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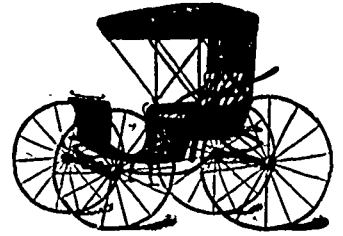
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WINNIPEG, AUGUST 2, 1897.

## UNITED STATES TARIFF.

The new U. S. tariff bill, as finally passed, resulted in restoring a number of the controverted clauses as they were in the bill when it first came from the house. The senate amendments were in several cases stricken out entirely or re-arranged on a compromise basis. Sugars are finally fixed as follows:

Sugars not above No. 16 Dutch standard, in color, tank bottoms, syrups and cane juice, melada, concentrated molasses, concrete and concentrated molasses, testing by the polariscope not above seventy-five degrees, shall be taxed ninety-five one-hundredths of 1 cent per pound, and for every additional degree shown by the polariscope test thirty-five one-thousandths of 1 cent per pound additional, and fractions of a degree in proportion; and on sugar above No. 16 Dutch standard in color, and on all sugar which has gone through a process of refining, there shall be paid a duty of 1 cent and ninety-five one-hundredths of 1 cent per pound; on molasses testing above forty degrees and not above fifty-six degrees, 3 cents per gallon; testing fifty-six degrees and above, 6 cents per gallon, and sugar drainings and sugar sweetenings shall be subject to duty as molasses or sugar, as the case may be, according to polariscope test. On maple sugar and syrup the house rate of 4 cents per pound is maintained, and on sugar cane the house rate of 20 per cent ad val-

orem. Sugar candy and all confectionery not specially provided for, valued at 15 cents per pound or less, and sugars after being refined, when tintured, colored, or in any way adulterated, will pay a duty of 4 cents per pound and 15 per cent. ad valorem, and when valued at more than 15 cents per pound a duty of 50 per cent ad valorem. The weight and value of the immediate coverings other than the outer package, case or other covering are to be included in the dutiable weight and value of the merchandise.

The rate on stemmed tobacco is \$1.85 per pound. Unspecified tobacco is dutiable at 55 cents per pound, snuff at the same rate, and imported cigars, cigarettes and cheroots at \$4.50 per pound and 25 per cent. ad valorem. The rate on hides is fixed at 15 per cent. ad valorem, which is a reduction of 5 per cent. from the Senate rate. It is provided that upon all leather exported made from imported hides there shall be allowed a drawback equal to the amount of duty paid on such hides, to be paid under regulations to be presented by the secretary of the treasury. Skins of sheep or goat origin, dressed with the grain on, are placed on the free list.

The duty on lumber is restored to the house rate of \$2 and the following clause is added:

"If any country or dependency shall impose an export duty upon sawlogs, round unmanufactured timber, stave bolts, shingle bolts or headed bolts, imported in the United States, or a discriminating charge upon boom sticks or chains used by American citizens in towing logs, the amount of such export duty, tax or other charge, as the case may be, shall be added as an additional duty to the duties imposed on articles mentioned in this paragraph when imported from such country or dependency."

This clause is directly aimed at Canada, of course, to prevent our placing an export duty on logs.

Raw cotton, which the senate made dutiable at 20 per cent., has been restored to the free list. Bituminous coal is fixed at 67 cents per ton duty.

Wools of the first class, including Merino and Merino crosses and down clothing wools are fixed at 11 cents per pound. On wools of the second class, including Leicester, Costwold and other long wool, such as are generally produced in Canada, the duty is 12 cents per pound. This rate also covers the longer varieties of down wools, which would be classed as combing. On washed wool the duty is fixed at double these rates.

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valued at over that amount. Sheep, \$1.50 per head, lambs, under one year, 75 cents per head.

The grain schedule includes barley at 30 cents per bushel, oats 15 cents per bushel, wheat 25 cents per bushel, flour 25 per cent ad valorem.

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In regard to the accommodation of the large number of visitors who were in Winnipeg during exhibition week, Capt. Douglas, of the Leland, said to a representative of The Commercial, that the hotels of the city had done their best to provide comfortable quarters for the visitors. At the same time he pointed out that it was unreasonable to expect the hotels to conveniently handle the great crush of people who come to the city to attend the exhibition. It would not pay to establish hotels for one week's business during a year. Such an idea would be absurd. Winnipeg, the captain stated, is remarkably well supplied in the matter of hotel accommodation, for a city of its size. This is a fact which is generally admitted by the public.

Another matter which Captain Douglas drew attention to is the fact that Winnipeg caterers have always abstained from endeavoring to take any advantage of the necessities of the public on such occasions. In most cities it is the custom to advance hotel rates during a time of public festivities. In Winnipeg this custom has never been followed, and no matter how great the crush might be, the hotels have always held to their regular rates. Winnipeg has gained a good reputation in this respect, and it is a benefit to the city, as it encourages visitors to come here, knowing as they do that they will not be mulcted double hotel rates on occasions of public celebrations or other attractions which are likely to draw large numbers of visitors to the city.

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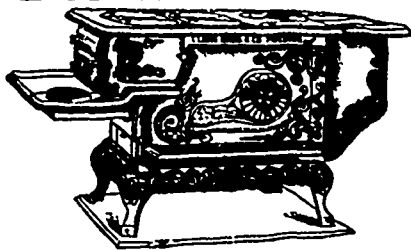
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**The Bank Statements.**

The statements of the chartered banks for the month of June show a steady amount of progress in the general business situation that is reassuring. Circulation has increased \$545,000 during the month, due more to the better prices being paid for agricultural produce than to any increase in the movement to the seaboard. Indeed farmers in Manitoba are disposed to hold firmly on to their grain, and offers of 63 cents from dealers have not tempted them to unload. The movement of fruit, moreover, has been unexpectedly large, more especially in the small varieties, and this has helped to swell the volume of circulation.

Current loans and discounts show a contraction of \$3,222,000 during the month. This is looked upon as having but little significance; since many banks include transactions which are in reality call loans under this caption and hence the totals do not always represent the actual fluctuations in the business situation. There is undoubtedly always a certain contraction during the latter part of June when the summer exodus becomes marked, and this may account for some of the decrease. If the remainder be due to the improvement in collections enabling the withdrawal of some of the mass of accommodation paper now held by the banks it must be welcomed as marking the event of a sounder condition of business. Indeed there are not wanting signs of improvement. The failures are few, and are such as would occur in the most favorable of years, and there is a general feeling that next month will mark the opening of a season of greater business activity.

The money thus set free has been sent to the United States, as is evidenced by the fact that American balances show an increase of \$2,624,000. The long controversy over the tariff is now practically settled, and business men there believe the end is in sight and that commerce will be free from disturbing political influence for a breathing spell at all events. This has stimulated the demand for our spare capital, and has opened a market that bankers have not been slow to avail themselves of.

Another encouraging feature is the increase in the volume of deposits of \$1,428,021; practically all in the category of those payable on demand. This is a legitimate indication of the easier position of Canadian trade, since it represents the current balances of our merchants and corporations. The increase in deposits payable after notice is only \$143,000; a fact which will be welcomed by most bankers. The task of paying even 3 per cent. on so enormous an aggregate sum as 129 1-4 millions of dollars imposes a burden upon the earning powers of the banks, the weight of which in the present cheapness of money all over the world can be readily recognized, and, therefore, any indication that the surplus wealth of the country is once more seeking its usual channels of investment, instead of being left upon bankers' hands, is a proof of returning confidence that is very significant. In fact the whole tenor of the figures is in the direction of greater hopefulness, and it is to be noted that this improvement will prove to be accentuated when the figures of July come to hand.

The following are the principal fluctuations during the month:

	June.	May.
Circulation ...	\$ 32,366,174	\$ 31,820,445
Deposits on demand ...	71,466,457	70,183,545
Deposits after notice ...	120,675,231	120,532,122
Call loans ...	14,808,029	14,250,808
Current loans	208,527,930	211,750,319
American balances ...	21,387,820	18,768,773

—Trade Review.

**GRAIN AND MILLING NEWS.**

In referring to the advance in flour at Montreal, reported by wire in The Commercial last week, the Montreal Gazette of July 22 says. All cable offers submitted to Scotland and London to-day, at an advance of 1s over yesterday's prices were accepted, and the sales involved some large lines.

Argentine millers export bran largely to Germany, but Brazil takes about all the flour they have to export.

It was reported at Montreal recently that the oat crop in Manitoba was a failure. This is a case of having to go away from home to get news. We have not heard of the failure here yet. While the crop does not promise heavy, it is not a failure yet.

The Montreal Gazette of July 23 says: Further sales were made of 3,000 sacks of Manitoba grades on Dundee account at another advance of 6d over what was paid yesterday, making a total rise of 2s 9d in the week.

Mr. Lawrence, of Gretna, who came into Winnipeg on Tuesday last, said he noticed several fields of barley along the road which would be ready to cut, with favorable weather, in about ten days from that time.

**THE LIVE STOCK TRADE.**

Reports from the ranges go to show that cattle are in better condition than they were at this time last year.

H. A. Mullins and Jos. Wilson, too well known live stock dealers of Toronto, who do business as Mullins & Wilson, arrived in Winnipeg last week, and proceeded up the Northwestern railway later. Mullins & Wilson have handled considerable numbers of western cattle in previous years, and they propose taking a hand in the trade again this season. They have a number of range cattle already purchased and will visit other districts to buy cattle for export.

Four carloads of export cattle were shipped from Prince Albert recently by Gordon & Ironsides.

A. McCotaghy, of Neepawa, made a shipment of hogs to Winnipeg recently.

Travis & Beidome, of Minnedosa, made a shipment of cattle and hogs last week.

**FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE NOTES**

President McKinley sent a special message to congress on Saturday afternoon, calling attention to the need of revision of the financial systems. The president says: "Our financial system needs some revision; our money is all good now, but its value must not be further threatened. It should all be put upon an enduring basis, not subject to easy attack nor its stability to doubt or dispute. The several forms of our paper money offer in my judgment a constant embarrassment to the government and imperil a safe balance in the treasury." Before the adjournment of Congress, the Stone currency commission bill was passed.

The Sun Life has purchased the Waddell building, adjoining their head office at Montreal, for \$65,000. It is contemplated at some future date

to erect a fine new building on the property.

The Imperial Life, the new Canadian company, which was formed last year, with an excellent list of directors, is preparing to push business. The capital of \$1,000,000 has been fully subscribed at 25 per cent. premium, and agencies will now be opened throughout the country.

The Merchants' Fire Insurance Co. is the name of a company to be organized under the Ontario Insurance Act, 1897, capital \$500,000. The president is Hon. G. E. Foster, ex-minister of finance. The general manager is L. C. Camp, formerly agent in Canada of the Phoenix Insurance Co., Brooklyn. The head office is to be at Toronto.

The Bank of Montreal will open up a branch at Lethbridge.

**A BIG TORONTO FAILURE.**

Toronto papers give extended reports of the John Eton Co. failure of that city, reference to which is made in telegraphic reports (appearing in The Commercial this week). The company owes over \$50,000 to Canadian creditors; over \$10,000 to British creditors, and about \$2,500 in the United States. These are all ordinary mercantile creditors; but in addition to these, there is about \$10,000 claimed to be owed to relatives, and preferred claims in wages, rent, etc., to over \$1,000. Against this the assets are only placed at \$34,350, of a deficiency of over \$100,000. The bank of Toronto has a claim of \$207,000 against the estate, which is covered by the insurance policies held by the bank. The company claims a loss of \$289,233 by the recent fire in their premises.

**THE UNITED STATES TARIFF.**

The new United States tariff was signed by the president on Saturday afternoon, July 24, and is now law and in full force. The treasury department has ruled that the new tariff went into effect after midnight on Friday, July 23rd.



**TENDERS**

Sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tenders for Edmonton Work," will be received until Friday, the 6th of August, inclusively, for the construction of three piers and two abutments for a bridge, according to plans and specifications to be seen at the office of Mr. D. Smith, Clerk of Works, Winnipeg; at the Public Works Office, Post Office, Montreal, and at the Department of Public Works, Ottawa, on and after Thursday, 22nd July.

Tenders will not be considered unless made on the form supplied and signed with the actual signatures of tenderers.

An accepted bank cheque, payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, for two thousand dollars (\$2,000), must accompany each tender. This cheque will be forfeited if the party decline the contract or fail to complete the work contracted for, and will be returned in case of non-acceptance of tender.

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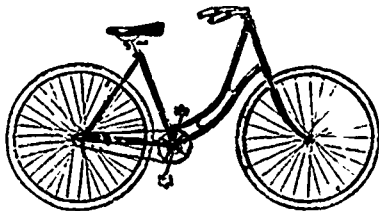
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### Alberta Creameries.

C. Marker, manager of the Alberta creameries under government control, arrived on Monday's train on a tour of inspection. Mr. Marker reports the creameries all running satisfactorily and turning out a first class quality of butter. Two shipments of 5,000 pounds each have been made to the government cold storage warehouse at Revelstoke, B. C., from where it will be shipped to consuming points in that province. It is expected that the season's butter will be worth about 20c a pound at the factories, netting the patrons about 16c a pound. Of course the figure cannot be stated accurately until the season's make has been sold. Butter and eggs for private parties will be stored at either Calgary or Revelstoke in the government creameries. For butter the charge at both warehouses is 10c per 100 pounds per month or less, and for eggs 5c a case or 15c a barrel per month or less. Butter made at the several creameries is held in the cold storage compartments constructed in connection with the fortnightly trip of the refrigerator car. The cold storage compartments connected with the several creameries are kept at a temperature from 34 to 38 degrees in which temperature butter will keep without beginning to spoil for several weeks.

The Calgary creamery began operations in the latter part of May. The Springbank separating station began operations in connection early in June and on the 12th inst. the Dewdney creamery was added as a second separating station. This creamery which has been run during two seasons was started this spring as an independent enterprise, but the recent high water washed away the flume which supplied power and the proprietor applied to have the plant operated as a separating station in connection with the Calgary creamery which was done.

Besides being used for the eggs and butter going from Alberta to British Columbia the Calgary cold storage will be used for the safe keeping of British Columbia fruit being sent east for the Territorial trade.

The Rosebud creamery at Olds is being operated as a private enterprise on the cream gathering plan and is turning out about 700 to 800 pounds of butter per week. Last month the proprietor paid the patrons 12c a pound cash in full for their butter, and hauled the cream, while the government creameries do not haul the cream, or if they do the cost is deducted from the patron's return.

