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WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 13, 1893.

A Splendid Showing.

To those who are at all doubtful of the Kaslo Slocan district a careful study of the following facts and figures may be an incentive to the restoration of full confidence. We are able to furnish these figures through the kindness of Mr. McIntosh, the Canadian Customs officer at this port, through whose inspection all ores shipped have to pass; the showing dates from the time Mr. McIntosh took charge of the office on the first of August.

On August the 7th the Wellington mine shipped 36,720 pounds of galena ore valued at \$3,672. On August 14th the Bon Ton shipped 86 sacks, or 9,000 pounds of ore valued at \$1,000. Aug. 30th the Wellington shipped 297 sacks, gross weight 31,165 pounds, valued at \$2,800. Sept 6th the Blue Bird shipped 591 sacks, gross weight 80,000 pounds, valued at \$4,700. Sept 8th the No. 1 mine at Ainsworth shipped 921 sacks, gross weight 66,000 pounds, valued at \$3,300. Sept. 12th the Dardanelles shipped 264 sacks, gross weight 25,262 pounds valued at \$6,373, same date the Idaho shipped 223 sacks, gross weight 40,947 pounds valued at \$3,200. Sept. 16th the Mountain Chief shipped 225 sacks, gross weight 11,091, valued at \$2,950. Sept. 18th, same mine shipped 1,006 sacks, gross weight 119,001 pounds, valued at \$7,780. Sept. 20th, the Jreddie Lee shipped 731 sacks, gross weight 98,000 pounds, valued at \$7,644. Sept 23rd, the Wellington shipped 289 sacks, gross weight 32,245, valued at \$3,055. Sept. 25th the Dardanelles shipped 319 sacks, gross weight 32787 pounds, valued at \$6,273; same date the Noble Five shipped 1,933 sacks, gross weight 211,126 pounds valued at \$14,313. Sept. 25th, the Blue Bird shipped 454 sacks, gross weight 60,173 pounds, valued at \$4,143. Sept. 28th, the Washington shipped 570 sacks, gross weight 80,000 pounds, valued at \$5,521. Sept. 30th, the Idaho shipped 310 sacks, gross weight 39,670 pounds, valued at \$3,041. October 5th, the Idaho shipped 304 sacks, gross weight 39,500 pounds, valued at \$3,085. Oct. 9th, the Miner Boy shipped 128 sacks, gross weight 7,448 pounds, valued at \$551. Oct. 9th, the Idaho

shipped 551 sacks, gross weight 63,400 pounds, valued at \$4,900; same date the Kaslo Sampling Works shipped 16 sacks, gross weight 1,570 pounds, valued at \$200; same date the Northern Bell shipped 3 sacks, gross weight 330 pounds, valued at \$30. Oct. 10th, the Mountain Chief shipped 280 sacks, gross weight 40,000 pounds valued at \$2,871. Oct. 14th, the Dardanelles shipped 264 sacks, gross weight 25,047 pounds, valued at \$2,631. To-day, Oct. 21st, the Idaho mine ships 369 sacks, gross weight, 40,000 pounds, valued at \$3,030. The figures above are the sworn statements of each shipper, while the value annexed is at the very lowest, owing to the duty charges being estimated according to the value of the ore.—Kaslo Examiner.

Cutting Prices at Montreal.

The sensation in Montreal wholesale grocery trade is cutting of prices, one firm having issued a circular offering to sell Valencia raisins at 3½c, canned salmon equal to Horseshoe brand at \$1.05, and Barbadoses molasses 28½c. In the latter commodity there was an agreement not to sell at less than 33c in a jobbing way. There is also cutting in tea, one firm offering a Japan tea at 12½c which sold at 14c.

Grain Prices in England.

L. Norman & Co., of London, write as follows on October 23rd:—

With a continuance of ample supplies and disappointing American advices, business has been very restricted since our last report of the 16th inst. Stock of wheat and flour at the United Kingdom ports now exceed 4,000,000 quarters, while although shipments from abroad have decreased somewhat, the quantity on passage to the United Kingdom and in stock amounts to 6,000,000 quarters against 5,750,000 quarters at the same period last year. With these heavy supplies to handle, buyers naturally hold back and speculative buying is checked, thus adding considerably to the present stagnation. Russian wheats continue to offer freely and in our country markets their influence is being felt. English wheat showing a decline of 1s per quarter from highest point. Indian wheats are coming more into line, and meeting with some attention, but Americans continue relatively high and little business is passing. In Canadian grain shippers continue to hold back and little is offering.

Hard Manitobas—Have ruled very quiet during the week. A parcel of 1,000 quarters No. 1, November shipment, selling at 26s 9d c.i.f. To day they close rather steadier and 27s c.i.f. has been paid for 2,000 quarters No. 1 just shipping.

Barley.—Good English malting remains firm, but supplies of ordinary and inferior qualities exceed demand and prices rule rather lower. Grinding barley is firm, and favors sellers. Californian brewing is still quoted at 23s 6d c.i.f. per 445 lbs.

Peas.—Market steady, but no demand. To London sellers ask 25s 3d c.i.f., but 25s has been taken. To Glasgow sellers 24s 3d c.i.f., buyers 24s c.i.f.

Oats.—Steady. Mixed American are quoted 16s, c.i.f., but fail to tempt buyers.

Rye.—To London absolutely no enquiry, To continent only small business passing.

Hay.—Steady and little offering. For shipment November to March sellers ask £5 5s 0d, which in some cases have been paid. Buyers generally are not disposed to pay over £5 2s 6d or £5 3s 9d as an extreme limit.

Raw Fur Prices.

Following prices are quoted at Minneapolis for prime skins only, per skin, the range covering variation in size and color, small to large and light to dark color. The prices are for northern skins. Lower prices as to size, etc., for skins grading No. 2 and lower:—

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Post Offices and Railway Stations.

What a convenient thing it would be to have a list of all the post offices in Canada, with the railways on which they are located or nearest railway station. Would not every shipper and traveller appreciate such a list? Well, this is exactly what the editor of the Canadian Almanac has prepared for the 1894 edition, which will be out next month. The Canadian Almanac is a standard publication and goes everywhere. More than one million copies have been sold since it was first published.

Lumber Trade Notes.

McArthur's saw mills at Birtle, Man., has closed, after one of the largest seasons' work ever done there, cutting about 75,000 ties and nearly two million feet of lumber. The outfit for the lumber camp have gone to the woods for the winter, where they expect a heavy season's cut.

J. A. Curtis, of New South Wales, arrived at Vancouver on Tuesday as a passenger on the Australian steamship Warrinco. He said he had been in the lumber business for thirty years. During 1892, not one of the best years, about 22,000,000 feet of lumber was imported to New South Wales from Puget Sound and other United States ports. "There is no reason," said Curtis, "why all or most of the lumber used in New South Wales should not come from British Columbia. We are Britishers over there and consequently would prefer to deal with Britishers. The object of my trip is to endeavor to arrange with British Columbia mills to supply us with lumber. I have had one shipment from here, but it was not equal to Tacoma lumber. There was a great deal of sap in it and it appeared to be carelessly cut. The lumber is just as good as the best, and I think I will probably make arrangements with some mills. They will be able to remedy defects when pointed out to them. You might also supply some of the doors used in Australia which come from San Francisco. San Francisco doors made of sugar pine are expensive. Cedar doors should be just as good and could be supplied much more cheaply. But they must be made the same style as people have been accustomed to."

Dredging operations have been carried on by the United States government the past season in the Red River from a point ninety three miles north of Grand Forks to the boundary line. From Grand Forks to Moorehead a channel three feet deep and sixty feet wide has been made and from Grand Forks north the depth is four feet.

The Ottawa department of trade and commerce have issued a bulletin notifying Canadian exporters that the British Merchandise Marks act require all shippers to state fully upon each consignment of goods sent to the United Kingdom the name of the place and the province in which such goods are manufactured and that neglect to comply with this regulation makes the goods liable to confiscation.

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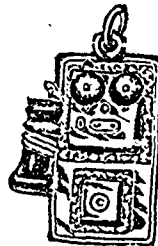
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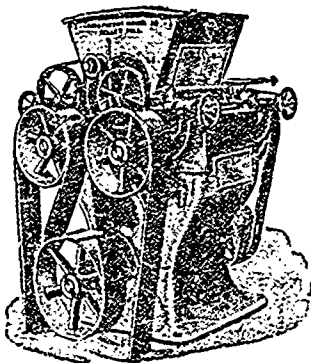
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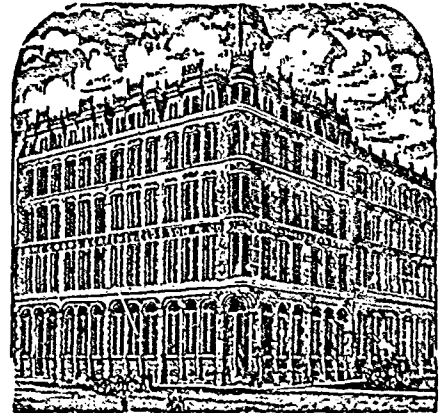


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RED RIVER IMPROVEMENTS.

The United States Government has been steadily improving that portion of the Red river south of the boundary line year by year. The past summer the work was carried on between Grand Forks and the boundary, and it will be continued next year, the intention being to dredge out the river bed to a uniform depth right up to the boundary. The channel has been dredged out and improved all the way from Fargo to a point not far south of the international boundary.

The portion of the Red river in the United States is not nearly so valuable for purposes of navigation as is the Canadian portion of the stream. The river becomes larger and with a heavier body of water as it proceeds north, until it empties into Lake Winnipeg—a navigable body of water of vast proportions. Manitoba has been trying for years to induce our government to improve the river so as to render it navigable between Winnipeg and the lake, so that the important trade of the lake region could be handled to the best advantage, but so far nothing has been done. Surely when the United States is doing so much to utilize the shallow and less valuable upper portion of the stream, our government might undertake the work of removing the few obstructions to navigation in the more valuable portion of the river within our territory. In the United States there is simply the shallow upper portion of the river, without any tributary waters which can be utilized. In Canada there is a tributary lake, nearly 300 miles long, with important fishing, lumbering and other interests in connection, which cannot be utilized to the best advantage while the connecting river remains obstructed. There are also other large rivers tributary to the lake, altogether forming an inland water system of vast magnitude. In the United States there are railways running on each side of the river. The Lake Winnipeg region of Canada, which we wish to open up to better advantage by connecting Winnipeg with the lake by a navigable channel, is without railway communication. Altogether the value of the Red river in the United States as a navigable stream is trifling as compared with the greater value of the same river to the districts in Canada through which it passes. Surely our government should therefore be prepared to make a small expenditure to remove the obstructions to the successful navigation of the river. Winnipeg is chiefly interested in this work, and now that a federal election contest is going on in the city, an effort should be made to obtain some definite statement from the Government as to its intentions in this important matter.

NO RECIPROCIETY.

A few Liberal party leaders seem loth to give up the question of reciprocity. They hardly seem satisfied with the defeat which

they brought upon the party at the last general election as the result of this policy being the principal plank in the party platform. Reciprocity is still occasionally referred to by a few Liberals as though it were a question before the people of Canada. Canadians might just as well make up their minds, first as last, that reciprocity with the United States is a dead issue at the present time, and likely to remain so. It is not attainable, and is therefore impractical. All reference to reciprocity as a living question, as matters now stand, is useless and simply misleading. The party in power in the United States at the present time will not have reciprocity. That is a settled fact. It is opposed to the policy and traditions of the Democratic party. It would only be the sheerest waste of time to ask for a reciprocity treaty from the present administration. On the other hand, the Republican party—the party which accepted the famous or rather infamous Blaine reciprocity programme—would only consent to reciprocity with Canada on terms which would be highly objectionable to this country. Canadians might therefore just as well dismiss once for all any thought of affecting a reciprocity treaty with the United States, and the sooner the thought is dismissed the better it will be for this country.

As we have stated, the Democratic party is opposed to the principle of reciprocity treaties. The old time trade policy of the party is not based on any such lines. Instead of entering into any new arrangements of this nature, the present Washington administration may be expected to withdraw from the reciprocity treaties effected with certain countries during the closing days of Republican rule.

The policy of the Democratic party is in favor of tariff reform on national lines, as opposed to international compacts. This is undoubtedly the rational trade policy for a country like the United States to follow. The administration will undoubtedly press the work of tariff reform as a home measure, and not as an international affair. The tariff list will be revised and reduced with a view to the best interests of the United States. Reciprocity with Canada or any other country will not be a part of the programme.

The policy of tariff reform which will be undertaken in the United States will, we believe, be better for Canada than a reciprocity treaty between the two countries. A reciprocity treaty would tend rather to strengthen the high tariff policy in each country. This is exactly what we do not want, and therefore it logically follows that we do not want reciprocity. Let each country proceed in the work of tariff reform in a business-like and systematic manner, reducing the tariff as rapidly as revenue and other exigencies will permit. In this way international trade will be encouraged on a sounder and more permanent basis than by the adoption of special reciprocity treaties. What we should aim for is the general freedom of trade, and a reciprocity treaty would be a hindrance rather than a help in this direction. Now that the tariff reform movement is making progress in each country, reciprocity loses its attractiveness. The aim should now be to bring about greater freedom of trade by permanent reductions of duties on each side of the

boundary, and thus encourage a gradual and healthy improvement in trade, upon sounder business principles than would be the case with the reciprocity plan.

