their annual report of the salmon pack of British Columbia for the year 1990, which shows the total to have been 55,413 cases, or about 150,000 cases less than in 1898, and 100,000 cases more than in 1898, and 100,000 cases more than in 1898, and 100,000 cases more than in 1898, and 100,000 cases the River pack amounted to 316-522 cases. the Skeena River pack to 75,413, and the miscellaneous pack to 61,000 cases.

A meeting of the directors of the Manitoba Felt and Yarn Works, Limited," Brandon, was held this week Jabez Elliott was elected president R. J. Clark, vice-president F H Hesson, secretary, and President Elliott was appointed manager. The Elliott was appointed manager The corganization of the company was completed. The works will be started in a few days, and will give standy employment to a number of hands.

A largely attended meeting of the business men of Lacombe was held in Puffer's hall on Monday evening last. M. J. Macleod presiding. The organization of the association was completed. The association, in conjunction with similar associations on that branch of railway, are putting forth efforts to secure a daily local mail service. The secretary was instruct-



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CANADA.

ed to write to the representative of the district at Ottowa requesting that steps be taken towards extinguishing a fire that has long been burning in the coal fields southeast of town. The association has now a membership of about twenty.

about twenty.

A delegation of Winnipeg merchants consisting of J. Porter, Geo. Craig and several others representing about 300 dealers in the city waited on the law amendments committee of the Manitoba legislature, on Thursday, in regard to getting legislation to restrict the use of trading stamps by store-keepers. The delegation presented a largely signed petition requesting that an amendment be made to the municipal act regulating the use of trading stamps or abolishing them altogether. The committee listened to the representations of the deputation and promised to give the matter consideration.

Montreal Hardware Market.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 21, 1901

Montreal, March 25, 1801
Pig Iron—Canadian pig Iron is worth
\$176(\$18), and Summerice \$236(\$21)
Bar Iron—Bulling price \$1,550(\$1.70)
Black Sheets—\$2.50 for \$1 to 16 gauge,
Galvanized Iron—No. 28 Queen's Head,
\$36(\$2.10, Apollo, 10% oz. \$50(\$5.10, Comet
No. 28, \$4.50, with 25c allowance in case

lots.
Ingot Tin-Lamb and Flag, 33434c per

Ingot The-Lamb and Flag, 334;34c per lb.
Lead-\$4.65.
Lead Pinc—7c for ordinary and 7½c for composition waste, with 15 per cent off.
Lino Fro—Ulack pipe, ½, \$3 per 190 ft., ½, \$3; 11 \$3. \$3, \$3.15. \$1 in., \$4.50; 1½, \$6.10; 1½, \$7.22. 2 in., \$9.75 Gaivanizd, \$4.00; ½, \$4.00; ½, \$5.25. 1 in., \$7.50, 1½, \$1.00; ½, \$5.20. 1½, \$1.00; ½, \$1.75; 2 in., \$16.
Terme Plates-\$55;\$8.22.
Swedish from-\$4.25.
Coll Chain—No. 6, 11½c; No. 5, 10c; No. 4, 9½c; No. 5, 9c; ½ in., 7½c per pound; 516, \$4.00; 516, \$4.

Canada Plate—52's, \$2.90; 60's, 53; 77's, \$3.10; full pollshed, \$3.75; and galvanized,

Tool Steel-Black Diamond, Sc. Jess p z, 13c.

Steel—We quote: Sleighshoe, \$1.85. tre. \$1.95; spring, \$2.75; machinery, \$2.75, and toe-calk \$2.50.

Bath Wire—\$3.05 fo.b. Montreal in less than carlots.

Horseshoes—From snoes, aght and medium pattern, No. 2 and sarger, \$3.75, No. 1 and smaller, \$3.75; snow shoes, No. 2 and larger, \$3.75; snow shoes, No. 2 and larger, \$3.75; No. 1 and smaller, \$4. N. L. steel shoes, all saze, \$1.5, No. 2 and larger, \$3.75; No. 1 and smaller, \$4. No. 1 and smaller, \$1.55; featherweight, all sizes, \$1.55, toe weight steel shoes, all slazes, \$1.35, too, in the steel shoes, all slazes, \$1.35, too, in and 10 per cent on oval head, and 50, 10 and 10 per cent on oval head, and 50, 10 and 10 per cent on countersunk heads; C brands, discount, 50 and 71/2 per cent.

Wire Nails—\$2.85 for small and \$2.25 for carlots, fo.b. Montreal.

Cut Nails—\$2.35 for small and \$2.25 for carlots, fo.b. Montreal.

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Building paper—Dry cheating, 70c per roll; cyclone day, do., 42c per roll; straw do., \$1.40 per 100m; followed do., 50c per roll; straw do., 50c; heavy straw do., \$1.40 per 100m; ready roofing, 2 ply, 80c per roll; 3-ply, \$1.05 per roll.

Cordage—Manila, 13e per the for 7-16 and larger, shall integer to for 7-16 and larger, shall, \$1.50 per roll.

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Inc. Montreal. Terms, 3 per cent cash. They White Lead - \$5.50 in cashs; kegs. \$5.50.

Red Lead - Casks, \$5.25: in kegs, \$5.50. White Zine Paint-Pure, dry. \$6; No. 1, 69c, in oil, pure, \$6; No. 1, 74c.
Putty-Rulk, in barrels, \$2 per 100m; bulk, in less quantity, \$2.15: bladders, in barrels, \$2.20: is harrels and over, open kegs or hozes, \$2.55: in time, \$2.45@\$2.75: in iess tinn 100m lois, \$3 f.o.h.

Linsced Oil-Ran, 70c: boiled, 73c, in 5 to 9 barrels, 10ch.
Turpentine—Single barrels, 60c: 2 to 4 barrels, 50c: 5 harrels and over, open terms.

Mixed naints—\$1.25@\$1.45 per gal.

Scrap Metals—Heavy copper and wire.
15@\$139c per fit: light copper, 12c: heavy brass, 12c: heavy yellow, \$4.90c; light trans, 646frc; lead, 25.66c per fit; since \$2.50c; heavy brass, 12c: heavy yellow, \$4.90c; light pray, 64.6frc; lead, 25.66c per fit; since \$2.50c; heavy brass, 10c; heavy yellow, \$4.90c; light pray, 64.6frc; lead, 25.66c per fit; since \$2.50c; heavy yellow, \$4.90c; light proposition; No. 1 cast, \$1.35@\$14 per \$7.50c; nor, No. 1 cast, \$1.35@\$14 per \$7.50c; nor, No. 2 \$5 a ton; malleable and steel, \$4.

Petroleum—\$10cc Star, 14.460c; importal, Acme, 16.50c; \$C. Acme, 18.60c; and Pratt's Astral, 18.460c.

TORONTO WHOLEBALD TRADE.

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Toronto, March 23.

Special to The Commercial.

Dry Goods—Trade is developing actively. Large shipments are being made to the west. Values are generally firm. There is much grumbling in the failure of Casadian mills to fill contracts on low gate prints, large lots have been becaute from the United States printers to fill orders. Owing to over production in the States, goods can be obtained laid down targe is low as Canadians had asked.

Hardwate—Trade is improving, many orders for shelt goods are being shipped. There is a heavy detained fill for hext month. Few changes in prices. Coil chain is steady, at the recent advance. Counter may horse nalls are easier.

Grocerles—Trade is increasing and prospects are bright. Bugars are firm and teined is likely to advance in a day or two. Some low grades of canned goods are weaker and offering lower.

TORONTO GRAIN ANDSPRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial Toronto, Farch 23.
Grain deliveries have been light ou Grain deliveries have been light owing to heavy snowstorms. Ontario wheat is firmer. Oats are firmer. Some round lots of No. 1 wheat have been shipped to Manitoba for sead. Recapts of dairy butter in rolls have been liberal, but trade is slow. Stocks are accumulating and it is gotting difficult to get over 16c for best. The supply of low grade and medium is large. Creamery butter is weaker. Eggs are lower on large receipts. Receipts of poultry are small and prices firm.

Flour — Manitoba Patent, \$4.25; Manitoba bakers, \$4.00 for cariots at

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Flour — Manitoba Patent, \$4.25;
Manitoba bakers, \$4.00 for carlots at
Toronto; Ontario patent, \$2.58 per
barrel for 90 per cent. patents, middle

parter for so per cent. patents, matter freights.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, 65 to 650,c, middle freights, for red and white; Ontario spring, 68% to 69c. No. 1 hard, 98c to 89c; No. 2 hard, 95c. No. 3, 81c to 82c, grinding in transit. Oats—No. 1 white, 29t; to 30c east. 2 white, 29c, middle freights.

Barley—11% to 42c for No. 3 extra at country points west.

Milifeeds—Shorts, \$15 to \$15.50 per ton for cars west; bran, \$14 to \$14.50. Oatneal—\$3.25 for cars of bags, and \$3.35 in wood for carlots, Toronto.

Hay—Carlots on track \$0 to \$10.50 per ton.

per ton.

Eggs-12 to 12½c for fresh, in case

Butter—Large rolls, 16c. pound rolls 16½ to 17c; low grades, 12 to 14c, oceanery packages, 19 to 20c, prints, 21 to 23c.

21 to 23c.

Cheese—the to 10c for job ious and the control of the

Wool-Washed fleece. 15 to 16c; un-washed, 9c. Beens-\$1.65 to \$1.75 per bushel for handpicked, job lots.
Dried Apples-3½, to 4½c for round lots; evaporated, 5½c. Honey-10 to 10½c per pound. Poultry-Chickens, 60c to 80c per pair; turkeys, 12½ to 13c per pound ducks, 75 to \$1 per pair; geese 7c to 8c per pound.
Potatoes-30 to 32c per bushel for ogriots.

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-Aletke at \$5.50 to \$6.50, ac-Seeds—Aksike at \$5.50 to \$6.00, according to sample, and fancy lots are quoted a triffe higher; red clover is steady at \$6 to \$6.75, according to sample; timothy is nominal at \$1.75 to \$2.25, all these prices being per bushel at outside points.

