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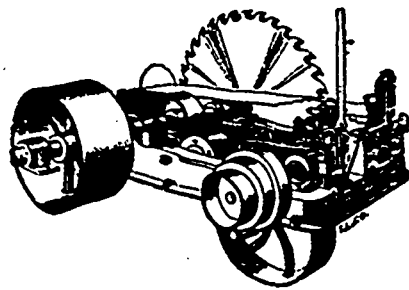
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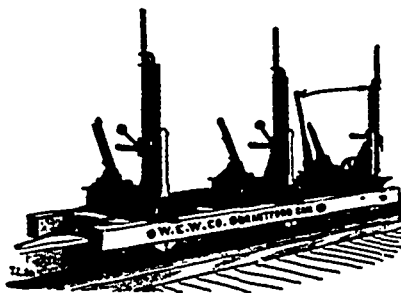
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## TAKE A VACATION.

The holiday season is now on and there has already been a considerable exodus from the prairie cities and towns of the west to watering places, mountain resorts and other places of rest and recreation. The practice of taking summer holidays is not common enough in the west. As a rule the people of this country apply themselves too closely to business or other occupations and only at very long intervals do they suffer themselves to have any relaxation with change of air and scenery. This is no doubt due to the fact that the country is comparatively new and most of its residents have but little means and are struggling to get some capital accumulated. They also make the mistake of assuming that cash is the only sort of capital that counts for much, to the neglect of their health, mental equipment, etc., which are really of more importance, and generally by the time they have succeeded in securing what they consider to be a sufficiency of capital they find their health depleted and of intellectual resources they have nothing outside of a knowledge of their business. Then comes the despairing search for these more essential things without which the possession of money can yield but very little pleasure. It is safe to say that there are very few persons engaged in business in this country, however much may be depending upon their individual efforts who could not be spared for at least a couple of weeks during the year when business is usually slack, and the better spirit with which they would do their work after a good wholesome holiday would more than make up for any losses which may have been due to their absence.

Most of the professional and wholesale merchants take a vacation dur-

ing the summer months every year and they do not appear to suffer anything in estate by reason of it. Some of the leading retail merchants also follow this practice, but the majority of this class do not, excepting at rare intervals. The salaried classes in some branches of business also take vacations each year, in others they only do so occasionally. Not only should the employer follow this practice himself, but he should make provision for his help doing so too. We venture to say that no employer will lose by such action. He will find himself more than doubly repaid for any inconvenience arising from being short of help by the better service rendered all the rest of the year. There are few people who can stand the wear and tear of modern business year in and year out without rest or change without breaking down sooner or later.

Numerous short and cheap trips to summer resorts are now available from the prairie centres of the west and there is no one whose means are so limited that they cannot afford some kind of a change. If it is only a week or two of camp life at some nearby lake or stream, the change will do good. For those who can afford a little more there is Killarney Lake, Shoal Lake, Rat Portage, Detroit Lake, the steamer trip to Fort Francis on the Rainy River, or to Grand Rapids on Lake Winnipeg, Banff and numerous less widely known resorts. The choice of trip of course must be made according to tastes and means, and may be varied from year to year until all these places have been visited. The effect on both mind and body will be found to be beneficial beyond all expectations.

## IRRESPONSIBLE PRODUCE CONCERNS.

Complaints are again coming into the city from country points of losses to shippers of produce through irresponsible concerns doing business here. In some cases the losses have been so serious as to cripple the merchant whose bad fortune it was to be the loser, but in most cases the losses are only heavy enough to be annoying. It is one of the bad features of trading in this country that there is so little difficulty in the way of almost anybody embarking in business without capital or experience and obtaining almost any kind of goods on credit, and there is no line in which this works more harm than country produce. The goods are perishable and once in the hands of a consignee are completely at his mercy, the owner having to accept whatever is offered him in the way of payment as a rule. There have always been some complaints from country shippers as to the way their shipments are handled in Winnipeg—not all of which are of course justified—and this year we

hear more of these than usual. There can be only one sure remedy for this evil and it is in the hands of the shipper themselves, that is to make it a rigid rule only to entrust produce consignments to responsible houses of which there are and have always been a number in Winnipeg. All other persons or concern soliciting shipments of these goods should be required to pay cash in advance. To select the good houses is not such a difficult matter as it might seem either. References to banker of some responsible jobbing houses should be easily furnished if there is any question as to the responsibility of the concern.

## A Western Man on the Crops.

Montreal Gazette: "I have been in the province eighteen years, and there is nothing in the present crop conditions to cause me to lose faith in Manitoba."

This declaration was made yesterday by S. A. McGaw, the secretary-treasurer of the Dominion Elevator company, and as he was seven years with the Lake of the Woods company, and six years with the Ogilvie company, in Manitoba, it was remarked on 'Change that Mr. McGaw had a better knowledge of the exact condition of things in Manitoba and the Territories than any other man in the country.

He says that there has been plenty of rain all over the province of Manitoba, but that it came too late to help out the crop, which had matured a good deal earlier than usual, consequently the intense June heat killed the root. It had been an exceptional season, he added, for instead of coming in June, as has been the case for many years past, the rainfall did not take place till July.

Mr. McGaw's attention was called to a recent statement made by the Hon. Mr. Davidson, of the Manitoba government, estimating a quarter-crop, and he replied that there was a general feeling that Mr. Davidson had placed it a little lower than subsequent information would justify.

"And what is your own opinion?" he was then asked.

"I think," he replied, "that the wheat crop of Manitoba and the Territories will fall a little short of 15,000,000 bushels, against 34,000,000 for last year. I may say, however, that the considerably increased acreage, in both the province of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, over that of last year will help us out to a very great extent."

He then went on to say that there was a certain amount of trade depression in Winnipeg and the other towns, in consequence of the shortage in the wheat crop; but he did not see wherein this was justified. Merchants might, he said, be obliged to carry over more country accounts than usual, but there was nothing in the present outlook to make anyone lose faith in the country.

Mr. McGaw then gave some very interesting data regarding past crops. In 1889 the wheat crop amounted to about 7,000,000 bushels. In 1886 there was also a shortage, yet in 1887 there was the largest crop per acre the province had ever produced, the figure being about 30 bushels. Things, in 1886, were so bad that the farmers had to kill their stock, as there was no feed. There is, however, nothing like this now, for the feed is excellent, and as mixed farming is now pretty general in Manitoba and the prices of cattle good, the farmers will

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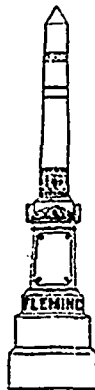
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"We have about 2,200,000 acres in the province and Territories, which will give 15,000,000 bushels, or seven bushels per acre. The increased acreage gives us just that much more money; so you see if we had both a short acreage and a short crop, the calamity would have been much greater."

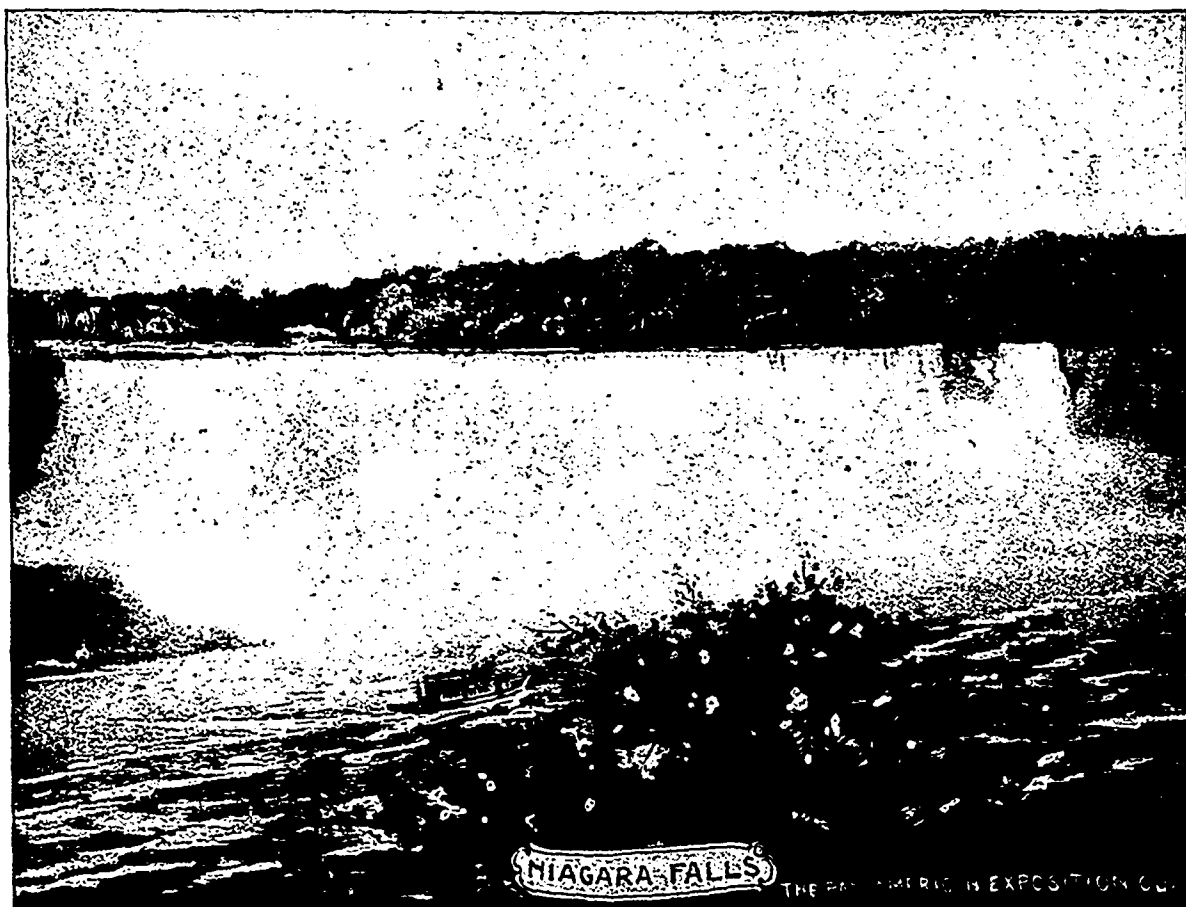
He was also asked if the suggestions made with regard to the employment of artificial means to produce moisture had been carried out, but he said that there had been no movement in this direction, although he had heard of it being done on the American side.

"Is it true that the appearance of the wheat crop has very much improved in Minnesota and north and south Dakota?"

"I believe there is nothing in it; and the indications are that these states have been hit even harder than Manitoba. Their farmers are not as well off as ours from the fact that they do not do as much stock farming."

Mr. McGaw states that, notwithstanding the fact that the crop is short throughout the Canadian and American Northwest, it does not follow that wheat will reach a dollar per bushel. He says that as soon as prices rate high here, England will

graphers. The grandeur of their environment renders the falls perennially interesting at all seasons of the year and very few of those who visit the Pan-American Exposition but will desire also to visit them. The trip from Buffalo can be made in half an hour. There are many points of view and places of interest and the visitor can plan his itinerary according to the leisure time at his disposal. If time will permit, the cataract should be viewed from both sides of the river and trips should be made the length of the gorge, either along the cliffs above or over the trolley road which runs close to the water's edge. Perhaps the most comprehensive near-views of the falls are those obtained on the Canadian side of the gorge, especially that from Falls View station. Here is seen a complete panorama, embracing the rushing and turbulent currents of the upper rapids and the whole sweep of the falling waters,



As for other yields, Mr. McGaw states that the oat crop will be a very fair one; whereas some time ago it was expected to be a complete failure. The potato crop was also expected to be a failure, but it has turned out well and potatoes will be plentiful enough. They are, he declares, too cheap to be sent east at a profit, and he has heard of yields equalling 800 bushels to the acre. There are also indications of a magnificent wheat crop in the Red Deer country, on the Calgary and Edmonton railway, as well as in the vicinity of Prince Albert. However, in these districts the acreage is not large enough to produce a very great effect on the general results although it will later on as people are rapidly coming into the country, including a good number of Germans, Swedes and Norwegians from Minnesota and the Dakotas.

draw greater supplies from Russia, the Argentine Republic and other exporting countries; yet he added that the shortage would probably affect the price of hard wheat.

Mr. McGaw will remain in the city for several days.

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### The License Holders.

A large and unanimous meeting of license holders was held at the board of trade rooms Thursday afternoon of last week. Mr. E. L. Drewry, president, in the chair, and Mr. Andrew Strang acting as secretary, assisted by Mr. Cordingly. Between 60 and 70 were present, their names being as follows: S. Cowan, Miami; J. A. Williams, T. W. Brown, Emerson; M. B. Williams, Deloraine; H. Braun, Gretna; C. Cruthers, Pilot Mound; A. W. Reeves, Minnedosa; J. L. McDougall, Plumias; R. E. Trumbell, Virden; J. Fisher, S. L. Adams, J. M. Fitzgerald, Portage la Prairie; D. C. McKinnon, Dauphin; B. Lacombe, Otterburne; J. Kennedy, Morden; W. A. Thompson, Hamiota; W. Bannister, Carberry; D. McLennan, Minnedosa; F. Curry, W. J. Coleman, Killarney; W. Nevins, Glenboro; T. Cassin, Manitou; J. Nation, Cypress; V. Couture, St. Boniface; M. N. Tobin, Whitemouth; J. Labossier, Somerset; M. Isbester, Wawanesa; J. Hasken, Cartwright; J. E. Kelly, Stony Mountain; A. Barnes, East Selkirk; W. W. Shore, P. Payne, A. Munro, R. H. Shore, and W. Ferguson, Brandon; W. D. Douglas, A. Strang, W. A. Dixon, J. F. Campbell, W. H. Barr, Geo. F. Galt, G. F. Bryan, A. W. Smith, T. Dade, E. L. Drewry, A. E. Ormond, J. Wilkes, David Murray, S. Spence, W. H. Hatch, Winnipeg.

Mr. Drewry addressed those present reviewing the situation and the action taken by the directors in the interests of the trade. Mr. F. H. Phippen, Q. C., their solicitor, also addressed them, reviewing what had been done from a legal standpoint, and announcing that Hon. Edward Blake had been retained to argue the case before the privy council.

The election of directors was proceeded with, resulting in the election of the old board with two changes, the additions of the names of George F. Galt, Winnipeg, and John O'Rielly, Portage la Prairie. The board now stands as follows: E. L. Drewry, W. D. Douglas, Geo. F. Galt, P. Shea, Andrew Strang, J. G. Carroll, C. H. Cordingly, A. McLaren, J. F. Campbell, Thos. Montgomery, H. Beliveau, and G. F. Bryan, Winnipeg; Wm. Ferguson, Brandon, and John O'Rielly, Portage la Prairie.

A meeting of the directors will be held in a few days to elect officers. The following resolutions were passed:

That this association, having heard the president's report, approves of what has been done by the president and directors of this association to protect the interests of its members and the trade generally in connection with the Liquor Act recently passed by the legislature of this province, and this association pledges its support and financial assistance to such future steps along the same lines as the president and directors may consider in the interests of the association.

Whereas, the local legislature of this province, during the recent session, passed an act entitled "The Liquor Act," said act to come into effect on the first day of June, 1901;

And, whereas, grave doubts have been expressed as to the constitutionality of the said act, which doubts the government of this province has admitted to be fairly arguable by

agreeing to refer the constitutionality of the act to the courts and by the statement of the honorable the premier when introducing the bill, "that its provisions as to the wholesale trade approach very closely to the danger line, if it had not actually been passed."

And, whereas, it has been stated that on the reference of the said act to the courts, the opinion of the judicial committee of Her Majesty's privy council will be taken, no matter what the decision of the lower courts may be.

And, whereas, it appears impossible to obtain such opinion until after the 1st day of June, A. D. 1901, the date fixed for the coming into force of the act;

And whereas representation was made to the government prior to the passing of this act, that the passage of such an act to come into effect on the above date would work great hardship to those engaged in the liquor trade, by destroying their credit, and would immediately bring about financial stringency not only to such trade, but to the other business interests indirectly connected therewith and that these disastrous results would be none the less severe even if the bill is ultimately declared ultra vires by the court.

And whereas it was urged to the government that in view of these facts it was needlessly causing financial disaster to bring this doubtful legislation into effect before the results of the reference could be known and for these reasons the government should provide that the said act should be brought into force by order in council to be passed after the result of the reference was known.

And whereas it was represented to the government that if this course were adopted and those interested in the trade were advised that in the event of the bill being upheld, a short but reasonable time would be given to dispose of their assets. The great loss otherwise occasioned in the event of the legislation being ultra vires would be entirely avoided.

And whereas notwithstanding these representations the government fixed a date for the coming into force of the said act prior to the time when the result of the reference to the court could be ascertained and by so doing has already caused great loss to those engaged in the trade and further depression and great additional loss is immediately feared.

Resolved: That the action of the government in refusing to meet the requests of members of this association and others in the above respect is much regretted by this meeting.

And resolved, that this meeting do impress on the government the fact that great financial loss will be occasioned, not only to the members of this association, but to trade and business interests generally throughout the province through the action of the government in fixing the date of the coming into effect of the bill at a time before the result of the reference can be known and that the government be respectfully urged to at once give such assurance in this respect as will allay the distrust occasioned by the coming into effect of the act on the above date and to assure those interested reasonable time after the bill has been declared ultra vires (in case that should be the result of the reference) within which to dispose of their assets and to avoid the needless disasters which will otherwise be occasioned by the legislation, should the courts declare the act in question beyond the jurisdiction of the legislature.

And resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the premier of the province with the respect-

ful request that his government will take the matters herein referred to, into their earnest consideration.

That notwithstanding the petitions and representations presented to the legislature and law amendments committee by those interested in the liquor business and their asking that in the event of the Liquor Act as presented and passed last session by the Manitoba legislature becoming law, that the question of compensation to vested interests should be reconsidered, the bill passed without any such provisions, this meeting, composed of those whose business is being attacked, hereby strongly protest against the injustice that it will inflict on them, destroying their business, which has been built up under the sanction of the law of the land, and carried on under express provisions as to the conduct of the same in the interests of the public, and in which a large amount of capital is invested, which will, on the law going into effect, be practically confiscated, regrets that the government has so far forgotten the example and the actions of the British parliament in this respect as to pass the act without any reference to a compensation, and calls on them, in the name of British justice, to reconsider the question and provide for fair and reasonable compensation to those whose interests and business are prejudicially affected by the law going into force.

A resolution making an assessment on the license holders, for the purpose of providing the funds to fight the act and conserve the interests of those engaged in the liquor business, was passed.

