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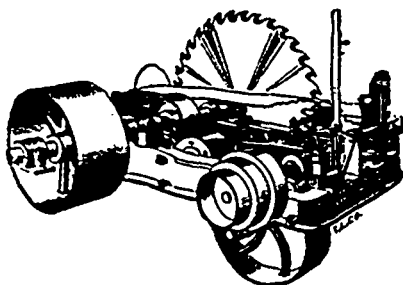
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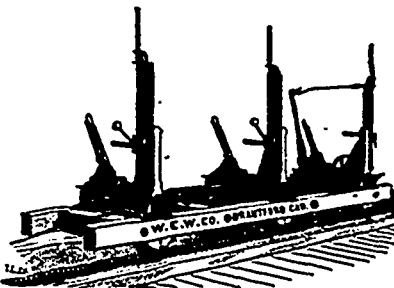
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WINNIPEG, JANUARY 14, 1899.

Annual Meeting of Winnipeg Grain Exchange.

The annual meeting of the Winnipeg
Grain and Produce Exchange was held
Wednesday in the board room of the
new exchange building. Mr. Robert
Muir, president, was in the chair, and
the attendance of members was very
large. Mr. Muir opened the meeting
with a few introductory remarks ex-
plaining that the new board room in
which the meeting was held, was not
quite finished, and that new fixtures
and suitable furniture would be in
place within a few days. Mr. C. N.
Bell then read the minutes of the last
meeting, which were confirmed. Mr.
Muir then read the president's custo-
mary annual report. Extracts from
which follow:

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Winnipeg, Jan. 11, 1899.

To the officers and members of the
Winnipeg Grain and Produce Ex-
change:
Gentlemen—

As the term for which I was elected
president has now expired, I desire to
briefly review matters of interest to
the trade, suggested by the past
year's operations.

THE CROP.

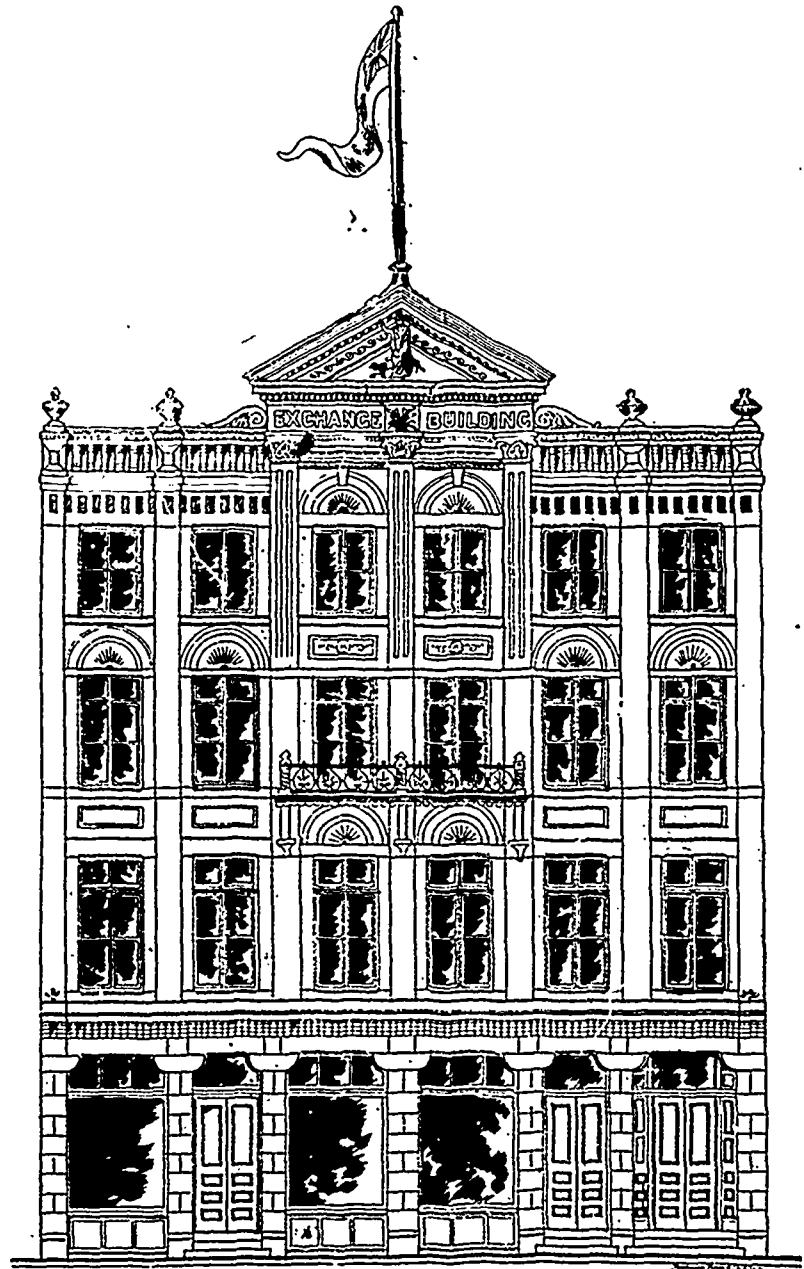
A favorable spring, resulting in
early seeding, was followed by a
period of dry weather, which retarded
the growth of the grain to such an
extent that at one time it was feared
the crop would be an almost total fail-
ure. Rains came, however, in time to
revive and mature the grain; result-
ing in the harvesting of the largest
crop ever produced in Manitoba and
the Northwest Territories. Experts
estimated the crop of wheat at about
30,000,000 bushels. Later, the Mani-

toba government crop report made
the yield of wheat for the province to
be 25,313,745 bushels. In the absence
of crop reports from the Northwest
Territories nothing can be stated of-
ficially as to the yield in the Territor-
ies. It is a cause of congratulation
that even if the total yield is not like-
ly to be as high as the early estimates
still, our farmers have harvested the
largest crop on record for the North-
west. The acreage has been large-
ly increased, and, at the same time,
the farmers are following more land

total loss so great, that grain drying
plants were a necessity. A number
of firms, recognizing this, have, at
great expense, installed plants, and I
trust that the bulk of this crop can
be made marketable.

RAILWAY RATES.

The Canadian Pacific Railway com-
pany, in accordance with an agree-
ment with the Dominion government,
have reduced the rates on grain to
Fort William 11-2c per 100 lbs. This
allows of better prices being paid our



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than ever before. This with the large
area of new land broken, will, I am
convinced, result this year in a larger
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While our crop was large, it is a mat-
ter of regret that owing to rains and
cloudy weather during harvest time
it was not taken off in as good condi-
tion as might have been hoped for;
a large percentage being damp, result-
ing in great loss to farmers and deal-
ers. The quantity of damaged grain
has been so large, and the danger of

farmers. Export rates—Fort Wil-
liam to the seaboard have been re-
duced, but not sufficiently to enable
the trade to export all rail at a profit,
and consequently a comparatively
small movement has resulted. The
stop-over charge made by the C. P.
R. for all rail shipments out of Port
Arthur, in addition to regular elevator
charges, also bears heavily on the
trade, and should be removed.

FINANCE.

The year's operations have been

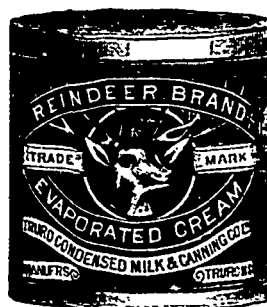
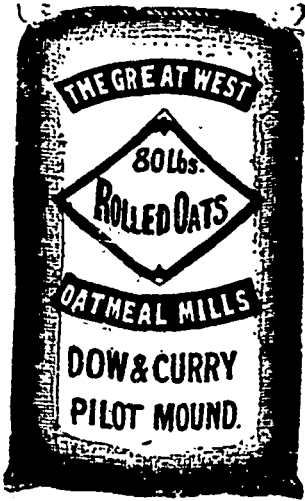
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SPRING SAMPLES FOR 1899 NOW ON THE ROAD

closed with all accounts paid, and a large cash balance is carried forward, as will be seen by the treasurer's report. Mr. Bawlf having proposed to erect a new exchange building, your council entered into an agreement with him by which we have secured improved accommodation, and control of the market report service in the building. This agreement has already, and will, no doubt, to a great extent in the future, result in financial benefit to the exchange. The arrangement made is, as to rental and occupation, in conjunction with the board of trade.

During the season, nearly all the chartered banks represented in Winnipeg have established branches at country points. These agencies are a great convenience to business men, and proof of the faith that Canadian financial men have in the progress and development of the natural resources of the Northwest.

Government reports show that some 28,000 immigrants have arrived in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories during the past year, 1898. As most of these are farmers, we may reasonably hope that in the near future our annual export of wheat will reach 100,000,000 bushels, which will tax the transportation facilities of all railways, present and prospective.

FORT WILLIAM NAVIGATION.

Your secretary was directed to interview the minister of public works at Ottawa, asking the government to provide means to extend the season of navigation at Fort William, by keeping the river there clear of ice, to the last possible date. The result was disappointing, as the minister of public works failed to grasp the idea outlined in our representation that at a small expenditure the river could be kept open until the date that the Sault river and canal freeze up, thus allowing large quantities of grain to go forward by boat which otherwise must remain at Fort William until the following May, or be shipped all rail to the seaboard at a heavy loss to shippers. Our members were anxious to have Fort William harbor kept open as long as the harbor of Duluth. The minister of public works seemed to think that it was contrary to the will of Providence that any such attempt should be made. At the present time a proposition is under consideration by which millions of dollars would be spent to improve harbors and railways in Ontario for the purpose of retaining the grain trade to Canadian ports, yet the small amount required for improvements at Fort William have been refused. I trust the Dominion government will deal with this matter during this year in a more practical way than they have dealt with it in the past.

It has been a pleasure to me to act as your president during 1898; and before vacating the chair I desire to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me, and the uniform courtesy and good-will extended to me, during my term of office, by every member of the exchange.

I wish you all a prosperous and happy New Year.

REPORT OF COUNCIL.

The reading of the president's report was followed by the annual report of the council of the exchange, read by Mr. C. N. Bell, secretary of the exchange. Extracts from this report are given below:

NEW MEMBERS.

Five new associate members were

added to the roll during 1898. The council strongly recommend that members take a more active interest in increasing the number of associate members. The advantages to the exchange of an increased associate membership are so obvious as not to require comment. One associate member upon taking up residence in Winnipeg paid in the balance necessary and became an active member.

ARBITRATIONS.

Several cases of dispute between members were voluntarily submitted for decision to arbitration boards and in all cases the awards were accepted without appeal being taken. In one case the council was asked to require a member to arbitrate, but it had to reject the demand as it could not find that a reasonable ground for compulsory arbitration had been advanced. In another case where a compulsory arbitration was made, the council required both parties to the dispute to submit their difference to the committee on arbitration for settlement and the award made was promptly accepted by both litigants.

SEED GRAIN SAMPLES.

At the request of the railroad companies and by agreement with the provincial department of agriculture, the exchange again undertook and carried out the work of providing railway agents throughout the province with samples of good seed grain for purpose of securing special rates of freight on consignments of seed grain.

EXPORT GRADES OF GRAIN.

At the request of the Trunk Lines association the exchange designated as the grades of Manitoba grain to be exported all rail through New York the following grades, viz., 1 hard, 1 and 2 northern, 1 and 2 special Manitoba wheat and 2 white and 2 mixed oats. In connection with the grades of special wheat the committee of the western grain standards board has been requested to select samples of wheat which has been dried and declare such samples to be of commercial grades and named "special."

The report of the council contained copies of correspondence between Mr. K. Muir president of the exchange, and Mr. Robt. Kerr, of the C. P. R. traffic department, re a "stop over-charge made by the railway company on grain shipped by members of the exchange to points east of Port Arthur. In substance the claim that this charge was an unfair one was disputed and Mr. Kerr, on behalf of the company, stated that no change could be made as it was the contention of the company that grain put into Port Arthur elevators for treatment and subsequently shipped "all rail" is in transit and should be subject to the customary stop over charge for grain and flour in transit.

The report also dealt with other business transacted during the year and included reference to the rent of new apartments, grain inspection at Duluth insurance at Fort William, the death of Messrs. S. W. Farrell and R. S. Alexander, both members of the exchange, crop statistics for the N. W. T., legal weight of flax seed, the keeping open of Fort William, equalization of duty on oats and oatmeal, the securing of lower freight rates on flour from Winnipeg mills to the Kootenay country and Pacific coast points.

On motion of Messrs. F. H. Thompson and S. A. McGaw, both the above

reports were adopted and ordered to be printed in the annual report of the exchange.

The treasurer's report was then read, showing the exchange to be in a flourishing condition financially. It was adopted with the other reports.

The election of officers was then proceeded with.

Mr. Harris was elected president of the exchange by acclamation. The other officers elected were Messrs. W. L. Parrish vice-president, (acclamation), C. N. Bell, secretary-treasurer, (acclamation).

The council was then elected as follows: Messrs. John Love, R. P. Roblin, J. K. McLennan, S. Spink, W. Martin, F. W. Thompson, S. A. McGaw, Stephen Nairn, Alex. Reid, R. D. Martin, Robert Muir.