HOGS AND HOG PRODUCTS.

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Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 23.

Pork is firmer and prices are not unlikely to advance. Stocks of domestic are much reduced. All lines are strong. No dressed hogs are offering. Carshurs are quoted nominally at \$7.50.

Pork—Canada short cut, \$20; heavy mess, \$10; shoulder mess, \$10.50 to \$17.

Smoked and dry salted meats—Long clear, tons and cases, 10c; breakfast bacon, 14c; hams, 12½c to 13c; rolls, 10½ to 11c; shoulders, 10 to 10½c; backs, 14c to 15c; green mests out of pickle are quoted at le less that smoked.

amoked. Tierces 10%c, tubs, 10%c, and Lard-Tie palls 10%c.

The property of the Pioneer Steam Navigation Co., of Wahlgoon, Ontario, is offered for sale.

TORONTO LIVIS STOCK MARKFT.
Toronto, March 20.
Special to The Commercial.

Receipts at the stock yards yesterday were 59 carleads, including 1,150 catle, 781 sheep and lumbs, and 30.5 hogs.

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Export Cattle—The offerings were larger than usual and they included some fine cattle. The bulk of the offerings sold at \$4.00 to \$4.00, but a few losds brought \$5. Choice cattle are quoted steady at \$4.50 to \$5, and medium, including light weights, are unchanged at \$4 to \$4.50.

Butchers' Cattle—There was good inquiry for medium to choice cattle, and as the offerings in these classes were a little larger trade was active. Picked lots sold at \$4.00 to \$4.40 choice at \$3.80 to \$4.00; good at \$3.25 to \$3.75; medium at \$2.50 to \$3.15 common at \$2.00 to \$2.50.

Export bulls — The demand for choice bulls is active and they are steady at \$3.75 to \$4.25. Light weights bring \$3 to \$3.75. Offerings are moderate.

erate. Feeders—Market for heavier weights was a little more active and two loads sold at \$3.75 to \$4.25. Light weights were steady at \$3.25 to \$3.50, but very few cattle brought the top

but very few cattle brought the top price.

Stockers—There is an easy tone, but prices are unchanged at \$2.75 to \$2.25 for choice weights. Off-colors are duil at \$1.76 to \$2.25.

Sheep—Market rather quiet, with smaller offerings. Prices are steady and unchanged at \$3.00 to \$3.50 per cwt. for export ewes and \$2.50 to \$3.50 each for butchers.

Lambs—There was keen bidding for grain-fed lambs and prices advanced to \$5 per cwt. One car of high-grade lambs sold at \$5.1296, but this transaction was semi-private, and did not affect the general market. Grain-fed see quoted at \$4.25 to \$5 per cwt. and \$2.50 to \$5 each. Barnvard are steady and unchanged at \$3.75 to \$4.25 per cwt.

cwt.

Calves—Market fairly active, with prices steady at \$2 to \$10 each.

Hogs—Officings were small, the recent reductions in prices having their effect on the country shinments Selects are unchanged at \$6.124 per cwt. and lights and fats are quoted at \$5.75.

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FRIDAY'S MARKFTS.

Toronto, March 23.

Receious at the semi-weekly markets yesterday were 70 cars, including 400 sheep and lambs, 300 hogs.

Export cattle were in better demand and firm. The best trice paid was 55 and from that down to \$4.80 for less desirable lots was the range of prices. Choice lots were scarce and wanted at the top price. Butchers' picked lots were in active demand, and prices for best were firm at Tuesday's range. Feeders were offering more freely at steady prices. Sheep were steady at tuesday's prices. Lambs in good demand and firm. A few spring lambs offered and sold gradily at \$7 each Hogs were steady at Tuesday's prices.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK MARKET

Special to The Commercial, March 19.

At the East End abbatoir yesterday receipts were 450 cattle, 50 sheep and kambs and 225 hogs.

There was no important change in the condition of the market for cat-tle as compared with last Thursday. the as compared with last Thursday. The supply was a little larger, but this was offset by the improvement in the demand and the undertone on the whole was firm. The trade was active, there being a good demand for all grades, and few, if any, were left over. Choice steers sold at 4½ to 4% cents, good at 3% to 4%c, fair at 3 to 1½c, and common at 2½ to 2%c per pound. The trade in sheep and lambs was quiet on account of the small oferings and prices show no chapter was quiet on account of the small offerings and prices show no change Sheep sold at 3½c to 4c, and lambs at 4½c to 5c per lb. Spring lambs met with a fair sale at \$1 to \$0 each The calves offered were generally of poorquality, which met with a slow sale \$1.50 to \$4 each with a few good to choice at \$7 to \$0. In consequence of the small offerings of horse the unof the small offerings of hogs the un-dertone in the market was firmer, but

derione in the market was immer, but prices show no actual advance, sales of straight lots being made at 6c to 6% oper ib., weighed off cars. Shippers state that Canadian cattle are losing \$5 to \$6 per head in old country markets. Shipping space was let this week for Bristol May and June at 47s 6d per head.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal March 2:

Receipts of live stock at the East
End abbatoir on Thursday were 400

cattle and 50 sleep and lambs, and 10 spring lambs. Although the weather was unfavor-

10 spring lambs.

Although the weather was unfavorable for buyers yet the attendance was very fair and as most of them wanted a few cattle the supply was none too large and a fairly active trade was done. The tone was steady and prices show no change. One or two extra choice steers sold at 43½ to a fairly active and 5c per pound. The rulling price for choice stock was 1½, Good sold at 3½ to 4½c, fair at 3½ to 3½g and lower grades at 2½ to 3c per pound. Trade in sheep and lambs was quiet owing to continued small receipts an increase were firm. Sheep sold at 3½ to 4½ c, and lambs at 4½ to 6c per pound. Spring lambs sold readily at \$4 to \$5 each Receipts of live hogs were small and the demand good. The tone of the market was stronger and prices higher at 6½ to 6½c per pound.

Cable advices from Liverpool reporting actual saies of Canadian cattle show that the market has taken a turn for the worse again as shippers stated that prices realized show a loss of \$8 to \$9 per head. Cables from Glasgow reported trade in Canadian and United States cattle fair but whether shippers made or lost money they did not say.

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Owing to high rates of ocean freight asked here by steamship agents for May some of our largest Ontario ship pers have turned their attention to Boston and one of them engaged space recently from that port for 2,400 head of cattle to be shipped to Liverpool in May at 35s per head. This rate is 12s tid lower than the rate enaugements have been made at here for the same month and port.

MONTREAL GRAIN & PRODUCE.

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Special to The Commercial

Montreal, March 23.

The demand for grain is fair for prompt and future shipment. Sales of 40,000 bushels Ontarlo spring wheat have been made at 70c to 76½c. Large sales of No. 2 oats have been made at 33½c to 83½c and No. 1 at 34½ to 34¾c. Barley is quiet. Flour steady and trade slow. Oatmeal is unchanged. Feed active and firm. Hay strong. Business in cheese is fair, but prices are irregular. Large sales of white are reported at 9¾c. The stock for Colored is slow at 1½c. The stock for of white are reported at 19% to 19% to Colored is slow at 19%. The stock for sale is estimated at 25,000 to 30,000 boxes, controlled by one firm. Butter is quiet. Fresh made creamery is jobbing at 22c. Western dairy is slow sale and weak. Receipts of eggs are large and the market is weak. Hides are quiet and steady. Potatoos are in fair demand. Onlors firm. Poultry Onions firm. Posed. Beef active demand. Poultry fair demand. Unions firm. Poultry season is finished. Beef active and steady. Lambs weak.

Wheat—No. 1 spring wheat, 76 to 76½c for May delivery affoat.

Barley—Sales No. 2 affoat May at 49½c.

Oats—No. 1 oats are offering at 314 to 345,c. No. 2, 33½ to 335, affect, May, and 32½ for spot car

Flour—In fair demand and firm Flour—In fair demand and firm Manitoba patent, \$4.30, Manitoba Strong Bakers, \$1.00, straight rollers, \$3.30 to \$3.40.
Rolled oatmeal—\$3.35 to \$3.40 per barrel, and \$1.65 to \$1.70 for bags.
Feed—Market firm, good demand Manitoba bran, bags, \$18, shorts, \$19 Baled Hay—Choice, \$10.50 to \$11 No. 2, \$9.50 to \$10.
Choese—White, \$34 to \$56c; colored, \$195 cents.

No. 2, \$9.50 to \$10.

Che-se—White, 94 to 95c; colored, 195 cents.

Butter—Finest creamery, 22c, seconds, 19 to 20c; dairy, 15 to 15½c.

Manitcha dairy, 14½ to 15c.

Eggs—Fresh, 13 to 14c, choice cold storage stock, 11½ to 13c; cuils, 10½c

Mentreal limed, 12 to 13c; western limed, 11 to 12½c

Maple Syrup—6½ to 7c in wood, tins, 50 to 75c; sugar, 7 to 8c.

Honoy—White clover, comb, 13½ to 14½c; buckwheat comb, 10 to 12c; extracted, 7 to 8c.

Hides—No. 1, 7c; No. 2, 6 cents, No. 3, 5 cents; calfskins, 8 and 6c; lambskins, 90c for good fresh skins.

Vegetables—Potatoes, carlots, 38 to 40c; onlons, \$3.25 to \$3.50 per barrel.

Poultry—Turkeys, 8c to 10c, chickens, 8 to 10c; fowls, 4 to 6c, ducks, 7 to 9c; geese, 5 to 7c.

Meats—Beef hinds, 5c to 8c, fores, 3 to 5c, veal, 3 to 7c; lambs, 3c to 5c, mutton, 3 to 4½c; dressed hogs sold in small lots in a jobbling way at \$8 to \$8.50; Manitoba hogs, \$8.50.