### Brandon's Exhibition.

The opening of the Western Agricultural and Arts Association's exhibition at Brandon on Tuesday was such a one as to justify President Lindsay and his fellow-workers in anticipating renewed success for Western Manitoba's big fair of 1900. The weather was of Manitoba's best vintage, and the attendance made a first day record. The grounds present a magnificent appearance, with colored streamers and flags floating in every direction over the white tents and dark red buildings. The intervening green trees and grass supply all that is needed to make the scene most picturesque and inviting. A feature that must not be allowed to pass without mention is the new railroad. In addition to the convenience of a five minute service from the city to the grounds, the constant arrival of the passenger train lends an air of rush and activity that is pleasingly metropolitan. Surely Brandon is making progress. The programme of speeding events to-day constituted a most entertaining gymkhana, and was much enjoyed by the crowd that occupied the grand stand. The platform and special attractions are of that variety and high quality that has been a feature of Brandon's fair.

The addition to the main building has been quite transformed by a large wing added on the western side. In fact the building is scarcely recognizable in its new form. A machinery building, added this year, does not seem to have suffered from the boycott of the fairs by machine companies, all the space being occupied. The avenue leading to the main building is occupied by several large dining tents, each having accommodation for several hundred people, so that no trouble in securing meals can be anticipated. Around the main building are grouped exhibitors' tents of various kinds, with one or two side shows. Behind the grand stand are the ma-





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majority of the side shows, which are not so numerous as in Winnipeg, some of them having been refused admission to the grounds here by the directors. The western portion of the grounds, where the horse and cattle barns are located, is one of the busiest quarters. The accommodation inside the buildings having proven insufficient, many of the animals are outside, and the whole place resembles an immense judging ring. The harmonious decorations of the buildings and grounds are due to the good taste of C. C. Hellwell, who is deserving of much praise.

The track and platform attractions were enjoyed by a large crowd of spectators.

**The Main Building.**

The display in the main building is much better than it was last year, the goods displayed are not only of better quality, but there are more of them and they are more tastefully arranged. The most striking display in the building is that of the Brandon Experimental farm. Supt. Bedford has always taken this opportunity of throwing out an alluring invitation to visit the farm and conveying much useful information concerning the products of the farm. The exhibit this year occupies the central space of what was the old building. In the main it is an octagonal pyramid of grains and grasses surmounted by a sheaf of Banner oats—a product that well deserves such an exalted and prominent position. The interior, for this wonderful structure has an interior, would make an ideal lover's bower were it not a sort of a picturesque illustrated encyclopedia of farm products. Entrance is gained through four arched doors corn, oats, wheat, barley and the various grasses which have been civilized, or perhaps better, introduced from a wild to a cultivated state. The four sides of the octagon, those between the arched entrances, are occupied by distinct exhibits. On one is some hundreds of different varieties of wheat in the straw, of course. On the second is displayed oats of all kinds—on another grasses. The fourth is decorated with a series of views of the farm, an enticing invitation to go and see it in its reality. The interior is a continuation of what is to be seen on the outside. At the base of the structure a convenient ledge is utilized for the display of farm products in threshed grains, vegetables and cut flowers, all tastefully arranged and plainly marked. In fact the marking is one of the distinctive features of the whole exhibit. Every portion is so well described that the benefit to be derived from its inspection is increased a thousand fold. Supt. Bedford and his assistants, who are in charge of the exhibit, are always willing and reliable sources of information. The long, leafy stocks of corn entering somewhat exclusively into the exhibit convey a lesson to the farmer of Manitoba which this exhibit proclaims. Corn is the source of feed for dry years. Strange as it may seem corn suffers less than any other farm crop from drought. In fact the heaviest crops have been cut on dry years. These and many other lessons are to be learned by a visit to the farm. It is pleasing to note that the farm has been visited by a large number of farmers here to take in the exhibition.

Upstairs in the new building may be found an extremely creditable display of vegetables, in which none are missing, even though it has been a dry season. The display of plants and flowers found many interested spectators all day. Cut flowers, of which there is almost an endless variety, deserve special mention. Ladies' work occupies a

section of the building, and is, according to those who claim expert knowledge of such matters, worthy of careful inspection. In the art department an entertaining quarter of an hour may be spent. The work is all by amateurs. Of photographs much could be said. The local firms, W. Foxall and Wm. Martell, exhibit their work very extensively. It is a work of which no photographer need be ashamed. Kindergarten work is displayed as an illustration of how young Manitobans commence their journey up the ladder of knowledge. Downstairs Fleming & Sons, druggists; Smith & Burton, grocers; Empire Brewing Co., F. Edmonds, pianos; Karl Albert, Actina; the Standard Sewing Machine Co., Karn Piano Co., Johnston & Co., hardware; Wilson & Rankin, house furnishings; the Adams Shoe Co., and W. Carruthers & Co., furriers, have neat displays. The latter is particularly striking, as it illustrates a new industry in Brandon, that of tanning furs and leather. Mr. Carruthers shows almost every variety of native fur prepared for wear in splendid shape. What has been accomplished with cow hides and lamb skins in making rugs, robes and coats is simply astonishing.

The exhibits in the dairy building much surpassed that of last year, while in the poultry classes an overflow show is held on the outside. Dogs are here in great variety and numbers.

**Among the Stock.**

Although Brandon is described as the "Wheat City," it also can lay claim to possessing within the wide district which surrounds it some studs of valuable horses and herds of excellent cattle. The exhibition of stock all round is certainly a most excellent one. It can compare very favorably with Winnipeg, and following so closely upon that great exhibition it has the advantage of having the presence of the great bulk of the exhibits which created such a favorable impression among judges at the show in the Prairie City, both from Ontario and from across the line. The animals which had been stalled for a week at Winnipeg appear to be none the worse for their absence from home on their journey westward, indeed, the careful attention which they have been receiving will probably in some instances bring them before the judges in better condition.

There is really a fine show of horses both from the point of view of quality and the number of exhibits. Indeed, so strong was the exhibition from the latter point of view that the calculations of the directors were out distanced considerably, for about a hundred horses more than there was stabling for on the grounds were entered. Accommodation for these was provided down town. That the quality was excellent was vouched for by the fact that a great many of the Winnipeg prize-winners were present. There was also a big crowd of excellent representatives from the surrounding district, and there is a general agreement on all hands that the quality of the horses in the Brandon district, like other parts of Manitoba, has improved very considerably of late years.

Four short stories, the beginning of one serial, and the concluding chapters of another give the August Ladies' Home Journal claim to the title of Midsummer Story Number. There are besides upwards of thirty other features: "College Girls Larks and Franks," "The Haunted Houses of New England," "My Summer with Some Chipmunks," "A Missionary in

the Great West," by Rev. Cyrus Townsend Brady; "How A Girl Can Work Her Way Through College," "Conversation and Good Form in Public Places," etc. Pictorially the August Journal is made unusually sumptuous by the work of nine illustrators and by innumerable photographs. "Through Picturesque America" will command particular attention, and Howard Chandler Christy's "American Girl in Society" is another notable artistic feature. A waltz, "Golden Poppies," is attuned to the slumberous summer days and is exceedingly pretty. From cover to cover the August Journal is entertaining and attractive. By The Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia. One dollar a year; ten cents a copy.

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Statistical Wheat Report.

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

Montreal..	417,000
Toronto..	48,000
Kingston..	80,000
Coteau, Que..	497,000
Depot Harbor, Ont..	289,000
Winnipeg..	215,000
Manitoba elevators..	1,010,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Kewatin..	1,752,000

Total July 21..	4,323,000
Total previous week..	4,843,000
Total a year ago..	5,233,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's July 21, were 57,013,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 49,174,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

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 July 25, was 46,354,000 bushels, being an increase of 1,723,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 36,019,000 bushels, two years ago 3,173,000 bushels, three years ago 17,814,000 bushels, and four years ago 46,754,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 5,833,000 bushels, compared with 3,794,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 11,622,000 bushels compared with 11,646,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in America and Europe, and afloat for Europe July 1, in each year, for a series of years, were as follows—Bradstreet's report:

	Bushels.
1900..	128,833,000
1899..	119,333,000
1898..	80,504,000
1897..	78,502,000
1896..	124,681,000
1895..	148,517,000

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 movement, Aug. 1, 1899, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

Minneapolis ..	\$5,244,152	93,772,326
Milwaukee ..	11,328,157	14,162,306
Duluth ..	52,019,031	76,634,129
Chicago ..	26,325,331	37,879,155

Total.. 176,517,306 222,507,976

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, 1900, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

Toledo ..	This crop. 1,311,918	Last crop. 4,087,830
St. Louis ..	3,143,567	1,891,443
Detroit ..	419,021	249,564
Kansas City ..	3,614,617	1,240,200

Total .. 8,539,163 7,470,047

Grain and Milling Notes.

Threshing returns from Ontario wheat raising districts show that the grain is this year of exceptionally fine quality and quantity. Some characterize the crop as the best for many years.

Baker & Reid, grain buyers, of Winnipeg, have commenced the erection of two new standard elevators of 25,000 bushels capacity, one at Pilot Butte and the other at Craven, on the Prince Albert branch of the C. P. R.

The Minneapolis Market Record estimate of the spring wheat crop in the two Dakotas and Minnesota places it at 85,000,000 bushels; other spring wheat states' crops 100,000,000 bushels, which with 330,000,000 bushels, a low estimate for winter crop,

makes an aggregate of 515,000,000 bushels.

Oklahoma, that a few years ago was but a hunting ground for Indians, is now said to be the most prosperous agricultural section on the continent. Her wheat crop this year, estimated at from 25,000,000 to 30,000,000 bushels, places her well up among the states of greatest production. Besides, she has big crops of oats and hay and good prospects for a yield of 70,000,000 bushels of corn, of 140,000 bales of cotton and of fruit and vegetables in abundance.—Farm Implement News.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard closed at 68 1/2 @ 69 1/2 c Fort William.  
 Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$1.85, best bakers', \$1.65.  
 Oatmeal—\$1.85 per 80lb sack of Manitoba meal, in carlots.  
 Millstuffs—Bran, \$3.50 per ton; shorts, \$12, delivered to city dealers.  
 Oats—Carlots on track, 40 @ 41 c per bushel.  
 Barley—37 @ 38 c per bushel.  
 Corn—In carlots, 40 @ 41 c per bushel of 56lb.  
 Butter—Dairy, full grass butter, 10 @ 11 c per lb, commission basis creamery, 16 c at the factories.  
 Cheese—Regular sizes, 8 @ 9 c.  
 Eggs—12 @ c for Manitoba fresh.  
 Hides—No. 1 green hides, 6 1/2 c per lb.  
 Weat—7 @ 8 c for unwashed kebec.  
 Seneca—20 @ 21 c per lb.  
 Hay—Baled, \$5.50 @ \$4.50 per ton on cars.  
 Potatoes—10 @ 50 c per bushel; carlots, 35 c per bushel; new potatoes, 75 c per bushel.  
 Poultry—Turkeys, live weight, 11 c per lb; live chickens, 37 @ 50 c per pair.  
 Dressed Meats—Fresh killed beef, 6 1/2 @ 7 1/2 c fresh killed mutton, 10 @ 10 1/2 c; hogs, 6 @ 7 c; veal, 8 @ 9 c.  
 Live Stock—Cattle, 3 1/2 c for good to choice steers; sheep, 4 c; hogs, \$4.25 @ \$4.50 off cars, according to weight and quality.

The Retail Trade During Exhibition Week.

The annual industrial exhibition at Winnipeg is supposed to be quite a bonanza for the city retail trade and it usually is. People who attend the show from country points plan to divide their attention between it and the up-town displays of merchandise, etc., and incidentally they buy from the stores a considerable amount of goods. This year the retail turn-over has been not quite up to last year, although still very good. The principal falling off occurred on Friday (American Day) when, although the crowd was larger than usual, there did not seem to be as much time as usual for shopping.

An Ottawa correspondent says: "The minister of marine has announced that after several years' negotiations, an agreement has been reported among the governments of the United States, Great Britain and Russia as to the terms of arbitration of claims arising out of the seizure of American and British sealing vessels by Russian cruisers in the North Pacific in 1892. An arbitration will therefore be proceeded with."

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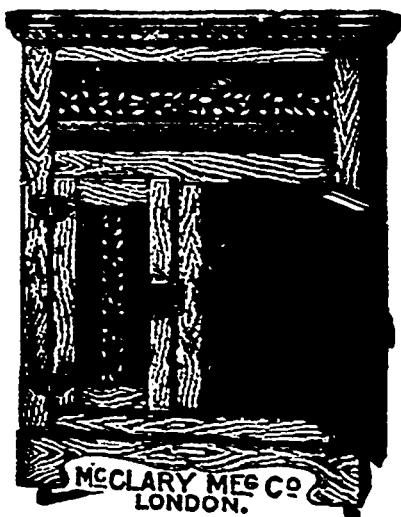
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### Winnipeg City Council.

The Winnipeg city council held its fortnightly meeting on Monday evening. Communications were read from a city legal firm complaining of C. P. R. obstruction of the Main Street crossing, from the city solicitors advising cancellation of plan of Hudson's Bay flats, from Wm. Bathgate advising that the C. P. R. are prepared to go ahead laying track on the proposed Princess Street spur, and from the Governor-General thanking the city for reception of last week. The municipal commissioner advised that the municipal levy this year would be \$16,647.94. The finance committee recommended payment of accounts to the value of \$21,660 and pay rolls to the extent of \$12,520 be paid, also that the city clerk be instructed to hand over to the assessment commissioner the assessment rolls of 1900, also all work in connection with the preparation of the collector's rolls and list of electors, the staff at present engaged on said work to be transferred to the office of said assessment commissioner.

The works committee recommended that the construction of block pavement on St. John's avenue be not proceeded with until further orders. Construction of a number of sidewalks pavements and sewers was recommended. A heated discussion arose over a recommendation to dismiss the city health officer for alleged indiscretions in connection with the recent small-pox quarantine, but no action was taken by the council. The police commissioners were instructed to enforce the early closing by-law. A by-law providing for the early closing of barber shops was read a third time and passed. Alderman Mitchell gave notice of motion that at the next meeting of the council that Dr. Inglis be notified that from and after one month from date of notice on him his services will no longer be required by this city.

The meeting adjourned.

### Early Closing in British Columbia.

Mr. McPhillips has introduced a bill in the British Columbia legislature to protect children and shop girls. Power is given municipal councils to order the closing of shops after seven o'clock in the evening, and this becomes obligatory where a petition is presented from three-fourths of the shopkeepers in a city. Boys under fourteen or girls under sixteen are not to be employed more than seventy-four hours during the week, or fourteen hours on Saturday, and twelve hours on other days of the week, including an hour for noon and three-quarters of an hour for supper. The occupier of a shop in which are employed females, shall provide a seat for the use of each female and shall permit her to use such a seat when not necessarily engaged in the work for which she is employed. Any person offending against any provision of this section will be liable to a fine not exceeding \$20 with costs of prosecution and in default of immediate payment, to be imprisoned for a period not exceeding one month.

### Ocean Grain Freights.

Business in ocean grain freights from this port has been very quiet of late, owing to the fact that rates from American ports have been so much lower than those demanded by local steamship agents, but the difference to-day is not so great as rates from the former ports have advanced, some within the past day or two, consequently there was more enquiry from shippers to-day and bids were made

more freely, but agents are very firm, in their views and will not make any concessions. All the space to Belfast has been engaged for August and September, and there is none offering to Hamburg. We quote: Liverpool, 2s 3d August; 2s 9d September; London, 2s 6d August; 2s 9d September; Glasgow, 2c 3d August and September; Bristol, 3s September; Antwerp, 2s 9d September; Lellh, 3s August and September; Dublin, 2s 9d August; 3s 3d September; Aberdeen, 3s August and September, and Cardiff, 2s 6d August and September.—Montreal Gazette.

### To Raw Fur Buyers.

Trappers who gave some consideration to securing future supplies of skins, and who devote their attention to trapping muskrat in the spring only, complain of the extensive trapping in the fall when young rats are caught, and the old ones taken are almost worthless; but this undesirable condition is not nearly as bad as the wanton destruction caused by spearmen, who prosecute their work of capturing the rats in the winter, spearing the animals while in their houses, frequently capturing entire families, and in instances when some of the animals escape they rarely survive for any length of time, owing to the destruction of the house, which is torn to pieces by the men operating with the spears in order to procure the animals which they have killed; sometimes an entire house and family of rats will be destroyed with no better result to the spearmen than the capture of a single rat for the skin, of which he may obtain from eight to twelve cents. All fur buyers should positively refuse to purchase fall rats, which, at the best, are poor in fur, and when speared, more or less badly cut; their action in this respect would undoubtedly result to the very great advantage of the reputable trapper, the industrious collector, and the fur trade in general; we believe that this refusal to purchase such skins would prove more effective in protecting the animals from unwise and unnecessary slaughter than any laws which might be passed with the same purpose in view.

There is another matter that might be considered with profit to the trade by fur buyers, and particularly those who send out price lists, and that is the necessity for maintaining higher grade on skunk skins; this result could be attained by a notice printed in bold type in every fur price list, to the effect that skins taken later than March 15 would not be accepted at any price; at about this date, depending on the temperature, skunks begin to shed, and in consequence, many skins that are brought to market, while they appear good, turn out to be defective; a considerable part of the fur coming out in the dressing and more later on, to the detriment of all fur merchants and furriers handling the skins.—Fur Trade Review.

### Railway Accidents.

The total number of casualties to persons on account of railway accidents in the United States during the year ending June 30, 1899, was 51,743. The aggregate number of persons killed as a result of railway accidents during the year was 7,123, and the number injured was 44,620. Of railway employees 2,210 were killed and 34,925 were injured during the year covered by this report. With respect to the three general classes of employees, these casualties were divided as follows: Trainmen, 1,155 killed,

16,663 injured; switchmen, flagmen and watchmen, 273 killed, 2,992 injured; other employees, 782 killed, 15,268 injured. The casualties to employees resulting from coupling and uncoupling cars were, persons killed, 269; injured, 6,765. The corresponding figures for the preceding year were, killed, 279; injured, 6,988.

The casualties from coupling and uncoupling cars are assigned as follows: Trainmen, killed 180, injured 5,055, switchmen, flagmen and watchmen, killed 74, injured 1,533; other employees, killed 6, injured 177. The casualties resulting from falling from trains and engines are assigned as follows: Trainmen, killed 337, injured 3,053; switchmen, flagmen and watchmen, killed 61, injured 371; other employees, killed 62, injured 540. The casualties to the same three groups of employees caused by collisions and derailments were as follows: Trainmen, killed 280, injured 1,713; switchmen, flagmen, and watchmen, killed 14, injured 115; other employees killed 40, injured 325.

