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WINNIPEG, SEPTEMBER 21, 1896.

## Manitoba.

The partnership existing between Stewart Grear and Clifford Watkins, general merch-  
cants, Forre-t, has been dissolved; Watkins continues the business.

A new paper has been established at Wawanesa, by The World Company, and it will be known as the Wawanesa World. The first number, which has been received, is neatly printed and presents a good appearance.

The last of the farmers' excursions from Ontario for this season arrived at Winnipeg on Thursday. There were about 200 persons on board. The majority of the excursionists are well-to-do farmers, who have come to locate permanently or to spy out the land.

The Caniff Piregard Co. are applying for letters patent of incorporation. The capital stock of the company is \$10,000 in 10 shares. The chief place of business is Winnipeg, and the object is to manufacture and sell fire-guard burners, stubble burners and similar appliances. Chas. Bagshaw is the secretary of the new company, and E. Caniff, manager.

The Brandon Times says "Wm. Long, lumber operator, of Lincoln, Minnesota, was in the city on Monday and made a deal with Hughes & Co. to handle two and a half million feet of his stuff. Mr. Long says that monetary matters are so unsettled on the other side that they do not want to let their capital out till the political atmosphere is cleared, and hence the entry of his lumber into Manitoba.

## Northwest Ontario

Another clean-up has been made at the reduction works, says the Ra Portage Record, and 110 ounces of gold were taken from the tons of rock from the Mikado mine. This run was made as a check on the previous one, of 114 tons as reported in our last issue. This last run of 25 tons produced bullion to the amount of \$2,300 from milling product, or over \$100 a ton. With two-thirds of the value of the ore still in the concentrates that would make \$150 to the ton in all.

The Bullion Mining Co. start a crew of men to work on the Jennie Leigh, mining location this week.

The bulk land machinery for a mining plant for the scramble mine has arrived at Ra Portage and will be at once transferred to the property.

## Alberta.

R. Record and his staff are busy at Edmonton packing Nagle & Hislop's furs for shipment to the European markets. The lot consists of bear red cross and Arctic fox marton, lynx etc. The estimated value of the lot is \$10,000 to \$12,000.

## Financial and Insurance Notes.

Council of the Canadian Bankers' Association has had an interview with the minister of finance, with regard to the interest on deposits on government and post office savings banks. It was pointed out that inasmuch as the government can obtain all the money they want in London for less than 3 per cent, that the rate now paid to depositors by the government is too high. Hon. Mr. Fielding said that the representations would be carefully considered, but no legislation of any kind would be presented this session.

In parliament at Ottawa, Mr. B. took made complaint that the bogus mining companies are damaging the reputation of British Columbia. He suggested more strict laws regulating this matter. Mr. Laurier promised the subject would be looked into by the government.

## Dairy Trade Notes

At Woodstock, Ont., on September 9, the cheese factories offered 3,200 boxes cheese. Sales were 350 at 9 5-16c, 645 at 9 1/2c, 140 at 9s, 125 at 8 3/4c, market active seven buyers present.

At Belleville, Ont., on September 10, the bidding was confined to Wm. Johnston, who offered 9 3/4c for the entire board, 8 1/2c colored and 292 white. On the street a good many of the salesmen accepted 9 1/4c, though the bulk are holding.

At Woodstock, Ont., on September 10, 9 5-16c was freely offered and, while only one factory sold 850 boxes white at this figure, other salesmen who had been looking for 9 1/2c cleared out their August at 9 5-16c. Others sold at this price at factories. The pasture is in fine condition and reports from factories are that cheese is in fine condition.

The Dominion estimates include \$65,000 asked for the encouragement of the butter trade with Great Britain. In connection with this item Hon. S. A. Fisher repeated his previous declaration to the effect that the government intends to establish a cold storage system between the producer in Canada and the purchaser in Great Britain and said he would ask the house for a vote for the purpose next session.

At Bellville, Ontario, on September 12, there was some very heavy contracting of August cheese at 9 3/4 to 9 1/2.

## Items about the Crops.

Saltoons, Sept. 13.—The grain is about all cut in this district, but the excessive rain of the past week has greatly delayed stacking. The acreage in crop was not perhaps larger than last year, but the quality, so far as can be judged as yet, is very good and untouched by frost.

Arden, Sept. 14.—The heavy rain of Saturday has completely stopped farming operations. There is but little left uncut and stacking has been general. A slight frost last week is said to have affected late grain slightly.

Poplar Point, Sept. 16.—Grain is all cut, stacking and threshing delayed by Saturday's heavy rains.

Roland, Sept. 15.—Threshing is general in this section. All the wheat is cut and the elevators are busy handling the grain.

Mouwen, Sept. 15.—The wet weather of the latter part of last week has put a check

on stacking, but by to-morrow all the farmers who have not already finished will be busy again. Threshing is now in full swing and a drop in the price of threshing has been made, and now three cents for everything is being charged, instead of three and four for oats and wheat respectively, as in former years.

Alamoda, Sept. 16.—The wheat market opened here at 42 cents for No. 1 hard, and one carload sold for 43 1/2c on Monday. The threshers report the yield about twenty bushels per acre and the sample good.

Pilot Mound, Sept. 17.—The heavy rain on Saturday afternoon and the dull cold weather since have delayed stacking very much, as the grain has not been fit to handle since, but a number of farmers intend to go on with it to day.

## United States Crop Report

The September report of the statistician of the department of agriculture, Washington, shows a decline in the condition of corn from the August statement of six points, or from 95 per cent in August to 90. The general condition of wheat, considering both winter and spring varieties when harvested, was 71.6, against 75.4 in 1895 and 83.7 in 1894. The condition of oats when harvested was 74 per cent, against 77.3 in August; rye 82; barley 93.1, potatoes 83.2 against 90.8 per cent. last year.

The statistician of the Chicago produce exchange, figures the United States government reports as showing a total crop of wheat of 304,657,000 bushels; corn 2,152,200,000; oats 631,399,000.

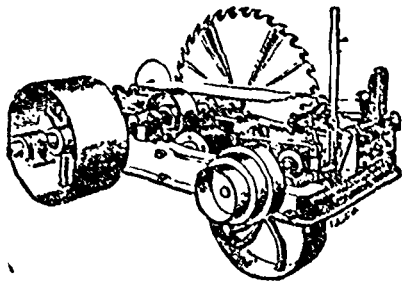
## Comparative Prices in Staples.

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	Sept. 11, 1896	Sept. 13, 1895.
Flour, straight spring	\$3.15 to \$3.20	\$3.00 to \$3.25
Flour, straight winter	\$3.20 to \$3.25	\$3.00 to \$3.35
Wheat, No. 2 red	65 1/2	68 1/2
Corn, No. 2 mixed	25 1/2	27 1/2
Oats, No. 2	2 1/2	2 1/2
Rye, No. 2, Western	4 1/2	4 1/2
Barley, No. 2 Milwaukee	4 1/2	4 1/2
Cotton, mid. upland	8 1/2	8 1/2
Print cloths, 64x64	2 1/2	2 1/2
Wool, Ohio & Pa., X	16c	17 to 18c
Wool, No. 1 combing	15 to 19c	22 to 25c
Pork, mess new	7.60 to 8.25	\$10.25 to 10.75
Lard, westn, 54m	3 1/2	\$6.27 1/2
Butter, creamery	16 1/2	20c
Cheese, ch. east ftv.	5 1/2	7c
Sugar, centrif. 96	3 1/2	3 1/2
Sugar, granulated	4 1/2	4 3-16
Coffee, Rio, No. 7	10 1/2	10 1/2
Petroleum, N. T. Co.	\$1.24	1.24
Petroleum, rfd. gal.	0.70c	1.10
*Iron, Bessemer	\$11.00	\$17.85
*Steel billets, ton	\$29.00	\$24.75
Ocean Steam Freight—		
Grain, Liverpool		2 to 2 1/2
Cotton		1-16d

Pittsburgh.

At the meeting of the railway committee at Ottawa, Sept. 16, the act to incorporate the Hudson's Bay and Pacific Railway company, was up. It was in charge of Mr. Oliver, member for Alberta, who explained that he did not wish to be regarded as the promoter of the enterprise. W. L. Scott, barrister, of Ottawa, explained the details of the project, which was to build a line of railway from Fort Churchill to the head waters of Lake Winnipeg, and thence to Calgary, with branches to Edmonton and Lake Athabasca. All the company asked at present was a charter. The promoters, he said, had received assurances of imperial aid, in view of the fact that they would provide an alternative military route across the continent. Mr. MacDonald, of Sibirik, strongly opposed a clause, providing amalgamation with the Canadian Pacific Railway and challenged the vote, which was carried by a standing vote. The bonding privileges, were reduced from \$25,000 to \$20,000 per mile, and the bill went through committee with a few alterations.

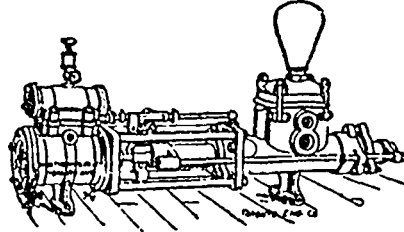


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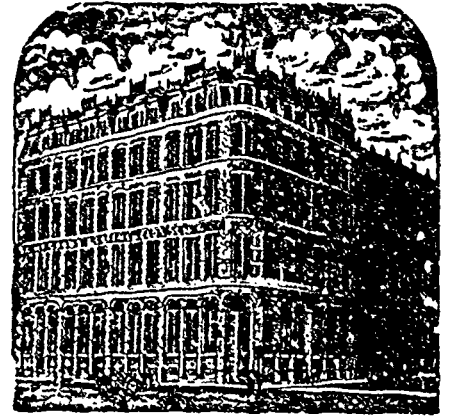
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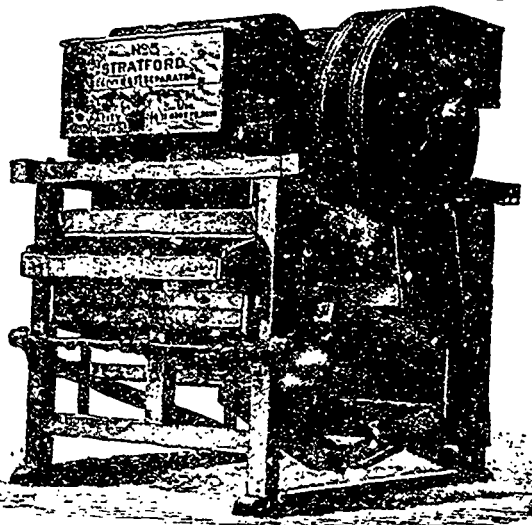
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WINNIPEG, SEPTEMBER 21, 1896.

## THE GRAIN GRADES.

The Manitoba grain grades have again been up for discussion in parliament at Ottawa. Brief telegraphic dispatches on Tuesday conveyed the information that two western representatives had been having a say on grain matters. Mr. Davin, of Western Assiniboia, was called, asked for a return of the correspondence between all persons and the government on the subject of grain inspection of Manitoba and the West and complained of the manner in which the grain standards have been selected; also correspondence relating to the subject of mixing grain in elevators, also the manner of weighing and buying grain. The order was granted.

Mr. Douglas, member for Eastern Assiniboia also gave notice of motion "in favor of an investigation into the present methods of grading Manitoba wheat, with a view to correcting the existing evils. He wants: 1st, That the grain standard board of 1896 shall consist of at least one half farmers or representatives of farmers; 2nd, to make permanent the grades and standards with reference to No. 1 and 2 hard and 1 northern; 3rd, in fixing the permanent standard, board to consider the varying qualities of wheat from year to year in the past; 4th, the word "Manitoba" to be prefixed to all permanent grades of wheat grown in the West; 5th, No. 1 hard to consist of at least 75 per cent. of hard wheat, sixty-one pounds to the bushel, 6th, No. 2 hard, 66 per cent. hard wheat, weight 60 pounds; 7th, No. 1 northern to consist of not less than 50 per cent. of hard wheat, weight 60 pounds, 8th, government to aid in securing the placing of such grades on the principal grain exchanges in Great Britain and getting market quotations on the same."

The brief dispatches do not tell us what are the existing evils, according to Mr. Douglas, which require correcting. His first proposition that the standards board should consist of one-half farmers would assist in perpetuating the present useless, expensive and cumbersome system of selecting the standards. Aside from this it may be pointed out that the grading of grain is a purely commercial matter, and is not one in which the farmers should be directly concerned. Certainly, if it can be shown that the grades have been manipulated in a way injurious to the interests of the producers, then the government should step in and interfere to correct any such abuse. Any well grounded complaints of this nature, however, have not been established, and if they were they could be corrected without the establishing of a board on the basis proposed. The farmer grows the grain and he will be paid a price in proportion to its intrinsic value. His greatest concern should be to produce a fine sample of grain so as to secure the top price. The grain grades do not regulate the price paid to the farmers. They are provided to facilitate the handling of the crop, and concern only the commercial side of the grain

question. Those who are constantly handling grain as a commercial business, and who know best what is required to facilitate the trade, are the only people who are directly interested in the grades and are best qualified to pronounce thereon.

