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WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 5, 1888.
C. J. Chalmers, grocer, Winnipeg, is dead.
J. A. Guyar, hotelkceper, Brandon, has sold out.

The Emerson Times, has been sold to Keys \& Mackic.
D. McKillop has opened a furniture store at Rapid City, Mrd.
One Gray, of Qu'Appelle, has opened a butcher shop at Regins.
J. S. Huston, pictures, Brandon, is adding stationery to his business.

Mrs. H. Wurre, confectionery, etc., Braudon, has sold out to Henry Cowau.

The contract for 1,600 feet of an addition to the breakwater at Port Arthur, bas been let.
J. K. Mclevinan, Wianipeg, has formed a partnership with W. Nolson, and opening up business at Treherne.

Leandee Hibbard, furniture, Vinnipeg, has admitted Frank Rogers into partnership, under style of Hibbard \& Co.

Tue machinery has been taken out of the biscuit factory at Yortage la Prairie, Man., and shipped to Vancouver, B. C.

T, E. J̈ackson, Prince Albert, Sask., contemblates building a new drug store on the site of his former one, which was burned down some years ago.

Tie Manitoba and Northwest Picket Wire Fence Company havo established a factory at Mcosohin, Lissa, ander the management of S. J. Emanuels. This is a new patent fencing, inyented by J. G. Carroll.

Jolnston \& Co, general storokeopers, Emererson, aro solling out by auction.
Jas. Sxithl, a practical tinsmith, has commenced business at Virden, Man.
B. B. Bradley has started, in the butcher businces at Qu'Appello station.

Hamilton \& Badaley, lumber, Fimerson, are disposing of their business to McDonald \& Muller.
E. M. Gathitf, Lumber, Emerson, has ad. mitted one Adamsi into partnership, and is opening a branch at St. Jean Baptiste.
A by-LAN to raise $\$ 15,000$ to assist in the settlement of the vacant lands surrounding Winnipeg, will be voted upon by the electors of this city, on November 20th.

The first shipment of caviar ever made from Port Arthur was shiiped last week, to Chicago, by John Eiass. The shipment contained soveral hundred pounds." It is expected there will bo great developnents in this industry another season.
Tun Masscy Manufacturing Co., will eroct a handsome implemeut warehouse at Portage la Prairie, Man. The building will be $40 \times 70$ feet, two stories in height, and the cost will be nearly $\$ 2,700$. Next spring the building will be brick veneered.

Tue Brandon Times has changed the terms used in quoting live stock from "beef, mutton, and pork" to "cattle, sheep and pigs." The Times is still wrong. The word "pig" is only properly applied to the young of swine. "Hog" may seem a rather rough word for the evidently over nice market reportor of the Times to write, but it is nevertheless the correct commercial term to apply in the case.

Tue report that Lauric Bros, the well known general merchants of Morris, Man., had formed a partnership with another trader of that place, is utterly without tuth. The report is sup. posed to have been sent out by a newspaper correspondent at Morris, and was intended as a joke. It is difficult, however, to see the joke in the circulation of a report of this nature, and the correspondent, if ho has any sense, should know that he is committing a very serious offence in perpetrating "jokes" of such a nature.
Paices to farmers at Brandon last week, according to the Times, were:-Wheat-There have been about 115,000 bushels marketed in Brandon up to Saturday, Oct. 27. The price paid will average $\$ 1.03$ per bushel. The present price for No. 1 hard is $\$ 1.05$, damaged from 60 to 80 cts . Oats-Are quoted at from 22 to 2jets. per bushel. Barley-Has dropped. The highest price being paid now is 45cts. per bushel. Potatoes-Are bringing readily 50cts. per bushel. Cattle-The market is firm with the price varying from $2 \frac{1}{2}$ to 3 c. per pound. 2 cc is about the ruling price, hut sometimes 3c. is paid for an extra nico aninal. Hogs-Have taken a slight advance, boing now quoted at from $5 \frac{1}{2}$ to $5{ }^{3} \mathrm{c}$ per pound livo weight. Chic. kens, Ducks and Turkeys-run from 10 to 11 c per pound dressed. Butter-There whs moro brought in last week than for some time past. The paice stands firm at from 20 to 23 c per pound. Fggs-Are quoted from 18 to 20 c per dozen.

Andrew Patterson, of the Rapid City cheese factory, manufactured for the season between ten and oloven tons.

Ius commissioners appointed to investigato the financial affairs of the town of Minnedosa, Man, will meat at the place named, on Nov. 27th. Partics interested should be represented at tho mceting.
The Territorial Assembly had an informal meeting Thursday, and solected Haultain, of Alberta, Mitchell, of Sasketchowan, Jelloy, of Western Assiniboia, and Sutherland, of Fastern Assiniboia, as an advisory board to the Lieu. tenant-Governor.
The town of Carberry, Man., is one of the progressive places of the province. Among the buildings in course of erection are Robertson's fine store, for a furniture show room; Miniack's two fine stores, near the centre of the town, and several fine residences. It is reparted that. Henderson \& Burton, general morchants, of Carberry and Oak Lake, have sold out their Oak Lako busiaess.

The following are the customs returns at Winnipeg for the month of October:
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Savings bank returns for October were:-
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Withdrawals exceeded deposits by $\$ 15,63857$ Balance due depositors, October $31 . \$ 913 ; 65444$
A rumor was circulated in Winnipeg on Tuesday that the C. P. R. railway bridge across the Assiniboine river at Headingly, had been burned. The rumor was circulated in a mysterious way, but later on it was learned that the bridge had actually been on fire, but the fire had been discovered and extinguished before much damage was donc. The friends of the . C. P. R., and one Winnipeg journal in particular, at once boldly asserted that the bridge had been fired by enemies of the company, on account of the present railway troubles. There is no good reason, however, to suppose that such is the case. There is no more reason to make such a charge than there is so suppose, as also hinted by many, that perhaps some friends of the company who wished to work up sympathy for the coporation know more about the firer than any en. emics of the railway corporation. Jiose tility to tho C. P. R. is not at all likely to take the form of outrage against the property of the company, and no attempts in this direction will be tolerated. So far there is little ground for belief that the Eeadingly fire can bo attributcd to enemies of the company, or that any unlaw. ful acts will bo committed of sucis a nature.


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British Columbia may one day rauk among the richest mineral districts of the world. The first gold rush to this country took place in 1858, and since that time more than fifty million dollars worth of "dust" has been exported by the local banks. When it is considered that only a small portion of its 350,000 square miles has y'et veen explored, it is impossible to estimate what store of precious metals may be lying there. It must bo remembered, moreover, that nearly all the gold found has been "placer" mined, i.e., takea out of the bed and banks of rivers and creeks. The mountains have been scarcely touched as yet. Quartz miniug will certainly follow in the steps of the alluvial discoveries, as it has done in Califomia, and when this takes place it will probably exercise an extraordinary influence on the growth of the province, and Victoria may yet become a sccond San Fsancisco. At present the mining operations of the commtry have been almost entirely carried on by diggers-men of littlo money and less scientific knowledge-and it only requires the introduction of capital und skilled prospectors to pave the way to much greater results.

The principal "find" which set the gold excitement on foot was at the Cariboo district, about 150 miles north of the present railway. There was not even a trail, much less a wagon road to that point in the old clayz, but before long, soveral humlred miners had braved the perils of the journey and were busily at work there. At William's Creck as much as 400 ounces were taken out daily, representing a value of some $£ 1,440$; at Antler Creck the amount was still larger, ant at several claims over $£ 500$ a day was the average yield. In this wild, untrodden region, the cust of living was naturally tremenduns. The only enterprising storekeoper who settied there at first managed to amass a sinall fortune. Five dollars (about fl sterling) was the modest sum charged for a meal of beans and bacon; flour cost a dollar a poand, and was hard to get cven at that price; and whisky, for which the demand was, of course, inexhatustible, was retailed at the rate of lal! a dollar a glass. Three pioneers
were the first to reach the district. Two only returned to Victoria; the thitd, it was charitalily rumored, had been eaten by his conirades on the way. The Fraser and Columbia rivers are the two principal natural highways to the mining country. The Government has been very energetic in making roads and trails wherever the prospects of a district warranted it, but considerably more will hate to be done before the province is properly opened up. Labor is now cheaper than in the old days, and the cost of supplies is also much lower; but the expense of sending ore to be smelted is still $a$ great drawback to the advancement of quartz mining. British Columbia is divided into six main districts for mining purposes-viz., Cariboo, Cassıar, Kootenay, Lilloet, Yale and Omineca. These are again split up into divisions, each of which is under the control of a Gold Commissioner appointed by the Government, whose duties consist in recording claims, settling disputed titles, and generally acting as local magistrate. The mining lavs are very simple. Any male over 16 years of age can take out a "free miner's license" for five dollars, and may then enter on and mine any unappropriated lands. His "claim" may consist of a plot a hundred feet square, and must be marked out by stakes and recordicd or registered. If he leaves it for more than 72 hours, unless for sickness or other reasonnble cause, anyone else may step in and take possession, otherwise nobody can interfere with his operations.