The number of passengers killed during the year was 240, and the number injured was 3,442. Corresponding figures for the previous year year was 221 killed and 2,945 injured. In consequence of collisions and derailments, 82 passengers were killed and 1,557 passengers were injured during the year embraced by this report. The total number of persons, other than employees and passengers, killed was 4,674, injured 6,255. These figures include casualties to persons classed as trespassers, of whom 4,040 were killed, and 4,730 were injured. The total number of persons killed at highway crossings was 693, injured 1,125, distributed as follows: Employees, 19 killed, 38 injured, passengers, 2 killed, 17 injured; other persons trespassing, 17 killed, 168 injured; not trespassing, 502 killed, 902 injured. The number of persons killed at stations was 443, injured 3,306. This statement covers: Employees, killed 83, injured 2,133; passengers, killed 37, injured 380; other persons trespassing, killed 282, injured 444; not trespassing, killed 41, injured 143. The summaries containing the ratio of casualties show that 1 out of every 420 employees was killed and 1 out of every 27 employees was injured. With reference to trainmen—including in the term engineers, firemen, conductors, and other trainmen—it is shown that 1 was killed in every 155 employed, and 1 was injured for every 11 employed. One passenger was killed for every 2,189,023 carried, and 1 injured for every 151,993 carried. Ratios based upon the number of miles travelled, however, show that 61,671,580 passengers were accomplished for each passenger killed, and 4,239,200 passenger miles accomplished for each passenger injured.—Interstate Commerce Commission Report.

The members of the Winnipeg produce and fruit exchange express themselves as being more than pleased with the work of the exchange so far, more especially the fruit section. The collections department has been working well and has reduced to almost the vanishing point the losses from bad accounts. It will be interesting when the season is over to compare, if possible, the losses of this year from this cause with those of other seasons. In Minneapolis where a similar exchange has been in existence for some years the results have been most surprising. Whereas in the last year before the exchange was formed the total losses to members from bad accounts amounted in all to \$36,000, in 1899 the losses were only \$1,750.

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## MINING MATTERS

## DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURES.

The Rainy Lake Herald says few have any idea of the amount of money spent in development in the Seine River region. Following is a list of the properties and the amounts expended in developing them up to date:

Ferguson .. . . .	\$250,000
Foley .. . . .	225,000
Golden Star .. . . .	125,000
Olive .. . . .	100,000
Lucky Coon .. . . .	35,000
Alice A .. . . .	30,000
Decca .. . . .	25,000
Manhattan .. . . .	21,000
Golden Crescent .. . . .	19,000
Randolph .. . . .	18,000
Swede Boy .. . . .	13,000
Rice Mine .. . . .	10,000
Headlight .. . . .	10,000
Beavy .. . . .	9,000
Fowler .. . . .	9,000
Pittsburg Girl .. . . .	9,000
Big Master Mine .. . . .	9,000
Isabella .. . . .	7,000
Mayflower .. . . .	5,000
Gold Bug .. . . .	5,000
Gold Coin .. . . .	3,000
Thickens .. . . .	3,000
Winning property .. . . .	1,000

## IRON ORE DISCOVERIES.

One of the Ontario Government's diamond drills is exploring the iron ore property on the Mattewin River, west of Fort William, and where there is a series of deposits known as the Mattewin iron range. There are at least eight hills that show a large outcropping of iron ore, and the diamond drill is at work on No. 8 of these. The last record received shows that the boring was made to the depth of 600 feet, and in this the ore bed was struck at 163 feet, and the borings, show 364 feet of solid ore, which is crossed at intervals by bands of quartz and Jasper. Mr. James Hammond, one of the owners of the properties, reports that in the valley between the hills, Nos. 7 and 8 there is proved to be a deposit of excellent ore 2,000 feet wide. It is in the valley that prospectors would expect to find the largest mass of ore and not in the hills. The line of the Ontario & Rainy River Railway runs quite near to this iron band.—Globe.

## B. C. MINING NOTES.

Something like \$1,040,000 has already been employed in development work in the mines of Boundary Creek district.

Thus far the Old Ironsides and Knob Hill mines at Phoenix have shipped 70 carloads of ore to the Grand Forks smelter. Total shipments from the Boundary to date exceed 14,000 tons.

The Great Western Mines, Limited, annual meeting was held in Revelstoke last week. So far the company has spent \$30,000 in development work, etc. Shipping has commenced and profits are now expected to accrue to the shareholders.

S. H. C. Miner, of the Miner-Graves syndicate, is authority for the statement that another furnace will be added to the Grand Forks smelter before long, increasing the capacity to 1,000 tons daily. He added that he expected to see \$5 ore treated at a profit.

Since the first of June the Canadian Goldfields Syndicate, Limited, has had a force of from 12 to 16 men at work on the Sunset mine at Whitewater, B. C., the property recently bonded by them, and, from reports received from W. H. Jeffery, the engineer in charge, it is learned that the development work is showing up

a large quantity of high grade galena, both in the upper and lower workings.

The Montreal Star published the following cable from London a few days ago: "There are some criticisms of the prospectus published to-day of what the papers call "Le Roi, No. 4," being issued by the London Globe Finance corporation, and the British America corporation of the Kootenay Mining Company, Limited. The capital stock is £100,000 in 80,000 shares of £5 each. The object is to acquire and work a group of mines or mineral claims known as the Columbia and Kootenay, Tip-Top, Copper Jack, and South Kootenay, located at Rossland, the property embracing an area of 126 acres. The purchase price was £350,000. The Westminster Gazette says the prospectus, in its bareness is too impudent for criticism. It merely says: 'Furnish us with £100,000 for the directors anticipate satisfactory dividends.'"

## Minneapolis Twine Market.

The Minneapolis correspondent of Farm Implement News, Chicago, wrote as follows on July 24: "Trade is wholly unsatisfactory. No one is getting enough of it, and no one who is getting trade is getting enough for his twine. The bottom has not dropped out of the market, but no one knows where it has gone to. There are lists out at 8 cents (sisal and standard, which are the bulk of all business) and one list at 7½c is reported. The three leading concerns—Deering, McCormick and Lindsay Bros., are still holding to the prices made last Wednesday, that is 9c f. o. b. Minneapolis and Sioux City. The report in last week's letter from this point as to these concerns selling at 9c delivered in northwestern territory was not correct. Lindsay Bros. deliver at this price only here, at a few points in Iowa and at Sioux Falls. The other houses make this delivered price at certain distributing points in the Northwest beyond this city as well as here. Trade is coming in in little bits, largely by wire and phone. The total business is not large. Harvest is just well under way in the southern part of this state, and twine trade will hold on for two or three weeks more here. Dealers are buying in incredible small lots, sometimes sending in two or three times for very small lots. It is believed that North Dakota would have enough twine for the harvest without buying more if that in the state were divided up. Jobbers here look for this rush business in little lots during the entire harvest, or for about three weeks more. They are expecting a larger total of late trade than they did two or three weeks ago, but the best that can be done will leave a good deal of twine in the warehouses of this city.

## A War Number.

To commemorate the part played by Canadian Soldiers in South Africa, The Canadian Magazine has issued a "War Number" (August). The colored cover represents "The Canadian Soldiers of the Queen," while the numerous illustrations add to this idea. "The Maple Leaf in South Africa" is the title of the article which gives in detail the movements of the various Canadian contingents in South Africa. "The Battle of Paardeberg" is graphically described by a Canadian eyewitness. "Three Sieges and Three Heroes," describes the famous defenses made by Sir George White, Col. Kekewich and Maj.-Gen. Baden-Powell. "A Short History of the Boer War" gives a complete summary of the great campaign. There are other

features, notably an article on "British Columbia Politics," by T. L. Graham, with many photographs of the leading men of the province, a short story by Robert Barr and a poem by Arthur J. Stringer.

## Ottawa Lumber Industry.

Ottawa, Aug. 2.—Lumber to-day is higher in price than it has been at any time since that industry began in the Ottawa valley. Prices began their upward jump last fall and continued to rise until March last, when they remained steady until the great fire which swept over Ottawa and Hull this spring. The demand then became so great in the lower grades, more particularly, that the surplus stock of all the Ottawa Valley was required to fill it. The lumbermen then got better prices for their cull stock than ever before. Deal cull, deal boards, etc., took a rise of \$1.50 per thousand feet all round, and has remained at a steady figure since then. Ten years ago deal culls went a begging at \$3.50 and \$4 per thousand, to-day they sell at \$9.50 to \$10.50 in Ottawa, and if the rush of building keeps going there is all likelihood of that article being very scarce at the end of the season. In the upper grades prices have not advanced since last winter.

Although there is a marked decrease in the shipments, most of the English buyers make their purchases before the season opens, and much of the lumber burnt in the great fire had been sold previous to that event. And as it required to be fairly dry when shipped there has not been any very great shipments this summer. Nearly all the mills around Ottawa are running night and day and a much larger output of the manufactured article is looked for this season.

J.R. Booth will likely reach the eighty million mark. The Hull Lumber company, who are running the old Bronson mill, ought to cut 25,000,000; W. C. Edwards, Ottawa, 30,000,000; and Rockland mills, sixty to seventy millions; McLaurin and McLarin, 25,000,000; McLaren, of Buckingham, 30,000,000; Gilmour's Hull mills, 40,000,000, and mills at Braeside, Arnprior, and Pembroke, 100,000,000; so that the output of the large mills near Ottawa should nearly reach 500,000,000. Then there are myriads of smaller mills up the Pontiac and in the Gatineau district, who will unload their stocks here, so that, so far as Ottawa and Hull are concerned, there will be no scarcity of building material at the end of the season.

Mr. Moss, late of New York, and D. F. Reid have entered into a partnership at Selkirk to manufacture herbaceous extracts.

The work of delimiting the provisional boundary in the disputed Alaska-Canadian territory having been completed in that part crossing the Dalton trail and touching the Porcupine district, the Americans in the district find that nearly one-half of the Porcupine gold mines are in British territory. It has been the general opinion for a long time that the mines and, in fact, the entire Porcupine district, were on the American side. Much of the Dalton toll road leading to Porcupine City also lies within Canadian territory, according to the survey. The American miners in the Porcupine have addressed a protest to President McKinley. The commission will be in the vicinity of Skagway a month delimiting the provisional line on White Pass and Chilcoot Pass. The Porcupine placer mines, it is estimated, will yield \$250,000 this year.



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**Grocery Trade Notes.**

Recent cables from Singapore report an excited and advancing market there on tapioca.

The new crop of Sultana raisins will likely be quite light, and prices are expected to rule high.

Malaga fruits are progressing very satisfactorily, and the crop will be larger than last year. The Valencia crop also is good.

The salmon pack of the entire Pacific coast will be fully 500,000 cases short of the pack of last year, according to the San Francisco Trade Journal's estimate. The total pack, it is predicted, will not be over 2,750,000 cases.

Cable advices from Smyrna report that old stocks of Sultana raisins are practically cleaned up and that prices are from 1½c to 2c higher than they are here. Estimates on the coming crop place the total at 21,000 tons, compared with 37,000 tons last year.

A stronger feeling has developed in the market for molasses, and prices for round lots have scored a further advance which is due to the fact that the stock on spot in first hands is very small for the season for which there is a fair demand. There is only one lot of Antigua held here in first hands for which 33½c has been bid for part, and refused, the holder asking 35c to 36c ex store. For Barbadoes to arrive 38½c has been bid, and turned down as holders are asking 39c and will only sell small lots at this figure. In a jobbing way prices are firm at 40c for car lots and at 41c for smaller quantities.—Montreal Gazette.

A letter from Patras, Greece, of July 14, says on currants: "It is much too early to say anything about opening prices, though judging from the present disposition of our growers there seems to be no doubt that first shipments of new fruit will be paid at a high rate above 21s c. and f. New York, and very likely even above 23s. According to fresh reports the crops will turn out smaller than any previous estimate (30,000 to 40,000.) Moreover, our growers are not at all likely to give way, and in fact are sure to insist upon high prices, as some of them will barely gather 20 per cent of their average production and some none at all."

**Dry Goods Trade Notes.**

An advance in Canadian prices of velveteens is predicted.

It is being predicted that raw cotton prices, New York, will advance to 11½c before the end of the year.

Prices of German hosiery have been advanced by agents in Canada from 20 to 40 per cent over those of a year ago.

The untrimmed hat stock should be pretty low at this time, if not almost entirely cleaned out. Attention should be paid to the ready-to-wear hats, both in straw and fedora. The millinery departments in the big stores are putting all the untrimmed goods on the bargain counters, and the natty Alpine and golf straws are being held for good prices. It is time to clear the counters for fall styles, and it is a noticeable fact that the bright retailers are doing so. The systematic getting rid of the very last hat in the season's stock is most essential. They have got to go now if at all, and if not at one price then at another. In millinery, above all, there is a great satisfaction in clearing your shelves in order that you may start fresh in stocking up for the fall season. It is a poor plan to believe that everything you have in

stock is all right, and that it is always good and can be used at any time. Your jobber is very likely to give you this kind of talk, but don't let him fool you. Get rid of this summer's stock right off.—Minneapolis Commercial Bulletin.

Nine hundred employees of the Dominion Cotton Mills Company at Magog, Que., went on strike on Saturday last. Since then there has been considerable rioting on the part of these hands around the company's mills and the militia had to be called out to preserve order.

**THE HARDWARE TRADE.****UNITED STATES IRON AND STEEL PRICES.**

Iron and Steel, Chicago, July 27: "Bars have been the storm centre in iron and steel products in the west during the past week. Business has been active on a most extensive scale. It is said by business men who are in close touch with affairs that from 50,000 to 60,000 tons of material, mainly bars, have been sold at Chicago during the past few days and that there are inquiries outstanding for from 50,000 to 100,000 tons, one of these inquiries being for 40,000 tons for one of the largest Chicago implement works. Most of this buying has been in large lots. The rank and file of the trade has not yet become sufficiently interested in their future requirement to engage material so far into the future.

Of course, there is an especial reason for this unwonted activity in bars. It is attributed in large measure to the keen competition among producers, a competition which has hastened the downward course of values and lent charms to the quotations made to large users. Iron bars are still selling for early delivery quite freely at 1.40c, Chicago, and steel bars on practically the same basis, but in lots of from 5,000 to 10,000 tons for shipments during the next six or twelve months, buyers say they have been able to close contracts at 1.20c to 1.25c, Chicago. This is about half the quotation of only three months ago. The conviction has apparently reached large consumers that the lowest prices attainable have been reached, and hence this most notable buying. With heavy orders now on their books, the situation looks different to the sellers and there is not the anxiety to close that existed a week ago. It is even said that reaction is already on its way and that some makers have advanced quotations."

**THE METAL MARKET.**

The most interesting feature in the metal market this week has been the steady advance in the price of tin. During the past eight days spot tin in London has advanced £2 the ton, while futures have gone up £2 15s in London, and £2 10s at Singapore in the same interval. In New York straits has advanced 75c per 100 lbs. Naturally, this rise on the outside markets has affected prices here, and the price is 2c per lb. higher than it was two weeks ago at 37c, and the market is strong at the rise. Lead also has shown an upward tendency abroad, though there has been no change on spot. A week ago it was quoted in London at £17 10s, but today it is firm at £17 15s. Copper also has advanced from £73 to £73 7s 6d in the same interval, and spelter also manifests a firmer tone. There has been no material change in crude iron material, but there have been further reductions in some of the fin-

ished lines. Tacks, for instance, have been reduced in price from 5 to 10 per cent, and bolts and rivets from 10 to 15 per cent. Bar iron also is lower with round lots offering at \$2.25. Demand for all lines is improving however, and the impression is becoming more general with buyers, that the readjustment in values that has been going on this summer is about over, and that values have reached bottom or nearly so.—Montreal Gazette.

**Lumber Trade Notes.**

The Hoquiam (Wash.) Independent says that the Northwestern Lumber Company of that town recently sawed the longest log ever sawed on Grays Harbor. It measured 110 feet long, and two sticks 16x24 were obtained. The log was seventy-four inches at the butt end. Measured in the middle, and averaging the log, it contained 20,296 feet, board measure. Last week the same mill sawed the largest stick ever sawed on Grays Harbor; this was forty-two inches square and sixty feet long. This big stick will be shipped to Pennsylvania.

**British Live Stock Markets.**

London, July 30.—The market for cattle was weak and prices since this day week show a decline of ¼c to ½c. Choice States sold at 12½c; Canadians at 12c, and ranchers at 11c. There was a firmer tone to the market for sheep, and Canadian stock sold at 12c.

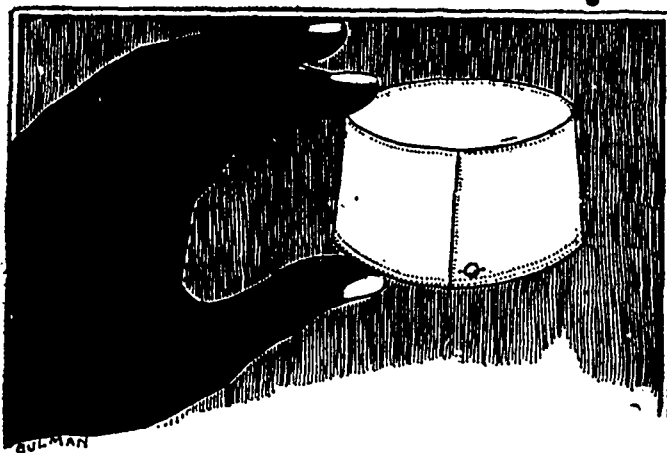
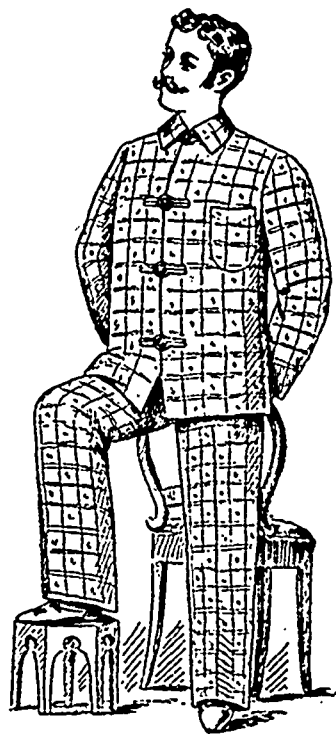
Liverpool, July 30.—This market was also weaker for Canadian cattle and prices show a decline of ¼c since this day week, choice selling at 12c. Sheep sold at 11½c.

**Railway Receiverships.**

According to the Interstate Commerce Commission report, the number of United States railways in the hands of receivers on June 30, 1899, was 71, there being a net decrease of 23 as compared with the corresponding date of the previous year. The number of railways placed in charge of receivers during the year was 16, and the number removed from their management was 39. The operated mileage of the roads under receivers on June 30, 1899, was 9,853.13 miles, of which 7,225.62 miles were owned by them. Of the roads in the hands of receivers on the date named, 10 had an operated mileage in excess of 300 miles, 10 between 100 and 300 miles and 40 less than 100 miles. Complete returns for roads in the custody of the courts are not always available, but it appears that the capital stock represented by railways under receiverships on June 30, 1899, was about \$220,210,688; funded debt \$306,486,740, and current liabilities \$59,180,823. These figures show a decrease of \$43,926,703 in capital stock represented as compared with the previous year, and of \$16,405,951 in funded debt.