PRODUCE PRICES EAST AND WEST.

Prices of wheat are low in Manitoba this season, but they are low elsewhere as well. The market list in a western Ontario paper, now before us, would indicate that, averaging prices all around, Manitoba farmers are not faring any worse than their brethren in the east. Wheat is a little higher in Ontario, as compared with Manitoba, but not so much higher as would be expected from the difference in freight rates. The highest quotation given for wheat is only 5 cents per bushel higher than farmers are paid at the mills in Winnipeg. In oats the Ontario paper quoted 28 cents as the top, which is a few cents per bushel lower than the farmers receive on the Winnipeg market, so that the balance in favor of the Ontario farmers in wheat, is largely made up in the difference in oats in favor of the Manitoba farmers who can market their grain in Winnipeg. The next item on the list—eggs—quoted at 14 cents per dozen to the Ontario farmer, shows a difference in favor of the Manitoba farmer, who can get 20 cents now for fresh eggs, and even a few cents over 20c in Winnipeg, as 25c is paid by some of the stores. Pork is quoted at 7c, which is under the Winnipeg street price by at least 1c. Hides are quoted at 2½c, which is decidedly below the price paid on the Winnipeg market. Potatoes are about the same as current Manitoba prices. In butter the top price quoted by the Ontario paper is 20c per lb, while 20 to 25c is paid in Winnipeg to farmers for fresh dairy butter. Poultry is quoted 2 to 5c below Winnipeg street prices. Altogether, taking the produce quotations right through, the difference is largely in favor of the Winnipeg farmers' market.

The comparison, it may be said, is not altogether a fair one, as an Ontario country town market is compared with a city market here. Prices for country produce, of course, average higher in a city market than at smaller towns, as the local consumption of a city is generally sufficient to enhance the price. But allowing for this there is apparently nothing in favor of the Ontario farmer. Many of the lines of produce in the Ontario market quoted are lower than prices in Manitoba country markets. This is particularly true of poultry and eggs, which are decidedly below Manitoba prices.

One difference, however, between Ontario and Manitoba country markets will be found in the quantities of the various commodities marketed. In Manitoba at some points there is little of anything else but wheat marketed, while the Ontario farmer grows much less wheat, but has more poultry, butter, eggs and other sundries to dispose of. Here is a lesson to Manitoba. There is room for a large increase in the quantity of minor farm products produced in Manitoba, such as poultry, eggs, butter, cheese, hogs, etc. At present prices these are more profitable for production here than in the East, and decidedly more profitable than growing wheat here.

CATTLE SHIPPERS' TROUBLES.

A cable from England to the effect that a fresh case of contagious pleuro pneumonia had been discovered in a cargo of Canadian cattle, has created something like consternation among cattle shippers. When the alleged cases of pleuro-pneumonia were discovered among Canadian cattle in England last spring, leading to the placing of restrictions upon the importation of Canadian animals, it was stoutly contended by the friends of Canada that the disease had not been correctly diagnosed. In fact it was asserted that the English veterinary surgeons had made a blunder, and that the diseased animals were not affected with pleuro pneumonia at all, but a non contagious disease of a harmless character. An eminent Scotch veterinary, who was retained by the Canadian authorities in England, held that the disease was not pleuro-pneumonia. However, inquiry was made throughout Canada, with the result that no trace of the disease could be found in this country. As no further cases were reported from England, it was thought that the restrictions upon Canadian cattle landed at British ports would be removed. Now this fresh case is reported, and with it vanishes the hope that Canadian cattle will be given a more liberal reception in British ports. It seems strange that no trace of the disease can be found in Canada, while experts can find the disease among Canadian cattle landed at British ports. If the dreaded disease really does exist in this country, it is peculiar that it cannot be discovered. The fact that it cannot be found here would lend color to the belief that the English veterinary surgeons have mistaken some other trouble for pleuro-pneumonia.

WESTERN WATER POWER.

There are many streams in various parts of western Canada which afford valuable water-powers. In the interior of British Columbia there are water-powers running to waste everywhere throughout the mountainous districts, which includes about the entire province. Even throughout the prairie region there are many points where water powers could be utilized. Many of the prairie rivers and streams run through deep valleys, and by constructing dams, water-powers of more or less value can be obtained. Several flour mills in Manitoba are operated by water-power, as, for instance, the mills at Rapid City and Souris. The Assiniboine river at Winnipeg affords a very valuable water-power, but the cost of utilizing this power would be a considerable item, and this has, so far, stood in the way of carrying out the work, though it is only a matter of time when it will be done.

In the vast territory between Winnipeg and Lake Superior there are also some very valuable water-powers. Perhaps the most important of these is that afforded at the outlet of the Lake of the Woods, where it empties into the Winnipeg river. This water power is one of the first magnitude, while its commercial value, owing to its favorable position for manufacturing, is second only to Winnipeg. It is on the main line of travel between the East and the West, and is favorably situated for the manufacture of wheat and flour, in transit from

the great prairie wheat fields to the consuming markets of the east. There is also a large lumbering industry tributary to the place. The large Lake of the Woods Milling Co.'s flour mill and also saw mills are now operated by the water power of the Winnipeg river.

A company called the Keowatin Power Company has recently been formed, with a large capital, with the object of further utilizing the great water power of the Winnipeg river, at the outlet of the Lake of the Woods. It is estimated that the minimum power issuing from the lake at this point approximates 40,000 horse power, which shows the magnitude of the power obtainable. The preliminary work of utilizing this power has begun, and the prospectors say that the work will be continued along, until completed. The undertaking is one of importance to all Western Canada. The establishment of a great manufacturing centre would be to the advantage of the entire country. There is sufficient water-power there to supply all the requirements of a great aggregation of large industrial concerns. In these days of close competition, the advantage from cheap water-power is everywhere recognized, and with this vast power once harnessed, the industries will follow. There is already wheat enough grown in the country to supply many large flour mills, grinding 1,000 barrels and upwards per day, in addition to the mills now in the country. It would be an advantage to have this wheat ground at home, and export flour instead of wheat. Flour milling will likely be the principal industry of this coming manufacturing centre, and in a few years we may look for a milling centre ranking with the great milling centres of the world, in our own country.

THE CONTEST IN WINNIPEG.

The suspense regarding the date of the election in Winnipeg to fill the vacancy in the Commons caused by the resignation of Mr. Hugh J. Macdonald, has been terminated much earlier than was expected by the announcement that the election would be held on November 22. The government has evidently decided to bring the election on at once, and not wait to give the opposition abundant time to organize. Leaders of the two parties have been pulling the political strings actively this week, and candidates have been selected by each of the parties. Colin H. Campbell will carry the Conservative banner, and Mr. Martin, lately Attorney-General in the Manitoba government, has been chosen by the Liberals. Both men are members of the legal profession. At a meeting of the Conservatives on Tuesday evening, Mr. Macdonald, in a straightforward and manly speech, explained his reason for resigning, which he said was due solely to press of business.

The contest will be short, and with a man like Mr. Martin in the field, it will doubtless be sharp as well as short. It is also certain that the contest will be much closer than at the last election, when Mr. Macdonald received such an overwhelming majority. Mr. Campbell is a young man of pleasant appearance, but without a record in Manitoba as a public man. He has announced that he will stand firmly for a measure of tariff reform, but up to the time of writing no definite assurances

have been made as to how far this demand for tariff reform will go. There should be something more definite than general promises.

There is no man in Manitoba more widely known than Mr. Martin. He is the originator of the system of national schools in Manitoba, which has brought him prominently before the people of all Canada. He is an exceedingly energetic and determined man, who seems to delight in political warfare, and who is always ready to push an attack, even to the extent of indirection. If Mr. Martin goes to Ottawa, there is one thing which can be counted on for a certainty, and that is that Winnipeg will be represented by a hot debater. Down at Ottawa, among the heavier weights, he might not prove as bellicose as in the local legislature, but he is not a man who would take a quiet part anywhere. He will have his say, and will say it with vigor, if not with eloquence. Mr. Martin is of course a strong tariff reformer.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

AFTER considerable pressure from the public, the Winnipeg city bakers have decided to sell bread at twenty loaves for \$1. This concession, however, is only to cash customers. When the item is booked, only eighteen loaves will be given for one dollar. This is the recognition of a principle long stoutly contended for by THE COMMERCIAL, namely; that cash customers should not be taxed to pay for the losses upon credit business.

GEORGE CLENDENNING, of Bradwardine, says the *Patrons' Advocate*, had a lot of damaged wheat for which he could only realize 25 cents a bushel. Instead of selling it at that figure he bought a number of hogs and fed it to them. He kept an actual account of the cost and when he sold his hogs, he found that his wheat had netted him 80 cents a bushel. The *Advocate* draws from this the inference that if this damaged wheat would net 80 cents per bushel, the choice wheat which is now being sold at under 50 cents per bushel for export, would realize \$1 to the farmer if fed to hogs.

GENERAL satisfaction is expressed by the great commercial bodies in the United States with the repeal of the silver purchasing clause of the Sherman act. It is now expected that confidence in the financial condition of the country will revive. There is still, however, the tariff question, which must work to unsettle business until the intended action of the administration is fully made known. This unsettled feeling, in view of the proposed radical changes in the tariff policy of the country, we believe has had as much if not more to do with the commercial and financial troubles of the United States than has the silver question. The price of silver has of course been affected by the passage of the repeal bill. Silver fell from 74c in New York to 68c per ounce for commercial bars, while the price in London declined from 31d to 31½d. There has since been some reaction in silver.

Farmers require at all times to be cautious about shipping produce to commission firms at a distance. The best plan for the farmer as a general rule is to sell his produce for cash to local dealers, who can generally pay him as much as he can net by shipping, besides saving him the risk and trouble of shipping. A firm

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styling themselves Shaw & Simpson began business in Montreal a short time ago, and advertised freely for consignments of produce from farmers, guaranteeing, of course, much better returns than local dealers could pay. Consignments of produce soon began to pour in, and the firm did a large business, but the unfortunate farmers never received anything for their goods. The produce was sold off quickly at low prices, for cash, and the money pocketed. The members of the firm, who it is said were working under assumed names, have disappeared. This is not a single experience of the kind in the produce commission trade. Such incidents have occurred before, and will occur again.

If anything further is needed to demonstrate the great value of water communication, it will be found in the completion of the Manchester ship canal. This is one of the greatest undertakings of the age. It has been carried out by the expenditure of a vast sum, but great as the expense has been, there is every prospect that it will be a profitable work. Notwithstanding the great progress made by railways, and the great reduction in freight charges, compared with what they were some years ago, water communication is still to the fore. Indeed, when it comes to the cost of moving heavy commodities, the railways cannot compete with water routes of transportation. The lesson from this is that there is a great future for our inland water-ways here in Western Canada, which are destined to become principal arteries in the commerce of the country. The Manchester ship canal will be opened, it is announced by cable, on the first of December. The canal is now receiving water, and it will take about two weeks to fill it to the required depth.

The absurd results which are frequently obtained from trials by jury, received a striking illustration at Winnipeg this week in the trial for murder of one Riley and an alleged accomplice named Le Blanc. A man was found dead, supposed to have been murdered and robbed. The parties named were held for trial charged with the crime. The evidence indicates that Le Blanc had only taken a passive part in the crime. He is supposed to have stood on guard some distance away, while the actual felony is alleged to have been committed by Riley. Le Blanc's trial came on first, and to the surprise of many who had followed the case, he was found guilty of murder by the jury. People began to say: If Le Blanc—the supposed passive accomplice—committed murder, what in the world will the jury find the other man guilty of? But still another surprise, greater than the first, was in store for the public, for the jury, in the trial of Riley—the alleged principal in the crime—returned a verdict of not guilty—practically an acquittal. Oh, Justice! how peculiar are your renderings.

Thos. Thompkins, contractor for the four Canadian Pacific depots, at the towns of Portage la Prairie, Brandon, Regina, and Calgary west of Winnipeg, and a dining hall at the latter point, has completed his work and yesterday the buildings were taken over by the railway company. The total cost was over \$100,000. All the buildings are great improvements upon the structures which they replace.

WINNIPEG MARKETS.

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SATURDAY AFTERNOON, November 11.

Before the last COMMERCIAL reporting wintry weather had gone into circulation, there was a decided change in the atmospheric conditions. The wintry weather disappeared, and it has been very mild all this week. The hopes of dry goods and clothing dealers, which were bright a week ago, in expectation of a continuance of cold weather which then prevailed, have been brushed away. A brisk parcel trade was done in clothing, following the cold snap, but it soon flattened out with the return of mild weather.

There has been a heavy movement of grain by rail eastward the past two weeks, the movement being the heaviest on record in Manitoba. The movement of wheat eastward to date this season is larger than in any previous year, and particularly large this season in proportion to the crop. Early in the season the idea prevailed that farmers would not sell on account of the low prices, but the result shows differently, as nearly all the wheat going forward is out of farmers' hands. Business men outside of the grain trade do not seem to realize this, and talk about farmers holding their wheat. Country merchants write to wholesale dealers and report that farmers are holding their grain, giving this as a reason for inability to make prompt payments. There may be a few points where farmers are holding their grain, but it is not true of the country generally, and the statement that they are holding is either done to mislead, or is made through lack of information. The fact is, that farmers will sell when prices are low and hold when they are high. This is the general rule, as can be proved by comparing high and low price years. This year prices are the lowest on record, and farmers have sold very freely.