Arbitration committee—Messrs. L. A. Tilley, D. G. McBean, A. McBean, S. Nairn, H. S. Patison, W. A. Walker, Robert Muir.

On motion of D. G. McBean, seconded by Mr. R. P. Roblin, it was resolved to grant \$50 each to the Winnipeg General and to the St. Boniface hospitals.

Mr. R. P. Roblin moved, seconded by S. Spink, that it is the opinion of this exchange the annual dues should be reduced from \$20 to \$15. After some discussion this motion was defeated.

CELEBRATING THE EVENT.

The opening of the handsome new grain exchange building was duly celebrated on the evening of the day of the annual meeting of the exchange, when retiring President Muir, of the grain exchange, and President Nanton, of the board of trade, invited the members of each of these bodies to partake of their hospitality. A large number of the best known men of the city gathered at the exchange building in the evening, and after hand-shaking and congratulations, a number of interesting addresses were listened to in the board room. President Nanton welcomed those present on behalf of the board of trade, and Mr. Muir did the same on behalf of the grain exchange. Addresses were made during the evening by Messrs. R. L. Richardson, E. L. Drewry, W. W. Ogilvie, S. A. McGaw, Manager Whyte, of the C. P. R., and N. Bawlf. Music was discoursed during the evening and refreshments were also provided. Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Dry Goods Trade.

A big strike in the velvet district of Germany is reported. The weavers in eight factories have struck in Eupen. Belgians from Verviers are replacing the strikers. About 8,000 men are affected.

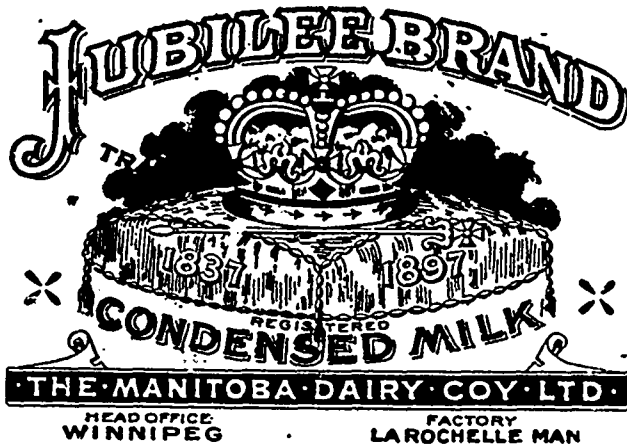
Prosperity always stimulates the demand for silks, and the present wave of better times that is spreading over the country is no exception. When times are good the use of silk is largely extended. Now it is more than ever used for a variety of purposes. Skirts and linings now absorb vast quantities of silk. This has been quite a season for silk remnants, and the retail stores always like to have a good supply of them, as they never fail to attract customers.

Values have lately been working higher in the United States on gray cotton fabrics, and now the finished goods are being advanced in price. Buyers have shown more confidence of late and have been liberal purchasers of supplies for spring. Jobbers are opening spring styles in prints and gingham.

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The Failure Record.

The failures in Canada last year according to Bradstreet numbered 1,427 against for 1897, while the liabilities involved aggregate only \$9,644,000 last year, indicating a decrease of 24 per cent in number and 35 per cent. in liabilities. This is the smallest number of failures and smallest liabilities involved reported for at least seven years. Not only were the liabilities very greatly lessened, but the proportion of assets to liabilities, very greatly lessened, but the proportion of assets to liabilities, which was 39 1/2 per cent in 1897, had increased to 42.3 per cent in 1898. The failures by provinces are as under:

	No. of failures.		Liabilities.	
	1898	1897	1898	1897
Ont. ...	638	866	3,832,997	5,201,159
Que. ...	500	669	3,910,782	5,599,748
N. B. ...	78	62	417,888	380,667
N. S. ...	125	181	650,415	978,729
P. E. I. ...	4	10	35,000	84,292
Man. ...	29	43	329,486	470,397
N.W.T. ...	6	10	57,000	78,342
B. C. ...	62	66	410,164	856,600

Tot. 1,427 1,907 9,644,100 13,147,929

It is seen that every province but one shows a decrease in 1898 compared with the previous year. Following is a comparison for four years:

Year.	No. of failures.	Liability.
1895 ...	1,876	\$15,347,000
1896 ...	2,179	16,208,000
1897 ...	1,907	13,147,929
1898 ...	1,427	9,644,120

Vancouver Wants.

J. J. Banfield, a Vancouver insurance man has issued a little card giving statistics of the progress of his city. He gives the following as Vancouver's wants:

Direct railway communication with the Kootenays.

Closer connection with the northern coast and interior.

The Dominion government to build the new drill hall.

The establishment of a smelter and a refinery.

Closer rates by the C. P. R. to assist the establishment of a smelter.

The C. P. R. to stop centralizing their offices and works at Winnipeg.

A few small factories to supply home consumption, and a few larger ones to enable us to take advantage of the Oriental trade.

The city to purchase the foreshore at English Bay and frontages.

The provincial government to establish an assay office, and the Dominion government a mint.

A new and larger post office.

The whole population, to pull together for the general good and welfare of the city.

Literary Notes.

A very curious presentation of the number of Irishmen, of the stamp of Wolfeley in England, the Duke of Tetuan in Spain, General O'Bratscheff, in Russia, Viscount Thafe in Hungary, who are leaders in many nations, is given in the January Cosmopolitan under the title, "Irish Leaders in Many Nations." It will be found interesting to all who have even a drop of Irish blood in their veins. "The Jews in Jerusalem" is another article in the same number possessing interest for a large class.

Greater Buffalo is a semi-monthly devoted to the interests of that city and the adjoining territory. The leading articles of a recent number are: "Buffalo's Natural Market," showing

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the importance of reciprocity with Canada from the standpoint of the present amicable relations between Canada and the United States. "Work for the Erie Canal" is another excellent article, showing, as it does, the importance of improving the great inland route to the seaboard, in view of the near approach of the completion of the enlargement of the St. Lawrence canals. There are other well written and interesting articles which will not fail to attract attention

There was a decided improvement in the British cattle markets on Monday. Cables to hand from London report trade in cattle firm at an advance in prices.

The record of the United States for 1898 in railway building shows 3,018 miles of new lines built, which is the largest since 1892, when 4,191 miles of new road were constructed.

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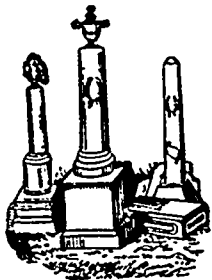
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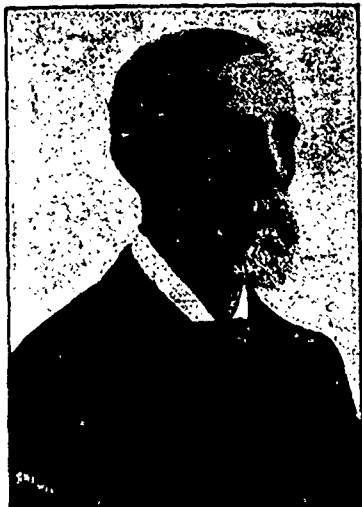
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Mr. Harris is a veteran in the grain trade. Besides being a grain merchant of long experience, he is also a thoroughly expert grain man. He occupied the important position of grain inspector at Toronto for seventeen years, during which time considerable quantities of Manitoba wheat passed through his hands. Previous to his appointment as inspector, he was



JOS. HARRIS
President Winnipeg Grain and Produce Exchange

for many years connected with the grain trade at Toronto. He resigned the inspectorship in order to engage in the grain trade in Winnipeg, arriving here in the fall of 1891, and immediately engaging in business here in his own name. On the formation of the Dominion Elevator Co. here in the fall of 1897 he took an interest in this concern, with which he is still connected.

December Customs Report.

The following statement shows the value of goods exported and imported during the month of December, and the amount of duty collected thereon at the Winnipeg customs port:—

	1897.	1898.
Goods exported	\$117,406	\$149,475
Goods entered for consumption, dutiable	\$186,805	\$218,404
Goods entered for consumption, free	119,857	109,018
Total	\$306,862	\$327,422
Duty collected	\$65,249.41	\$71,784.01

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WHEAT IN CANADA.

Stocks of wheat in Canada at principal points of accumulation are reported as follows:

Montreal	21,000
Toronto	142,000
Kingston	40,000
Winnipeg	865,000
Manitoba elevators	5,900,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	1,775,000
Total Dec. 31	8,283,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's on Dec. 31, were 50,120,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 54,173,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on Jan. 1 were 5,923,000 bushels, compared with 6,001,000 bushels a year ago.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Jan. 7, was 27,353,000 bushels, being an increase of 165,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 33,803,000 bushels, two years ago 53,872,000 bushels, three years ago 68,945,000 bushels, and four years ago 86,615,000 bushels.

WHEAT STOCKS AT U. S. POINTS.

	Bushels.
Chicago	3,704,000
Duluth	4,020,000
Minneapolis	5,688,000
New York	4,015,000
Buffalo and afloat	4,445,000

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.
The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, is 6,402,000 bushels, compared with 14,310,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 20,935,000 bushels, compared with 39,513,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in the United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe on Jan. 1, for a series of years, were as follows, Bradstreet's report: Jan. 1, 1899, 118,949,000 bushels; Jan. 1, 1898, 122,434,000; Jan. 1, 1897, 156,659,000; Jan. 1, 1896, 194,685,000; Jan. 1, 1895, 206,509,000; Jan. 1, 1894, 212,263,000; Jan. 1, 1893, 204,362,000; Jan. 1, 1892, 170,036,000 bushels.

CROP MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States spring wheat markets from the beginning of the crop year, August 1, 1898, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop	Last crop
Minneapolis	51,576,750	48,351,980
Milwaukee.....	8,741,985	5,614,657
Duluth	55,310,433	31,787,389
Chicago	22,952,890	25,018,741
Total	139,390,308	111,225,592

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States winter wheat markets from the beginning of the crop movement, July 1, 1898, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop	Last crop
Toledo	10,520,613	8,896,258
St. Louis	11,487,768	9,888,968
Detroit	8,472,080	3,715,834
Kansas City	19,905,513	28,127,650
Total	48,445,969	45,678,610

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Manitoba.

Winram Bros., of Manitou, has closed their branch store at LaPliviere.

J. W. Weaver contemplates opening a boot and shoe store in Killarney.

Alfred Owens, Rapid City, has sold out his tin shop and hardware store.

A fancy goods and book store has been opened at Minnedosa by R. McLean.

Mr. Greaves, has bought out Mr. Wilson, of Elgin, and is putting in a stock of groceries and flour and feed.

The livery business conducted by W. B. Waddell, of Minnedosa, has been purchased by W. A. Wright and H. Hole.

Over 7 1/2 miles of pavement have been constructed in Winnipeg during the past year, and preparations have been made to continue the work this year. The total length of paved streets is now 26.194 miles.

G. H. Smith, John Inglis and J. W. Nelson have entered into partnership and have purchased the implement business of Wm. Johnston, and also that of Henderson & Co., both of Brandon.

Heppner & Klentze, Plum Coulee, have disposed of the remainder of their general store stock to D. B. Peters lately of the firm of Hardy & Peter, who has opened out in their old stand.

The Pilot Mound Sentinel gives a list of building improvements for the year at that place and vicinity, which shows that a great deal of building has been done in the district, including many farm buildings.

It is said that about five hundred cars of fine building stone were brought into Manitoba from the United States last year. This stone could be all procured within the province. The finest building stone can be found on Lake Manitoba and this stone will be quarried this year by Mr. Major, of Carberry, who will put a steamer on the lake.

E. N. Heney & Co., wholesale manufacturers of carriages, harness and saddlery, have opened a permanent sample room over Maw's warehouse, corner William and King street, Winnipeg, where a full line of their goods will be shown and a stock of harness will be carried. W. W. Veitch, their western representative, will have charge of the business here.

The Canadian Importing and Jobbing Co. is the name of a new institution which is opening business in Winnipeg this week in fancy goods and smallwares. The principals are C. Rosenberg, of Montreal, and R. Gardiner, late of Brandon. The latter gentleman will be the resident partner and manager. Mr. Gardiner formerly carried on a cigar factory at Brandon, which he sold out some time ago to Ramsay & Co. The new business will be located at 547 Main street.

Assiniboia.

The business of A. P. Manson, Moosemin, will be continued by Manson Bros.

The Medicine Hat Times places the building improvements at that place during the past year at \$130,000. The principal buildings have been the Assiniboia hotel, \$30,000; the addition to the public school, costing \$8,000; and the fine residences of Thos. Tweed, J. H. Spencer and L. B. Cochran, each of which represents outlays of four thousand dollars and over; also the new homes of A. M. Parker, T. C.

Terry, J. A. Grant. This has been a good year for the Hat. Seven acetylene gas plants were put in during the year.

Northwest Ontario.

G. A. Drynan has bought out Kirk & Davies restaurant, Rat Portage.

A. Wink, a barrister, and well-known resident of Port Arthur for the last fifteen years, is dead.

A survey party is being organized in Winnipeg to assist in the work of locating the Ontario and Rainy River railway. Four other parties are in the field.