As for the standards board, the best thing to do with it would be to wipe it out entirely, and have the grading done in conformity with the act governing the grain grades. A small board composed of not more than three persons would be sufficient to strike any special grades not provided for in the act, which might be required in certain seasons, owing to any crop peculiarity. The regular grain inspectors, who are practically officials of the Interior Department, would be best fitted to form such a board, and it should be a permanent board. In this way the interests of all concerned would be best served, and this annual bickering over the appointment of a useless board would be done away with.

The second, third and fourth propositions submitted by Mr. Douglas are all right. The Commercial has for years urged that the regular grades should be made permanent. If the grading is done according to the act, the grades will of course be permanent, except in so far as the act may be changed.

In his fifth proposal, Mr. Douglas asks for a higher standard for No. 1 hard. The act at present calls for two-thirds red fife wheat, weighing sixty pounds to the bushel. Mr. Douglas asks for 75 per cent. hard wheat, weighing 61 pounds to the bushel. We do not know what his reasons are for asking this raising of the standard. The farmers have usually been opposed to a high standard, on the ground that it operated against the price received by them. The higher the standard the less No. 1 heat there will be. In establishing the grades, the main thing to be considered is still commercial conditions. Manitoba wheat competes principally with Duluth, and it has generally been considered that our grades should agree as closely as possible with the Duluth grades. The Duluth grade of No. 1 hard, according to the regulations of the State of Minnesota, must consist of "mostly" hard wheat, so that in theory over 50 per cent would constitute No. 1 hard Duluth.

Mr. Douglas also wants a higher standard for No. 2 hard than is at present established by the act, his proposal calling for 60 pounds per bushel as compared with 53 pounds as fixed by the act. Regarding No. 1 northern he does not ask for any change.

Regarding his last proposal, if the government can do anything in the direction of increasing the demand for Manitoba wheat in British markets, it will be welcomed by all interested.

## THE MINING SITUATION.

Mining in British Columbia is attracting a great deal of attention of late, and there are indications of a regular mining "boom" setting in. In fact, something of a "boom" appears to have been already felt in the far famed Kootenay country. While there are undoubtedly some very rich properties in that part of British Columbia, as well as in other parts of the province, there is danger that some unprofitable enterprises will be floated,

if this has not been already done. The fact of the existence of some very rich mines, does not preclude the floating of some wild-cat schemes in the same districts. In fact the big dividend-paying properties simply render it possible for unscrupulous parties to float worthless mining shares.

A large number of propositions are at present being promoted in British Columbia, and it is quite probable that a number of these will never pay any dividends. A large number of companies with large nominal capital have been incorporated, and many of these are offering their stocks for sale. It should be thoroughly understood that much of the stock offered represents mines which have not been developed sufficiently to give any very clear indication of their value. Parties who invest in these stocks should understand that in many cases they are investing in "prospects," and not in mines. When investors understand this point, it is all well enough, for in that case they will know that they are going into a speculation which may turn out good, or may prove worthless. The danger is that many persons may be misled into investing in what is merely a mining "prospect," under the belief that they hold valuable mining stock.

The Commercial does not wish to say anything to disparage legitimate mining investments. There is abundant room in British Columbia for all the capital which is likely to go that way, in developing legitimate mining enterprises. The country is rich in minerals. It cannot be expected that every mine developed will prove profitable, but there will undoubtedly be large fortunes made out of many properties. For those who strike it right there will be big dividends, while it is quite as certain that in some cases unprofitable investments will be made even by skilled persons.

To small investors who have become interested by the glowing reports of the fabulous wealth of the Kootenay we would say: Do not invest in stocks of "prospects" unless you are prepared to meet an occasional, if not frequent, reverse.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

HON. MR. FRASER stated in parliament, at Ottawa, the other day, that the government would establish a cold storage system between Canada and Great Britain. This question, it is understood, is being considered in connection with the proposed fast trans-Atlantic service. The proposed fast service is all right, providing the cost is not too great; but a cold storage service would be of more value to the farmers of Canada than a fast passenger service, however much the latter may be desired by the travelling public.

THOSE who are inclined to grumble at the low price of hogs, may take some consolation from studying the prices of hog products. Good bacon hogs are worth 3½ cents per pound off cars at Winnipeg, which is about the same as is paid at Chicago. In the latter market lard and short rib bacon are selling at about the same price per pound as live hogs, short ribs having even touched under 3

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cents per pound. With the finished product going at such prices, hogs at 8 1/2 cents seem pretty dear.

It is a little more than curiosity which evidently prompts Li Hung Chang to ask so many questions regarding the railways...

ERASTUS WYMAN has another big scheme on hand, which he expounded at length at a recent dinner of the Minneapolis Miller's Club.

Two bulletins have been received from the Dominion experimental farm, Ottawa. One deals with the blight on the apple and pear...

THE big crop of corn in the United States this year and last, is exercising a very depressing influence on feed grains, millstuffs and all sorts of feed.

Wheat Stocks.

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada east of the Rocky Mountains for the week ended Sept. 12, 1896, shows an increase of 1,107,000 bushels...

The following table shows the total visible supply of wheat at the end of the first trade week of each month for four years...

Table with 4 columns: Year, 1895, 1891, 1893, 1892. Rows list months from Jan 2 to Dec 2 with bushel counts.

The following shows the visible supply by weeks, for four years:

Table with 4 columns: Year, 1896, 1893, 1891, 1893. Rows list weeks from Jan 4 to Sept 12 with bushel counts.

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on September 5 is as follows:

Table listing wheat stocks in bushels for Montreal, Toronto, Kingston, Winnipeg, Manitoba interior elevators, Fort William, Port Arthur & Keewatin.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on September 5 1896:

Table listing total stocks in bushels for East of the Mountains, Pacific Coast, and total stocks a year ago.

Bradstreet's report for the week ended Sept. 12, shows an increase of 1,146,000 bushels in stocks of wheat east of the mountains...

Worlds stocks of wheat on Sept. 1, 1896, (United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe) were 97,076,000 bushels, as

compared with 119,499,000 bushels on Sept. 1, 1895, 151,622,000 bushels on Sept. 1, 1894, 119,107,000 bushels on that date in 1893...

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

The following shows the number of cars of wheat inspected at Winnipeg for the weeks ended on the dates named, compared with the number of cars inspected for the corresponding weeks a year ago...

Table comparing wheat inspection in cars for various weeks in 1896 and 1895, including Extra Manitoba and various North/South car types.

Total Same week last year. 1896: 59, 1893: 33, 1891: 21, 1893: 24, 1893: 24

\* Wheat inspected at Emerson going out via the Northern Pacific to Duluth, is included in Winnipeg returns. A considerable portion of the wheat moving is inspected at Fort William...

Tinkering with the Grain Grades.

A telegram from Ottawa says: "Messrs. Richardson, Macdonell and Douglas had an interview with Hon. Mr. Joly, comptroller of inland revenue..."

The undersigned has the honor to recommend that the first two paragraphs of the order in council of the 18th of October, 1895, respecting the classification of grains...

Spring wheat - No. 1 Manitoba hard wheat shall consist solely of wheat grown in Manitoba or the Territories of Canada...

No. 2 Manitoba hard wheat shall consist wholly of wheat grown in Manitoba or the Territories of Canada, and shall be so found and reasonably clean...

The department has agreed to have scoured wheat in certain standards. Regarding No. 2 hard, there has evidently been a mistake in transmitting the report from Ottawa...

The Dominion government has put a sum in the estimates for the improvement of the Rainy River rapids.

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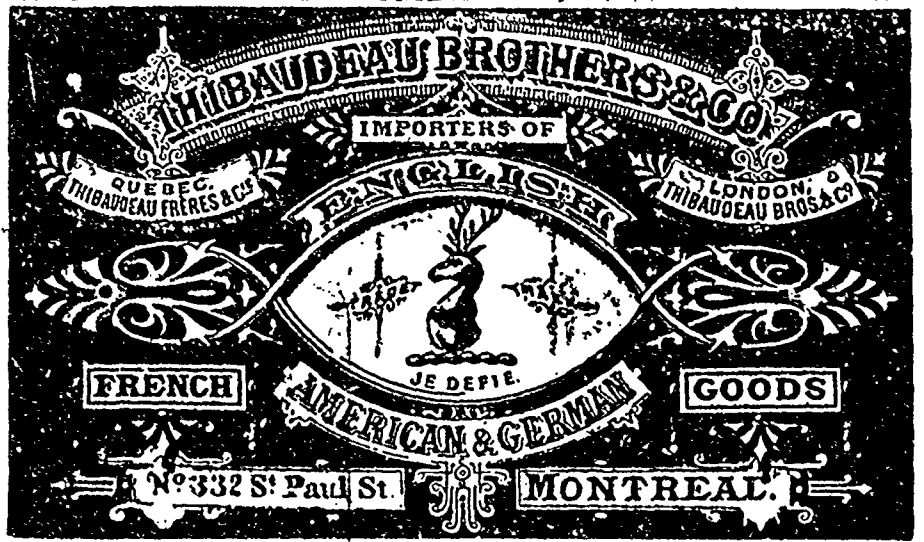
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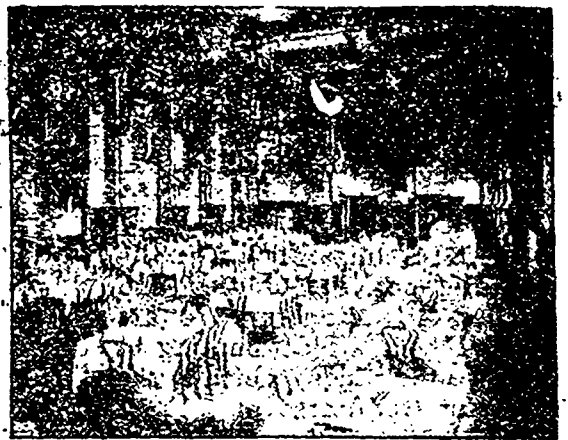
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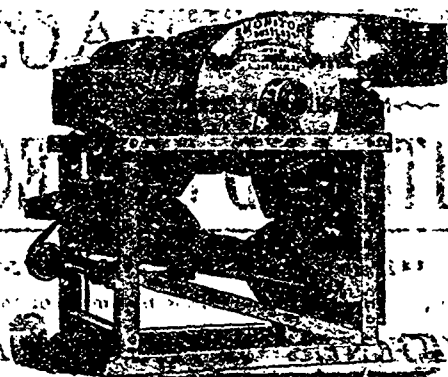
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**British Columbia Business Review.**

Vancouver, September 19, 1896.

There is renewed activity in trade circles in British Columbia. Generally speaking trade is satisfactory and collections have somewhat improved. Manitoba butter is in greater demand. Eastern cheese is also sought after more than usual. Wheat and oats have a downward tendency; now supplies are coming. There is an abundance of fruit but owing to the demand for preserving prices keep up fairly well.

**British Columbia Markets.**

(BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.)

Vancouver, Sept. 19, 1896.

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

Butter is 1c lower all around this week, and fresh local eggs are 2c lower. Potatoes are \$1.00 per ton lower. Fruit is lower all around.

Butter.—Manitoba Dairy butter, 14c; Manitoba creamery, 24c; local creamery, 25c; Manitoba cheese, 10c.

Cured Meats.—Hams 18 cents; breakfast bacon 12½c; backs 12 to 12½c; long, clear 7½c; short rolls 9½ to 10c; smoked sides 9½c. Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 9c per pound; in pails and tubs 9½c.

Fish.—Prices are: Flounders 8c; smolt 4c; sea bass 4c; black cod 6c; rook cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 4c; herring 4c; spring salmon 7c; sockeyes, 6c; whiting 6c; soles 6c; steel head, 6c; crabs 60c dozen; smoked halibut, 10c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c; salt colachan, 25 and 50 lb. kits \$3.75 and \$3.50; smoked salmon 10c.

Vegetables.—New potatoes, \$11.00 per ton; onions silver skins, 1½c per pound; cabbage, 1c lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$10 a ton.

Eggs.—Ranch 28c; Manitoba, 15c.

Fruits.—Fruit is sold by box unless otherwise quoted. Standard American boxes measure one foot ten and a half inches by eleven and a half inches with depth of eleven inches, inside measurement, and contain from 280 to 360 lemons, from 125 to 300 seedling oranges, or from 125 to 150 naval oranges. California lemons, \$1 to \$4.50; \$3.25; Peaches, 20 lb boxes \$1.00; Plums, 20 lb boxes \$1.75; Tomatoes, \$1.00; Pears, 40 lb, box, \$1.25; California apples, 50 lb. box, \$1.50; British Columbia apples, 50 lb. box, \$1.00; Honolulu bananas, per bunch, \$1.50; melons, per dozen, \$3.00.

Evaporated Fruits.—Apricots 11c per lb; peaches 7½c; plums 7c; prunes, French, 4c; loose Muscatel raisins 4c; London layer raisins \$1.65 box.

Nuts.—Almonds, 18c; filberts, 12½c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12½c; walnuts, 10 to 16c lb.