The Innisfall creamery is under the management of John R. Moore. There are separating stations in connection at Bowden, Kneehill Valley and Penhold, the latter just started, and cream receiving stations at Little Red Deer and Lacombe. The weekly output is about 2,200 pounds with good prospects of a considerable increase this season.

At Timinstoll, an Icelandic settlement west of Innisfall and on the west bank of the Red Deer, a co-operative cheese factory is being handled by the people, independent of government control or supervision. Last year this settlement had a cream separating station in connection with the Innisfall creamery, but this year, notwithstanding the possibility of securing government aid, they decided to strike out for themselves, and it is all are quite successful.

Near Bowden a private company of farmers operate the White Swan creamery on the co-operative plan, in-

dependent of government assistance or control, and are quite successful.

Red Deer creamery began operations for the season on May 31st, under the management of Samuel Flack, and is now turning out about 600 pounds of butter a week, chiefly from gathered cream. There is a separating station in connection with this creamery at Swan Lake which handles about 1,200 pounds of milk a week.

The Wetaskiwin creamery is the only entirely new building and plant being operated in Alberta, all the rest having been in operation during one or more preceding years. As the building was erected according to government plans it is very complete and convenient. John Kincaid is manager.

Edmonton creamery began operations about June 15th under the management of Geo. R. Taylor. Most of the cream supplied direct to the factory is gathered, not separated. There are three separating stations in connection, at Poplar Lake, Sturgeon and Beaver Hills. Butter made during June was 4,508 pounds, of which 1,659 pounds was made from gathered and 2,849 pounds from separated cream. During June 28.3 pounds of separated milk was required to make a pound of butter. The make of butter last week was 1,803 pounds and this is expected to increase.

The five Alberta creameries under government control are turning out 31-2 tons of butter per week for which the patrons will, from present appearances, probably receive about 15c a pound cash, or between \$1,000 and \$1,200 a week for at least three months from June 15th to Sept. 15th. The fact that creameries under private control are being run at no great distance from the government establishments shows that private enterprise is not being smothered by the action of the government. Indeed there is very little doubt that the opening up of markets by the government, and the establishment of a reputation for Alberta butter, as well as the cold storage facilities provided, will help rather than hinder private enterprise, which is really the ultimate object of the government in taking hold of the matter.

In working out the government scheme the same difficulty is found as was met by the pioneers in the co-operative system, namely the settlement makes the cost of hauling milk to the separator so great as to take very much from the other advantages of the creamery. The only way out of this difficulty is the general use of individual separators, whereby the hauling of the milk would be altogether avoided and the calves would get the skimmed milk in much better condition than when it is hauled from a separating station. Arrangements are made with the patrons whereby their order in favor of the dealer in separators will be honored by the government in payments made for milk. In this way farmers who have any considerable number of cows can supply themselves with separators. When only the cream has to be gathered the bulk is so small and the gathering so comparatively infrequent that the expense is reduced to a very low figure. There is no doubt that when the farmers see that the returns are sure and satisfactory, ways and means will be devised to reduce the cost and increase the convenience, which again will no doubt cause the dairy industry to assume a leading place in the agriculture of Northern Alberta.—Edmonton Bulletin.

### OPINION ON WHEAT.

Chas. E. Lewis & Co., brokers, Minneapolis, write as follows on July 26: We have had a very strong market all week, and although there has been a slight recession from the highest price on taking of profits by the outsiders, yet it is very noticeable that none of the large lines of wheat that are known to be held by strong people have been for sale, and this fact has made the shorts very nervous. They run quickly, whenever there is more than the usual demand for wheat, resulting in sharp upturns and quick reactions and advances. The undertone of the market is very strong, cables continue to advance, and what is better still, they bring buying orders for wheat and flour. Receipts of wheat are light in the northwest, while at winter wheat points they continue to be below those of a year ago. Crop reports this week have been rather unfavorable in many sections owing to the continued heavy rains, and considerable damage is feared from this cause, and from rust. Especially is this true of the Red River valley and the weather in that section will have to be more favorable from now on or there will be a considerable falling off from the present prospects. Foreign news has been decidedly bullish in tone. Threshing returns from France are reported as being very unsatisfactory. The Hungarian crop is estimated to be 27 per cent. less than that of last year, while yesterday's telegrams say that the Russian crop is officially estimated to be 224,000,000 bushels less than last year's. These are very bullish items, and if fully verified will result in another sharp advance in prices here. We feel that wheat is a purchase on every reaction, and believe that higher prices are sure to follow these little slumps that take place from time to time.

### LOW RATES FOR MONEY.

The continued fall in the rates for money is a problem that is facing both bankers and investment companies alike. Bonds of first class character bring only a small rate of interest as compared with only a few years ago, and the tendency appears to be to a still further decline. We hear of the manager of an English Insurance Co. who has recently paid a visit to Montreal, not for insurance purposes, but to invest money held by his Company. And he was so anxious to secure some investment that he took up a large loan that had been refused by a local company because of the low rate of interest. Even among local companies there is competition, for one manager, hearing that a friendly rival had a loan of \$300,000 under offer at 33-4 per cent., went and offered to take the loan at 31-2 per cent. When good, solid companies go round cutting prices on loans like this, it shows the position of the market to be a very peculiar one.—Commercial Gazette.

### U. S. WHEAT CROPS.

The past week has for the most part been a favorable one for agricultural interests. Harvesting operations have become far advanced in the winter grain regions, and the grain has mostly been secured in good order. Threshing has progressed actively, and wheat has been sold with a fair degree of freedom, but the lateness of the harvest and the calls of nearby milling concerns have prevented anything like liberal quantities getting into the commercial channels, these mills absorbing the bulk of current offerings.—Cincinnati Price Current, July 22.



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### Alien Labor Law.

Following is the official text of the Canadian alien labor law, assented to June 29, 1897, denominated "An act to restrict the importation and employment of aliens."

Her Majesty, by, and with the advice and consent of the senate and house of commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. From and after the passing of this act it shall be unlawful for any person, company, partnership or corporation, in any manner, to prepay the transportation, or in any way to assist or encourage the importation or immigration of any alien or foreigner into Canada, under contract or agreement, parole or special, express or implied, made previous to the importation or immigration of such alien or foreigner, to perform labor or service of any kind in Canada.

2. All contracts or agreements, express or implied, parole or special, hereafter made by and between any person, company, partnership, or corporation, and any alien or foreigner, to perform labor or service, or having reference to the performance of labor or service by any person in Canada, previous to the immigration or importation of the person whose labor or service is contracted for in Canada, shall be void and of no effect.

#### THE PENALTIES.

3. For every violation of any of the provisions of section 1 of this act, the person, partnership, company or corporation violating it knowingly, assisting, encouraging or soliciting the immigration or importation of any alien or foreigner into Canada, to perform labor or service of any kind under contract or agreement, express or implied, parole or special, with such alien or foreigner previous to his becoming a resident in or a citizen of Canada shall forfeit and pay the sum of \$1,000, which may be used for and recovered by Her Majesty's attorney-general of Canada, or the person duly authorized thereto by him, as debts of the account are now recovered in any competent court in Canada, the proceeds to be paid into the hands of the receiver-general; and separate suits may be brought for each alien or foreigner who is a party to such contract or agreement.

4. The master of any vessel who knowingly brings into Canada on such vessel, and lands or permits to be landed from any foreign port or place, any alien, laborer, mechanic or artisan, who, previous to embarkation on such vessel, had entered into contract or agreement, parole, or special, express or implied, to perform labor or service in Canada, shall be deemed guilty of an indictable offence, and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 for each alien, laborer, mechanic, or artisan so brought or landed, and may also be imprisoned for a term not exceeding six months.

#### VISITORS ALL WELCOME.

5. Nothing in this act shall be construed as to prevent any citizen or subject of any foreign country, temporarily residing in Canada, either in private or official capacity, from engaging under contract, or otherwise, persons not residents or citizens of Canada, to act as private secretaries, servants or domestics for such foreigner temporarily residing in Canada; and shall this act be so construed as to prevent any person, partnership, or corporation from engaging under contract or agreement, skilled workmen from foreign countries to perform work in Canada in or upon any new

industry not at present established in Canada, provided that skilled labor for that purpose cannot be otherwise obtained; nor shall the provisions of this act apply to professional actors, artists, lecturers, or singers, or to persons employed strictly as personal or domestic servants; provided that nothing in this act shall be construed as prohibiting any person from assisting any member of his family, or any relative or personal friend, to immigrate from any foreign country to Canada for the purpose of settlement here.

#### TO ENFORCE THE ACT.

6. The attorney-general of Canada, in case he shall be satisfied that an immigrant has been allowed to land in Canada contrary to the prohibition of this act, may cause such immigrant, within the period of one year after landing or entry, to be taken into custody and returned to the country whence he came, at the expense of the owner of the importing vessel, or, if he entered from an adjoining country, at the expense of the person previously contracting for the services.

The receiver-general may pay to any informer who furnishes original information that the law has been violated such a share of the penalties recovered as he may deem reasonable and just, not exceeding 50 per cent., where it appears that the recovery was made in consequence of the information thus furnished.

8. No proceedings under this act, or prosecutions for violation thereof shall be instituted without the consent of the attorney-general of Canada, or some person duly authorized by him.

9. This act shall apply only to such foreign countries as have enacted and retain in force, laws or ordinances applying to Canada of a character similar to this act.

#### Freight Rates.

The joint transportation committee of the Dominion, Sheep and Swine Breeders association, has arranged with the Canadian Pacific railway and the Grand Trunk railway to carry pure-bred cattle, sheep and swine in car loads, from any point in Ontario and Quebec west of Montreal, at the rate charged on settlers' effects. The charge for a carload of pure-bred stock from any point in Ontario to any point in Manitoba and westward is published in the pamphlet known as Freight Tariff No. 45, Canadian Pacific railway special through westbound tariff on settlers' effects. The rate for a carload of 20,000 pounds from any point in Ontario or Quebec, west of Montreal, to Winnipeg, is \$72 per car load; to Regina, \$90; to Calgary, \$114. The rates hitherto in force for a similar car load have been: To Winnipeg, \$130; to Regina, \$164; to Calgary, \$202. These latter rates are now charged for animals not recorded, or registered as pure-bred. One man will be passed free with each car. Parties who wish to ship single animals from any point in Ontario to Manitoba and the west, may do so at carload rates by corresponding with the secretary of the associations, and as soon as enough animals to fill a car are offered, the car will be forwarded in charge of a suitable attendant.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: Shippers are beginning to look ahead for freight accommodation for grain, and quite a lot of space has been secured for Bristol at 2s 3d August, and 2s 6d for September, while 2s 9d is asked for October. Liverpool space

has been let at 2s spot, 2s 3d August, with 2s 6d asked for September and October. London rates are quoted at 2s 3d August, and 2s 6d September, and Glasgow 1s 9d to 2s August, and 2s 3d September. The 3d to 6d per quarter advance, reported last week as being asked, has therefore been secured. There is a good demand for space for sack flour for London, and engagements have been made at 10s to 12s. To Liverpool, business has transpired at 8s 9d to 10s, and to Glasgow and Bristol at 9s to 12s 6d. Provision freights are firm at 10s Liverpool, 12s 6d London, and 15s to 17s 6d Glasgow and Bristol. Engagements are reported of cheese at 20s Liverpool and London and 25s Glasgow and Bristol; 10s extra for refrigerator accommodation. Butter freights are 25s Liverpool and London, 30s Glasgow and 25s Bristol; 10s extra for refrigerator accommodation. Cattle freights firm at 45s to 50s to Liverpool. To London the rate is 40s, to Bristol 45s and to Glasgow 47s 6d. Eggs 15s measurement to Liverpool and Glasgow.

On Wednesday the new Canadian Pacific railway tariff from Winnipeg to Kootenay points went into effect, making considerable reductions in rates. A new tariff from Pacific coast points to the Kootenay also went into effect the same day.

#### VISIBLE SUPPLY.

New York, July 26.—The visible supply of grain in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, at the dates mentioned below and the changes for the week were as follows: July 26, 1897, 16,031,000 bushels wheat; 16,179,000 bushels corn; 6,051,000 bushels wheat, increase 707,000 bushels wheat; 1,049,000 bushels corn; decrease 372,000 bushels oats.

July 26, 1896, 47,142,000 bushels wheat; 8,810,000 bushels corn; 6,537,000 bushels oats.

July 26, 1895, 39,229,000 bushels wheat; 5,207,000 bushels corn; 4,887,000 bushels oats.

There was an increase in the visible supply of wheat from the corresponding week of last year of 299,000, an increase of corn of 144,000 and a decrease of 574,000 bushels of oats.

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada and the amount of wheat and flour now in transit to Europe is equivalent to 28,191,000 against 67,302,000 one year ago, and of corn 21,899,000, against 19,150,000.

#### EXPORTING DRESSED MEATS.

The Liverpool Daily Post, in a lengthy editorial article, refers to the arrival there of the first shipment of Canadian dressed beef, per steamer Labrador. The article deals mainly with the success which Canada has attained as an exporter of dairy goods, and the prediction is made that the dressed meat trade will prosper in like proportion. The Liverpool paper pays high compliment to Prof. Robertson, Dominion dairy commissioner, who has been instrumental in inducing the undertaking of the dressed meat trade.

The Red river has risen considerably as a result of the heavy rains of week before last. The rains appear to have been heavier in the Red River valley in Minnesota and North Dakota than in Manitoba, and considerable damage was done to the crops, while railway traffic was also delayed.

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### English Banking.

In an article under this heading, the Financial News says up to the time of the establishment of the Bank of England, which was founded in 1694, all banking was conducted by private enterprise, and in a very different manner from what it is nowadays. Originally, each merchant, manufacturer, capitalist, etc., was his own banker. As the precious metals increased and individual holdings accumulated it became necessary to provide safer methods of protection.

This resulted in co-operative action, which eventually brought about the system known as private banking.

In course of time banking became such a convenient adjunct in transacting the enormously increasing volume of business incident to the extension of the British commerce to all parts of the world that it was found necessary to protect it by legislation.

Thus it was a charter was granted the Bank of England in 1694, and renewed in 1742, giving it the privilege of exclusive banking.

At that time the business was so little understood that the issuance of notes was considered so essential that to prohibit their issue was believed to be an effectual bar to banking.