Fire destroyed the Shuswap Milling compuny's saw mill at Kamloops, D. C., last night. There was insurance for \$15,000, and the loss amounts to \$30,001. MONTREAL GROCERY TRAFE

Special to The Commercial, March 3

Special to The Commercial, March Montreal, March Montreal, March Sugar is active and steady assess weak and 2c lower. First 2c lower at the at the Island for badoes. Large purchases have made for Quebec account at 11 for here at 10c Dried fruit is successed as a success are strong London cable averaged 2c. Other grades are Sugar, granulated, 41.45 per 10t yellows, \$3.00 to \$4.25, molasses bing at 34 to 35c. Valencia raising of stalk, 6 to 0½c; fine, 7c; selected 7½c, layers, 8c; currants, 8½o to 9c; camed goods, matoes, 85 to 87½c; poas, 30 to 50 per case; Japan teas, old crop 14½ to 15½ fiber of the composition o

MONTREAL CURED MEAT PLICES

Montreal, March 23
Provisions—The market for provisions has been quiet and steady Quotations are: Pork, \$10 to \$21 lard pure, 11% to 12%c; hams, 13 to 14 bacon, 14 to 15c.

LONDON SUGAR MARKET

London, March & March sugar is quoted at 0s %1

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET

Liverpool, March 2, Cheese quoted at 48a for both white and colored.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET

Liverpool, March 22
The cattle market is unchange The cattle market is unchanged Quotations range from 10½ to 12c per pound, dressed weights; refriserate beef higher at 8½ to 8%c; sheep 12t to 13c; lambs, 14½c. London, same

BRITISH LIVE STOCK MARKETS BRITISH LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

London, March 18.—The trade in American cattle was firm, and pries show an advance of 4c since this day week. Choice sold at 124c, and sheep were strong at 15c.

Liverpool, March 18.—This market displayed some strength, and pries for Canadian cattle show an advance of 4c per 1b. with sales of choice at 114c. There was no sheep on the market.

BANK CLEARINGS

Bank clearings at Canadian offices this week were as follows
Miontreal—\$17,316,572.
Toronto—\$11,101,844.
Winnipeg—\$1,640,926.
Halifax—\$1,370,165.
Hamilton—\$\$14,770.
Vancouver—\$791,231.
St. John—\$768,052.
Victoria—\$629,062.

British Stocks.

London, March 22.—1 p.m Consols for money 95 13-16; do, for the account & Li-16; Atchison 625;; Canadian Pacche 67-St. Paul 1553; Illinois Central 140 L \ 1024;; I. P. pfd 873; N. Y. C 430 for 675; Pennsylvania 773; Reading 18 for 1st pfd, 713.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

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There were 1.705,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William os March 21. Receipts for the vielk wer \$1,000 bushels and shipmens were \$2,000 bushels and shipmens were \$1,000 bushels. A year ago croks is store at Fort William were \$1,000 bushels. Stocks in store at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin Winzpez and interior points are estimated approximately at \$5,138,000 bushels opported with \$0,000,000 bushels to put ago, and \$3,500,000 bushel

Winnipeg Grain Inspection.

For the week ending March 21 that were 460 cars of grain inspected with

were 460 cars of grain inspersed white graded as follows:
Wheat—I hard. 33; 2 hard 71 is thard, 181 3 northern, 1 rected is no grade, 152; condemned it are Oats—No. 2 white, 1; no grade it refected, 0 feed, 3 cars.
Barley—None.
Flax seed—I car, no grade for the corresponding week of ke year there were 415 cars of grain is spected, of which 251 graded I bad.

The residents of Cartwricht Minand district want a gris: mill & their town. Over \$2,000 has been as scribed as a bonus.

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Explorations in the Canadian Rockies.

At a meeting of the Royal Geographical Society, held on the 14th of Jat Jary in London, England, a paper may end by Professor Norman Collie, F. H. S., on "Explorations in the Canadian Rocky Mountains." The chair nation (Line) by Colonel Sh. Thomas H. Holdich, vice-president.

F. Jessor Norman Collie, who in two presents for the Canadian Rocky Mountains for a distance of nearly 100 miles, described in his paper a journey which he made last summer to the western side of the range in company with Mr. H. E. M. Stuffield, Mr. S. Spencer, and others. The party started on July 29 from Donald along the Columbia trail to the Bush river. The way lay through dense forest, and the Columbia river was soon left far to the left. The vast forest through which they travelled far exceeded anything on the other side of the range—the huge pines, cotton-wood trees, and firs reaching to a height of 150 feet. The undergrowth was very dense, whilst the failen trunks of dead trees, sometimes six or eight feet through, lay scattered in every position. They encountered also that pest of British. Columbia forests—the deal's club, a plant with large and broad leaves and a stem covered with spike. These spikes, when they entered the flesh, produced poisoned wounds which festered, and, while cutting trail, it was impossible to pretent the long twisted roots from highs up and leaving their poisonous thoms in the body.

After reaching the Bush river progress was very slow, owing to the extremest difficult nature of the ground which consisted of a dense forest and undergrowth, with frequent swamps—almost impracticable for horses. The party was compelled to keep to the south bank of the river until August 16, when the crossing was made just opposite a shoulder of the high peak which had dominated the valley and which was supposed to be Mount Bryce. In ten days the expedition had only covered about twelve miles as the crow tiles, and in height had risen only some 40% feet.

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Bryce In ten days the expedition had only covered about twelve miles as the crow siles, and in helght had risen only some 40% feet.

A climb of about 5,000 feet for observation made it clear that the mountain at the head of the Bush valley was not Mount Bryce at all, and that the party was much further south than it had hoped to be. But with this discovery the extremely unpleasant fact asserted itself that the Columbia feelled, which was the goal of the expedition, lay early fifteen miles away up a valley every yard of which would have to be cut with an axe. To approach it would occupy at least a fortnight, and a return was therefore made to the camp in the valley, and Donald was reached spain on September 3.

The result of the expedition had been to take clear a great deal about the geography of the district. Practically the whole district between the Wood liver and the Blueberry creek was drained by the Bush river. The Waitabia and Bluewater creeks merely took the water from the foothills. A large glacier existed at the back of the Freshfield group. This was the source of the south fork, while the Lyell and columbia glaciers fed the north fork of the Bush river.

Columbia glaciers fed the north fork of the Bush river.

Another system of glaciers that lay to the west of Mount Bryce fed two tibutaries of the Bush river flowing southward and parallel with the north fork. The magnificent snow-capped peak about 13,000 feet high, standing almost over the Junction of the north and south forks was not Mount Bryce, but a highest aumaned mount in The almost over the junction of the north and south forks was not Mount Bryce, but a hitherto unnamed mountain. The great depth of the Bush valley was of interest and the fact that to start with, both from Mount Freshfield and Mount Columbia, the valleys lay parallel with the main chain, showed that probably the same forces that fashioned valleys on the castern side also made them on the west. This pressure, is man, places at the headwaters of the Luch river, had contorted the rock hato the most fantastic bends and loops. This contortion seemed general and far more pronounced than anything which Professor Collie had seen on the mastern side of the mountains. The smeral lie of the country was a series of more or less tilted strata facing northeast, with gentle slopes towards the southwest and precipitous face—towards the northeast, the ranges onsisting chiefly of carboniteries and Devonlan limestones. There seemed to be only one pass below timer-line connecting the Bush valley with the east side and range, and this Tas explored by Charles S. Thompson,

of Chicago, last summer. He was the first person who had been on its sum-mit, which was 6,800 feet above sea tevel -Imperial Institute Journal

Canadian Trade.

Toronto, March 22—(Bradstreet's — Montreal trade reports are favorable. They indicate a fair movement for this period of the spring. Shipments on spring and summer placing of ders are large. Sorting orders for shipment next month continue to come forward freety. Reports from the immediate trade centres of the growing shipment activity this week in business and a satisfactory outlook for the summer trade. Values of staple goods continue from the Northwest they indicate more activity this week in business and a satisfactory outlook for the summer trade. Values of staple goods continue from the holds are successed as a good demand for money and rates are steady.

AT TORONTO

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Business at Toronto has been fairly ative this week. The snow storm and rain somewhat interfered with the movemen, in some departments. Spring goods are being freely shipped. The sorting trade is expected to be large. Prices continue firm for all lines Local houses have made rather heavy importations of American print goods lately, induced by concessions in prices made by American mill men, who have a surplus on the seeson's output. Country, remittances have been fair. London jobbing firms have experienced a very fair movement this week. The country trade is in good shape for the spring business, and retailers have been making liberal put chases for the coming season. Prices continue firm.

ON THE COAST.

Business at the coast has improved a little this week. As spring approaches orders from retailers begin proaches orders from retailers begin to get more numerous and as a large consumption is expected at most points this year, stocks have to make a better showing. The outlook for trade the coming season is very satisfactory at present. Considerable shipments of goods from the east are being received by jobbers at Vancou ver and Victoria.

At Hamilton there has been considerable activity in wholesale trade circles thi: week. Numerous orders are coming to hand from various points in the Dominion and the jobbers are busy getting out goods for shipment. Travellers are sending in good accounts of the immediate outlook for bushess. Staple goods continue firm.

MANITOBA.

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The retail trade at the various centres in Manitoba are sending in more cheerful accounts of the outlook for trade the coming season and are making liberal purchases to provide for if from Winnipeg firms Preparations have been made for an early season and some expansion in business and general improvement in the condition of trade are looked for very soon Remittaness are fair.

Business in wholesale circles at Ottawa has been developing a fair amount of activity this week. The wholesale firms report a good many orders from the country and are busy sending forward goods ordered some time ago. Trade appears to be in a healthy condition and the prospects for business are as good as they have been for many years.

QUEBEC.

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At Quebec, during the past week, shee Jobbers placed several large orders for the fall and continued activity in shoe manufacturing circles is assured. The retail trade in the city is fairly brisk, particularly amongst dry goods, seasonable goods being in demand. In some quarters the country roads are reported to be breaking up, which will in some respects interfere with the movement of goods. The maple sugar season is close at hand and from reports obtained from reliable sources in various paris of the province, the yield will not, it is thought, reach former years. The farmers attribute the cause to no sap in the trees owing to lack of rain and no frost in the ground.