An implement and vehicle congress is to be held at St. Louis on October 3, 4 and 5. All the associations throughout the United States will be represented.

The Union Stockyards Company, Chicago, is now sending out some interesting literature regarding the International Live Stock Exposition, which is to be held at the great yards December 1 to 8, 1900. The prize list which has been recently mailed, make an imposing show, and the money promised (about \$60,000) is worthy of Chicago.



# CANCELLED ORDERS

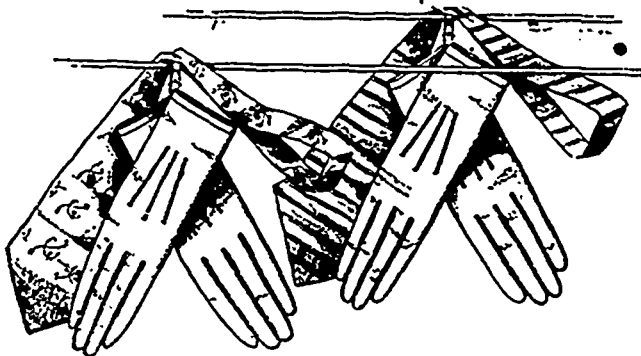


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WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

## THE COMMERCIAL MEN.

## E. H. TAAFFE.

The subject of our illustration this week is a particularly well known Winnipeg commercial man, having been a resident of the city for many years previous to going on the road. Mr. Taaffe came to Winnipeg near the end of the seventies, arriving just in time to secure a position with R. J. Whitla & Co., at the opening of their first dry goods store in Winnipeg. Mr. Taaffe remained with this firm for three years, during two years of which time he managed a branch store in Winnipeg; handling dry goods and men's furnishings. He



E. H. Taaffe.

then went into business for himself, carrying on a retail clothing and men's furnishings business on Main street for eleven years. In 1891 Mr. Taaffe began his career as a commercial traveller, taking the samples of Glover & Brals, men's furnishings, of Montreal. He continued to represent this firm in the West for between three and four years, when he made a change, taking the samples of Mathew, Towers & Co., in the same line of trade. After three years with this house he accepted the position of western representative for Tooke Bros., manufacturers shirts, neckwear, etc., remaining with this firm up to the present time.

Mr. Taaffe is a Canadian, a native of Ontario's Queen City—Toronto. Previous to coming to Manitoba he had ten years' experience in the general store trade with one firm, his retail trade experience, with the exception of the period spent in business for himself, being confined to the one house in Ontario, and R. J. Whitla & Co., in Winnipeg.

## THE COMMERCIAL MEN.

Walter Crone, western representative of H. A. Nelson, Sons Co., has been in the city for the past two weeks, making his headquarters at the Leland.

The following commercial men registered at the Leland House, Winnipeg, this week: Robt. Greig, Toronto; E. R. Dalke, Montreal; R. Barker, Toronto; J. E. Loudon, Montreal; H. W. Gourlie, Toronto; J. Gilpin, Toronto; J. E. William, Kingston; R. Helstrop, Toronto; J. J. Sadler, Toronto; T. P. Conner, Kingston.

## TRAVELLERS DINE.

On Saturday evening last the Winnipeg Council of the United Travellers Association entertained visiting travellers from across the boundary at River park. Speeches and song followed and a very pleasant evening was spent. Dancing was indulged in at the close of the speech-making.

## Movements of Business Men.

C. S. Hoare, Manager of the Imperial bank at Winnipeg, returned on Tuesday from a trip to England.

E. F. Kohl, manager of the Molson's bank, Winnipeg, left for Brockville this week where he will spend a vacation.

## Minneapolis Markets.

Compared with a week ago flour is 25c lower, and mill feed 25c lower, flax seed 11c lower, potatoes 5c lower.

Flour prices in barrels: First patents, \$3.85 to \$3.95; second patents, \$3.65 to \$3.70.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$11.75 per ton; bran in bulk, \$11.50 per ton; corn feed, \$14.75 to \$16.25 per ton.

Oats—24 to 25½c.

Barley—35 to 44c.

Corn—Quoted at 38c per bushel, for No. 3.

Flax seed.—Cash, flax, \$1.36; Sept., option, \$1.32; Oct., \$1.28.

Eggs—10 to 10½c for strictly fresh, including cases.

Butter—Creamery, 17 to 19c for choice to extras; seconds, 16 to 17c; dair, 15 to 16½c for choice to fancy; seconds, 14 to 15c.

Cheese—9 to 11c per lb.

Poultry—Live roosters 4 to 5c; hens, 5½ to 9c; spring chickens, 11 to 12c; turkeys, 6 to 8c; geese, 5c; ducks, 6c; spring ducks, 8 to 9c.

Dressed Meats—Veal, 5 to 7c; mutton, 5 to 7½c; lamb, 10 to 11c.

Potatoes—35c per bushel.

Hides—Green salted hides, light, 7½c for No. 1; 6¼c for No. 2; steers, over 60 lbs, No. 1, 8¼c; No. 2, 7¼c; sheepskins, for shearings, 15 to 25c each; veal, calf, 8 to 9¼c for No. 2 and No. 1; seneca root 23 to 26c, according to quality; tallow, 3¼ to 4c.

Wool—Unwashed, fine, 12 to 13c; medium fine, 14 to 15c; medium, 16 to 17c; coarse, 14 to 15c.

Hay—Timothy, \$10.50 to \$13 per ton; prairie, \$7 to \$11.00.

Live stock—Butchers steers, \$4 to \$5.35; cows and heifers, \$2.50 to \$4.25. Hogs, average about \$5.10 to \$5.15.

Beans—Hand picked, \$1.85 to \$2.10; fancy, do, \$2.40.

## The Opium Production of Persia.

The best opium is known to be produced in the countries of the Orient, although attempts have not been lacking to cultivate it in Europe as well. The best grade is probably that produced in Persia, and a short description of the mode of culture there may be of interest. Persia exports annually 6,000 cases of opium, weighing about 130 pounds each, and the home consumption is said to be as large. The poppy used there for cultivation is an especially large-flowering variety. Although the plants require no particular soil, they demand very carefully and evenly regulated watering, upon which the quality of the

opium mainly depends. The sowing of the poppy fruit is performed in September or October, after the ground has been well ploughed, carefully freed from stones and rolled smooth. The poppy seed is thrown out on the smooth surface of the soil and the ground thoroughly moistened with water, whereupon the fields are, left alone for a few days. Next, sand is sprinkled on the surface and the latter is pressed down firmly and smoothed. In a few weeks the fields exhibit a rich green and the young plants, if they have come up strong, do not suffer any damage even if the temperature should once in a while sink below zero (C.) The flowering period, which lasts about fourteen days, commences in May, and after it has ceased there commences for the opium-grower the time of the most arduous work, requiring the greatest attention, since the cutting into the unripe poppy capsules, which is now necessary, has to be carried out in strict accordance with their development. If it is done too early a white sap, yielding no opium, flows out, while, on the other hand, the capsule becomes dry as soon as the right moment is allowed to pass. The incisions, of which two are made crosswise and vertically, are usually performed in the evening. If the correct moment is hit, the exuding sap shows the yellow color of amber. The solidified exudation is taken off before sunrise and gathered in an earthen vessel, until the whole crop is completed. Naturally this crude opium is very impure, being mixed with parts of leaves, husks, etc., and is in this condition bought up by persons who conduct the purification and preparation into a commodity, consisting in kneading with water and a little oil, whereby the foreign ingredients are removed.—Technische Notizen.

August 16 has been proclaimed civic holiday at Winnipeg.

The firm of Squires & Findlay have sold their harness business at Carman to S. J. Woods and Ferguson Bros.

Gunpowder makers say there is an unprecedented demand from the mining regions of America this summer and that they have great difficulty keeping up the supply.

Shipments of cattle from the port of Montreal for the week ending Saturday last were 4,611 head as against 2,086 the previous week. The July shipment totalled 14,235 head as against 14,689 head a year ago.

The Algoma Central railway has acquired the charter and privilege of the old Hudson Bay and Sault Ste. Marie Railway Company, and contemplate extending their line under construction from its terminus at Misanable to Moose Factory, on Hudson Bay, about 250 miles.

A coast paper says: John Parsons, of the Parsons Produce Co., is lying ill at White Horse, suffering from a serious paralytic stroke. He left Vancouver about a month ago for Dawson, and was on his way in with a cargo of produce when he was suddenly taken ill.

S. L. Parrish, manager of the Winnipeg branch of the Van Dusen Harrington Co., is still receiving Chicago quotations regularly, notwithstanding the efforts of the Chicago board of trade to prevent the quotations from being sent out. The board of trade and the telegraph company are now having a contest to decide the right of the telegraph company to receive quotations, claimed to be the property of the board, from others.

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Country Merchants are specially invited to give us a call when in town.

Our Stock is very complete and all Letter Orders will have prompt attention.

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**Manitoba.**

Rosenfeldt people say there is good openings there for a harness maker and tinsmith.

The Empire Loan and Savings Company, of Toronto, will open a branch office at Winnipeg.

William Wilson has purchased the butchering business of Richard Greenway at Newdale.

Blough & Kerr, of Minnetonka, have dissolved partnership. The latter will carry on the business.

About 300 hands have been laid off from the C. P. R. shops at Winnipeg and other western points.

The McCready Arms and Cycle Co. advertise a clearing out sale of their retail stock at Winnipeg.

Joseph Reid has bought out the fruit and confectionery business of Mrs. Wardman at Pilot Mound.

A. F. Elliott, general store, Alexander, is advertising that he will sell his stock at auction on August 13, at the office of Newton & Davidson, Winnipeg.

Robert Strang has decided to erect a three storey brick block on the site of his burned building, next to the Confederation Life property on Main street, Winnipeg.

There was another fire at Lorette village on Sunday afternoon last, when the stables in connection with the stopping place of A. Vaudry were totally destroyed. Two driving horses, harness and other articles were lost in the flames.

Proceedings in the arbitration case of the city of Winnipeg vs. the Electric Street Railway Company over purchase price of the latter's plant may be delayed a year owing to shortness of time allowed for arbitrators' decision, necessitating further legislation.

Grave charges are being made in the daily papers of frauds in connection with the recent sales of Manitoba school lands. The sales were conducted under the direction of the Dominion department of the Interior. The deputy minister of that department has stated that the charges will be investigated.

The heaviest train ever run on the Canadian Pacific, was hauled into Winnipeg on Saturday morning last. It was the ordinary train known as the "Pacific Coast Bullet" (No. 101) and was travelling from Montreal to Vancouver. When it arrived at Winnipeg it consisted of 55 car-loads with a total weight of 2,500 tons. The load was mainly of general merchandise and coal.

The caterers of Winnipeg will hold their annual picnic at Rat Portage on Thursday next. The first train leaves Winnipeg at 11 p. m. Wednesday and will be composed entirely of sleepers. In these the excursionists may remain until morning. Trains will also leave Winnipeg early on Thursday morning. A trip on the Lake of the Woods on the steamer Keenora will be one of the attractions. Two bands accompany the picnic.

Z. Malhoit, C. E., of the Dominion government engineering staff, has been instructed to make a re-survey of the Red river from Emerson north with the object of supplying the department with an estimate of the cost of removing snags and stones so as to render the river navigable. The work so far has been completed from Winnipeg north to the mouth. He is at present engaged in endeavoring to locate some straight permanent channel at the mouth of the river. If possible, he will devise some means of

keeping the channel free from deposits of sand and sediment by constructing a bar to protect it, from the spring freshets.

**Alberta.**

E. Klotz is about to erect a harness and saddlery shop at Ponoka.

The Lethbridge steam laundry was destroyed by fire on Wednesday morning.

The partnership existing between T. H. Stedman and H. H. Nash, doing business under the name of Stedman & Nash, hotel keepers, Macleod, has been dissolved, H. H. Nash retiring. The business will be continued by T. H. Stedman.

**Northwest Ontario.**

Notice is given that the partnership heretofore subsisting between Rodgers, Burns & Co., dry goods, Rat Portage, has been dissolved; John Burns continues.

**Insurance Notes.**

During the exhibition week a meeting of representatives of the Confederation Life Association was held at the head western offices of the company in this city. Besides the city staff, a large number of western agents were present. An interesting feature of the gathering was the presentation of a gold headed cane to D. McDonald, the inspector, and C. E. Kerr, the cashier, was made the recipient of a gold handled umbrella. The officers who preside over the affairs of the Confederation Life in the West are evidently popular with the staff, and they are naturally very proud of these tokens of esteem with which they have been presented.

H. M. Lambert, who has been manager at Winnipeg, of the Guardian and Atlas Insurance companies, left last week for Montreal to assume the position of assistant manager for Canada of the Atlas Insurance company. During his five years residence here he has made many friends and was greatly esteemed for his good qualities and business ability. The members of the board of fire underwriters showed their appreciation in electing him president for two successive years and they could not allow the occasion of his leaving to pass without further evidence of their regard for him. On the eve of his departure they presented him with a handsome travelling dressing case, fully equipped with all necessary articles.

Mrs. Planker—Passing the butter a third time—Do you know Mr. Tenyweek, you remind me of a cocoon.

Mr. Tenyweek—In what respect, madam?

Mrs. Planker—You make the butterfly.

In a certain Philadelphia store there is a young assistant bookkeeper. He is a steady chap, minds his own business and is as shrewd as they make them. The other day the senior partner of the firm, who seldom comes around, made a tour of inspection, and as he approached the assistant bookkeeper he noticed the solemn expression on his face. Desiring to be genial, he said: "How are you, young man? I see you are at your work. That is good. Close attention to business will always bring its own reward. Tell me, what are you earning now per week?" The young man, without a moment's hesitation answered: "Twenty dollars, sir; but I only get half of that."



**WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS:**

Returns for the Winnipeg Clearing House for the week ending Thursday, show as follows:

Week ended Aug. 2, 1900 .....\$1,900,347  
Corresponding week, 1899 .... 1,787,693  
Corresponding week, 1898 .... 1,550,415

The monthly totals are as follows:

	1900.	1899.	1898.
Jan. . . . .	\$9,906,607	\$7,633,052	\$6,347,168
Feb. . . . .	6,702,646	6,209,471	5,517,340
Mar. . . . .	7,320,962	6,756,121	5,968,276
April . . . .	7,091,519	6,916,431	6,240,113
May . . . . .	9,762,579	7,472,875	6,833,364
June . . . . .	9,612,034	8,211,716	7,396,799
July . . . . .	9,395,423	8,169,595	6,316,239
Aug. . . . .		7,995,291	6,180,385
Sept. . . . .		8,291,159	6,414,551
Oct. . . . .		12,689,000	9,347,692
Nov. . . . .		14,435,219	11,553,669
Dec. . . . .		12,966,905	10,768,731

Totals . . . . . \$107,786,814 \$90,674,323

**MONEY.**

Interest rates remain unchanged. Most bank loans go through at 7 per cent. Mortgage companies are asking 5½ to 7 per cent. for city loans with a few choice ones going at lower rates and from 7 to 8 per cent. for farm loans.

**FINANCIAL NOTES.**

The depositors and creditors of the defunct Bank Ville Marie were paid \$65,000, or five per cent of the total amount due them on August 1. This is the first dividend.

The transactions of the Dominion government savings bank, Winnipeg, for the month ending July 31, were as follows: Deposits, \$27,336; withdrawals, \$33,342.55. Withdrawals exceeded deposits by \$6,006.35.

The vote on the money by-law at Toronto last week resulted in an overwhelming defeat of all six. The vote was very small in every ward. The total vote cast was 1,867, out of a possible vote of perhaps 20,000.

The issue of bonds of the Canadian Northern Railway Company, offered on the Canadian market last week, was over-subscribed, which shows that there is still considerable money in the hands of the Canadian people for investment in safe things.

The shareholders of the Bank of British Columbia met in London, England, last week for the purpose of considering the agreement for the amalgamation of their bank with the Canadian Bank of Commerce. Their decision was unanimously in favor of the transaction.

Notwithstanding the setback which business in Manitoba has received by the drought this year, there is still a very satisfactory volume moving as is evidenced by the greatly enlarged bank clearings at Winnipeg over previous years. During the month of July these amounted to the very satisfactory total of \$9,395,423, an increase over July, 1899 of \$1,225,830, and over July, 1898 of \$3,079,487.

As a train was moving out of a Scotch station, a man in one of the compartments noticed that the porter, in whose charge he had given his luggage, had not put it into the van, and so shouted at him, and said: "Hi! you old fool! What do you mean by not putting my luggage in the van?" To which the porter replied: "Eh, man! Yer luggage is ne'er such a fool as yersel! Yer i' the wrang train!"

# NERLICH & CO., TORONTO.

OUR Representative, Mr. W. E. DAVIDSON, will be at the Clarendon Hotel, Winnipeg, from July 15th to 30th, where he will be pleased to welcome his many customers and friends.

He is showing a very large and attractive line of Fancy Goods, Dolls, Toys, Chinaware, and a large range of Novelties for Fall and Holiday Trade, as well as the regular staple lines of Smallwares, Drug and Tobacconists' Sundries

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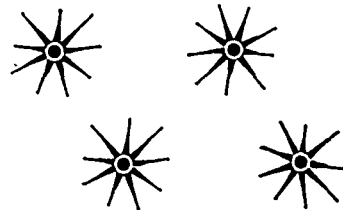
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OFFICE OF THE COMMERCIAL

**Business at Vancouver.**

July 30, 1900.

The army or cut-worm is causing widespread ruin among the roots and green stuff in British Columbia. The worms will devour anything from a garden rose to a potato. Potatoes, turnips, cabbages, peas, and even hops are reported to have suffered. On the other hand the hay crop is reported particularly good and the grain crop was never better. The back bone of the fishermen's strike has been broken by a display of force by the military at the fishing town of Steveston. About 1,000 out of 5,000 fishermen are still holding out, but there are enough on the river for all practical purposes. The Japanese, 3,000 strong, went out promptly on the arrival of the militia and about 1,000 whites and Indians followed them. A considerable loss to canners, fishermen and merchants has been sustained, but the very serious loss threatened has been averted. On the other hand the northern pack has been heavy. Six canneries on River's Inlet have packed 40,000 cases, and seven canneries on the Skeena river 65,000 cases, Alert Bay 3,000, Numu Harbor 5,000, Lowe Inlet, 5,000, Princess Royal 3,000, and the two Naas River canneries 10,000. There is much activity in shipping circles especially with lumber and coal carriers. This will be the most prosperous year for lumber in the history of the industry here. The Moodyville mill at Vancouver has eleven charters to fill before the first of November and the two mills at Vancouver, the Moodyville and Hastings, will ship over 25,000,000 feet to foreign markets within the next three months. All the other mills report numerous charters.

**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 reductions on large quantities, and to cash discounts.)

**PRICES AT VANCOUVER.**

(By wire to The Commercial.)