Up to the great panic of 1793, London bankers issued their own notes, and checks were comparatively unknown, but in this year their issue was discontinued and checks were used in their place.

The monopoly held by the Bank of England was so great that in 1750 it was said there were not twelve banks outside of London, and this eventually created so much inconvenience and dissatisfaction in the outside provincial towns that it resulted in the setting up of many tradesmen as private bankers, of which there were some four hundred at the time of the panic of 1793.

Although this panic and a second that followed four weeks after bankrupted many, yet the business had become so popular that they multiplied greatly until, in the year 1814, there were said to be 900.

In this year the issue of paper became so great and the prices of all commodities so highly inflated that it was impossible to sustain them, and the panic that ensued caused the fall of nearly one-half, and upward of \$2,000,000 of their notes disappeared from circulation.

In 1825 another great panic swept over England, and when it became known that in the thirty-three years preceding 1826 (1793 to 1826), at least 1,000 banks had failed the storm of indignation grew, until the Bank of England was obliged to change its course and consent that joint stock banks issuing notes might be formed in the provincial towns at a greater distance than sixty-five miles from London. This was the first breach in this great monopoly, and in 1832 it was further broken by the decision of the officers of the Crown that it was legal to establish joint stock banks in London which did not issue notes.

In 1837 the English banking system consisted of the Bank of England, several hundred private banks and about eighty small joint stock banks in the provinces and two small ones in London.

From this time on the banking business prospered until the years 1826 to 1840, which period was so critical that it was with difficulty the Bank of England was prevented from failing.

In the last thirty years the London banks have had considerable opposition from the Scottish banks, the National Bank of Scotland being the first to enter and the Bank of Scotland followed soon after.

With all the conservatism that Great Britain is particularly noted for it has taken many years of experience and many terrible financial disasters to build up what is known the world over, as the greatest, strongest and safest banking system on the globe to-day.

### Britain's Merchant Marine.

"In a recent speech," says the New York Sun, "Senator Elkins set forth with much thoroughness the various elements which combine to perpetuate England's mercantile power on the seas.

"First comes her enormous tonnage, which far exceeds that of all other nations together. This is supported by the British Lloyd system of surveys and classifications, discriminating in favor of British built vessels. That system in turn leads to discriminations by the insurance underwriters, favoring English ships. Then come mail subsidies, amounting to about \$4,000,000 a year, on which Great Britain is willing to suffer a seeming loss of about \$2,500,000 annually; while subsidies to steamships as auxiliary cruisers add about \$250,000 a year.

"Again, she mans her ships more cheaply than we man ours, according to Mr. Elkins, employing fewer men to the ship and giving lower wages. Her ships are surer of cargoes, having markets everywhere. While the tax rate and insurance are low, the income from ship ownership is high, compared with the current rates of interest on money. The ships' supplies are 'taken from goods in bond, or duty free.' In repairs, the ships have an unequaled dock equipment, with low rents for the docks and a low cost of labor.

"Other advantages which Great Britain holds are those of national pride and interest in marine affairs, giving the government a free hand in shipping matters; the possession of the beaten track of commerce and an enormous foreign trade covering the world; a banking system greatly accommodating the debtor nations, and tremendous in the capital and surplus of its banking houses; an excellent consular system; a national board of trade, which has full executive power; a very extensive system of submarine and other wires; a system of great colonies all over the world, creating and supplying markets; finally, a powerful navy for the protection of the merchant marine, if needed.

"The wage-earning power of the British merchant marine is put at \$75,000,000 annually, and the freight and passenger earning power at \$500,000,000, while all this gives remunerative employment for supplying coal, iron and steel, and profits in building and repairing ships.

"These points are not enumerated by way of discouragement, but merely as a rational explanation of existing British maritime supremacy. They are hard facts, and it was with a reliance on existing facts that the London Times recently declared, in reviewing the discussions of the proposed revival of American shipping, that 'the Union Jack is not likely to have anything to fear from the Stars and Stripes for a long time to come.'

"But the true lesson is that, with Great Britain thus strongly entrenched in the world's carrying trade, no ordinary measures will restore to us a fair share of it."

### THE FROZEN-MEAT TRADE.

The London Times says: "An important movement is on foot to consolidate interests in the Australasian frozen-meat trade, in order that the supply to the British markets may be judiciously regulated. In 1898 our imports of sheep and lambs from Australasia amounted to about 4,000,000 carcasses, besides 25,000 tons of beef. The prices realized for sheep ranged from 2d to 3s-2 per pound. It is believed that by combination among growers and importers another 1d per pound, or even more, might be obtained. This would represent upwards of £750,000. Proposals have been sent by Mr. T. E. Hooley to the refrigerating companies in the colonies suggesting amalgamation in a new company, with a capital exceeding the aggregate value of the constituent concerns. The new company would be administered from London. It is curious that imported frozen mutton interferes little, if at all, with the sale of home-grown mutton, but it more or less displaces home-grown bacon."

### WOOL IN THE UNITED STATES.

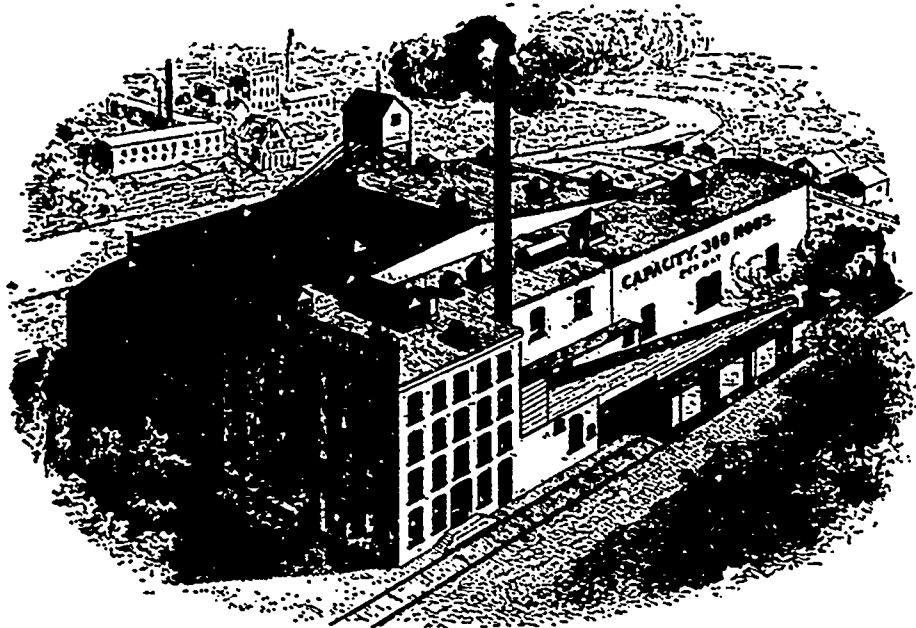
There is still considerable speculative excitement in wool, and values hold firm, with some large lines changing hands. The speculative business is largely confined to Australian grades, and the practical settlement of the tariff is inducing free purchases by manufacturers. The latter have picked up some large lines of territory wools, which are quoted on the scored basis of 3s to 40c., for medium and fine, with staple lots at 40 to 42c. Fleece wools are quiet, but the market is held firmer at 24c. for XX and above and 25c. for No. 1 combings and fine delaines. For one-quarter and three-eighths blood unwashed wools, 20c is quoted for combings. Pulled wools are quiet. The London sale shows a firm tone in the absence of American demand. The sales will close July 27. Carpet wools are firm but quiet.—Bradstreet's.

### JAPANESE COTTON GOODS.

An English exchange says: "Although Japanese cotton goods are generally inferior in quality to those manufactured in Manchester, they are said to be largely superseding English goods in Korea. The British consul at that port states that the imports of these goods dropped from £495,968 in 1895 to £361,664, in 1896, a decrease of £134,304, which arose almost entirely from diminished British imports. The Japanese imports amounted to £126,000, a slight increase over the figures of the preceding year. Four years ago the import from Japan were only £5,000 in value, and from this it is evident that Japanese goods have not only got a foothold in the country, but have come to stay. The reasons given for the preference for Japanese manufactures are their cheapness and the attention which has been paid to the requirements of the Korean market. The 'Jap' is a successful imitator."

The Barnes Cycle company, of Woodstock, has gone into liquidation. The Imperial bank is interested to the extent of \$2,500, but if secured. Assets and liabilities are each just over \$50,000.

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**The Hardware Trade.**

There has been a sharp advance in white lead in England, with a further rise expected, which has a strong influence on Canadian markets. Sasal and manilla cordage has been advanced 1-8c at Montreal.

There is a decidedly easier feeling in turpentine on account of the continued weakness at points of production, which is said to be owing to the breaking of the agreement between producers as to prices.

Glass has advanced at Montreal. The Gazette of that city says: Owing to a sharp advance in prices of four points at producing points of late in all sizes of glass, the tone of the market here has ruled stronger in sympathy, and prices are 5c to 10c per box higher. Stocks here are not large, and as the demand has been exceptionally good this season, the probabilities are that this rise will be sustained. Montreal, first break, \$1.30, second break, \$1.45 per 50 feet, and third break, \$2.90 per 100 feet.

The Montreal Gazette says: Wrought iron pipe is one line of iron material that has exhibited considerable irregularity in value during the present summer. Although, nominally, there was no radical difference in the ruling jobbing price, it is an open secret that each jobber had his own price, and there was considerable difference between them. Makers, also, have indulged in a good deal of cutting to secure orders. At present the market exhibits more steadiness, the labor troubles in the States, owing to their effect on the market there, being largely instrumental in this. Makers here gave an indication of this by withdrawing quotations on pipe, and now the possibility of increased cost has induced a desire to procure supplies. To do so necessitates an advance of at least 5c, for it is learned that buyers who had placed orders for 5,000 feet of 1-4 inch at \$1.60, when they desired to duplicate the order were asked \$1.65.

**The Lumber Trade.**

All the largest sized pine trees have not been cleared from Canadian forests. A pine log recently cut at the foot of Long Lake about 440 miles west of Ottawa, by the St. Anthony Lumber Co., measured 72 inches or 6 feet across the butt, and 66 inches at the smallest diameter of the top end. It would make if sawn into boards for thousands and sixty feet of lumber.

The United States tariff has gone into effect after all with the \$2 duty on white pine. The senate committee cut the duty in two, making it \$1, but at the last moment the duty was restored to \$2 per thousand by the conference committee. Now it will be in order for Canada to consider the advantages of imposing the proposed export duty on logs. If the United States will not take our lumber, they could not get our logs with which to keep their mills running.

The Rainy River Boom Co.'s boom broke recently with upwards of 7,000-8,000 feet of logs, but a jam was formed a short distance below and the logs did not get away. Logs, brush and fuel wood are piled over 20 feet deep. This is owing to the high water on the Rainy river, which is said to be the highest in thirty years. Great damage has been done by the flooding and carrying away of docks along the river.

The Columbian newspaper, of New Westminster, B. C., says the sawmills of the British Columbia Mills, Timber and Trading company, of that place,

are busy cutting lumber for Manitoba and the Territories. Several carloads per day are being sent east from these mills.

**A TORONTO FAILURE.**

Toronto, July 27.—J. W. Lang, the wholesale grocer, on Front street, west, has been missing for several days. A writ out against him remains unserved. A bill of sale of his stock was given by Lang to his accountant a short time ago, and subsequently the accountant gave a chattel mortgage thereon. Up to three weeks ago the credit of the firm was at the top notch. Creditors representing local claims to the amount of \$20,000, met yesterday, but were uncertain what course to take. The firm did a business to the amount of \$100,000.

The Standard bank is interested in the Lang firm to the extent of \$80,000, but it claims the bank is amply secured.

**THE JOHN EATON FAILURE.**

Toronto, July 25.—An element of a decidedly sensational character entered into the affairs of John Eaton & Co., last night, when two members of the Thompson family, who largely controlled the firm, were arrested, and a warrant was issued for the arrest of a third, who was out of town. Those arrested are W. A. and T. C. Thompson, brothers; and the out of town brother is Boyce Thompson, who is at Jackson's Point and will be on hand with his brothers in the police court in the morning.

The charge is defrauding the creditors by improperly disposing of certain stock of the company. It will be remembered that the John Eaton departmental store was burned down a few weeks ago and a few days back the company assigned, when a large deficiency was shown on unsecured liabilities. It is alleged that the Thompson brothers hypothecated between \$7,000 and \$3,000 worth of goods in bond at the time of fire, and divided the proceeds among themselves by a resolution of the company.

The prisoners were arrested at their residences just as they were retiring. The warrants were issued at the instance of Reid, Taylor and Bain, one of the creditors. Bail was procured quickly in \$2,000 each, and securities to the same amount. Thompson brothers are 'the sons of Thomas Thompson, an old and reputable merchant of this city, and as prominent business men themselves the affair has created a sensation among those who came to know of the arrest to-day. The solicitors for the defence, however, state that there can be no possibility of anything criminal on the part of their clients, and that the affair will resolve itself into a criminal action for false arrest.

**LOWEST ON RECORD.**

New York, July 27.—Silver was lower to-day than ever before. Until the decline of recent date the lowest prices were those of March 3 and 5, 1894, at the closing of the Indian mints. The opening quotations to-day were: Bar silver 59 1/2; Mexican dollars 45 7/8, and the closing was 59 1/4 and 45 3/4 respectively. The local dealers can assign no other reason than lack of demand. There being no special orders of silver for any European country for mintage and India not being in the market, they consider the fall natural. Some fears were expressed as to the probable effect of the decline on the currency of Japan, which recently went on a gold basis.

**MANITOBA WHEAT MOVEMENT.**

Receipts of wheat at Fort William for the week ended July 24, aggregated 256,412 bushels, the shipments were 375,056 bushels and the quantity in store was 1,120,486 bushels. For the corresponding week last year receipts were 386,253 bushels and shipments 433,039 bushels. Stocks in store a year ago were 2,533,303 bushels.

**MANITOBA.**

Porter & Co., wholesale crockery, etc., Winnipeg, report that their line of business had a very active week during the exhibition. They were kept constantly busy attending to the wants of numerous out of town patrons who were in the city. In this line it is difficult to carry as full a line of samples as can be shown in the warerooms, and they made a fine display at the warehouse during exhibition week.

The Winnipeg warehouses of the Standard Oil company were burned on Wednesday last. No insurance. Loss about \$10,000. The entire stock of oil held by the company here was destroyed, but supplies have been wired for and will be here by the first of the week.