For the benefit of the uninitiated it may be advisable to give a brief account of the methods adopted in this country for obtaining gold. The principal of nearly all forms of "placer" mining is to separate the gold from the gravel or earth among which it is scattered by means of water, ss owing to its weight it sinks to the bottom of the ves is in which it is washed. For this reason als, the largest quantity of gold in a paying ciaim is always fonnd nearest the bed-rock of rivers, where it has sunk and lies mixed with and covered by eevecal fect of gravel, silt, and boulders. If the bed of a creek is diry, as is usual in tho summer months, a shaft is sunk until the rocky bottom is

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reached when all the earth taken out is carefully washed. This is accomplished by means of a scrics of long troughs, open at each end, and shaped so that they can be fitted into one another. The dirt is thrown into the troughs, and a stream of water is directed through them, washing all the lighter particles away, but allowing the gold to sink to the bottom, where it is caught by pieces of wood called "rittles" nailed across at short intorvals. Sometimes when the "dust" is very fine, mercury is poured behind the riffles to catch and amalgamate the particles, which the force of the water might otherwise be strong enough to wash away. Once every day or week, or as the richness of the find warrents it, the troughs are "cleaned up," and the residuum scraped into pans, where it is separated by carcful hand-washing. British Columbia goid is of a very pure quality, and usually fetches about \$18 ( $£ 3 \mathrm{l} 5 \mathrm{~s}$.) per ounce. Not unfrequently shaits have to be sunk for a considerable depth before the rock-bed is reached, and then pumps have to be employed to keep the water out of the workings. Sometimes a sudden flood will destroy the work of months at. a mine. One of these took place last year at McCulloch Creck, drowning an American gentleman named Maule, who was visiting the claim. But want of water is often a more serious drawback than too much of it, as without it "placer" mining cannot be carried on at all.
Miners are usually represented as a rough lot all the world over, but there is far moro respect for life and limb in the camps of British Columbia than over the border in Calıfornia. And, although a gold rush in any now locality is sure to attract a certain number of American miners, their native aggressiveness soon gets toned down when they discover that the law is pretty rigidly administerel. All nationalities are represented there, and all seem to share a thorugh contempt for the refinements of civilization. There isa story told of a young Engiish. man fresh from Oxford who accosted a party of miners on the way to their morning's work with the artlees question, "I say, you fellows, where's the best place to dig here?" The party stopped with one accord, touk in at a glance the white

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shirt and collar of the questioner, and with a sniff of contempt passed on, after pointing to the unpromising-looking Incality around them aud saying, "Dig right where you are, young man." In the evening when they were returning to their log hat after a fairly unsuccessful "clean up," they were surprised to see the "dude" still hard at work. They went nearer and found that he had already collected a small pile of fair-sized nuggets out of what they had ragarded as harren bround. During the last two years veins of rich silver-bearing ore have been discovered in the province, and already smolting works aro being erected at the new town of Vancouver, which will do away uith the expense of sending the ores down to San Francisco. The Toad Mountains and Illicilliwact discoveries are, also, attracting much attention; and the island of Vancouver is, in all probability, rich in mineral deposits. Gold was found in large quantities some years ago on the Leach River, about 30 miles from Victoria, but other paying localities will doubtless bor discoverd as soon as enterprising prospectors have gono over the hitherto unexplored regions of.its west coast. At presbat the extensive coal fields on the eastern side of the island seem to have absorbed the energies of the inhabitants. London, England, Globe.

## The Paf Trade.

The prospects for the coming season's raw fur trade are difficult to define. The circumstances influencing the trade at present are of a rather involved and varied character, and it is not easy 39 yet to form any very close conclusions as to how prices may rule. For such furs of home proluction as enter more largely into local consuniption, namely bear, beaver, otter, lynx, coon and skunk, it is altogether probable that good prices will be paid. Already a few pelts of fall catch hove been offered for sale-although the date for fall killing in this province has been anticipated-and the quality, considering the earliness of the season, is rather remarkable, boing almost full prime. As regards furs for shipment, it is very difficult to speak, as cverything depends upon the political cutlook in Europe. It is probably safe, however, to say that marten, mink and muskrat will rule low, as there is stated to be very large stocke of these furs in London and elsewhere, more, indeed, than cain be used upin some years:-To$r^{n+1}$ Ifonetary Times.


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## POSSIDLY A MISTAKEF POLCY.

So fur the O. P. R. Co. has been success. ful in its legal efforts tn prevent the crossing of its Pembina branch by the N. P. $\& \mathrm{M}$. . No., and it is quite possible that the company may be euabled to delay the completion of the Portage branch until next season. This will give the C. P. R. full control of the traffic of tho Portage district and the northwestern country for a fow months longer, but it is certain that this privilege can only be held by the company for at the most not longer than the coming winter and spring months. In the end the obstacles placed in the way of opening the Portage branch are bound to be overcome. The question therefore is: Will it pay the O. P. R. Co. to oppose the construction of these independent roads in Manitoba? The O. P. R. people are not merely fighting another railway company, but they are seoking to defeat the popular will of the united people of Mani. toba, and in doing so they are incurring an eninity which bodes no good to the company in the future. The company has already gone to great expense in preventing the crossing of its lines. For some time it has had a small army of men employed in preventing the N. P. \& M. people and the provinciai government from making the crossings, and it is a question if the outlay on the part of the C. P. R. Company has not already been greater than the company will gain from the obstruction of the road for afewmonths.

The C. P. R. management is certainly acting within its legal rights in the course taken concerning these railway crossings, but there is another and infinitely higher way of looking at the matter, and one which places the C. P. R. management in as unenviable position. When the O. P. R. Oo. accepted the guarantee of interest upon the $\$ 15,000,000$ loan, the company morally bound itself to offer no further objections to the openiug of this province to independent railway construction. Every thinking person all over the Dominicu at once concluded that the railway ugitation in Manitoba had at last come to an end. Therefore in taking advantage of what may almosi be termed certain legal technicalities, to obstruct rail. way construction in the province, the company has broken through all moral
restraint, and has shown total disregard for obligations of a higher nature than merely legal promises. The people of Manitola, and all Canada, are therefore justified in looking upon the course of the company with abhorrence, and in Manitoba at least it is ovident that the course pursued by the company, will be romembered to the disadvantage of the great railway corperation in the future. If the company has occasion to realize its mistake in the future, it will not be diff. cult to locate the blame. upon the doings of its own officials.
The legislature of the province will meet very shortly, and it is said that the advisability of retaliating against the company will be considered by the House. The coinpany enjoys a number of privileges at the Lands of the Manitoba Legislature, such for instance as tax-emption. These privileges, it is hinted, may be withdrawn. Should the Legislature see fit to enter upon a policy of retaliation and obstruction against the O. P. R. Oompany, it could probably make matters rather uncounfortable for the railway corporation. The advisability of adopting such a course is, however, a matter worthy of the most careful thought. Retaliation is at best a dangerous weapon to handle and one which is liable to cut buth ways. Taking a supprficial view of the matter, it would seem almost justifable on the part of the Legislature to seek a means of reprisal upon the company, for the heavy Joss and expense it has put upon the province. Great care and due prudence, however, should be given to the consideration of any proposals of retaliation. So far as the people are concerned, it would be decidedly wrong to advise the cemmittment of any oftences against the property of the company. Good sense should prevail in this matter, and goods sense rarely prompts recourse to extreme, much less arbitrary measures. We do not believe that the people as private citizens have or will commit any illegal acts against the O.P.R. corporation, notwithstanding rumor to the contrary. In the matter of ratronage, our shippers have an opportunity of visiting their displea. sure upon the company, in a way which it is peaiectly proper for them so do, should they consider that they are warranted in this course, on account of the action of the company in wantonly obstructing the popular will and putting the pravince to considerable unnecessary expense.