Plans for the Lake of the Wools Milling company's new offices on Me-Dermot avenue. Winnipeg, are being prepared and tenders will be called for probably next week. The offices will be completed in the most modern

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Chlongo, March 18, Wheat, March close 754;c May open 75s, high 775s, low 70, close 755;c b Corn. May open 415;, high 112; how 445s, close 445;g/f/gc 05ts May open 25s, how 25, close 25s;c low 25s;

Chicago. March 19 - Wheat, March open 75th, those 75 m. May open 45th, those 75 m. May open 45th, those 75 m. May open 45th, those 15 m. May open 415k, high 41 k, those 45 k, those 45 k, a to 7 m. May open 415k high 41 k, those 415k high 55 how 25 those 25 k. Pork May 64 m. 816, high 816 k, those 41 m. 816, high 816 k, those 81 m. 816 high 81 k, those 81 m. 81 k, those 81 k, those

Chicago, March 20 — Wheat, March c.osc 7574c n. May open 7692, high 77% low of 7094, close 7652477c Corn, May open 445, high 436, low 44, close 4452c b. July open 4154624, close 119462c Onts, May open 2594, close 2342c Pork, May open 810,50, high \$10,90, low \$10,50, close \$16,90, Lard, May open \$7,822 close \$7,854, for \$7,85, low \$7,82 close \$7,854, for \$7,85, low \$7,82 close \$7,854, for \$7,854, low \$7,855, low \$7,854, for \$7,854, for

close \$7 85637 57

Chleago, March 21 — Wheat, May open at 7035, high 7645, low 7645, close 764563.c.

Porn, May open 41%, high 41½, low 445c, close 44½, a Oats May open 25%, high 25%, low 24%, close 24% C Pork, May open 37, high \$17.05, low \$16.20, close at \$16.35, Land, May open \$7.90, high \$7.92, low \$7.57, closs \$7.57, loss \$7.57, closs \$7.57, closs \$7.570, close \$7.756

\$7.77
Chicago, March 22,—Wheat, May open at 764,67534, high 7645, low 7542, close 765 to 5 corn, May open 4145, high 4145, low 44, close 414-35, Oats, May open 234, high 25, low 247, close 25c, Pork, May open 516 33, high 81640, low 815,90, close 816 Lard, May open 87,87, high 87,90, low at \$7,82, close \$7,90 liths, May open 87,80, close \$7,90 liths, May open \$7,80, close \$7,90 liths, May open \$1,55 at close \$1,54.

May open \$1.55 a close \$1.54.
Chicago, March 23.—May when opened at 76c and ranged from 75%c to 76%c. Closing prices were wheat—March 75%c, May 76%c. Mc Commarch 40%c, May 41%c Oats—March 25c, May 25%c Pork—March \$15.25, May \$7.57 Ribs—March \$7.87, May \$7.57 Ribs—March \$7.87, May \$7.57 Ribs—March \$7.85, May \$7.55 A week ago May wheat closed at 65%c; two years ago at 70%c; dhree years ago at 70%c; dhree years ago at 50%c; two years ago at 72%c, five years ago at 66c; six years ago at 55%c.

New York Wheat.

New York, March 18.—Wheat, May open Site, high Sit, low S0, close S05c to New York, March 19.—Wheat, May open S046ck, high S05c, low S05c, close S0tge a. New York, March 20.—Wheat, May open S05c fa; high S1, low S05c, close S14c.
New York, March 21.—Wheat, May open S1, high S14c, low S05c, close S05c.

New York, March 22.—Wheat, May open sol4 b, high Sol5, low S0, close Sol5c b.

New York, March 23.—Wheat closed at Sol5c for May option.

Minneapolis Wheat.

Minnespolls, March 18.—Wheat, Wry ep en 75% high 75%, low 75, close 55c Minneapolis, March 19 - Wheat, May op-ned 75%614, high 7514, low 74%, close at ened 754 7434/1750

Minneapolis, March 20 - Wheat, Mar open 75%, high 75%, low 75, close 75%/43%. Minneapolis, March 21.—Wheat, May op-ened 75%, high 75 low 74%, close 74%/ 75%.

Minneapolis, March 102—Wheat, May op-ened 74 64%, high 74%, low 74%, close 74% Minneapolis, March 23.—Wheat closed at 74%c for May option. Cosh No 1 hard wheat closed at 76%c; No. 1 northern at 74%c.

Duluth Wheat.

Duluth, March 18.—Wheat, May open at 774, high 775, low 7649, close 7649. No. 1 hard 7649. No. 1 northern 1449. Duluth, March 19.—Wheat, May opened 767, b high 765, low 7658, close 7650. No. 1 hard 765. No. 1 northern 7350.

I hard 40-2. (a) 1 horthern 5-38 open at 76% b, high 77%, bay 76% b, cose 77% b. No. 1 hard 77% c. No 1 northern 76% c. Duluth. March 25 - 8 hear May open at 77 b, high 77, bay 76% close 76% c. No 1 hard 76% c. No 1 northern 74% c.

1 hintib, March 22.—Wheat May open at 76% b, high 76%, low 76%, close 76% b blax, cash \$1.58b No. 1 hard 76%c No. 1 northern 74%c

morthern 74½c.

Duluth, March 23.—May option closed at 76½c for No. 1 northern wheat. Cash No. 1 hard closed to-day at 76½c and cash No. 1 northern at 74½c.

A week ago May option closed at 77½c. A year ago May wheat closed at 65½c: two years ago at 70½c; three years ago at 97½c; four years ago at 72½c; five years ago at 62½c; six years ago at 61½c.

Winnipeg Raw Fur Prices.

Following is a list of the prices now being paid by responsible fur buyers in Winnipek for consignments of furs from all parts of the west:

| Badger, prime | \$.25 | \$.50 |
|---|---------|--------------|
| Bear, black, small | 4.00 | 10 (8) |
| Badger, prime Bear, black, small Bear, black, middling | 8.00 | 12.00 |
| Hour block lange | 70 M | ****** |
| Bear, black, middling Bear, black, large Bear, brown, small | 3 00 | 8 (8) |
| Bear, brown, middling | 8.00 | 1200 |
| Bear brown large | 12.00 | 18.00 |
| Reaver large | 6.00 | 7.50 |
| Beaver middling | 3.00 | 5.00 5.00 |
| Bear, brown, small Bear, brown, iniddling Bear, brown, large Beaver, large Beaver, middling Beaver, small | 1 50 | 0.60 |
| Fisher, according to si | 1.00 | 00.00 |
| and solon | 1 50 | VIII |
| and color | 4.00 | 0.00 |
| rox, silver, according | En m | 150.00 |
| size and color Fox. cross, according | . 50.00 | 140.00 |
| rox, cross, according | 10 2 00 | 30 141 |
| size and color | 0.00 | 15.00 |
| Fox. red, according to s | 120 | 45.545 |
| and color | 1.00 | 2.60 |
| Lynx, according to size a | | |
| color | 1.00 | 4.00 |
| Marten, large, dark | 5.00 | 10.00 |
| Marten, large, brown | 4.50 | 7.00 |
| Marten, large, light, pale | e. 3.50 | 4.00 |
| Mink, according to s | ize | |
| and color | 1.00 | 2.00 |
| Musquash, winter . | .03 | .10 |
| and color | . 06 | .12 |
| Musquash, spring Otter, according to s and color | ize | |
| and color . | 5.00 | 10,00 |
| Skunk, according to s | ize | |
| and color | .25 | 75 |
| Wolf, timber | 1.50 | 2.50 |
| Wolf, timber | .50 | 1.00 |
| Wolverine, according | to | 3.00 |
| size and color | 3.00 | 6.00 |
| | 0.00 | .,, |

The above prices are for prime skins tural college, Guelph, or to such per-only, and vary according to size and color.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT.

Liverpool, March 22.—Close: Wheat, spot firm: No 1 California 6s 33/d; No 2 red western winter 6s. No, 1 northern spring 6s 33/d. Futures quiet; May 6s 3/d. July 6s 3/d.

Liverpool, March 23.—Wheat closed to-day unchanged at 65 4d per cental for May wheat.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT PRICES.

No 1 hard closed at Sic and No. 3 at 6Sc in store Fort William. Business is very dull and inactive.

INSOLVENCY LEGISLATION.

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The members of the local government have had under consideration a new Manitoba insolvency law this week and have been conferring with the Jobbers' Union as to its provision. The discussions have developed so, many phases of the subject that would have to be considered in order to see cure a satisfactory act that it has almost been decided to let the matter stand over until the next session of the house in order to permit of a full discussion. Some amendments, may be made to the present law this session. The fact of the gavernment taking up this matter would seem to indicate that hopes of Dominion action have been given up.

Tenders are being called for work to be done in the remodelling of the Hargrave block, Main street. Winni-

It is officially estimated that the wheat yield of South Australia will reach 17,700,376 bushels, or an increase of 2,552,628 upon last year's yield.

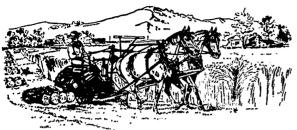
T. M. Hyndman, of the Bank of Ottawn staff, at Portage la Prairie, has been transferred to Dauphin. Mr. Moore, of Rat Portage, will succeed Mr Hyndman at the Portage.

Isaac Cockburn has resigned the position of secretary-treasurer of the Western Retail Lumbermen's association and will be succeeded by Duncan Sinciair who has held the position of cashier with D E. Sprague, Winnipeg, for a number of years.

Taylor Bros., fruit and produce merchants. Winnipeg, have had several cars of potatoes in from Ontario during the past ten days. The potatoes are of fine quality and sell to the cetail trade at 75c per bag or about 52c per bushel. They have also a large consignment of dried apples which they are selling at 6c per pound to the trade.

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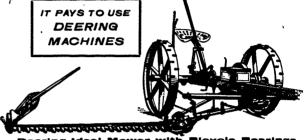
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INSURANCE MATTERS.

MUTUAL LIFE OF CANADA.