The statement that farmers are holding their grain, is something of a chronic remark in this country during the first half of the crop year. It is made a song of by those who are slow pay, as the most of us are just now. But it is true that a large part of the wheat crop has passed out of farmers' hands already. Farmers' sales, however, have been much smaller this week, as they have been busy plowing, and prices have dropped, which has also checked sales, while roads are bad in the eastern districts, from the melting of the heavy snow storm of last week.

The winter promises to be a dull one in grain, as prices will be very low for wheat after the close of navigation, when winter freight rates come in, unless there is an advance in foreign wheat centres in the meantime. On the present basis of prices, the price of wheat in Manitoba will be horrible to contemplate, when winter rates come into effect, and this is giving rise to a strong feeling in favor of a reduction in all rail freights. The Winnipeg board of trade has been communicating with the Canadian Pacific people in the hope of obtaining a reduction in all rail freights eastward for grain. As we have said, wheat will be so low when winter freights come in, that what wheat the farmers have left will likely be held

for a while, in the hope of higher prices, consequently the early winter will be dull, especially as there is but a limited quantity of coarse grains to market this winter, crops of oats and barley being very light. Those who talk about cash being slow because farmers are holding their grain will therefore find their mistake, for the heaviest cash of the season is now over. The balance of the crop promises to dribble out slowly.

Outside of wheat, prices are high for most lines of produce. Eggs are high, butter is very firm and high, and cats are high, while poultry is also high. In these lines of produce prices are higher here than in Ontario markets.

A feature of local interest only is the decline in the price of bread. THE COMMERCIAL was the first paper to ask for a reduction in the price of bread in Winnipeg, pointing out in a strong article that bread was out of proportion to the price of flour. At that time Winnipeg bakers were selling fourteen two pound loaves for \$1. Immediately upon the publication of the article in THE COMMERCIAL, the bakers held a meeting, and reduced the price to sixteen loaves for \$1. But this reduction was not satisfactory to the consumer, especially as the price of flour continued to decline, and more recently some of the other city papers took up the question. After much agitation the price was dropped to eighteen loaves, and this week a further cut was made to twenty loaves for \$1. Only those who pay cash, the bakers say, are to get the twenty loaves, and eighteen will be given when the item is book. This is the recognition of a principle which THE COMMERCIAL has long contended for. Let those who pay cash have their goods on a cash basis, which means that they should not be charged for losses in credit business. Winnipeg bakers have perhaps not made a great deal of money, but they would make a great deal more were it not for their losses in credit transactions. It is not justice, however, to charge a high price to cash and credit customers alike, in order to cover credit losses, as it is simply taxing the cash customer to make up for the bad accounts, for which he is in no sense responsible.

There is plenty of grumbling about slow payments. All reports, however, are not so black. Two of the largest wholesale houses in Winnipeg reported their payments for October better than for the same month of last year, and October is about the heaviest month in the year for mercantile paper. A good deal of paper falls due on November 4, but not so much as during October. November payments seems to be rather poorer than October. Altogether paper appears to be not as well met as at this season a year ago, though collections are probably being pushed harder this year than last.

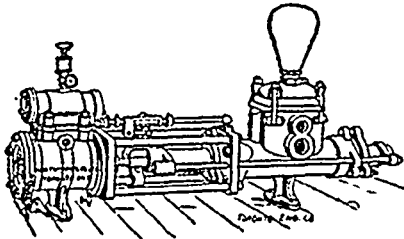
FISH AND OYSTERS—A larger trade is doing in country orders. B. C. salmon is not now coming forward, but there is plenty of cold storage stock, brought in earlier in the season. Prices are 1c higher. Some Pacific coast fresh herring were in the market this week, but not in wholesale quantities. Haddies are firm. Prices are:—Fresh fish—White fish, 6 to 6½c; Lake Superior trout, 9c, and lake herrings 30c per dozen; B. C. salmon, 15c; halibut, 12½c.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

The following shows the number of cars of wheat inspected at *Winnipeg for the weeks ending on the dates given, compared with the number of cars inspected for the corresponding week a year ago, as reported by Inspector Horn to the Board of Trade:—

Grade.	Oct. 7.	Oct. 14.	Oct. 21.	Oct. 28.	Nov. 4.
Extra Manitoba hard	0	5	5	5	3
No. 1 hard	179	133	169	117	129
No. 2 hard	12	41	49	31	46
No. 3 hard.....	5	9	12	1	4
No. 1 hard	1	0	0	4	0
No. 1 Northern	9	13	7	12	13
No. 2 Northern	1	0	0	0	4
No. 1 White tye	6	0	3	2	0
No. 2 White tye	3	0	0	2	0
No. 1 Spring	1	0	0	0	2
Rejected	24	29	32	11	24
No Grade	4	0	5	5	3
Total	230	236	232	190	219
Same week last year	399	451	377	352	403

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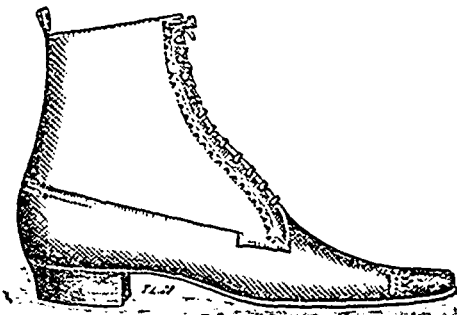
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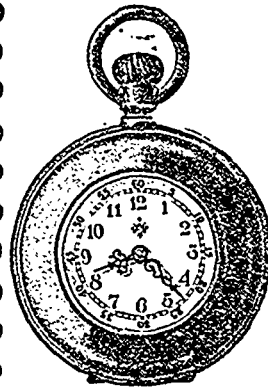
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DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING—Dry goods travellers are in from their last sorting trips, and will go out about the first of December with their spring samples. The season's trade has been a sort of sorting out all along, many country dealers having pursued the wise policy in a season like the present of buying from hand to mouth. The recent cold weather did not last long enough to be felt much in the trade. Jute goods are higher abroad, including hemp carpets, Hessians, etc. Linen thread is 10 to 15 per cent higher. Prices are generally firm in dry goods.

In clothing travellers are about through with their canvass for spring goods, and the aggregate of orders taken is rather below the average, as buyers appear to be continuing the policy of placing advance orders rather sparingly. Some travellers will be out again directly for sorting business. The cold snap of last week led to a brisk demand for parcel orders, one firm having as many as forty mail orders one morning, but the mild weather prevailing all this week has flattened business out again.

DRIED FRUITS—Stocks of new dried fruits are gradually coming forward, and are now complete in a number of staple lines. New Valencia raisins and currants are in good supply. Dried and evaporated apples are scarce and firm. Prices are: Dried apples, 7½c; evaporated, 11 to 11½c. Valencia raisins, \$1.80 to 1.90 per box; currants, 5½ to 6c; prunes, 7½ to 8½c; dates, 7 to 8c. California fruits—prunes, 11 to 12c; apricots, 16 to 18c; peaches, 24 to 27c.

DRUGS—Trade is fairly good. Included in recent business is a stock for a new drug store which is being opened at Balduv. Castor and linseed oil are firm. Opium is easier abroad, and is evidently now experiencing the reaction from recent sharp advances in price. Quinine firm. Glycerine steady and firm. Seeds are firmer; canary, hemp and celery seed are advancing abroad. There is some speculation in blue vitrol which is leading to higher prices at New York. Following prices are for parcels, and will be abated for full package orders: Alum, per pound, 3½ to 4½c—etc.; alcohol, \$4.75; bleaching powder, per pound, 6 to 8c; blue vitrol, 5 to 8c; borax, 11 to 13c; bromide potash, 55 to 75c; camphor, 75 to 85c; camphor ounces, 80 to 90c; carbolic acid, 40 to 65c; castor oil, 11 to 15c; chlorate potash, 23 to 35c; citric acid, 60 to 75c; coppers, 3½ to 4c; cocaine, per oz., \$8.50 to \$9.00; cream tartar, per pound, 28 to 35c; cloves, 20 to 25c; epsom salts, 3½ to 4c; extract logwood, bulk, 14 to 15c; do, boxes, 18 to 20c; Guaman quinine, 30 to 40c; glycerine, per pound, 20 to 25c; ginger, Jamaica, 25 to 30c; do, African, 20 to 25c; Howard's quinine, per ounce, 50 to 60c; Iodine, \$5.50 to \$6.00; insect powder, 35 to 40c; morphia sul., \$1.90 to \$2.25. Opium, \$4.50 to 5; oil, olive, \$1.25 to 1.40; oil, U. S. salad, \$1.25 to 1.40; oil lemon, super, \$2.75 to 3.50; oil peppermint, \$3.75 to 4.25; oxalic acid, 13 to 16c; potash iodide, \$4.25 to 4.50; saltpetre, 10 to 12c; sal rochelle, 30 to 35c; shellac, 10 to 50c; sulphur flowers, 3½ to 5c; sulphur ro. l, per keg, 3½ to 5c; soda bicarb., per keg of 112 lb., \$3.75 to 4.25; soda, \$2 to 3; tartaric acid, per lb., 45 to 55c.

FUEL—There is no change in coal, which is quoted at \$10.50 for Pennsylvania anthracite, \$9 for western anthracite and \$7.50 per ton for Lethbridge bituminous. These are retail prices, delivered to consumers in the city. Souris coal is said by the agents to be meeting with a better sale than last winter. It is selling at 25c per ton less than last winter in this market for the Estevan mines, the price delivered to consumers being \$4.25 per ton, and \$3.75 on track here. A new mine has been opened in the Souris district, at Roche Porce,

which is said to be a better quality than the Souris coal put on the market last winter. Coal from this mine is quoted 25c higher per ton than from the Estevan mines, or \$4.50 to consumers and \$4 on track.

There is no change in wood fuel, which sells at \$5.50 for the best tamarac and birch, and \$5 per cord for mixed spruce, pine and tamarac. Poplar, \$3.50 to 4. These are retail prices, delivered to consumers. Car lots on track sell about \$1 per cord less. Some Minnesota maple sells retail at \$6.50 per cord, and Minnesota oak at \$6. Woods is offering abundantly this winter, and prices are steady.

GREEN FRUITS—The very mild weather which has prevailed all this week has been favorable to the fruit trade, and dealers feel better than they did a week ago, when the outlook seemed to be for an early winter. Apples are firm. They have been coming from the east freely, and a good many sales of car and round lots have been made to go to country points. Florida oranges are arriving. Nothing new in California fruits. The last California peaches for the season in all probability, was closed out at about \$1.50 per box. Ontario grapes are about out of the market. A few baskets are still to be had, but they will soon vanish. Ontario pears are also almost closed out. Cranberries are lower. The balance of stocks of Ontario tomatoes have been closed out, some being sent to the garbage grounds. They have been very slow sale of late, being out of season. Prices are: Apples, \$4.50 to \$5.00 per bbl. Louisiana oranges held at \$6 to \$6.50 per box for 250 count. Florida oranges, \$5.50 per box; California oranges, \$3.50 per box; Tokay grapes, \$3 to \$3.50; muscat grapes, \$3. In Ontario fruits, there are pears at \$1 to 1.15 per 20 lb. basket and quinces held at 80 to 90c per basket. Eastern grapes, 4 to 6c per lb; cranberries are quoted at \$7.75 to \$8.50 per barrel. New Malaga grapes at \$8.50 to \$9 per keg.

GROCERIES—Sugar has been the centre of interest, and further sharp declines have occurred. Eastern refiners reduced prices another ½c in addition to the cut of ½c reported last week, and on Monday a further cut of ½c was made at the refineries, reducing the price of granulated at Montreal refineries to 4½c, and yellows to 3½c to 4c. New York declined to 49 16c. The break is attributed to the action of the United States sugar trust, who wish to stock up with cheap raw sugars. The new beet crop sugars, however, are offering freely, giving a supply in advance of immediate wants, which has a good deal to do no doubt with the decline.

RAW FURS There is nothing doing much local y. Only a very few small lots have reached this market yet, and a lot from British Columbia is on the way. A very large lot of furs has reached Edmonton, valued at \$17,000, being Secord's lot of northern furs. These furs are gathered through the far northern region, coming as much as 1,000 miles north of Edmonton. They are last winter's furs, of course. They will be shipped to London direct, and will not be put up for sale here. This is the second large lot of furs this trader has brought in this season, his first lot amounting to over \$10,000 worth, but they were not gathered so far north as this last lot. This is the time of year when traders are receiving circulars from fur dealers, quoting high prices, and we will say again that little dependence should be placed upon such circulars. It is an easy matter to quote high prices in circulars, but the prices are not paid when the furs arrive, as traders have found out to their sorrow. The object of course is to get consignments.