THE INJURCTIOR.
The decision of Justice Killam given on Monday morning last, continuing the interim injunction, restraining the Northern Pacific\& Manitnba Compeny fromerossing the Canadian Pacific track, was somowhat of a surprise to the rreat majority of our people. The summary removal of the first interim injunction, by the decirion of Chief Justice Taylor, confirmed many in the belief that the second injunction case would neet with oven more speedy disso. lution, and that on far as the provincial courts were concerned the Government would soon be free to extend the Portage branch of the N. P. \& M. system across the O.P.R. track. The decision of Justice Killam in continuing the injunction, howover, placed a legal barrier in the way, which it would not have been well to attempt to override by force.

Whatever may be sail as to the evident intention of the Provincial Government in iguoring the legal aspect of the case, as it stands before the Supreme Oourt at Ottawa, it is hardly likely that public opinion would sanction the use of force in overriding the additional legal barrier. placed in the way by the granting of the injunction. The local authorities were bound to accept the decision of the Court and make the best of the situation. The opening of the Portage branch will be delayed for a while by the arbitrary action of the O.P. R. authorities, but this is not suficient reason to induce the people to resort to illegal measures. The exercise. of a little patience under the present trying circumstances, will certainly redound to the credit of the people of the province in the long run. Though morally wrong, the C. P. R. people are for the moment Ingally in the right. They have the law. on their side, and they have shown firm determination to defend their legal rights to the utmost extent. An attempt to overcorne those rights by force, under the very strained condition of public feeling, would most likely have resulted in bloodshed. The province connot afford to have anything of the kisd occur. Manitobans who believe in the justice of their cause, should have faith in the courts, and should continue to fight out the matter on this line. There is nothing more certain than that Manitoba will triumph in the end, and it would therefore be unwise to. resort to outrage or illegal acts, whea a legal victr:y is within reach. The situa: tion is undoubtedly exasperating, and the very feeling that the province is in the;
right; is liable to induce the people to resort to illegal measures to assert their rights. But the exercise of a little patience and prudence, though causing a few day's delay, will in the end prove the more satisfactory course, for by following on this ling the people will ultimately gair tha desired ond, without having recourse:tò force and probablo bloodshed.
From-ond point of view the granting of the injunction may be looked upon as a benofit. It was evidently the intention of the provincial authorities to force a crossing as soon as the injunction was dissolved, without regard to the case as it stood before the Supreme Court. The removal of the injunction would therefore have brought about a collision between the opposing forces, with probubly serious results. On the other hand the upholding of the interim injunction will have the effect of delaying further efforts to force a crossing until the Supreme Oourt has passed judgment upon the question.
The further effect of the continuing of the injunction is to restrain the operation of the Fortage branch of the N. P. \& M. system across the Pembina branch of the O. P. R., until the hearing of the cause, or $\operatorname{until}$ the approval of the railway committee of the Privy Council is obtained, as to the mode and place of crossing, or until further order of the court. The case now practically rests with the Supreme Court, and the real effect of the injunction will be to restrain the provincial railway commissioner from crossing the C.P.R. track with the Portage branch until the matter is dealt with by the Supreme Court, though in the meantime the case may go on here.
There seems to be a great deal of misunderstanding as to the po: ition of the case before the Supreme Oourt. By an act of Parliament passed in 1883, it was provided as follows:
"The International, Grand Trunk, Canada Southern, and Canadian Pacific railways are hereby declared to be works for the general advantage of Canada, and every branch line or railway now or hereafier connecting with or crossing auy of the said lines is $\&$ work for the genaral advantage of Canada. Every such railway and branch line shall bo subject 's the legislative authority of the Parliament of Canada."
Uuder the clause quoted above, which is a section of the railway act, the $O$. P. R. oppose the crossing of thcir line by the N. P. \& M. Co. The railwny act provides that no railway company shall avail itself of any of the powiers relating to the cressing of another line without the ap-
proval of the Railway Committee of the Privy Oouncil. Application was mado to the railway committee by the Manitoba authorities, to make tho crossings necessary to the operation of the Portage branch, and the application was opposed by the O. P. R. Under a clause of tho railway act, where a question of law exists before the railway conmittee, the case may be ctated in writing for the opinion of the Supreme Court. This is now being done, and the question will come before the Supreme Court this week. Should the decision be against the province, it will simply mean that all provincial railways which cross the O. P. R., muin line or branches, will be subject to and be obliged to have the assent of the Dominion Parliament. This would place the province in a position little better than it occupied during the existence of the C. P. R. monopoly, for to be subject to Dóminion legislation in railway matters means largely that railway matters here must remain under C. P. R. inlluences. Against such a condition of things it will be the duty of all Manitoban's to protest strenuously, and to continue to protest until the obnoxious legislation is either defeated in the courts, or removed.

## CHBAP POSTAGE RATBS.

It is said that the Dominion postal authorities are considering the advisability of reducing the postal rate upon letters to two cents, instead of the present rate of three cents. This would apply todomestic letter rates and to international letter correspondence between Canada and the United Stntes. The matter of revenue is of coursc an impoztant point to be taken into consideration in the proposals to reduce postal rates. Should tiue two cent rate be adopted, it does not follow that the revenue from postage stamps would suffer a proportionate reduction. On the other hand, it is quite probable that the increased use of the postal seryice through the cheapezing of the rates, would very materially help to make up the usual revenue. A reduction of the letter postage to two cents, woulu also likely induce a much larger use of letters, where postal cards are now used, thus increasing the revenue from this source. Considering these points, it is therefore quite probable that the revenue would suffer but slight falling off, should the proposed reduction be made in letter rates. The rate of letter postage in tise United States is two cents, and this applies to letters coming into Oanada Should our Government devide to reduce
the rate to two cents, it would bring this country into line with the United States, and would make the international rate between the two countries equal to citizers of cach. The proposed change would certainly prove a great convenience to our commersial community. Thero is a large amount of correspondenco continually passing between the United States and Canada, but at the rates as at present constituted, the advantage is decidedly on the side of the correspondents to the south of the boundary. In newspaper postage, the regulations in force in this country are more liberai than in the United States, but in the latter country the letter rates are more liberal than here. In the United States the postal service is now practically self sustaining, and it has Foeen proposed that the letter rate be reduced to one cent. Low postal rates are an incentive to commercial enterprise, and if the two cent letter rate is introduced in this country, it will not be without a beneficial result.

## GOING TO OTTAYA.

A disposition has been shown in some quarters to find fault with AttorneyGeneral and Railway Oommissioner Martin, because he did not make application at the last meeting of Parliament for legislation empowering the construction of the provincial railways. It is a very easy matter now, after the deadlock has occurred, to say that such and such thingo should have been done beforehand. Certainly the present difficulty was never for a moment foreseen by anyone familiar with the situation, and everyone expected that the bill passed at the last session of Parliament entirely removed the diff. culties in the way of the provincial roads: - But it is by no means certain that the Dominion Parliament would havo passed a bill for the construction of the provincial railwaya in Manitola, even had application been made to that end. It will be remembered that the bill for the extension of the Galt railway in Alberta, was thrown out on a pretext, and applications from Manitoba would doublless have shared the same fate. But there is another point which should not be for:gotten. In this railway agitation Manitoba has all along been contending for a great principle, namely; the right to charter railways within the boundaries of the province. This princip!e has been the bottom, top and sides of the railway agitation throughout. To have applied to the Doninian for the privilege of building the roads, would have been equivalent to the desertion of the principle st stake, at the very moment that the people of Mani: isba were rejoicing in the triumph of their cause. Those who shouted so loudly for provincial rights a few months ago, and who now attack Mr. Martin for neglect in not applying to Parliament for the privilege (we will not say the right) of building his roads, evidently have hicle regard for their past pretensions.


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## WINNPBG YONBY MARKET.

Wholesalo dealers still grumblo a good deal nbout tho way in which payments are being made, but at the same time they recognize that there has yet been but a very light crop move. ment, and consergently it can hardly be expected that country dealers have recencil much cash yet. With such a late hatvest as experienced this yenr, the samo between harvest and the usual date at whieh winter sets in was very short, nul farmers needed overy spare monent for fall plowing. Alded to this tho weather since liarvest has been unfavorable for threshing and marketing grain. Wholesalers though grumbling a good ical are therefore disposed to be lenient for the timo with thoir slow-pay eustomers. At tho banks there has not been as netive a movement as last year at this time, from the sams cause as noted. Discount mates are steady at 7 per cent. for choice commercial paper to 3 for ordinary.