E. S. Jennison has completed the surveys for the proposed power canal from Kankabeka Falls to Port Arthur. The project is found to be perfectly feasible and simple. One hundred thousand horse power can easily be developed.

Grain and Milling News.

W. W. Ogilvie arrived in Winnipeg this week on one of his private visits in connection with his extensive business interests here.

Oatmeal showed a tendency to advance at Montreal the first of the week. Some holders asked 5c higher.

Some of the country elevators have been closed since Christmas owing to the small quantity of wheat offering.

Joyner & Hkington's flour mill at Fort Qu'Appelle was totally destroyed by fire on Jan. 9. The loss is over \$25,000, and about \$16,000 insurance.

W. W. Ogilvie, F. W. Thompson, manager of the Ogilvie Milling Co., Winnipeg, and George Kent, head miller of the Winnipeg mill, were in Duluth and Minneapolis recently. Mr. Ogilvie stated that the visit had no business significance.

The elevators at Duluth announce that after June 1 next elevator rates would be reduced half a cent per bushel in receiving, elevating and delivering, including 15 days storage. Half a cent will be charged for each additional 30 days for storage. This is a reduction of a quarter cent for wheat and three-quarters cents for flax.

The report of the grain inspector for the Winnipeg district shows the amount of wheat inspected last week as follows: One hard 67 cars, two hard 22, one northern 54, two northern 5 three hard 2, one spring 8, two spring 1, rejected 7, no grade 59; total 225 cars.

At a meeting of the farmers of Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta, interested in the proposed new flour mill it was decided to make the capital stock of the company \$30,000, in shares of \$60 each. The townsite proprietors of Fort Saskatchewan have agreed to give a free site for the mill. A number of business men as well as farmers in the districts are taking shares.

Grocery Trade Notes.

Cable advices from primary markets report a higher market for pepper.

A considerable decline is said to have occurred in British rottery goods, which is noticeable in prices of creekery being offered by Canadian jobbers for the spring trade.

Advices from Greece report a strong market for currants, caused by the

hope that the new Russian treaty will go into force on the 15th of January. Should this long expected treaty be finally concluded a considerable advance from present prices is expected. The market in England is now a shade stronger, in sympathy with the Greek market.

A Toronto report says canned tomatoes are stronger. One Toronto wholesale dealer was bid 85c for a round lot of several hundred cases, but he refused to accept. Other houses, it is alleged, have recorded similar bids. One broker claims to have obtained 90c f. o. b. factory for tomatoes, and \$1 for corn f. o. b. factory for shipment to British Columbia. Wholesalers are now as a rule quoting tomatoes at 85c to 90c per dozen.

E. B. Eddy Co. matches have been reduced 25c per case. "Telegraph" matches are now quoted at \$3.20 for 1 to 4 case lots, and at \$3 in 5 or more case lots. "Telephone," 1 to 4 cases, \$3; 5 cases or more, \$2.80. "Telephone," in 1-8 gross boxes, 1 to 4 cases, \$3.20; 5 or more cases, \$3. "Tiger," 1 to 4 cases, \$2.65; 5 or more cases, \$2.65. "Victoria" parlor matches have been increased 25c per case, now being quoted at \$2.50. Terms are without change, 3-case lots still being delivered. Several new brands of matches have been put on the market by this company. These are: The "Empire," a sulphur match, put up in slide boxes, two dozen boxes in a package and five gross in a case. They are quoted: One case and under, \$2.35 per case; five cases and upwards, \$2.25. "Little Comet" is put up in small sliding boxes. There are 40 matches in a box. This match sells at \$2 per case. The "Eagle" parlor match is in slide boxes, 100 to the box, to sell at \$1.50 per case. The 200 "Eagle" will be continued, as heretofore.

Hardware and Paint Trade.

The big boom in copper is one of the principal features of interest of late. This appears to be largely of a speculative nature, and it is alleged that the Rockefellers are endeavoring to organize a copper combine in the producing interest.

A Montreal report says: The wholesale hardware merchants have decided to boycott manufacturers who have violated the understanding to the effect that the latter should not sell direct to retail merchants or consumers.

Tenders.

The municipality of Lansdowne, Man., asks tenders up to Jan. 24, for a quantity of timber.

Winnipeg city council will call for tenders for one to two thousand cords of cedar paving wood.

Tenders will be received up to Jan. 23 for the printing and stationery required by the municipality of Pembina, Man.

Tenders for the erection of a truss bridge over the White Mud river are asked for by the municipality of Lansdowne.

Tenders will be received up to Jan. 21 for the erection of a brick residence on Edmonton street, Winnipeg, for Chas. Williams, Esq.

Money orders from and to the United States have been reduced to correspond with domestic rates in each country.

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FINANCIAL

WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.

The clearing house returns this week compared with the corresponding week in previous years, show as follows:

Week ended Jan. 12, 1899.....	\$1,885,503	
Corresponding week, 1898.....	1,644,321	
1897.....	1,311,063	

Following shows the bank clearings at Winnipeg by months, for three years:

	1898.	1897.	1896.
Jan. ...	6,347,168	5,009,819	4,977,200
Feb. ...	5,517,000	3,851,000	4,032,000
March ...	5,968,000	4,289,000	4,286,000
April ...	6,240,000	4,162,000	4,032,000
May ...	8,683,864	5,014,786	4,216,201
June ...	7,396,000	5,531,000	4,094,000
July ...	6,316,288	5,816,803	4,901,277
Aug. ...	6,180,385	6,298,574	4,646,959
Sept. ...	6,414,551	8,035,201	4,630,706
Oct. ...	9,347,692	12,291,879	7,583,472
Nov. ...	11,553,069	13,550,761	8,895,175
Dec. ...	10,708,731	9,784,498	7,736,945
Year ...	90,672,798	83,435,121	64,143,935

THE SPECULATIVE BOOM.

A writer in the Montreal Gazette sounds a word of caution regarding the speculative "boom" which has been experienced in stocks of late. He says:

"To one who has seen a good deal of commercial life, it does seem as if the price of ordinary securities had been foisted up considerably over their legitimate value. In New York, especially, speculation is rampant, and it matters not whether stocks and securities have any intrinsic value or not, up they go day by day. This must soon end. Some day a hitch will occur, when the whole edifice of speculation will suddenly topple over, and great must be the crash. This undue inflation is a hindrance to legitimate business which rightly or wrongly, would be affected by it should a crisis arise. People at such a time as this should be dissuaded from running risks. Opportunities to purchase for investment will come about later on, when the horizon is more clear."

While there may not be any sudden crash, like that predicted by the writer in the Gazette, the sharp advance experienced in many securities would suggest that more than usual caution is necessary in making investments of this nature.

FINANCIAL NOTES.

The Advocate, of Elkhorn, Man., says that they want a bank badly at that place.

Clearing house returns at Vancouver for the week were \$615,976, balances \$133,714.

Ronald Leslie has closed his branch bank at Killarney, Man., since the opening of a Union bank branch at that place.

At the Toronto stock exchange recently, \$1,850 was bid with \$3,900 asked, for a seat on the board. A year ago the seat was held at about \$1,900.

Application is to be made for the incorporation of the Winnipeg General Trusts Co., which has for its object the execution of trusts and to act as a safe deposit company.

The Bank of Commerce will occupy the building at No. 471 Main street, Winnipeg, about to be vacated by the

C. P. R. Telegraphs, until their new building is erected.

The Brandon city council is sending a letter to its debenture holders informing them that the city finds itself unable to meet its liabilities. The letter says: "It is the desire of the council that the debenture holders should meet and appoint a committee with the representatives of the city and make such arrangements as the circumstances of the case may require."

Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, Jan. 9.—British Columbia is experiencing the coldest weather in the past five years, and as a result, the wholesale market has hardened up considerably. Butter has advanced, and will likely be higher next week. Vegetables are higher and the flour and feed market is very firm.

The outlook for the coming year is good. An active demand for lumber in the foreign market has sprung up. It is believed that the difficulties between the canners and fishermen will be smoothed over. The deep sea fisheries, particularly halibut fishing, is becoming a very profitable industry, halibut being so plentiful that in Queen Charlotte sound large steamers can be loaded to their capacity in two or three days. It is reported that a Canadian steamer will be put on the halibut run in competition with the Yankees, who now control the trade. Last year the British Columbia coal output was the largest on record and there are indications that the present year will be fully up to the season of 1898 in exports. Should the duty be taken off coal it will be of great advantage to this province.

The session of the British Columbia legislature commenced on Friday. The only startling announcement so far is the proposal to prevent aliens from taking up or owning claims in British Columbia. The advisability of this step is open to grave consideration and will no doubt be the subject of very exhaustive debate in the house.

The Lumber Trade.

James Conway is establishing a planing mill and sash and door factory in connection with his lumber yard at Crystal City, Minn.

E. F. Stephenson, chief of the crown land and timber agencies, has received a return of the quantity of lumber imported into Manitoba from the United States during the past year. The amount aggregates over 30,000,000 feet.

A meeting has been arranged between representative United States and Canadian lumbermen. The purpose of the meeting is to try and reconcile the two sides to some international trade arrangement, in view of possible action of the joint commission now in session at Washington regarding lumber.

While at the saw mills of the Rat Portage Lumber company this is the season of inactivity, everything is brisk at their sash and door factory at Rat Portage. Their new factory, built to replace the one burned some time ago, is supplied with the most modern plant, and a large number of men are employed in the factory during the winter, while the saw mills are closed. This, with the getting out of logs in the woods, gives employment all the year around to a large number of men.

At the conference between representative Canadian and United States lumbermen at Washington, the Canadians intimated that they were willing to admit United States lumber free and also agree to the free export of saw logs and pulp, in exchange for reciprocity in lumber. The United States lumbermen would not accept these conditions, but they would probably consent to a concession of 20 per cent from the present \$2 rate, which would make the rate \$1.60 a thousand feet, but under no circumstances, it is said, would they consent to any further reductions. The decision of the lumbermen will no doubt exercise an influence on the commission now carrying on negotiations between this country and the United States.

Butter Costs too High.

The report of the butter factory at Gladstone, Man., is to the effect that there were over twenty-three thousand pounds of butter made last year, being seven hundred more than the previous year. The meeting considered that the merchants did much damage to the creamery by buying dairy butter at a higher price than the butter market warranted. This prevented a number of farmers from giving their cream to the factory. It was also said that the merchants lost heavily on dairy butter, but still they persisted in buying. The average price obtained by the factory was 18 1/4c. This gave 13 1/4c to the farmer. A dividend of six per cent was ordered. It was resolved that the directors interview the local merchants with reference to the buying of dairy butter.

Prosperous Canada.

The amount at credit of depositors in government savings banks throughout the country on 30th June last was \$50,111,118, an increase of \$1,176,143

With our trade expanding, large surplus of revenue, population increasing fast, etc., everything seems favorable for the future.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

- Wheat—No. 1 hard, in store Fort William, 88c.
- Flour—Local price per sack unchanged at: Patent, \$2.45; bakers, \$2.25.
- Bran—\$9. per ton.
- Shorts—\$11 per ton.
- Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, casier at 35 to 37c.
- Barley—35 to 38c for feed; malting, 38 to 42c.
- Flax seed—Prices to farmers, country points, 60c per bushel.
- Butter—Dairy, shippers buying at 14 to 15 1/2c; held goods, 13 to 14c; creamery, jobbers' price, 21 to 23c.
- Cheese—Jobbers selling at 10 1/2 to 11c.
- Eggs—Dealers selling at 18 to 19c for fresh and 16c for limed.
- Beef—City dressed, 5 to 5 1/2c; country, 4 to 4 1/2c; fresh, unfrozen, 6c.
- Mutton—5 to 6c.
- Hogs—Dressed, 5 1/2 to 6 1/4c.
- Lamb—5 to 7c.
- Cattle—Butchers' nominal at 23 1/4 to 3c.
- Hogs—Live, off cars, \$4.60 to \$4.70 per 100 lbs. for best bacon.
- Sheep—21-2 to 3c off cars.
- Hides—Frozen hides, 7 1/2c.
- Hay—Daled, on track, \$7.50 to \$8.00.
- Potatoes—35 to 40c per bushel.
- Poultry—Chickens, 7 to 7 1/2c per lb.; turkeys, native, 10c; Ontario, 13c; geese, 8 to 8 1/2c; ducks, 5 to 6 1/2c.

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WINNIPEG PRICES CURRENT

GROCERIES

Prices to retail dealers for ordinary lots, with usual discounts for cash or large lots.

Canned Goods Per case

Table listing various canned goods such as Apples, Peas, Beans, Corn, and Tomatoes with their respective prices per case.

Imported Fresh Herring, 15.1 40

Table listing imported fresh herring and other fish products with their prices.

Canned Meats Per case

Table listing various canned meats including Corn Beef, Lunch Tongue, and Potted Ham.

Coffee Per pound

Table listing different grades of coffee with their prices per pound.

Cereals Per sack

Table listing various cereals like Split Peas, Pot Barley, and Rolled Oats.