Meal.—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$3.00; 45 pound sacks, \$3.10; 22½ pound sacks, \$2.60; 10.7 sacks, \$2.00. Oatmeal, 10-10's, \$3.25; 2-50's, \$3.00. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.25; 2-45s, \$2.35. Manitoba Rolled Oats, 90's, \$2.25 45's \$2.35.

Flour.—Cost price. Manitoba patent, per bbl., \$4.30; strong bakers, \$3.80; Oregon, \$4.20; Oak Lake patent \$4.30; do. strong bakers \$3.85.

Grain.—Washington State wheat \$25.00 per ton f. o. b. Vancouver, duty paid. Oats \$16.00 per ton.

Ground Feed.—National mills chop, \$21 to \$22 per ton; ground barley, \$22 ton; shorts, \$20.00 ton; bran \$18.00; oil cake meal, \$30 ton; F. O. B. Vancouver, including duty paid on import stuff.

Hay.—\$3.50 per ton.

Dressed Meats.—Beef, 6 to 7½c; mutton, 6½ to 7½c; pork, 7 to 8c; veal, 7 to 8c.

Live Stock.—Stoors, \$3.00 to \$3.50; per hundred lbs; sheep, \$3.10 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs; hogs, \$5.50 to \$5.75 per 100 lbs; lamb \$2.75 to \$3 per head.

Poultry.—Chickens, \$1.00, ducks, \$5 per dozen.

Sugars.—Powdered and icing, 6½; Paris lump, 5½c; granulated, 4½c; extra C, 5½; fancy yellows 4c; yellow 3½c per lb.

Syrups.—30 gallon barrels, 1½c per pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2½c; 5 gallon kegs, \$1.50 each; 1 gallon tins, \$1 per case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$1.75 per case of 20.

Teas.—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good, 18c. choice 26c. Ceylons: Fair 25c; good 30c; choice 35c per lb.

**British Columbia.**

Vancouver, Shotton & Co., stoves, etc., Kamloops, are succeeded by Shotton & Mead.

Lewis C. Stanley, hotel, Lardeau, has sold out to J. A. Magee.

Samuel Adler, Hotel, Lytton, loss by fire about \$1,000.

Wm. Stewart, Jeweler, Nanaimo, has sold out to Sarah E. Roberts.

Charles McTaggart, confectionery, of Nanaimo, is advertising his business for sale and is moving to Vancouver.

Williams and Luff, dry goods, Trail, are succeeded by G. F. Williams & Co.

Ensley & Jamieson, Pacific Coast Soap Works, Vancouver, have dissolved, Ensley continues.

E. P. Fewster, seeds, Vancouver, is out of business.

Walker & Dagnon, Restaurant Vancouver have dissolved, Mrs. N. Walker continues.

It is thought the Cohoe pack will reach 100,000 cases. All attempts of some of the canneries and the Board of Trade of British Columbia to induce the government to extend the Cohoe season have proved futile.

Vancouver is having a flurry in real estate and vacant lands just now, many transfers of property are taking place, and there is no doubt the Terminal City is having the proverbial second boom before, like Winnipeg, it settles down to a legitimate substantial basis of values. Buildings are springing up all over the city like mushrooms, and in the roomy east end a marine railway, tin works and smelter are being erected.

Vancouver people do not believe in bonuses. A by-law to grant the British Columbia Iron Works exemption for ten years was defeated on a two-thirds vote. Provided by-law was carried the Iron Works agreed to expend \$250,000 on additional plant.

**The Live Stock Trade.**

John Paul, Gordon & Ironsides' manager in the Prince Albert district, has gone to Winnipeg with 700 head of export cattle gathered up during the summer in his district. The cattle will be driven to Yorkton and shipped from there on the Manitoba & Northwestern and Canadian Pacific to the seaboard.

At Liverpool, on September 14, the tone of the cattle market was weaker for Canadian stock and prices for cattle declined ½ to ¾c, while United States stock ruled about steady at 11 to 11½c for choice steers. Choice Canadians sold at 19c. A decided break took place in prices for sheep, the best being quoted at 8½c, and almost unsaleable even at this figure. At London Canadian cattle sold at 10½c, and sheep were strong at 19c. A private cable from Liverpool quoted choice States cattle at 10½c, choice Canadians at 9 to 10c, and sheep 8½c, with prospects bad:

At the East End Abattoir market, Montreal, on September 14, the supply was far in excess of the requirements, and a number were left over. Prices about steady. No good stock offered for shipping purposes. A few good butchers' cattle sold at 8½ to 8¾c, the bulk of the sales being at the inside price. In one or two instances 8¾c was realized for a single choice steer. Fair cattle brought 2½ to 3c and common to inferior 1½ to 2½c per lb. There were 1,000 sheep and lambs offered, of which 600 were left over from last Thursday. The demand for these was limited and a number will be left over unsold. Only a few really choice pens were taken at 8c per lb, while 2 to 2½c was paid for the common kinds. Lambs for local consumption sold at \$1.50 to \$3.50 each.

At the Point St. Charles cattle market, Montreal, on Sept. 11, the market for live hogs was weaker and prices show a decline of 10 to 15c per 100 lbs. since this day week. The offerings were small, there being only 200 on the market, but as the demand was slow, holders were obliged to accept the reduction, and sales were made at 3½ to 4c per lb. live weight.

At Toronto, on September 15, receipts were not so heavy. Export cattle of good quality sold well, but there were not so many choice offered. Best sold at 4½c per lb., but a good many not 8½ to 4c per lb. Butchers' cattle were firmer. A good many in the market were of an inferior sort. Choice cattle sold at 8½ to 8¾c, but medium only brought 2½c to 3c, and common 2½c. Bulls were strong, 2½ to 3½c per lb. Sheep and lambs were lower. Export sheep were quoted at 2½ to 3c per lb. Lambs were quoted at \$2.50 to \$2.75. Butchers' sheep were dull at \$2.50 each. Milch cows and springers were steady at \$20 to \$35 each. Hogs were lower at \$3.40 to \$4 per cwt. for choice bacon hogs, thick fat 8½c, and sows 8c.

At Chicago, on September 18, the demand for medium weight hogs was active and prices were stronger. Heavy sold at \$2.45 to \$3.20, medium at \$2.75 to \$3.25, light at \$2.85 to \$3.25.

**Toronto Grain and Produce Market.**

Wheat.—Two cars of old red sold west to-day at 64c; white is quoted west at 65c; new red and white are quoted west at 62c. Manitoba wheat is steady. No. 1 hard is quoted at 65c on track Owen Sound and Midland, and at 69c Toronto and west, and No. 2 hard is quoted at 65c and No. 3 hard at 62c Toronto and west.

Flour.—Cars of straight roller sold in barrels sold at \$2.92.

Millfeed.—Cars of shorts are quoted at \$8 to \$9 west according to locality and quality and bran at \$7.50.

Barley.—No. 1 is nominal at 38 to 35c outside; cars of feed are quoted at 22c outside.

Oats.—Cars of new mixed are quoted west at 16½c and white at 17½c; three cars of old mixed sold middle freights to-day at 17c, and four cars of white at 18c.

Butter.—Medium butter is being received in large quantities and it has a bad effect on the market. Good ordinary sells in a jobbing way at 11 to 14c and creamery is quoted at 17 to 20c.

Eggs.—Prices range from 11½ to 18c for choice. Seconds sell at 9 to 10c.

Potatoes.—Bags sell at 45 to 50c, and bushels are worth 30c.

Baled Hay.—Steady at \$10.50 to \$11.75 for cars on track here.—Globe, Sept. 15.

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**THE BUSINESS SITUATION.**

WINNIPEG, Saturday, September 19, 1896.

Cool, cloudy weather, with occasional showers, has continued to delay threshing and stacking, and the movement of the new crop is very light yet. A few days of fine weather will start wheat moving fast. General wholesale trade is reported to be about fair. In the clothing and kindred branches, travellers are now starting out with samples for the spring trade. Labor is well employed. There is still some demand for men for harvest and threshing. The mineral territory east of Winnipeg in the Lake of the Woods region, is attracting considerable attention of late, owing to reported rich strikes of gold. Bank clearings at Winnipeg this week show an increase of about 14 per cent. as compared with the corresponding week last year.

Failures for the past week have been 317 in the United States, against 213 last year, and 32 in Canada, against 32 last year, as reported by Bradstreet's.

Bradstreet reports a moderate improvement in the United States this week, but collections are exceedingly slow. Among favorable features is the upward tendency of prices with increases for hides owing to scarcity, for wool on speculative demand from England, and from domestic manufacturers, of wheat prices due to a large and steady export movement. Flour in sympathy with wheat, oats on the short crop, and of prices for Indian corn, lard, coffee, and print cloths. Iron and steel prices are firmer in the expectation of revival after election, and quotations of leather are firm on the advance in hides. Sugar and cotton quotations have been lower. Money at New York yesterday was quoted at 3 to 6c for ca. loans and 7 to 9c for prime mercantile paper. Bar silver was quoted at 65 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; Mexican dollars 50 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; silver certificates 65 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

**WINNIPEG MARKETS.**

WINNIPEG, SATURDAY AFTERNOON, Sept. 19

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

**COAL.**—Reports from the States say the demand is very light owing to the high prices. Consumers are not laying in supplies hoping for lower prices. The same is true of the local market, but lower prices are not likely to come as the price here has advanced only \$1.50 per ton, compared with an advance of \$1.85 per ton in the states for Pennsylvania hard. The retail price of coal at Duluth is \$6.75, which is equal to \$10.25 in Winnipeg. Pennsylvania anthracite is quoted at \$10, and western anthracite at \$9.50 per ton. Souris coal \$1.50 ton, Lethbridge \$7. These prices are delivered to consumers in Winnipeg.

**CORWOOD.**—The demand is improving. Car lots of tamarac on track here are quoted at \$1.25 to \$1.50 as to quality. Good tamarac is held firm at the outside price. Pine, \$3.50 to \$3.75 as to quality. Cars of poplar have sold at \$2.75, but \$3 is usually asked for good green cut dry.

**DRUGS.**—The only feature noted is a decline abroad in cream of tartar of 1s 6d to 2s per ton. Prices here for parcel lots are as follows, with liberal reductions for large orders: Alum per pound, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; alcohol, \$5.25 gallon; bleaching powder per pound; 6 to 8c; bluestone, 5 to 7c; borax 11 to 18 cents; bromide potash, 65 to 75c; camphor, 85 to 95c; camphor, ounces 90 to 1.00; carbolic acid, 40 to 55c; castor oil, 11 to 15c; chlorate potash,

28 to 35c; citric acid, 55 to 65c. copperas 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 4c; cocaine, per oz., \$6.50 to \$7.00; cream tartar, per pound, 28 to 35c; cloves, 20 to 25c; epsom salts, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 4c; extract logwood, bulk, 14 to 18c; do., boxes, 18 to 20c; German quinine, 40 to 50c; glycerine, per pound, 30 to 35c; ginger, Jamaica, 30 to 35c; do., African, 20 to 25c; Howard's quinine, per ounce, 45 to 55c; iodine, \$5.50 to 6.00; insect powder, 35 to 40c; morphia sul., \$1.90 to \$2.25. Opium, \$4.50 to \$5.00; oil, olive, \$1.25 to \$1.40; oil, U. S. salad, \$1.25 to \$1.40; oil, lemon, super \$2.75 to 3.25; oil, peppermint, \$4.00 to \$4.50; oil, cod liver, \$2.50 to \$4 per gallon as to brand; oxalica acid, 13 to 16c; potass iodide, \$4.25 to 4.50; Paris green, 18 to 20c lb; saltpetre; 10 to 12c; sal rochello, 80 to 85c; shellac, 45 to 50c; sulphur flowers, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 5c; sulphur roll, per keg, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 4, soda bicarb, per keg of 112 pounds, \$3.75 to 4.25; sal soda, \$2 to \$3; tartaric acid, lb., 45 to 55c, strychnine, pure crystals 80c to \$1.00 per oz.

**DRIED FRUITS AND NUTS.**—Grenoble Walnuts, 14c; Tarragona almonds, 15c, princess paper shell almonds, 20c; Sicily filberts, large, 12c; Brazil nuts, 14c, peanuts, roasted, 13c; peanuts greens, 11c; Ontario black walnuts, 8c; butternuts, 9c; hickory nuts, 10c per pound; coconuts, \$1.00 per dozen, figs, new, 9 lb. boxes, 11c, figs, superior, 35 lb. boxes, 19c; figs, fancy imperial, 55 lb. boxes, 22c per lb; dates, new, 6 and 7c per lb., apricots, 13 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 14c; dried apples, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 6c, evaporated apples 6 to 7c per lb.

**FLUID BEEF, ETC.**—Following are prices of the goods put up by the Johnston Fluid Beef Company of Montreal.—Johnstons Fluid Beef—No. 1, 2-oz. tins, per dozen, \$2.70; No. 2 4oz., \$1.50, No. 3, 8oz., \$7.88, No. 4, 1 lb., \$12.83; No. 5, 2 lb., \$24.80. Staminial—2oz. bottles, per dozen, \$2.55, do, 4oz, \$5.10.