The principal matter of recent interest in the fur trade is the sale of C. M. Lampson & Co. at London, which shows a general decline in nearly all furs, and very heavy on some sorts. It is therefore evident that furs will have to be bought on a lower basis of values this winter, and the receipt of circulars giving high quotations should not lead buyers to pay high prices. This advice to pay lower prices is par-

ticularly good at the present time, as the most of the skins now offering are not prime. Skunk become prime this month. Following shows the result of prices at C. M. Lampson & Co.'s recent London sales of raw furs:

Bear, black, 10 per cent lower than in March, brown, 25 do, grizzly, 20 do; raccoon, same as in March; muskrat, N. Y. and eastern, spring 10 per cent higher than March, winter, same as March, western and fall, do, black, 40 per cent lower than March; opossum, 40 per cent lower than in March; fox, grey, do; beaver, 10 do; otter, same as in March; dry hair seal, do; lynx, 22½ per cent lower than in March; wolf, 27½ do; fox, red, 12½ do; marten, 5 do; mink, 30 do; Russian sable, 10 do; skuuk, 10 do; wolverine, 25 do; Australian opossum, 15 per cent lower than in June; wallaby and kangaroo, same as in June; wombat, 25 per cent lower than in June; fox, Japanese, 2½ per cent higher than in June; lamb, Persian, 10 do; chinchilla, bastard, 40 do; nutria, furriers, 20 per cent lower do, do cutting, same as in June.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

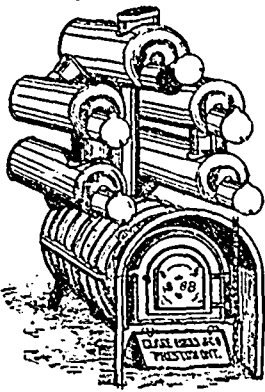
WHEAT—Wheat was lower on Monday in leading centres, under liberal receipts in north-western states and light exports. The weekly statement of wheat and flour on ocean passage showed an increase of 872,000 bu. and India shipments for the week showed an increase of 264,000 bu. over the preceding week. The visible supply showed an increase of 2,069,000 bu; some parties had calculated on a much larger increase. A year ago there was an increase of 3,023,000 bu. The aggregate supply is now 71,396,000 bu., and a year ago was 64,717,000 bushels. On Wednesday prices gained fractionally. Exports were larger from the United States, aggregating 755,000 bushels for the day. Cables were firmer. Duluth receipts for two days were 962 cars and Minneapolis received 1,046 cars. Bradstreet's reported an increase of 3,365,000 bushels in the stock east and an increase of 1,260,000 bu. west of the Rocky Mountains. On Thursday there was not much change in wheat, but on Friday prices were firmer in United States markets, influenced mainly by a heavy falling off in receipts at Minneapolis. To day Chicago declined 1c.

Total receipts of wheat at the four principal United States winter wheat points, Toledo, St. Louis, Detroit and Kansas City from July 1 to date are 29,271,573 bushels, against 51,926,675 bushels in 1892 and 42,856,351 bushels in 1891. The total receipts at the four principal spring wheat points since August 1, the beginning of the crop year, foot up. Minneapolis 18,272,252 bushels; Duluth, 13,996,618 bushels; Chicago, 9,970,384 bushels; Milwaukee, 4,386,065 bushels, making a total of 46,625,319 bushels against 73,667,545 bushels during the same time last year and 66,539,567 bushels in 1891.

The aggregate supply of breadstuffs in Europe and afloat increased 5,000,000 bu. during October, and is now reported at 102,000,000 bu. The aggregate stocks of flour and wheat in the United States and Canada at the points reported to the Chicago Trade Bulletin increased 20,000,000 bu. during October, and are reported at 118,000,000 bu. The aggregate supply in Europe and America is reported at 220,000,000 bu. against 195,600,000 bu. one month ago, and 196,000,000 bu. one year ago. Supplies in Europe and afloat are about 27,000,000 bu. larger than one year ago.

Bradstreet's reports that available wheat stocks on November 4th amounted to 95,650,600 bushels, the heaviest on record at a like date, the total a year ago having been 93,173,000 bushels. Exports from both coasts this week (flour included) amounts to only 2,218,000 bushels. Last week the total was 2,860,000 bushels. One year ago the total was 3,885,600 bushels, and two years ago 4,490,000 bushels.

Locally the movement has continued very largest, and prices lower. The record for the large number of cars of wheat ever arriving at Winnipeg in one day, has been broken twice within a week. On November 4, 310 cars



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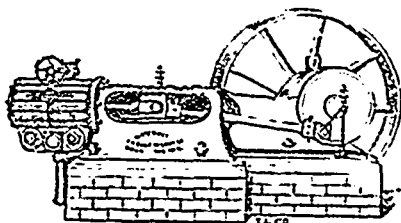
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arrived, and on Friday the number reached 321 cars. The movement eastward by rail has been very heavy the past two weeks, and returns at the end of this week of receipts at Fort William will doubtless be the largest on record. This shows clearly that farmers are selling their wheat, notwithstanding low prices and talk of holding, as the wheat going forward is nearly all out of farmers' hands. There will be a much smaller quantity of grain left for winter marketing than has been counted upon. This week farmers' deliveries have been much lighter, as farmers are busy with plowing, while roads are bad in some districts, which has also retarded farmers' deliveries at country points. Lower prices have also tended to check country marketing, and it is evident that the heaviest rush is now over as far as farmers' deliveries is concerned. This will not affect the rail movement, as country elevators are full at some points, and country stocks in store are generally large.

Prices have been easier and less disposition to pay outside prices. About 58 cents per bushel appears to be about the value of No. 1 hard, afloat Fort William. No. 1 hard, November, sold at 58 cents afloat. For spot stuff, the tendency was to ask higher than for November, about 59c. being asked. With the closing of navigation not far off, spot stuff commands a premium. No. 2 hard, spot, sold at 57c afloat, and No. 3 hard, spot, afloat, sold at 55½c. No. 4 hard sold at 51c afloat, spot. No. 1 rejected sold at 55c spot afloat Fort William, 58c was offered for No. 1 northern. Prices to farmers in country markets are 1 to 2c lower, ranging from 40 to 43c per bushel, as to freight rates. About 41 to 42c is the usual quotation. Inspection returns show that most of the wheat grades No. 1 hard, and the balance largely No. 2 hard. Very little Northern grades, and scarcely any No. 3 or No. 4 hard. Rejected for smut is the only defect, about 10 per cent of Winnipeg inspection returns showing rejected, but mostly high grade rejected.

The Canadian Pacific has been moving cars forward much more satisfactorily the last two weeks. Receipts at Fort William for the week ended Nov. 4 were 615,533 bushels, as compared with 402,704 the previous week, which shows a large increase, and this week still larger receipts are expected. Shipments from Fort William were 319,210 bushels for the week ended Nov. 4, and 431,877 bushels for the previous week. For the week ended October 21, receipts were 553,692 bushels, and shipments 385,037 bushels. Total stocks at Fort William on Nov. 4 were 1,310,306 bushels, an increase of 108,707 bushels for the week.

FLOUR—The "Deil" appears to be "amazing" the millers, and they are giving the consumers cheaper flour than they ever had before. The recent cuts in prices have brought the local value of flour down to about a parity with prices of Manitoba flour east, and flour is comparatively cheaper in this market than ever before. There is a wide variation in the quality of XXXX which is sold locally, some being so poor as to be fit only for feed for stock. Patent flour was dropped 5c early this week, and later the cut was met by another drop of 5c for both patent and strong bakers, making a decline for the week of 10c on patent and 5c on bakers. Quotations in small lots to the local trade, do livered in the city, are now as follows: Patents, \$1.60; strong bakers, \$1.50; XXXX 80 to \$1.00 as to quality. Large buyers and rail lots at the usual discount.

MILLSTUFFS—A good demand for eastern shipment continues, and local prices are accordingly held firm, particularly for shorts. We quote bran at \$10 to \$11, and shorts at \$12 to \$13 per ton as to quantity. Low grade flour is being used locally to some extent instead of shorts for feed.

GROUND FEED—There is not much doing in ground feed, which is held at \$17 to 20 per ton as to quality. Pure oat chop brings the best price, while mixed stuffs sell lower, according to quality. Ground wheat feed at present prices

could be sold at \$13 to 14 per ton. Ground oil cake meal is held at \$25 per ton, in sacks.

OATMEAL, ETC—The sharp advances in the price of Manitoba oatmeal, owing to the high price and scarcity of choice milling oats, has enabled eastern manufacturers to ship to this market. Several cars of Ontario meal are reported in. Prices are very irregular at the moment. Eastern rolled oatmeal in 80 pound sacks has been offered at from \$2.25 in 100 sack lots up to \$2.40 for small lots. O hers quote as high as \$2.70 per sack, granulated, 100 pounds, Cornmeal, \$1.75; buckwheat flour, \$4; and rye, \$3. Beans are quoted at \$1.90 to \$1.90 per bushel; split peas, \$2.40 to 2.50; pot barley, \$2.40 to 2.50; and pearl barley \$4 per sack, rolled wheat, \$5.50 per barrel.

OATS—Prices are very irregular in Manitoba country markets, according to local demand. At some local points prices have been higher than Winnipeg. The street price here is 30 to 32c per bushel as to quality. Car lots country points quoted from 26 to 28½ per bushel as to quality and freight rate. A few car lots are moving to local western and north shore points, but there is a great scarcity of the grain, and prices are about as high as in Ontario.

BARLEY—Prices about nominal on account of no movement. Car lots quoted 23 to 25c for feed quality, at country points. Winnipeg brewers paying 26 to 28c.

FEED WHEAT—Considerable damp wheat has been offered on the street here, and is bought for feed at 25 to 30c per bushel.

BUTTER—A firm market continues to rule. Up to 20c has been paid for round lots of choice late make dairy in the country, and small lots of choice have sold locally as high as 23c per lb. We quote 20 to 22 as the usual range, while for fresh rolls city retailers pay 23 to 26c. The country is about cleaned out of creamery, which meets with a good demand for western shipment.

CHEESE—The market is firmer. Factories are well sold out, and as the make has been small this season, it will be about all required for local use. Prices range from 11 to 12c for small lots. Dealers complain of the usual lack of discrimination as to quality. If one holder sells June cheese at 10c, buyers generally seem to consider that 10c should be the price of all cheese in the market, not taking into consideration that good late make is worth much more than even well kept early make, while a great deal of the early stuff is liable to be badly kept and off flavor.

EGGS—Hardly any fresh offering, and held at 23 to 25c. Pickled stock are quoted at 20c per dozen in small lots and 19 in quantities.

CURED MEATS—Hams, 14c; breakfast bacon 14c for backs and 14½c for bellies; dry salt long clear bacon, 11½c; smoked long clear 12½c; spiced rolls, 11 to 11½c; mess pork, \$22.00 per barrel. Sausage is quoted: fresh pork sausage, 9c; bologna sausage 9c per lb; German, 9c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per half lb. packet. Pickled hogs tongues, 15c.

DRESSED MEATS—The damp weather this week has been bad for holders of stocks of fresh meats. Beef is about the same and sells mostly at about 4½c. A little extra choice may bring 5c, city dressed, while 3 to 4c may be quoted for country beef. Mutton has sold at 8 to 10c, country mutton bringing the lower price. Pork 7½c for choice butchers' hogs. Packers are paying 7c for rail lots, with an easier tendency.

LARD—Pure held at \$2.50 to \$2.60, in 20 pound pails, per pail; compound, at \$2.10 per pail; in tins, \$7 per case.

DRESSED POULTRY—We quote: Chickens, 8 to 10c per lb; turkeys 10 to 12½c; ducks and geese, 10 to 11c; wild ducks, 25 to 30c a pair. Dealers are arranging to bring in stocks from the east as soon as the weather will permit, as prices are much lower there than here. The outlook is therefore for lower prices here when cold weather sets in. An early market will bring the best prices.

HIDES AND SKINS—Prices have declined again east and the trade is dull. When winter hides begin to come in they will be lower here, as there is no money in them on the present basis of prices east. Dealers are talking 1½ to 2½ for country frozen hides. We quote Winnipeg inspected here as follows: No. 1 cows, 30; No. 2, 25; No. 3, 14c; No. 1, heavy steers, 15; No. 2 steers, 3c; No. 3 steers, 2c. In the country round lots of hides have been bought at 2½, with 5 lbs. tare off. This would be for lots containing some heavy hides, as all light would hardly bring this price. Calf, 8 to 13 lb skins, 4 to 5c per pound. Kips about the same as hides. Sheepskins and lambs, 40c each. Tallow, 4½c; rendered; 2 to 3c rough.

WOOL—Ordinary long wools nominal at 7 to 8c per lb; mixed quality, containing some finer grades 8 to 9c lb; downs 9 to 10c as to quality; fine wools, such as good merino grades, 10 to 11c.

SENEGA ROOT—There has been some sharp bidding on senega root, and over 33c is reported paid for a good sized lot, which was put up for competition. The market for the season is winding up strong and buyers active.

HAY—Bad roads have limited street offerings to a few loads and prices were higher at about \$5 to \$5.50 per ton for loose. Baled hay, on track, \$5 to \$6 per ton.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes continue firm. Higher prices are predicted. Street price 40c per bushel, and this price was offered for a car lot. Other vegetables are quoted. Turnips, 15 to 20c; carrots, 40c; beets, 40c; parsnips, 75c; onions, 90c to \$1 per bushel. Cabbage, 50 to 75c per dozen. Celery, 25c per dozen.

LIVE HOGS—Prices here are easier and ½c lower for the week, about the best price now being 5½c off cars, at which price packers have been taking good lots. Prices are also easier in the east, Toronto quoting 5 to 5½c off cars.

Duluth Wheat Market.

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

Monday—November, 59c; December, 53½c; May 61c.
Tuesday—Holiday.
Wednesday—November 59½c; December, 59½c; May 61½c.
Thursday—November, 60c; December, 59½c; May 60c.
Friday—November, 61c; December, 59½c; May 60½c.
Saturday—November, —, December, 59½c; May, 61c.