Cigarettes Per M

Table listing different brands of cigarettes such as Old Judge and Athletic.

Cured Fish Per pound

Table listing cured fish products like Boneless Hake and Codfish.

Dried Fruits Per pound

Table listing various dried fruits including Currants, Raisins, and Dates.

Dried Fruits Per pound

Table listing various types of raisins and other dried fruits.

California Evaporated Fruits

Table listing California evaporated fruits like Peaches, Pears, and Apricots.

Matches Per case

Table listing different brands of matches like Telegraph and Telephone.

Nuts Per pound

Table listing various nuts such as Brazils, Almonds, and Peanuts.

Syrup

Table listing different types of syrups like Extra Bright and Maple.

Sugar

Table listing various grades of sugar including Extra Standard and Powdered.

Salt Per pound

Table listing different types of salt like Rock Salt and Common.

Dairy, white duck sack

Table listing dairy products like white duck sack and common fine jute sack.

Spices Per doz

Table listing various spices like Assorted Herbs and Allspice.

Per pound

Table listing various spices and condiments like Allspice, Cassia, and Cloves.

Teas Per pound

Table listing different types of tea including China Black, Indian and Ceylon, and Young Hysons.

Tobacco Per pound

Table listing various brands of tobacco like T. & B., Lily, and Crescent.

Wooden Ware Per doz

Table listing various wooden ware items like Pails, Paiks, and Tubs.

CURED MEATS AND LARD

Table listing cured meats and lard products like Lard, pure, 20 lb pails.

Smoked Meats per lb

Table listing smoked meats like Hams, Breakfast bacon, and Spiced rolls.

Dry Salt Meats

Table listing dry salt meats like Long clear bacon and Short Clear.

Barrel Pork Per barrel

Table listing barrel pork products like Heavy mess and Short cut.

Meat Sundries

Table listing meat sundries like Fresh pork sausage and Bologna sausage.

FRESH FISH, OYSTERS

Table listing fresh fish and oysters including Whitefish, Trout, Pike, and Shell Oysters.

DRUGS

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

Large table listing various drugs and chemicals such as Alum, Alcohol, Bleaching Powder, and many others.

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Table listing various types of leather like Harness, Black collar, and American Oak Sole.

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Table listing various types of fuel including Coal, Pennsylvania anthracite, and Canadian anthracite.



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Winnipeg Hardware and Metal Prices.

Tin—Lamb and Flag, 56 and 28 lb ingots, per lb 21@22c.

Tin Plates—Charcoal plates, I C, 10 x 14, 12 x 12 and 14 x 20, \$4.50@4.75; I X, same size box, \$5.75@6; I C, charcoal, 20 x 28, 112 sheets to box, \$8.00@ \$8.50; I X, box, 20x28, 112 sheets, \$9.50@ \$10.

Terne Plates—I C, 20x 28, \$8 @ \$9.50. Iron and Steel—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$2.05 band iron, 100 lbs., \$2.50@2.75; Swedish iron, 100 lbs, \$5.25 @ \$6.00; sleigh shoe steel, 2.50@ \$2.75; cast tool steel, lb., 9@12c; imitation Russian sheet, 7@8c; genuine Russian sheet, lb., 12@13c.

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

Canada Plates—Garth and Blaina, 3.00 @ \$3.15.

Galvanized Iron—American, 20 guage, \$3.50; 22 and 24 guage, \$3.75; 26 guage, \$4.00; 28 guage, \$4.25 100 lbs.

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

Lead—Pig, per lb., 4 1/2 to 5c.

Sheet Zinc—In casks, \$7.00 lb., broken lots \$7.50.

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

Ammunition—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American discount 37 1/2 @ 40 per cent rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5; centre fire military, American, net list; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 1/2 per cent; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent, shot shells, 12 guage, \$6 @ 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 6 1/2 c; shot, Canadian, chille 1, 6 1/2 c. Robin Hood powder, 17 lb kegs, \$10; 1/2 kegs, 4 1/2 lbs, \$3. Canister, 9 oz., 60c. Loaded shells, 12 guage, soft shot, \$15 and upwards per 1,000. No. 10 guage, \$21.50 per 1,000.

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

Wire—Galvanized barb, solid, plain, twist, \$2.40 per 100 lbs.; Plain wire and staples, \$2.90.

Axes—Per box, \$6@9.

Nails—Cut, keg, base price, \$2.15 for 20 to 60d., with new classification of extras; common steel wire nails, 1/2 @ 3/4 inch, \$2.35 per keg, with usual extras for smaller sizes.

Horse Nails—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List price as follows: No. 5, \$7.50 box No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount of above list prices 45 per cent.

Horseshoes—Iron shoes, keg, \$4.00; broken lots, \$4.25; steel shoes, \$4.50 up; Snow shoe, \$4.25 per keg.

Rope—Sisal, lb., 1c base; man-

illa, lb., 12 1/2c base; cotton, 1/2 to 1/2 inch and larger, 15c lb.

Building Paper—Anchor brand plain 45c; do tarred 65c; Jubilee plain 57c; do tarred 73c.

Winnipeg Prices of Paints, Oils, Glass, etc.

Following are close jobbing prices, as to quantity:

White Lead—Pure, \$6.50 100 lbs; No. 1, \$5.50.

Prepared Paints—Pure liquid colors, gallon \$1.15@1.25.

Dry Colors—White lead, pound, 7c; red lead, kegs, 6c; yellow ochre in barrel lots, 2 1/2c; less than barrels, 3c; golden ochre, barrels, 3 1/2c; less than barrels, 4c; Venetian, red, barrels, 3c; less than barrels, 3 1/2c; American vermilion, 15c; English vermilion, \$1 per lb., Paris green, 18@20c; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots, 2 1/2c; less than barrel lots, 3c; English purple oxides, in casks, 3 1/2c; less quantities 4c lb.

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

Sundries—Glue, sheets, 15c lb; broken, 12 1/2c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 20@25c. Stove gasoline, case, \$3.50; benzine, case, \$3.50. Axle grease, imperial, case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, case, \$3.75; Diamond axle grease, \$2.25 case. Coal tar, barrel, \$7. Portland cement, barrel, \$4@4.25; plaster, barrel \$3.00; plasterers' hair, P. P., 90c bale. Putty, in bladders, barrel lots, 2 1/2c lb., do., in 100 lb kegs, 2 1/2c., do., less than barrels, lb, 3c. Alabastine, cases of 20 pkgs., \$6.50@7.50 as to color.

Window Glass.—Single glass, first break, 16 to 25 united inches, \$2.25; 26 to 40, \$2.50 per 50 feet boxes; 41 to 50, \$5.30; 51 to 60, \$5.80; 61 to 70, \$6.30 per 100 feet boxes.

Linseed Oil—Raw, gal., 5 1/2c; boiled, gal., 58c in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gallon extra, with additional charges for cans.

Turpentine—Pure spirits in barrels, 75c; less than barrels, gallon, 80c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

Oils—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25@30c gallon; clear machine oils, 27@30c; cylinder oil, 50@75c, as to quality; castor oil, 13c per lb; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatsfoot oil, \$1, steam refined seal oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 gallon.

Refined Petroleum—Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 17c; crescent, 20 1/2c; oleophene, 21c in barrels. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 2 1/2c for cocene and 2 1/2c for sunlight. Straight car lots Silver Star 1c less, other brands 2c less.

Winnipeg Lumber Prices.

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

Dimension and Timber—No. 1, 2x4 to 2x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$18.50, 18 ft, \$19.50, 20 ft, \$20.50, 22 ft, \$21.50; 24 ft, \$22.50; 3x6 to 3x12, 4x4 to 4x12, 6x6 to 6x12 and 8x8, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$20.00, 18 ft, \$21.00, 20 ft, \$22.00, 22 ft, \$23.00, 24 ft, \$24.00; 8x10 to 12x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$22.00, 18 ft, \$23.00, 20 ft, \$24.00, 22 ft, \$25.00, 24 ft, \$26.00; 2x4, 10 ft, \$20.50; 2x6

to 2x 12, 10 ft, \$18.00. No. 2 dimension, \$2.00 less than No. 1. Dimension, 26, 28 and 30 ft, \$26.00. Timber—26, 28 and 30 ft, \$28.00. \$1.00 per M advance on each inch over 12 inch in depth and width. Tamarac dimension same price as pine. Spruce dimension at \$2.00 per M less than pine. Cull plank, all widths at \$12.00 per M. B. C. fir dimension up to 32 feet at \$28.00 per M., 33 to 40 feet, \$30.00, 41 to 60 feet \$36.00. \$1.00 per M extra for each 2 in. over 12 in. in width or depth.

Boards—1st common, red pine, \$25.00, 2nd common, \$18.50, 3rd common, \$13.50; No. 1 cull, \$13.00, No. 2 cull, \$9.00; spruce, \$16.50. \$1.00 per M extra for stock boards. \$2.00 per M less for 6 to 8 ft. and under. \$1.00 per M less for 10 ft. No. 1 box, 14 in. and up, \$30.00, No. 2 box boards, 14 in. and up, \$23.00. Extra dressing \$2.00 per M.

Siding, Flooring and Ceiling—2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch, white pine, \$36.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch white pine, \$28.00; 1st and 2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$30.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$25.00; 4th, 4, 5 and 6 inch, red and white, \$20.00; Cull siding, red and white, \$16.00; B.C. No. 1 and No. 2 edge grain flooring, 3, 4 and 6 inch, \$32.00. \$2.00 per M advance for dressing both sides.

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

Shiplap—Pine, 6 inch, \$18.00, 8 and 10 inch, \$20.00; Spruce, 8 and 10 inch, \$19.00, 6 inch, \$18.00; cull shiplap, 8 and 10 inch, \$17.00; do., 6 inch, \$14.00.

Shingles—B. C. cedar, per M, No. 1, \$2.75, No. 2, \$2.50; B.C. cedar dimension shingles, \$4.00; B.C. cedar dimension band sawed, \$5.00.

Lath—Pine lath, No. 1, per M, \$3.00 No. 2, \$2.50.

Finishings—1 1/2 and 2 inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$65.00, 3rd clear, \$55.00, selects, \$45.00, shops, \$36.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$32.00; B.C. cedar clears, \$50.00; do., over 12 inch, \$55.00; B.C. fir edge grain No. 1 stepping, \$45.00; No. 2, \$40.00; B.C. fir, flat grain, No. 1, \$37.00; No. 2 do., \$32.50; B.C. finishing up to 12 in., \$37.50; do., over 12 inch, \$42.50. \$5 per M advance on 2 1/2 inch and thicker. One inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$55.00, 3rd clear, \$48.00, selects, B, \$38.00, selects, C, \$30.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$30.00; B.C. cedar, clear, \$50.00. B.C. fir finishing, \$37.50; do. over 12 inch, \$42.50.

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

Mouldings and Base—Parting strips, 100 feet lineal, 60c; lattice, 1/2x1 1/2, 100 feet lineal, 85c; window and door stop, 1 1/2 inch lineal, \$1.25, ditto, 2 inch lineal, \$1.50; 1/2 round and 3/4 cove, 75c; 1 1/2 inch mould, \$1.50; 2 inch mould, \$1.75; 2 1/2 inch mould, \$2.00; 3 inch mould, \$2.25; 3 1/2 inch mould, \$2.50; 4 inch mould, \$2.75; 4 1/2 inch mould, \$3.00; 5 inch mould, \$3.25; 6 inch mould, \$4.00; 5 inch window stool, 1 1/2 \$4.50; 6 inch window stool, 1 1/2, \$5.25; 4 inch casings, \$2.25; 5 inch casings, \$2.75; 6 inch casings, \$3.25; 8 inch base, \$4.25; 10 inch base, \$5.00; 12 inch base, \$7.00; hand rail, 2x4, \$5.50; wainscot cap, 2 1/2 inch, \$2.35, 3 inch, \$2.75; paper mould, 60c. Moulding made from 1 1/2 stock add 25 per cent; 1 1/2 add 50 per cent. Hardwood mouldings or mouldings to detail at special prices. All shop work at special net prices.

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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, Saturday, Jan. 14.

The weather has been changeable this week, the few days of very severe weather giving place to a mild spell, amounting almost to a thaw. Weather conditions, however, do not have much effect on business this time of year, except in a limited way. The fuel trade is, of course, governed to a great extent by the weather, and deliveries of grain by farmers at country markets are also influenced by weather conditions. General wholesale trade, however, is not affected, as it is too late in the season to cause a demand for heavy winter goods by cold weather, and too early to lead to a consumptive demand for spring lines by mild weather. Business with the wholesale houses remains quiet. Some early orders have come from British Columbia as an advance guard of the beginning of the season's trade. The grain trade is very quiet. Farmers are not delivering grain at all freely. In fact some country elevators have been closed since Christmas. Those who have damp grain should market it during the winter, as its commercial value will be gone when warm weather sets in.