**FISH.**—Finnan Haddies are now in the market and are jobbing at 12c per lb. by the box. Prices of fresh fish are: Whitefish, 6c; Lake Superior trout, 9c; Pickarel, 4c; Sturgeon, 8c; salmon, 14c; halibut, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; Cod, 10c; Haddock, 10c per lb; Oysters, \$2 per gallon for standards and \$2.50 for selects; smoked goldeyes, 80c dozen; smoked salmon, 15c lb.

**GREEN FRUITS.**—Prices are about the same. Watermelons are out of the market. Some Oregon peaches are arriving, but the supply has been light. Ontario pears and grapes are coming forward freely and prices are lower for grapes. Crabs and plums have also been coming, but the latter have generally been in bad condition. Crabs continue in large supply and prices are low, poor lots selling as low as \$1.50 per barrel. Prices are: Lemons California \$5.50 to \$7.00 per box, as to quality; bananas, \$1.50 to \$2.00 per bunch as to size and quality; go. shipping stock, \$2.00 to \$3.00 per bunch; Washington peaches, \$1.35 per box, Washington plums \$1.25 to \$1.35 per box as to quality and variety; Oregon pears 2.00 per box; Ontario apples \$2.50 to \$3.00 per barrel as to quality; tomatoes, 40 to 50c per basket of 20 lbs; crabs, \$3.50 to \$4.00 per barrel for sound fruit; Ontario pears, 50 to 80c basket; concord grapes, 30c to 35c for 10 lb. baskets, white Niagara 45c per 10 lb basket, California grapes \$2.50 to \$3 per crate; apple cider, 35c per gallon, in 30 gallon barrels; maple sugar 12s per lb; maple syrup, \$1.10 per wine gallon, in gallon tins; cucumbers, 35c per dozen; celery, 30c per dozen bunches; cabbage, 40c per dozen. Cobliflower 75c per dozen.

**GROCERIES.**—Interest now very largely centres in new dried fruits. Advice with regard to both California and Mediterranean dried fruit continue firm. Recent information from Denia states that the yield of selected and layer Valencia raisins promises to be very light, and that they will cost in the vicinity of 7c per pound more than last year.

The firmer tone on ordinary to fine off-stalk Valencia fruit continues, and new business transacted has been on the basis of 6c to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb. for fine off-stalk in round lots. California raisins of all kinds are very firm. No. 2 crown fruit cannot be laid down for much less than a cost of 5c per pound to the jobber, with one cent per pound more for 3 crown and 2c per pound additional for 4 crown. The tendency in California prunes is equally strong. The prospective scarcity of Oregon prunes adds to the strong feeling.

**HARDWARE, PAINTS, ETC.**—Canada plates are very firm and scarce here and higher in price. \$3.10 is the lowest Winnipeg quotation and higher prices are looked for in the near future. Lined oil continues low, owing to the low prices in the United States. Round lots of oil are reported to have sold in Minneapolis as low as 25c per gal. This is owing to the stringent money market and the necessity of holders to realize. Prices are as follows:

TIN, lamb and 56 and 28 lb. ingots, per lb, 19 to 20c.

TIN PLATES.—Charcoal plates, I. C., 10 by 14, 12 by 12 and 14 by 20, per box, \$4.50 to \$4.75; I. X., same sizes, per box, \$5.75 to \$6. I. C. charcoal, 20 by 28, 112 sheets to box, \$8.50 to 9.00; I. X., per box, 20 by 28, 112 sheets to box, \$10.50 to 11.00.

TERNE PLATES.—I. C., 20 by 28, \$8.00 to 8.50.

IRON AND STEEL.—Bar iron, per 100 lbs. base price, \$2.35 to \$2.50, band iron, per 100 lbs., \$2.85 to 3.00, Swedish iron, per 100 lbs., \$5.25 to 6; sleigh shoe steel, \$3.00 to 3.25; best cast tool steel, per lb, 11 to 12c, Russian sheet, per lb, 12 to 13c.

SHEET IRON.—10 to 20 gauge, \$3.00; 22 to 24 and 26 gauge, \$3.25; 28 gauge, \$3.50,

CANADA PLATES.—Garth and Blair, \$3.00 to 3.10.

GALVANIZED IRON.—Queen's Head, 22 to 24 gauge, per lb., 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; 26 gauge, per lb., 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; 28 gauge, per lb., 5c.

IRON PIPE.—50 to per 60 cent. off list.

LEAD.—Pig, per lb., 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

SHEET ZINC.—In casks, 5.75 lb., broken lots, 6.25.

SOLDER.—Half and half (guar) per lb, 14 to 16c.

AMMUNITION.—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American, discount, 40 per cent.; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5; rim fire military, American, net list; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent.; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent.; shot shells, 12 gauge, \$6 to 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 6c.

WIRE.—Galvanized barb wire, plain twisted wire and staples, \$3.25 per 100 lbs. Closer prices have been made for large lots.

ROPE.—Sisal, per lb., 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 8c base; manilla, per lb., 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c base; cotton,  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch and larger, 15c lb.

AXES.—Per box, \$6.50 to 15.50.

NAILS.—Cut, per keg, base price, \$3.21 for 60 d. with usual extras; common steel wire nails, 5 to 6 inch, \$3.85 per keg, 8 to 4 inch, \$4.17 keg, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  inch, \$4.50 keg.

HORSE NAILS.—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List prices as follows: No. 5, \$7.58 box; No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box; No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount off above list prices, 45 per cent.

**GRAIN AND PRODUCTS.**

WHEAT.—GENERAL SITUATION.—There has been quite an improvement in wheat this week, influenced by a better feeling in the United States, growing out of the expected defeat of the silver movement, foreign buy-

ing, liberal exports, fears of European complications in Turkey, etc. Corn has also improved some, and oats are a trifle higher. Exports of wheat, flour included, from both coasts of the United States this week amount to 8,566,326 bushels, against 3,709,000 bushels last week, and as compared with 2,588,000 bushels in the like week of 1895. There has been a heavy increase in wheat exports from the Pacific coast this week, as compared with last, but a falling of in shipments from Atlantic ports. While we hardly hope for a very strong upward movement until after the United States elections, the situation is not without encouraging features.

**WHEAT—Local Situation—**There has been very little movement in new wheat yet, owing to the cool, damp weather, which has delayed threshing during the past two weeks. With the equinoctial date over, better weather is expected next week, and a few bright days would start a large movement of the new crop. Inspection returns at Winnipeg show a good average quality so far. Some frosted samples have been shown, but no cars which graded frosted have been received yet and only one or two cars of rejected have shown up so far in the new crop. There were large shipments of old wheat from Fort William last week, at a freight rate of about 50 to Montreal and 1½ to Buffalo. Interior stocks increased considerably. Stocks at Fort William on Sept. 12, were 1,651,000 bushels. There has not been much business doing, but prices have been firm. No. 1 hard, afloat Fort William, has been held at 62 to 62½c, the outside price being asked yesterday for old wheat, and about 62c for new. No. 2 hard rules 4c under No. 1, and No. 3 hard 8c under No. 2. No. 1 Northern about 2c under No. 1 hard. In Manitoba country markets prices are irregular, from 45c to 46c being the price paid for No. 1 hard at most points.

**FLOUR—**There is no change in flour. Manitoba flours are held steady here and in eastern markets. Jobbing prices are \$1.75 to \$1.80 for patents and \$1.55 to \$1.60 for strong bakers per sack of 93 pounds, delivered to city retail dealers; second bakers \$1.80 to \$1.85; XXXX \$1.05 to \$1.10, delivered. Brands of country mills usually sell at 5 to 10c under these quotations.

**MILLSTUFFS—**City mills are selling at \$7 per ton for bran and \$9 for shorts, delivered in the city, in small lots. These prices do not include sacks. Large orders have been filled at \$8 and \$8 per ton.

**OATS—**Oats continue very low in the States, the price at Chicago this week ruling at between 15 and 16c per bushel for No. 2. Here, however, the feeling has been quite strong, owing to the light crop and poor quality of the new crop. Holders of old oats are very firm, and there has been a considerable demand for old, as they were much superior to the new crop, the latter being very light and chaffy. A number of cars have been sold here for the local trade at prices ranging from 18½ to 20c per bushel, local freights paid, and holders are now asking 19 to 20c on track here, or 11 to 14c for car lots in the country. These prices, however cannot be obtained for shipping, as prices have declined, while they have advanced here, so that local prices are above a shipping basis. The advance is purely local, owing to the firm feeling caused by the poor crop.

**BARLEY—**Nominal. No business of any kind reported.

**FLAX SEED—**No business doing yet. Considerable late flax has not ripened, owing to the cool damp weather, and the aggregate crop will be a small one. The price for flax seed at Chicago holds at about 65c per bushel,

compared with 90c a year ago and \$1.45 two years ago.

**GROUND FEED.** Prices range from \$9 to \$12 per ton, as to quality, the top price for rolled oat feed, and the lowest price for mixed mill feed.

**OATMEAL—**The following are the jobbing prices here for oatmeal: Rolled oats, 80 lb sacks, \$1.35; 40 lb sacks, 70c, 20 lb sacks 86½c; Granulated and standard meal, 98 pound sacks \$1.55, 49 lb sacks, 80c; rolled wheat, 80 lb sacks \$1.70.

**OIL CAKE.**—Oil cake holds at \$16 per ton, including bags, for nutted or ground meal.

**BUTTER.**—While the local feeling has been firm for butter, Eastern markets have been dull and inclined to weakness. Some of the top figures paid to factories here for creamery have been within a fraction of prices at Montreal, 17c having been paid here, compared with about 17½c at Montreal. The feeling continues firm here and 16 to 17c has been paid for creamery, while some of the factories are holding for 19 to 20c. Dairy butter holds steady and as stocks have not accumulated here prices are fairly firm. We quote 8 to 10c for round lots of dairy, as to quality, the top price only for fancy, sweet goods. Small lots are selling at 11 to 12c.

**CHEESE.**—A strong speculative movement has been felt in Eastern cheese markets, and comparatively high prices have been paid. At the last market at Belleville, Ontario, 9 to 9½c was bid and 9 3-16c was bid at Ingersoll, showing a further advance of ¼c. We quote July cheese at 6½c, Aug. 6½ to 7, fancy late make 7½c. Eastern cheese markets have been firm.

**EGGS.**—Prices are higher, 1 to 2c more being paid for round lots, and we quote 11 to 12c for round lots here.

**LARD—**Prices are: Pure \$1.60 for 20 lb. pails, and \$1.00 for 50 lb. pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$5.75 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 8c pound; cases of 30, one lb. tins, \$3.25.

**CURED MEATS.**—For canvassed meats, add ½c per pound to prices below. Smoked meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 11½c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 11c; 4o., backs, 10c; short spiced rolls, 7½c shoulders, 7½c smoked long clear, 8½ cents; Fancy clear, 8½ cents; Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 6½c per lb.; shoulders, 6½c; backs, 8c; barrel pork, clear mess \$13.50; short cut, \$16.00; rolled shoulders, \$14 per barrel. Pork sundries, fresh sausage, 7c; bologna sausage, 6c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 5c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 30c lb.

**DRESSED MEATS.**—Prices are easier for everything. The general price for beef is 4½c, and a good deal is selling at 4c. Mutton is ½c lower, 6c being the general price. Lamb 1c lower. We quote city dressed beef at 4½ to 5c, mutton, 6c; dressed lambs, 7c. City dressed hogs 5c; country dressed 4½c; Veal, at 5c to 6½c.

**POULTRY.**—Chickens hold at 40 to 45 cents per pair as to quality. Spring chickens 50 to 40c per pair. Turkeys bring 9 to 10c per lb. live weight. Ducks and geese, 10c dressed weight. Wild ducks, 20 to 30 per pair.

**HIDES.**—The recent strong tone in the hide markets has made local buyers somewhat bullish, and there has been quite a scramble for hides. Higher prices have been paid. Prices advanced generally to 4c here and this price was said to have been paid in the country, for some lots. The market is generally firm, and the tendency is toward a further advance. We quote: Hides, green cured, No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 8c; No. 3, 2c; calf, 8 to 15 lb. skins, 4 to 6c per lb.; dekins 10 to 20c each; kips 3 to 4c; sheep-

skins 10 to 20c lambskins, 10 to 25c; Horse-hides, 75c to \$1.25.

**WOOL.**—A about 70 is usually the top offered here for unwashed fleeces, but for good to fancy lots ¼ to ¾ more could be obtained. One lot sold on tender at 7½c, but another went at 6½ at the same time.

**TALLOW.**—We quote No. 1 rendered, 8c per lb., and under grades 2 to 2½c.

**SENECA ROOT.**—About 15c per lb is the usual price for fine, well dried and clean root, and bulby and dirty 12 to 13c. Offerings light.

**HAY.**—Dull and easy at about \$5 per ton for baled prairie on track here.

#### LIVE STOCK.

**CATTLE.**—A good many have been shipped this week. Gordon & Ironside have forwarded 1575 head of cattle since Sept. 11, and will have another train load in to-day. The Cochran ranch had in two train loads to-day, which will go east at once, and Kippon had in a train load to-day to ship east. Prices are lower, owing to the poor Liverpool markets this week. We quote butcher's cattle at 2 to 2½c, fancy cattle and exporters 2½ to 3c.