A week ago prices closed at 59½c for November, 59½c for December and 61½c for May per bushel. A year ago November and December wheat closed at 70½c per bushel.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Wheat opened ½ to ¾c lower on Monday, declined irregularly ¾c, recovered partially, but again declined, and closed at ¾ to 1c lower than Saturday. Corn was about ¾c lower, oats ¾c lower, and pork 10c lower. Closing prices were:—

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May
Wheat.....	—	61½	—	63½
Corn.....	38½	39½	—	42½
Oats.....	28½	29½	—	31½
Pork.....	—	—	14 30	—
Lard.....	17½	—	8 40	—
Ribs.....	—	—	7 37½	—

There was no meeting of the board on Tuesday, being election day. On Wednesday there was considerable speculative business doing in wheat, which opened ½ to ¾c higher, declined ½ to ¾c, again advanced about 1c, and closed ¾ to ¾c higher than Monday's close. Corn was easier and oats rather firmer. Pork declined under limited buying. Freights were quiet at 1½ to 1¾c on wheat to Buffalo. In the cash market winter wheats were ¼ to ¾c higher in sympathy with the firmness in the speculative market. No. 2 red sold at 61½ to 61¾c. No. 3 sold at 55½ to 56½c. No. 3 hard sold at 56 to 56½c. Winter wheat by sample met with a good demand, and the market ruled firmer, prices showing an advance of ½ to ¾c. No grade sold at 53c; No. 4 red sold at 53 to 54c; No. 3 red sold at 56 to 56½c; No. 2 hard sold at 61½c

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to 62½c; and No. 3 hard at 59½c. No. 2 spring wheat sold at 61½c, and ranged nominally at 60½ to 61½c, and closed at 61½c. No. 3 spring sold at 56½c and hard variety at 62 to 62½c. Spring wheat by sample met with a good demand and market firm. Prices were ½ to ¾ higher. No grade sold at 45½c. No. 4 sold at 61 to 65c; No. 3 sold at 58½ to 59c; and hard variety at 60 to 62c. There was a good deal of barley offered, which sold at around 40c for sound barley. Quite a little above the general run in quality sold at 42 to 45c, and choice to fancy ranged from 48 to 55c. For samples of No. 2 53 to 55c was about the market. At 5½ there was barley offered which ten days ago brought 56 to 57c. Poor to fair, small berry and dirty barley, quotable at 34 to 38c. Green meats were quoted: hams, \$8.12½ to 8.25; shoulders, \$8.25 to 6.75; bellies, 10 to 12 lb av. \$11.75 to 12.00. Pickled—Hams, \$9.50 to 9.75; Shoulders, \$7.00 to 7.50; Bellies, 10 to 12 lb. av. \$12.00 to 12.50; DRY SALTED—boxed—Shoulders, \$7.00 to 7.25; Long Clear Sides, \$9.25 to 9.50; Short Clear Sides, regular, \$9.00 to 9.25; do. Government inspected, \$9.00 to 9.25; Backs, \$9.37½ to 9.62½; Bellies, \$10.75 to 11.00; Cumberland Sides, \$9.50 to 9.75; Long Cut Hams, \$10.00 to 10.50. Loose lots about 20c. less than above figures. SMOKED—Hams, \$10.50 to 11.00; Shoulders, \$7.50 to 8.00; Short Rib Sides, \$9.75 to 10.00; Short Clear Sides, \$10.00 to 10.25; Breakfast Bacon, \$12.50 to 14.00—all packed. Flax seed sold at about \$1.01. Closing prices in the speculative market were:—

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat	—	62½	—	69½
Corn	38	38	—	42½
Oats	23½	23½	—	31½
Pork	—	—	14.45	—
Lard	9.25	—	8.40	—
Ribs	—	—	7.45	—

On Thursday wheat opened slightly lower, and declined about ¼c, but later recovered and closed about the same as yesterday. Closing prices were:—

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat	61½	62½	—	69½
Corn	38½	38½	38½	42½
Oats	28½	29	—	32½
Pork	—	—	14.35	—
Lard	—	—	8.45	—
Ribs	—	—	7.40	—

On Friday wheat was firmer, opening ¼c higher and advanced about 1c, reacted and closed ½ to ¾c higher. Closing prices were:—

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat	61½	62½	—	70½
Corn	38½	38½	38½	42½
Oats	28½	29½	—	32½
Pork	—	—	14.25	—
Lard	—	—	8.52½	—
Short Ribs	—	—	7.32½	—

On Saturday, Nov. 11th, December wheat opened at 62½c and May at 69½c per bushel, for No. 2 regular. Prices declined and closed 1c lower at 61½c for December and 68½c for May. A week ago December closed at 62½ to 62¾c.

New York Wheat.

Wheat closed at 67½c for December option, and 74½c for May. A week ago December wheat closed at 68½c.

Minneapolis Wheat.

No. 1 Northern wheat closed on Saturday at 59½c for cash and 63½c for May.

Erratum.

In the items under the head of Assiniboia, in this issue of THE COMMERCIAL, appears the announcement of the failure of J. G. Thorgisun, of Churchbridge. This is an error. The word reached us that Mr. Thorgisun had "assigned his stock," but after the form containing the item had been printed, it was learned that he had simply turned over some live stock in his possession, and that it had no reference to his store stock. The editor hopes this correction, going out at the same time, will save Mr. Thorgisun from any annoyance through his reported assignment.

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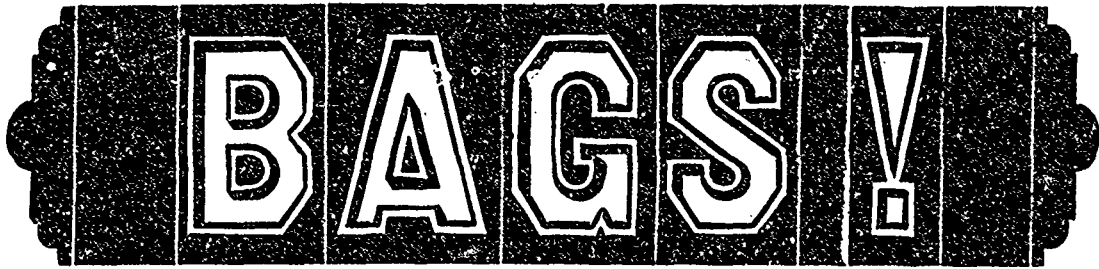
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Flour—The market is quiet, and prices about as last quoted. The fact that millers are free purchasers of wheat at these low values would seem to indicate that they know a good investment when it is offered them, for it can scarcely be conceived that prices will keep down at their present low ebb much longer. There is no new business to report on Newfoundland account, as merchants there are so excited over the coming elections that they have no time to attend to the transactions of fresh business. There are still a few lots being shipped to England, but it is said there is little profit in them. A fair local and near by business is reported. Patent spring, \$3.85 to 4.10; patent winter, \$3.45 to 3.85; straight roller, \$3.10 to 3.25; extra, \$2.80 to 3.00; superfine, \$2.60 to 2.70; fine, \$2.20 to 2.35; city strong bakers, \$3.55 to 3.65; Manitoba bakers, \$3.25 to 3.65; Ontario bags, extra, \$1.40 to 1.50; straight rollers, \$1.50 to 1.55; superfine, \$1.25 to 1.40; fine, \$1.10 to 1.20.

Oatmeal—Granulated in car lots is quoted at \$4 to 4.05 on track, according to brand, and rolled oats are quoted at \$3.95 to 4.00 in car lots on track. In a jobbing way prices here are quoted as follows:—Rolled and granulated, \$4.15 to 4.25; standard, \$3.75 to 4.05. In bags, granulated and rolled are quoted at \$2 to 2.05 and standard at \$1.80 to 1.90.

Feed—Bran has become a scarce article again, as western millers can get more for it at their mills than in shipping it to this market. One buyer stated yesterday that he would pay \$14.50 for car lots, but that they were not to be had. We quote \$14.50 to 15.00. Shorts meet with good enquiry, with sales at \$16.00 to 16.50. Moullie unchanged at \$19.50 to 22.00 as to grade.

Wheat—No. 2 hard Manitoba wheat has been laid down here at 69c; and we quote prices here nominally at 71 to 73. Canada red and white winter wheat is offered at 69c, but no bids were forthcoming.

Oats—The market remains quiet, with sales at 34½ and 35c for export, and at 36 to 36½c for local account. Advices from country points say that very few oats are being delivered. Still, the feeling is in favor of buyers.

Barley—The United States is taking a fair quantity of Canadian barley, but it nets the farmers a low figure. Last sales of malting barley in this market were reported at 51c. Feed barley is quoted at 41 to 41½c.

Pork, Lard, &c.—The stock of Canada short cut mess pork has been so completely exhausted that the supply is not anything like equal to the demand, and prices still hold firmly between \$24 and 25. It is not a little strange that 5 to 10 bbl lots have brought \$25, while single barrels have in some instances sold at \$24 and \$24.50, which looks like an irregularity. Lard still sells at a wide range, sales of compound being reported \$1.60 to 1.75 per pail of 20 lbs. There is a fair enquiry for smoked meats, with sales of sugar-cured hams in round lots at 12½ to 13c as to average weight. Bacon also meets with fair enquiry at within range of quotations. Canada short cut pork, per barrel, \$24 to \$25; Canada clear mess, per barrel, \$22 to \$23; Chicago clear mess, per barrel, \$22.50 to \$23; hams, per pound, 12 to 14; lard, pure, in pails, per pound, 11½ to 12½c; lard, compound, in pails, per pound, 8 to 9c; bacon, per pound, 11½ to 12½c; shoulders, 10½ to 11c.

Dressed Hogs—The market is firm under light receipts, sales being reported since Monday of several good sized bunches at \$8.25 to 8.50.

Butter—Lacking the support of shippers, the butter market has assumed an easier tone during the past week, and creamery is not worth as much by ½c per lb as it was a week or ten days ago, shippers refusing to pay over 21½c for choice late made goods. In dairy there is

a fair enquiry from the local jobbing trade, with sales of eastern townships at 19½ to 20c in lots of 30 to 50 tubs. Western dairy is held at 19½c, one lot of selected selling at that price; but it is said the offer would not be repeated, and we quote 18 to 19½c. For single tubs of selected 1c per lb may be added to the above.

Cheese Holders on this side appear to be confident that in view of the comparatively small stocks left in Canada, Englishmen will manifest more anxiety to buy later on. If the make in this province is large, it will be more than offset by the curtailed production both east and west of Toronto. The few lots that have come upon the market of late have been secured at a decline of about ½c. Finest western colored 11½ to 11½c, finest western white, 11½ to 11½c; finest Quebec, 10½ to 11c; under-primed, 10 to 10½; Liverpool cable, 55c.

Eggs—The market has ruled firmer during the week, with sales of round lots of fresh at 15½c and single cases at 16c; choice large eggs bringing 17c by the single case.

Dressed Poultry—A few odd cases of geese and turkeys have been received, the former selling at 61 to 6½c per lb, and the latter at 8 to 9c.

Apples—Sales have transpired of about 2,500 bbls during the last few days at \$2.75 to 3.25 in round lots. These consist of winter varieties. A lot of 100 bbls comprising Baldwin, spic and russets brought \$2.75; a lot of 112 bbls of No. 2 sold at \$2; and a lot of 60 bbls of No. 2 at same price. We quote \$2 to 3.25.

Wool—Canadian fleece is selling in the west at 17 to 18c, f.o.b., at points west of Toronto. Here it is quoted at 13 to 19c. Canadian pulled wool is quoted at 20 to 22c for supers, a round lot being offered on this market at the inside figure. Extra is quoted at 23 to 26c. Northwest wool ranges from 11 to 14½c as to grade.

Hides—A fair seasonable business is passing in light hides, Quebec tanners absorbing stocks as soon as they arrive on the basis of 4½c for No. 1, and at this price the market is steady. Heavy hides have sold at 6½c in small lots; but 6c would be accepted for round parcels. In calfskins there is nothing coming in, and prices are purely nominal. There is a good enquiry for sheepskins, which have sold in good sized lots at 65 to 70c. We quote as follows: Nos 1, 2 and 3 hides to tanners 4½, 3½ and 2½c, and to dealers 4, 3 and 2c for Nos 1, 2 and 3. Calfskins 7c, lambskins 65 to 70c. — *Trade Bulletin*, Nov. 3.

Toronto Grocery Market.

Sugars, Syrups and Molasses—There was another general decline in prices to day, New York, Montreal, and the local market all dropping ½c. A decline of ¼c took place in bright yellows, which are now quoted at 4½ to 5c. Syrups are lower in sympathy.

Sugars—Granulated, 5½ to 5½c; Paris lumps, boxes, 6 to 6½c; extra good, bbls, 6c; powdered, bbls, 5½ to 5½c, refined, dark to bright, 3½ to 4½c; and brights, 4½ to 5c.

Syrups, per gal. imperial of 14 lbs.—Dark, 22 to 26c; medium, 23 to 32c; bright, 32 to 35c; extra bright, 36 to 38c; extra, very bright, 40 to 42c; special brights, 45 to 48c.

Molasses—West India, bbls, 23 to 35c; New Orleans, open kettle, 45 to 55c; centrifugal, 30 to 40c; inferior low grades, 23 to 25c per gallon.

Teas and Coffees—Teas continue to move freely, low and medium grades being most in demand. New Ceylons are selling well at from 14 to 19c for low grades. Tea dust and fannings are in comparatively poor demand this season owing to the good value shown in low grades.