## WIRNIPGG MHOLBSALE TRADE.

lusiness was gencrally yuiet in most branches of wholesale trade last week, owing to some extent to unfavorable weather, whilst the near approach of the winter season is exercising a quieting influence upon some branches of tmde, such for instance as buiding lines. At the same time, the weather has not yet been cold enough to start mueh buying in sorting lines of winter goods, especially in teatile branches. Prices wero generally stendy. In groceries sugars are casier; also provisions. Hardware goods hold firm.

## diugs.

Travellers on the roal have sent in orders freely. Prices are unchangeable at present, and are as follows: Howard's duiniae, 75 to 90 c ; German quinine, 65 to 75 c ; morphia, $\$ 2.25$ to $\$ 2.75$; iodide of potassium, $\$ 1.2 \mathrm{~J}$ to $\$ 4.75$; bromido of potassium, 65 to 75 c ; American camphor, 40 to $4 . \mathrm{c}$; English camphor, 45 to 50 c ; glycerino, 30 to 40 c : tartaric acid, 70 to 7 ve ; cream of tartar, 35 to 40 c ; bleaching powder, per keg, $\$ 3$ to $\$ 10$; bicarb soda, $\$ 4.50$ to $S 5$; sal soda, $\$ 2.00$ to $\$ 3$; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30 c ; alum, $\$ 4$ to $\$ 5$; copperas, $\$ 3$ to $\$ 3.2 j$; sulphur flour, $\$ 4.50$ to $\$ 5$; sulphur roll, $\$ 4.50$ to $\$ 5.25$; American blue vitrol, $7 \frac{1}{2}$ to Sle.

> froits-dried, and nuts.

There is a fairly good movement in new dried fruits. Prices are: Now Valencia raisins, $\$ 20$ per box; dried spples, $7 \frac{1}{2}$ e a poumd; evaporated apples 102 z a pound. Fvaporated California fruit quoted: apricots 23c; pitted plums 20 c ; cherries 2 Jj ; raspberifes $3 \overline{\mathrm{j}} \mathrm{c}$; peaches 30 c ; golden dates 8 c ; Malages, London layers, $\$ 3.50$; New scason currants, So per lb.; Eleme figs, in different sized boxes, live per lb; Walnuts, 18 cper $1 b$; peanuts, raw; 10 c ; roasted, 17 c ; almonds, 20 c ; pecans, 17 c ; Filberts, 15c; l3razils, 17 c per lh ; cocoanuis, $\$ 1.20$ per dozen.
grdits-areen, vegriables, etc.
Stocks of fall apples have been cor sidierably reduced, int there are still some bf good qual. ity to be had. Fevorite varieties, such as snows, St. Lawrence, strawberries, etc., bring $\$ 3.25$ when in good condition. Other varieties and damaged to be had at from. $\$ 2$ per barrel
upward, as to kind and condition. Canadian grapes are now out of the market, but some southern Catawhas and Concords are still to bo hod, in gosel shapc. Peaches and plums are obtainalile at irregular intervals. l'rices are. Apples, fall varieties, $\$ 2.76$ bo $\$ 3.2 .7$ for from good to choice, per harrel ; 8nows, $\$ 3.00$ to $\$ 325$; winter apples, $\$ 325$ to $\$ 3.50$, oranges, . Jamaica, $\$ 7$, 50 to $\$ 9$ per box; do in barrels, $\$ 12$; lemons, Malagns, $\$ 500$ to $\$ 0.00$; Palmero lemons, $\$ 6.0 \mathrm{M}$ to E 0.50 ; California Tokay grapes, in 40 lb . erates, S(it), Sci.50 per crato, Concords and Catawbas, i) to 10 c per basket of ten lbs; Malaga grapes, in 65 lb . kegs, $\$ 8.50$ per keg: California pears, $\$ 1.25$ to $\$ 4.50$; cran berries, bell and cherry, $\$ 0.50$ to $\$ 10$; bell and buglo, \$11. 20 ; Southern onions, $\$ 2.75$ per cwit ; Ontario cider, clarified, 35 to 40 c per gallon in barrels; N. Y. hard, 32 gallon barrels, $\$ 10$; do half barrels, Ej .

## orooeries.

The further decline in sugars in the Eist, now amounting to a total of fe on white qual. itics, has inthuenced prices here to snine extent. Teas hold firm, and generally show slight int. provement in demund at outside points, where prices are expected to improve. Syrups continco searce. l'rices here are as follows: Sugars, yellows, 73 to 7 za granulated, Ode; lumps, 9 isc. Coffecs-Rios, from 21 to 24c; Java, 25 to 30c: Old Govera. ment 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 3 jc . Teas, Japan 23 to 46 c ; Congous, 22 to 60 c ; Indian teas, 35 to 60 c ; young hyson, 26 to 50c. T. and B. tobacco, 5 ive per pound; P. of W., butts 461 o ; P. of IV . caddies, 47 c ; Honeysuckle, 78, 55c ;Brier, 78, 53c ; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c ; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c. Specia brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, $\$ 50$; Gen. Arthur, $\$ 50$; Mikado, $\$ 40$; Terrier, $\$ 30$ per 1000.
hardware and metals.
Quotations are still unchangel as follows: Cut nails, 10 d and larger $\$ 3.00$; I. C. tin plates, S5 75 to $\$ 625$; I. C. tin plates, double, $\$ 11.50$ to $\$ 12.00$; Canada plates, $\$ 3.75$ to $\$ 4$. ; sheet iron, $\$ 3.75$ to $\$ 5.50$, according to grade; irois pipe, 40 to $4 \bar{j}$ per cent off list prices; ingot tin, 30 to 35 c per lb ., according to quality ; bar iron, $\$ 3.00$ to $\$ 3.60$ per 100 lbs.; shot, 04 to 6 per lb.; tarred felt, $\$ 2.60$ to $\$ 2.75$ per 100 lbs . barbed wire, $6 \frac{1}{2}$ to ic
hides and tallow.
Prices are: No. 1, 5c; No. 2, 4c; bulls, 3 c ; calf, fine haired real veal, 7 to 11 pound skins, No. 1, $\check{~ c} ;$ No. 2, 4 c sheep pelts, $4 \overline{\mathrm{c}}$, for good, to 2 je for poor. Tullow, rough, about 2 he per pound, rendered 5 c .
meathek and findings.
l'rices steady at last quotations as follows: Spanish sole, 26 to 30 c ; slaughter sole, 26 to 30c; French calf. first choice, $\$ 1.25$ to $\$ 1.50$; Canadian calf, 75 c to $\$ 1.05$; French kip, $\$ 1$ to S1.10; $13 \mathrm{Zkip}, 55$ to 90 c ; Bourdon kip, 7 Cc ; slaughter kip, 55 to 65 c ; No. 1 , wax upper, 45 to 50 c ; grain upper, 50 c ; harness leather, 27 to 3le for plump stocl:. American oak butts, 50 to 55 c ; buffe, 17 to 22 c a foot: cordovan, 17 to 21 c ; pebble, 21 to 23 e ; colored linings, 12c.

## Painis, oics and colors.

The only change to note is in turpentins,
which has again alvancerl je. Quotations are: Turpentine, 90c in five-gallon cans, or 80゙ in barrels; harnoss oil $\$ 1.00$; neatsfoot oil, S1.25; linseed oil, raw, 68o per gallon; boiled, 70 c in barels or 5 c advance in five-gallou lots; scal oil, steam refined, $\$ 1$; cistor, ${ }^{19} \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{c}}$ per 1 l. ; lard, No. 1, $\$ 1.25$ per gal. olive, oil, pure, $\$ 1.60$; union salad, $\$ 1.2 \overline{5}$; machino oils, back 25 to 40 c ; oleine, 40 c ; fino qualitics, 60 to $7 \overline{5}$. Coal oils, silver star, 20c; water white, 29 c . Aincrican oils, Eocene, 31c; water white, 3lc; sunlight, 2Sc. Calcined plaster, $\$ 3.75$ per barre'; Portland cement, 55 to $\$ 5.50$; whito lead, genuine, $\$ 7.00$; No. $1 \$ 0.50$; No. $2 \$ 6.00$; window glaes, first break, $\$ 2.15$. Alabastino, $\$ 3$ per case of 20 pkge.