**SHEEP.**—The local market is weaker for sheep, mutton having declined again here. Butchers quote 2½c to 2¾c for sheep and 3c to 3½c for lambs, but there are not many moving. The export market for sheep is very bad, prices having declined heavily this week at Liverpool.

**HOGS.**—Prices are the same as last week. Good bacon stock weighing 150 to 300 pounds 3½c. Sows and heavy hogs 2½ to 2¾c, according to quality. Stags 1½ to 2½c, off cars here.

#### Late Business Items.

Donald McIvor, is opening a grocery store at Rat Portage.

J. B. Henderson, dry goods, Carberry, is adding groceries to his business.

Mrs. George Ambler has opened a grocery store at Qu'Appelle.

D. J. Young has left for Regina says the Calgary Herald to complete arrangements with P. Lamont and R. Martin, two Regina business men, for the organization of a joint stock company having for its object the extension of their respective drug and stationery businesses into the Kootenay country.

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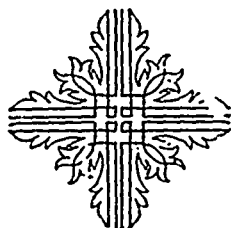
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**Chicago Board of Trade Prices.**

The prices below are board of trade quotations for Chicago No. 2 wheat, No. 2 oats and No. 2 corn, per bushel. Pork is quoted per barrel and lard and short ribs per 100 pounds.

On Monday wheat started in weak, but recovered under the influence of foreign buying and stronger cables. Prices closed  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{8}$  higher than Saturday. Closing prices were:

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May
Wheat.....	58 $\frac{3}{4}$	—	60 $\frac{1}{2}$	64 $\frac{3}{4}$
Corn.....	21	21	22	24 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats.....	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	16	—	19 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mess Pork..	5 75	5 75	—	—
Lard.....	3 80	3 85	—	—
Short Ribs.	3 12 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 15	—	—

Prices were weak on Tuesday, influenced by heavy spring wheat receipts northwest, easier cables and foreign selling. Oats declined  $\frac{1}{8}$ . Closing prices were:

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May
Wheat....	58	—	59 $\frac{1}{2}$	63 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn.....	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	24
Oats.....	15	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	18 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mess Pork..	5 67 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 75	—	—
Lard.....	3 90	3 92 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—
Short Ribs.	3 10	3 12 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—

Wheat was firm on Wednesday, influenced by war rumors over the Turkish question and cash demand. Oats were a shade higher. Closing Prices were:

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May
Wheat....	59 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	60 $\frac{1}{2}$	64 $\frac{3}{4}$
Corn.....	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	21	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	24 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats.....	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	18 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mess Pork..	5 72 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 77 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—
Lard.....	3 95	3 97 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—
Short Ribs.	3 10	3 12 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—

On Thursday wheat continued strong on foreign buying, higher cables, and lighter receipts. The full advance was not held. Oats were a shade higher. Closing prices were:

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May
Wheat....	59 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	60 $\frac{1}{2}$	65
Corn.....	21	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	24 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats.....	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	16	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	19 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mess Pork..	5 72 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 72 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—
Lard.....	3 97 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 97 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—
Short Ribs.	3 10	3 10	—	—

On Friday prices continued strong, on higher cables and foreign buying, September option touched 62c and May 66c, but the close was  $\frac{1}{8}$  under the top. Closing prices were:

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May
Wheat.....	61 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	61 $\frac{1}{2}$	65 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn.....	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	22	24 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats.....	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	16	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	19 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mess Pork..	5 80	5 85	—	—
Lard.....	3 45	3 45	—	—
Short Ribs.	3 10	3 12 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—
Fax.....	—	—	—	—

On Saturday December option opened at 61 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. and ranged from 61 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 62c. Closing prices were:

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May
Wheat.....	60 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	61 $\frac{1}{2}$	65 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn.....	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	22	24 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats.....	16	16	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	19 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mess Pork..	—	5 87 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—
Lard.....	—	—	—	—
Short Ribs..	—	—	—	—
Flax Seed..	48	—	70	75

A week ago Sept. wheat closed at 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; and a year ago at 57 $\frac{1}{2}$ c and two years ago at 52 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

**Minneapolis Markets.**

The Market Record of Sept. 17, reports orders for domestic trade fairly active, and a large output being made. Prices are as follows, in bbls. f.o.b.: First patents, \$3.20 to \$3.40; Second patents, \$3.05 to \$3.10. First clears, \$2.60 to \$2.65, second clear, \$1.75. Export baker's, \$2.40 to \$2.45, second export

bakers' \$1.90 to \$2.10; Red Dog, per ton, 140 for lbs. jute, \$9.60 to \$9. These prices are the same as a week ago, except for Red Dog, which is 60 to 75c per ton higher.

Millstuffs—Bran in bulk, \$3.50 to \$4.00; bran in sacks, 200 lbs. \$1.25 to \$1.75; bran in sacks, 100 lbs, \$5 to \$5.50; shorts, \$1; middlings, fine, \$3. These prices are 25c higher than a week ago.

Oats.—Now quoted at 13 to 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per bushel of 32 pounds. Old No. 3 white, 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Barley.—Quoted at 20 to 24c per bushel.

Flax.—Quoted at 61c per bushel.

Hay.—Prairie \$2.50 to \$5 per ton.

**Duluth Wheat Market.**

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

Monday—Sept. 57 $\frac{1}{2}$ c Dec. 59 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, May 63 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.
Tuesday—Sept. 57 $\frac{1}{2}$ c Dec. 59 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, May —c.
Wednesday—Sept. 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ c Dec. 60 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, May 64c.
Thursday—Sept. 59 $\frac{1}{2}$ c Dec. 60 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, May 64 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.
Friday—Sept. 60 $\frac{1}{2}$ c Dec. 61 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, May 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.
Saturday—Sept. 60 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; Dec. 61c; May. 65c.

A week ago December delivery closed at 59 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. A year ago December delivery closed at 56c. Two years ago Sept. closed at 55 $\frac{1}{2}$ c and three years ago at 64 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

**Minneapolis Wheat.**

On Saturday, Sept. 19, No. 1 Northern wheat closed as follows: Sept. delivery at 58, December at 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. A week ago December wheat closed at 56 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

**New York Wheat.**

On Saturday, September 19, December delivery closed at 63 $\frac{1}{2}$ c and May option at 71 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. A week ago December option closed also at 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

**The Grain Grades.**

The latest from Ottawa regarding the grain grades is to the effect that the proposed changes will not be made until the Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg grain men, or boards of trade are heard from. It is understood that the proposed changes are being urged by the Manitoba Farmers' Institute and it is well known that the institute does not represent the views of the rank and file of the farmers. The farmers generally want a lower standard, while the few scientific farmers who compose the institute, want the standard raised. These few farmers who perhaps raise a very fine quality of wheat, may grow wheat suitable for a higher standard, but what about the general crop?

**Montreal Grain and Produce Market.**

Grain.—The grain market for oats was weak again and prices declined  $\frac{1}{8}$ c per bushel with sales of car lots at 23 to 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Corn 39 to 40c; barley, feed, 32 to 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Flour.—There was some enquiry from abroad for Manitoba strong bakers, but no sales were made. Jobbing prices are: — Winter wheat \$3.60 to \$3.80; spring wheat patents \$3.75 to \$3.90; straight roller \$3.40 to \$3.50; straight roller, bags, \$1.60 to \$1.65; extra bags \$1.80 to \$1.85; Manitoba strong bakers \$1.25 to \$1.50

Oatmeal.—Standard, barrels, \$2.80 to \$2.90; granulated, barrels, \$2.90 to \$3.00; rolled oats, barrels, \$2.60.

Feed.—Bran \$10 to \$11; shorts \$11 to \$12.

Hay.—The demand for baled hay was good and the market is fairly active and about steady. Sales of No. were made at \$10.50 and No. 2 at \$9.50 on track, car lots.

Cheese.—Cheese continues firm in the main on this side of the water, but the disturbing feature in the situation is the lack of response from the legitimate de-

mand. This so far as indications go, is entirely indifferent to the advance of almost 1c during the past fortnight. It is a question, therefore, between the speculators at present buying up cheese in Canada and the British consumer. However, in the meantime the producer is reaping the benefit of prices over 1c better than those he received last year. It is reported also that A. A. Davis, local Brockville buyer, has contracted over twenty factories in that section at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for Augusts and 9 $\frac{1}{4}$  to 9 $\frac{3}{8}$ c for September and October. At the wharf this morning the offerings were 5,000 boxes. The ruling price was 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 9 $\frac{3}{8}$ c, but a fraction more may have been accorded in some instances. This is an advance of  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{3}{8}$ c per pound over a week ago and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1c in a fortnight.

Butter.—There is no change in the butter market which continues quiet and dull. Buyers are dull only bidding 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, and makers are not free sellers at the price.

Eggs.—Steady at 11 to 12c for choice candled stock and at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 9c for culls per dozen.

Beans.—The demand for beans is slow and market is dull at 70 to 75c in car lots and at 80c to 90c in a small way.

Potatoes.—Car lots at 30c per bag.—Gazette Sept. 15.

**The Crops.**

The weather has not been favorable since our last report, being a continuation of the cool, showery weather of last week. The heavy rain of Saturday last, Sept. 12, was general all over the country, and it left the grain so wet that very little stacking or thrashing could be done until Wednesday or Thursday last. Work was only nicely started again when rain came, on Friday. The day was cold and bleak, and there was a little snow south and west. Very little new wheat is moving yet, in consequence of the delay to thrashing. The cool, cloudy weather has prevented late grain from ripening, and some of the late oats are being cut green for feed. Cloudy weather has prevailed most of the time. The first frost of the season to cut garden stuff in Winnipeg came on Saturday, Sept. 19.

**Winnipeg Clearing House**

Clearings for the week ending Sept. 17 were 1,142,568; balances, 171,762. For the previous week clearings were 962,452. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were 997,421 and for the week two years ago,

Clearings for the month of August were \$1,645,959, compared with \$3,937,760 for August, 1895, and \$3,695,874 for August, 1894. Clearances for all Canadian cities this week were as follows:

Montreal.....	\$10,631,993
Toronto.....	6,326,915
Halifax.....	1,207,130
Winnipeg.....	1,142,568
Hamilton.....	750,811
St. John.....	695,777
Total.....	20,190,447

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The market in New York for Alaska salmon has become unsettled, owing to offerings of new pack for prompt shipment from San Francisco on the basis of the opening prices.

Grain Inspector Horn, of Winnipeg, was in town last week says the Carberry News, inspecting a consignment of wheat for the Lake of the Woods Co. consisting of six cars destined for Australia. This makes 35 cars shipped by the Lake of the Woods Co. from this point to Australia, all of which graded No. 1 hard.

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## The Wheat Situation.

The cause of the advance is obviously to be found in the scarcity of foreign wheat, the withholding of Russian supplies, and the evidently undoubted disappointing yields of the Russian and American crops. The weak spot has probably been America, where the markets show an advance of barely one cent per bushel on the week, and where the uncertainty relating to currency matters is undoubtedly a powerful factor. For the moment however, short stocks in almost every European centre, and pressing need of wheat, are more in evidence than financial questions in America, where the possibility of any crisis is regarded as becoming more remote. The fact is that, in face of the reduced crop in America (probably with Canada, seven to eight million qrs. less than last year), English buyers cannot regard themselves as safe from the probability of higher prices whilst Russia holds aloof from selling its surplus.

Two attempts to estimate the world's wheat crop have been made this week, one by the Paris Bulletin des Halles, and one by the Hungarian Minister of Agriculture, who in previous years has been so far astray in his calculation that it is difficult to understand the public interest in them. The two estimates, however, are much alike this year, the Paris journal indicating a deficiency compared with last year of 57,300,000 hectolitres (20 million qrs.), and the Hungarian Minister a falling off of 50,500,000 hectolitres. As, however, both estimates include the last short crop of Argentina, it is evident that the balance may be upset very materially if these two countries should this year reap good crops. As a matter of fact, since the entry of Argentina into the circle of wheat exporting countries and reliable estimates of the world's wheat crop, as distinct from the European crop, we showed in detail in our Review of July 17 that it was likely to prove less than last year; since that date we have more certain evidence of the shortage in the Russian crop, which we now expect not to exceed 42 million qrs. against 49 million qrs. last year.—Beerbohm's London Corn Trade List, Aug. 28.

## The Hog Market.

We only state a fact that is unfortunately only too familiar to the reader when we say that for a considerable time past in the market for all kinds of live stock pretty much all the gilt has been knocked off the gingerbread. There has been very little opportunity to lay by anything for a rainy day in any line. The hog market has participated in this depression and during the entire summer so far prices have been very unsatisfactory, and we might say unexpectedly so. While this is true, values for hogs on foot have been glaringly out of line with products; the price has been lower, and we do not remember when the figures for lard, ribs and pork were so close together with those paid for live hogs. We have gone through a season which has seemed to contradict all rules and disappoint all calculations. An advance was to have been fairly expected. That it could not be great was also expected, because of the continuance of depressed business conditions and the abundance and low price of feed, but the most conservative observers anticipated some improvement. Instead of this hogs of good quality have been in liberal supply and at prices which, if not record breaking, at least came very near touching the bottom of previous deep sea soundings. The country is still bearish on hogs, although without any sufficient reasons, if we may be permitted to judge from the experience of the past. In this connection, we observe that the market papers indulge very sparingly in predictions.