The only feature in coffee is the continued scarcity of green Rio, which is now quoted at 24 to 25c. Prices are:—Green Rio, 24 to 25c. Roasted coffees—Rio, pure, 25c; choice, 26c; fancy, 26½c; extras, 27c; Maricaoibo, 30c;

Jamaicas, 28c; Javas 31½c for imperial; Java, old Government, 32½ to 34½c; private growth standard Java, 36c; Mochas, pure, 33c; genuine Arabian Mochas, 36c.

Dried Fruit—Both raisins and currants of the new crop have been selling freely. First shipments have been nearly all disposed of, and the goods now due via the Escalona have been sold into pretty well. Some old fruit is still on the market, and is offering at bargain prices. A large quantity of new Malaga fruit will be on the market next week. Quotations are:—Raisins Valencia, 4½ to 5c for off stalk; 5 to 5½c for fine off stalk; 5½ to 6c for selected, and \$1 per 28 lb box for old fruit; layers, new crop, 6 to 7c; Sultans, old, 6½ to 8c; London layers, old, \$1.25 per 22 lb box, and new, \$2.45 per 22 lb box; black baskets, old, \$2 per box, and new, \$3.25 to 3.40; blue baskets, old, \$2.25 a box, and new, \$4 a box; connoisseur clusters, new, \$3.20 to 3.40 per box; extra desserts, \$1 per box; quarter flats, \$1.40 per box; extra dessert quarter flats, \$1.50; prunes, fine Bordeaux, 5 to 6c. Figs—Comarc, 30 lb tins, 5 to 6c.

Canned Goods—The situation remains about the same. Canned salmon is in lighter demand, but peas, corn and tomatoes are selling freely. Packers are holding prices firm, but holders of old stocks have been breaking under market prices. We hear of a sale of tomatoes having been made within the past few days around 75c. This, of course, is quite below market quotations and below packers' figures. When old stocks are worked off a little more prices are expected to get steadier. Quotations are:—Fish—Salmon, 1's tall, \$1.20 to 1.40; and flats, horseshoe, \$1.50; lob ter, imperial crown flats, \$2.50, mackerel, \$1.00; finnan haddie, \$1.35 to 1.50; sardines, French ½'s, 9½ to 13c; sardines, French ¼'s, 16 to 23c; sardines, American ¼'s, 5½ to 8c; sardines, American ½'s, 9 to 12c. Fruit and vegetables—Tomatoes, 3's, 85 to 90c; corn, 3's, 80 to 90c; peas, 2's, 85c to \$1.45; beans, 35 to 95c; pumpkins, 80 to 95c; strawberries and raspberries 2's, \$1.75 to 2.10; apples, gala, \$2.25; 3's 95c to \$1; peaches, 2's, \$1.80 to 2c; peaches, 3's, \$2.90 to 3; plums, 2's, \$1.65 to 1.75; 3's, \$2.60 to 2.85; pears, 2's, \$1.45 to 1.80; 3's, \$2.60 to 2.75.

Rice and Spices—Rice—Bags, 3½ to 3½c; do., off grades, \$3.15 to 3.25; do, Patna, 4½ to 5½; do., Japan, 4½ to 5½c; sago, 4½ to 5c; tapioca, 4½ to 5½c; whole pepper, black, 11½ to 16c, do., white, 18 to 25c; ginger, Jamaica, 20 to 25c; cloves, 15 to 20c; allspice, 10 to 13c; nutmeg, 80c to \$1.10; cream of tartar, 23 to 35c. — *Empire*, Nov. 3.

Fish and Oils Prices at Montreal.

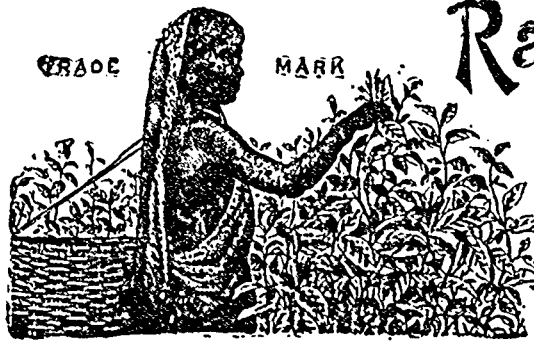
Pickled Fish—Genuine Labrador herring, it is said, will be a scarce article this year, owing to the failure of the catch, and prices are quoted at \$5 to 5.25. Shore herring are quoted at \$4 to 4.50, and Cape Breton \$5. Green cod, \$4.50 to 5.00 for No. 1, and dry cod about the same prices.

Oils—There is an easier feeling in cod oil, Newfoundland being difficult to sell at above 35c for round lots. Steam refined seal oil is very quiet, and prices would have to be shaded in order to effect sales, and we quote 41 to 42c. Cod liver oil is slow sale, and prices are quoted at 45 to 50c for old, and 55 to 60c for new. Norwegian 70 to 80c.

Dried Fish—Boneless cod, 6 to 6½c per lb, and ordinary dried fish at 4½ to 5c. Smoked herring, 12 to 15c per box. Yarmouth bloaters \$1.25 per box of 60 fish; new haddies, 6½ to 7½c.

Canned Fish—Lobsters, \$6 per case for talls, and \$8.50 to 9.00 for flats. Mackerel, \$4.00 to \$4.50.

Fresh Fish—Haddock has been scarce, and holders have managed to get 4c per lb wholesale. British Columbia salmon has sold at 13c per lb; whitefish sold at 7c per lb. — *Trade Bulletin*, Nov. 3.



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Montreal Hardware and Paint Prices.

The market for heavy iron and metals continues very dull, the volume of business being small, with the tone of values easy on the whole. There is very little doing in Scotch pig iron, and Nova Scotia makes are offered at \$16.50. Bar iron is quiet. Tin plates are dull and easy in feeling, and there is nothing doing in Canada plates. Copper and other metals continue dull and unchanged. We quote:—Summerlee, \$18.50 to 19.00; Eglington, \$17 to 17.25; Carnbro, \$16.75 to 17.00; Siemens No. 1, \$18; Langlois, \$18.50; wrought scrap No. 1, \$15 to 16; bar iron, \$1.90 to 1.95. Tin plates, cokes, \$3.15 to 3.25; 1. C. charcoal, \$3.75 to 4.25; Canada plates, \$2.45; terno plates, \$7.25 to 7.75. Galvanized iron, 4½ to 4¾ for 28 gauge. Copper, 11½ to 13; ingot tin, 21½ to 22½; lead at \$2.35; and spelter at \$1.75.

In general hardware business is of reasonable volume, and the houses appear to be satisfied with the business doing. Winter goods, such as skates and sleigh bells, furnish a fair degree of activity, as do also curry combs, whips, etc. Cut and wire nails are dull, but horseshoes and horse nails are fairly active. There is a fair demand for annealed wire and wrought iron pipe is also in fair enquiry. Values on all lines of hardware are maintained at the standard list.

Business in lead, etc., has been rather quiet. Prices, however remain firm on all lines. We quote: Choice brands white lead, Government standard, \$5 to 5.25; No. 1, \$4.75; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3, \$4.25; No. 4, \$4; dry white lead, 5c; red lead, pure, 4½c; do. No. 1, 4½c; zinc, white, pure, \$7.25; No. 1, \$6.25; No. 2, \$5.25; glass, \$1.25 first break; \$1.35 second break, per 50 feet; \$3.25 for first break per 100 feet; linseed oil, round lots, raw, 60c; boiled, 63c; putty, in bulk, \$1.85.

Naval Stores, Cement, etc.—We quote:—Turpentine, 45 to 46c; resins, \$2.50 to \$5.00 as to brand; coal tar \$3.75 to \$4.00; cotton waste, 5½c for colored, and 7 to 10c for white; oakum, 5½ to 7½c, and cotton oakum, 10 to 12c. Cordage—Seal at 9½c for 7-16 and upwards, and 15c for deep sea line. Pure manilla, 11c for 7-16 and upwards, and 12c for smaller sizes.

Portland cement is in good demand, the fine weather enabling outside works to be continued, and stocks on spot are light for this season of the year. There are three or four steamers yet to arrive, however, with round lots, and there will probably be an average quantity of stock to be carried over for the spring trade. Prices remain firm at \$2.10 to \$2.25 for English, and \$1.95 to \$2.05, per cask for Belgian brands, ex-ship. The demand for firebricks is slow and stocks on spot are large, quotations ruling from \$16 to \$20 per 1,000 ex-ship for round lots according to brand.

A fair trade is in petroleum at steady prices, the market being devoid of any feature of particular interest. We quote Canadian at 11½c in shed in Montreal for round lots, and 12c for small quantities. United States petroleum, 16½c in car lots, 17c in 10-barrel lots, 17½c in 5-barrel lots, and 17½c for single barrels, net cash; United States benzine 23 to 25c; Canadian benzine, 10½c Petrolea; 12½c Montreal.—*Gazette*, Nov. 3.

Donald Fraser Co.

A few weeks ago THE COMMERCIAL noted briefly that Donald Fraser had succeeded to the business of Jas. O'Brien & Co., wholesale clothing, Winnipeg. Mr. Fraser has been connected with the well known house of Jas. O'Brien & Co. for eighteen years, a part of this time being spent at the firm's headquarters in Montreal. In 1881, when a branch was opened in Winnipeg, Mr. Fraser was placed in full charge, and he has remained at the head of the Winnipeg business of the firm ever since. He is, therefore thoroughly experienced as to the requirements of the western trade. Recently when Mr. O'Brien decided to retire from business, Mr. Fraser purchased the Winnipeg stock and is now sole proprietor. He has sufficient faith in the country to believe that

he can continue to do a safe and prosperous trade here. His intention is to carry a stock of goods suited to the requirements of the western wholesale clothing trade at all seasons of the year, and he will, in addition to the old clothing trade, add a stock of men's furnishings and hats and caps. Mr. Fraser will undoubtedly continue as popular with the trade as principal as he was while manager for Jas. O'Brien & Co.

It may be stated that the firm of Jas. O'Brien & Co. is being wound up at Montreal as well as in Winnipeg. Mr. O'Brien is one of the fortunate few who can retire from business wealthy, and in his later years enjoy the luxury of wealth undisturbed by business cares. It is said of him that he always contemplated retiring from business when his fortune had reached one million dollars. If this is so, he has kept this resolve better than most men who are successful in business, for with most men the desire to accumulate wealth does not cease as the income increases. Mr. O'Brien's fortune is said to be about a million and a quarter dollars. The business is therefore not being wound up because of unprofitableness, but from the desire of the principal to retire from active business life.

The British Grain Trade.

The *Mark Lane Express*, of Nov. 6, in its weekly review of the British grain trade, says: English wheats are steady. Foreign wheats are rather firmer. California is quoted at 28½c 6d and hard Manitoba at 27½c 3d per quarter. Corn is in demand and values have risen 3d. Barley generally is weak and has lost 3d. The fine malting sorts, however, are steady. Oats, beans and peas are quiet. To-day the markets were dull. Some foreign wheats declined 6d. Low grade flours were down 6d. Feeding barley fell 3d. Beans were down 3 to 6d. Peas were steady. Corn was scarcer and prices advanced 6d.

Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

After Nov. 21, until Dec. 21, passenger tickets from Manitoba points to Ontario and points west as far as Montreal and return, will be sold for \$40 for the round trip; good for ninety days.

The *Duluth Market Report* of Nov. 4 says: "The bulk of the week's grain business here has been done at 2½c to Buffalo. A few cargoes having been placed at 2½c. The latter are either mixed cargoes or small cargoes. Coal rates—The week opened at 15: on hard coal from Buffalo, and advanced to 25c. Soft coal ranged from 30 to 40c; present rate firm at 40c per ton. Erie Canal rates steady at 5½c on wheat, including Buffalo charges.

The *Chicago Trade Bulletin*, of Nov. 4, says: "The railroads gave more attention to freight business the past week as the heavy passenger traffic is over. Rates were steady at 25c per 100 lbs for flour and grain and 30c for provisions to New York. Through rates to Liverpool were very dull, but ocean room steady. The rate on flour was 25½c to 26½c per 100 lbs. Wheat 15c and corn 14½c per bushel. Provisions 41 to 44.60c per 100 lbs. Through rates by lake and rail to New England points were steady, 10c on corn and 6½c on oats. Through rates to New York by lake and rail were easy at 8 to 8½c on wheat, and 7½c on corn, and to Philadelphia 7½c on wheat, and 7½c on corn. Lake room was in good supply and rates declined ½ to 1½c for wheat and 1½c for corn to Buffalo, 3½c for corn to Kingston, and 1½c for corn to Port Huron.

Northwest Ontario.

W. Hinchcliffe has opened a jewellery and repair shop at Fort William.

The Calgary Meat Co. (Limited) is the name of a new business concern managed by M. Sullivan and J. R. Mitchell which has opened business at Port Arthur.

The *Echo*, a new weekly paper, will make its appearance at Fort William on Saturday.

The new stamp mill and machinery is now in position at the Gold Hill mine, Rat Portage district.

Fort William coal dealers have made the price of hard coal at \$7.50, which is another cut in the price.

J. C. McKay is opening a new stock of gents' furnishings and boots and shoes in the Carmichael block at Rat Portage.

Owing to the increase in traffic, says the *Fort William Journal*, the Canadian Pacific Railway have found it to their interest to procure from the Port Arthur, Duluth & Western engines Nos. 2 and 4 for use on their line.