Turner & Co. have bought the stock and effects of the Winnipeg Music company.

Arthur Young, druggist, Neepawa, who was reported in The Commercial last week as having sold out, has gone to Macleod, Alberta, and will open a new drug business at some point in that district, not yet decided on.

The Portage la Prairie fair opened on Tuesday, and is reported to have been very successful, the number of exhibits and the attendance having been large.

The Commercial recently announced the dissolution of the firm of Paul & McKinnon, coal dealers, Winnipeg. A new partnership has now been formed and the business will hereafter be carried on by Rember Paul and R. R. Taylor, under the style of Paul & Taylor.

**NORTHWEST ONTARIO.**

An excursion will leave Winnipeg on August 7 for Fort Frances and Mino Centre. The latter is a new town which is coming into prominence in the mining region.

Rideout & Davidson, Rat Portage, have opened an undertaking branch in connection with their furniture business.

Howard & Warren, fruit and confectionery, Rat Portage, have dissolved partnership. The business will hereafter be carried on by R. A. Warren.

**WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE**

The following are the returns for week ending July 29th, 1897:

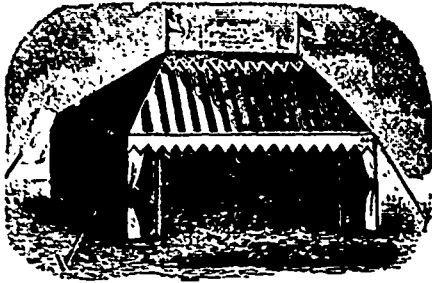
	Cearings	Balances
Total for week ending July 29, 1897	\$ 1,291,836	\$21,406
Total for week ending July 29, 1896	1,077,751	203,306
Total for week ending July 29, 1895	908,717	174,065

**ENLARGED AGAIN.**

The Commercial has been again enlarged. The number of pages are the same, but the columns have been lengthened so as to add considerably to the amount of matter given each week. This is the third permanent enlargement since the fire in The Commercial premises last spring, and further enlargements will be made as fast as the business will warrant it.

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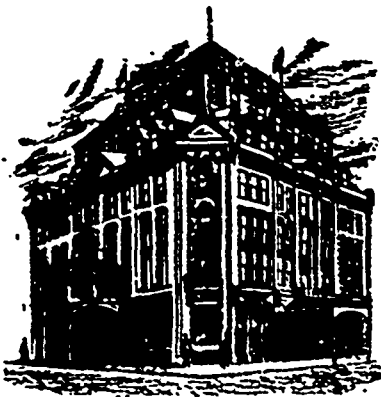
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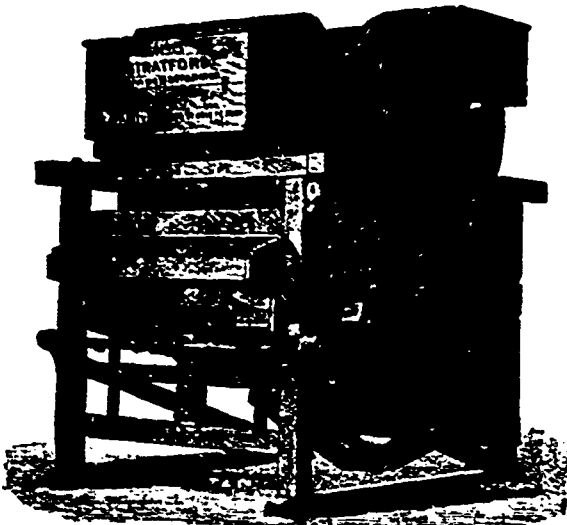
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**British Columbia Business Review.**

Vancouver, July 27.

It is said that word has been received from Ottawa, in Victoria, instructing the customs collector at the British Columbia capital to send out men to the Canadian passes on the Yukon to collect duties from those who are swarming into that country. This is good news to all classes of citizens, for trade that should rightly come to Victoria and Vancouver was being diverted to Seattle. The news had not been in circulation for 24 hours before large orders were placed with Victoria and Vancouver wholesalers by United States' bound parties for the Yukon, principally in drugs, patent medicines and provisions.

There is activity in all lines on the mainland, particularly in Westminster, owing to the fishing season being in full swing. The salmon run is still light in the Fraser, but the Port Robert fishing traps are making big hauls and the fish are being admitted free to British Columbia canneries. So far a fleet of ten vessels have been chartered to carry salmon to England.

There are few changes in the provision market. New hay and grain is not in yet, although small lots of hay have been sold at \$13. Chicsee is coming in freely and has dropped a point. At this writing flour has not been advanced by the jobbers, although milling companies have raised the price 20 cents. Potatoes are dropping in price.

The Klondyke craze is intense on the seaboard. In Vancouver companies are being organized for the purpose of sending qualified men to the Canadian Yukon. In Victoria the same plan is being adopted, while in Nanaimo district every man who is foot free is making for the distant fields, while many that are not foot free are leaving their families almost in a condition where they will be left to provide for themselves.

In the meantime, there is good news from many camps owned on the seaboard. The Fairview camp in the Okanagan is the most talked of. The width of the tunnel in the Tinhorn mine is now over 29 feet and the depth is the depth of the mountain it cuts in two. There is now over 1,500 tons of ore on the dump, every ton of which has been assayed several times on being dumped, and the entire dump was \$55 in iron gold and concentrates. The ore can be traced a mile. A 20-camp mill is being erected. The Windy has two shafts sunk, one 40 feet and another 50 feet. The assay, the highest yet made in the camp at the surface, run \$75 to the ton. Besides the shaft there are some 600 feet of cross-cuts. The ore is of such nature that it can be crushed with hammer and panned. In the Grestock, a tunnel to cross cut two ledges is now in 230 feet. The ledges mentioned run through the Jim Danby, Morning Star, Brown Bear and Bearwinder. Two car loads of machinery have arrived for the Fire Mountain claim, Harrison Lake. A tunnel is being driven in on the strip-lead vein, running down the side of the mountain to get the depth. The best of the tunnel at fifteen feet inch in free gold.

**Grocery Trade Notes.**

The Montreal Gazette says regarding sugar: Locally the market is firm notwithstanding the news from abroad on the raw article, and there are no indications at present for any change one way or the other. The demand for all grades continues good, and refiners state that an active business is being done. Stocks have been reduced considerably of late; in fact supplies of some grades of yellows are low. Granulated is selling at 4c and yellows at 3 1-4c to 3 3-4c, as to quality at the factory.

A representative of a leading New York house states that the tea crop will be fully twenty million pounds smaller this season than it usually is, but at the same time says there will be sufficient for every country, and no scarcity will be experienced.

A Montreal report says: There has been a fair demand for canned salmon during the past week, and further sales, aggregating 1,000 cases have been made at \$3.50 per case for talls and at \$4 for flats, f.o.b. coast. There is a disposition on the part of buyers to place orders more freely, which is probably due to the fact that stocks of old are not so large as usual at this season.

It appears from late advices that the crop of Sultana raisins may not be quite as early as was at one time expected, and some shippers claim that first parcels will not leave Smyrna until the end of August. Much, however, depends on the weather which will prevail there during the next few weeks.

There has been a good amount of business in new crop Japan teas, says the Montreal Trade Bulletin, about 2,200 packages in all having been placed at prices ranging from 16c to 19c.

The California Fruit Grower says: In spot goods the market is weak and the movement light. Prices for new crop, shipment by October 15th, have been made. The prices are purely speculative as no grapes have been sold by growers, and we doubt very much if they will part with their raisins on this low basis. These are no better prices than the poor Spanish farmer receives for his raisins in far-away Valencia where grape growers live on sour bread and worse wine.

According to advices from Malaga the cost of new Jordan shelled almonds for shipment is equivalent to about 32c. The crop is said to be short, but it is too early yet, according to good authority, to say whether this high figure is warranted or not.

A Toronto report says: There is a fair inquiry for teas and prices are steady. Medium Japan teas have arrived here, and are selling at 16c to 20c.

**Live Stock Items.**

At London, on July 26 the trade in cattle was slow, but the market was slightly firmer, and prices made a trilling advance, as compared with last week. Choice States cattle sold at 10 1-2c, choice Canadians at 10c and Argentine at 8 1-2c. Canadian sheep sold at 9 1-2c, and Argentine at 9 3-4c.

At Liverpool, on July 26, the market was firmer for cattle, and prices advanced 1-4c for States steers, Canadians unchanged. Choice States, 10 1-4c; choice Canadians, 10c; sheep, 9 1-2c.

A private cable from London quotes choice Canadian cattle at 10c; medium at 9c to 9 1-2c, and sheep at 9c.

The Montreal Gazette of July 27 says: Rates to Liverpool are quoted at 47s 6d to 50s, with engagements at the outside figure, and London 35s to 40s. At present prices ruling for cattle in British markets the losses that are being met are heavy, and one of the largest exporters to-day stated that the season on the whole so far had been a bad one, as double the amount of money on the same number of cattle shipped last season has been lost. In reference to sheep, the trade of late has also been bad and private cables received to-day from London reported sales that did not average 9c per lb. Mr. Ironside, of Gordon & Ironside, states that there will probably be about 25,000 head of western range cattle to go forward this season, of which the condition are generally poor owing to the excessive rains of late and illness, in consequence they have been going backward in condition instead of improving, as they should do at this season.

At the East End abattoir market, Montreal, on July 26, there was a scarcity of really choice cattle. A few shippers were present and wanted some stock to make up shipments, but there was nothing suitable offered. The attendance of butchers was large, and the demand from them was good. Choice heaves sold at 4c to 4 1-4c, good at 3 1-2c to 3 3-4c, fair at 2 3-4c to 3 1-4c, common at 2 1-4c to 1-2, and inferior at 2c to 2 1-8c per lb., live weight. There was an easier feeling in the market for sheep, and the outside figure shippers would pay was 3c for choice stock.

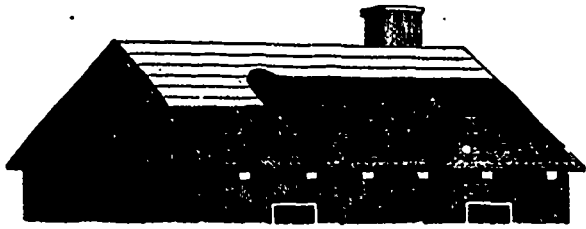
**MINNESOTA CROPS.**

St Paul, July 27.—The official Minnesota crop report for the past week says: The week began with rain generally over the state, followed by cloudy, cool weather. In the northern part of the state the rain was phenomenally heavy, over five inches being reported at several points. All meadows were filled, and crops on low lands were submerged, so that considerable damage must result, as the water has not drained off rapidly. The cool weather after the rains has most likely prevented incalculable damage. On the high-rolling lands the spring wheat has a fine stand with long heads, which are filling well, promising a full crop, but on the low and heavy lands the yield will not be so good, nor of so good a quality. In most of the southern part of the state the spring wheat does not look as well as in the central section, though there are some excellent fields there. Considerable wheat and excellent oats were laid flat by heavy rain, but it is probable that a good deal will rise all right. In the southeastern counties there is much damage done to spring wheat and oats by the chinqu bugs, and there are scattered complaints of the chinqu bug and blight in other parts of the state. Winter wheat is being cut in the southeastern counties. Barley is ripening in the north and being cut in the south. Rye is generally cut, and some is in stack. Oats are turning color.

**WHEAT STOCKS IN CANADA.**

Montreal	167,000
Toronto	31,000
Kingston	17,000
Winnipeg	192,000
Manitoba elevators	1,160,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	1,139,000
<b>Total, July 10</b>	<b>3,056,000</b>





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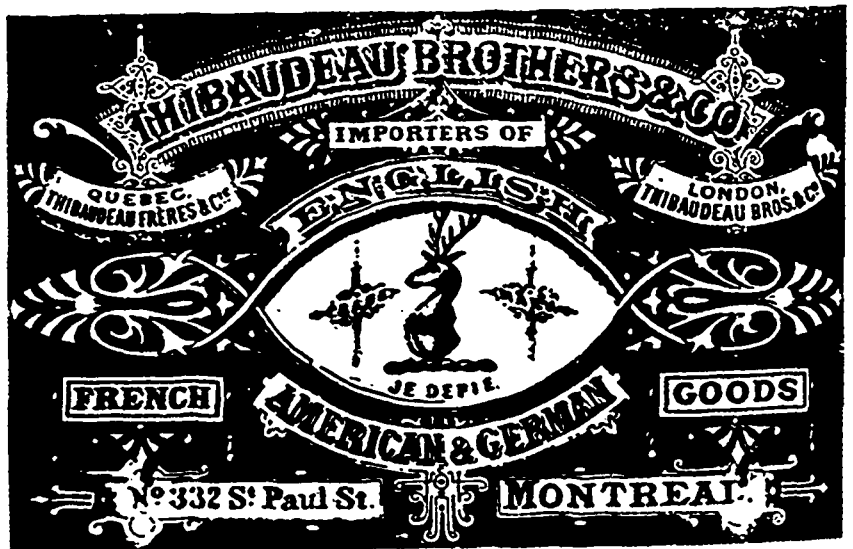
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**The Crops.**

Holland, July 28.—The wheat crop in this vicinity is good, and many fields will exceed thirty bushels per acre. Early and continuous rains all season have had a good effect, and a bountiful crop is assured. Holland is built on a site very similar to Brandon, being on a hillside; the drainage, consequently, is good, and with the abundance of shade trees and lawns surrounding many of the private residences, the town is fast becoming the prettiest on this line and a favorite resort for home seekers.

Glenboro, July 27.—The wheat crops around here will not be up to the average. It is coming into harvest fast. Near Stockton some will be fit to cut by the 10th of August. The oat crop is practically a failure on account of the heavy frosts in May.

Shoal Lake, July 28.—Crops are looking well, and before many days are over harvesting will be in full swing. Our merchants are getting in a goodly supply of binding twine, so as to be ready to meet the demand. Farmers are now busy haying.

Mr. W. R. Baker, superintendent of the M. & N. W. railway, returned Wednesday evening from a close inspection of the line from Minnedosa to the Portage. Every portion of the road was found in the best of condition. Many Galicians are working on the permanent way, and are saving considerable money. A large boarding car is kept at Westbourne for their convenience and their families. In Mr. Baker's opinion there will be an early harvest. The grain is ripening fast, and the fields are rapidly turning to a golden hue.