Vancouver, Aug. 4.

Eggs are again lower this week. Potatoes are down to \$17 per ton. Lemons are very scarce and have advanced sharply to \$6.50 per box. Other green fruits are unchanged, except raspberries and pears, which are 25c per box lower. Trade is better, but the money market is still tight. There is considerable complaint again about the butter arriving from Manitoba, as to packing, etc.

**GRAIN**—Oats, \$27 per ton; wheat, \$25. **FLOUR**—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$5.60; strong bakers, \$5.20; Oregon mills chop, \$25 per ton; bran, \$18; shorts, \$20; oil cake meal, \$35 ton, f.o.b. Vancouver, including duty paid on imported stuff.

**FEED**—National mills chop, \$25 per ton; bran, \$18; shorts, \$20; oil cake meal, \$35 ton, f.o.b. Vancouver, including duty paid on imported stuff.

**HAY**—Per ton, \$12. **MEAL**—Rolled oats, 90lb sack, \$2.60; two 45lb sacks, \$2.70; four 22½lb sacks, \$2.90; ten 7lb sacks, \$2.50; oatmeal in 10lb sacks, per 100lb, \$3.25; in 50lb sacks, \$3.00 per 100lb.

**LIVE STOCK**—Steers, \$4.25 per 100lb; butchers, cows, \$3.75 per 100lb; sheep, \$4 per 100lb; lambs, \$4@4.50 each; hogs, \$6.75 per 100lb.

**DRESSED MEATS**—Beef, 8c; mutton, 10c; pork, 9c; veal, 11c.

**CURED MEATS**—Hams, 15c; breakfast bacon, 14@14½c; backs, 13c; long clear, 11½c; rolls, 12½@13c; smoked sides, 12½c.

**LARD**—Tins, 12c per lb; palls, 11c; tubs 10½c.

**BUTTER**—Local creamery, 25c; Ontario creamery, 23c; Manitoba creamery, 22@24c; fresh dairy, 18c.

**EGGS**—Fresh local, 25c; Manitoba eggs, 18½@19½c.

**CHEESE**—Eastern, 13½@14c. **VEGETABLES**—Potatoes, \$17 per ton; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12.00 per ton; silver skin onions, 2½c; California onions, 2@2½c.

**FISH**—Flounders, 3c; smelts, 5c; sea bass, 4c; whiting, 6c; soles, 6c; halibut, 6c; salmon 8c; cod 6c per lb; crabs, 60c per dozen.

**GREEN FRUITS**—Oranges, Valencia's, \$3.50@3.75; St. Michaels, \$3.75; seedlings, \$2.75 @ \$3.00; lemons, \$6.50; raspberries, \$1.00; peaches, 90c@1.00 per box; apricots, \$1.10 per box; plums, 11@11.10; prunes, \$1.15; pears, \$1.50; tomatoes, \$1.35; California apples, \$1.50@1.75 per box; blackberries, \$2.00; bananas, \$3.

**DRIED FRUITS**—Apricots, 17@18c; peaches, 10@11c; pitted plums, 12½@13½c; prunes, French, 5½@8c; London layer raisins, \$2@2.25 per box; Muscatel raisins, 2 crown, 8c; 3 crown, 8½c; 4 crown, 9c; dates, 9c; black figs, 6c; white figs, 6½c; layer figs, 10lb box, \$1.45; all-veg prunes, 9½c; quartered pears, 11½@12½c; half pears, 12½@13c; nectarines, 14c; Valencia raisins, 7½c; sultanas, 11@14c; blackberries, 16c; raspberries, 25c; seeded raisins, 9½c.

**NUTS**—Almonds, 16c; filberts, 12½c; peanuts, 9c; Brazil, 12½c; walnuts, 16c per lb.

**SUGARS**—Powdered, icing and bar, 6½; Paris lump, 6½c; granulated, 5½c; extra C, 4½c; fancy yellows, 4½c; yellow, 4½c per lb.

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

**TEAS**—Congo, fair, 11½c; good, 18c; choice, 29c; Ceylon and India, fair, 20c.

**HARDWARE**—Bar iron—Base, \$3.25. Horse shoe nails, discount, 40 per cent; horse shoes, keg, \$3.25. Wire nails—Base price, \$4.50, cut, \$3.85. Rope, Manila, 16c. Bolted oil, \$1.10. White lead, \$9 Putty, \$3.50 Barbed wire, \$4.75 per 100 lb. Glass, first break, \$5.

**PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.**

Special to The Commercial.

Nelson, Aug. 4.

The most important change in prices this week is a drop of \$4 per ton on potatoes, consequent on a large oversupply of this commodity. Oats are up \$3 per ton. Eggs 1c higher. Business is good. Cut worms are seriously injuring crops in the Okanagan district, whence considerable supplies are drawn for this market.

**Butter**—Manitoba creamery, 21 and 22c; choice dairy, 16c.

**Cheese**—New cheese, 13c.

**Eggs**—Fresh, 20c per dozen.

**Oats**—Per ton, \$30.

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

**Flour**—Manitoba patent, \$5.80.

**Hay**—Per ton, \$25.

**Potatoes**—New, \$18 per ton.

**Oats**—Per ton, \$19.

**British Columbia Notes.**

The Okanagan News reports the Okanagan hay crop heavier than usual this year.

S. F. Marks has bought out the bakery and confectionery business of Alf. Jackson, at New Westminster.

Notice is given that the firm of Parkes Brothers, painters, Vancouver, has been dissolved. The business will be carried on by S.J. Parkes.

A. MacGregor, head of the hardware firm of MacGregor & Son, Victoria, passed away very suddenly last week. Deceased was once a resident of Winnipeg.

The Nelson Furniture Company's premises at Nelson were badly damaged by fire last week. They value their stock at \$11,000, on which they have \$5,000 insurance. The owners of the building had insurance to the amount of \$2,200.

Last week's official gazette contained notices of the incorporation of the following new companies: The Cleveland & British Columbia Mining Company, of Rosland, capital \$1,500,000; Golden Link Mining Company, of Rosland, capital \$1,500,000; The Standard Pyritic Smelting Company, of Greenwood, capital, \$500,000; Mount Begbie Hotel Company, of

Revelstoke, capital \$15,000; Union Trading Company, of Phoenix, capital \$20,000.

Vancouver retail merchants held a meeting a few days ago to discuss the trading stamp. They were unanimous in its condemnation, and will take steps to thoroughly eradicate the nuisance from that city. The legislature will be asked to make the use of stamps illegal.

On Wednesday it was reported that the sockeye run on the Fraser river was improving. Now that the strike is practically over, it is hoped there will be a prosperous termination to the season. The catches averaged 50 to 60 to the boat. Later reports state that there is still trouble between fishermen, resulting in the cutting up of nets.

**Big C. P. R. Strike.**

A strike which promises to be one of the most important events in the labor history of Western Canada was inaugurated in Winnipeg yesterday morning. Earlier in the week notice was given that the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. intended to reduce the number of men employed in the mechanical departments by about 50 per cent, and 250 or 300 men were laid off in Winnipeg. This was quickly followed by the walking out of those who had been retained, making in all between 500 and 600 men off work in the city. It is understood that the trouble extends to all points on the line from Fort William to Vancouver, where any number of men are employed in the mechanical departments. Fort William, Winnipeg, Moose Jaw, Calgary, Revelstoke and Vancouver are the principal Canadian Pacific Railway labor centres on the main line in the West. The reason given by the company for laying off so many men is, that owing to poor crop prospects in Manitoba, traffic will be light, and the large force heretofore employed will not be necessary. On the other hand the leaders among the men claim that the trouble is owing to negotiations which have been going on between the company and the men for the recognition by the company of certain claims advanced by the labor organizations. The cutting down of the staff, the men say, was to choke off these negotiations. Whatever may be the exact cause, it is very unfortunate, from a business point of view, that this industrial trouble has arisen. The men on strike include the machinists, blacksmiths, boiler makers and allied mechanics.

**Wheat in Northwestern States.**

Snow's latest wheat crop report for the three northwestern wheat states is as follows: Minnesota, 10 bushels per acre; North and South Dakota, 6.3 bushels per acre. Total crop: Minnesota, 47,400,000 bushels; South Dakota, 19,900,000 bushels; North Dakota, 18,900,000 bushels. Total for three states, 86,238,000 bushels. This is on an area somewhat larger than the government report of area.

Owing to poor crop prospects in Manitoba this year, the large influx of harvest hand excursionists from the east will not be necessary. Over 10,000 harvest hands came from the east last year to help gather the crops. Not half that number will likely be required this year, though probably some increase in the number of men regularly available here, will be necessary during harvest.



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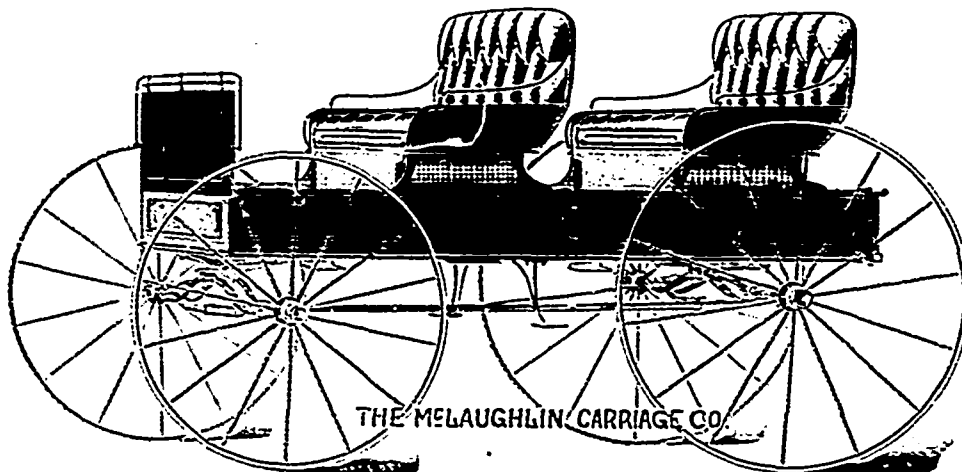
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**Toronto Grocery Market.**

Toronto, Aug. 4.

**SUGARS**—Granulated, delivered Toronto, \$5.30@5.38; yellows, from \$3.68@5.28.

**SYRUPS**—Imperial gallons, medium, 32c; special bright, 32@32c.

**MOLASSES**—West India, barrels, 32@40; New Orleans, 25@30c for medium, and 35@47c for bright.

**COFFEE**—Rio, green, 10@14c; Mocha, 23@25c; Java, 25@32c.

**TEAS**—Japans, low grade, 10@20c per lb; Young Hysons, seconds, 16@19c; firsts, 25@45c; Indian, 18@50c; Congous, low grades, 10@15c; mediums, 22@25c; finest, 40@55c; Ceylons 17@35c; Formosa oolongs 25@35c.

**CANNED GOODS**—Tomatoes, 30@35c; peas, 7c up; corn, \$1.10@1.15; beans, 30c; sifted selected peas, \$1.05@1.20; pumpkins, 80c; raspberries, 2's, \$1.75@1.82; peaches, 2's, \$1.80@1.82; 3's, \$2.50@2.55; apples, 2's 55c; pineapple, 2's \$2.25@2.75; do. 2 1/2's, \$2.40; do. 3's, \$2.50; plums, 2's, \$1.10@1.20. Salmon—Cohoos, prime dark pink fish, \$1.15@1.25; sockeyes, red, \$1.15 @1.60; lobsters, halves, \$1.75@1.80; tall, lbs., \$2.80; flats, \$1.25.

**RICE**—Rice bags, 3@33c; Java, 6@6 1/2; Patna, 5 1/2@6; Japan, 5 1/2@6.

**SPICES**—Ginger, Jamaica, 25c; Cochia, 20c; cloves, Zanzibar, 20@22c; Amboyana, 25@27c; Penang, 30@35c; all spice, 20c; nutmegs, 30c@31; cream tartar, pure, 25@28c; compound, 15@20c; pepper, black, pure Singapore, 16c; Penang, 17c; compound, 13@14c; pepper, pure white, 25@30c.

**DRIED FRUITS**—Italians, Valencia, selected, 8 1/2c; California crown loose Muscatels, 8c; provincial currants, 5 1/2 @ 5 1/2c; Fillatras, 5 1/2 @ 6c; Patras, 6 1/2 @ 7c; Vostizzas, 7 1/2 @ 8c. California dried fruits—Apricots, 19@20c; peaches, 13 1/2@15c; prunes, 70's 80's, 6@6 1/2c; 90's to 90's, 6@6 1/2c; 90's to 100's, 5 1/2@5 1/2c; Sultanas, 5@12c; Hallowee dates, 6@6 1/2c; Malaga royal clusters, 5 1/2; fancy dessert clusters, 5 1/2.

**NUTS**—Shelled Valencia almonds, 3 @ 30c; shelled Jordan almonds, 40c; 1 or deux walnuts, 10 1/2@11c; shelled walnuts, 24@28c; Greenhobs, 13 1/2@14c; Sicily filberts, 10@10 1/2c.

**PEEL**—Orange, 12@13c; lemon, 10 1/2@12c; citron, 17@20c.

**PROVISIONS.**

**PORK**—Canada mess, short cut, \$18.50, heavy, \$16.50; shoulders, \$11.70@11.

**DRY SALTED MEATS**—Long clear bacon, car lots, 8 1/2c; ton and case lots, 8 1/2c; breakfast bacon, 13 1/2@13 1/2c; backs, 12 1/2@13c; shoulders, 10c; hams, 12 1/2@13c; rolls, 10 1/2c. Green meats out of pickle are quoted at 1c less than smoked.

**LARD**—Flores, 8@8 1/2c; tubs, 8 1/2@9c; pails, 8 1/2@8 1/2c.

**Toronto Hardware and Paint Prices.**

Toronto, Aug. 4.

**ANTIMONY**—11@11 1/2c per lb for Cookson's.

**BARBED WIRE**—Car lots, f.o.b. Cleveland, \$2.45@2.65; \$1.25 Toronto.

**HAIR IRON**—Base for common, \$2@2.10.

**BLACK SHEETS**—23 gauge, \$3.60.

**BOLTS AND NUTS**—Norway bolts, full square, 55 per cent; common carriage bolts, all sizes, 50 per cent; do., full square, 65 per cent; machine bolts, all sizes, 52 1/2 per cent; coach screws, 65 per cent; stielsh shoe bolts, 70 per cent; blank bolts, 52 1/2 per cent; bolt ends, 52 1/2 per cent; nuts, square, 3 1/2c off; nuts, hexagon 4c off; tapping nuts, 60 per cent; tree bolts, 60 per cent; stove bolts, 60 and 10 per cent; plough bolts, 50 per cent.

**BINDER TWINE**—Pure sisal, 9c; mixed, 9 1/2c; pure Manila, 12 1/2c.

**BRASS**—Sheet, discount 10 per cent.

**BUILDING PAPER**—Plain building, 30c per roll; tarred lining, 40c.

**CANADA PLATES**—All dull, \$3.50 per 100lb; half polished \$3.60, and all bright \$4 per 100lb.

**CEMENT**—Canadian Portland, \$2.80@3.00; Welsh do., \$3.00; Belgian, \$2.75@3.00; Canadian hydraulic cements, \$1.25 @1.50; calcined plaster, \$1.90; asbestos cement, \$2.50 per barrel.

**CHAIN**—5-16 in. \$1.85@1.85; 3/4 in. \$4.80 @5.20; 7-16 in. \$4.50@4.95; 1/2 in. \$4.25 @4.65; 5/8 in. \$3.80@4.20; 3/4 in. \$3.75 @4.15; 7/8 in. \$3.70@4.10.

**COPPER**—Ingot copper, 19 1/2@20c per lb; sheet copper, 23@23 1/2c.

**CUT NAILS**—\$2.60 per keg f.o.b. Toronto, Hamilton and London.

**FENCE WIRE**—Woven, 7 1/2c per rod.

**FINE STEEL WIRE**—Discount 15 per cent.

**GALVANIZED IRON**—28 gauge, \$5.00; per 100lb for English and \$4.60 for American.

**GALVANIZED WIRE**—9 gauge, \$3.10; 12 gauge, \$3.25; 13 gauge, \$3.35; No. 16, \$5.15.

**GLASS**—Star, first break, in 50 foot boxes, \$2.10, and in 100 foot boxes, \$4.00; double diamond, under 25 united inches, in 100 foot boxes, \$6.00; Toronto, Hamilton and London. Terms 3 months or 3 per cent 30 days.

**GREEN WIRE CLOTH**—\$2.00 per 100 square feet.

**HARVEST TOOLS**—50, 10 and 5 per cent.

**HORSE NAILS**—Standard oval head, 50 per cent; Acadia, 50 and 10 per cent.

**HORSESHOES**—No. 2 iron shoes, light, medium and heavy, \$1.75 f.o.b.; snowshoes, \$4.00.

**IRON PIPE**—Black pipe—1/2 to 3/4 in. 40 per cent; 1/2 in. 60 per cent; 3/4 to 2 in., 60 2/3 per cent; larger sizes, 50 and 5 per cent. Galvanized pipe—1/2 in., 40 per cent; 3/4 to 2 in. 50 per cent.

**LEAD PIPE**—Ordinary pipe, 7c; discount 15 per cent.

**OLD MATERIAL**—Agricultural scrap, 50c per cwt.; machinery cast 50c per cwt.; stove scrap 40c; No. 1 wrought scrap 50c 100lb; new light scrap copper, 12c per lb; bottoms, 10 1/2c; heavy copper, 22c; light scrap brass, 7c; heavy yellow scrap brass, 16c; heavy red scrap brass, 10 1/2c; scrap lead, 2 1/2c; zinc, 2 1/2c; scrap rubber 5c; good country mixed rags, 6 1/2@7 1/2c; clean dry bones, 40@50c per 100lb.

**PIG IRON**—Hamilton f.o.b. cars at furnace, \$22@22.50.

**PIG LEAD**—Imported, at 5 1/2@5c per lb.

**PIG TIN**—37@38c per lb.

**POULTRY NETTING**—Discount of 40 and 5 per cent.

**RIVETS AND BURLS**—Carriage section wagon box rivets, etc., 50 per cent; 3/4 x 3/4 M rivets 50 per cent; iron burrs, 45 per cent; copper rivets, 35 per cent; bifurcated with box 5lb, carton boxes, 30c per lb.

**ROPE**—Sisal, 22@24c; pure Manila, 13 1/2 @14c; "A" quality Manila, 11 1/2@12c; special Manila, 10 1/2@11c.

**SCREWS**—Flat head bright, 80 per cent off the list; round head bright, 75 per cent; flat head brass, 75 per cent; round head brass, 67 1/2 per cent; round head bronze, 62 1/2 per cent.