The time for the usual crop of mercantile wrecks is approaching. Manitoba has made a very good record of late. How we will get through the first quarter of 1899 remains to be seen. There has been some over-buying, undoubtedly, and the fall and early winter trade was not up to expectations, owing to the late harvest and tendency to hold grain. These are unfavorable features, particularly the overstocking. There may have to be some carrying of accounts, and the length of the failure list will depend materially upon the decision of the jobbers in the matter of carrying some of their customers. Clearing house returns continue larger than for corresponding weeks in previous years, this week exceeding a year ago by about \$250,000, and two years ago by about \$570,000. December showed a gain of about \$1,000,000 over the same month of 1897, and January bids fair to show a gain to about the same extent.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Saturday, Jan. 14.

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

COAL AND WOOD.

The firmer feeling in anthracite coal consequent on the advance in the United States has not led to an effective advance here. Dealers are trying to get more money, but that is all. In wood fuel there has been a good

movement. Jack pine has tended lower, and we reduce prices 25c per cord. The usual range now is \$3.50 to \$3.60 for carloads on track here, per cord, and one large lot was offered at \$3.40, of mixed quality. Poplar holds at \$2.50 to \$2.65 for green cut-dry wood per cord.

FISH.

The market is now more plentifully supplied with fresh and fresh klipped sea fish, stocks of such having been light recently, owing to stormy weather, which prevented fishing. Fresh cod and haddock are now offering at 8c. New season cured fish are also coming to hand.

GREEN FRUITS.

California lemons are now offering freely. A car was received this week. Some seedling oranges are in the market, but the demand for them is very limited. Apples are firm. Stocks of spies are very low. Some dealers are out of spies entirely. Oranges are 25c lower. Prices are: California navel oranges, \$4 to \$4.25, as to size; Mexican oranges, \$3.75 to \$4 box; California seedling oranges, \$3.50 to \$3.75 box; bananas, per bunch, \$3.00 to \$3.50, as to size; Messina lemons, \$4.50 per box; California lemons, \$4.50 per box; Ontario apples, good ordinary stock, \$4; fancy spies \$4.50 per barrel, Almeria grapes, \$8, \$10 and \$12 per keg as to quality and size; Catawba grapes, \$5.50 per crate of fifteen 3 lb. baskets; winter Nelles pears \$3 box; eastern pears \$3.50 box; cranberries, unfrozen, \$9 per barrel; sweet potatoes, \$5 per barrel; coconuts, \$1 a dozen; Sicily filberts, large 11 to 12c per pound; Grenoble walnuts, 15c; Tarragona almonds, 14c; peanuts, green, 10c; roasted, 12c; pecan nuts, 12c lb.; shelled walnuts, 24-1-2 to 28c per pound; strained honey, 81-2 to 9c per pound; maple sugar, 11 to 12c; apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels; California figs, in boxes of ten bricks, \$2 per box; dates, 7 1-2c per pound; celery, 40c per dozen bunches.

GROCERIES.

Business is quiet. The only change in the local market this week is a further advance of 1-2c on evaporated apples. Oatmeal is firmer, the tendency being to ask 5 to 10c more for sacks of rolled meal. On another page, under the head of Grocery Trade Notes, we refer to the reduction made in Eddy's matches. It will be understood, however, that this advance does not apply to the western trade, but only to eastern markets. Some time ago matches were advanced 25c in the east, but no change was made in the western list prices. Now this advance has been taken back and prices are just where they were before the advance. The western list has remained the same all the time, neither being affected by the advance nor the subsequent decline. In sugars there has been a slight reduction on the inside price of yellow sugars in the local market. A good deal of Vancouver sugar has been coming in here lately. This sells at a shade under eastern granulated, as it is alleged to be hardly up to the standard of the eastern refineries. Eastern refiners were a little lower on sugars this week, quoting 10c lower for the Manitoba and western trade only. In order to prevent the importation of foreign sugars at the cut rate prices, which have been going on of late. The reduction at the refineries at this season of the year will not affect jobbing prices here

to the same extent, as higher winter freight rates are now in effect, whereas the sugar that has been selling here came in earlier by the lower summer freights. The recent declines are therefore offset by the higher freights. Consumers here, however, have no reason to complain. The Canadian consumer gets the best sugar made anywhere in the world, at low prices. In Germany and some other European countries, where they give a bounty on sugar exported, the sugar costs the consumer more than it does in Canada, and that for an inferior quality. With the best sugar retailing in Winnipeg at 5c per pound, 1,500 miles distant from the refineries or from the seaboard, it certainly cannot be said that prices are not reasonable. The lower through freight rate to Winnipeg, from New York, compared with Montreal, of course compels refiners to quote close prices for this market, to keep out sugar coming in from New York.

HARDWARE AND PAINTS.

Business is quiet. Some orders have come in from British Columbia points, which is earlier than usual, but generally speaking the usual quiet of this time of year prevails. The only change to note in prices is a further advance of 5c on turpentine, to 75c in barrels and 80c in less quantities. The market is generally firm on heavy hardware, linseed oil, glass, etc. Prices with the exception of the change noted on turpentine, are the same as last quoted in detail.

RAW FURS.

There is nothing special to note this week, and until after the result of the coming London sales is known, prices will not be changed. Quotations are the same as given last week.

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GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—There has not been much of interest in the wheat markets the past week. The stream of business has flowed on with very little change to note. Daily variation in the quotations has resulted in an advance of about 3-4c over the close of last week. Many people looked for brisker markets after New Year's, instead of which they have so far been only steady and slow. The speculative element which took hold of wheat very actively during Christmas week, seems to have almost, if not altogether withdrawn again, and the markets, left more to supply and demand, move along easily. The American visible supply increased for the week 465,000 bushels instead of decreasing as had been expected. There was an increase on ocean passage from exporting countries to Europe, of 1,040,000 bushels on the week, but a decrease in the English visible supply of 958,000 bushels. The increase for the week in the world's visible supply is only 131,000 bushels. Receipts at primary points in the United States are decreasing, and the clearances from the American seaboard this week for Europe show considerable falling off. Crop reports continue favorable with very slight exceptions. Argentina is finishing her harvest under favorable weather conditions.

The local market is very quiet. Farmers are not selling their wheat freely and this holds back business. Prices paid in this market for 1 hard on spot Fort William run about about 2c per bushel over what the wheat is worth for sale in Liverpool on present winter freight rates. We closed last week with 1 hard spot Fort William at 67 1-2c, but from the beginning of this week the price may be given as 68c all the way through. Following the fluctuations in the American markets, the prices have varied at different times in the day, going as low as 67 1-2 and as high as 68 1-2c, but after the close of each day's market the prices has always settled to 68c again. Basis 1 hard for May delivery hangs around 72c to 72 1-2c. The difference between 1 hard and 2 hard or 1 northern continues to be 3 1-2c, 3 hard, 2 northern and 1 spring are 7c under 1 hard. Much disappointment is caused to the trade by the uncertainty attending the value of tough, damp and wet wheat, both before and after being dried. There is no demand for such wheat and no stated market price. It was expected that the standards' board would have met before this time to fix the standards for dried wheat, but they have not yet done so. There is some expectation that they may be able to meet next week. The delay is caused by want of sufficient samples of the different kinds of dried wheat. Occasional cars of tough wheat are sold on this market, but the prices paid have varied from 2c to 10c per bushel under the value of the same grade in good condition, hence a reliable quotation cannot be given. It is however expected that very shortly now the trade will be in a position to handle dried wheat as freely as 1 hard, and as soon as that takes place we will supply quotations.

FLOUR—Prices are unchanged. Prices here to retail dealers are as follows: \$1.35 for patent, \$1.75 for strong bakers; Glenora \$1.75; Manitoba bakers, \$1.45, Algoma, \$1.30; Imperial XXXX, \$1.15; XXXX, \$1.05 per sack of 98 pounds. Discount of 5c per sack for cash.

MILLFEED—Prices are steady. Bran is quoted at \$10 and shorts at \$12 per ton, with large lots at \$1 per ton less.

GROUND FEED—Prices vary widely all the way from \$7 to \$18 a ton, as to quality. Oat chop is quoted at \$15 to \$16 per ton; mixed barley and oats, \$13 to \$14, and wheat and mill mixtures at \$7 to \$10 per ton as to quality; oil cake, \$23 per ton; ground corn, \$18 to \$19 ton.

OATMEAL—The market is firmer. An advance of 5 to 10c has been made this week. While \$1.85 has been the usually quoted price, a good deal of meal has been sold at \$1.80, as some grocers were cutting the price to this figure. The price has now, however, been pretty generally advanced to \$1.90 and it is held firmer at this figure.

OATS—Prices paid to farmers here have ranged from 23 to 26c as to quality. For feed oats, from 23 to 25c per bushel of 34 lbs. has been paid as to quality. Most of the oats marketed have been very poor or damp. Good qualities have brought 26c for milling. Car lots are generally held at 25c on track here for ordinary feed quality, and we quote 24 to 25c for cars of feed and 26c for a good No. 2 white of full weight per bushel. The market has been rather firmer.

BARLEY—The demand is limited. Farmers have been getting 23 to 25c for feed grades, per bushel of 48 lbs. For malting barley 30c is the usual price offered. Considerable damp barley has been offering, which is very slow sale at any price. In fact the demand for barley generally is very slow.

WHEAT—Local street market—Millers have been paying 54 to 56 cents for choice hard wheat delivered at mills by farmers, as to quality. There is considerable damp wheat offering, which brings 30 to 50c per bushel of 60 pounds, as to quality.

FLAX SEED—In Manitoba country markets 65c per bushel is being paid to farmers.

CORN—Owing to the higher price south, it is costing higher to bring in corn. Car lots on track here would cost laid down about 41 to 43c per bushel of 56 lbs., as to grade.

BUTTER—Creamery—The market is steady, and about nominal. Jobbers are quoting 22 to 23c as to quantity and quality.

Butter—Dairy—The market is steady. Buyers are offering 13 1-2c to 14 1-2c here for lots, as to quality, and 15c is paid for choice round lots. There is still a considerable quantity of roll butter offering, but the demand for such is very slow. In fact tubs will command a much more ready sale than rolls. Choice butter, nicely put up in prints, or small, even sized rolls and wrapped in parchment paper, is all right, but ordinary mixed rolls, in all sorts of shapes and sizes and variegated color, is very undesirable. It would be far better to have the producers pack their butter in tubs than sell it in this way.

CHEESE—Cheese is firmer in sympathy with the stronger market east. Jobbers quote 9 1-2c for large and 10c for small sizes, but the tendency is now toward an advance of 1-2c.

EGGS—The market is firmer. Held fresh. Ontario stock is selling at 20c for any good stock, and limed at 16 to 17c. Fresh gathered are only obtainable in a small way from producers at 35 to 40c per dozen.

POULTRY—Stocks on hand are ample for present requirements. Prices are: Chickens, mixed, 8 to 9c per pound; straight lots spring chickens 1c more. Ontario turkeys are held at 12c, and Manitoba at 10 to 12c, as to quality; geese, 9 to 10c; ducks, 8 to 10c.

GAME—Rabbits 8 1-2c each. Pigeons 20c per pair. Wild ducks 25c per pair.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef is very firm. Stocks are light for the time of year, and cattle are costing higher, so that an advance is expected. More fresh killed beef is being sold this winter than ever before, and less frozen beef is handled. In fact the frozen beef trade is gradually going out of date with the leading butchers. There has been also a very small quantity of country frozen beef offered here this winter, the district having apparently been well cleaned out of fat cattle in the fall. Some western range cattle are being killed for the local market, but at the price these cattle are costing they can hardly be sold at present prices to advantage. Mutton is firm at quotations. We have not heard of any eastern frozen mutton having been brought in yet, though it was reported recently that some would likely be brought in. Hogs are about the same. Packers are offering 4 3-4c for mixed lots of hogs, but butchers are paying a fraction higher than this. We quote prices as follows: City dressed beef, 5 1-2 to 6c; country dressed, 4 to 5c, as to quality; mutton, 7 to 8c; lamb, 8 to 9c; veal, 6 to 7c; hogs, 5 3-4 to 6c.

VEGETABLES—Prices unchanged as follows: Potatoes, 35 to 40c per bushel; turnips, 20c per bushel; parsnips, 1 1-2c per lb.; carrots 35 to 40c; beets, 35 to 40c per bushel; celery, 40c per dozen; cabbage, 1c per pound; onions, local stock, 90c to \$1 per bushel; imported onions, 2c pound.

SENECA ROOT—Nominal at 21c

WOOL—Nominal at 8 to 8 1-2c per pound.

HIDES—Frozen hides are quoted at 6c. Bulls and oxen 1c less. Five pounds tare taken on frozen hides. Inspected hides are as follows: No. 1, 6 1-2c; No. 2, 5 1-2c; No. 3, 4 1-2c. Brand-ed hides grade No. 2, and bulls No. 3, kip 6c to 6 1-2c; calf 8c; deacon skins, 15c to 25c each; sheepskins and lambskins, 50 to 65c for fresh skins; horsehides, 75c to \$1.50 each.