"I think we will have a good crop along the whole line," said the superintendent, "the acreage is about the average and I think the yield will be also. The farms back from the railway are showing up better than those close to the track, and the farmers are feeling in good spirits over the prospects. Haying is well on."

Starbuck, July 28.—The crops around here are looking fine. Farmers expect the wheat yield will be about twenty bushels, oats, fifty and barley forty. Potatoes are a good crop. We had new ones on the 20th inst., not had for this dry season. Wheat is expected to ripen about the 10th of August. There is more grain in around here than ever before and next year we expect still more, as there are several farmers breaking on new farms. A number of new settlers are coming in here and most of the dry land is taken up. If those who hold land were a little more moderate in their price they could sell it all to good farmers who are hunting new land. Amongst the farmers who have bought here this summer are A. Meakin, S. McIntyre, W. Black, A. Hay, McDonald brothers, and Longmore brothers.

**Northern Pacific Crop Report.**

The Northern Pacific railway crop report for the week ending July 29th, 1897, is as follows:

Brandon—Weather is very hot and dry. Wheat is looking well but oats rather a light crop. We need rain.

Ronithwaite—Wheat well headed out and still looking well. Weather most favorable. Oats looking generally poor and it looks as if the crop will be light. Weather hot and dry since last report.

Wawanesa—Weather during the past week has been clear and hot. The crops are fast filling and look splendid in this vicinity. No damage by hail.

Hilton—Crops since last report improved wonderfully. Wheat well headed out; good heads the rule, though in some fields straw is short. Many crops 50 per cent better than last year. Barley rapidly heading since rain, crop will be good. Oats very poor, much headed out though only a foot high, some snit showing. If weather keeps warm harvest will start in about three weeks. No demand for harvest hands.

Belmont.—Past week has been favorable for crops. The heavy rains of last week did a great amount of good in this locality. Some grain has begun to turn and cutting will start in about two weeks. Wheat crop is good and other grains are a fair crop. Garden crops fine. Hay crop will be light.

Baldur—The late rains have considerably benefitted the growing crop. All vegetables are looking fine. Slight shower of hail on Sunday, 25th, no damage done. The weather during the week has been chiefly wet, latterly clear and moderate temperature.

Somerset.—No change in crop situation since last report. The fore part of the week was quite cool and crops did not progress much but latter part has been warm and very favorable. Haying is quite general. Harvest will be a week or ten days in advance of last year.

Rosebank—The heavy rain of a week ago has made a wonderful improvement on the crops, both in the growth and the filling out. They now promise almost to equal crop of 1895, except in some cases where fields are weedy. Farmers are now busy haying but the crop is light.

Roland—No material change in the general appearance of all grain since my previous report. Weather has been very warm with one light rain.

Morris—Contrary to fears expressed in last report no damage was done to crops by heavy rains of last week. Crops are progressing rapidly and farmers say if nothing happens there will be a large crop of all kinds of grain. The heavy rains have done considerable damage to the potatoe crop, rotting the tops and bearing the potatoes from the soil. For past week the weather has been dry and warm, good for ripening crop.

St. Jean—No rain since July 21st. We hear reports that the grain is damaged to some extent by the late hard rain.

Letteller—During the past week the weather has been most favorable, the growing grain looking well and in good condition. No report of any damage by rust in this vicinity. We had one heavy shower during the past seven days. The recent heavy rain delayed the farmers in their haying, but the water is drying up fast and they will be able to go to work generally in a day or two.

Emerson—Prospect of big yield continue bright. Very heavy rain last night with small hail, no damage. Grain filling in good shape and appearances indicate that some will be ready to cut in a couple of weeks.

Portage, la Prairie—Since last report the weather has been favorable and the crops have wonderfully improved. It is expected the heavy rains of last week will add about five bushels to the acre while the straw will be longer and much easier to harvest.

The firm of Robin, Sadler & Haworth, the well-known manufacturers of leather bolting, of Montreal and Toronto, will hereafter be known by the style of Sadler & Haworth.

**Decline of Silver.**

London, July 29.—The Globe, commenting on the fall in silver, says: "The augmentation of the world's gold yield could not fail to increase the value of silver. When California and Australia poured their auriferous riches into the market, silver like all other commodities, acquired an enhanced value. But the United States then had no accumulations of the white metal, whereas now these have become so enormous that silver sales can only be effected at a sacrifice. This week's collapse would have happened some time back, but for continuous purchases on Japanese account. That demand has ceased, and China and India are supplied. What steps the United States silverites propose to counteract this disastrous state of things remains to be seen. Their attitude is a specific threat to tamper with the currency. McKinley, possibly foreseeing an attempt of this sort, has given an emphatic warning that he will be no party to such perilous work."

A damaging rain is reported from Ontario. The rain covered the country from Windsor to Kiffigton. Oats are badly lodged. The rainfall was one of the heaviest on record.

Some time ago W. G. Fonseca, of Winnipeg, who handles the m.c.a. roofing material, covered a couple of Canadian Pacific railway cars with this material as an experiment. This has given such good satisfaction that Mr. Fonseca has now received an order to cover a number of cars. One very valuable feature of the material for that purpose is, that it affords a good footing, thus greatly reducing the danger of accidents from slipping, which is an ever present danger to men who have to run along the tops of railway cars.

Beerholm's Corn Trade, published in Liverpool, says the Hungarian wheat crop is now estimated by the minister of agriculture at only 13,000,000 quarters, against 17,500,000 quarters a year ago. If this proves correct, Austria-Hungary will probably become an importing country next season.

Washington, July 29.—A secret commission has been sent abroad by the department of agriculture to investigate the possibility of Siberia as a wheat growing rival to the western states. It is composed of two experts of the department, and they have full power to extend the investigation as far as they think necessary. The administration thinks it is confronted with a serious economic, as well as political, problem. The new railroad of the Russian government, building through Siberia, will be opened for traffic all along two lines in 1900. If this Asiatic domain of the czar be capable of raising great wheat crops, the export markets of the United States will be in most imminent danger. The price of wheat will then fall lower than it has ever been in this country, and all the tariffs in the world will not be able to raise it. This is why the question is of general interest.

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## BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The Nelson Hardware company has purchased the stock and business of the Ritchie Hardware company, of Nelson.

Muir & Dean, of Golden, have entered into partnership as signwriters, painters and paper hangers.

Telegraphic reports say that a big run of salmon has set in in the Fraser, and the price of fish has dropped to 3 cents each. This refers to the price paid by the canneries to fishermen.

C. E. Arthur, druggist, Nelson, has sold out to the Canada Drug and Book company.

E. F. Stephenson, who comes from Park Hill, Ontario, is opening a drug store at Kaslo.

The following are opening business at Ferguson. F. McCarthy, of Revelstoke, butcher, starting a branch; Mrs. T. O'Connor, hotel; A. Reid, of Victoria, druggist; Roberts & Ross, restaurant.

Fort Steele Mercantile company has been incorporated.

Bower & Donaldson have opened business at Grand Forks in bicycles and hardware.

Thos. Howell, tailor, Kamloops, has assigned.

Silverton Bros. are opening a general store at Lytton.

P. McMann, will open a store and hotel at Moyle City.

J. E. McKenzie, fruit, confectionery, etc., Nanaimo, has gone to the Yukon.

A. C. Buchanan & Co., grocer, etc., Nelson; E. S. Maybee's interest purchased by C. J. Wilson and discontinued North Fork and Salmo branches. A. S. Kerr & Co., lumber, etc., Rossland, advertise having consolidated their business with R. Miller, of Butte.

C. E. Mallette and W. H. Beardsley, are opening in the flour, feed and produce at Rossland.

Jas. McCraith, hardware, has succeeded E. J. Ritchie, of Rossland, under the style of the Nelson Hardware company.

Thorpe & Co., soda water manufacturers, Vancouver, have opened a branch at Rossland.

D. McCallum, sash and door factory, is starting business at Slocan City.

Jos. I. Kline, of Nanaimo, is opening in clothing at Steveston.

J. P. Deneney is opening in dry goods at Trail.

McDougall & Pape, are opening a general store at Trout Lake.

The Empress Tea and Coffee company is opening at Vancouver.

## TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Wheat—Holders are rather firmer in their views at 71c to 72c for old red and 72c to 73c for white north and west. Manitoba wheat is steady. No. 1 hard is quoted at 82c Goderich, and No. 2 hard at 80c.

Flour—Cars of straight roller are quoted at \$3.25 west.

Millfeed—Steady at \$10 to \$11 for shorts and \$8 for bran west.

Barley—Nominal at 28c for No. 2 and 22c to 23c for feed outside.

Oats—Easier at 23c for white west, with 22c bid for export. The offerings of United States clipped oats at Montreal is depressing the market for Ontario grain.

Cured meats—Heavy mess, \$18; short cut \$14 to \$16; clear shoulder mess, \$12.50. Long clear bacon, car lots 71-2c, ton lots 73-4c, case lots 8c, backs 51-2c, shoulders 61-2c to 7c.

Smoked meats—Hams, heavy, 11c; medium, 12c; light, 12 1/2c; breakfast bacon, 11c to 12c; backs, 11 1/2c; picnic hams, 81-2c to 9c; rolls, 9 1/2c

to 10c; green meats out of pickle are quoted at 1c less than smoked.

Lard—Tierces, 61-2c; tubs, 63-4c; pulps, 7c; compound, 5c.

Butter—Offerings are liberal and prices steady for choice qualities. Dairy tub, 11-2 to 12c; creamery, 16 1/2c to 18c.

Eggs—New laid are selling at 9 1/2c; strictly choice stock would bring 10c. —Toronto, July 28.

## NORTHWEST WHEAT CROP.

Reports of damaged wheat crop in Southern Minnesota and in South Dakota are now frequent and well authenticated. Fields are rapidly ripening the straw is crinkling down badly and neither the heads of kernels filling well. This is the condition of the earlier fields in the earlier sections of Minnesota and South Dakota. Where fifteen to twenty bushels were expected ten days ago the farmers now are figuring on six to fifteen bushels as the yield. The cause of the present trouble with these early fields is claimed to be the late frosts in the early summer that made a thin stand and general weakness of the plant tissue.—Minneapolis Market Record, July 29.

## ONTARIO CROPS.

One of the finest crop prospects in Ontario for many years has been greatly reduced in prospect by the recent heavy rains. Much damage has been done to cut and standing grain by the rain and wind. One report says oats are as flat as if they had been rolled. Some reports mentioned grain sprouting. Small fruits were ruined in some districts. Hay cut in the fields has been greatly damaged. One bad feature is that grain which was ready to cut cannot be cut for some time, owing to the moisture. Barley will be badly colored in many places.

## LONDON WOOL SALES.

London, July 27.—The fourth series of the wool auction sale closed to-day. Competition was good and the market closed firm. During the series, 260,000 bales were catalogued, 40,000 were carried forward, and 237,000 were sold. The home trade bought 127,000 bales, the continent 98,000 and America 12,000. Merino greasy was 1-2d to 3-4d dearer; scoured, 1-2d to 1d dearer in some cases; medium, 1 1/2-2d dearer; lambs' wool, unchanged; cross-breeds, coarse to fine greasy, par to 1-2d dearer; ordinary greasy and all scoured, par to 1-2d down; Cape of Good Hope and Natal, scoured and greasy, par to 1-2d dearer.

## NORTH-WEST ONTARIO.

R. Wood, of Erin, Ont., is opening a drug store at Rat Portage.

The following are starting business at Bell City: Ed. Lyons, wholesale liquors; F. Drew, baker and confectioner; J. E. Smith & Co., general store; A. Lunn, hotel; O'Keefe & Laird, builders and contractors.

M. R. Woodhouse, Woodhouse & Co., hardware, Fort William, is dead.

## DAIRY TRADE NOTES.

At Kingston, Ont., July 22, at the cheese board, 1,148 boxes colored and 50 white cheese were boarded; 706 sold at 81-16c; balance unsold; salesmen expect higher prices.

At Brockville, Ont., July 22, at the cheese board, 5,068 boxes were boarded, of which 3,013 were colored, balance white. About 470 white and colored sold at 81-16c balance at 81-8c.

## Assinibon.

The stock of the Grenfell fruit store has been sold to Miss Smith who will carry on business.

O. Anderson is opening up a drug store at Regina.

## Alberta.

Samuel Reid, from Ireland, has opened up business at Calgary in fancy goods.

Arthur Young has finally decided to open business at Macleod, and has ordered his drug stock in Winnipeg. Samuel Moran is opening business, as general merchant at Edmonton.

## DAIRY QUOTATIONS.

Montreal, July 29.—Cheese—Quiet, but steady; Quebecs 71-2 to 77-5c. Ontarios 8 to 83-8c.

Butter—Dull, finest creamery, boxes and tubs, 17 to 17 1/2c. Very little export demand.

## MONEY RATES.

New York, July 29.—Money on call steady at 1 per cent.; prime mercantile paper 3 to 4 per cent.; sterling exchange easier, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4.87 1/4 to 3/8 for demand, and at \$4.86 1/8 to 3/8 for sixty days; posted rates \$4.87 to 1-2, and \$4.88 to 1-2; commercial bills \$4.85 1-2; bar silver 57 1-2; Mexican dollars 45 1-8; government bonds strong.

John Hallam, of Toronto, the extensive Canadian wool dealer, sold 750,000 pounds of Canadian wool for shipment to the United States, previous to the enforcement of the new tariff. This was all Ontario wool of this year's clip. Mr. Hallam purchased several of the largest clips in the territories, which is held for the home trade.

A carload of Lake of the Woods company's flour was sold at Victoria, B. C., on Thursday to go to the Yukon gold camps. The company is also shipping 1,000 sacks of flour from Vancouver on August 2, for Hong Kong, China.

A. H. Triste has purchased a stock of boots and shoes, clothing, etc., in Winnipeg and will open business in Macleod, Alberta.

The license commissioners have authorized the transfer of the Carman hotel license, Carman, Man., from J. A. Williams to J. J. McMillan, and the license of the Anglo-American hotel, Emerson, Man., from Louis Duensing to J. A. Williams.

Summer fairs are becoming popular in Manitoba. Carberry held a very successful fair last week. Glenboro and Holland have also held summer fairs.

The stock and effects of A. M. Pope, druggist, Melita, have been taken over by the Melita Drug company.

A good demand for sugars is reported from Eastern Canada, and the market is firm. Some grades of refined were 1-3 to 1-4 higher in New York early in the week.