The annual statement of this company, which is published elsewhere in this issue, is, we are sure, a very satisfactory one to the policyholders. As the directors said in introducing their report "the business of the year has been eminently satisfactory." The interest earnings were again largely in excess of all the death claims that arose within the year. A moderate percentage of lapses and surrenders gave evidence of the continued confidence of policyholders. The amount of insurance actually collected for during the year was \$4,671,712 being the largest amount of insurance placed in Canada by a Canadian com-The important announcement is made by the directors in this connection that they have decided henceforth to confine the company's operations to Canada where proper supervision can be exercised. Other features of the report which are regarded as highly satisfactory are the increase in number of policies in force which now amounts to 20,336, assuring \$29,521,070.58, the low death rate, absence of investment losses, and close collection of interest on investments, and the handsome surpluses over all liabilities according to the government standard of calculation of \$516,009.80. The reports presented were regarded as highly satisfactory by the policy holders and were unanimously adopted with votes of thanks to the officers of the company for their vigilance and zeal. The retiring directors were re-elected and the same officers will act again this

LIABILITY TO PAY PREMIUM.

LIABILITY TO PAY PREMIUM.

There are some people who think that they may apply for insurance, and, after putting a company to the touble of investigating the risk and preparing a policy, then back out, so long as they have not paid the prenium, one Cronk, a London, England, farrier, had this view. He sent to the General Accident Insurance Corporation a proposal form for a policy of indemnity against claims in respect of drivers' accidents; the proposal was to be on the basis of a contract between himself was a factor of the company and the company and the company prepared a contract between himself was a factor of the company and sent an agent to deliver it. Cronk was busy and told the man to call again, and before the came back, wrote the company that he did not desire to proceed with the insurance. The company that he did not desire to proceed with the insurance. The company that he did not desire to proceed with the insurance. The company that he did not desire to proceed with the insurance. The company that he did not desire to proceed with the insurance massed in the High Court, the company contending that they were entitled to the full premium as damages because the contract of insurance was complete when the policy was executed. For Cronk it was argued that the execution of the policy was not an acceptance of the proposal but was a counter-ofter by the company, which required Cronk's acceptance was contended to the policy was not in terms of the policy was proposal and gave them judgment for appeal, and gave them judgment for a papeal, and gave them judgment for a papeal and gave the

make the contract conditions of the proposal.

The court allowed the company's The court allowed the company's The court and the proposal that the company's The court are the defendant in his proposal undertook, if the risk was accepted by the company, to pay the premium. That meant that as soon as the risk was accepted, he became liable to pay the premium; and it did not mean, as was contended on his behalf, that before he could be asked for the premium he must approve of the policy tendered to him. He must be taken the company. If the propagation of the promium company to the propagation of the promium company is smalled for the ordinary form mium ne must approve of the policy tendered to him. He must be taken to have applied for the ordinary form of policy issued by the company. If the wrong form of policy was ten-dered to him, he, no doubt, had the right to insist on receiving the correct

one. But the mere fact that the wrong form of policy was tendered to him did not relieve him from the obligation to accept the policy for which he did apply, or from the obligation to pay the premium. General Accident Insurance Corporation v. Cronk, 17 Times Law Reports 233.—Insurance and Finance Chronicle.

British Columbia Notes.

B. Rriel, of Calgary, contemplates erecting a flour mill at Nelson. D. J. Robertson will open a furni-ture store at Nelson.

Last week's ore shipments from the Slocan amounted to 515 tons.

The report is denied that the Payne mine, Rossland, were laying off 50

The Molly Gibson and Chapleau, Slocan, properties, are in the hands of the sherif.

The Highland mine, Ainsworth, shipped 200 tons to the Hall mines smelter last week.

McGillivray & Mitchell, prop of the Dominion hotel, Clinton dissolved partnership. McGi continues. proprietors McGillivray

dissolved partnership. McGillivray continues.

Last week the Rossland board of trade held their annual meeting when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: J. B. Johnson, president; A. S. Goodeve, vice-president; A. W. C. Jackson, secretary.

John A. Morin, J. E. W. Thounson and G. Rumgerger have formed a partnership as general merchants at Phoenix under the name of Morin, Thounson & Co.

The Bonanza Hydraulic Company, Limited, the B. C. Pyrites Company, Limited, Detroit and Erie Gold Mining and Development Company, Limited, and the South Vancouver Lumber and Manufacturing Company, Limited, and the South Vancouver Lumber and Manufacturing Company, Limited, and the South Vancouver Lumber and Manufacturing Company, Limited, and the South Vancouver Lumber and Manufacturing Company, Limited, and to Study and Company and

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The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company has commenced to build 126 new coke ovens at its mines.
The customs receipts at Greenwood for the month of February were \$1.58.18, and the inland revenue collections \$1,757.56.
The Reveletoke city council has pass-

and reversions of the money voters a by-law to enable the purchase of the Water, Light & Power Company's property and franchises for the sum of \$69,975.

The city assessor will, he states, make the value of assessable real property in Revelstoke slightly exceed last year's estimate of \$602,607. His returns reckon the local population at 2,700.

John A. Fraser, of St. Thomas, Ont., who has had business experience with F. M. Griffin & Co., and with the im-perial bank, has been appointed to a position in the office of J. Y. Griffin & Co., at Nelson.

The Revelstoke board of trade has appointed a deputation to interview the provincial government in regard to a river steamship bonus and other local navigation and road requirements of the route to the Big Bend country

the route to the Big Bend country
C. E. McPherson, C. F. R. western
general passenger agent, from Winnipeg, was lately in the Kootenay, soins
thence to the coast cities of Van
couver and Victoria, en route to Cal
fornia on a business trip.
Messrs. Date (father and sons) late
ly from Carmi, Illinois, are putting in
a sawmill near the Carmi mine, up the
West Fork of the Kettle River They
have purchased from Lequim &
Powers, Midway, a 30-horse powr engine and other mill machinery.
Morrin & Thommson have purchased

gine and other mill machinery.

Morrin & Thompson have purchased the remainder of the stock-gra-ories and hardware-of the Wyankoopstephens Co., of Phoenix, and have removed the grocery department of their general mercantilo business their premises hitherto occupied in that company. It is understood that Go. W. Rumberger, owner of the original Phoenix townsite, is interested with the firm in this extension of their business.

How to Secure Customers and Hold Them.

The Commercial Buffetin and Northunt Trade of Minneapolis, has been and Trade of Minneapous, has been offering prizes for the best essay on the above subject and as a result a number of very valuable contributions

number of very valuable contributions have been received, the best of which have been received, the best of which we're published in an issue of that payer which obtained first prize: I a many use common sense used by the which is the obtained of the kollowing essential according to the store, was ready for custom-aitvely short time of elevén eers consisted of the kollowing essential according to the store, was ready for custom-ait, it presented as clean and tidy an appearance as the most particular acus, it presented as clean and tidy an appearance as the most particular acus, the prize prompt. Now this was the condition of it is differed in any was from other process some of the work of the was the condition of the prize to the new and unknown one. The cheapest and quito it differed in any was a quickest way to make it known was a quickest was the conditions of sort of the new sore, and to accomplish this liberal space was filled with store news, making our cleanliness, good service and adily and also weekly papers. The space was filled with store news, making our cleanliness, good service and train a part of the paper. I have always the paper was the

published in the Commercial Bulletin some time ago, and I close by confessing that the success has been earned by using plenty of common sense in the up-building of my business, and using nothing but plain honest business methods.

Enormous Coul Consumption.

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Professor R. H. Thurston, writing in Youth's Companion, notes that a very large part of this fuel is employed in supplying our steam engines, and the supplying our steam engines, and the supplying our steam engines, and the supplying our steam tong a day by a steamship was thought reparkable; to-day there are suffered burning for the supplying the steamship was thought reparkable; to-day there are considered on the coean of 20,000 and 30,00m horse power each which require from eventy to thirty tons an hour, or 500 reformed to the supplying th

means of locomotion i used, from men who, like oxen, tramp the tow paths having the smaller barges to powerful taking the smaller barges of the canals and in the leds of the canals and the small pace great caravans of heavy barges.

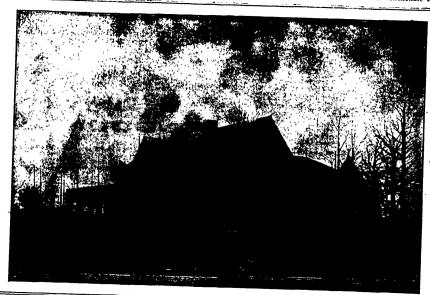
"From the greater streams immense craft nearly 400 feet long, fifteen feet in depth, carrying 1,000 cm and freight, drift down to the Casplan sof freight, drift down to the Casplan sof freight, drift down to the Casplan sof freight, drift down to the Steamers going ap stream. In all there are \$,000 miles of navigable waterways in the valley of the Volga, or, if the streams which foat the giant rafts that form so large a part of the traffic of the rivers are included, the mileage is increased to nearly 15,000, or as much as that of the control of the control of the stream ship of the mileage is increased to nearly 15,000, or as much as that of the stream of th

type to which we refer is the multi-masted sailing schooner. The success of the six-masted George W. Wells, which is cambined a carrying 5,000 tons of coal, has led the builder to predict that she will be followed by a peven-masted wooden schooner, with a carrying capacity of not less than 6,000 tons of coal. Six of the second tons of coal, and in her the cost of carrying a ton of coal would be brought a vessel would be realled to the second to

By a vote of twenty-five to one the board of trade of St. John, N. B., adopted a resolution that the profer-ence on British goods be allowed only when the goods are brought through Canadian ports.

Canadian ports.

Insolvency legislation and fire insurance were discussed at a meeting of the executive committee of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association held in Toronto last week. On the matter of insolvency legislation it was decided to ascertain from Sir Mackenzie Bowto ascertain from Sir Mackenzie Bowto



gains, can be expected through the displacement of the steam engine by a better form of motor is a question regarding which the greatest authorities are very much at a loss. They are, however, agreed in the conviction that we cannot hope for much further, or any rapid, improvement in the great motor which we now have, and which makes it possible for mankind to do more work in a day than could be performed otherwise in many days, and to multiply the wealth and comfort and opportunities of all the world. The progress of this greatest of inventions has been constantly in the direction of greater complication, although of late it has been discovered that the "whirling colipile," a simple steam-driven toy of the ancient Greeks, may compete successfully with the modern machine and may be made to do wonderful work, but no promise of any extraordinary gain by reducing the still great wastes of the heat enginee is recognized. Working at high temperatures, as with the gas engines, which operate with fiame temperatures, may give some considerable gain.