There are so many anomalies in the situation that they distrust their judgment. One

of these is that while the price of hogs is low, it is high relatively as to products. It is hard to understand how, when lard and ribs bring only a fraction over 30c, the hog on foot should sell for about the same money. The demand for fresh pork and hams must be unusually good to sustain the hog prices, and yet this is about the only explanation we have seen offered for the anomalous situation in this respect. Another peculiar feature is that the time has passed when an advance is usually to be expected, and yet the advance did not come. It is thought by many that the farmers who are growing swine have anticipated this year's corn crop, and that by pushing the pigs they have rushed them to market in advance of the normal period, thus causing the low time to come earlier in the season than usual. The deduction from this supposed state of fact is that early winter hogs will very considerably improve in prices over those at present prevailing, as well as over any that are likely to prevail between now and the time mentioned. There are a good many other anomalies in the situation which renders judgment uncertain, but there is one anchorage that is always safe, and that is that so long as anything is worth anything hogs continually and persistently grown will make money for the grower.

The chief factor in the present situation, and the chief cause of all its anomalies, is not in the hog, but in the general business situation. The hog is still the animal that is making what little money is made. As the business situation improves he will make more. A great many years of collected experience proves that while the occasional man makes some money in other lines of live stock, there is no line in which so many men have, one year with another, found a profit as in the growing of the hog. No cataclysm has occurred to overturn this proposition, universally true since live stock began to be marketed. No animal has so steadily justified the confidence the farmers have learned to feel in him. He will be in the future the same regular money maker he has always been, and while some changes may take place in the market demand and the lighter hog may become habitually the best sellers, leading to the breeding of two litters a year, as a rule, with modifications in management and feed, yet he will still continue to be bred abundantly and better, and the money that has heretofore been made in the work will continue to be made. Low prices have ruled before, lower than now, but nothing recovers so promptly nor is continually profitable one year with another, and in nothing have the farmers of the west learned their business so well. So, we say, there is no reason why the hog should be neglected.—Live Stock Indicator, Chicago.

## Apple Crop of Canada.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: The present season is a phenomenal one in the history of apple production in Canada, the yield being so prolific as to far surpass all previous records, and perplex growers and shippers regarding its disposition. Although any quantity of the best winter varieties can be purchased at 50c per bbl. picked, in the orchards, which is equal to \$1.50 laid down in this city, yet very few of our exporters are anxious to buy, even at that low price, as one of our leading shippers stated to the writer a few days ago—"Fifty cents per bbl. for the fruit seems cheap enough; but I cannot see where there is going to be any profit, even at that low figure, when I consider the immense surplus stocks that will have to go forward from Canada as well as the United States." Some, however, appear to be willing to take the risk, as advisers from Toronto and points west of that city report contracts for between 60,000 and 70,000 bbls. of choice winter fruit

at 60c, and one report states that 5,000 bbls have been contracted for at 40c for the fruit, which brings the cost laid down here up to \$1.40, which certainly seems a low price for winter apples. Last week we raised our estimate of the total crop in Canada from 3,000,000 to 3,500,000 bbls; and from more recent accounts of the prodigious yield it may safely be placed at 3,750,000 bbls as follows:

	Bbls.
Ontario.....	2,400,000
Quebec.....	750,000
Maritime Provinces.....	600,000
Total.....	3,750,000

A remarkable feature during the past two weeks has been the rapid development that has been made in the growth of the apples, the alternate copious rains and sunshine having been conducive to the production of fine clean fruit. To afford some idea of the abundance of the yield, instances have been given us of orchards from 800 to 400 bbls each, now having at least 1,000 to 1,200 bbls each.

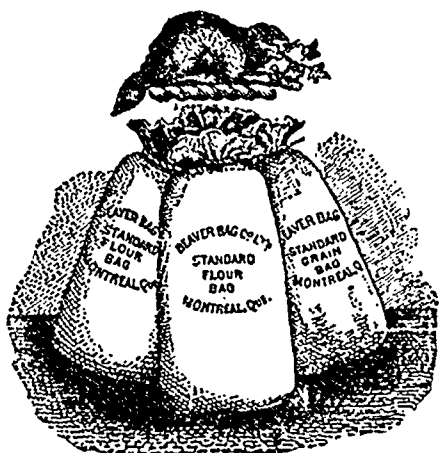
## Wheat Prices for Six Centuries.

Orange Judd Farmer: A history of agricultural prices for six centuries has just been completed in France. Wheat started at 25c a bushel, advanced to 65c in 1375, then dropped to 27c in 1500, advancing to \$1.36 a hundred years later, hung around a dollar until 1725-50, when it averaged 75c, but then advanced to a dollar at the opening of this century, reaching nearly \$2 in '67, averaging \$1.07 in '85 and going up to \$1.40 as the French average for '91. Since then prices have declined. Taking \$1 as the average price of wheat in 1860, it was up to \$1.16 as late as '82 in the United States, the figure for '91 (the latest made up) being: United States, 88; England, 74; and Germany, 82. Other prices so closely follow wheat that it is almost a barometer of values. The average value of twenty-two articles of food, clothing and shelter that were worth 100 in 1850, averaged for 1891 in the United States, 81; England 81; Germany 80; France 79. Can anyone doubt that the bottom has been reached? All history seems to indicate that the coming years are to see an upward trend to values, with a prosperity and a civilization that will put the past to shame. Let us do our best and have faith.

## Why Wheat Prices are Low.

An exchange says that "a great amount of talk is being indulged about the low price of wheat, and a certain class of so-called economists attribute the decline to the lack of money, especially of the cheap kind. But the facts show that the decline in the value of wheat since the seventies has resulted from excess of production in comparison to the consumptive demand. From 1869-72, inclusive, the United States annually produced an average of 244,187,750 bushels. In the four years 1892-95 the average crop was 510,000,000, according to the Cincinnati Price-Current, which is generally considered a better authority than the department of agriculture. The population of the United States increased perhaps a little more than 60 per cent. during the period covered by these figures, since 1863, while the wheat product more than doubled. Besides Russia and the Argentine Republic have greatly increased their exports of wheat to the world's market."—Bradstreets.

The silver market for this week has been dull, uninteresting and only a fraction lower. The London price declined from 80½d to 80¼d per ounce, and the New York market exhibits a corresponding concession of ¼ to ½c in the commercial quotations. Silver prices on Sept. 11 were: London 80½d; N. Y. 65½c.



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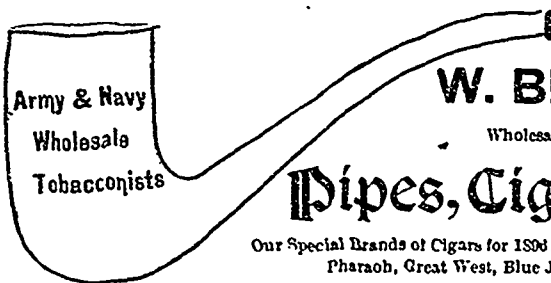
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British Columbia Mining Notes.

The Rosslander deplors the fact that British Columbia stocks were offered and sold on the Toronto market for fancy prices...

Another big strike has been made on the Golden Cache group, Lilloet, another wide vein of free milling gold has been struck.

Mining stock list:

Table with 2 columns: Stock Name and Price. Includes War Eagle, Jumbo, Josie, O. K., Iron Mask, West Lelroi-Josie, Poorman, Virginia, Lelroi, Great Western, West Egg, Caledonia Con, Majflower, Lily May, Minnehaha, Georgia, Palo Alto, Muggump.

The Mountain Chief, Rossland, has shipped over \$100,000 worth of ore.

Four thousand shares of Slocan Star have been sold at \$2.25 a share.

During August the War Eagle shipped \$1,090 worth of ore, the Poorman \$829, the Josie \$3,046, and the Le Roi \$7,550.

Col. Jenkins has bonded the Promestura for \$30,000.

The Price-Eaton Co. has been incorporated in San Francisco to carry on a mining business in British Columbia; capital half a million.

The Chance in Oganagan is down 20 20 feet and assays \$107 in gold and 32 ounces in silver.

The output of the Tacoma smelter for August, where most of the British Columbia ore goes to, was \$17,000 in gold \$307,18 in silver, \$13,800 in lead, total \$92,139.30, pay roll \$5,239.81.

Whiteman's Creek placer deposits, on the west side of Okanagan Creek, are receiving attention.

The Eureka, in Slocan, worth \$3,000, has been restaked because the previous owner neglected to register assessment work.

The Two Friends claim, 8 miles from Slocan City, is assaying up to \$150 a ton.

The Gooderham Blackstock syndicate, Toronto, who purchased the Crown Point group, are about to put in expensive machinery and work them to the fullest extent.

The total product of ore shipped from Kootenay this year to date is 67,406 tons.

A discovery of rich free milling ore has been made on the Majestic.

The market is light of coal at San Francisco cannot begin to compete with British Columbia, so that there is considerable activity anticipated in the coal market. The present prices are: Wellington, B. C., \$8.00; Seattle, \$6.50; Coos Bay, \$5.00; Southfield, \$7.50. Eastern and foreign coals are quoted

in large quantities: Wellsond, \$7.50; Brymbo, \$5.00; Pennsylvania hard, \$10.00; Scotch \$7.50, Castle Gate, \$7.00; Pleasant Valley, \$7.00, Cumberland, \$13.00; Cannon, \$3.00; Welsh Anthracite, \$1.00, Rock Springs, \$7.00; Winter Quarter, \$7.50; Colorado Anthracite, \$11.00. It will be seen by this list that the famous Wellington coal holds its own in price with the best of them.

The Lilloet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields Co. has purchased the City of Spokane for \$17,500 cash.

A remarkably large deposit of free milling gold quartz of low grade has been discovered at Goldstream near Victoria. It is favorable for cheap working. The E and N. Railway passes the claim.

The Van Ande claim on Texala Island near Vancouver Island, is turning out rich. Some of the rock has assayed as high as \$220 in gold.

Ore shipments via Revelstoke amount \$25,382 for August.

A 40 foot lead has been discovered in the Big Jam country on Duncan River. The ore goes \$20.

Hill Mine silver, the richest in the world, has been discovered on the north fork of Salmon River and runs 600 ounces in silver.

From recent developments a great camp will grow up on Salmon River. On this river Dr. Beaupre has just located the Copper King, Louisa B, United Verdi, Rarus, Comstock, Mountain View, Copper Belle, W. Laurier, Mountain Maid and Free Gold.

The Meud S., Topsy and Robert J. are shipping ore. Free Gold has been found on the W. Laurier, Free Gold, and Mountain Maid.

The bins of the Evening Star, Rossland, are full and the ore is ready to ship. It assays \$10.

The customs collections at Rossland aggregate \$10,000 a month. The figures speak louder than words of the big mortgage the Yankees have on Canada's baby city.

Coal miners of union have been idle since the 7th of September.

The first payment has been made on the Golden Star \$10,000.

The Dominion of Canada Mining and Developing Co., have ceased selling stock. The stock has advanced from 25 cents six months ago, to \$1.25. The owners of the Golden Eagle mines, supposed to be the oldest in the province, are all Canadians.

The Grand Forks Mining Co., has been incorporated capital \$1,500,000.

New mining companies last week are Copper Belle, \$1,000,000, Delaware \$1,000,000, Okhorne, \$1,000,000, Ida Queen, \$1,000,000, La Regina, \$750,000.

The Comet, Ala-ka, has yielded \$27,000 gold in four days.

A rich strike of ore has been made at the Erie mine, Roseland.

The Northwest mining convention will take place at Spokane next month. It is expected 2,000 miners will attend, and many matters of great importance will be considered.

The Golden Eagle Mines Company has decided to erect a ten-stamp gold quartz mill at its mines, the Golden Eagle group on Cayoosh Creek, in the Lilloet district. The contract for the mill has been given to the William Hamilton Manufacturing Company, of Peterboro' Ont. Mr. Robert Hamilton, the local manager here for that company, will go to Lilloet on Monday next to begin preliminary operations and he expects to have the mill running within three months.

It is reported that the current crop of Sioly fiberts will not exceed 4,000 bags. Last year's crop amounted to 42,000 bags.

The Grain Standards Board.

An Ottawa Telegram says: "The list of examiners appointed to make the grain standards west of Port Arthur has been announced. They are: Samuel Spink, chairman, J. A. Mitchell, S. A. McGaw, Joseph Harris, Robert Mur, Winnipeg, J. B. Watts, M. McLaughlin, Toronto; J. A. Craus, Jas. Carruthers, Montreal; Angus McKay, W. Dickson, Indian Head; Jas. Elder, Virden; W. Postlewaite, Brandon; C. Braithwaite, Portage la Prairie; F. E. Gibbs, David Horn, John Hunt, London. The committee will meet in Winnipeg at the call of the chairman between Sept 20th and Oct. 15th."