**SHEET ZINC**—4 1/2c for cask lots 7c for part casks.

**SMOOTH STEEL WIRE**—The base is \$3.00 per 100lb f.o.b. factory.

**SPADES AND SHOVELS**—10 and 5 per cent.

**SPELTER**—7@7 1/2c per lb.

**SOLDER**—Half and half, 21 1/2@22 1/2c; red-lead, 21@21 1/2c; welding, 20 1/2@21c.

**TERNE PLATES**—I. C., \$8.50; I. N., \$10.50.

**TINNED SHEETS**—24 gauge, 6@6 1/2c.

**WIRE NAILS**—Base price at \$3.00@3.10 f.o.b. Toronto and west.

**PAINTS AND OILS.**

**CASTOR OIL**—East India, in cases 13 @10 1/2c per lb, and 10 1/2@11c for single tins.

**GUM SHELLAC**—In cases, 22 1/2c; in less than cases, 25c.

**LINSEED OIL**—Raw, 1 to 4 barrels, 86c; boiled, 88c.

**LIQUID PAINTS**—Pure, \$1.20@1.20 per gallon; No. 1 quality, \$1 per gallon.

**PARIS WHITE**—30c.

**PARIS GREEN**—Petroleum bris., 18c; arsenic bris., 18 1/2c; drums, 50 and 1.00. 18 1/2c; drums, 25lb, 19 1/2c; tins, 1lb, 20 1/2c; packages, 1lb, 19 1/2c.

**PLASTER PARIS**—New Brunswick, \$1.90 per barrel.

**PUMICE STONE**—Powdered, \$2.50 per 100lb for barrels and 4@5c per lb in small quantities; lump, 10c per lb in small lots, and 8c per lb in barrels.

**PUTTY**—Bladders, in barrels, \$2.10; bladders, in 100lb kegs, \$2.15; bulk in barrels, \$1.95; in less quantities, \$2.10.

**RED LEAD**—Genuine, in casks of 560 lb, \$5.50; ditto, in kegs of 100lb, \$5.75; No. 1 in casks of 560lb, \$5@5.25; do., kegs of 100lb, \$5.25@5.50.

**REFINED OIL**—American water white, 18c in barrels; photogenic, 17 1/2c; Sarala water white, 17c in barrels; Sarala prime, 16c in barrels.

**SEAL OIL**—54c per gallon, and yellow seal at 45c.

**TURPENTINE**—In single barrels, 71c; 2 to 4 barrel lots, 70c.

**WHITING**—60c per 100lb; gliders' whiting, 75@80c.

**WHITE LEAD**—Ex-Toronto, pure white lead, \$6.57 1/2; No. 1, \$6.50; No. 2, \$6.12 1/2; No. 3, \$5.75; No. 4, \$5.00; dry white lead in casks, \$5.75.

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## THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, August 4.

Business has been quieter this week. The exhibition crowds have vanished and many city people have also gone away for their summer vacation and business is consequently much lighter. Some jobbing demand is still being manifested for summer goods, but as a rule attention is now being directed to the coming fall trade. Values for most kinds of merchandise remain steady and there are fewer changes than usual in prices. Country produce continues to come in freely. Cattle are going forward freely to the Atlantic shipping ports. A disturbing factor is the strike of employees of the Canadian Pacific Railway mechanical department, at Winnipeg and other points west of Lake Superior. The weather has been fine and warm all week, with a few thunder storms at country points. Wheat cutting has commenced in some parts of Manitoba, and it is expected to be general in another ten days. Bank clearings have hardly maintained last week's rate of increase, although still over \$100,000 greater than a year ago.

## WINNIPEG MARKETS

Saturday, August 4, 1900.

(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.)

### BINDER TWINE.

Some local dealers have completely cleaned up their stocks of twine and are only ordering more as they need it. Prices are variously quoted from 12½ to 14c f. o. b. Winnipeg for pure manilla twine, and other grades in proportion.

### BOOTS AND SHOES.

Beyond a small sprinkling of sorting orders to clean up summer demand there is no new business being done. Fall shipments are going forward freely excepting where checked by hold or withdrawal notices. Values remain steady.

### BUILDING MATERIAL.

Demand is steady and prices unchanged as follows: Stonewall rubble, \$3.50 per cord; Stonewall footing, \$5.50 per cord; Stony Mountain rubble, \$1.00 per cord. White lime is worth 20c per bushel, and grey lime 15c per bushel, all f.o.b. at quarry and kiln.

### DRUGS.

Jobbing houses are busy with both city and country trade. The most notable price change is an advance of 50 per cent. in the quotation for metallic bismuth. All sub-preparations are correspondingly higher. Sub-nitrate, which formerly sold at \$1.30 here is now worth \$2.70 per pound. Opium has advanced 7½c at New York and quinine is also higher. Carbolic acid has gone up another 3c per pound at primary points. All China products are higher and very firm owing to war in that country. Rhubarb root is 10 per cent. higher at New York. Iodide has declined 15c there and Iodoform is down to a similar extent. Prices here are unchanged for these lines.

### DRY GOODS.

Some sorting trade is still being done, but the volume is very small.

Travellers orders are small. Trade in fall goods depends upon the crops. Large numbers of hold notices are on file in wholesale houses and the outcome with regard to these will not be known for some weeks yet. Where no such instructions have been received shipment is now being made. Prices hold firm in almost every line and apparently lose none of their strength. One line of German hosiery has been advanced five per cent by the makers.

### FISH.

Fresh fish are in good demand and firm at last week's prices. We quote Whitefish, fresh caught, 5c per lb.; pickerel, 4c; pike, 3c; trout, 10c; salmon, 12½c; halibut, 12½c; mackerel, 15c; salt cod, 7c; Labrador herring, half barrel, \$4.

### GREEN FRUITS.

Business is very active and all jobbing houses are busy. Washington apples are coming forward freely and show nice quality. These have declined 50c per box since a week ago. Georgia grapes are 15c per basket cheaper. Other prices are unchanged. We quote: Late Valencia oranges, \$1.00 to \$5.50; California lemons, \$6.50 per box; bananas, \$2.75 to \$3. per bunch, as to size; peaches, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per case; plums, \$1.00 per case; pears, \$2.50 per case; blueberries, 5 cents per lb; apples, \$2.00 per box; water-melons, \$5.00 per dozen; cocoanuts, per sack, \$5.50; Grenoble walnuts, 15c; Tarragona almonds, 15c; filberts, 12; peanuts, green, 9c; roasted, 12c; pecan nuts, 15c per lb.; maple sugar per pound, 11 to 15c; maple syrup \$6.75 per case of 1 dozen ½ gal. tins; apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels; fruit cider put in 20 and 30 gallon kegs, per gallon 30c; California layer figs in 10 lb. boxes, \$1.40; new Smyrnas in glove boxes, \$2 per dozen; 10 lb. boxes, \$1.50 per box; dates, 7c per lb. in 1 lb. cartons, 10c; honey in 1 lb. glass jars, per dozen jars, \$2.50.

### GROCERIES.

Trade has been good this week with local houses. New pack strawberries are now in. New pitted cherries and peas are also in. The strawberry pack is turning out short and is even very much below recent expectations. In consequence of this packers are taking advantage of the clause in their contracts which permits them to fill only 60 per cent of their orders. The price has advanced about 20c per case since first contracts was made. Canned salmon has stiffened up owing to two causes, the strike on the Fraser and the small run of fish and at present it looks as if the advance would be maintained as canners are holding very firm. Imported sardines also show an advance this year over old prices, but so far the trade here have been selling at old prices, as they have had ample stock on hand. When new goods have to be supplied though the price will go up. A sharp advance has taken place in United States canned meats, due to the large contracts having been made by the different foreign governments for war purposes. The advance amounts to about 20 per cent. Green Rio coffee still maintains its strength and it now appears to be beyond doubt that prices this year will be fully 4c higher than last. Advices from Greece indicate that the currant crop will be very much below the average in fact, in all but two provinces it will be below 50 per cent of normal. In these two, the peronosporos, which is the cause of the falling off, has not made its appearance. New dried fruits are arriving. Apricots are not

equal to last year's sample, except the choice grades, which are nice bright goods. Prices for apricots will range 9½c for standard, to 12½c for fancy, but very few if any of the latter grade are sold here, standard and choice being the popular grades. Prunes in small sizes cannot be procured from first hands, and stocks are apparently very light. Sugars are steady and firm at last week's prices. Syrups are unchanged. Japan teas still continue to advance and low grade teas to job at 15 to 17c are difficult to get this season.

### HARDWARE.

There has been no changes of any kind this week in jobbing prices and the market is fairly active and steady. Paints and oils are also unchanged.

### IMPLEMENTS.

Repair orders are occupying a great deal of attention and a good trade is being done in these. Farmers are also taking delivery of harvesting machinery. The exhibition week brought considerable new business to the city and dealers have been able to secure new orders or re-sales of most of the machinery which a month ago they thought would be left on their hands. Thresher men have been particularly fortunate in this way. Some of them have sold completely out. In most cases the terms have had to be modified to suit new conditions.

### LEATHER.

There is a good demand for leather and findings from Alberta and the ranching country and a fair demand from Manitoba and Eastern Assiniboia. This latter trade has no doubt been affected by the crop prospects. Dealers look forward to a good fall trade, but are moving cautiously. Harness leather declined 1c per pound this week in sympathy with southern markets, making a drop of 2c here since July 1. Sole leather remains unchanged.

### LUMBER.

Wholesale dealers report business very good with them. British Columbia lumber is in particularly good demand. The only new feature to note this week is a cut in city retail prices by one yard, which practically reduces the price to a wholesale basis on some lines. It is stated that the lower prices are only open to customers of the concern making the cut. Other dealers are still quoting the regular list and do not regard the cut as being serious. It is to be hoped other dealers will not follow the cut, as the margin of profit on lumber is small, and great trade demoralization would follow, which would only result in loss to all concerned.

### PAPER AND STATIONERY.

Trade in this line is good for the season. Dealers find difficulty in filling their orders and mills are away behind with deliveries. Paper bags are especially slow in coming forward. Factory orders which should have been filled five weeks ago are only arriving now. United States wrapping papers and cheap prints continue to come in, but the quality of this stuff is poor in comparison with Canadian papers of same grade.

### SCRAP.

Receipts of old materials are very light and there is not much demand. Various eastern buyers have advised the trade here that they do not want any more goods unless they can be bought away down. Old bottles are almost unsaleable owing to local breweries going out of the market. We quote: No. 1 cast iron, free from wrought and

malleable, \$13 to \$14 ton; No. 2, \$5 ton; wrought iron scrap, \$5 ton; heavy copper, 10c per pound; red brass, 8c per pound; yellow brass, heavy, 7c per pound; light brass,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  to 5c per pound; lead pipe or tea lead, 2 to  $2\frac{1}{2}$ c; rags, country mixed, 50c per 100 pounds; rubbers, free from rivets, buckles and articles,  $5\frac{1}{2}$ c per pound; zinc scrap, 1c per pound; bones, clean, dry and bleached, \$6 per ton.

#### GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

**WHEAT**—The wheat markets during the past week have dragged along in a nervous way within a narrow range of prices. The reaction consequent on the excited upward whirl of a few weeks ago has pulled prices downward till they seem to have found bottom at about 13 to 18c under the top figures touched six weeks ago. They have held about present level during the past ten days amid the pessimistic utterances of bears who have freely spoken of prices going 5c lower. These prognostications have caused others who have believed that prices are low enough under present conditions to go cautiously in buying and the result has been a nervous market. It is noticed however, that whenever Chicago Sept. has been pressed down below 75c that exporters have come into the market and bought freely, thus raising the expectation that prices are somewhat around the bottom. Closing prices yesterday are practically the same as a week ago.

The prospective yield of this season's crops still affords material for discussion and wide divergence of estimated quantities, but gradually the binder and thresher is overtaking the crop and it will not be long until actual results show the extent of the yield. In the meantime we can say that the yield of winter wheat in Kansas and surrounding country approaches the large expectations formed of it. Threshing is also proceeding in southern Minnesota and the southeast part of South Dakota, where the hard spring wheat country begins, and these parts announce excellent yields considering the season. It is north of this that the drouth stricken area begins. Coming to North Dakota, this week's state report declares that where harvest is progressing no better yield than 4 bushels per acre has been reported, and Snow's weekly report issued yesterday gives a very careful and detailed account of the crop in the three Northwest States and indicates the total yield as \$6,000,000 bushels, compared to the final government estimate of 203,000,000 bushels for 1921. Harvest progresses favorably in Europe without change in conditions or estimates of crop. Seeding of new crop is going on in Argentina. Last week the American visible supply increased 723,000 bushels against a decrease of 450,000 bushels the previous week and an increase of 6,000 bushels same week last year. The world's shipments last week were smaller 5,395,000 bushels against 7,200,000 bushels previous week. The Argentine shipments this week show a good falling off, being 1,064,000 bushels against 1,728,000 bushels the previous week.

The local market shows no improvement over the last two weeks, the demand being almost nothing. Very little wheat is offered for sale. Price of 1 hard spot Fort William has ranged around 80c, sales having been made at 80 $\frac{1}{2}$ c on Wednesday and as low as 79 $\frac{1}{2}$ c yesterday forenoon, but closing price yesterday was nominally 80c, although buyers were not to be found. Prices are kept about 2c above export value, which partly accounts for absence of demand, as exporters can do nothing. The spread between 1 and 2 hard and 1 northern

has widened to  $3\frac{1}{2}$ c, and yesterday 3 hard was sold at 9c under 1 hard. All the lower grades have declined heavily in price as compared to 1 hard.

**FLOUR**—Trade is steady and prices unchanged. We quote: Ogilvie's Hungarian Patent, \$2.30 per sack of 98 pounds. Glenora, \$2.15; Lake of the Woods, Five Roses, \$2.30; Patent, \$2.15.

**MILLFEED**—The feature of the market is a decline of \$2 per ton in both bran and shorts. We quote now: Bran, in bulk, per ton, \$11.50; shorts, \$13.50.

**GROUND FEED**—Chopped feeds have advanced 50c per ton. Prices now are: Oat chop, \$28.50 per ton; barley, \$21.50 per ton; mixed barley and oats, \$25.50 per ton; corn chop, \$22.00 per ton; oil cake, \$27.00.

**OATMEAL**—Dealers are quoting \$1.90 per sack of 80 pounds to the retail trade, with the usual reductions for cash. Granulated and standard oatmeal are worth \$2.50 per sack.

**OATS**—Receipts are only fair and the market remains firm at 40 to 42c per bushel for carlots on track, according to quality.

**BARLEY**—There is no business doing. Prices are quoted nominal at 45c per bushel on track.

**CORN**—There is not much demand for corn and the price is unchanged at 50c per bushel for No. 3 in carlots on track.

**FLANSEED**—Manitoba stocks are exhausted and the market is purely nominal.

**HAY**—We quote: Fresh baled in cars on track, \$6.00 to \$6.25 per ton; loose hay on the street \$6 to \$7 per ton.

**BUTTER**—Creamery—Dealers are regularly paying 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for choice creamery butter at the factories.

**BUTTER**—Dairy—Receipts continue large, but the quality is mostly only fair to good. Choice grades do not seem to find their way into the regular channels of trade and cannot be obtained except in odd lots. Dealers are quoting from 12 to 14c commission basis for best grades and 8 to 12c for inferior.

**CHEESE**—There is plenty of sale for all cheese offering, and the market holds firm at 9 to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb. according to quality, delivered here.

**EGGS**—Receipts are moderate. Dealers are paying 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per dozen delivered here.

**VEGETABLES**—Old potatoes are about done; new home grown potatoes are considerably lower than a week ago. Imported potatoes are also lower. California cabbage is out of the market. Imported celery is out of the market. We quote: New potatoes, 60 to 65c per bushel; imported onions, 3c per lb.; rhubarb, 20c per dozen; lettuce, 15 to 20c per dozen; parsley 40c; green onions 20c per doz; spinach, 5c per lb.; new carrots and beets, 30c per dozen; new turnips, 20c per dozen; new home grown cabbage, 30 to 40c per dozen; ripe tomatoes, \$1 per case; home grown celery, 40c per dozen; cucumbers, 30 to 40c per doz.

**DRESSED MEATS**—Beef is easier at  $\frac{1}{2}$ c decline, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c being the top price now. Extra fine steers are still worth 7c, but there is very little demand for this grade. Demand is good for all kinds of meat. We quote: Beef, good to choice, 6 to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb.; veal 7 to 9c per lb.; mutton, 10 to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; lamb, 12c; hogs, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

**POULTRY**—Demand is good and receipts light. Live hens are worth 65c per pair; spring chickens, 30 to 50c per pair; fresh killed fowl, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per pound; frozen turkeys 13c; live turkeys 9c per pound.

**HIDES**—The market is very dull, and prices weaker. We quote: No. 1 inspected hides, 6 to 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ c per lb.; No. 2, 5 to 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ c per lb.; No. 3, 4 to 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ c; shearling sheep skins, 10 to 15c each; calfskins, 8c; deakins, 25 to 35c each; horse hides, 75c to \$1.25 each.

**WOOL**—Receipts are very light, and the season is about over. We quote 8 to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per pound for unwashed fleece and 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per pound for washed.

**TALLOW**—Clean, well rendered-tallow is worth 3 $\frac{3}{4}$  to 4c per lb. delivered Winnipeg.

**SENECA ROOT**—Prices are weaker and dealers will not pay now over 20c per lb. for good root.

#### LIVE STOCK.

**CATTLE**—Shipments this week to Montreal from the Winnipeg stock yards have amounted to about 3,000 head this week. Range cattle continue to come forward freely and in fine condition. Prices rule steady at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb. for choice exporters off cars here, and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ c for butchers. Stockers are not wanted.

**SHEEP**—Manitoba sheep are coming forward more freely and are quoted at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ c per pound off cars here.

**HOGS**—Receipts are fairly liberal and the price is unchanged at 4 to 5c per pound off cars, according to weight and quality.

**MILCH COWS**—Cows are in good demand and readily bring from \$30 to \$40 each.

**HORSES**—There is very little demand for horses at present. The better feed outlook has improved the feeling of the market and there are prospects of a brisk trade later on.

#### Weather and Crops.

There is much complaint from the country of need of rain. A week ago we reported crops beginning to suffer again from drouth in some districts, and since that date there has been no general rains, and few local showers. Warm, windy weather prevailed on several days this week, which is unfavorable for the crops, particularly when accompanied by drouth. Unless we have rain at once, the outlook for late crops, particularly for grain and millets now after the early July rains, for fodder, will be poor. The weather here this morning is cooler and threatening.

#### Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There were 1,265,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on July 28, being a reduction of 277,000 bushels since a week ago. A year ago stocks in store at Fort William were 1,982,000 bushels and 312,000 bushels two years ago. Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and Interior points were estimated approximately at 3,000,000 bushels, compared with 4,540,000 bushels a year ago; 800,000 bushels two years ago.