River Traffic in Russia.

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"Up the Volga and its hundred tributaries ascend the iron barges of the Caspian sea oil feet, white through the canals to St. Fetersburg alone pass annually, during the 215 days of free averaged, thousands of steamers and barges bearing millions of tons of freight," remarks a writer in the Engineering Magazine. "Every known

changing hands in a few weeks; 30,000 craft, including rafts, are required for this traffic; they come from an anorth as Archangel, as far east as the Uraks, from Astrakan in the south, St. Petersburg and Moscow in the west; while great caravans of the ships of the decert arrive daily from all parts of Assia."

The Twentieth Century Sailing Vessel.

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Our technical contemporary, the Scientific American, observes that it was shought that the day of the saling vessel was past, the day of the saling vessel was past, the day of the saling vessel was past for your or the saling vessel impossible. During the past few years, however, two types of ships have been built in increasing numbers which bid fair to equal, if not excessed, the tramp steamer in cheapness of cost and operation, and at the dawn of the new century there are two vessels, one in each class, which are about to the new century there are two vessels, one in each class, which are about to continue the saling start preceded them. One than any that preceded them. One than any that preceded them, one of the saling start past of \$500, which has just been signed, is subject to any previous 2000 in larger than that of any previous 2010 in years than that of any previous taken as evidence that the preceding "monater" sailing vessels owned by German firms have proved to be paying investments. The other

ell and Mr. Fortin, who have had charge of the bills relating to incolvency, what opposition they had met with in naving them made law, so as to guide the association in its future course, the committee was appointed to interest the secretary of the Fire Underwiere the secretary of the Fire Underwiere has condition to ask on what basis in the law in the fire underwiere Association to ask on what has in the law in the fire underwiere has the secretary of the fire underwiere has the provision could be made, either by many facilities and also to assertant what provision could be made, either by the increased free insurance charges were the increased or the manufacturers. The increased amount paid by some of the manufacturers would, it was thought, make it profitable for a few of them to combine and put in fire appliances of their of the first the first the positions of the woolten industry was held that the hold in the product, outmeal miliers in the case of the outmeal miliers in the case of the outmeal miliers the duty on the rew material, out, and the product is and this condition was operating industry in Manufacturers and permanent industry being suffered by our established Canadian industries.

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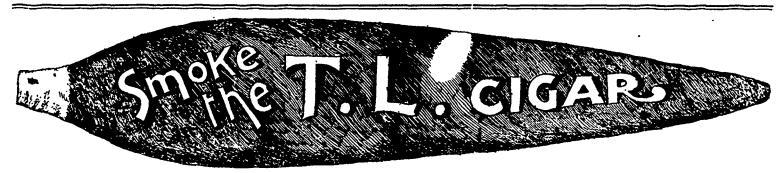
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THE GROCERY TRADE.

THE CURRANT MARKETS.

Private mail advices from Liverpoot just received report on the situation in carrants as follows, say: the Montreal Gazette: "During the first half of February the volume of bushness continued to be of a satisfactory nature for the time of the year, and moderate transactions took place, principally in the better growths, from 35s to 38s, with occasional parcess of choice at 39s to 40s; provincial was only moved with difficulty, owing to somewhat unattractive quality, but sales were enacted at 31s to 32s, with a little at 30s dd. For the past fortinght a very quiet tone has prevalled, and that pressure exerted in some quarters at a time when buyers were unwilling to respond, has caused values to recede a little, the most nodecable reduction being in fruit between the prices of 35s to 37s; provincial has also suffered a slight relapse, anything over 30s being difficult to obtain unless for quality above the average. Payate mail advices from Livernoot

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The duty-paid clearances for the reached the exceptional The duty-paid clearances for the month have reached the exceptional figure of 1.681 tons, being about double the average of former years. The fear, in some quarters, of a possible advance in the duty has been partly the cause of this increase, though such an event gains little credence among the majority of the rade it is more likely that a quarter of faith lying at the disposal of seads It is more likely that a currity of fruit lying at the disposal of their customers has been removed from bond by dealers as a matter of precaution to themselves, and therefore the present unusually light stock in bond must not be altogether taken as an indication of an increased con-

There has been no alteration in the position of the current market, only a moderate demand being experienced for all descriptions, says the London Grocer, of March 2. Fair Provincial in quarter cases is on ofter at 30s, and a few parcels of Vostizza have sold at 36s. The clearances for the month have been fairly satisfactory, and with no arrivals the stock is gradually approximating to that of last year.

Grocery Trade Notes.

A further decline of 1c per gallon or Barbadoes molasses is reported, and the prospects are that it will go

and the prospects are that it will go much lower as present indications point to a large yield.

Mail advices from Seville, Spain, report high prices there for new cropolives. Fruit 70-80's is offered here by one house on the basis of \$1.50 per gallon, and 160-190's at 80e per gation. Manzanilla counting 280 to 310 per kilo is offered at 45c.

The crop of California oranges during the season now drawing to a close has been large and the fruit of exceptionally good quality consequently a

cas been large and the fruit of excep-ionally good quality consequently a large husiness has been done. The moderate prices asked has added to the volume of business. The salmon fishing season on the Columbia river opens by law April 15 and continues until August 15.

15 and continues until August 15. Then there is a closed season a month after which the fall catch begins, lasting until the fish cease running about the end of November. There are no setal limits to the fishing season on Puzet Sound or in Alaska.

Refined sugar dropped 20c per 100 lbs on the Montreal market last week.

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A depressing factor in the situation is the Russian sugar which is being placed on the eastern market. The quality of this sugar is very inferior to the Canadian article but the low price at which it is being offered is proving an inducement to some buy.

The Montreal market for market for market was the statement of the st proving an inducement to some buy-ers. The New York market for refin-ed sugar is still unsettled, and a fur-ther reduction is predicted by some. Prices are unchanged for the raw article. London cables report cane sugar as quiet and a slight decline for beet sugar.

Dry Goods Trade Notes.

The market for all description of coton goods continue very firm. The Canadian milis have issued their pites for a number of lines for fall delivery aiready, and in no instance has there been a reduction in price. Some talk is heard about fluctuations in raw cotton at New York, but in any treat this result a face of the provider of make cotton at New York, but in any tent this, could not affect values of the finished goods to be delivered dur-ing the next few weeks as the mills have already purchased their supplies of raw material. The fact should not

be lost sight of that speculators in raw cottons may be manipulating values for the purpose of loading up. An impression has also been created that there is a familie in conn goods in Chinese markets.

It is now thought by many that prices for woollen goods have touched the bottom and will after this show a gradual improvement.

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Reports from the south indicate that the movement of Swiss embroideries and Valenciennes laces have been much targer than a year ago, and all lines of white goods show a substantial increase over last season.

In the east there is a very active demand at the moment for everything gilt—gilt trimming for hast and dresses, gilt spikes for ribbon ends and buttons. Ball pearl buttons for blouses are in good demand, being popular for the coming season. There is a very fair inquiry for some lines of ribbons mostly velvet ribbons. Taffeta ribbons in wide lines for neckwear are selling quite freely.

Weavers in all the large factories of

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Weavers in all the large factories of the United States are demanding an increase in wages amounting to about 50 per cent, and if their demands are not compiled with they threaten to go out on strike. There is, therefore, every prospect of a material advance shortly in the price of all grades of silk and satin ribbons. Some of the manufacturers have already met the demands of the union weavers and it is thought that this action will make it impossible for other manufacturers to hold out for very long. There has also been an advance in the price of raw silk. It is amilelpated that an ad raw slik. It is anticipated that an advance of about 40 per cent. over present prices will be made shortly.

THE IMPLEMENT TRADE.

THE TWINE MARKET.

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The price of twing as held by a number of manufacturens—probably a majority in capacity—was advarced another ½ of a cent the fore part of the week. This action followed closely upon a new advance in sisal fiber but does not yet bring the price of twine up to the point justified by the current heinp market. In fact, at the new rate there is a shade less difference between the fibre quotations and the wholessile price of twine than there was at the beginning of the season, which fact strengthens the prevailing belief that another rise is imminent. Not all of the sellers prevailing belief that another rise is imminent. Not all of the scilers have, at this writing, advanced, but it seems scarcely probable that the advanced rate will not be the universal price before the end of the week. The amazing strength of the market has materially checked the disposition to sell and the manufactures to a maintain the manufactures.

ket has materially checked the disposition to sell and the manufacturers, as a rule, are not anxious to
round up orders at the present time.
The general opinion, amounting to almost positive conviction, is that
twine is good property to hold. So
much twine has been sold at a margin- unprecedented in its meagreness, gin- unprecedented in its meagreness, the manufacturers naturally hope for a condition that will enable them to bring the average profits up to a more satisfactory figure; and they are willing now to assume whatever risk may be involved in holding back.

Little manila twine is offered or sold. One of the largest houses re-

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Farm Implement News.

Implement Trade Notes.

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The recent convention at Grand Forks of the North Dakota and Northern Minnesota Retail Implement Dealers' Association was a success. The attendence was large and the membership is now placed at 100 dealers in the two sections. Many matters of importance were considered during the two days' session. The convention will be field next year at Crookston, Minn.

A report from Solsgirth, Man., on Friday last, said It now looks as if the chief business of Solsgirth, in the future will be the handling and selling of farm implements, wagons, buzgles, eutters, etc. By May 1 there will be no less than six or seven mm engaged in the implement business which tooks very like long division for a short constituency. And in addition to the six or seven persons engaged here in the implement business, this territory is being looked after by two large well managed firms in Birtle. So if there is anything in competition our farmers should be able to purchase machinery at rock bottom prices this year.