Later official information was received from Ottawa that the board as named above had been cancelled. Simultaneous with this announcement came a newspaper telegram from Ottawa that certain western members had discussed the composition of the board, with the controller of inland revenue and the personnel was agreed upon as follows, the farmers to have one-half: James Riddell, M.P.P., Wm. Postlethwaite Brandon; C. C. Castle, Foxton; L. W. McQueen Carlevalle; Peter Ferguson, Kelowna, and R. M. Phin, Mossomin; and the dealers, S. Spink and J. A. Mitchell, Winnipeg; and C. K. Campbell, Brandon; millers, C. B. Watts, Toronto, Finally Young, Killarney, S. C. Elkington, Qu'Appelle, and James Carruthers, Montreal. It is likely the new board will be appointed by an order-in-council in a day or two.

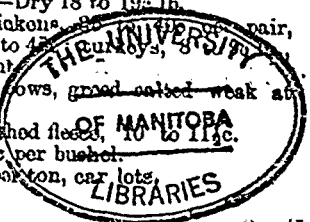
The press report further said that there would be no scoured wheat in the first three grades. Evidently parson Douglas, engineer Macdonald and editor Richardson know more about the requirements of the grain trade than the grain men. At any rate, they appear to be having their own way with the department at Ottawa.

The local grain men are indifferent as to the composition of the standards board, but the grain committee has wired the department at Ottawa that the proposed changes in the grades are impractical, and they want the act to be left as it is.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

- Deliveries of wheat were heavy and prices were put up by millers 3 to 6c above an export basis. Wheat - About 1 1/2c to 5 1/2c for No. 1 hard, country points, and 5 1/2 to 5 9/16c above Fort William. Flour - Local price, per sack, Patents, \$1.95; Bakers, \$1.75. Bran - Per ton \$11. Shorts - Per ton, \$18. Oats - Per bushel, car lots, now, local freights paid, 20 to 21c. Barley - A few loads sold at 2 1/2c to 2 3/4c. Flax Seed - Butter - Dry round lots 8c to 8 1/2c Creamery, 14 to 15 1/2c. Cheese - 5 1/2 to 6c. Eggs - Fresh, 11c net, jobbing at 12 to 13c. Beef - City dressed, 4 to 4 1/2c. Mutton - Fresh, 6 to 6 1/2c; lamb, 6 1/2 to 7c. Hogs - Dressed, 5 1/2c to 6 1/2c. Cattle - Butchers' 2 to 2 1/2c. Export 3 to 3 1/2c. Hogs - Live, off cars, 4 to 4 1/2c. Sheep - 2 1/2 to 3c off cars. Sonoca Root - Dry 18 to 19c lb. Poultry - Chickens, 8 to 9c pair, fowl, 40c to 45c. Hides - No. 1 cows, good catted weak at 7 1/2c. Wool - Unwashed fleeces, 10 to 11 1/2c. Potatoes - 20c per bushel. Hay - \$5.00 per ton, car lots.



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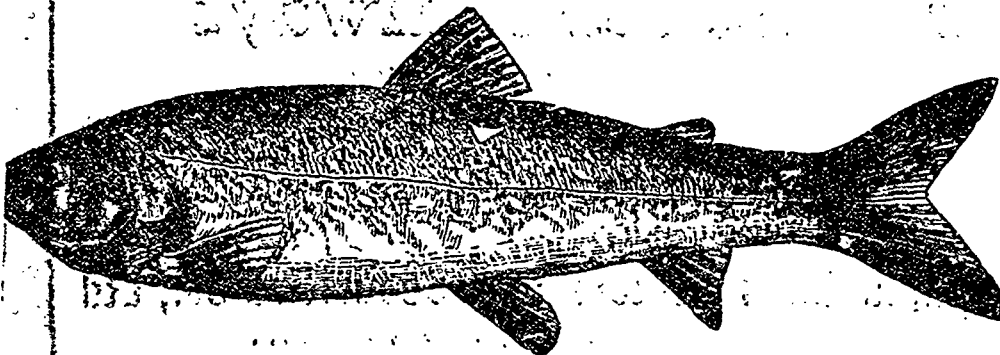


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A good deal has been heard of late about the depression in the old time boom state of Kansas. Many Canadians will readily remember the time, not so many years ago, but before the opening of our own West, when Kansas was the great drawing card. Thousands of Canadians were drawn thither by the glowing descriptions given of the wonderful productiveness of that region. No part of this continent was ever quite so enthusiastically written up as Kansas was at that time. Of late years a change has come over the scene. Kansas has been on the down grade and a great many disparaging things have been said and written about that state. Now we have a Kansas paper, the Emporia Gazette, which tells us that Kansas owes all her troubles to the rule of political cranks and fanatics. The paper referred to tells of how Kansas has been losing population, how its cities have dwindled away, how capitalists have been driven out of the state, etc., and then it plunges into the cause of this trouble, in the following sarcastic way:

"What's the matter with Kansas? We all know; yet here we are at it again. We have an old moss-back Jacksonian, who snorts and howls because there is a bath-tub in the state-house; we are running that old jay for governor. We have another shabby wild-eyed, rattle brained fanatic who has said orally in a dozen speeches that 'the rights of the user are paramount to the rights of the owner'; we are running him for chief justice, so that capital will come tumbling over itself to get into the state. We have raked the ash heap of human failure in the state and have found an old hoop-skirt of a man, who has failed as a business man, who has failed as an editor, who has failed as a preacher, and we are going to run him for congressman-at-large. He will help the looks of the Kansas delegation in Washington. Then we have discovered a kid without a law practise, and have decided to vote for him as attorney-general. Then, for fear that some hint that the state had become respectable might percolate through the civilized portions of the nation, we have decided to send three or four harpies out lecturing, telling the people that Kansas is raising hell and letting corn go to weeds.

"Oh, this is a state to be proud of! We are the people who can hold up our heads! What we need here is less money, less capital, fewer white shirts and brains, fewer men with business judgment, and more of these fellows who boast that they are just ordinary old clodhoppers, but that they know more in a minute about finance than John Sherman."

We need more men who are 'posted'; who can bellow about the crime of '73; who hate posterity, and who think, because a man believes in national honor, that he is a tool of Wall street. We have had a few of them, some 150,000, but we want more. We need several thousand gibbering idiots to scream about the 'Great Red Dragon' of Lombard street. 'We don't need population, we don't need wealth, we don't need well dressed men on the streets, we don't need cities on these fertile prairies; you bet we don't! What we are after is the money power. Because we have become poorer and ornerier and meaner than a spavined, distempered mule, we, the people of Kansas, propose to kick. We don't care to build up; we wish to tear down.

"There are two ideas of government," said our noble Bryan at Chicago. "There are those who believe that if you just legislate to make the well to do prosperous their prosperity will leak through on those below. The Democratic idea is that if you legislate to make the masses prosperous their prosperity will find its way up and through every class, and rest upon us." That's the stuff. Give the prosperous man the dickens. Legislate the thriftless into ease; whack the stuffing out of the creditors, and tell the debtor who borrowed money five years ago, when the money in circulation was more general than it is now, that the contraction of the currency gives him a right to repudiate. Whoop it up for the ragged trousers; put the lazy, greasy fizzle who cannot pay his debts on an altar and worship him. Let the state ideal be high. What we need is not the respect of our fellow men, but a chance to get something for nothing.

"Oh, yes, Kansas is a great state. Here are people fleeing from it by the score every day, capital going out of the state by the hundreds of dollars, and every industry except farming paralyzed, and that crippled because its products have to go across the ocean before they can find a laboring man at work who can afford to buy them. Let's don't stop this year. Let's drive all the decent, self-respecting men out of the state. Let's keep the old clodhoppers who know it all! Let's encourage the man who is 'posted.' He can talk, and what we need is not mill hands to eat our meat, nor factory hands to eat our wheat, nor cities to oppress the farmer by consuming his butter and eggs and chickens and produce; what Kansas needs is men who can talk, who have large leisure to argue the currency question, while their wives wait at home for that nickel's worth of bluing."

### Fur Trade News.

Mink is regarded as a desirable article for the coming season, and is being made up in many attractive articles by all manufacturers of fashionable goods. It is a superior fur, as

regards appearance and actual value to the consumer.—Fur Trade Review.

The New York Fur Trade Review publishes the following from its London correspondent: "London furriers have introduced an electric seal cape about twenty inches in depth with considerably more than a circle in sweep; thus far I have failed to notice quite as good workmanship on this class of goods as I find among the best trade in New York, but this result is probably due to a lack of proper competition. Tibets have sold very well both here and on the continent, and stocks, particularly fine goods, are small, but early and large shipments are expected from China at lower prices than those now prevailing; kulin-ky dyed mink color, martin, sable, and kindred furs have sold very well; muskrats, of which a great deal was expected for plucking and dyeing this season, have rather been supplanted by the French electric sheared rabbits. The present quiet spell is no doubt largely due to the lack of business in the fur trade on your side of the Atlantic; this is specially true of seals, of which very few skins have changed hands of late. Moufflons have sold to a considerable extent in fancy colors, notably blue ground and black top. Dyed white texas in black and smoked colors have been sold at a loss, in most instances about one-half the original cost. Lynx has again proved a failure for this year, notwithstanding the low price. A demand, however, exists for seal, seal imitations, dyed marmots, Japanese foxes, dyed hares, natural raccoon and Thibet goods, the latter also being in steady demand for Germany and London dyers being quite busy with orders for this article. Australian opossum continues in a strong request for the continent. On the 22d of July Messrs. Culverwell, Brooks & Co., offered at auction 16,531 bastard chinchillas. The chinchillas, which were not all fresh goods, found buyers at good prices, but large, rough blue skins bringing 41 shillings 6 pence per dozen average. This article is expected to be again fashionable and good imitations are being shown in China lamb, moufflon and sheared hare. Various brokers will offer on the 28th inst. a total of 1,915 bales of Australian and New Zealand rabbit skins."

John McPherson & Co., shoe manufacturers, Hamilton, Ont., are in difficulties, the bank of Montreal having closed down on them. The bank is the principal creditor, but they claim to have a surplus of \$20,000.

The liabilities of John McPherson & Co., wholesale boot and shoe dealers, Hamilton, who recently suspended, are \$175,000. The bank of Montreal is the heaviest creditor, being for \$125,000, of which \$10,000 is secured. The trade liabilities are \$32,000.

## Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: "Freights continue to advance, engagements for grain having been made at 84 1/2 to both Bristol and Glasgow, with 34 6d now asked. Space has been taken for Liverpool at 24 9d to 3s, and for London at 8s, with 34 3d asked. The rates on grain to Hamburg are 3s 6d to 4s, October shipment, and provisions to Hamburg have advanced to 22c and 25c per 100 lbs. Cheese freights have advanced 5s all round. Liverpool and London being quoted at 25s, and Bristol and Glasgow 30s."

Chicago Trade Bulletin says: "Lake freights were steady during the past week, with no change to note in the quotations. The rates to Buffalo were 1 1/2 for wheat and 3 1/2 for corn. A fair volume of business was done to that and some other lake ports. The advance from 15 to 20c on corn to New York will go into effect next Tuesday. The rate on flour from Chicago to New York is unchanged at 20c, and that for provisions is 30c. Ocean rates continue firm owing to the scarcity of room. The through rate from Chicago to Liverpool is 15 9/32c per bushel on grain, 31 5/8 to 33c per 100 lbs. for flour and 41 to 46 8/32c on provisions. The lake and rail rate to New England on corn is 8c, and oats 5 1/2c. The New York lake and rail rate is 5 1/2c on corn and 4 1/2c on oats."

R. P. Rithet & Co., Victoria, British Columbia, in their freight and shipping report say: "Almost at the close of a rather dull month a decided improvement in the European enquiry for grain has caused renewed activity in freights. Rates have advanced in consequence to 27s 6d for prompt and 30s for future loading, with owners firm in their ideas. In the north crop prospects are better and there seems little inducement to charter and quotations are nominal. Lumber freights have declined and vessels are now being laid up owing to the absence of demand. We quote freights as follows: Grain, San Francisco to Cork for orders, 27s 6d, prompt, 30s future. Lumber, Burrard Inlet or Puget Sound to the following ports: Sydney 31s 3d, Melbourne or Adelaide 28s 9d, Port Eric 37s 6d, Shanghai 37s 6d to 40s, Tientsin nominal, Valparaiso f. o 35s, Cork f. o 62s 6d to 65s."

## British Boards of Trade

A special meeting of the Association of the Chambers of Commerce of the United Kingdom opened at Southampton, on Sept. 15, with Sir H. Stafford Northcote, M.P., president in the chair. The president during the course of his opening address, said he hoped the visit of Li Hung Chang to England would result in benefits to British trade and commerce.