A. R. Graham and Jas. Kerr are opening a general store at Neepawa.

The Mennonite Mutual Hall insurance company has been incorporated.

A new agricultural machine which it is alleged will do away with plowing, as at present practiced, is reported, the makers being the American Motor company, of New York. The machine is said to completely pulverize the ground and do the work much more rapidly than by plowing. It is proposed to have one of these machines tested in Manitoba at an early date.

**New York Wheat.**

New York, July 26.—Wheat receipts, 91,750 bushels; exports, 93,355 bushels; sales, 7,185,000 bushels futures; 32,000 bushels spot. Spot quiet, No. 2 red in store and elevator, 80 3-8c to 80 5-8c f.o.b. afloat; August, No. 1 Northern, New York, 80 1-8c f.o.b. afloat. Options opened strong on higher cables and foreign buying, soon weakening under large receipts of new wheat, the visible supply increase, liquidation and better spring wheat crop news, lost all the early advance and closed unchanged to 1-2c net higher. Sales included No. 2 red, July, 83 5-8c to 85 3-4c, closed 83 5-8c; Sept., 78 1-8c to 80c, closed 78 1-8c; December, 79 5-16c to 80 7-8c, closed 79 3-8c.

New York, July 27.—Wheat receipts, 115,925 bushels; exports, 16,340 bushels; sales, 9,155,000 bushels futures; 240,000 bushels spot. Spot firm and more active. No. 2 red, store and elevator, 81 3-4c f.o.b. afloat, late August; No. 1 New York, 80 1-2 f.o. b. afloat; No. 2 hard, New York, 81 1-4, f.o.b. afloat, late August. Options opened strong and higher on firm cables and thereafter ruled irregular, advancing and declining in turns alternately affected by bullish foreign news and interior receipts, closing firm on export buying at 1 to 1 1-4 not advance. Sales included No. 2 red, July, 83 5-8c to 85 3-4c, closed 83 3-4c; Sept., 78 7-8c to 79 7-8c, closed 79 1-2c; Dec., 80 1-16c to 80 13-16c, closed 80 3-8c.

New York, July 28.—Wheat receipts, 148,925 bushels; exports, 37,755 bushels; sales, 6,025,000 bushels futures; 304,000 bushels spot. Spot active for export, No. 2 red in store and elevator, 82 1-4 f.o.b. afloat; early August, No. 1 Northern, New York, 80 1-2 f.o.b. afloat. Options opened easier following easier cables, failed on foreign buying, ruled irregular all to-day under conflicting news, rallied late on large export sales but finally broke under active unloading and closed 1-2 to 3-4 net lower. Sales included No. 2 red, July, 83 1-2 to 85 cents, closed 84c; Sept., 78 11-16c to 79 11-16c, closed 78 3-4c; Dec., 79 7-8 to 80 3-4c, closed 79 7-8c.

New York, July 29.—Wheat receipts 96,200 bushels; exports, 47,955 bushels; sales, 5,665,000 bushels futures, 400,000 bushels spot. Spot stronger; No. 2 red, 82 1-4 f.o.b. afloat; late August, No. 1 northern, New York, 87 3-4, prompt f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 87 1-4, late August f.o.b. afloat. Options opened strong on higher cables; eased off under bearish spring wheat crop news and liberal receipts, but finally turned strong again on export demand, closing 1 to 1 3-4 net higher. Sales included No. 2 red, July, 84 3-4 to 85 13-16, closed 85 3-4; Sept., 78 15-16 to 79 7-8, closed 79 3-4; Dec., 80 1-8 to 81 1-16, closed 81.

New York, July 30.—Wheat receipts 66,600 bushels; sales 9,500,000 bushels futures; 600,000 bushels spot; spot firm. No. 2 Red in store and elevator, 83 1-4 f.o.b. afloat; late August, No. 1 Northern, New York, 88 3-4 f.o.b. afloat. Options opened strong on higher cables and advanced all day on foreign buying, local covering and a big export demand, broke sharply near the close under realizing and left off 1 cent to 1 1-8 net higher, but a cent under the best point. Sales included No. 2 Red July, 86 1-2 to 87 3-16, closed 86 7-8; Sept., 80 7-16 to 81 7-8, closed 80 7-8; Dec., 81 3-4 to 83, closed 82 5-8.

On Saturday, July 31, wheat closed at for July option, 81 1-4c for September and 82c for December. A week ago September wheat closed at 78 1-8c.

The business of Burley & Agur, Alexander, has been sold out.

**Chicago Board of Trade Prices.**

Chicago, July 26.—The leading futures closed as follows:—Wheat, No. 2, July, 76 3-4c; Sept., 72 1-4c; Dec., 73 1-2 to 5-8c. Corn, No. 2, July, 20 1-2c; Sept., 20 5-8c to 3-4c; Dec., 27 7-8c; May, 30 1-4c to 3-8c.

Oats, No. 2, July, 17 1-8c; Sept., 17 5-8c; May, 20 3-8c. Mess pork, July, \$7.47; Sept., \$7.72. Lard, Sept., \$4.25; Oct., \$4.27. Short ribs, Sept., \$4.67; Oct., \$4.70.

Chicago, July 27.—Prices closed as follows:

Wheat—July 78 3-8c, Sept. 73 1-2c. Corn—July 27c, Sept. 27 1-8c. Oats—July 17 1-8c, Sept. 17 5-8c.

Chicago, July 28.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat, July 76 3-8c; Sept., 72 3-8c; Dec., new, 73 3-4c. Corn, No. 2, July, 20 3-4c; Sept., 27c; Dec., 28 1-8c; May, 30 5-8c. Oats, No. 2, July, 17 1-4c; Sept., 17 1-2c to 17 5-8c; May, 30 3-8c. Mess pork, Sept., \$7.70. Lard, Sept., \$4.15; Oct., \$4.20. Short ribs Sept., \$4.60; Oct., \$4.02 1-2.

Chicago, July 29.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat, No. 2—July, 76 1-2; Sept., 73 5-8; Dec., new, 75. Corn, No. 2—July, 27 1-2; Sept., 27 5-8; Dec., 28 5-8 to 28 3-4; May, 31 3-8. Oats, No. 2—July, 17; Sept., 17 5-8 to 17 3-4.

Chicago, July 30.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—July 76 3-4c; Sept. 74 1-2c; Dec. new 75 7-8c. Corn—July 27 1-4 to 27 3-8c; Sept. 27 3-4; Dec. 28 7-8c; May 31 1-2. Oats—July 17 1-8c; Sept. 17 5-8c to 17 3-4c; May 20 5-8 to 20 3-4c. Pork—July \$7.87 1-2; September \$7.79 1-2. Lard—September \$4.32 1-2; Oct. \$4.37 1-2. Ribs—Sept. \$4.27 1-2; Oct. \$4.75.

On Saturday, July 31, wheat opened at 75c for September option and ranging from 75 5-8 to 74 1-2. Closing prices were:

Wheat July, 75 1-2; Sept., 74 5-8; Dec. 76. Corn—July 27 3-4; Sept. 27 3-4. Oats—July 16 5-8; Sept. 17 5-8. Pork—July \$7.82 1-2; Sept. \$7.85. Lard—July \$4.25; Sept. \$4.30. Ribs—July \$4.70; Sept. \$4.70. Flax seed— July 88 1-2; Sept. 88; Dec. 90.

A week ago September wheat closed at 72 3-4c. A year ago September wheat closed at 58 1-2c. Two years ago at 68c, and three years ago at 53 7-8c.

**DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.**

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

Monday—July 77 1-8, Sept. 72 1-8. Tuesday—July 80, Sept. 73 5-8. Wednesday—July 78 1-4, Sept. 72 3-4. Thursday—July 79 3-4, Sept. 73 7-8. Friday—July 80, Sept. 74 7-8. Saturday—July 80, Sept. 75, Dec. 74 1-2.

Cash No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 80 1-4, and cash No. 1 Northern at 80c.

Last week September delivery closed at 72 7-8.

A year ago September option closed at 58c, and two years ago at 66 1-8, three years ago at 54 1-4, and four years ago at 67 3-4c.

Montreal, July 30.—Cheese—Quieter; 7 1-2 to 7 7-8; Ontario, 8 to 9 3-8.

**MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT**

On Saturday, July 31, No. 1 Northern wheat closed at 80c for July and 71 1-2c for September, and 72 1-4c for December. A week ago September wheat closed at 69 3-4c.

**WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.**

Wheat sold this (Saturday) morning up to 81 1-2c for No. 1 hard, afloat Fort William, on the bulge at New York, but at the close, when Chicago eased off, local buyers were offering about 80 1-2c.

**ROAD FOR YUKON.**

Montreal, July 29.—“All on board for Athabasca Landing and Yukon” is what will soon be heard, as Sir Wm. Van Horne told a correspondent today, the discoveries in Klondyke would probably lead to an extension of the Calgary and Edmonton branch to Athabasca Landing, thus reducing the land route from that point to Fort Macpherson, near the mouth of the Mackenzie river to one portage less than twenty miles. It is stated by direct route from Edmonton, the Landing can be reached by forty miles of track, but as it is not probable the Saskatchewan can be crossed at Edmonton, the president of the Canadian Pacific is under the impression, from fifty to sixty miles of railway will have to be built. There can be little doubt if the Klondyke continues to show up well, the rails of the C. P. R. will reach Athabasca Landing before the end of next summer.

**BEEF CONTRACT.**

Great interest has been taken in the beef contract for the Crow's Nest railway construction, as it meant a big thing for the successful tenderer. During the summer probably a good many range cattle will be used to fill the contract, but when the weather gets cool no doubt considerable beef will be shipped from points farther east in Manitoba and the Territories. It is reported that A. M. Nanton has received the contract, and that it will be carried out by A. J. McLean.

The attendance at the Winnipeg Industrial exhibition, which closed on Monday, was 42,000, which was 12,000 more than ever before. The figures represent the total number of paid admissions at the gates.

Peterboro, July 29.—Since Thursday last, up to noon yesterday, 3.58 inches of rain fell here.

Toronto, July 29.—Rain is falling fast again to-day and the same through several counties. Wheat will suffer badly in some sections, where grain was so badly beaten down as to entail double labor and will cause from a third to half less in amount and value of grain. The effect of the heavy rains on pastures and dairy interests is good. At Bloomfield, near Picton, nearly 7 inches of water fell in 72 hours and six inches of it in 16 hours. At Clarksburg, Beaver river threatens great damage to dams and the banks of the river are weakened and the river is still rising rapidly.

Bank clearings at Winnipeg, Toronto, Hamilton, Montreal and Halifax, amount of \$21,399,773 this week, compared with \$21,670,880 last week, and as contrasted with \$17,252,362 in the week one year ago.

Foreign news this morning is that Paris is up 25 cents, and Berlin reports wheat excited because of heavy rains on the continent.

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### JAPAN TEAS.

Anent the great headway being made by Ceylon teas in all countries, and the jealousy of both Japan and China to stop as far as lies within their power the injury these are doing in markets previously religiously owned by themselves the following remarks of the president of Yokohama Tea Traders Guild, reported in the Japan Gazette, will be read with interest.

As you are already aware, India or Ceylon teas have found their way into America—the largest consuming markets for Japan teas—are now keenly competing with Japanese teas. If this state of things be allowed to continue we shall probably lose our markets. We, tea traders, being greatly concerned at this, lately adopted a plan of defense and petitioned the government for assistance for carrying out the plan. The petition was accepted, and we have now been granted an annual subsidy of seventy thousand yen for seven years.

We understand the American government has issued regulations for preventing the importations of impure teas. Perceiving the necessity of giving warning at this moment we have urged the local producers to improve their teas.

A native Japanese tea grower supplemented the above by remarking that it was intended to spend the money in advertising Japan teas, as against Ceylon and Indian teas, and thus to a certain extent counteract the effects of the advertisements spread broadcast during the past years by the Ceylon and India traders.

This determination to stem the tide of Indian teas is not confined to Japan

alone. In a circular which we have before us from China a suggestion is made "that a tax of 5 Mexican cents per pecul be levied on all China teas exported to Europe, America and Australia, and that this sum be expended in advertising in view of the serious falling off of the China tea trade" from which it is to be inferred that "business" is meant in both cases. As previously stated in this column, ambassadors from Japan were coming to arrange details on the spot. These have now arrived at San Francisco and the establishment of bureaus for the regulation of the Japan tea business in the United States and Canada is, therefore, an inception of the near future.

### NORTH DAKOTA CROP BULLETIN

Bismarck, July 27.—The heaviest rains of the season have fallen during the past week over the most of the state, especially from the James River Valley to the eastern boundary. In the valleys of the rivers and small streams through that section much damage has been done, many fields being now under water, and where grain was heavy, was badly lodged. Wheat is showing signs of rust in all parts of the state, and in some few sections is badly smutted. All vegetation has been retarded and the extent that crop has been damaged cannot be told. Apart from the damage done by storms a small worm or bug is damaging wheat in the southern part of the state. Should the weather turn hot now it would seriously affect the crop in nearly every section.

Montreal, July 27.—Kelly & Kelly, wholesale dealers and importers, assigned to-day with liabilities, \$20,000.

**Winnipeg Hardware and Metal Prices.**

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

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

Terne Plates—I C, 20 x 28, \$8.50 @ 9.  
Iron and Steel—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$2.10 band iron, 100 lbs., \$2.05@2.75; Swedish iron, 100 lbs, \$5.25 @6; sleigh shoe steel, \$3@3.25; best cast tool steel, lb., 9@11c; Russian sheet, lb., 12@13c.

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

Canada Plates—Garth and Blaina, \$3.15.  
Galvanized Iron—American, 20 guage, \$4; 22 and 24 guage, \$4.25; 26 guage, \$4.50; 28 guage, \$4.75 100 lbs.

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

Lead—Pig, per lb., 4 1/2c.  
Sheet Zinc—In casks, \$5.75 lb., broken lots \$6.

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

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

Wire—Galvanized barb wire, \$2.65@2.85 100 lbs.; Plain wire and staples, \$2.75@2.80.

Rope—Sisal, lb., 6 1/2@6 1/4c base; manilla, lb., 7 1/2@8c base; cotton, 1/2 to 1/4 inch and larger, 16c lb.

Axes—Per box, \$6@9.

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

Horse Nails—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List price as follows: No. 5, \$7.50 box No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5 75 box; No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount off above list prices 45 per cent.

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

Following are close jobbing prices, as to quantity:

White Lead—Pure, \$5.75 100 lbs.