THE LUMBLE TRADE.

RAIL LOGGING IN THE UNITED

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Within the last three or four years there has been a decided change in the policy of northern railroads in regard to hauling logs. Naturally enough they took the ground that is was good policy for them to encourage the manufacture of lumber in mills scattered through the timber rather than take the logs to central points, as thus they would be given a longer haul on lumber at a higher rate than could be charged on logs and would have a return tomage of importance, but their policy has been changed owing to two influences. One is the building of private logging railroads, and the other is a newly developed competition with river driving. As the timber has been cut away from the logging streams, making the haul too long for economy, private logging roads have in many cases been built to take the logs from the stump to the streams. The regular lines to the mills and thus make some business for themselves as to allow the logs to go down the streams. Consequently all through Wisconsin and Minesota logs are being hauled by rail to mills which formerly depended entirely upon river driving for their supplies. Exclusively logging roads have greatly thereased in number and mileage, while aft the roads tapping the timber districts are doing a logging business. It is estimated that in those states there are at least 650 miles of standard gage track built exclusively for logging, much of it now used for general traffic; and it is also estimated that of the 750,000,000 feet of logs handed annually in the Duluth district, fully half are derivered at the river Lank or the mills points on the river lank or the mills points on the river lank or the mills points now receive a considerable percentage by rail, whereas not long ago they depended entirely upon the streams.—American Lumberman.

Lumber Trade Notes.

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Sash and door manufacturers at Minneapolis report that the demand for new work is good and that a large number of estimates are being asked

for.
Indications point to an exceptionally large amount of building this year throughout Canada and the United States. This is due to the prospectus condition of nearly all lines of business as well as to the fact that the high prices last year for lumber and building supplies deterred many from building.
Duluth advices indicate that the market is firm with prospects of advances. Stocks in hands of manufacturers are being picked up fast and

market is firm with prospects of advances. Stocks in hands of manufacturers are being picked up fast and it is estimated that there are now not more than 25,000,000 feet of dry lumber remaining on dock at the head of the lakes and these stocks are broken lots. Fully \$1 more was paid last week than was asked tast fall. Weather conditions are making operators more firm if anything, and some fears are entertained for a shortage of logs. Central Wisconsin mills have put up their prices on while pine to agree with recent advances, and shipments are reported as heavy for the season.

Capt. J. J. Campbell has secured a timber I limit, comprising 3,200 nores, at the function of the Pelly and Yukon' rivers, about 200 miles from Dawson. A mill will be erected at Dawson and the logs floated down the river to that point. The timber is said to be of very fair size.

Hardwood lumber prices are not what they should be in the United States. Some of the minor grades are reported rather duil, but on the whole a sironger deeling is evident. Stocks of leaders at the mills and in consum-

ors' hands are light and the revival of the consumptive demand for hard-woods, which has been predicted for some weeks, is now showing some de-finiteness. A better tone is noticeable in quartered oak and the enormous stocks of off-grade quartered oak which existed hast year have been pretty well worked down.

Grain and Milling Notes.

The summer storage of grain in Quebec City from May 1st to November 15th is 1/5c per bushel for elevating into vessels, including 10 days' free storage. At Montreal it costs double that change to put grain out of store into vessel.

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The Edmonton Bulletin says: The figures of local grain men show that there have been marketed here and in Strathcona, of last summer's crop, some 712,000 bushels of oats. The average price paid, it is estimated, was 25c placing the total revenue of the district from this cereal alone at \$178,000.

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An excellent Argentine authority cubies that wheat estimates are being reduced and that \$00,000 tons, or a little under 30,000,000 bushels, aviil be shipped to Europe. This implies a crop of over \$2,500,000 bushels. Total exports from last crop were about 74,000,000 bushels. The late cutting down of early estimates as largely due to inferior quality of a portion of the crop, so inferior as to be unfit for breadmaking or other commercial uses. This year Argentine farmers are much better off and will hold their product firmly.

firmly.

A bill has been introduced in the A bill has been introduced in the Minnerota State Senate providing for the assessment and taxation of wheat in elevators on May Ist of each year. The owner of the elevator will be assessed regardless of the actual ownership of the grain and will be given a lien, to the amount of the tax paid, or exain not his own with the necessity of the grain and while the present a lien to the amount of the tax paid, on grain not his own. At the present time the elevator owners are taxed for the grain in store but outwardly the assessment is not made against the grain but against the real estate. The elevator men submit to this arbituary assessment as they do not care to have it generally known that the grain is taxed fearing that knowledge of that fact might deflect shipments to other points.

Hardware Trade Notes.

Steel plates advanced \$2 per ton in United States markets last week. The market for iron and steel is buoyant and the tendency of prices is upward. It is generally believed in the trade though that the new trust will hold things pretty well in hand as regards prices and that there will be no more violent changes in prices.

Financial Notes.

K. D. Johnson, of the Molson's Bank, Revelstoke, B. C., has been transfer-

K. D. Johnson, of the Molson's Bank, Revelstoke, B. C., has been transferred to Calgary.

Offers for purchase of \$28,000 debendures of the rural municipality of Westbourne, Manitoba, will be received until April 15, 1901. The debentures bear interest at 5 per cent., and are payable \$1,000 in each of the years 1902 to 1921, and \$1,500 in each of the years 1922 to 1931, and are the renewal of an unpaid balance of \$76,000 issued in 1881. T. L. Morton, Gladstone, Man.

John H. Wilson, manager of the branch of the Imperial Bank, at Strathcona, Alberta, has been treassferred to the management of the branch at Prince Arbert. J. M. Kains, accountent of the bank at Edmonton, has been promoted to the management of the Strathcona branch, and the vacuncy left by the promotion of Mr. Kains will be filled by Wm. Macdonald, at present accountant of the bank's branch at Revelstoke, B. C.

The latest addition to the list of quotations on the Montreal and Toronto stock exchange is the Winnipeg Electric Street Railway, which is at present quoted at par, the asking price being 110. This compares very credit abiy with the Toronto street road, which is offered at 108½. The capitalization of the Winnipeg Street Railway Company is \$2,000,000, of which \$768,000 is paid up common stock. The receipts for the last fiscal year were \$280,132, and the expenditure \$170,590, leaving a surplus of \$109,537.

The license commissioners of Manitoba have been asked to authorize a transfer of licence from H. W. Sloan, restaurant keeper, Winnipeg, to D. reetaurant W. Pratt.

31st Annual Meeting of

THE MUTUAL LIFE

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The thirty-first Annual Meeting of this prosperous and leading Life Company was held at its Head Office, Waterloo, Ont., on Thursday, March 7th, 1901, at 1 p.m. The meeting, composed solely of policy-holders, was representative and-influential, and the proceedings as usual were instructive and interesting.

DIRECTORS REPORT.

Your Directors have pleasure in submitting their report, together with the financial statement, duly audited, for the year ended December 31st,

1900. We are glad to inform you that the business of the year has been eminently satisfactory, and that it exceeds any former year, except in respect of new business, which is somewhat less than in 1839.

The Surplus earnings were sufficient to enable a continuance of the liberal distribution to policy-holders as heretofore. The interest earnings were again, as for some years past, largely in excess of all the death claims that aroses within the year.

The Lapses and Surrenders were moderate in proportion to the business in force, showing continued confidence of policy-holders in the stability of the Company and in its management.

Applications to the amount of \$4,321,345 were received and policies for \$4,304,185 were issued, all of which except \$28,500 were secured within the Dominion. The amount of business actually paid for in 1900 was \$4,671,712, being the largest amount of insurance placed in Canada by a Canadian company. Your Directors believe that it is advisable to confine the Company's operations to Canada, where proper supervision can be exercised, and business secured at a lower rate than elsewhere.

The number of Policies in force was 20,330, assuring \$29,521,076.58, on which the reserve is \$4,837,733.68, based on our own standard, Actuaries 4 per cent. for all business to January 1st, 1900, and Hm. 3½ per cent. thereafter.

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The Premium Income was \$827.845.10: Interest Income \$222.100.03: Annuity Premiums \$21,998.82: total \$1,171,944.95, or an increase of \$120,542.28 over the income in 1889.

The amount paid to policy-holders was \$451,563.50 and of this amount the large sum of \$214,112.28 was paid to living Policy-holders. The Death claims paid were \$217,453.27: Matured Endowments \$78,300; Purchased Policies \$40,543.17: Surplus or Dividends paid to Policy-holders \$78,714.80, and Annuities \$7,534.20.

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The Surplus over all Habilities on the Company's standard is \$310,349.30, and on the Government standard \$516,000.80.

The active demand for money has kept the Company's funds well employed during the year, and interest payments have been more promptly met than in the past. The 51st last was \$5,874.80.

The Manager, Officers and Staff continue to discharge their duties to the satisfaction of the Board, and in the best interests of the Company.