## WINES AND SPIRITs.

I'rices are : Canmian rye whiskey, fivo year old, $\$ 2.40$; seven year oll, $\$ 3$; old rye, $\$ 1.75$; Jules Robin brandy, $\$ 4.50$; Bisquet Debouche \& Co., \$4.50; Martell, vintage 188.), \$6.50; vintago 1880, $\$ 7.50$; Hennesy, $\$ 6.50$ to $\$ 7.50$ for vintage 1895 to 18S0; Deknyper gin, $\$ 3.00$; Port wine, $\$ 2.0 ̄ 0$ and upwards; Sherry, $\$ 2.50$ and upwards; Jamaica rum, S4.0n to $\$ 4.50$; Dokuyper red gin, 311.50 per case; DeKuyper green gin, $\$ 6.50$ per cere; Tomr Gin, $\$ 0.05$ to $\$ 10.00$; Martel and Hennesy's brandy, one star, $\$ 14.00$ per case of 12 bottles; v. $0 ., \$ 19$. v. s. o. p., \$22.

## THE MARKETS.

## WINNIPEG.

wheat.
Prices for wheat in outside markets were maintainc.' for the first three days of last week, at the high prices reached during the last three days of the previous week Un Wednesday last prices were $1 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$ higher at Chicago than at any time during the previous week. The tumble, however, came on Thursday, when prices broke about 5 c under a strong bear movement. The advance of the week before lest was caused mainly by the rapid decline in receipts at primary markets in the norths estern district, and likewise the decline last week was due to prospective large deliveries of wheat in the same district, thoy h there was perhaps a good deal of manipulation about the break. The visible supply showed an increase of 504,000 lushels for the week ending October 27, making a total of $33,476,000$ bushels, against $33,931,000$ bushels a year ago. The increase for the corresponding week last year was $2,000,000$ bushels. Exportis of wheat from the Atlantic ports for the same week were only 69,800 bushels against 606,900 bushels for the same week last year. Exports of flour were 250,300 barrels, agaust $10.5,300$ barrels fur the same week last year. Whilst exports of wheat from Atlantic ports are very light, the moveinept from Pacific coast ports is liberal, being 949,832 bushels of wheat for the week ended Ost, 27. Receipts at all principal primary points for the same weck were 3,234 , 803, against $4,195,283$ bushels the previous week Though it is gencrall! understood that the crop :s much less than last year, yet the movement to date bas been quite up to the average, hence the weakness in prices. It is difficult to make people believe in a shore crop with the wheas
pouringin at so lively a mute. Fowever, with big offorings now, it is evident that deliveries during the second half of the c.op year will be very light, if the crop is as short as is generally believed. Those who believe in the minimum crop estimates therefore 'have great faith in ligh prices later on, and they are consequently loading up with Many option. Already seme speculaturs are talking $\$ 1.50$ for May. Onc thing noticeable is that the wheat is being al.sorbed rapilly, notwithstunding the large movement, and though prices are higher in Americau than European markets, still the export movement is not insignificant, when flow is included with wheat. T ro have ieen received in Minneapolis anc Duluth 14,171,536 bughels of wheat, sinco August 1st, against 17,760,141 rushels to the same date lust year. Stocks in country elevators, however, are only about $5,700,000$ bushels, against $15,000,000$ last year.
The local situation has remained very quiet, due to light offerings. Wheat arrivals at port Arthur and Fort William elevators are much bebind last yeur. Far week ending Saturday, Oct. 2\%, the receipts were 201,960 bushels, against 360,200 bushels the corresponding week last year. Reccipts of this season's crop so far have been ( 836,350 bushels, against $1,204,450$ during the same pariod last year. This showiug is due to the late harvest io a considerable extent. Deliveries at primary points throughout the country continued light last week, and it is evident that farmers are giving all their attention to fall plowing. Prices paid to farmers at provincial points were some higher early last week, but the break in outside mar. kets on Thursday depressed values. At the close of the week from $\$ 1$ to $\$ 1.0$. would be about the range for No 1 hard at the different points, though at some points local competition induced higher figures, as high as $\$ 1.10$ being quoted at a few points.

## FLOUR.

Prices have held very stcady, and there is no further clange to note, Quotations to the local trado are: Patents, $3.1 \overline{5}$; strong bakers, 2.9 Fi ; XXXX, $\$ 2.40$; superfine, $\$ 1.90$.

## MILLSTCFFS

Hold steady at last quotations: Bran, $\$ 12$ per ton, shorts, $\$ 15$, ground feed $\$ 24$ per ton.

## oATS.

Offerings rontinued very light. Owing to the bad roads, very few loads were offered on the market. A few car lots were receired. l'rices keep up well, abont 30 c being the value on track here of good nverage samples. Chicice milling oats command about lc higher.

## оатмедal.

Steady at last quotations as follows: Stand. and, $\$ 2.50$; granulated, $\$ 2.65$; rolled, $\$ 3$.

## curesi.

Holds very irm, but is still going in jobbing lots at 10 ja , with lle sometimes asked for choice boxes.

## notien.

The butter market continues wery firm, and ligher prices have been obtained in some instances for small lots of choice, for the city trade. Owing to light receipts, cspecinlly of good qualities, some sales of rather indifferent stuff have bect made as high as 17 c . Receipts, however, are expected to improvo shortly. The extreme price obtained for choice so far reported is "e2c, bnt very ittlo has been sold at this figurc. Krom 15 to $2 x$ : may be quoted as the usual range for from goud to choice.
zons.
l:ggs hold vory firm, and limed are quoted 1c ligher. A good guality of limed are selling at 23 c in caso lots. Iresh are hardly obtainble, but such as nre offred are really no better and sometimes not so good as the limed. Really fresh would bring 94 to 25 c , though ordinary receipts are worth only ahout the same as lined.

Lard.
Lard shows a decline of ainout 10c, 201 lb . pails heing quoted at $\$ 2.50$ to $\$ 2.60$, for either Chicago or home rendered.

## cured meats.

The temdency in provisions is still ensier: Dry salt bacon has declined azc, though other lines are quoted about as beforc. Chicago cured quoted as follows: Dey salt, $12 y$ to 1 inje; rolls, $1 \mathbf{1 5 c}$; brcakfnst bacon, $15 \frac{1}{2}$; hams, 16c. Home cured proluct is guoted lower than Chicago, as follows: Long clear, 122 c; breakfist bacon, luc; rolls, lic; hams, 100 ; all home cured uncanvassed. Pork sausage quoted at 10c per pound and bologna sausage 9 c per pound.

## dressed meats.

Sarcely anythig offering in dressed hogs, the weather being rather suft yet. Many inguiries from the comatry have come in regarding prices, and as soon as cold weatle. sets in, a good, ply is expected to come into market. Packers are guoting Ske, but they would go te better for choice animals. butchers somtines pay as high as 9 c . and wholesale butchero are wasking pie for city dressed. About 5de is the usual wholesale price for good average city dressed beef, though an extra sido sometimes goes fo better. Ordinary beef sells as low as ic. Scarcely any country dressed offering yet, but may be quoted at 4 to mt e, as to guality. Mutton holds steady at 10 c ; veal, $7 \frac{1}{2}$ to $\$ \mathrm{c}$.
roultis.
Poultry of any description is not offering freely, and there is a good demand. Drawn always commanding the Qest prices in this marke Clickens are picked up rearily at 12c. Gecese are hardly offered it all, but would bring from 12 to 14c. Turkeys are scare, and will readily bring līc.

## La「5 stock.

Hogs hardly offered at all, but quoted stendy at $6 \frac{2}{2} \mathrm{C}$. Good ordinary cattle still lring about 3 c live weight, but chnice animals are now being picked up, at from 31 to 4 c , the latter price only for extra. Sales of indifferent avimals are still made at about 2 ?
vegetables.
Potatoes were higher, owing to the light offering on the market, due to bad roads. Sales reported on some days as high ns 3 jc , but usually quoted at 25 to 30 c per bushel. Other prices are: Turnips, 20 to 25 c per bushel; carrots, 40 to 50 e per bushel ; beets, 35 c per bushel; onions, uative, 81.50 per bushel; cabbage, $\overline{0} 0$ to ". ner doz; celery, 40 c per doz. bunches; parsni. Sl per bushel.

IIAS.
Not offered frecly, due to bail mads, and prices thercfore good. Abont $\$ 10$ per ton was the price for good average guality. A good deal of poor quality is offering.
revir
Woon keeps very strong and high. Very little is being hanled in by settlers, and ofier. ings on the market are mostly frum reccipts by mil. Poplar sells at Si; per corl, by the load on the marker, and tamarac at 57 . A car lol of Minnesota maple, received by the Northers Yacific and R. R.'V. railway, was held at $S^{7}$ per cord on track. Yoplar on track was worth $\$ 4$ and tamarac $\$ 6$, in car lots.