HAY—Baled is quoted at \$7.50 to \$8 on track here and loose on the street market at 6 to \$7.50 as to quality.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—A few cars of cattle for the local market are now being taken. Butchers have reduced their stocks of meat put in before Christmas and are beginning to want new supplies, especially as much less frozen meat is being handled now than in previous years and stocks of frozen meat are small. A few car loads of range cattle have been received for the local market, costing 3 1-2c off cars here and some are said to have cost even a fraction higher or 3 1-2c. Common cattle are quoted at 2 1-2c and upward to 3c as to quality. Stockers are nominal at about 2 1-2c. One car was shipped south this week, but stocker trade is practically nil. Fat cattle are likely to be pretty scarce here before grass cattle come into the market again, unless the winter keeps very mild in the range country, so as to enable butchers to get supplies from the west. The range country, however, cannot be relied upon for fat cattle during the

winter and spring. Manitoba cattle went into winter quarters in poor condition, owing to the long spell of wet, cold weather in the fall, and the number being fed for beef is thought to be limited.

SHEEP—None offered. Entirely nominally at 31-2c here.

HOGS—Quoted steady at 43-4c off cars for selected weights.

MILCH COWS—Prices range from \$25 to \$40 per head for new milkers.

Country Markets.

Wheat deliveries along C. P. R. points were heavier yesterday, 31,800 bushels having been delivered. Prices were also considerably higher than on the previous days of this week. At Sinitaluta 60 cents per bushel was paid and at Emerson 59. The price at Crystal City was 57 cents and at several other places 56 cents was paid. The average price was about 54 cents. The quotations were:

Main line—Poplar Point 53, High Braff 55; McGregor, Austin, 50; Sidney 52; Carberry, Douglas, 55; Brandon 50; Griswold, Oak Lake, Virden, Hargrave, Fleming, 53; Elkhorn, Moomson, 51; Wapella, 54; Whitewood 53; Wolseley 52, Sinitaluta 60, Indian Head 53, Qu'Appelle 55, Balgonie, Regina 51; Moose Jaw 50.

Prince Albert branch—Rosthern 47. Souris branch—Menteith 55, Elva 52. Southwestern branch—Carman, Treherne 53.

Pembina branch—Altona 56, Gretna Plum Coulee, Winkler, Morden, 52; Thornhill 55, Killarney 55, Nunga 52. Emerson branch—Emerson 59, Dominion City, 53 1/2.

There were 6,000 bushels of wheat and 3,000 bushels of oats delivered at M. and N. W. railway points yesterday. The prices paid for oats ranged from 16 to 21 cents; the wheat prices at the principal points were. Gladstone 54, Minnedosa 54, Arden 53, Neepawa 55, Franklin 56. Minnedosa Neepawa 55, Franklin 56. Shoal Lake 52, Rapid City 51, Yorkton 44.

Minneapolis Markets.

Compared with a week ago flour is 10c lower, corn and oats a fraction higher, hides 1-2c higher. The most remarkable feature is a big slump of 7c per dozen on fresh and held fresh eggs.

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents, \$3.70 to \$3.80, second patents, \$3.50 to \$3.60.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$8.75 to \$9; bran in bulk, \$9 to \$9.25; corn feed, \$12.00 to \$14.50 per ton as to quality.

Corn—Quoted at 32 3/4 for No. 3 yellow, and 32 1/2 for No. 3.

Oat—Held at 28c for No. 3 white, and 27 3/4 for No. 3.

Barley—Malting, 37 to 42c; feed quoted at 34 to 35c.

Flax seed—\$1.13 3/4 per bushel

Eggs—18c for strictly fresh, including cases; held fresh, 14 to 15c; seconds, 12c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 10 to 11 1/2c, fair to good, 8 1/2 to 9c.

Butter—Creamery, 16 1/2 to 18 1/2c for choice to extras; seconds, 13 to 14c, dairy 14 to 16c, for choice to fancy; seconds, 11 to 12c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 5 to 6 1/2c; lamb, 8 to 10c; veal, 5 to 8c; hogs, choice, 4 1/4c; medium, 4c; heavy, 3 1/2c.

Poultry—Chickens, spring, 6 to 9 1/2 hens, 5 to 7 1/2c; roosters, 4c, turkeys, 8 to 10c; ducks, 5 to 9c; geese, 5 to 8c.

Hides—Green salted hides, 83-4 for No. 1; 73-4c for No. 2; bulls, oxen and brands, 63-4 to 73-4c; sheepskins, 25 to 30c each; veal, calf, 10 to 11 1-2c; tallow, 21-4 to 31-2c; seneca root, 21 to 24c.

Potatoes—Mixed lots, 25 to 28c, white, 30 to 35c.

Apples—Good winter stock, \$4 to to \$4.50 barrel.

Wool—Unwashed, fine, 11 to 12c; medium, 13 to 14c; coarse, 14 1-2 to 15 2c.

H y—\$6.50 to \$7.00 per ton for timothy; mixed clover, \$5 to \$6.

Live stock—Hogs, medium weight, \$3.35 to \$3.50, heavy, \$3.10 to \$3.20 per 100 lbs. Sheep, \$3 to \$3.95, lambs, \$4.25 to \$5. Cattle, stockers, \$2.75 to \$3.25. Butchers' choice, \$3.75 to \$4.25, cows and heifers, \$2 to \$3; bulls, \$2.50 to \$3.50.

Damp Wheat.

There is much anxiety throughout the country to know the value of damp or tough wheat. The Commercial has given all the information possible about damp wheat, but this is very little, as there has been no valuable information to give. In fact, up to the present the value of damp wheat has simply been a matter for speculation. The best posted grain dealers themselves do not know the value of the commodity, and they will not know this until either an export or home milling demand has become apparent for this class of wheat. A committee of the grain men may visit Port Arthur to look into the dried wheat question, with a view to learn, if possible, what effect the application of various degrees of heat in drying has on the wheat.

Western Business Items.

F. Fahey, of J. W. Peck & Co., left this week for the west.

Crawford & Co., Neepawa, Man., are applying for incorporation.

Mrs. Power, general store, Theodore, Assa., is burned out.

A. Frederickson, grocer, Winnipeg, is adding boots and shoes to his business.

Callim & McDonogh, lumber, Russell, Man., have assigned to Charles Burley.

James Hill, confectioner, Stockton, Man., is reported to have left that place.

J. J. Ryan, of Montreal, a well-known traveller, arrived in the city this week.

A joint stock company is being formed to take over the business of the Review newspaper, of Portage, Man.

H. A. Holman, confectioner, Winnipeg, is reported in difficulties, with liabilities large in proportion to assets.

W. Y. Davis, butcher, Prince Albert Sask., has taken John McKenzie into partnership. The new firm will be known as W. Y. Davis & Co.

The dry goods stock of the estate of T. B. Leveque, St. Boniface, will be sold by auction in block, in Winnipeg on Jan. 21. Stock and fixtures amount to \$7,236.

Henderson & Co., implements, Brandon, Wapazesa and Souris, Man., have dissolved partnership. Brandon business purchased by Smith, Inglis & Nelson.

Jas. White, of Alexander, contemplates starting a planing mill and sash and door factory at Carberry, Man. He wants exemption from taxation and free building site. It is likely, says the local paper, that both requests will be granted.

British Columbia Items.

R. Humber, cigars, Victoria, is burnt out.

J. Trace, groceries, Victoria, offers his business for sale.

Cargile & Collins, hotel, Ashcroft, is succeeded by Fred Nelson.

W. R. Johnson, wholesale fruits, is opening at Nelson.

H. C. Marr, butcher, Victoria, has sold out to McFadden & Mole.

C. A. Warren, general store, Golden, has suffered from fire; insured.

J. Wenger, jewelry, Victoria, has suffered slight loss by fire; insured.

Hicks, Gideon & Co., music dealers, Victoria, have dissolved. Gideon Hicks continues.

Ullman & Cosgriff, fruit, cigars, etc., Kaslo, have dissolved, Daniel Cosgriff continues.

Fletcher Bros., pianos, organs, etc., stock damaged by fire; loss estimated at \$6,000, insurance \$2,500.

Thomas Bros. & Grant, tailors, Victoria, are burned out. Stock complete destroyed; loss estimated at \$10,000; insurance \$3,500.

After eleven years' service with the Hudson's Bay company in Winnipeg C. McGinn leaves to fill a position in their store at Nelson, B. C.

In the legislature a motion by Mr. Helmcken urging the Dominion government to increase the per capita tax on Chinese entering Canada, and to pay three-fourths of the amount to British Columbia, as the province is suffering most by this immigration, was adopted unanimously without discussion.

The second reading of the placer mining amendment act, providing that only British subjects shall be allowed to take out free miners' licenses in this province, passed the legislature on Jan. 13. Some members wanted the prohibition extended to quartz mining.

Karl K. Albert, Winnipeg, has been appointed western representative for C. Wilson & Son's Toronto Scale works. He has also received the western agency for the Montreal Show Case works.

A curious feature of the new penny postage rate between Canada and the other parts of the Empire is the fact that a large amount of mail matter from United States border cities and towns will now be posted in Canada for the sake of the three cents savings which it will mean, thereby, depriving the United States government of the revenue from these. It is said that the increase in Canadian revenue from the old country letters of the city of Detroit alone will amount to a large sum every year.

British Columbia Markets.

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

BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.

Vancouver, Jan. 14, 1899.

Butter is unchanged. Cheese is now quoted at 12c. Lard is very firm, as the price now quoted is less than cost to bring in new stock. Dressed meats are higher all around. Pork and beef are ½c higher and mutton 1 to 1½c higher. Poultry is scarce, large holiday stocks having been reduced to a low point. California lemons are 25c per box lower. Seedling and Valencia oranges are 25c box lower.

Butter—Creamery, jobbers price, 23½ @24c choice dairy, jobbers price, 18@19c; Off grade or cooking 15@17c.

Eggs—Local, 50c; Eastern eggs, jobbers prices, 19@20c.

Cheese—Ontario, 12c, jobbers price.

Cured Meats—Hams 12½@13c; breakfast bacon 12½@13c; backs 12@12½c; short clear 10½c; short rolls 10½c; smoked sides 11 @ 12½c; Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 10c per lb, in pails and tubs 9½c lb.

Fish—Flounders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked salmon 10c; fresh halibut, 6c; salmon, 6c.

Vegetables—Potatoes, \$12@13 per ton, Ashcofts, \$17.50@18; California silver skin onions, 1½c; cabbage 2c lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12.00 a ton; local onions, \$20 per ton.

Grain Fruits—California lemons, \$3.75 box; grapes, \$1.75; apples, 65c per 50 lb. box; Valencia oranges, \$3.00; navel oranges, \$3.50@3.75 box; seedlings \$2.50 box; Japanese oranges 65c.

Meal—Rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$2.80; 2 45 pounds sacks \$2.90; 4 22½ pound sacks \$3.10; 10.7 sacks, \$2.50; Oatmeal, 10 10's, \$3.25; 2 50's, \$3.00.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$1.90; strong bakers \$1.40; Oregon, jobbers price, \$4.50.

Grain—Oats, 18.00 @20.00 per ton; wheat, 23.00 @25.00 per ton;

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$23.00 per ton; shorts \$22 ton; bran \$20; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

Hay—\$8 to \$10 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef, 8c; mutton 10c; pork 8½c; veal 10 @ 10½c; Pemmican 40c lb.

Live Stock—Steers, \$3.50 per 100 lbs; sheep, \$4.00 per 100 lbs; hogs, \$7.00 per 100 lbs; cows, 3.00 per 100 lbs live weight.

Poultry—Turkeys, 13½@14c lb; geese and ducks, 12½@13c; chickens, 12@13c.

Evaporated Fruits—Apricots 10½c per lb; peaches 9c; plums, 9@10c; prunes, French 5@7½c; loose muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6@8½c lb.

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

Sugars—Powdered, icing and bar, 6½c; Paris lump, 6c; granulated, 5c; extra C. 4½c; fancy yellows 4½c; yellow 4½c lb.

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

Teas—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good 18c; choice 20c. Ceylon: Fair, 25c; good 30c; choice, 35c lb.

Toronto Hardware Market.

Toronto, January 14

Pig Iron—Canadian, \$13.50@14.00.

Bar Iron—Base price, \$1.35 @ 1.45; band and hoop iron, \$1.65@1.75.

Sheet Steel—12-gauge, \$2.25 per 100 lbs; 16-gauge, \$2.40; 18@20, \$2.30@2.40; 22@24, \$2.30@2.40; 26, \$2.35@2.45; 28, \$2.45@2.55.

Galvanized Iron—16-gauge, \$3.75; 18 @24, \$4.00; 26, \$4.25 and 28 at \$4.50.

Lead—Pig, 4c; sheet, 4½c @ 4½c per lb; shot, Can., dis. 7½ per cent; pipe, ordinary, 7c; composition waste, 7½c with dis. 25 per cent.

Black Iron—10@12 gauge, \$2.25@2.40 per 100 lbs; 14@16 gauge, \$2.60@2.70; 18@20 gauge, \$2.30@2.40; 22@24 gauge, \$2.25@2.35; 26-gauge, \$2.30@2.40; 28-gauge, \$2.45@2.55.