Tou will be called upon to elect four Directors in the place of B. M. Britton, K. C., M. P., Francis C. Bruce, M. P., J. Kerr Fiszen, and Geo. A. Somerville, whose term of office has expired, but all of whom are eligible for reelection

R. MELVIN, President.

Abstract of Accounts for 1900.

| INCOME. | |
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| Premiums, net | 927,845.10 244,009.85 |
| Total | 1,171,944.95 |
| DISBURSEMENTS. Payment to policy-holders for death claims, endowments, profits, etc | 431,565.50 239,624.22 |
| Total | 671,189.72 |
| ASSETS. | |
| Loans on first mortgages | 1,614,844.47 604,686.37 138,845.84 42 237.65 310,215.64 |
| Total | 5,182,014.57 |
| Liabilities. | |
| Reserve, 4 and 3½ per cent | 4,837,773.68 33,981.59 |
| Total | 4,871,065.27 |
| SURPLUS. On Company's standard. 4 and 3½ per cent | \$ 310,349.30 516,009.80 |
| GEO. WEGENAST, M | lanager, rico, Ont. |

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

It affords me, gentlemen, great pleasure to place before you the annual ort and financial statement for the year ending L-comber 31st, 1900. The

business, as the report shows, has been entirely satisfactory, and, with one exception, that of 1890, exceeds in volume of new business any previous year in our distory, the amount fall of \$4.071.712.00, which I believe to be somewhat in excess of that said to have been secured by any other native life Company, all of which, with the control of the same secured by any other native life Company, all of which, with the exception of \$28,500 written in Newfoundland, was obtained within the Dimition. It is somewhat less than for 1800 but the Outside within the Dimition. It is somewhat less than for 1800 but the Outside of all Canada. In the latest than the same secured by any other hands of the control of the same secured by the same secured by the same secured to the lock place in January last. To avoid this increase there was a perfect to be of intending insurers to get their applications in before the increase to be place. And here allow me to easy that for the ten years ending Dec., 1860, we added during the last five years. I mention this that you may know the great progress the Company is making and the estreem and confidence which it is held by the assuring public—a confidence we believe well founded and which will increase as time goes on. It shall be our aim to deserve this confidence by being, if possible, still more devoted to the interest of the policy-holders in force. This fact will be as pleasing to our agents and policy-holders as if is to the Board, showing the value attached to our policies, now in force is 20,330, amounting to \$23,822,070,080 an interest and policy-holders as if is to the Board, showing the value attached to our policies, now in force is 20,330, amounting to \$23,822,070,080 and an interest the policy-holders well as \$18,461.12. As the mean interest of a surface of the Company in 1900 was much greater than in 1809, so also the losses from deaths exceeded those of 1809, but fell much below the expectation and were more than coverted by interest earned on investments in the sum of \$1

Sillow was unpaid February 1st, 1901.

With regard to the change to a higher reserve, I need say very little, as all business in force up to December 31st, 1900, is already on a 4 per cent basis, Actuaries Table, and all business taken since that time is on the Hm. 34 per cent Table. There was a small line of business in the office January, 1900, which had been written up, but not passed by the office, much of which had been canvassed for and promised on a 4 per cent basis, and which we accepted at the old rates, but placed it on a 3½ per cent reserve. We have a considerable portion of business on that reserve, and have not thought it advisable to do more till another year, as a larger outlay than usual was incurred in getting new literature, forms, and stationery rendered necessary owing to the change in the Company's name.

In conclusion I desire to thank the Agents for their zeal on behalf of the Company, and to state that no Company could have a more capable, zealous body of men or truer to the best interests of the Company than they have been. I would express the hope that, with the united efforts of our policyholders, the Board, the Agency, the Office Staff, the first year of the new century may be the banner year of the Company in all that is true and best in Life Assurance. This can only be done, and should only be done, on the merits of The Mutual Life of Canada, nover on the descrits or supposed demerits of our neighbors. I have therefore great pleasure in moving the adoption of the report. tion of the report.

Speaking to the motion the First Vice-President, Mr. A. Hoskin, K. C. congratulated the policy-holders on the marked increase the Company had made in the "mount of insurance in force at the close of 1900. He also spoke of the excellent quality of the assets of the Company, the best evidence of which was that there was no interest overdue on bonds or debentures and only \$3,886.45 interest overdue on mortgages of \$2,446,356 and at the date of the Annual Meeting there was only outstanding of this amount \$1,288.71, thus proving that the Company's investments are first class in every reserved.

Mr. B. M. Britton, K. C., M. P., Second Vice-President, was satisfied that the report just read would commend liself to the public as the statements therein given of the Company's operations is so plain and simple that those who run may not only read but understand it in every detail. He stated that some idea of the magnitude of the Company may be gathered from the fact that we have to-day a clientage of over twenty thousand members carrying on their lives thirty millions of insurance for the benefit of themselves or their families.

The Hon. J. T. Garrow, K. C., Mr. F. C. Bruce, M. P., and Geo. A. Som erville, Manager of the Huron Erie Loan and Savings Co., expressed them selves as very much pleased with the Directors' report and considered it at honor to be members of the Board of Directors of The Mutual Life Assurance Co. of Canada.

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Production of Cotton and Coffee in Brazil.

The Austro-Hungary consul at Rio de Janiero reports that there are cotton trees throughout the Brazilian territories, which supply the whole of the material for the very numerous cotton factories there, the activity of which is yearly increasing. In the states of Rio de Janeiro and Minas Geraes, there are about thirty factories having an aggregate of about 16,000 homs; the machinery, which is supplied by England, Germany, and Nonth America, is set in motion by a great many waterfalls by means of hydraulic wheels. The manufacturers of yarn mix the Brazilian cotton with North American and Egyptian cotton, which ensures greater firmness. The most superior sorts, amongst them the genuine Sea Island, are produced in the neighborhood of Alcantara, in the state of Maranham. The arrivals in 18th amounted to 150,020 bales of about of about 80 kilos each. According to statistical returns, the world's stock of coffee on January 1st, 18th, was 387,000 tons, or about 0,450,000 bags, a quantity which has never before been attained at that season of the year, and the 1809-1000 crop promised very abundant yield. The overproduction in the Brazils had created a situation which filled even optimists with dismay. Although the consumption, in consequence of the low prices, had chaiderably augmented, it was feared that the heavy stocks and the large anticipated arrivals would prevent buyers coming forward. In order to counteract such a contingency a union was formed, styked "Centro de Lavouro do Cafe do Brazil," to carry on an active propaganda in order to augment consumption.

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It is estimated that there are about 100,000 Angora goats in the United States, and that our annual production of mohair is about 1,000,000 lbs. Although very little has been said or written about Angora goats during the last forty years, they have been extensively bred in the Western States and Territories, especially in Texas. New Mexico, Nevada, Florida, Callfornia and Oregon. Investigations prove that they are not only classed among the most useful of the domestic animals, but their usefulness is manifested in various ways. The seec, called "mohair," furnishes some of the finest fabrics among lades goods, and is used in various other dece, called "mohair," furnishes were of the finest fabrics among ladies goods, and is used in various other ranufactures. Their habit of browsing enables the farmers in a wooded locality to use them to help in subjugating the forest. Their flesh is exceedingly delicate and nutritious; the milk, though not so abundant as with the milch breed of goats, is richer than ow's milk; their tanned skins, though inferior in quality to the skins of the common goat, are used for leather; their pehrs make the neatest of mas and robes. A few of them in a fack of sheep are a protection from volves and dogs; and their manure is noticeably helpful to the grass which follows them after they have cleaned iway the underbrush. There is much interest in the goat question, and the located States department of agriculture has received numerous letters of inquiry concerning Angora goats. For the purpose of answering the many questions contained in these letters, the bureau of animal industry of that department has just issued Bulletin No. 27. Bureau of Animal Industry, entitled "Information Concerning the Angora Goat."—Bradstreet's.

Interesting Stockmen.

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From the Salt Lake City Tribune:
-Samuel S. Wolffsohn, special commissioner of the Pan-American Exception, which will be held at Buffalo from May 1st to November 1st, arrived in the city yesterday and secured apariments at the Knutsford. Mr. Wolfsohn's mission is to interest the seckmen who will be here in attendance on the convention in the live-stock exhibit at the Exposition. In reaking of the matter yesterday afterioon, he said:

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ay trip is taken for the purpose of the scope of the live stock and dairy exhibit at the Exposition. On different dates we will have exhibits of stock. The smillims for castle alone will aggresse \$10,000. The exhibit of cattle prizes will take place in the Stad-

ium, built on the style of the old Roman amphithentre and capable of accommodating 12,000 people. There will also be a grand horse show, modeled after the famous Madison Square show. The live stock department will have 120 acres allotted to At and will be capable of accommodating 25,000 cattle. Another matter of interest to stockmen, and which will be gone into to the minutest detail, will be irrigation and irrigating methods. This exhibit will use 35,000 gallons of water per hour.

"The subject of fences will also be gone into in detail, models from the oldest kind to the most modern being shown, and the best kinds for grain, cattle, etc., will be shown."

Mr. Wolfsohn will address the convention during the week.

Crediting Merchandise and Money.

The question has been asked: "Why will a man trust another for a larger will a man trust another for a larger sum in merchandise than he would be willing to loan in money?" The leason seems to be that in trusting out his merchandise the creditor views his debtor as a sort of trustee—an agent, in a certain sense—with this peculiarity, however, that the debtor has title to the goods, instead of holding them in trust, and from which, through careful, judiclous handling on the part of the agent (subject to all the risks of the trade, and the chances for larger business and future prolitable transactions, which a liberal extension of credit will, under favorable conditions, foster and promote), he expects to reap the medium of exchangemoney, while in lending the money itself a new element of risk enters into the transaction, that of the borrower's ability to judiclously and profitably reconvert the medium of exchange into merchandise or securities, which will surely realize the profit necessary to pay a reasonable equivalent for the user besides.

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to pay a reasonable equivalent for the use of the money, and a profit to the use of the money, and a profit to the user besides.

Given a certain line of goods, a market, and favorable conditions, the credit man, in these days, has very many opportunities for estimating the chances of success or failure on the part of the merchant in disposing at a profit of the merchandise intrusted to him, while in parting with money the lender, in the majority of cases, gives to the borrower the right to exercise his judgment as to the matter of the investment of his funds, and places in his hands the control of the investment, a matter in which his business foresight and judgment may be deficient, and therefore it would appear that the practice of lending a man a smaller sum of money than he would be credited with in goods is founded on good reason and sound business principles.

In these days of organizations, of banks, of mercantile collection agencies, of mercantile collection agencies with their schemes, which are legion) of lawyers with a longing for collection business, and of associations of credit men, the means of obtaining information which reflects the condition and the prospects of localities is so plentiful, and so casy to obtain, that the credit man who refuses to use them has only himself to blame if his losses rise above a conservative percentage; and when credit men realize more clearly that their friend, the dealer, is only an agent (with title to the goods, however), and that success depends upon conditions with which the credit man may become as fully conversant (if not more so) as the dealer himself, then only can he attain that end for which all loyal credit men strive, I. e., the maximum of losses.—Geo. F. Dimmick in Fur Trade Re view, New York.

Limping Lanky—How de trees moan and sigh!
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