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

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

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

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

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

Linseed Oil—Raw, gal., 50c; boiled, gal., 58c in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gallon extra, with additional charges for cans.

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

Oils—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25@30c gallon; clear machine oils, 33@40c; cylinder oil, 50@75c, as to quality; castor oil, 11c per lb; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatsfoot oil, \$1; steam refined seal oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 gallon.

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

**Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.**

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, in store at Fort William, 61c; No. 2 hard, 57c; No. 3 hard, 54c.

Flour—Local price, per sack: Patent, \$1.75 @ 1.80; bakers', \$1.55 @ 1.60.

Braun—Per ton, \$3.

Shorts—Per ton, \$10.

Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track: Winnipeg, 15 @ 16c. Car lots at country points, 11 @ 12c.

Barley—Car lots at country points worth 11 @ 12c. Nominal.

Butter—Dairy, good to choice, jobbing at 7 to 9c as to quality and quantity; creamery, 14 @ 14 1/2c.

Cheese—From 5 1/2 to 5 1/2c has been paid to factories to ship west.

Eggs—Dealers were paying 10c net.

Beef—City dressed, 5 @ 5 1/2c.

Mutton—7c; lamb, 10 @ 11c.

Hogs—Dressed, 5 @ 5 1/2c.

Cattle—Easier at 2@2 1/2c for butchers' stock.

Hogs—Live, off cars, 3 1/2c for best bacon.

Sheep—Easier. 2 1/2 @ 3c off cars.

Hides—No. 1 green, salted, 5c.

Seneca Root—Dry, 12 to 15c.

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

Potatoes—15c per bushel.

Hay—\$5.00 for baled on track.

Wool—Manitoba fleece, 7 @ 8c as to quality.

**British Columbia Markets.**

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

BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.

Vancouver, July 31, 1897.

Butter—Manitoba dairy 16@17c; Manitoba creamery, 19@20c.

Eggs—Eastern eggs, 15@16c.

Cheese—Manitoba 1 1/2c.

Cured Meats—Hams 13c; breakfast bacon 13c; backs 10c; long clear 9 1/2c; short rolls 9 1/2 @ 10c; smoked sides 10c; Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 9 1/2c per lb, in pails and tubs 8 1/2@9c lb.

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

Vegetables—Potatoes, \$18@20 per ton; onions 1 1/2c lb; cabbage 1 1/2c lb; carrots, turnips and beets \$10.00 a ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons \$3.75; bananas \$2.75 per bunch; cherries, 8 lb box \$1.10; oranges, California Mediterranean, \$4.00; California Valencia \$4 box; asparagus, 20 lb box \$1.80; cucumbers, 6 doz. box \$1.25; peas, 30 lb crate \$1.70; apricots 90c; Pineapples, doz. \$2.00; plums, 20 lb boxes, \$1.00; peaches, \$1.00; Grapes, \$1.75 box; Melons, \$4.00 per dozen.

Meal—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$2.80; 2.45 pound sacks \$2.80; 4-2 1/2 pound sacks \$2.90; 10.7 sacks, \$2.00; Oatmeal, 10-10's, \$3.25; 2.50's \$3.00. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.50.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$5.50; strong bakers, \$5.20; Oregon, \$5.80.

Grain—Local wheat \$30.00 @ \$35.00. Oats \$26 per ton.

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$23.00@24.00 per ton; ground barley \$22 ton; shorts \$21.00 ton; bran \$19 00; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff. Higher prices for bran and shorts next week.

Hay—\$17.00 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef 8@8 1/2c; mutton 7 1/2@8c; Australian mutton, 5c; pork, 7 1/2@8 1/2c; veal 8@9c lb.

Live Stock—Steers, grass fed \$2.50 @ 3.00, per 100 lbs; sheep \$3.75 @ 4.00 per 100 lbs; hogs \$6.00 per 100 lbs.

Poultry—Chickens \$5.50@6.00 a doz.

Evaporated Fruits—Apricots 11c per lb; peaches 9c; plums 9@10c; prunes, French 5@7 1/2c; loose Muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6@8 1/2c lb.

Nuts—Almonds, 13c; filberts, 12 1/2c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12 1/2c; walnuts, 13c lb.

Sugars—Powdered and icing, 6 1/2c; Paris lump, 5 1/2c; granulated, 4 1/2c; extra C. 4 1/2c; fancy yellows 4c; yellow 3 1/2c lb.

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 1 1/2c pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2 1/2c; 5 gallon kegs, \$1.50 each; 1 gallon tins, \$1 case of 10; 2 gallon tins, \$4.75 case of 20.

Teas—Congo: Fair, 11 1/2c; good, 18c; choice 26c. Ceylons: Fair, 25c; good 30c; choice, 35c lb.

## THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

Winnipeg, Saturday, July 31.

In most wholesale lines business is fairly brisk for the season. The hardware trade is brisk. Lumber is very active. There is a brisk trade in green fruits. Paints, oils, etc., are quieter. Railway construction in the west has increased business very materially in some lines, and has led to enhanced prices in some commodities. A notable instance is the sharp advance in oats and the demand at better prices for dairy grades of butter. Farmers are now taking home harvesting machinery. The manufacturing departments of the harness and saddlery trade are very busy. Work in the Canadian Pacific railway shops here is active, partly owing to new work being turned out for railway construction west. Men who are willing to work on railway construction have been in demand, and on this account it is expected it will be necessary to bring in a good many men from the eastern provinces to help in the harvest here. Harvest excursions will be run from Ontario and other eastern points to Manitoba. The prospect for good prices for the next wheat crop is creating a pleasant feeling. A good many new retail businesses have been established throughout the country recently, particularly in Northwestern Ontario mining centres. Bank clearings at Winnipeg this week were \$225,000 greater than for the corresponding week last year and about \$585,000 greater than in the like week two years ago. In real estate city property is very quiet, but there has been rather more doing in farm lands of late. Interest rates remain at 7 to 8 per cent for bank discounts and mortgage loans, for ordinary transactions, 7 per cent being the usual rate on city property and 8 per cent on farm security, for moderate loans.

## WINNIPEG MARKETS.

Winnipeg, Saturday Afternoon, July 31

### AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY.

Farmers are now beginning to take out harvest machinery. Mowers have been in main request of late. Good sales of binders are reported from agents at country points.

### DRUGS.

Business has been quite brisk in this branch, owing particularly to several large orders to supply stocks for new drug stores which have been or are being established at points throughout the country. Bleaching powder is firm. Cream tartar and tartaric acid are firm abroad at the recent advance. We will give a new list of drug prices next week.

### FISH.

Stormy weather has interfered with fishing on Lake Winnipeg considerably of late. Shipments of fish are being made in car lots south and east, but prices are low. There is no change

in local prices this week. Jobbing prices are as follows: White 51-2c, pickeral 4c, trout 9, haddock 8c, salmon 12 1-2 to 15c lb., kippered goldeyes 30c doz. Oysters are quoted at 70c for selects in cans.

### GROCERIES.

Some new season goods have come to hand, consisting of domestic canned peas and strawberries. Further orders for canned goods have been placed by Winnipeg jobbers. Nothing has been done in new teas here yet. It is said that the Japanese are sending commissioners to study the tea question in America, owing to the displacement of their teas by India and Ceylon varieties. One result of this, it is said may be the stopping of picking the third crop. This third picking supplies the cheaper qualities, and no doubt depreciates the quality of Japanese teas. Samples of new China teas, prepared after the style of India teas, are being shown here.

### GREEN FRUITS.

The market has been cleared up of the soft stock, which was delayed in transit, as noted last week. California plums and peaches are firm, and they are not arriving very freely yet, as present shipments are running largely to pears. This will likely continue for a week or so. Bananas are in good supply, of fine quality and at a little lower prices. Melons are abundant at easier prices now, though supplies came to hand too late to fill orders for the South Western branch line trains on Thursday. New apples are not arriving in fit condition yet to re-ship, except to nearby points. A few southern Concord grapes have been received and sold at 75c for small baskets. California oranges continue to run to large sizes, which is a feature of the late Valencias, which are the only orange fit to ship at this season. Lemons are firm. California lemons now offering are very fine quality. The run 300 to 360 size mostly. Tomatoes are easier. The first blueberries of the season came to hand this week, and sold at 13c per lb. which is a big price. It is said that the blueberry crop is short in Minnesota, and if this is the case, surplus local stock may find a profitable market in the States south. Last year some blueberries were shipped from here to points south in the States. The demand will depend on the packing. If shippers of blueberries will use care in packing, and use uniform size boxes or baskets, it will help materially to find a market and maintain the price. Pineapples are out of the market at present. Prices are as follows: California late Valencia oranges 5c to \$6.50 box; Messina lemons 33 to \$6.50; bananas, \$1.75 to \$2.50 per bunch; California lemons, 5c to \$6.50 a box, pie plants, 11-2 cents per pound; tomatoes, \$1.50 to \$1.75 per crate of 4 baskets; California plums, \$1.75 per box; California peaches, \$1.75. California Bartlett pears, \$3.50 to \$3.75 per box; onions \$4 per 100 lbs; watermelons, \$5 to \$5.50 per doz.

### HARDWARE.

The only change in prices in the local market this week is a drop in the price of bar iron to \$2.10. Business keeps brisk in this branch, and the volume is swelled very materially by orders for railway construction work in the west. See quotations on another page.

### LEATHER AND HARNESS.

There is a decidedly strong feeling in the leather market, and all ad-

vices point to a further advance in leather, owing to the price of hides being high. There has been a big demand here for harness goods and manufacturers are very busy. Supplies for the Crow's Nest construction work has added considerably to recent orders, and many orders were placed to exhibition visitors.

### LUMBER.

Brisk business is the continued report from the mills. There is no lack of orders these days, and the mills have a rich business as they can handle in some cases.

### PAINTS, OILS, ETC.

Prices are steady and without change this week. The recent decline in the price of turpentine in first hands has not effected the price here. The fact is turpentine has been selling in Winnipeg for some time at less price than it could be laid down for here. Even with the recent reduction in first hands, the local price does not permit of any margin to make any further cut upon. See quotations in another column.

### GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT.—Though prices were easier on some days, as will be seen by our daily market reports of Chicago and other markets, the general feeling this week in leading wheat markets has been strong. Bullish influences predominate everywhere at present, and the general feeling in the trade at the moment seems to be that the next wheat crop is going to bring good prices, compared with the basis of prices in most recent years. Trade papers and brokers' reports generally take the bull idea and predict a strong market for the next crop. It is now quite evident that the American spring wheat crop has been over-estimated. The big northwestern spring wheat states are not going to have the bumper crop that was predicted earlier in the season, and the same thing is true of the Manitoba crop. The spring seeding time was so favorable that it was at once concluded that a big crop was assured. But frosty weather and delayed rains put the crop back. Estimates of the crop in the Northwestern States are continually being reduced, and the best estimates now do not talk of more than an average crop. In Manitoba a fair average crop is expected, the crop being irregular, and while some is very fine other districts are rather poor, and there is considerable late grain. Europe is having rather a light crop this year so far as can be learned from the reports, which is one of the strong features. Another strong feature is the low record of stocks, the visible supply in the U S and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains being down to about 16,000,000 bushels, which is a very low amount. A year ago the visible was 47,000,000 bushels, two years ago it was over 39,000,000 bushels and three years ago over 57,000,000 bushels. Yesterday at Chicago September wheat touched 75 3-4c, which showed a big spurt, though the close was 1 1-4c under the top. The local market has followed outside markets, No. 1 hard wheat selling up to 81c afloat at Fort William yesterday, which is the highest point reached yet. About 80 1-2c was the idea at the close yesterday for No. 1 hard, afloat Fort William.

FLOUR.—The market has been very strong in sympathy with wheat. Liberal sales of Manitoba flour are re-

ported from eastern Canada markets for domestic and export trade, at advancing prices. If the present position of wheat is maintained there should be a heavy trade in flour at present prices, as they are low compared with wheat. Millers are not anxious sellers and are not soliciting orders for future delivery on the present basis of prices, as they expect further advances. Local prices have advanced this week, a further advance of 5c. per 98 lb. sack on outside prices of some brands having been announced yesterday, while inside prices have moved up 25c per 93 pound sack. Prices to the local trade here are quoted as follows as to brand: Patent, \$2.10 to \$2.20; bakers', \$1.90 to \$2; second bakers', \$1.50 to \$1.65; XXX, \$1.10 to \$1.20 per sack of 98 pounds, to the local trade, delivered in the city.

**MILLFEED**—The demand keeps good at the recent advances in prices. Bran is now quoted at \$8.50 to \$9 per ton and shorts at \$10.50 to \$11 per ton, with large lots shaded about 50c per ton.

**BARLEY**—Nominal at 23 to 24c for feed grade, and very little demand of any kind.

**OATS**—There has been a farther sharp advance in oats, but the advance is of a local nature and is due to the large demand for oats for railway construction work in the west. It requires a large quantity of oats daily to supply the Crow's Nest construction outfits, and as supplies have not been coming forward freely prices have further advanced. At country points 24 to 25c per bushel is being paid for car lots of good feed oats, which shows a further advance of 4 to 5c, and an advance of 9 to 10c since the movement sent in. The outlook is for good prices for some time. The growing oat crop is rather poor and old oats will be cleared up very closely. Last year's oat crop was a poor one in Manitoba, but a large quantity of oats were carried over from the previous year. This year the oat crop prospect is not much better and there will be no oats to carry over from the old crop. Car lots on track Winnipeg are now being held at 27 to 28c for feed grades, per bushel of 34 pounds.

**CEREALS**—The market is very firm for oatmeal. Stocks held by the mills both of oats and meal are light, and with the further advance in oats and advance in meal is certain. Rolled oatmeal, 80 lb. sacks, \$1.50 per sack; granulated, 98 lbs. \$1.75; standard, 98 lbs. \$1.75. Rolled wheat, 80 lbs. \$1.75 sack; pot barley, 98 lbs. \$1.75; pearl barley, 98 lbs. \$3.25 sack.

**GROUND FEED**—Market very firm and further advance expected. Rolled oats are held at \$16 per ton, ordinary mill chop per ton, \$14 to \$15.

**BUTTER**—Creamery. The market is firm. Buyers have advanced their bids and are paying 15 to 15-1-4c to factories, which shows an advance of 1-1 to 1-2 c. Very little shipping yet.