Coil Chain—½ in., \$4.65; 5-16 in., \$3.75; ¾ in., \$3.25; 7-16 in., \$3.15; 1 in., \$3.10; 1½ in., \$2.80; 2 in., \$2.75.

Sheet Zinc—7½@8c per lb.

Antimony—10½@11c; solder 13@14c.

Ingot Copper—14½@15½c per lb.

Ingot Tin—24@24½c.

Solder—14½@15c.

Canada plates—Half-polished, 52-sheet boxes, \$2.35; do, 60-sheet boxes, \$2.40; dull 75-sheet boxes, \$2.25; all-bright "Garth," \$2.85 per box; do, "alaska," \$3.00.

Tin Plates—Prices unchanged at \$4.75 @5.00 for I.C., \$6.00@6.25 for I.X. and \$7.25 to \$7.50 for I.X.X.

Iron Pipe—Black pipe, per 100 ft., ½ to ¾ inch, \$2.25@2.30; 1 inch, \$2.30@2.35; 1½ inch, \$2.30; 2 inch, \$3.95; 2½ inch, \$5.20; 3 inch, \$6.75; 4 inch, \$9.10; Galvanized, ½ inch, \$3.95; ¾ inch, \$4.80; 1 inch, \$6.75; 1½ inch, \$7.15; 2 inch, \$11.75; 2½ inch, \$16.00.

Barb Wire—\$1.95 f.o.b. Cleveland and \$1.85 from stock Toronto. Terms, 30 days or 2 per cent, 10 days.

Fence Wire—Annealed, oiled and annealed, 37½ per cent; galvanized, 30 per cent.; terms 4 months or 3 per cent, 30 days. Bright wire 35 per cent.

Nails, Wire—Base price, \$1.80@1.90.

Cut Nails—\$1.75 base price, with 5c keg, Toronto, Hamilton, London and Montreal.

Horse Nails—Discount on regular brands, 50 per cent.

Horseshoes—Iron, light and medium pattern, \$3.25 per keg, Toronto and Hamilton.

Screws—Flat head bright, 87½ per cent; round head bright, 80 per cent; flat head brass, 82½ per cent; round head brass, 75 per cent.

Bolts—Common carriage bolts, ½@5-16, 70 per cent; tire bolts, 70 and 5; machine bolts, 60 and 10; blank bolts, 60 per cent; sleigh shoe bolts, 80 per cent; plough bolts, 60; stove bolts, 70 and 5; nuts, square, 4½c; hexagon, 5½c.

Rivets—Iron, 60 per cent; copper rivets, 30c per pound.

Glass—First break in 50-foot boxes, \$1.80, and in 100-foot boxes, \$3.50; double diamond, under 25 united inches, \$5.50. Toronto, 4 months, or 3 per cent 30 days.

Green Wirecloth—\$1.20 per 100 square feet; terms, 4 months or 3 per cent for 30 days.

Spades and Shovels—Discounts 40 and 10@45 and 2½ per cent.

Rope—Sisal, 7-16 in. and larger, 9½c; ¾ in., 10½c; 1 and 5-16 in., 10½c. Manila, 7-16 and larger, 10½c; ¾, 11c; 1 and 5-16, 11½c.

Turpentine—66c.

Toronto Grocery Market.

Toronto, January 14.

Sugar—Standard granulated sugar, 4.53c; yellows, \$3.93@4.42.

Syrup and Molasses—Syrup medium, 30c@32c; special bright, 35c@42c. Molasses—West Indian, brls, 32c@45c; New Orleans, 20@30c; for medium and 35c@47c for bright.

Teas—Japans, low grade, 10c@20c per lb; Young Hysons, seconds 16c@19c, firsts, 25@45c; Indian, 18@50c; Congous, low grades, 10c@15c; mediums, 22@25c, and fines, 40c @ 55c; Ceylons, 17 @ 25c, Formosa Oolongs, 25 @ 65c.

Coffees—Green, Rio, 8 @ 12c; Mocha, 23c@28c; Java, 30c@32c.

Canned goods—Tomatoes, 90c@\$1, peas, 75c@\$1; sifted peas, \$1.05@1.20, corn, 95c@\$1; beans, 80@90c; pumpkins, 70@75c; strawberries, 2's, \$1.50 @ 1.80, raspberries, 2's, \$1.60@1.75; peaches, 2's, \$1.55@1.65; 3's, \$2.50@2.65. Cohoe salmon, \$1.15@1.20; sock-eyes, \$1.35@1.60, lobsters, halves, \$1.75 @ 1.80; tail lbs, \$2.80; flats, \$3.10.

Nuts—Filberts, Sicily, 9c@10c; Bordeaux Walnuts, 10½@11c; Grenoble Walnuts, 12½@13c.

Rice—Rice, bags, 3½@4c; do. Patna, 5½ @6c; do. Japan, 6@6½c.

Dried Fruits—Raisins, Valencias, off-stalk 4½c; fine off-stalk, 4½@5c; selected, 5½@5¾c; layers, 6@6½c. Provincial, currants 4½@4¾c; Filiatras, 4½@5½c; Patras, 6c; Vostizzas, 6½@7½c. California evaporated fruits—Apricots, 17 @ 20c; pears, 9c @ 10c; prunes, 70's to 80's 7½ @ 7½c; 80's to 90's 6½@7c; 90's to 100's, 5½@6c. Bosnia prunes, 5½@6½c; Sultanas, 11c@13c. Peel—Orange, 12c @ 13c per lb; citron, 17c @ 20c; lemon 10½c @13c. Hallowee dates, 6@6½c. Malaga, London layers, \$1.75@1.90 per box; black baskets, \$2.40; blue baskets, \$2.50; royal clusters, \$4.00; quarter flats—London layers, 65c; black baskets, 75c; blue baskets, 85c; Dehesia, clusters \$1.25.

Spices—Ginger, Jamaica, 25c; Cochin 20c; cloves, Zanzibar, 15 @ 18c; Amboyna, 18@25c; allspice, 20c; nutmegs, 50c@\$1; cream tartar, pure, 25@28c, and 18@25c for compound.

PROVISIONS.

Mess Pork—\$14.50 for Canada mess, short cut, \$15.00; clear mess, \$14.00.

Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, car lots 7c, ton and case lots, 7½c.

Smoked Meats—Breakfast bacon, 10½c; hams, large, 9½c; medium, 10c; rolls, 8½c; green meats out of pickle are quoted 1c less than smoked.

Lard—Tubs, 6½@7c

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New York Wheat.

New York, Jan. 9.—Wheat—Receipts 277,500 bushels, exports 268,056 bushels. Options advanced today in face of light public interest, the controlling factors being firmness abroad and renewed export demand, largely continental. Shorts bought actively. Offering were light and the interior movement small. Final prices showed 3-8c to 3-1c net advance. Outside speculative interest is still rather small and a restraining factor in bull calculations. March closed 78 5-8, May 75 3-8.

New York, Jan. 10.—Wheat Receipts 252,800 bushels; exports 10,301 bushels. Options opened under a break in Liverpool cables, rallied on covering and thereafter ruled irregular. Early sentiment was bullish, but small clearances, a light outside trade and a disposition to unload on the bulges finally prompted weakness and the market closed weak, 1-2c net lower. March 78 1-8 to 78 3-8, closed 78 1-3; May 74 13-16 to 75 1-2, closed 74 7-8.

New York, Jan. 11.—Wheat—Receipts 132,000 bushels, exports 208,458 bushels. Options opened weaker. Bears held control most of the day by reason of scant speculation, lower English cables and heavy southwestern selling, but were finally alarmed over big clearances and export developments. Prices in the last hour, therefore, rallied sharply and closed 3-8c to 1-2c net higher with the undertone strong. March closed 78 5-8, May 75 1-4.

New York, Jan. 12.—Wheat—Receipts 196,800 bushels; exports 19,653 bushels. Options opened steady and had a stubborn advance up to the last hour on rumors of wet weather in France, continental acceptances, and reported large Wall street ownership of wheat. A final re-action was brought about by local realizing coupled with easier late cables from Paris. The market closed barely steady and unchanged to 1-4c net lower. March, 78 3-8c to 78 3-4c, closed 78 3-8c; May 75 1-8c to 75 13-16c, closed 75 1-8c.

New York, Jan. 13.—Wheat—Receipts 128,000 bushels, exports 58,079 bushels. Options opened strong and more active. Local shorts and outsiders bought on the unexpected strength of Liverpool cables, but on later dullness took profits and started a reaction which left final prices unchanged from the previous day, and the tone unsettled. A good export trade late in the day was offset partly by light clearances and a shrinkage of outside business. March closed 78 3-8c, May 75 1-4c.

New York, Jan. 14.—Wheat closed today as follows: March delivery 78 3-8c, May 75 1-4c.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

Prices are quoted per bushel of 60 pounds for wheat, bushel of 56 pounds of corn, bushel of 82 pounds of oats, per barrel of mess pork; and per 100 pounds for lard and short rib bacon; flax seed per bushel of 56 pounds.

Chicago, Jan. 9.—Wheat, May opened 70 3-8 to 1-2c, closed 70 7-8c. July opened 68 21-4 to 3-8c, closed 68 5-8c. Corn, Jan. 35 1-8c n. May opened 37 1-8c, closed 37 1-8c a. July opened 37 5-8c, closed 37 1-2c. Oats, Jan. 28c n. May opened 27 3-8 to 1-2c, closed 27 1-2c. July opened 28c, closed 28c.

Chicago, Jan. 10.—Wheat, Jan. 67 1-4c. May opened 70 5-8 to 3-4c, closed 70 1-2c b. July opened 68 1-2c, closed 68 3-8c b. Corn, Jan. 34 3-4c n. May opened 36 7-8c, closed 36 7-8c; July open-

ed 37 7-8c, closed 37 1-4c. Oats, Jan. 28c n. May opened 27 3-8c, closed 26 1-8c a. Ribs, Jan. \$4.75 n. May opened \$5 to \$5.02, closed \$5.02 to \$5.05. Pork, Jan. \$9.70 n. May opened \$10, closed \$10. Lard, Jan. \$5.50. May opened \$5.70, closed \$5.70 a.

Chicago, Jan. 11.—Wheat, May opened 70 1-4c, closed 71c b. July opened 68c, closed 69c a. Corn, Jan. 34 7-8c a. May opened 27 5-8c, closed 27 8-4c. July opened 26c, closed 26 1-4c. Ribs, Jan. \$4.85 a. May opened \$5.07, closed \$5.12. Pork, Jan. \$9.92. May opened \$10.05, closed \$10.22. Lard, Jan. \$5.57 b. May opened \$5.72, closed \$5.80 a.

Chicago, Jan. 12.—Wheat, May opened 70 7-8c, closed 70 3-4c b. July opened 68 7-8c, closed 68 3-4c. Corn, Jan. 35c. May opened 37 1-4c, closed 37 1-4 to 3-8c. July opened 37 5-8 to 3-4c, closed 37 5-8c. Ribs, Jan. —. May opened \$5.12, closed —. Pork, May opened \$10.22, closed —. Lard, May opened \$5.80. Oats, May opened 29 5-8 to 3-4, closed 27 3-4 to 7-8c. July opened 26 1-4 to 3-8c, closed 26 3-8c.

Chicago, Jan. 13.—Wheat, Jan. 67 1-4c. May opened 71 3-8c, closed 70 3-4c bid. July opened 69 3-8c, closed 68 3-4c b. Corn, Jan. 34 3-4c a. May opened 37 1-2 to 5-8c, closed 37 1-8c b. July opened 37 7-8c, closed 37 1-2c. Oats, Jan. 26 1-2c n. May opened 28 1-8c, closed 27 7-8c a. July opened 26 5-8c, closed 26 3-8c. Ribs, Jan. \$4.75 a. May opened \$5.01, closed \$5.02. Pork, Jan. \$9.75. May opened \$10.15, closed \$10.05 to \$10.07. Lard, Jan. \$5.50. May opened \$5.75, closed \$5.70.

Chicago, Jan. 14.—Wheat opened at 70 7-8c for May, and ranged from 70 5-8c to 71 1-4c. Closing prices were: Wheat—May, 71 1-8c; July, 69 1-8c. Corn—Jan., 34 3-4c; May, 37c. Oats—Jan., 26 1-2c; May, 27 3-4c. Pork—Jan., \$9.85; May, \$10.15. Lard—Jan., \$5.45; May, \$5.72 1-2. Ribs—Jan., \$4.80; May, \$5.05. A week ago May option closed at 69 7-8c. A year ago May wheat closed at 90 1-2c, two years ago at 80 3-4c; three years ago at 60 7-8c; four years ago at 57 1-2c.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—Jan., 67c; May, 69 5-8c.
Tuesday—Jan., 68 5-8c; May, 69 3-8c.
Wednesday—Jan., 67c; May, 69 3-4c.
Thursday—Jan., —; May, 69 5-8c.
Friday—Cash, 67c; May, 69 3-4c; July, 68c.

Saturday—May, 70c, July 70c.
Cash, No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 70 1-4c and cash No. 1 northern at 67 1-4c.