Large quantities of supplies are being shipped up the lake for the Black Jack Mining Co., says the *Rat Portage Record*. The arrival of their steam drilling machine is daily expected, and preparation is being made to place it in position.

The Pickands from Cleveland, arriving yesterday, says the *Fort William Journal*, of Nov. 4, brought in the last cargo of soft coal for this season. During the season that is passed there were handled on the company's dock 100,000 tons of hard coal and 13,000 tons of soft coal, in comparison with 150,000 tons of hard and 7,000 tons of soft handled here last year.

British Columbia Brief Business Notes.

James Gillespie, baker, Vancouver, deceased.

Hugh Keyes, hotel, Armstrong, loss by fire.

John Morello, hotel, Nanaimo, sold out to H. Ward.

Hall Bros., saloon, Victoria, sold out to A. Gallagher.

C. W. Jenkinson, jeweller, Victoria, loss by burglary.

Hewton Bros., bakers, Vancouver, R. J. Hewton deceased.

R. W. Patmore, stationery and fancy goods, Donald, burned out.

J. C. Loak & Co., tailors, Victoria, chattel mortgage in possession.

Ida Sand, clothing, etc., Victoria, assigned in trust to J. J. Austin.

W. F. Teetzel & Co. drugs, Nelson, dissolved, J. A. Gibson continues.

Thomas Tugwell, hotel, Victoria, effects advertised for sale by landlord.

John W. McKenzie, blacksmith, Comox, succeeded by McKenzie & McDonald.

S. L. Kelly, & Co., stoves and tinware, Victoria, closed by chattel mortgage.

S. L. Kelly & Co., stoves and tinware, Victoria, assigned in trust to R. H. Hall.

D. A. Lamay, general store, Lardcau, assigned in trust to Wm. D. Armstrong.

Wright Bros., groceries and fruits, New Westminster, assigned in trust to O. Malins.

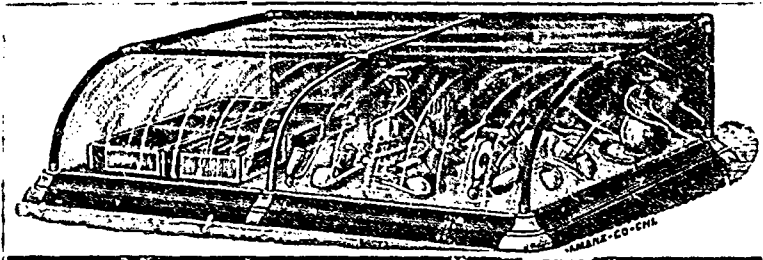
The miners of the new Vancouver Coal Company's colliery have not been at work since the last day of October, when the wage agreement between the company and the miners expired. The old agreement was based upon a 20 per cent reduction. The company insisted on continuing that rate, and the miners stopped work. A compromise agreement was submitted on Nov. 6 and accepted by the men. The new schedule is based on a ten per cent reduction, and is to continue for six months. About 1,000 men resumed work.

The East Wellington Coal Company's miners went on strike on Nov. 8. The company refused to consider the proposed new scale of wages, which is the same as the New Vancouver Coal Co. is paying their men. The East Wellington miners have been working for the past three months at 20 per cent reduction, and the proposed scale was a compromise between this and the old rates on a 10 per cent reduction. About four hundred miners are affected by the strike. It is probable that the mine will be closed down for some time.

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Toronto Markets.

Wheat—The local market was very quiet and unchanged. Odd cars of white wheat sold west at 57, and red offered at 56½c. No. 1 Manitoba hard, afloat Fort William, offered at 61½c and Toronto freights at 71c.

Flour—Enquiry light and prices unchanged. Straight roller, Toronto freights, is quoted nominally at \$2.90.

Millfeed—There is a good enquiry for bran. A carload west was bought f.o.b. to-day at \$10. An enquiry is also reported at \$10.50 and \$11 west.

Peas—Very quiet but rather firmer. An odd car or two sold to-day at 52c west.

Oats—Offerings continue light and prices steady. Sales of white west were reported at 29½c and of mixed at 28½c. White was held at 30c west and 34c on track.

Barley—No. 1 continues to offer at outside points at 40c and No. 2 at 38c, with few buyers at these figures. Odd cars of feed are moving at 34 to 35c at outside points. Another cargo of Canada barley arrived at Oswego to-day, but the market there was reported very quiet.

Grain and Flour—Car lot prices are: Flour (Toronto freights)—Manitoba patents, \$3.80 to 3.90; Manitoba strong bakers', \$3.60 to 3.70; Ontario patents, \$3.10 to 3.20; straight roller, 2.90; extra, \$2.50 to 2.75; low grades, per bag, 90c to \$1.10. Bran, \$1.50. Shorts, \$13.50 to \$14.00. Wheat (west and north points)—White, 57c; spring, 57c; red winter, 56½c; goose, 56c; spring, Midland, 59c; No. 1 hard, 71c; 2 hard, 69c; No. 3 hard, 66c. Peas (outside)—51½ to 52c. Barley (outside)—Feed, 34 to 35c. Oats—28½ to 29½c.

Eggs—There is no change. Fresh eggs are firm at 18c, with demand fair and supply light. Cold storage stock is offering at 16c and lined are easier at 15½ to 16c.

Potatoes—Rather easier. More are offering and prices lower. Car lots on track offer at 50c with 45c bid.

Apples—Offerings are light and prices steady. Selected apples are quoted at \$3 and cooking apples at \$1.50 to \$2. Dried stock is quoted at 5c and evaporated is held at 10c.

Beans—Quiet at \$1.25 to 1.50 per bushel. Jobbers are paying \$1.25 and are selling at \$1.50.

Onions—Demand fair and prices steady. Commission houses are now getting 1½ to 1½c per lb for prime yellow Danvers and silver skins.

Honey—Receipts are moderate. The demand is fair and prices are steady at 8c for extracted and \$1.50 per doz. for sections.

Poultry—During the past day or two poultry has been coming in in a very bad condition owing to cales boxing and warm weather. Chickens sold down to 25c per pair, with 35c top price to-day; geese, 4 to 5c a lb; turkeys, 6 to 9c, and ducks at 40 to 60c.

Dressed Meats—The heavy supplies of poultry and game have depressed prices of meats. Pork is quoted at 7.50 to \$8.00; lamb at 6 to 7c; veal at 7 to 8c, and beef 4 to 5½c for fores, and 6½ to 7c for hinds.

Dressed Hogs and Provisions—Dressed hogs at country points are offering freely, and are being taken at \$7.50 delivered here. Provisions remain steady and unchanged. Quotations as follows are unchanged: Mess pork, Canadian, \$20.50 to 21; short cut \$22; shoulder mess, \$18 to \$18.50; bacon, long clear, new, per lb, 10½ to 11c; lard, Canadian tierces, 11½c; tubs and pails, 12 to 12½c; in tins, from 3 to 10 pounds, 12½c; compound, do, 9 to 9½c. Smoked meats—Hams, per pound, 13c; bellies, 13½c; rolls, per pound, 10 to 10½c; backs, per pound, 12c.

Butter—The market is steady at the decline. Supplies are ample and the demand active, especially for better grades. Choice to extra choice dairy tub sells at 20 to 21c and rolls at 19 to 19½c. Bak-ers' butter is in moderate demand at 15 to 16c. Creamery refrigerator pounds sell at 25 to 26c, and creamery tubs at 25c.

Cheese—The local jobbing trade is steady and prices are firmer. Some old cheese is being jobbed out at 10 to 10½c. August make sells at 11c and September make at 11½c. Today's cable quotations are 55½ for white and 55c for colored September make.

Wool—Fleeca wool continues very inactive. Dealers still quote 17c for merchantable grades, and are offering to sell at 18 to 18½c. The mills are not yet purchasing pulled wools to any extent, but it is expected that next month a better trade will be done. Super is quoted at 19 to 21c and extras at 22 to 25c. Prices of all grades of wool are easy, owing to the decline in the United States, where "free wool" is expected when the tariff is revised. A Philadelphia firm was offering lots here this week.

Hides—Owing to the large offerings here of Chicago hides, there has been a decline of ½c in prices. No. 1 green is quoted at 3½c, and No. 1 cured at 4c. There has been an advance of 5c in sheepskins during the week, but the price is still low, owing to large offerings from Buffalo and other border cities. A prominent local dealer estimated that within the past month fully 100,000 sheepskins had been imported. Calfskins are unchanged at 6c for No. 1 green and 7 to 8c for No. 1 cured.

Tallow—Owing to the decreased yield and a larger demand, chiefly from manufacturers of "compound," prices are firm. Dealers are paying 5½ to 5½c and are selling at 5½ to 6c.

Export Cattle—There were none here to-day to speak of, and there was not more than two or three loads bought for shipment. One load of Territory cattle weighing 1,242 lbs was bought at \$3.37½, and went to Montreal for shipment.

Butchers' Cattle—A very fair trade was done to-day, and prices remained firm. Buyers still

complain of the quantity of poor stuff offering, and the scarcity of prime fat killers. Still there was a demand at a price for all kinds to-day, and the market was pretty well cleaned up. Common cattle sold at 24 to 2½c, mediums at 3 to 3½c, choice at 3½c, and extra choice at 3½c to \$3.85.

Stockers—A fair business was done in stockers to-day and yesterday. There were 18 loads of Territory cattle in, and nearly all of them sold as feeders. They were a fair lot, and brought top price paid for stockers. Quite a number of rough cattle for country feeding were here, and sold down as low as 2½c.

Sheep and Lambs—Demand was exclusively for local Ontario account, there being no export demand whatever. Prices ranged from \$1.25 to 1.50 for culls, up to \$3.15 for extra choice. A bunch of 66, averaging 89 lbs, sold at \$3.15; a bunch of 80, averaging 83 lbs, sold at \$2.80; and a bunch of ewes and wethers, averaging 84 lbs, sold at \$3.05. Mixed lots sold at \$2.50 to 2.75. Butchers' sheep were in poor demand, and sold slowly at \$3.50 to 3.75 a head. A few straight fat shipping sheep sold for \$4 to 4.50.

Hogs—Prices were easy at \$5.50 for straight fats weighed off ear, and \$5.25 fed and watered. Half fats sold at \$5.00 to 5.10, and stores at \$4.75 to 5.00. The demand was not so active, two loads being left unsold. These went through to Montreal.—*Empire*, Nov. 3.

Montreal Shoe and Leather Trade.

Shoes—The unbroken condition of fall stocks in retailers' hands, owing to fine open weather, renders business very slack with manufacturers. Very few sorting orders are coming in, and travellers who are now out will find it difficult work to place spring orders. What is wanted is a regular cold wet spell that will fill the country dikes, which are almost empty and badly in need of water. The city retail trade has as yet done scarcely anything in certain lines of fall wear. Rubber goods are also meeting with slow enquiry, the weather being too fine and dry. Remittances are rather slow.

Leather—Shoe manufacturers are buying very little leather, as they are busy stock-taking and cutting up sparingly for spring goods. In sole leather the market remains unchanged, No. 1 manufacturers keeping at the old range of 18 to 19c, and No. 2 at 16½ to 17½c. One or two lots of poor No. 2 have been placed at 15½c. Jobbers' sole is quoted at 19 to 21c. Black leather is very quiet, the lots of waxed upper selling being confined to small parcels to meet the hand-to-mouth wants of manufacturers at 22 to 25c, the range being from 20 to 25½c. Splits are in slow demand, Ontario selling in a limited way at 14 to 18c, and Quebec at 10 to 12c. Buff and splits are still going forward to the English markets, although advances from that quarter are not very encouraging.—*Trade Bulletin*

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Manitoba.

J. P. Wright has opened a drug store at Balder.

Jas. Bansfield is opening in groceries at Douglas.

G. A. Hogarth, Molita, general store, is reported to be giving up business.

O. E. Lambert has opened a new hotel at Wawanesa, called the Manitoba.

The effects of Hops & Co., tents, mattresses, etc., are in possession of the sheriff.

The Leland House, Birtle, has been rented by Thos. Vant, and opened for guests.

J. S. Chambers is opening a stock of furnishings, boots, shoes, etc., at Birtle.

The late issue of \$40,000 of Brandon debentures have been sold in Montreal at 98.

The stock of Ferguson & Co., stationery, Winnipeg, has been transferred to the Ferguson Company.

Mr. Knox is opening a butcher shop at Portage la Prairie, and purposes selling three pounds of steak for a quarter.

J. B. Henderson, who has purchased the dry goods and grocery stock of Chris. Cook, of McGregor, will continue the business in that town.

Jas. Anderson, a well known Portage business man, has decided to go to Carman, where he has entered into partnership with D. Graham.

J. S. Bird, one of Winnipeg's old pioneers, formerly with H. G. B. Bannatyne, wholesale grocer, has again taken up his residence in the city, and will represent McKeozie, Powis & Co. on the road.

The liquidators of the Commercial Bank of Manitoba have redeemed, since the suspension of the bank, notes in circulation amounting to \$376,000, and the liability due the Merchants Bank of Canada has been reduced \$160,000, making a total reduction of liabilities amounting to \$538,000.

Crystal rice is the name of a new food preparation, which is being introduced in the Winnipeg market by Joe. Carman. It is a prepared corn food, put up in Marion, Indiana, and can be used for soups, puddings, cakes and in a variety of other ways. Its principal feature is that it can be prepared in a few minutes.