#### Winnipeg Grain Inspection.

For the week ending July 28 there were 125 cars of grain inspected, which graded as follows:

Wheat—1 hard, 70; 2 hard, 22; 1 northern, 2; 2 northern, 0; 3 hard, 18; 1 frosted, 2; 2 frosted, 0; 1 rejected, 3, 2 rejected, 1; no grade, 3; condemned, 2 cars.

Oats—2 white, 1; feed, 1 car.

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**Winnipeg Hardware and Metal Prices.**

**ANVILS**—Per lb. 10¢; 12½¢; anvil and vice combined, each, \$34-\$45.00.

**AUGERS**—Post hole, Vaughan's, each, \$1.35.

**AXES**—Bench, 30 and 10 per cent; chop-plug axes, per dozen, \$7@8.12; double bit, per dozen, \$12@13.18.

**BARNS**—Crow, \$6.50 per 100lb.

**BELLOWS**—20 24, \$4.50; 20, \$4.95; 23, \$5.40; 30, \$5.85; 32, \$6.30; 34, \$7.25; 36, \$8.10; 38, \$9; 40, \$10.35.

**MELTING**—Agricultural, 65 per cent; No. 1, 60 per cent; extra, 50 per cent off new list.

**BLIS, AUGER**—American, 50 per cent; Jennings' Excelsior, 45 per cent.

**BOGIES**—Carriage, 42½ per cent; machine, 45 per cent; plow, 40 per cent; sleigh shoe, 50 per cent; stove, 55 per cent; tire, 45 per cent.

**BUILDING PAPER**—Anchor, Cyclone and Jubilee, plain, 65¢; Cyclone and Jubilee, tarred, 80¢; Anchor, plain, 60¢ per roll; Anchor, tarred, 70¢; Shield, tarred, 55¢.

**BUTTS**—Cast, loose pin, com. 60 per cent; Peterboro, 33 1-3 per cent; wrought steel, narrow, 60 per cent; loose pin, 60 per cent; bronze, 45¢ up.

**CARPENTERS**—Rim fire, American discount 40 per cent; Dominion, 50 and 5 per cent; central fire, pistol, American discount 10 per cent; Dominion discount 30 per cent; military and sporting, American net list, Dominion 15 per cent.

**CEMENT**—Portland, barrel, \$1.25@1.45.00.

**CHAIN**—Coil, proved, 3-16 in. per 100 lb. \$11. do. ½ in. \$7; do. 5-16 in. \$6.25; ¾ in. \$6; 7-16 in. \$5.75; 1 in. and up, \$5.50. Jack, iron, single, per dozen yards, 15¢@75¢; double, per dozen yards, 25¢@1.10. 5-16, \$8.50; ¾, \$8. Trace, per dozen pairs, \$3.75@5.50.

**CHAINS**—B. B. Steel frame, 55 per cent; wood frame, 20 cents less net.

**COPPER**—Tinned sheets, 25¢; planished 33¢; boiler and T. K. pits, plain tinned, per lb. 25¢; spun, 33¢.

**FILES**—Com. 70 and 10 per cent; Nicholson's and Black Diamond, 60 per cent.

**GLUE**—Sheets, 15¢ lb.; broken, 12½¢; glue, white, for kalsomining, 18¢@25¢.

**GREASE**—AXLE—Fraser's, per case, \$1.75; Diamond, light, \$1.75 case; dark, \$1.75; mica, \$3.

**GRINDSTONES**—\$1.50 100lb.

**HAIR**—Plasterers, 90¢ bale.

**HARVEST TOOLS**—55 per cent.

**HORSESHOES**—Iron shoes, keg, 0 and 1, \$4.40; 2 and larger, \$4.65; Less than full kegs, 25¢ extra. Steel shoes, 0 and 1 \$5.20; 2 and larger, \$4.95.

**RINGS**—Heavy T and strap, per 100 lb. \$7.25@7.20; light do., 60 per cent; screw hook and hinge, 0 to 10 in., 5¢ per lb.; 12 in. up, per lb. 4¢.

**IRON**—Bar iron, 100lb, base price, \$2.90. Band iron, 100lb, \$3.20 base. Swedish iron, 100lb, \$3.50 base. Sheet, black, 16@20 gauge, \$3.50; 22@26 gauge, \$3.75; 28 gauge, \$4. Galvanized, American, 16 gauge, \$4.25; 18@22 gauge, \$4.50; 24 gauge, \$4.75; 26 gauge, \$5; 28 gauge, \$5.25 per 100lb; Queen's head, 25¢ advance on American prices. Canada Russian sheets, 70¢; genuine Russian sheets, lb. 12@13¢.

**IRON**—Pile, per lb. 6¢; sheets, 6½¢.

**NAILS**—Cut—30d up, \$3.50; 20d, \$3.25; 10d, \$3.40; 8d, \$3.45; 6d, \$3.60; 4d, \$3.70; 3d, \$3.95; 2d, \$4.30; Wire nails—4½ in. up, \$3.75; 4 in. \$3.80; 3 in. \$3.85; 3½ in. \$3.90; 2 in. \$1.05; 1½ in. \$1.15; 1¼ in. \$1.40; 1 in. \$1.75. Horse nails, pointed, finished, oval heads, list price, No. 5, \$7.50 box; No. 6, \$8.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box; Nos. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box; discount on these prices, 45 per cent.

**OAKUM**—Navy, \$1.25 bale; U. S. navy, \$3.75; spun, \$3.00.

**PICKS**—Gray, \$7 doz.; pick mattocks, \$8 dozen.

**PIPE**—Iron, black, per 100 feet, ¼ in. \$3.50; ½ in. \$3.60; ¾ in. \$4; 1 in. \$4.65; 1 1/8 in. \$6.70; 1 1/4 in. \$9.15; 1 1/2 in. \$11.05; 2 in. \$14.00. Sizes 2 1/2 to 45 per cent discount. Galvanized, ¼, \$5.00; ½, \$7.15; 1 in. \$10.20; 1 1/4 in. \$14.10; 1 1/2 in. \$15.70; 2 in. \$22.50; lead, 6½¢ lb.

**PIPE**—Stove—6 in. \$9.25; 7 in. \$10; per 100 lengths.

**PITCH**—Pine, \$4 per barrel.

**PLASTER**—Per barrel, \$3.25.

**PLASTER AND BURS**—Carriage, section 37½ per cent; M rivets, black and tinned, 37½ per cent; copper rivets and burs, 33¢; copper rivets, 20¢; cartons 1¢ per lb extra net.

**ROPE**—Cotton, ¼@¾ inch and larger, 15¢ lb; deep sea, 16½¢; lath yard, 11¢; Manila per lb, 15¢ base; sisal, 14½¢ base; discount on these prices, 45 per cent.

**SCREWS**—F. H. Bright discount, 75, 10 per cent; H. H. discount 70; F. H.

brass, discount 70; R. H. brass, discount 60 and 5 per cent. Bench, wood, per doz., \$1.75@1.50; bench, iron per doz., \$5.25@7.25; coach screws, 57½ per cent.

**SHELLS**—Loaded—Eley's black, 12 gauge, per 100, soft, \$1.65, chilled, \$1.80; 10 gauge, soft, \$2.15, chilled, \$2.30; Eley's smokeless, 12 gauge, soft, \$2.10, chilled, \$2.25; 10 gauge, soft, \$2.60, chilled, \$2.75.

**SHOT**—Soft, \$6.45 per 100 lb; chilled, \$7.15; buckshot, \$7.65; ball, 28, \$7.65.

**SOLDER**—Half and half, per lb. 22¢.

**SOLDERING IRONS**—Per lb. 32¢.

**SPADES AND SHOVELS**—10 per cent.

**SPIKES**—Pressed, ¼, \$1.55; 5-16, \$4.65; ¾, \$4.40; 7-16 up, \$4.10.

**STEEL**—Sleigh shoe, \$3.60 base; spring, \$4.25 base; machinery, \$4.25 base; share, com. \$4.75 base; share, crucible, \$5.50; toe calc, \$4.25 base; tire steel, \$3.75 base; cast tool steel, lb. 9@12½¢.

**STEEL BOILER PLATE**—3-16 inch, \$4.25; ¼, 5¢ and thicker, \$4.00.

**STAPLES**—Galvanized, \$4.25 per 100lb.

**TAR**—Coal tar, per barrel, \$6.50.

**TIN**—Lamb and flag, 56 and 28lb ingots, per lb. 35¢.

**TIN PLATES**—Charcoal plates, I C, 10 x14, 12x12, and 14x20, \$3.50; I N, same size box, \$6.50; I C, charcoal, 20x28, 112 sheets to box, \$10.50; I N box, 29x28, 112 sheets, \$12.50.

**TERNE PLATES**—I C, 20x28, \$10.00.

**TINWARE**—Plain, 75 and 2 1/2 per cent; returned, 70 and 10 per cent.

**TRAPS**—Game, H. & N., No. 0, \$1.92 doz.; No. 1, \$2.25; No. 1½, \$1.38; No. 2, \$4.73; No. 3, \$6.30; No. 4, \$7.42; bear, No. 5, \$7.50.

**TUBES**—Boiler, 2 inch, 10½¢ per foot; 2½ inch, 21½¢; 3 inch, 23¢ per foot.

**VISLS**—H. S. Wright's, 14¢; Sampson, 40-5¢ lb, \$6.50@7¢ each; parallel, \$2@7¢ each.

**WADS**—Gray felt, 75¢ per lb; thin card wads in boxes of 500 each, 12 and smaller gauges, 20¢ per lb; thin card wads in boxes of 500 each, 10 gauge, 2¢ per lb. Chemically prepared black edge gray cloth wads, in boxes of 250 each, 11 and smaller gauges, 65¢ per 1,000; 9 and 10 gauges, 75¢ per 1,000; 7 and 8 gauges, \$1 per 1,000.

**WIRE**—Brass and copper wire, 20 per cent advance on the list, clothes line wire, 18 gauge, per 1,000 feet, \$3.50. Galvanized, 4 barb, regular, \$3.75; galvanized plain twist, \$3.75.

**ZINC**—Sheets in casks, \$7.50 per 100lb; broken lots, \$8.00.

**WHITE LEAD**—Pure, \$7.25 per 100lb; No. 1, \$7.00.

**WHITING**—\$1.25 per 100lb gross weight.

**Winnipeg Lumber Prices.**

Following are wholesale prices, delivered at Winnipeg, for pine lumber:

**TIMBER AND DIMENSION**—Timber, 4x10 and 12, 6x10 and 12, and 8x8 to 12x12, 12, 14 and 16 feet long, \$20; timber, 6x6 to 6x8, 4x4 to 4x5, and 3x3 to 3x12, 12, 14 and 16 feet long, \$18; dimension, 2x4 to 2x12, 12, 14 and 16 feet long, \$17.50; dimensions, 2x4, 10 feet long, \$18; dimensions, 2x8 to 2x12, 10 feet long, \$17.50; dimensions, 2x6, 10 feet long, \$16.50; dimensions, 2x4 to 2x12, 6 and 8 feet long, \$15; cull plank, all widths, \$12; cull plank re-sawn \$12, \$1 per M advance; on each inch over 12 in. in depth and width, \$1 per M advance on each 2 feet over 16 feet.

**BOARDS**—First common boards, red pine, 10 to 18 feet, \$23; second common, 10 to 18 feet, \$18; third common, 10 to 18 feet, \$7.50; culls, 10 to 18 feet, \$16; ½ inch sheathing, S.L.S., 10 to 18 feet, \$14; second common stock, 12 in., 10 to 15 feet, \$19.50; second common stock, 8 to 10 in., 10 to 15 feet, \$13.50; No. 1 wide box boards, 10 to 18 feet, \$28; No. 2 wide box boards, 10 to 18 feet, \$20.50. \$2 per M less for 6 and 8 feet. Re-sawn boards \$1 per M extra.

**SHIPLAP**—Shiplap, 8 and 10 in. \$19; shiplap, 6 in. \$18; shiplap, culls, 8 and 10 in. \$16.50; culls, 6 in. \$13.50. \$2 per M less for 8 feet and under.

**FLOORING, SIDING AND CEILING**—Flooring and siding, 8 and 10 in. \$20.00; flooring and siding, 8 and 10 in. culls, \$16.50; flooring, siding and ceiling, 4, 5 and 6 in., first white pine, \$36; do., second white pine, \$32; do., third white pine, \$25; do. 5 and 6 in. first and second red pine, \$27.50; do., 4 in. first and second red pine, \$26; do., 5 and 6 in. third red pine, \$22.50; do., 4 in. third red pine, \$21.50; do. 5 and 6 in. fourth red and white pine, \$19.50; do., 4 in. fourth red and white pine, \$17.50; do., 4, 5 and 6 in. culls, \$15.50. \$2 per M less for 8 feet and under. \$1 per M advance for dressing two sides. 1½ and 1½ in. flooring, \$1 per M advance over 1 in. Bevel siding, No. 1, 4x6 in., \$21.50; bevel siding, No. 2, 4x6 in., \$18.50.

**FINISHING**—¼, 1½ and 2 in. first, second and third clear white pine, \$45.50; do., select white pine, \$35.50; do., above \$39.50. \$5 per M advance on 2½ in. and thicker. 1½, 1½ and 2 in. clear red pine, \$31.50; do., selected red pine, \$27; 1 in. first and second clear white pine, \$38; do., C. select white pine, \$30.50; do. C. select white pine, \$25.50; No. 1 stock white pine, 12 in., \$45.00; do., 8 and 10 in., \$40; No. 2 stock white pine, 12 in., \$37.00; 8 and 10 in. \$35; No. 3 white and red pine, 12 in., \$30; do., 8 and 10 in. \$28; 1 in. clear red pine, \$31.50; do. select, \$26.50. Selected widths, \$1 per M extra.

**MOULDING**—Parting strips, per 100 lineal feet, 40¢; window stops, do., 50¢; door stops, do., 75¢ quarter round and Cove, do., 50¢; 4 in. casing, do., \$1.60; 5 in. casing, do., \$2; 6 in. casing, do., \$2.40; 8 in. base, do., \$3.25; 10 in. base, do., \$4. All other mouldings, 50 per cent disc. Int. off universal moulding list. Lath, per M, \$5.50; pine shingles, 6 in. clear butts, per M, \$1.75.

**Winnipeg Prices Paints Oils, Glass, Etc.**

**ALABASTINE**—Cases of 20 packages, \$6.50; Muralo, do., \$6.50.

**BENZINE**—Case, \$3.50.

**DRY COLORS**—White lead, lb. 7½¢ red lead, kegs, 7¢; yellow ochre 10 barrel lots 2½¢, less than barrel lots, 3¢; golden ochre, barrels, 3½¢; less than barrels, 4¢; Venetian red, barrels, 3¢, less than barrels, 3½¢; American vermilion, 15¢; English vermilion, \$1 per lb; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots 2½¢, less than barrels, 3¢; English purple oxides, in casks, 3½¢, less quantities, 4¢ lb.

**GASOLINE**—Stove, per case, \$3.50.

**GLASS**—Single glass, first break, 16 to 25 united inches, \$2.50; 26 to 40, \$2.75 per 50 feet boxes; 40 to 50, \$6; 51 to 60, \$6.50; 61 to 70, \$7 per 100 feet boxes.

**LINSEED OIL**—Raw, gal., 92¢; boiled, gal., 95¢ in barrels, less than barrels, 5¢ gal. extra, with additional charges for cans and cases.

**OILS**—Black oils, 25 to 30¢ gal.; clear machine oil, 30¢; cylinder oil, 32¢@75¢, as to quality; castor oil, 11¢ per lb; tanners' or harness oil, 6¢; neatfoot oil, \$1; steam refined oil, 55¢; pure winter-bleached sperm oil, \$2 gal.

**PREPARED PAINTS**—Pure liquid colors, gal., \$1.30@1.40, as to shade and quality.

**PUTTY**—In bladders, barrel lots, 2½¢ lb; in 100lb kegs, 2½¢; do. less than barrels, 3¢ lb.

**REFINED PETROLEUM**—Silver Star, 20¢; Oleophene, 22¢; Sunlight, 23¢; and Eocene 25½¢ per gallon.

**TURPENTINE**—Pure spirits in barrels, 82¢; less than barrels, 88¢ per gal. An additional charge for packages of small quantities.

**VARNISHES**—No. 1 furniture, per gal., \$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, \$1.70; coach painters' do., \$2@2.25; No. 1 brown shellac, \$2.25; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.

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**New York Wheat.**

New York, July 30.—Wheat, July closed 80c a. Sept. opened 79½c, closed 80¼c a. Wheat, Dec. opened 81, closed 81½c b.

New York, July 31.—Wheat, Sept. opened 80¼c, closed 80½c. Dec. opened at 81½, closed 81¾c b.

New York, Aug. 1.—Wheat, Sept. opened 80½c, closed 80¾c b. Dec. opened 81½, closed 82½c a.

New York, Aug. 2.—Wheat, Sept. opened 80½, closed 79½c b. Dec. opened 82½, closed 81¾c a.

New York, Aug. 3.—Wheat receipts, 110,500 bu.; exports, 222,291 bu.; sales, 3,850,000 bu.; futures, 1,280,000 bu. export. Options opened firm on unexpectedly higher cables. They sold off later owing to bearish home crop news, extension of short accounts and a liberal southwest movement. From this the market finally rallied on a big cash demand. Closed firm at 1-1 a 1-2c. net advance.

New York, Aug. 4.—Sept. wheat closed to-day at 80¼c; Dec., 81¾c.

**Chicago Board of Trade Prices.**

Chicago, July 30.—Wheat, Aug. opened 73½c, closed 74¼c. Sept. opened at 74½c, closed 75¼c. Corn, Sept. opened 38¼, closed 38½c. Oats, Sept. opened 22½, closed 21¾c. Pork, Sept. opened \$11.62, closed \$11.75. Ribs, Sept. closed \$7. Lard, Sept. closed \$6.75.

Chicago, July 31.—Wheat, Aug. opened 74c, closed 74½c. Sept. opened 75c, closed 74½c. Corn, July closed 39c a. Aug. opened 39, closed 38¾c. Sept. opened 38¾c, closed 38½c. Aug. opened 21½, closed 20¾c. Sept. opened 21½, closed 21¾c. Pork, Sept. opened at \$11.85, closed \$12.02. Ribs, Sept. opened \$7, closed \$7.12. Lard, Sept. opened at \$6.80, closed \$6.82. Flax, cash \$1.50. Sept. \$1.35½. Oct. \$1.30½.

Chicago, Aug. 1.—Wheat, Aug. opened 74½, closed 74½c. Sept. opened 75½, closed 75¼c. Corn, Aug. opened 38½, closed 37¾c. Sept. opened 37½, closed 38¼c. Oats, Aug. opened 21, closed 20¾c. Sept. opened 21½, closed 21¼c. Pork, Sept. opened \$12.52, closed \$12.07. Ribs, Sept. opened \$7.15. Lard, Sept. opened \$6.85, closed \$6.90.