A year ago May wheat closed at 90 3-8c, two years ago May option closed 81 1-4c; three years ago at 59c, four years ago at 62c, and five years ago at 63 5-8c.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Saturday, Jan. 14.—No. 1 northern wheat closed today at 68 1-4 for January, and 68 3-4c for May; cash, No. 1 northern 68c; cash No. 2 northern 66c.

BRITISH STOCKS.

London, Jan. 13.—4 p.m.—Consols for money 111 1-8; consols for the account 111 1-4; Canadian Pacific 88 7-8; Grand Trunk 7 5-8. Bar silver 27 3-8d; money 1 1-2. The rate of discount in the open market for both short and three months bills is 2 9-16.

FORT WILLIAM WHEAT STOCKS.

There were 1,608,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on Jan. 7, an increase of about 150,000 bushels from the previously weekly statement.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

No. 1 hard wheat closed at Fort William on Saturday at 68 to 68 1-2c for January delivery; May 72 1-2c. A sale was made this morning at 68 1-2c, January delivery.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, Jan. 14.—Wheat closed unchanged to 1-8d lower.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

New York, Jan. 31.—The stock market opened strong. Atchison 21 1-2; Burlington 128 1-4; Louisville 9; Leather preferred 71 1-2; Manhattan 107 1-4; Missouri Pacific 46 1-4; Brooklyn Transit 91 to 93; Northern Pacific 47 3-8 to 47 5-8; Northern Pacific preferred 78 1-2; People's Gas 111 5-8; Rock Island 116 1-4; Sugar 125 3-4; St. Paul 123 5-8; Southern preferred 45 1-4; Tobacco 147 1-2; Union Pacific 45 5-8; do. preferred 74 3-8; Federal Steel 52; Federal Steel preferred 83 1-4; Western Union 94 1-2.

Money on call nominally 2 to 2 1-2. Prime mercantile paper 3 to 3 3-4 per cent. Sterling exchange firmer at \$4.84 3-4 to \$4.85 for demand and at \$4.82 1-4 to 1-2 for sixty days. Postal rates \$4.83 and \$4.85 1-2. Commercial bills \$4.81 to 1-2. Silver certificates 69 1-2 to 60 1-2. Bar silver 59 1-4. Mexican dollars 47. Government bonds irregular.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, Jan. 14.—Flax seed closed today at \$1.18 for cash, and May \$1.17 1-2.

MINING NOTES.

Fully five hundred properties, it is said, are being developed in the Seine river district, Northwestern Ontario. War Eagle stock experienced a sharp "boom" in Montreal and Toronto recently.

W. Anderson, of J. H. Anderson & Co., returned to Vancouver this week.

Myron McBride & Co., Winnipeg, have sending out a blotter with an attractive add printed thereon.

A. Harris, probably the oldest traveler on the road in the west, passed away in Winnipeg on Friday evening of last week. Mr. Harris represented L. O. Grothe & Co., of Montreal.

D. F. Williams has sold out his interest in the general store business of McLennan & Williams, at Traherne, to J. K. McLennan. Mr. McLennan has taken in two of his employees, E. A. Stelnhoff and Fred Wilson. The business will be carried on under the style of J. K. McLennan & Co.

J. Y. Griffin & Co., Winnipeg, have been distributing very freely a very handsome colored hanger, one of the attractive points of which is, that it represents entirely local work. The central figure is a view of their big packing factory and cold storage warehouse, while life-like hams and sides of bacon ornament the border spaces. This handsome print was designed and made entirely by local talent, and is a very creditable production.

"Cascade City" is the wording on the title page of a handsome publication just issued by the Canadian Pacific railroad land department. Cascade City is a promising town on the new Columbia and Western railway, in the Kootenay district, British Columbia. The pamphlet tells of the famous mining country of the district, as well as the grand scenery which may be seen, and the fine fishing and shooting which may be enjoyed by the tourist.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Jan. 14.

The market is easier for oats. Prices are about 1-2c lower. Flour is weak, though there is fair jobbing demand. Manitoba flour is quoted about 10c per barrel lower. Millfeed is in active demand and held very firm, prices being 50c to \$1 ton higher. Hides are firm and in active demand. Eggs are firm. Held stock is quoted 1c higher, owing to recent cold weather. Demand active. Butter quiet and easier, but prices are unchanged since last week. Cheese nominal. No sales reported. English buyers are not operating. Cables dull and unchanged. Locally prices are a shade lower. Poultry unchanged. Meats steady. Large receipts of dressed hogs are reported.

Oats—No. 2 white, 32 to 32 1-2c in store.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are. Manitoba strong bakers, \$4; Manitoba patents, \$4.10 to \$4.20.

Millfeed—Bran \$14 to \$15 per ton; shorts \$16, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.75 per bag. Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 9c; No. 2, 8c; No. 3, 7c; calfskins, 8c to 9c; sheepskins, 10 to 50c; lambskins, 70c; tallow, 3 1-2 to 4c.

Eggs—Fresh laid, 25 to 30 per dozen, candled stock, 17c per dozen.

Butter—Choice, fresh dairy, 16 to 17c; rolls, 14 to 15c, held stock, 13 to 14c.

Butter—Creamery, boxes, 20 1-4c; tubs, 19 to 20c. Firm.

Cheese—Choice western, 10 1-4c; eastern, 10 1-8 to 1-4c.

Beans—90c to \$1 per bushel as to quality.

Potatoes—In car lots, 55c.

Poultry—Dressed turkeys, 81-2 to 9 1-2c; ducks, 7 to 8c, geese, 5 to 6 1-2c; chickens, 6 to 7c.

Dressed meats—Western, fresh dressed beef, hinds, 5 to 7c, fores, 3 to 5c. Choice abattoir hogs sold at \$6. country dressed, \$5.30 to \$5.50 per 100 pounds. Mutton, 5 1-2c, lamb, 6 1-2 to 7c.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Jan. 14.

Turpentine continues to hold very strong. Present prices are the highest known for years. The inside price has been advanced 1c this week. There is no change on any other line. Prices are:

White lead, government standard, \$5.62 1-2; No. 1, \$5.25; dry white lead in kegs, 5c; red lead in kegs, 4 1-2c; linseed oil, raw, 19 to 50c; boiled 52 to 53c, turpentine 64 to 65c bar iron, \$1.40 to \$1.50; tin plates, cokes, \$2.75 to \$2.90; I. C. charcoal, \$3.25 to \$3.75; Canada plates, \$2.10 to \$2.15; tern plates, \$5.95 to \$6.25; galvanized iron 4 1-4 to 4 3-4c; lead, \$3.75 to \$4; iron pipe 4 to 4 1-4c; putty in bulk, \$1.65; in bladders, \$1.80; ingot tin, 20c. Cement, English brands, \$3.30 to \$3.40. Germany, \$2.45 to \$2.55, and Belgium \$1.85 to \$1.95 per barrel, ex-wharf. Rope, sisal 10 to 10 1-2c; Manila, 11 1-2 to 12 1-2c for 7-16 size and larger.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Jan. 10.

Receipts of cattle at the semi-weekly market yesterday were 550 head and 150 sheep and lambs. There was a good demand for butchers cattle and with limited offerings prices advanced a little. Choice stock was scarce, and

for such 4 1-2 to 4 3-4c was paid. Good heaves sold at 4c to 4 1-4c. Fair cattle brought 3 1-4c to 3 3-4c, and lower grades, 2c to 3c per lb. Sheep and lambs met with a good demand. Sheep sold at 3c to 3 1-2c, and lambs at 4 1-4 to 4 3-4c.

At the Grand Trunk stock yards there were 250 hogs offered, for which the demand was good and prices ruled higher at from \$4.30 to \$4.50 per cwt. off cars.

THURSDAY'S MARKET.

Montreal, Jan. 13.

Cattle—At the semi-weekly market yesterday receipts of cattle were eight, aggregating 250 head. The market was strong. The best sold at 4 1-2 to 5c, and good cattle brought 4 1-4c. Common stock 3 to 4c as to quality.

Sheep—Only 75 sheep were offered and these sold at 2 1-2 to 3c. There were 225 lambs, which sold at 4 to 4 1-2c.

Hogs—There were heavy receipts in this line. Offerings sold at \$4.25 to \$4.40 per 100 lbs.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Jan. 14.

The market is steady and without any change in prices. Quotations are as follows:

Granulated sugar lower at 4.35 per 100 lbs. at refineries; yellows 4.75 to \$1.25, molasses 3 1-2c in car lots, syrups 2 to 2 1-2c as to quality, Valencia raisins 4 3-4 to 5 1-2; Valencia layers, 6 1-2c; currants, 5 1-8 to 6 1-2c, as to brand, coffee, 15c to 10c; Mocha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c; rice, Crystal Japan, 5 1-2 to 5 3-4c; standard B, 3 3-4 to 4c.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Jan. 14.

Dry Goods—Spring trade is larger than usual. Imported goods are now arriving and interfering with shipments. Values are very firm on nearly all lines. Fine wools here are scarce and this may affect prices on Canadian goods.

Hardware—Trade is quite active for the season. The feature of the market this week is the strength in wire nails. Barb wire has again advanced 10c, making an advance of 20c in two weeks. Wire nails are higher and are now held at \$1.90 by some dealers. Solder has advanced to 14 1-2 and 15c. Pig tin is again higher at 24 to 24 1-2c. Ingot copper is 1-4 to 1-2c dearer. American galvanized iron is 5 per cent. dearer.

Groceries—A good business is doing in this branch. Canned goods are more active and firm, especially for corn. Some jobbers have advanced prices \$1 on corn. Good Ceylon teas are active and grades at 18 to 24c are pretty well cleaned up.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Jan. 14.

Grain deliveries are light and the export demand is slow. Barley dull. Exporters are bidding 1c less for oats than holders ask. Eggs are firm. Lined are held at 1c higher. Poultry is higher, especially chickens, which are in good demand owing to much sickness. Dressed hogs are firm and a shade higher in the week. Butter firm.

Flour—Manitoba patents, \$4.15. Manitoba bakers, \$3.90; Ontario straight roller \$3.25 per barrel Toronto freights.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat 69c, for cars at country points. No. 1

hard, grinding in transit, 82 and 77c Midland.

Oats—White, 28 to 29c for cars at country points.

Barley—No. 1, 17c at country points for car lots.

Milfeed—Shorts, \$12.50 to \$15 per ton at country points. Bran \$12 to \$12.50 per ton.

Oatmeal—\$3.30 in bags per barrel and \$3.50 in wood for car lots.

Eggs—Fresh 17c, new laid 22c; cold storage 15 to 16c, lined 16c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, 11 to 13 1-2c for choice fresh goods, creamery, tubs, 19 to 20c.

Hides—No. 1 green, 8 1-2c; cured, 1 1-2c. Sheepskins and lambskins, 80 to 1 1-2c, cansans, 8 to 10c, tallow 3 1-2c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 14 to 15c. Beans—\$1 to \$1.10 per bushel for hand picked and 80c to 90c for common lots.

Dressed hogs—\$5.20 per 100 pounds for car lots of mixed weights.

Dried apples—5 to 5 1-2c for round lots, evaporated 8 to 9c.

Honey—6 to 7c in bulk.

Poultry—Turkeys 7 to 9c; chickens 35 to 60c a pair; geese 5 to 6c.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Jan. 10.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 65 car loads, including 260 sheep and lambs and 2,800 hogs.

Cattle were unchanged since Friday last. There was a good demand for all good cattle. Export cattle, 4 1 1 to 4 1-2c; butchers' choice, 4 to 4 1-4c, common, 2 3-4 to 3 1-4c; good, 3 1 2 to 3 3-4c; bulls, heavy, 3 1-2c; stockers, heavy, 3 to 3 5-8c.

Sheep easier at 3 to 3 1-4c for export; lambs, 4 to 4 1-4c.

Hogs—The supply was heavy; prices for choice bacon and light fat a little firmer, the former being quoted at 8c per cwt. advance and the latter 1 1-2c per cwt. higher. Thick fat remained firm at unchanged prices. Choice, \$4.58 per cwt; light, \$1.25. Sows, \$3 to \$3.25 per cwt; heavy fat, \$3.75.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, Jan. 13.

Receipts of live stocks at the market to day were 60 car loads of all kinds, including 300 sheep and lambs and 2,500 hogs.

Export cattle advanced 10c over Tuesday's market selling at \$1.25 to \$1.60 per 100 pounds. Butchers' cattle, however, were 10c lower, the best touching \$4 to \$4.15 per 100 pounds. Stockers advanced 10c over Tuesday's prices. Notwithstanding large offerings of hogs, the market was firm, choice bacon advancing 5c to \$1.60 to \$1.65. Other lines unchanged.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Jan. 13.—Cattle firmer. Quoted at 11 1-2 to 12 1-4c, estimated dressed weight.

SUGAR.

Special to The Commercial.

London, Jan. 13.—Market firmer. Beet, January and February option, 9s 6d, this being an advance of 1 1-2c on the week.

CHEESE MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Jan. 13.—Cheese, white, 50s, colored, 50s. This is the same as a week ago.

Canada short and long cut mess pork were reduced in price 50c per barrel at Montreal this week.