The programme of the meeting contains twenty resolutions introduced by different chambers of commerce of the United Kingdom, some of which touch upon Canadian interests. For instance, the London chamber proposed that the congress shall declare that "The time has now arrived when Her Majesty's government may properly consider the desirability of appointing competent officers to the more important colonies, for the purpose of reporting on their agricultural, commercial, mineral and industrial development, such officers to be paid out of imperial funds."

"The executive of the Association will offer this resolution: 'That a memorial be presented to the secretary of state for the colonies, Mr. Jos. Chamberlain, urging his attention to the slow progress made in carrying out the request of the Ottawa convention for cable communication between the colonies and the mother country and as to subsidizing a line of fast steamers between England and Canada.'

The Bedford chamber wanted to introduce the American "C. O. D." system into the British parcel post.

The Leicester chamber urged the adoption of the metric system and the Wolverhampton chamber complains of the freight rates between the United Kingdom and South Africa are higher than between South Africa and the United States by the same steamers, and the Wolverhampton chamber demands that the United Kingdom be put on the same level as the United States.

The South of Scotland chamber suggested that "A commercial union between the colonies and the mother country would tend to promote the permanence and prosperity of the British Empire. And that, therefore, this association would urge Her Majesty's government to take every possible opportunity of furthering this question."

The Bristol chamber of commerce introduced the question of naval reserve in the following resolution: "That in the opinion of this association, Her Majesty's government should, without further delay, deal with the very urgent question of providing adequate royal naval reserves, which are absolutely essential, not only to protect our commerce and the food supplies of the nation, but to also insure the naval supremacy of the British empire."

There was a warm debate over the resolution by the South of Scotland chamber of commerce regarding commercial union between the colonies and mother country. The motion after having been attacked as favoring protection was eventually withdrawn. The motion of the Wolverhampton chamber of commerce regarding freights to South Africa also aroused much discussion and was defeated. The resolution of the Bristol chamber of commerce, referring to the naval reserve, was carried after it had been supported in a long speech by Lord Bessford. In the course of his speech on the Bristol chamber's resolution Lord Bessford urged his hearers not to forget that Great Britain was isolated in Europe. He fully appreciated, he said, the efforts of humanitarians, but Great Britain's present fighting forces were unequal to the risks of a war with a combination of the powers.

## Grain and Milling.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says, "There has been more doing in oats on export account during the past few days, sales being reported of No. 2 mixed Manitoba oats at 23 1/2 afloat, about 15,000 bush, having changed hands. Sales have also been made of several car lots of No. 2 white in store at 22 1/2 to 23c, although sales are also reported at 21c in store. Large quantities of old oats are still held in dealers' and farmers' hands, who have been holding them in hopes of the market improving and lessening their losses, but their faith in this being on the wane, they are beginning to accept the situation and are unloading their old stocks.

The demand for small lots of flour was fair, says the Montreal Gazette, of Sept. 11: but it is reported that both Manitoba spring wheat patents and strong bakers' can be bought at 10c per barrel lower than quotations.

The Montreal Gazette of Sept. 12 says: "In the local grain market there was some demand for oats for export account, and sales of 12,000 bushels of Manitoba mixed were made at 23c afloat. Locally, the feeling continues weak, and prices have seen another decline of 1/2c, with sales of car lots of No. 2 white at 23 1/2 to 21c.

The total receipts of wheat at the four principal United States winter wheat points, Liverpool, St. Louis, Detroit and Kansas City, from July 1 to Sept. 1 are 12,509,203 bush., against 10,193,508 bush. in 1895 and 20,611,408 bush in 1891. The total receipts at the four prin-

cipal United States spring wheat points since Aug. 1st the beginning of the crop year foot up as follows: Minneapolis, 5,967,990 bush.; Duluth, 9,611,831 bush.; Chicago, 1,661,161 bush.; Milwaukee, 1,702,659 bush.; making a total of 21,376,935 bush. against 16,325,649 bush during the same time last year and 25,259,992 bush. in 1891.

The Montreal Gazette of Sept. 14, says: The local feeling in oats is weak owing to the large stock, and the fact that buyers generally are loaded up, consequently the impression is that values will go to 20c in the near future.

Darlingford, on the Delaware branch, is to be made a flag station and a grain warehouse will be erected there by J. C. P. Rahlman.

## Grocery Trade Notes.

There is a fair demand for new fine off-stalk Valencia raisins here; they are selling at 6 1/2, says a Toronto report.

An Amsterdam cable states that the Dutch sale of coffee went off at about the above broker's valuation. Good ordinary Java 5 1/2, market firm. A New York report says: "The first new Malaga raisins have been shipped but no prices have been named as yet so far as we can learn. Sultan raisins are firmer on the other side, but this market has not been affected apparently. The demand for both prompt and future goods is slow. The first arrival of new crop is expected about September 17."

Cables quote an advance in the price of Sicily fiber for prompt shipment to 40s to 40s 6d and 1 r October shipment 41s. It is reported that the stock in the primary market is small and closely concentrated, and with this came the report that the new crop will be short and late.

Reports from primary sources continue to indicate an upward tendency on new crop Saltans.

Wisner & Co.'s circular, dated Shanghai, August 15, says: "The market for Pingsueys was opened on August 10, but the combination of the women proves to have been a failure as instead of raising values they have had to accept lower prices than they could have got two months ago; a fair business has been put through, prices being about 20 per cent. under last year's opening rates, but still considerably above the parity of present New York values."

A Montreal report says: "Business in dried fruit for forward delivery is commencing to look up, the firmer tenor of advices from primary markets inducing demand from importers. Cables from France state that Imperial French prunes were 1s per cwt. or 1/2c per pound higher, while advices from Bosnia state that prunes in that market had advanced 2s from the lowest point. California p. are: are also firm in their disposition, and it is anticipated that Santa Clara one of the choicest grades will rule very strong. The yield of Oregon prunes this year, according to late advices, is expected to be much under the average of last year. The first direct fruit steamer from the Mediterranean for Canada leaves Patras on the 10th, and Denia Spain, on the 20th, and should be at Montreal about the 15th of October. There has not been a great deal of business done yet on account of her cargo, but some sales of Valencia raisins on the basis of 6c to 6 1/2c have taken place for fine off-stalk fruit."

A New York report says: "Currents, in sympathy with stronger reports from the primary market, have been in better request, and we hear of sales of some 500 barrels at 3 1/2 to 3 3/4 on the spot. There is nothing new offered here below 3 1/2c in barrels, and 3 1/2c in cases, while a cable from the primary market has been received declining bids of less than 3s 6d.

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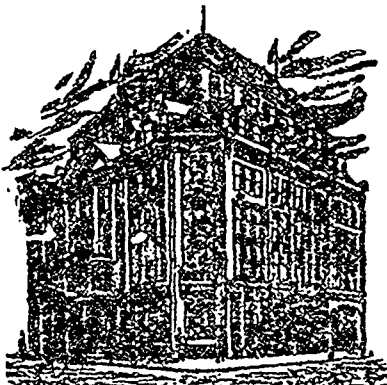
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**Montreal Grocery Market**

The raw sugar market continues to rule weak, and prices since this day week show a decline of 8 to 1 1/4, private cables to-day quoting beet at 8 1/2 for September and 9 1/4 for October. The local market continues to rule easy and granulated shows a further decline of 1-16c. The demand however has continued good from both local and western buyers consequently stocks have been reduced considerably, and the market is active, with a larger volume of business doing than for some time past. Orders for round lots have been more numerous, and granulated has sold at 4c. with smaller quantities at 4 1-16 to 4 1/4c. Yellows have also been moving freely, and prices are almost steady at 3 to 3 3/4c. as to quality, at the factory.

There is no change in the situation of the syrup market. The demand is only for small lots and business is quiet, with prices steady at 1 1/2 to 2 1/4c per lb., as to quality, at the factory.

The demand for molasses is exceedingly slow, and the market in consequence has ruled quiet, and prices for B and C grades in round lots are nominally unchanged at 27 to 27 1/2c.

A fairly active business continues to be done in rice, and the tone of the market is firm, with no change in prices. We quote Crystal Japan, \$1.75 to \$3.00; standard B. \$3.45; Patna \$1.25 to \$3; Carolina \$2.50 to \$7.50, choice Bermuda \$3.75, and Java kinds \$4.

There was no important change in the spice market. Orders are still for small lots to fill actual wants and no decided improvement is anticipated until next month. The following quotations are what jobbers can buy at only. Penang black pepper 6 to 7 1/2c; white pepper 10 to 12 1/2c; cloves 7 1/2 to 9c; cassia 8 1/2 to 9 1/2c; nutmegs 60 to 9c; and Jamaica ginger 15 1/2 to 18 1/2c.

The coffee market is weak and prices have a downward tendency. The demand is slow and the only sale of importance reported this week is a lot of 75 bags of Maracaibo at 16 1/2c which is 1c below our previous inside figure. We quote: Maracaibo at 16 1/2c to 18c; Rio, 15 1/2 to 17c; Java, 21 to 24c, and Mocha 21 to 25c.

The improvement noted in the tea market last week has again fallen away and business during the past week has ruled dull, there being no large sales made. A few small lots of Japan have changed hands at prices ranging from 14 to 2 1/2c.—Gazette.

**Hides, Wool, etc**

The Chicago paper, Hide and Leather, has the following to say of the recent bulge in the Chicago hide market: "No. 1 buff free of brands and grubs, 40 to 60 lbs., as indicated in previous issue, proved to have been sold quietly at 5 1/2c, 2 1/2 5c. On the following Monday, Aug. 31, 2,300 changed hands at 5 1/2c and 5 1/4c. The next jump was a sale at 6c and 5 1/2c. which was followed by trading on Wednesday, involving two cars, at 6 1/2c and 5 1/2c. Thursday 6 1/2c was bid and refused, but a car had been previously secured at a fraction less. The situation remains the same at present writing. The larger dealers seem inclined to pin their faith on an ultimate 7c market."

The Montreal Gazette says: "In sympathy with the firmer advices from the western States the tone of the local market has been steeper, and the impression is that prices have touched bottom for the present. The demand, however, from tanners is exceedingly slow, and dealers state that the best price they offered this week for No. 1 beef hides was 5 1/2c, and last week they only bid 5c, which figure holders here refused as they won't accept less than 6c for No. 1. Dealers are still paying 5c for No. 1; 4c for

No. 2; and 3c for No. 3. Lambskins are unchanged at 40c each; clips at 25c; and call-skins at 6c for No. 1 and 1c for No. 2."

The Toronto Globe says of hides and wool: "There has been an advance of 1/2c in the United States markets and prices here have advanced in sympathy. Local dealers quote 5 1/2c for green and 6c for steers and are asking 6c for cured. The supply of lambskins is fair, there is a good demand and the market is steady at 50 to 55c. Wool will in all likelihood continue slow till after the elections in the United States. Prices are nominally unchanged. Selected country lots of washed fleece are quoted at 19c, tub washed is quoted at 18c and rejects at 15c."

Bradstreet says of the United States wool markets: "The volume of sales shows an increase, which is due to some large blocks of territory wools being cleaned up at cut prices. English buyers are bidding on these wools, and one block of 400,000 pounds was sold in Boston this week for export. Prices bid by English buyers are about 20c scoured for fine medium landed in England, with as high as 27 to 28c for choice staple lots. Local manufacturers have shown more interest of late, and have purchased some good lines. If money were easier, the feeling is that some considerable purchases would be made, as it looks as though values had struck bottom. With so much machinery idle it takes but little wool to meet present needs of manufacturers, and much of the late purchases have been taken because the wool was cheap. Fleece wools are dull, but held steady."

The next London sale opens September 22.

**Wages in Argentina.**

A correspondent of the New York Evening Post, one who has been much in the Argentine Republic, has supplied some facts about wages in that country. In 1883 the Republic passed a law called the curz forzo so or legal-tender law, suspending gold payments for three years. The time of this law's operation has been extended repeatedly. Before the passage of the law a skilled workman in Argentina got \$10 a month. The same workman now gets \$70 of depreciated paper, each dollar of which has only about one-third the purchasing power which a dollar had before gold payments were suspended. Thus the laborer whose wages, if they were to buy as much in 1895 as they bought before 1885, ought to be \$120, is getting only \$40, which will purchase only what \$20 would before suspension. The departure from the gold standard, though it has raised the workman's money was from \$10 to \$70, has lowered his real wages, which are measured by their purchasing power, one half.

Thousands of laborers used to come to Argentina from Italy and Spain, leaving their families behind, and make enough money to return with small fortunes to their native lands at the end of a few years. "To-day this is impossible, because, when the laborer converts his paper money into gold, his fortune decreases 60 per cent. and laborers are no longer returning home with their bags of gold as formerly." In 1885 a pound sterling cost \$5.01 in the gold of Argentina. A pound sterling is now equivalent to about seventeen dollars of Argentine paper. "What has killed business in the Argentine," says the Post correspondent, "and prevented many merchants with ample capital, from making any profit during the past few years, has been the violent fluctuations in the value of the paper dollar. It seems to me that not a single merchant or laboring man in the United States would ever think of casting his vote for Bryan as a debased currency if he could be shown to be suffering that has come upon his fellow men through the unsatisfactory condition of the currency in the great southern Republic."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

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