The town of St. Boniface is inviting tenders for the sounding and measuring of the Red river between St. Boniface and Winnipeg, opposite Lombard, Bannatyne and Market streets, and also for preparing a plan of a bridge across the river at the most suitable spot about that locality. Tenders are to be sent in on or before Monday, the 13th inst., to Theo. Bertrand, secretary treasurer of the town.

The following statement shows the value of goods exported, imported for home consumption and duty paid thereon during the month of October, 1893, at the port of Winnipeg, compared with the month of 1892:—

	Value. 1892.	Value. 1893.
Exported.....	\$121,411	\$290,500
Entered for consumption "ut. ab. o."	1,391,2	144,131
Entered for consumption free....	47,555	60,113
Total for consumption.....	\$214,407	\$204,844
Duty collected.....	\$ 59,547	\$55,300 57

The Winnipeg Automatic Light Company is the name of a company formed here a short time ago to put in what they call "the new light" in buildings, stores, etc. The company have many favorable testimonials from persons who have used the light. It is a kerosene oil light, but instead of lamps the oil is supplied from a small central reservoir, through tubes, direct to the burners, which may be located in any part of a building. This gives an even, continuous flow to the burners. The light, in fact, is operated exactly the same as gas, and it is claimed for it that it produces a "maximum light at a minimum" cost. With the price of coal oil being reduced, the "new light" may come into greater favor.

At a meeting of the council of the Winnipeg Board of Trade, held on Tuesday, the question of freight rates was discussed, and it was decided to again represent matters by wire to Mr. Van Horn, urging a reduction in grain rates. The Red River Navigation committee reported that they had once more communicated with the department of public works at Ottawa through H. J. Macdonald, claiming the fulfillment of the promise by the department that their chief engineer should come to this city this autumn to inspect the rapids, and urging the proposition submitted by the joint committee of the city council and the board of trade.

Alberta.

Bovridge Bros., furniture, Calgary, succeeded by F. Harding.

Lafferty & Moore, bankers, are winding up their business at Edmonton and Calgary.

Edmonton Cartage Co., Edmonton, is advertising selling out by auction on 14th inst.

The Edmonton Bulletin says that the lignite coal mined at Edmonton is selling at \$2.25 per ton for the winter contracts.

Edmonton now has a fire engine, which has just arrived and gives satisfaction. A system of supply tanks have been put down.

The firm of H. Bentley & Co., Lethbridge, composed of H. Bentley, Thos. Tweed and the late John Ewart, has been dissolved. H. Bentley continues alone.

The Dominion express company will open an office at Lethbridge on the 15th inst., when the Galt railway is expected to be taken over by the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Tenders are out for the erection of a bridge across the river at Red Deer, which will be the greatest benefit yet conferred on the people of the district by the government.

Threshing is nearly over, writes a Red Deer correspondent. The yield will be quite up to expectations. Wheat, 33 bushels; oats, 45 and averaging 47 pounds to the bushel; barley, 43 bushels per acre.

The following is a list of the business places and public institutions of Edmonton, a place which was a year or two ago a trading post beyond the reach of railway communication, and will give a good idea of its importance as a centre of business: 5 general stores, 2 groceries, 2 dry goods, 2 millinery, 1 gents' furnishings, 2 fruit and confectionery, 2 furniture, 2 watchmaking and jewelry, 1 musical instruments and sewing machines, 2 stationery, 3 drug, 2 hardware, 1 flour and feed, 2 harness and saddlery, 1 tobacconist, 2 licensed liquor stores, 5 blacksmith shops, 5 carpenter shops, 2 bakeries, 4 butcher shops, 3 barber shops, 2 shoe shops, 2 tailor shops, 1 taxidermist, 1 undertaker, 1 photograph gallery 2 printing offices, 2 banks, one chartered and one private, 2 auction rooms, 5 real estate offices, 2 produce dealers, 3 implement dealers, 5 livery stables, 3 brick yards, 3 lumber yards, 1 saw and grist mill, 2 planing mills and sash and door factories, 8 lawyers, 6 doctors, 2 dentists, 2 architects, 1 surveyor, 1 veterinary surgeon, 4 licensed hotels, 1 hotel without license and 1 restaurant, 5 churches and 2 schools. The town has miles of sidewalks and graded streets, is lighted by electric light, has a telephone system, steam and chemical fire engines. The Dominion land, registry and timber offices for North Alberta are at Edmonton. The supreme court holds sittings here twice a year, and a detachment of mounted police is stationed here. Edmonton is the trade depot and distributing point for the Athabasca, Peace and Mackenzie river regions, extending north to the Arctic ocean, west to the Rocky mountains and east to the eastern boundary of the Mackenzie basin.

The Graham Nail works, Toronto, have closed down and Thomas D. Graham, the proprietor, is said to have left. The city in consequence is in possession of the plant.

Saskatchewan.

John Robson, hotel, Battleford, deceased. S. Morin, cabinet maker, Battleford, deceased.

Frank Otton's harness shop at Battleford was destroyed by fire, with the contents, valued at \$2,400.

Assiniboia.

J. G. Thorgirson, general store, Church-bridge, has assigned.

J. W. Bumfrey has opened a livery, feed and sale stable, at Moose Jaw.

H. Mutton, of Neepawa, has gone to Yorkton, where he will open a flour and feed business.

Gordon & Drouse, Maple Creek, shipped a train load of beef cattle recently for the English market.

It is reported that a newspaper to circulate in Broadview, Assn., and district is in contemplation, and that the promoters have asked A. W. Buchanan to undertake the editorial duties.

The Cattle Markets.

At Liverpool on Nov. 6 the receipts of Canadian cattle were reported small during the week, but the general supply of cattle heavy. The demand was steady, and prices show no change of importance, quotations being as follows:—Finest steers, 10 to 10½c; good to choice, 9½ to 10c; poor to medium, 8½ to 9c; inferior and bulls, 5 to 8½c.

The Montreal Gazette of Nov. 7 says.—"Advices from all parts of the country are that there are lots of cattle, but that farmers have lots of feed and prefer to hold their stock rather than part with it at the ruination prices ruling in Montreal and Toronto."

At the East End abattoir, Montreal, on Nov. 6, the bulk of the cattle were of inferior quality, and anything approaching choice made 4½ to 4¾c. Medium stock sold at 3½ to 4c, and inferior from 2 to 3c. Sheep sold from 2 to 3c, a few being taken at the outside for export. Lambs sold at 3 to 4c per lb. Calves sold at \$3 to \$12 each, the better class of beasts being in good demand.

Grain and Milling.

Geo. Bull has purchased the interest of Geo. Hutton in the St. Albert grist mill.

A wheat train came to grief east of Rat Portage last week, a number of cars being spilled in the smash.

A large grain warehouse has been erected at Basswood, Man., by Geo. Hanna, and is now ready for use.

Smith & Brigham, millers, Moosomin, Assn., have just completed the installation of an electric light plant in their premises. The system includes a three horse power dynamo, thirty sixteen-candle-power lamps, the power being supplied from the engine which operates the mill and elevator. Every part of the buildings, from the new office which has just been erected, to the topmost storey of the elevator, is now illuminated by electricity.

The farmers' elevator at Neepawa, says the Herald, is having its capacity tested these days. There were something like 75,000 bushels stored within its walls Friday. Fennis' is almost full, so is Ogilvie's. There were 35,000 bushels shipped from Neepawa during October. Cars are scarce, and just now it is becoming a serious question among buyers as to where they will store the large amount of grain that is daily coming in.

An exchange tells of a woman in California who recently lost her husband, his life being insured for \$2,000. The heart-broken woman immediately telegraphed her friends in the east: "Jim died this morning, loss fully covered by insurance."

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1 20p	4 05p	0	Winnipeg	11 35a	5 30
1 05p	3 55p	8 0	Portage Junction	11 47a	5 47a
12 39p	3 58p	9 9	St. Norbert	12 02p	6 07a
11 50a	3 25p	16 9	Carleton Place	12 14p	6 25a
11 56a	3 05p	23 6	St. Agathe	12 35p	6 51a
11 26a	2 57p	37 4	Union Point	12 42p	7 02a
10 59a	2 44p	52 5	Silver Plains	12 55p	7 19a
10 26a	2 20p	64 4	Morris	1 11p	7 45a
10 00a	2 12p	68 8	St. Jean	1 26p	8 45a
9 23a	1 50p	86 0	Letellier	1 40p	9 18a
8 00a	1 25p	65 0	Emerson	2 10p	10 15a
7 40	1 15p	63 1	Pembina	2 25p	11 15a
11 05p	9 20a	163	Grand Forks	6 00p	8 25p
1 30p	5 30a	223	Winnipeg Junction	9 55p	1 45p
	5 45p	453	Duluth	12 40p	
	8 40p	470	Minneapolis	6 55a	
	8 00p	431	St. Paul	7 25a	
	5 00p	83 0	Chicago	7 15a	

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Ex. No. 130 Mon, Wed & Sat.	Ex. No. 128 Tues, Thur, & Sat.	Miles from Morris.	STATIONS.	Ex. No. 127 Mon, Wed & Sat.	Ex. No. 129 Tues, Thur, & Sat.
7 30p	4 05p	0	Winnipeg	11 35a	8 00a
6 40p	3 55p	8 0	Morris	2 20p	8 50a
5 41p	3 40p	20 0	Low Farm	3 21p	9 10a
5 21p	3 20p	25 9	Myrtle	3 34p	10 16a
4 41p	3 05p	33 5	Roland	3 53p	10 55a
4 03p	2 44p	59 0	Rosebank	4 08p	11 24a
3 17p	2 20p	49 0	Miami	4 32p	12 20p
2 52p	2 11p	64 1	Deerwood	4 45p	12 44p
2 13p	1 41a	62 1	A tamont	5 04p	1 28p
1 43p	1 20a	68 4	Somerses	5 10p	1 53p
1 13p	1 13a	74 6	Swan Lake	5 30p	2 28p
12 50a	10 0a	7 4	Indian Springs	5 47p	2 45p
12 18a	9 46	58 1	Maricamp	6 03p	3 11p
11 47a	9 32	92	Greenway	6 19p	3 47p
11 00a	9 0a	102 0	Balder	6 45p	4 24p
10 24a	8 53a	101 7	Belmont	7 20p	5 10p
9 57a	8 37a	117 3	Hilton	7 38p	5 43p
9 31a	8 30a	120 0	Ash town	7 45p	6 19p
9 22a	8 20a	123 0	Wawanesa	7 50p	6 15p
8 47a	8 05a	129 5	Eyota	8 08p	6 45p
8 10a	7 55a	137 2	Routhwaite	8 27p	7 20p
7 30a	7 30a	145 1	Martinville	8 45p	8 00p
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11 46 a.m.	3 0	Portage Junction	4 30 p.m.		
11 14 a.m.	11 6	St. Charles	4 49 p.m.		
11 01 a.m.	13 5	Headingley	5 07 p.m.		
10 33 a.m.	21 0	White Plains	5 24 p.m.		
9 34 a.m.	35 2	Eustace	5 40 p.m.		
9 06 a.m.	42 1	Oakville	6 50 p.m.		
8 10 a.m.	55 6	Portage la Prairie	7 40 p.m.		

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Hides, Pelts, Wool, Etc.

Jas. McMillan Co., of Minneapolis, in their monthly circular for November say:—

Sheep Pelts—The receipts are very heavy and the prices very low. A great many sheep are being killed for mutton. At these very low prices the demand is good; but whenever a dealer wishes to get an advance he cannot sell his pelts. On account of the low prices of wool there does not seem to be any prospect of any improvement in the market in the immediate future. Caution your butchers to be careful and not cut or scold the pelts in taking them off. These are times when it is necessary to be careful and not waste anything by destroying.

Hides—The receipts are larger and will increase as winter comes on. Tanners are not active buyers of hides, as on account of the hard times the consumption of leather is small, which indicates, together with the increase of receipts, that prices will continue to rule low for all grades, both green and dry. Calf and kip are in the best demand of any class of green salted stock.

Seneca Root The receipts are fair; the demand is active. We have advanced our prices. A while ago it looked as though there would be a glut of seneca root on account of a light demand, as a great deal had been sold to consumers. The present demand is largely speculative, whether they will be maintained remains to be seen. We think it a good time to fill in now.

Wool The receipts are light as the season is about over for receiving this article; still, on account of the low prices considerable wool has been held. Our prices may seem low, but they are more than the shipper will net by shipping to the east at the present time. On account of the present low prices a good many of our customers have been discussing the sheep industry. The present prices of wool, compared with similar grades of foreign, are as low, except the finer grades; therefore if a free wool bill is passed, as seems likely, wool cannot decline any more, except these finer grades. If wool is put on the free list there is no reason why you should not write your representatives and senators in Congress often after December 5th to insist that woollens be put on the free list as well; because the present administration was elected to furnish lower priced woollens to the toiling classes. Now is the time to go into the sheep industry, because sheep can be bought at the "ground floor" prices, and at such prices they will still pay a large per cent of profit at present prices of mutton and wool, besides the good they do the land. Do not get discouraged and go out of the sheep business; there is a better time in the future for the sheep-grower, even though he has to wait two or three years; and he can increase his flocks rapidly in the meantime with proper care.

The deputy postmaster general has sent out further instructions to postmasters relative to "dunning" circulars. They are to the effect that care should be taken to exclude from the mail all correspondence posted by collecting agencies, in which the "dunning" character of their business is indicated.