Chicago, Aug. 2.—Wheat, Aug. opened 74¾c, closed 75¼c. Sept. opened at 75½, closed 74¾c. Corn, Aug. opened 37½, closed 37½c. Sept. opened 38, closed 37½c. Oct. opened 37, closed 36¾c. Oats, opened 21¼, closed 21¼c. b. Pork, Sept. opened \$12, closed \$12.22. Oct. closed \$12.25. Ribs, Sept. opened \$7.07, closed \$7.17. Oct. opened \$7.07, closed \$6.90. Flax, cash \$1.42; Sept. \$1.35; Oct. \$1.30 b.

Chicago, Aug. 3.—Wheat, Aug. opened 74½, closed 74½c. Sept. opened 75½, closed 75¼c. Corn, Aug. opened 39½, closed 38¾c. Sept. opened 37½, closed 36¾c. Oats, Aug. opened 20½, closed 20½c. b. Sept. opened 21¼, closed \$12.05. Lard, Sept. opened \$6.82, closed \$6.85. Oct. opened \$6.85, closed \$6.90. Flax, cash \$1.42; Sept. \$1.35½ a. Oct. at \$1.29½ a. Aug. \$1.35½ b.

Chicago, Aug. 4.—September wheat opened at 75½c and ranged from 74½ to 75½. Closing prices were:

Wheat—Aug. 74c, Sept. 75c.  
Corn—Aug. 37½c, Sept. 37c.  
Oats—Aug. 20½c, Sept. 21¼c.  
Pork—Aug. \$11.80, Sept. \$11.85.  
Lard—Aug. \$6.80, Sept. \$6.80.  
Ribs—Aug. \$7.07½, Sept. \$7.07½.

A week ago Sept. option closed at 75¼c. A year ago Sept. wheat closed at 69¼c; two years ago at 68¼c; three years ago at 75¼c.

**CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.**

Chicago, Aug. 4.—The market for flax seed closed to-day at \$1.42 for cash, Sept., \$1.32½; Oct., \$1.29.

**MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.**

Minneapolis, Aug. 4.—Wheat closed at 74½c for Sept. and 75½c for Dec. Cash No. 1 hard closed at 76½c and cash No. 1 northern at 74¾c.

**WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.**

Market nominal. Not much business doing. Sellers at 80c, with a few sales early at this price, but market easier at the close.

**DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.**

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

Monday—Sept., 76¼c.  
Tuesday—Sept., 76¼c.  
Wednesday—Sept., 77½c; Dec. 77½c.  
Thursday—Sept., 76½c; Dec., 77c.  
Friday—Sept., 76½c; Dec., 77½c.  
Saturday—Sept., 76½c; Dec., 77½c.  
Cash No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 79½c, and cash No. 1 northern at 77¼c.

A week ago Sept. wheat closed at 76½c. A year ago Sept. wheat closed at 68½c; two years ago at 69c; three years ago at 76c; four years ago at 58½c; five years ago at 66¼c; six years ago at 56¾c.

**Tenders.**

Tenders are wanted for cutting 100 to 200 tons of hay, 12 miles from Winnipeg, address box 242, city.

Bulk and separate tenders will be received, by James Chisholm, architect, Winnipeg, up to 6 p.m., Aug. 11, for the erection of a brick Presbyterian church at Edmonton, Alta.

Tenders will be received by George Browne, architect, until 10 a. m., Monday next, 6th August, for the several works required in the erection and completion of a stone and brick business block, corner Main street and Graham avenue, Winnipeg.

Separate tenders will be received by Geo. Browne, architect, Winnipeg, until 3 p. m., Friday, 10th inst., for plumbers' and steam heaters' work, required in the erection and completion of a four story building for the Y. M. C. A., Portage avenue, Winnipeg.

Separate tenders for each class of work necessary for the erection of an office for the Winnipeg public school board, addressed to Stewart Mulvey, and marked "Tender for offices," will be received at the board office, city hall up to 6 o'clock p. m., Thursday, Aug. 9th.

Tenders addressed to the chairman of the committee on works, Winnipeg, for the supply of 200 cords of tamarac or Jack-pine firewood, to be delivered to the city quarry and asphalt plant, will be received at the office of the undersigned up to 8.30 p. m. on Wednesday, Aug. 8.

Tenders addressed to P. G. Keyes, Ottawa, to be opened on the 3rd of day of September, 1900 will be received until noon on Monday, the 3rd of September, next, for a permit to cut timber on berth No. 904, comprising section 11, township 18, range 17 west of the first meridian in the province of Manitoba, containing an area of one square mile more or less.

**Scientific Miscellany.**

The "combined developer and fixer" of Messrs. J. E. Thornton and C. F. S. Rockwell, English photographic chemists, consists of some such mixture as 15 grains of anhydrous sulphate of soda, 9 grains of caustic soda, and 20 grains of anhydrous hypo, which are ground and used with 9 grains of kaolin. The whole is made into a strong solution with sugar of dextrine, and the sensitive plate is coated on the back with this, a covering of paper or soluble gelatine being then attached to protect the chemical coating. On placing the plate in water, the chemicals quickly dissolve, when the covering can be removed and thrown away, development and fixing being effected by the solution.

Photographic printing paper is similarly prepared, a coating of waterproof varnish being applied to the back before the developing and fixing agent.

The spot in the Roman Campagna where Drs. J. Sambon and G. C. Low are to remain until October, is described as the ideal home both of malaria and of the species of mosquito supposed to carry the infection. It is on the edge of an undrained swamp two miles from Ostia, at the side of a canal, filled with water plants, and within a stone's throw of a pine forest. The investigators expect to pass the daytime in experiments and among the few fever stricken people inhabiting the district. Just before sunset they seal themselves up in their hut until sunrise, and hope thus to avoid mosquito bites and pass the season in health.

Phototherapy, or treatment of lupus and other skin diseases by the chemical rays of sunlight or the electric arc, is now given a special department at the London hospital. Expensive apparatus has been presented by the Princess of Wales, and nurses have been specially trained.

The latest bit of newspaper enterprise in a scientific line is the London Journal's expedition to Patagonia in search of Myiodon, the giant sloth, lately supposed to be extinct.

Gypslite is a new fire-proof material, made of plastic hydraulic lime mixed with coke, sand and asbestos, the mixture being compressed into bricks. In a recent test by British fire commissioners, a partition about 8 by 10 feet in size was built of the bricks, laid in hydraulic mortar, the exposed side being coated with a thin layer of hydraulic clay. The fire was kept up for an hour. The temperature rose to 2650 degrees Fahr., yet the material was unaffected, and the surface of the partition opposite the fire remained so cool that matches held against it would not ignite, even when the temperature was highest.

Antilethylne, the serum used by Drs. Sappeler, Thebault and Broxa for treating drunkenness, is taken from a horse that has had alcohol mixed with its food for a certain time. It is contended that injections of this serum awaken reflex acts that restore man's natural distaste for alcohol. It is claimed that in the treatment of 57 drunkards, 32 were cured and 9 were improved, the failures being attributed to irregularities of treatment or unfavorable conditions. As evidence that the successes were not due to imagination, it is stated that the impressionable patients gave the least favorable results.

The aurora australis, as seen by Artowski on the recent trip of the Belgica, was strikingly similar to the aurora borealis as witnessed by Nordenskjöld about 20 years ago. The phenomenon was observed 62 times, generally between 7 p.m. and 2 a.m., with a maximum intensity between 9 and 10 p.m. Its greatest frequency was not during the months of polar night, and the most brilliant displays were near the equinoxes.

The ordinary full-life term of the mosquito is placed by Mr. W. R. Colledge at three months, specimens having been kept in captivity for 80 or 90 days. When kerosene cannot be conveniently applied to the breeding pools, the introduction of a few minnows will lead to speedy destruction of larvae and pupae.

Certain physiologists are being attracted by the idea that growth depends largely upon diet and exercise. A French writer, M. A. Peres, calls attention to the experiments of Dr. Springer, who, with a simple decoction of cereals, has so influenced the rate of growth of animals and children that he believes he can make giants of them when their organization is favorable. It is recorded that the celebrated Bishop Berkeley, probably through suitable food, deliberately caused an orphan boy to grow to a height of 8 feet 2 inches at 16. Moist food and such drinks as tea and milk tend to increase of stature, while dry and spiced foods, especially alcohol, tend to retard growth. This explains why the people of northern Europe are so much taller than those of the south. Too great size, however, does not appear to be desirable, as this is likely to bring diminished activity, increased liability to disease, and early death.

**TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE,**  
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, August 4.

**Dry goods**—Trade in fall goods is of fair volume, and keeping ahead of last year. The feature of the week is paper maturing to-day. A good many small traders in Ontario are asking for renewals. Manitoba has not yet been heard from.

**Hardware**—Quiet. Prices do not show much change. Bar iron is easier. Spelter is firmer in sympathy with London.

**Groceries**—Less active. Considerable inquiry for car lots of tomatoes for Manitoba. Canned goods and tea are in good demand and the latter is firm. China teas are selling ½ cent higher. Currants are firmer in sympathy with primary markets. Corn is jobbing at \$1.10 to \$1.15, tomatoes at 90 to 95c, peas 75c up. Provisions are very firm on big demand and small stocks. There is talk of advances in smoked meats and pork. Some lines may have to be imported. Shoulders are dearer at 10 cents and rolls higher at 10½ cents.

**TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.**  
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Aug. 4.

Flour is dull. Wheat dull and there is but little export demand. Ontario wheat is unchanged Manitoba is 1c lower. Oats are 1c lower. For new white 2½c is now being asked. Gilt edged dairy butter is scarce and firmer. Best dairy pounds are worth 16½ to 17½c, tubs 16 to 17c, and poorer grades 14 to 15c. Creamery is firmer. Prints now quoted at 20½ to 21c, and packages 19½ to 20½c. Choice fresh gathered eggs are worth 12 to 12½c.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$4.25; Manitoba bakers, \$4.00 for carlots at Toronto. Ontario patent, \$2.95 in barrels west and \$2.75 in buyers' bags. Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, 65 to 69c for red and white west; Ontario spring, 68c east; new wheat, 67c west; No. 1 hard, 57c; Toronto and west 54½c; Midland 50½c, grinding in transit.

Oats—25½ for white east; No. 2 white, 24 to 25½c west; new white oats, 24c asked.

Barley—No. 2, 40c at country points. Millfeed—Shorts, \$14 to \$15 per ton for cars west; bran, \$11.50 to \$12 per ton.

Oatmeal—\$3.10 in bags per barrel, and \$3.20 in wood for carlots, Toronto.

Eggs—Candled, 12 to 12½c per doz. Butter—Choice fresh dairy, in tubs, and pails, 16 to 17c, as to quality; pounds, 16½ to 17½c; second grade, 14 to 15c; creamery prints, 20½ to 21c; packages, 19½ to 20½c.

Cheese—10 to 10½c for June make. Hides—7½c for No. 1 cows; No. 1 heavy steers, 8½c country hides ½c under these prices; sheepskins, \$1.25 to \$1.40; spring lambs, 50c; calfskins, 9c for No. 1, and 8c for No. 2; tallow, 4½ to 4¾c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 16 to 19c; unwashed, 10c.

Beans—\$1.50 to \$1.75 per bushel for choice hand picked.

Dried Apples—5½ to 6c for round lots; evaporated, 6½c to 7c.

Honey—6½ to 7½c per pound.

Foultry—Chickens, 50 to 80c per pair; turkeys, 9 to 11c per pound.

Potatoes—New potatoes, 35 to 40c per bushel.

**TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.**  
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Aug. 1.

Receipts at the semi-weekly market yesterday were 500 cattle, 662 sheep and lambs and 625 hogs.

Export Cattle—Offerings of this class were light, demand seemingly

a trifle brisker and prices steady at \$4.75 to \$4.90 per cwt for choice and \$4.40 to \$4.65 for less desirable stock.

Butchers' Cattle—Demand was weak and prices easier at \$4.35 to \$4.60 per cwt for picked lots, \$4 to \$4.25 per cwt for choice, \$3.50 to \$3.90 per cwt for good, and as low as \$3 per cwt for common stock.

Export Bulls—Demand moderate and prices slightly easier at \$3.75 to \$4.50 per cwt, according to weight and quality.

Stockers and Feeders—Very few offered to a steady demand at unchanged prices.

Sheep—Trade was dull. Export ewes sold at \$3.75 to \$4 per cwt and butchers' sheep at \$2.50 to \$3.50 a head.

Lambs—Fair trade at \$4.50 to \$5 per cwt of \$2.50 to \$3.50 a head.

Hogs—Unchanged at \$6.25 per cwt for selections of 160 to 200 lbs, natural weight, \$5.37½ per cwt for fats and \$5.25 per cwt for lights.

**FRIDAY'S MARKETS.**

Toronto, Aug. 4.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday receipts were 51 carloads, including 800 sheep and lambs and 1,200 hogs.

Cattle offering were mostly of light grade. For heavy choice 4½c to 5c was bid. Two loads of very choice brought \$5.38. Trade in butchers' cattle was broken and firmer prices were paid, ranging from \$4.65 to \$5. Sheep and lambs were dull and unchanged.

**MONTREAL GRAIN & PRODUCE.**  
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, August 4.

Grain and flour are quiet. Oats are ¼c lower. Flour is firm. Feed fairly active and steady. Eggs quiet and steady. Creamery butter is ¼c higher. Shippers anticipate lower prices. Cheese is firm and ¼c to ½c higher. Beans are slow sales. Potatoes a shade weaker at 55c for new. Hides unchanged.

Oats—30 to 30½c afloat. Barley—No. 1 afloat, 52c.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba Strong Bakers, \$4.40 to \$4.65; Manitoba patents, \$5; winter wheat patents, \$3.90 to \$4.25; straight rollers, \$3.85; in bags, \$1.80 to \$1.85.

Millfeed—Bran, \$15 per ton; shorts, \$17, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$3.30 to \$3.40 barrel on track, and \$1.57½ to \$1.67½ per sack.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides 5c; No. 2, 7c; No. 3, 6c; calfskins, No. 1, 9c; No. 2, 7c; lambskins, 30c; sheepskins, \$1.10 each; tallow, 4 to 4½c.

Eggs—Strictly fresh, 13 to 15c for selected, and 11 to 11½ for seconds.

Butter—Choice creamery, 20½c to 21c per pound.

Butter—Choice fresh dairy 15½ to 17c per lb.

Cheese—Western 10c.

Maple syrup—Western, 55c per large tin and 75c per wine gallon tin or 6½ to 7½c per lb.; pure sugar, 9½c to 10c per pound.

Honey—White clover in comb 14 to 15c per pound; white extracted in large tins, 9 to 9½c.

Beans—\$1.50 to \$1.65 per bushel, as to quality.

Potatoes—Car lots, old on track, 30c per bag, new potatoes 5½c per bag.

**MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.**  
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, July 31.

Receipts of live stock at the East End abattoir market yesterday were 700 cattle and 500 sheep and lambs.

The over-supply of cattle together with the unfavorable weather, caused a dull market, and a drop of one-quarter of a cent per lb. in the prices. A large number of cattle were held over for a future market. Prime grass fed steers sold at 4½c per lb.; good stock at 3¾c to 4½c, and the commoner cows and young stock 2¾c to 3½c, and inferior 2½c per lb. Shippers paid 3¾c per lb. for good large sheep, and the butchers paid 3c to 3½c per lb. for the others. Lambs sold at from \$2.75 to \$4.50 each. Fat hogs sold at 5c to 5½c per lb., the latter price being paid for a lot, three-quarters select, weighed off the car.

**THURSDAY'S MARKET.**

Montreal, Aug. 3.

At the East End abattoir yesterday cattle receipts were 550 cattle and 500 sheep and lambs.

Prime cattle were scarce and in good demand at firmer prices. Inferior grass fed stock weak and difficult to sell. Monday's prices prevailed.

**LONDON SUGAR MARKET.**

Special to The Commercial.

London, August 3.

Beet sugar is easier at 11s 9d for August, and 11s 2½d for September.

**LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.**

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, August 3.

Cattle higher at 11½ to 12½c dressed. Sheep, steady, 11 to 13c.

**LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.**

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Aug. 3.

Cheese is quoted at 47s to 47s 6d.

**BROCKVILLE CHEESE MARKET.**

Special to The Commercial.

Brockville, August 2.

The market for cheese to-day was 7-16c higher at 10c per pound.

**CAMPBELL CHEESE MARKET.**

Special to The Commercial.

Campbellford, July 31.—At the cheese board held here to-day 1,845 were boarded. McGrath bought 450 at 9 11-16c; Cook 530 at 9½c, Watkins 600 at 9½c, Ayer 300 at 9½c. Balance unsold.

The building of the north and south railway from Sand Creek, on the Crow's Nest line, to Golden, on the main line, of the C. P. R., is to go ahead apace. C. F. Harrington, C. E., has just concluded the survey for the Canadian Pacific.

The organization of the W. W. Ogilvie Milling Co., has been perfected by the election of the following officers: Alders E. Ogilvie, the eldest son, was elected president; Archibald MacNider, chief inspector of the Bank of Montreal, vice-president; F. W. Thompson, of Winnipeg, general manager; and S. A. McMurty, Montreal, treasurer. All the Ogilvie milling enterprises, including the two Winnipeg and the eastern mills, will be combined under the one management.

"Let 'em get on," said Farmer Cornstossel, as he returned the comic paper he had just read to the news stand.

"Let who go on?" asked his wife.

"Those folks that represents the farmer as an innocent feller that buys gold bricks an' don't know anythin' about nothin'. Let 'em spread about such impressions as giner'ly as possible. Them's what throws the city folks off their guard an' enables us to everlastingly smite 'em when they come around dickerin' fer summer board or country real estate."—Washingt'n Star.



WINNIPEG PRICES CURRENT

GROCERIES

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

Table of grocery items including Canned Goods, Imported Fresh Herring, Canned Meats, Coffee, Cereals, Cigarettes, Cured Fish, and Dried Fruits.

Dried Fruits

Table of dried fruit items including Raisins, Loose Muscatels, California Evaporated Fruits, Nuts, Syrup, Molasses, Sugar, and various Spices.

Tobacco

Table of tobacco products including T. & B. Cigs, Lilly, S.S. Cigs, T. & B. Black Chewing, and various Smoking and Chewing products.

DRUGS

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

Table of drug items including Alum, Bleaching Powder, Borax, Bromide Potash, Camphor, Castor Oil, Citric Acid, and various other medicinal products.

LEATHER

Table of leather goods including Harness, Union Oak, Russet collar leather, and various types of sheepskins.

CURED MEATS, ETC.

Table of cured meats and other food products including Lard, Ham, Smoked Meats, and Dry Salt Meats.

FUEL

Table of fuel items including Coal, Canadian anthracite, and Cordwood.