## TORONTO AIARFETS.

Gmin-Barley-Quict and casy. Quotell:
 GS to 69c; No. 3. G4 to G6e.

Oats-new, quoted at 3 to to 41 c .
Provisions-Dressed hogs slow at $\$ 0$ to $\$ 0.50$ for light, heary sold from si to $\$ 7.25$, with tops at $\$ 7.50$. Long clears sold at 11 to 112 c , and mess pork at sis.o. Lard steady, domestic selling at let to lefe in pails and tubs.
Butter-Demand good for good to choice dairy and rolls, and all offered sold readily at 19 to 21 c . Medium dragging at 10 to 18 c . Fair demand for low grades. Creamery firm an ! in demamd at 23 to 20 c in small lots on the spent.

Chepse-Full cream, 10 to lle; medimm, 9 to 918c; skims, $3 f$ to 0 c .

Dried apples-Unehanged at 12 to $\bar{c}$ in small lots. Evaporated at 7 c for old, and 7 h to se for new.

Eggs Fresh scarce and firm at 20 to $\because 1$; limed, dull, offering at 18 c .

Apples-at \$1 to \$2 per barrel.
Cattle-Butchers' cattle offered mostly of inferior quality. Gooll amimnis were in demand at 3 to $3 \frac{1}{3}$ per 1 b . Common and inferior stock sold at 2f to 2 je per 1 lb ., while very poor were as low as 2c per 1 lb .

Evaporated corn is moving at 9 Lc for Can. adian to 102 c for best American.
The "(Queen" brand of canned salmon is offering at $\$ 1.6 \mathrm{j}$. It is said, however, to be short weight.

Rio coffees are very scarce on the spot. Fair are held at 17 to 17 sc in small lots. A Rio cable of Tuesday reports a decline of $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$ in three days.

Tomatoes continue weak and yearly all packs can now be bought at 90c. It is asserted by some dealers that some of the cheaper packs are light in weight.
l'eas are quoted at $\$ 1$ to $\$ 1.35$ as to the brand.
There is a fair amount of business doing in fore: gn dried fruit. Currants are moving giz to ofe in barrels and halves, extra Vostizans are olfering in cases at 9 c and halves at 9he. Yalencias are going at 6 to $6 \frac{1}{2}$ for off stalk, and $8 \frac{1}{1}$ to 9 c for layers and. extrn selected. Sultamas rule from 7isc up.

## CANADIAN SECURITIES IN ENGLAND.

The Canadian Gaictle of Oct. 18, gives the following quotations of leading Caudian sccurities in the London market :


WV. H. Atkinson, buyer for Roblin i Atkinson, arrived last weck at Deloraine, Man., to buy wheat. Fe mill ship'through iV oodworth ACris clerator.

## Weekly Trade Revious.

R. G. Dum \& Co.'s Weekly Review of Nov. 2, says: The simple fact that bunk exchanges, outside of New York in the last week but one of a presidential campaign, execeded those of last year by 101 per eent., the clearings of last year havinglbeen exceptionally large, proves that the volume of legitimate business is waprecedented, for only a part of the increase can be attributed to excess of speculative operations. Reports indicate a satiafactory business at ncarly all cities, butat Philadelphia, littshurg, and INansas Cicy the prevailing quiet is attributed to political excitement. A shade of stimgency in money is noted at St. Panl. Improvement in collections is notice. at somthwestern and northwestern centres. Bar iron is easier; but prices grow more irregular, and former quotations for nails are not maintained. . The woel market is firm. The dry goods trade has been comparatively quict. Boots and shues are selling freely at full rates, wopecinlly in the west. The coal trade is somowhat dull. The tock market, after a light depression, is less active but stronger, and the average price of the most active stocks is a fraction higher than a week ago. The exports increased the past mouth about 3 per cent., while the imports fall below last year's about 'i per cent. With wheat, corn, coffec, lard and petroleum a littlo lower than a weck ago, the general average of prices nevertheless remains substantially unchunged. The business failures the last 7 lays number 270, as compared with a total of 254 last week and $\because 2 t$ the week previous. For the corresponding week of last ycar the figures were $24 \overline{5}$.

## Abont Gusiness Men.

H. A. (ialmanth, representing J. A J. Tay. lor's Toronto Safo Works, was in the city las week.
J. U. Ashdown, wholesald hardware merchant, liinnipeg, went west recently to the lacitic coast.
M. Cass, representing Jus. Linton i Co., boots and shoes, Montral, was exhibiting his samples in the west last week.
Hurry Arkell, wholesale produce ciealer, Vanconver, B . C., returned home last week from a vist to Enstern Canada, stopping a while in Winnipeg en ronte.

Hegin MaDotani. is opening a lumber yard at Moose Jaw, Assu

A sucosin grain warelsouse has been erercted at Bridge Creek by Ed. Sirett.

Allu the lumber is in from lahe Winnipeg, and the boats are going into winter quarters at Sulkirk.
D. Ackiann and brother, fiom Almonte, Ont., will embark in the carriage manufacturing line at Emerson, Man.
Jons Mores aude veDonald have started business as blackrmiths at Selkirk, Man. John Norrison has also opened in the same line at the same place.
Tur: customs returns for Port Arthur for October show SS4,019, as against Sit, 016 for the same month last year, an increase of $\mathbb{S} 30$.003, rakiog an increase of duty collected of \$7,000.

INehis \& Smita, of Munsomin, shipped in carloash of hogs to Calgary last week.

A bevietil telegram snys: So fil nincty cars of steel for the Dulath it Winnipeg road, or enough to lay 15 miles of track, ne now at the Northern Dacilic junction and Cloquet. Several humired men are now at work on'the road.
Oninvit: © Co. shipped a carload of barley from Bincrson to St. Louis lnst week. Iwo cars went out this week over the N'. l'., shippeit by A. W. Austin, of Wiunipeg, purchused at St. Jean Baptiste at about io cents per bushel.
Tur: Birtle Milling (io. intend asking the council of the municipality of Birtle to submit a by law, to be voted on by the ratepayers, granting ${ }^{2}$ bomus of four or five thousand dolloas to aid in the crection of a roller mill at Birtle, Man.
lumits is very much more plougling done in the neighborhood of Oak Lake thes fall than last Those who had not good crops this year are by no means disconaged, but have set to work vigoronsly and prepared all the land available for crop aext year.

Aprlication will be made to Parliament to incorporate a company to build a railway from Victorin, B.C., to Shoal Harbor and Swartz llay, with power to establish ferry communication with the mainland, and also power of constructing a railnay from New Westminster or Vancouver to the international banndary.
G. H. Rowswet., general merchant, Elkhorn and lealah, Man., has sold on, inis Belllah branch to (ico. IV. Maish, who lately' hat eharge of the business as manager. He has also sold out his Dilkhom husiness to Stewart \& Pimhostrand. Ill health it is sainl has intguced Mr. Rowsiell to retire from business.


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## BASTRRN HARKETS. <br> CHICAGO

December wheat opened at Chicago fe higher on Monday, October 2!1, and ranged from Sl. Is to $\$ 1.19$ during the day. Closing prices were the same as at the close on Saturday, with the exception of the more distant futures, May for instance elosing ic lower than saturday. Closing prices were.

|  |  | Oct. | Hes | 1 ln . | Mas. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Wheat |  | 1.11 | 1.15 | 115 | 1.15 |
| Corn | . | 403 | 3) | - | 3s? |
| Oats |  | 21 | 25; | - | $\because 9$ |
| Pork | .. | 14 (6) | ---- | 14.573 | 18.s: 3 |
| l.and | * | 520 | Soij | S 123 | 8.25 |
| Shert Riba |  | 75 |  | 7 3id | - |

December wheat opened sc lower on lines. diny, and ranged from Si.17a to \$1.19\%. No. vember was groted pe above October. May gatined a cent over Decemiber, in comparison with Monday, which inticated greater faith in the future of wheat. The market wis rather dull till near the close. When some operators who discovered themselves short, commenced buying. It was then foumd that the murbet was bare of wheat, and an welvance of abont 3e followed. Closing prices, which were at the top, were:


On Weducsalay, Wecember wheat opened at 1.19\}, and ranged from 1.18 ? to 1.20$\}$ during the day: May again ndvanced in greater proportion than otiker options, teaching $1.02 k$ at one time, due to buying by shorts, and little property ponilable. Closing prices were:


Wheat took a zumble on 'Jhursiday, and ruled lower, elosing weak at the bottom price, due to a sort of panic under hear y selling, crased by larger receipts at Northwestern points. It was rumored that Minneapolis holders were heary sellers. Closing prices were:

| Wheat. | Nor. <br> 1.131 | Dec. <br> 1.15 | Jan. <br> 1.13 | Hay: $1102$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Corn | 35 ? | 331 | 53 | $3 \times 8$ |
| Oats | 243 | $2+5$ | -- | 4 |
| Pork .............. | 14.45 | 13.45 | 34.724 | 14.0: |
| Lard | S.192 | S.073 | 810 | 8.93\% |
| Short ribs | -5.50 | - | 7.4% | - |

The market was still hearish on Pridiay, but no breaks such as on Thursday occurred. Trad. ing was very havy, especially in May, which ranged from 1.1ik to l.17s. Closing prices were:

| Wheat.......... | Nor. 1.1:1 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1.160 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } \\ & 1.13! \end{aligned}$ | 3ay. $1.1 \%$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Corn... | $3 \pm 1$ | 881 | - | $35 \%$ |
| O2ts.... ... .... | 248 |  | - | 9 |
| Pork | 16.5.5 | 24, 5 | 14.73 | 15.021 |
| lard .ipins .... | 8.173 | S 10 | S. 123 | S.975 |
| Short Mus .... | -. 010 | - | 7.4' | - |

Saturday's closing figures were:


## DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

The market broke $4 \underline{f}$ to $\pi$ on Thurslay. On Friday, December opened at $\$ 1.04$ and ranged up to S1.2it. No. 1 northern, cash, closed at Si.18, and No. 2 northern at Sl.0st, on Friday Closing prices for No. 1 hard on each diay of the week were:


## MONTREAI, MARKETS.

(izain No. 1 (new) hard Manitoba, \$1.35 to §l.39; No. 2 do., Sl.35 to §l.3s; No. 1 northern, E1.is ; peats, 7 to she : oats, 3.i to 3 ic : barley, 70 to 7.ac.

Flome - Guoted as quiet and stealy. Patent spring, S6.7. to 87.00 ; strong bakers, (city) $\$(640$ to $\$ 6.50$.

Oatmeal -Quet and prices irregular, ordinary duoted at $\$ 2.30$ to $\$ 2.50$, aml gramulated at $\$ 2.10$ to $\$ 2.4$ in lage. . Holled oats, $\$ 2.90$ to E3.

Butter-Fair demand at full prices. Breanery, et to 2ic; earlicr do 22 .to 23c; Townships, : 10 to 2.2 c ; Western, 16 to 17 c .

Cheese-Dull-Priees were-Finest September. $10 \neq$ to $10 \frac{3}{}$; finest August, $9 \frac{1}{2}$ to $9 \beta \mathrm{c}$; fine, Sij to 9fc: medium, 79 to 8 fc .

Exts-itendy at 20 to 21 c .
Hides- Heavy stecrs, 0 to lle ; Bulls, heary 6f to 7 C ; dry hides, 104 to 111 ; green butchers No. 1, 6 to (itc: do, No. 2,5 to Jide; do, No. 3,4 to 4 fc ; calfskins, ic : lambskins, each, 70 c .

Poultry - Turkeys solid at 9 to 10 c : geese at f; to $\overline{\mathrm{c}} \mathrm{C}$ : ducks, 9 to 10 c ; and chickens, 6 to Se per lb.
Purs The riazefle sitys of the fur market: Whe season for furs has opened under fair aus. pices and the general prospects for most sorts at present indicate a fuir trade, except for mink and marten, which are expected to rale low. Arrivals have been principally from the interior, and consist of skumk, fox and beaver, for which there has been a fair inquiry. J3ear has been in good demand, and prime skius have realized up to $\$ 15$. ALink aud martin are slow aul cheap in price. European advices are steady and indicate prospects of a fair trade, and as stocks in the States abe less than a year ago the season is opening under ietter condi. tions thitn jrevailed last year. Prices are:-

licar, perskin.................................90 to 90 to 1.00
 $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Fisher, per skill } & \ldots . . . & \mathbf{4 . 0 0} \text { to } & \mathbf{5 . 0 0} \\ \text { Fus, red, per skin } & \cdots . . . & 0.90 \text { to } & 1.00\end{array}$ Fox, cross, prer skin ............ 2.0 to to 3.00 Lyux, perskin ............. 2.00 to $3.13 \%$ Marten, per +kin .... ....... 0.80 to 0.90 Mink, per skin . . ........ O. 0. to to 1.00 Anskitat. 0.10 to 0.20 Otter, per skin... ......... $\$ .00$ to 10.00 $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Raccom, per skin ............. } & 0.50 & \text { to } & 0.60 \\ \text { Skunk, per skin... . . . . . . } & 0.50 \text { to } & 0.75\end{array}$
E. O. Wints, the senior member of the late firn of White, Josclin \& Co., lace and embroi. dery wholemale importers, Toronto, has honght
the estate, and will in future carry on the business ander the name and style of Whito is White, at the old premises. The now firm enjoys strong lyuropean backing, and, ans Mr. White is so well known to the dry gooils trude of Cumada, with an experience of upward of 30 years in the special lines the firm handle, we prediet for the new firm a successful future.
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## Lumber Cuttings.

T. E. Martin, Jumber dealer Regina, offers to dispose of his business.
J. Curtis, of Michigan, has lately been pros. pecting in British Columbin, with a view to engaging in lumbering in that province.
Thero is talk at Selkirk of the formation or a company to operate the largo saw mill at chat place. The mill has been ille for some years.
The Late of the Woods mills are being closed up for the season. Mon are in demand for the woods, it $\$ 28$. to $\$ 30$ per manth and board.
Fader Bros.' new mill at Vancouver, B. C., is being pushed towards completion. The capacity of the mill will be about 100,000 feet per day.
:...A. new steamer will be built at Keewatin this winter, for the Lake of the Woods trade, which is mainly in connection with the lumber induatry. .
Hall. Bros. \& Brown have commenced the erection of a saw mill at Kicowatin, which they expect to have ready for operation early next apring.
a-E. M. . Gatliff, of Emerson, will open a lumber yard et.St. Jean Baptiste, Lhan., on the B. R. V. $\cdot$ R. He will import lumber from Brainard, Minnesota

## Commercial Notes.

$\therefore \cdot A \cdot$ boct and shoe manufacturing company is being formed in Pictou, N. S., which is deserib. ed as being "a favorable locality, as there are several tameries in and about that town."

The United States Tolnaceo Journal figures out that there will be a great ahortage in wrap. per leaf tobaceo this year. It estimates the shortage at over $0,000,000$ pounds, and wants to know where the cigar manufacturers are going to get thoir tobacco.
Tho Florida Fruit Exchange advises its agents in Now York city that the crop of oranges this year will be $2,500,000$ boxes, the largest aver grown. Muny growers blieva it will reach $3,000,000$ boxes. : The output of American lemons this year amounts to 50,000 barrels, but all the experis in the trade declare, says the Now York Sun, that the time is not far distant when America will raise all the lemons she needs for home consumption.

As a specimen of the apple harvest in Western Oncario, the Meaford Afonitor tells us that the quantity of apples grown in that neighbor hood this scason is enormous. Over 10,000 barrels will be required for the excess. The coopers are reaping the harvest. Farther east, however, while apples are perhaps not less plentiful, relatively, the wherewithal to pack them is lacking, for, says the licton Times, "the apple barrel famine is what just now perplexes and vexes the patient soul of the Prince Edward apple grower. Where and how to get enough barrels is the problem."
The following is from the New York Sun:There is one old.time habit that used to be widely prevalent in the United States, especially in the westand sonth-the tobacco-chew. ing halit-that has cortainly declined in the present generation. The manufacturers of
chewing tobaceo say that the trade in it has not grown with the growth of our propulation, but that in many States it is less than half as large as it used to be before the war. In the New Englanil States it has become of very slight account. All of which is to be regretted by chewing tnbacco manufacturers only.