**BUTTER**—Dairy. The market for dairy butter continues firm owing to the demand to ship west for railway construction. Buyers are paying 10 to 11c for round lots of dairy here. Jobbing sales have been made at 11 to 12c. There is less tendency to discriminate so closely as to quality, but this will only be temporary. No rolls wanted.

**CHEESE**—The market is steady. Purchases have been made at 6-1-4 to 6-1-2c to factories for best qualities, and down to 5-3-4 for off grades.

**EGGS**—The advance of 1c reported a week ago has held this week, 11c now being the figure, and a further advance of 1c to 12c is expected to go into effect at once. There is a good demand for all offering.

**POULTRY**—Chickens, live, 50c to 55c pair, or 10c lb., dressed. Spring chickens, 30c per pair. Turkeys, 9-1-2c to 10c lb., live weight; ducks, 50 to 60c pair.

**LARD**—There has been a drop in lard of 1-2c on 20 pound pails, per pound, and 1-4c on tierces. Prices are: Pure, \$1.60 for 20 lb. pails, and \$4 for 50 lb. pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$5.50 per cwt of 60 pounds, tierces 8c.

**CURED MEATS**—The firm tendency in products continues. Hams have been moved up 1-2c. Prices are: Smoked meats, hams, assorted sizes, 11-1-2 to 12c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 11 to 11-1-2c; do., backs, 9-1-2 to 10c; short speed rolls, 17-1-2 to 8c; shoulders, 6-1-2 to 7c; smoked long clear, 8-1-2 to 9c; fancy clear, 8 to 8-1-2c; dry salt meats are quoted; long clear bacon, 7 to 7-1-2c per lb.; shoulders, 5-1-4 to 5-3-4c; boneless shoulders, 6-1-2 to 7c; backs, 7-3-4 to 8-1-4c; extra charge of 1-2c for canvassed meats; barrel pork, clear mess, \$18.00 to \$18.50; short cut, \$15.50 to \$16; rolled shoulders, \$13 to \$13.50; per barrel. Pork sundries, fresh sausage, 7-1-2c; bologna sausage, 6c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 3c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 25 to 30c lb. Pickled pigs' feet, \$1.50 per pail.

**DRESSED MEATS**—Beef continues to decline. It is now selling at 4-1-2c to 5-1-2c, as to quality, and very little brings over 5-1-2c. Mutton is easy, ranging from 5-1-2 to 7c as to quality. Dressed hogs, 5-1-2c to 6c. Veal 4c to 6c as to quality. Lamb, 8c to 10c.

**HIDES**—Prices are the same. Some unfavorable reports have been received regarding the Manitoba winter hides, from eastern tanners, owing to brands and careless take off. We quote 6-1-2c to 7c for No. 1 hides here. Calfskins, 8 to 15 pound skins, 6 to 8c per lb; deskins 10 to 20c each; kips, 5c to 7c; sheepskins, fresh take off, 20c; lambskins, 20c; horsehides, 75c to \$1.25.

**SENLECA ROOT**—From 15c to 15-1-2c has been paid for good dry root, and 15c is the usual price.

**WOOL**—Prices have been irregular. There has been some sharp competition for some lots offered recently. Prices in Canadian markets are firm, owing to the limited stocks held on account of the large exports to the United States. We quote 9c to 10c here for unwashed fleeces.

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

**VEGETABLES**—New potatoes are down to 75c to \$1 per bushel and are becoming abundant. The market is now down to \$1 per bushel and are becoming abundant. The market is well supplied with new vegetables and green stuff. Beets, turnips, carrots, and rhubarb are quoted at 15c per dozen bunches; lettuce, radishes and onions, 8c to 10c per dozen bunches; peas in pod, 2c per lb; cauliflower, 40 to 60c per dozen; cabbage, 40c per dozen; celery, 30 to 40c.

**HAY**—The demand is limited, but prices are firmer, owing to the light hay crop this year. There is considerable old hay to carry over, however. We quote \$5.00 per ton for cars on track here as to quality; loose, \$3 to \$4 per ton.

**WOOD**—Tamarac, \$4.50 to \$4.75; pine, \$4.25 to \$4.40; poplar, \$3 to \$3.25 for car lots on track here, per cord. The poplar offering is either dry cut or green wood of last winter's cut.

#### LIVE STOCK.

**CATTLE**—Grass cattle are improving, but Manitoba grass cattle are only passable yet. Those offering are mostly cows and light heifers, and bring about 2-1-2c off cars here. A better class of cattle will bring up 2-3-4c. One city butcher said he would pay 3c and even 3-1-4c for a few choice animals if he could get them to suit, but they are not offering, there being few if any grain-fed animals, and grass cattle are just passable. Western range cattle are going through for export freely.

**SHEEP**—Quiet. Local buyers are well stocked, and if any lots were sent in here for sale they would probably not be taken except at a cut price. We quote about 2-3-4c to 3c off cars here.

**HOGS**—Hogs are coming forward freely. There is no change in prices. Choice bacon hogs, weighing 150 to 250 pounds have brought \$1.60 per 100 pounds; 250 to 300 pounds 4c; heavy hogs over 300 pounds, 3c to 3-1-2c as to quality, off cars here.

**COWS**—Slow demand at \$25 to \$30 per head for good to choice milkers. Inferior animals from \$18 per head upwards, as to quality.

**HORSE**—There has been a brisk demand for horses in this market, for railway construction work west. The class of horses wanted have brought about \$125 each for good animals, weighing about 1,400 pounds. Small range stock are slow sale at low prices.

#### FLOUR.

The Montreal Gazette of July 23, says: The flour market continues to rule active and strong in sympathy with the wheat markets of the world, and a further advance of 10c per barrel has been scored for Manitoba grades, sales of patents being made at \$4.40 and choice strong bakers' at \$4.10. There was a good demand from foreign buyers for the above grades, and millers in some cases were 1-1 an advance of 6d over present prices for shipment in last half of August. Sales for immediate shipment included 2,000 sacks on Dundee account; 2,000 sacks on London, and 500 on Dublin. The local and country demand is active, and sales of over 30 carloads are reported by one miller alone. Montreal prices are: Winter wheat patents at \$4 to \$4.25; straight rollers, \$3.65 to \$3.80, and in bags, \$1.75 to \$1.85; best Manitoba strong bakers', \$4.10; second do., \$3.80 and low grades \$2; Hungarian patents \$4.40.

Mr. Thompson, manager of the Ogilvie Milling company here, received a wire on Friday from Mr. W. W. Ogilvie, Montreal, stating that there was a brisk demand for Manitoba flour in that market, at advanced prices, and that he had sold 10,000 barrels of flour that day.

#### CHEESE MARKETS.

Bellevue, July 27.—Seventeen factories boarded 1,125 boxes white and 100 boxes colored cheese. The sales were: 100 boxes white and 50 colored at 8c and 3-15 white at 8-1-16c.

Ingersoll, July 27.—Offerings to-day 1,688 boxes. Sales—740 at 7-7-8c; 7-7-8c refused for several lots; good attendance.



# Winnipeg Grocery Prices.

Canned Goods		Cereals		Nuts		Teas	
	Per case		Per sack		Per pound		Per pound
Apples, 35, 2 doz.	2 25	Split Peas, sack 95	2 25	Brazils	12 1/2	China Blacks—	
Apples, preserved, 35, 2 doz.	3 25	Pot Barley, sack 95	1 50	Taragona Almonds	13 15	Choice	35 40
Apples, galtons (per doz.)	2 25	Pearl Barley, sack 95	4 00	Peanuts, roasted	7 15	Medium	25 35
Blackberries, 25, 2 doz.	3 25	Standard Oatmeal, sack 95	1 50	Peanuts, green	10 12	Common	13 20
Blueberries, 25, 2 doz.	2 50	Granulated Oatmeal, sack 95	1 50	Grenoble Walnuts	15 15	Indian and Ceylon—	
Beans, 25, 2 doz.	1 50	Heans (per bushel)	1 00	French Walnuts	13 15	Choice	31 40
Corn, 25, 2 doz.	1 50	Cornmeal, sack 95	1 35	Sicily Filberts	12 1/2	Medium	25 31
Cherries, red, pitted 25, 2 doz.	4 75	Cornmeal, 1/2 sac 49 (per 1/2 sac)	0 75	Shelled Almonds	25 30	Common	22 25
Pears, Marrowfat, 25, 2 doz.	1 50					Young Hysons—	
Pears, sifted, 25, 2 doz.	2 00					Choice	35 45
Pears, Bartlett, 25, 2 doz.	3 50					Medium	33 35
Pears, California, 2 1/2, 2 doz.	4 75					Common	23 30
Pears, Bartlett, 35, 2 doz.	5 50					Japan—	
Pineapple, 25, 2 doz.	4 50					Finest May Picking	35 40
Pineapple, imported, 25, 2 doz.	5 50					Choice	30 35
Peaches, 25, 2 doz.	3 50					Fine	25 30
Peaches, California, 2 1/2, 2 doz.	4 75					Good Medium	20 25
Peaches, Canadian, 35, 2 doz.	5 00					Common	15 20
Plums, 25, 2 doz.	3 50						
Plums, California, 2 1/2, 2 doz.	4 50						
Pumpkins, 35, 2 doz.	2 25						
Raspberries, 25, 2 doz.	3 25						
Strawberries, 25, 2 doz.	4 00						
Tomatoes, 35, 2 doz.	2 15						
Salmon, talls, 18, 4 doz.	5 50						
Salmon, Caloes talls, 18, 4 doz.	5 50						
	Per tin.						
Sardines, domestic 1/2	06						
Sardines, imported, 1/2	09						
Sardines, imported, 3/8	13						
Sardines, imp. 1/2, boneless	20						
Sardines, Dom., mustard 1/2	10						
	Per doz.						
Imported Fresh Herring, 15, 1 doz.	1 75						
Imp. Kipper Herring, 15, 1 doz.	1 90						
Imp. Herring, Tom. Sauce 15, 1 doz.	2 00						
Imp. " Anch. Sauce 15, 1 doz.	2 00						
Imp. " Shrimp Sauce 15, 1 doz.	2 00						
	Per case.						
Corn Beef, 15, 2 doz.	3 00						
Corn Beef, 25, 1 doz.	2 50						
Launch Tongue, 15, 2 doz.	5 50						
Launch Tongue, 25, 1 doz.	6 00						
Drawn, 25, 1 doz.	2 30						
Pigs Feet, 15, 2 doz.	5 50						
Roast Beef, 25, 1 doz.	5 50						
Chicken, Duck or Turkey, 15, 2 doz.	5 50						
	Per doz.						
Potted Ham, 1/2	75						
Devilled Ham, 1/2	75						
Potted Tongue, 1/2	75						
Potted Ham, 1/2	1 50						
Devilled Ham, 1/2	1 50						
Potted Tongue, 1/2	1 50						
	Per pound.						
Green Rio	15 17						

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

**Montreal, July 31.**  
Cheese—Finest Ontario, white, 8 1/4c. Finest colored, 8 3/8. Finest Quebecs 7 3/4c to 8c. These quotations are the same as a week ago, except that the outside range on colored is a shade easier.  
Butter—Creamery, finest, 17 1/4c to 17 1/2c. Finest western dairy, 12 to 12 1/4c Market firm.

**TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.**  
Special to The Commercial.  
Mullins & Wilson wire The Commercial the following report of prices realized at the semi-weekly live stock market at Toronto, on Friday, July 30.

**Toronto, July 31.**  
Sixty-four loads in, including 1200 hogs and 775 sheep and lambs. Market a little brisker, and about 1-4c higher for cattle.  
Cattle—Exporters paid 4 to 4 1/2c. Butchers' cattle sold at 2 3/4 to 3 3 1/2c. Choice butchers', 3 3/4 to 4c. Export bulls, 3 1/2 to 3 3/4c. Stockers, 3 to 3 1/4c.  
Sheep—Sheep were easier at about 1-4c decline from the top. Lambs 1-2c decline from the top of a week ago. Export sheep brought 3c; bucks, 2 1-2c; lambs, 4 1-2c.

Hogs—Hogs, singers \$6 per 100 pounds; thick fat and light fat, \$5 per 100 lbs. weighed off cars. These prices show 1-8c advance over a week ago for best bacon hogs.

**MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.**  
Special to The Commercial.  
Montreal, July 31.  
Cattle—Export 4 1/4c to 4 1/2c; cattle, butchers, 3 1/2 to 4 1/4c. Sheep—3 to 3 1/4c.  
Hogs—4 3/4 to 5 3/8c. Good demand at a shade lower values.  
Exports this week were as follows: Cattle, 3,200; sheep, 2,064.  
Horse—Good export demand.

**MONTREAL MARKETS.**  
Montreal, July 31.  
Special to The Commercial.  
Wheat—No. 1 hard, nominally high.  
Oats—No. 2 white in store, 29 1/4. These prices show an easier market, the outside range being 1-4c lower owing to offerings of Chicago clipped oats.  
Flour—Manitoba strong bankers, \$1 to \$1.10; Manitoba patents, \$1.20 to \$1.40. Brisk demand at the further advance on Manitoba bakers of 10c.  
Millfeed—Steady market. Manitoba bran, including sacks, \$13 per ton; Manitoba shorts \$14. Good demand.  
Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.65 to \$1.70 per bag. Prices strong and 5c higher than a week ago, being an ad-

vance of 20c in two weeks.  
Hides—Unchanged at 8c for No. and 7c for No. 2.  
Eggs—Fresh, 9 1/2 to 11c. The price for candled stock.  
Wool market firm and active.

**MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.**  
Special to The Commercial.  
Montreal, July 31.  
Fair jobbing trade. Teas and classes unchanged. Sugars a shade lower; granulated 4c; yellows 3 to 3 1/2c.

**TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.**  
At Toronto, on July 27, the receipts were lighter. There were no sales consequence for Buffalo, and one deal from the market there said the United States tariff would put a stop to shipments there for a while. Export cattle were firmer. Prices 4c to 4 1/2c. Butchers' cattle in demand, but too much late stock offered. Prices were firm the best at 3 3/4c to 4c, but cows were quoted as low as 2 1/4c. Steers inactive at 3 1/4c. Sheep, quiet butchers' at \$2.50 to \$3. Lambs steady, at \$2.75 to \$3.25. Hogs in fair demand, and steady, not standing large receipts; best hogs quoted at \$5.80 to \$5.85 per pounds.

**MONTREAL STOCKS.**  
Montreal, July 29.—C. P. R. down 78 5/8; Com. Cable, 177.