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The Winnipeg Grain fuclange has now ninety members. When tha memberehip reaches one hundred the chterance fee will likely be raised to $\$ 100$.
Another treat is in store for the trade, aswe seo it announced that the Northtestesi afiller is preparing for the publication of its annual holiday number.
The big flour mill at Kcewatin is said to be improving the prospects: of the place. This milling company has lately erected cottages far conployes, and a largo elevator is also in course of erection. The barrel factory in connoction with the mill will be in operation in a few days.
Yort Arthur Sentinel: Greey, of Greay Bros., Toronto, who has been here for some time past looking into the advantages of the town as a site for the establishment of a'flouring mill, has left for the cast. He was well pleased with what hs saw and especially 'with' the water power, which could be used to advantage. In. stead of making a proposition at the present time, Mr. Grecy preferred to go home and conconsult his partner and if they decide to erect a mill here, thoy will have the plans prepared and will then submit a formal proposition to the council with a view to a bonus.

## Teritorial Legislature.

The Territorial Assembly met at Regina on Wednesday last. In the Governor's addréss, reference was made to the progress of legislation toward full proviacial government, and to the work of revising the ordinances. Among other things the Governor said:-Reports have reached me, leading me to infer that the existing legislation: regarding prairio fires is not sufficient for the suppression of the evil, and I therefore earnestly hope that, when all the facts have been ascertained, our united offorts may result in the passing of some measure which will prove as complete and effective as experis ence and mature deliberation can make it.

A bill respecting vital statistics will be submitted to you, which, it is hoped will prove the forerunner of a simplo and effective system of general statistics.
I would now point out to you the desirability of devising means, by which the cause of temperanco may be most effectually eerved, consistently with your rights and duties as British subjects and free men. It.is to be borne in mind that legislation cannot be expected to make men honest, sober and wise. Sobricty is a virtue, the practice of which is taught and inculerted by religeon, the law addressing itself to the prevention or the panishment of crime or vice in $s 0$ far as public order is attacked or threatened. Whether excepjional legislation is to be continued or not is a matter upon which you, as representatives of the peoplo, have the sole right to speak with any degree of authority. I ghall be happy to transmit to the Eonorable the Privy Council at Ottawa any resolution or representation with respect to the temperance question, that you may think fit to pass, and which will, I have no doubth receivo at tho hands of the. Dominion Gorcrnmenti" ill dup consideration.

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## ONTARIO.

II. Kemp, livery, Cornwall, has assigned. B. Kilborn, drugs, Bradford, has assigned. H. A. Goring, cigars, London, has suld out. C. Rear, baker, Mount Albert, has sold out. A. L. Fberts, grocur, Chatham, has sold out. C. P. Heal, publisher, Lomdon, has sold out. Cooper ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Son, grocers. Clinton, havo sold out.
A. Weleh, stoves and tins, Gorrie, has sold out.
Alex Dunn, hotelkeeper, Hamilton, has sold out.
Wilson Bros., foundry, Shelburne, burned out.
M. Purcell, hotelkecper, Stratford, has sold out.
Avery \& Son, wagons, Culecionia, has as signed.
Samuel Ball, drugs, Little Current, has assigned.

F, R. Price, jeweler, Thorold, stock sold by sherif.

Albert J. Cooke, Blacksmith, Almonte, has assigned.
IV. J. Parry, harnessmaker, Ottawn, has assigned.

Mrs. Catharine J. Dunfee, Port Hope, has assigued.

Stovel \& Armstrong, tailors, Tormuto, have assigned.
A. L. Weegar, pianos, etc., Aultsville, has assigned.
A. J. Aaderson \& Co., jobbers, Toronto, have nssigned.

W'm. A. Kelsey, pullisher, Burks Falls, has assigned.
W. R. W'hite, nerchant, St. Thomas, has assigned.
John R. McKay, blacksmith, Harrington, has nssigned.

Buructt \& Cromarty, blacksmiths, Galt, have sold out.
Jos. H. Mitton \& Co., millers, Newbury, have sold out.
A. \& K. Graves, planing mill, Mount Brydges, burned out.
George Ashfield, fancy goods, Ottawa, damaged by fire.
Jeremiah Crowley, hotelkeeper, St. Thomas, has.assigned.
L'Abbe \& St. Jean, hotelkecpers, Ottawa, have assigned.
Ferguson \& Co., grocers, London. Martin H. Ferguson is dead.
J. J. Cleland, general storekecper, Schom. berg, has nssigned.
V'm. Stuart, auctionecr, Toronto, stock will be sold at auction.
Thomas Sayers, harness maker, Tweed, sheriff in possession.
M. Whito \& Bro., general storekecpers, Hol. brook, have assigned.
Moore \& Wilson, general storekeepers, Maberley, have assigned.
S. J. MeKclvoy, general storekeeper, Mid. dleport, has assigned.

Hally Bros., wholesalo boots ajd shoes, To. roụto, liavo dissolved.

Camolino Goulding, drugs and groceries,
Schomberg, has assigned.
.Jnmes Richardson, wholesale confectioner, 'Ioronto, damaged by fire.
M. \& L. Sanuels, Benjamin \& Co., wholesale hardware, 'Toronto, burned out.

Blair \& Martin, general storekeepers, Sudbury, have closed out their branch here.
M. White \& Bro., genoral storekeopers, Holbrook, stock advertised to be sold by auction.

Warner \& Copeland, wagon makers, Bracobridge, stock alvertised to be sold by anction.
Snider, Selkirk \& Co., planing mill, Leamington, have dissolved, and firm is now J. E. Snider \& Co.

UEBLC.
Wrm. S. Foster, roundry, Cookshire, has as. sigued.
A. S. Langevin, dry gooda, Montreal, has assigned.

Joseph Myones, hotelkeeper, Muntreal, has ussigned.

Luuis Meunier, restaurant, Montreal, has assigned.

Renaud \& Prescourt, builders, Montreal, have dissolved.

Smith \& Co., clothiers, Montreal, are compromising.

Wm. Wray, haker, Montreal, demand of assignment.

Abruham Goyette, contractor, Barford Tp., has assigned.

Hercule Letonreal, woolen mill, St. Timothe, has assigned.

George W. Gellatly, watchmaker, Hunting. don, is dead.
A. Colton, general storekeeper, Fort Cou. longe, assigned.

Napoleon Leroux, beer botller, Montreal, de. mand of assignment.
Joseph Dupuis, general storekeeper, St. Jean d'Orleans, has assigned.

Joseph Fawle, confectioner, Montreal, meet. ing of creditors called for 31st Occ.
F. X. Giroux, genernl storekeeper, West Farnham, has obtained an extension.

Shirlcy, Corbett \& Co., contractors, Sawyerville, meeting of creditors called for Nov. 8.

Geo. McGarry, pork packers, Montreal, has admitred G. M. I. Bland, under style of Mc. Garry, Bland \& Co.

NOVA SCOTIA.
Rood \& Morrison, hotelkeepers, Pictou, have dissolved.
J. A. Stewart, liquors, Baddeck, has gone out of business.
Charles West, hotelkeeper, Kingston, is giving up business.
Ferguson \& Wilson, general storekecpers, Spring Hill, have dissolved.

## NEW BRUNSWICK.

C. B. Godfrey, harness maker, Dorchester, is dead.

MeNally \& Trucdell, general storekeepers, Shippegan, have dissolved.
John Lewis \& Co., genernl storekeepers, Hillsboro, John Lewis is dead.

Irving \& Sherrard, general stnrekeepers; Ed. McDonald, baker; John McDonald, hotelkeep: er, and McLellan, general storekecper, Point du Chene, were burded out.
P. E. ISLAND.

Strong Bros., agricultural implements, Char: lottctown, have dissolved.

## British Columbla Fisheries.

The report of Thomas Mowat, Fisheries Inspector for British Columbia, shows that the increase in the value of the catch of fish during tho year 1887, inclusivo of that used by tho Indians, to be $\$ 397,589.00$, notwithstanding that the amount of capital invested and men employed showed a falling off of $\$ 104,000.00$, which is attributed chiefly to tho loss of two schooners, the destruction of an oil factory, and the ceasing of work in a number of cameries on the northorn coast, to which is also due the employment of fifty-seven men less. The report states that the catch of salmon was much better than that of the previous year, which fact, together with the high prices which ruled during the year, made the seasons one of the most profitable which cammers in this province have experienced since they have been engaged in the business. This has been caused by a great falling off in a'l the southern rivers of the North Pacific coast. The comparative yield of canned salnon in this province stands as 201, US3 cases of four dozen one-pound cans for 1887, against 161,270 for 1886, giving an increase for the last year of 42,813 cases, and making the aggregate pack in one.pound tius as $9,795,984$ pounds, which, as fully one.fourth of the weight is lost in preparing the fish for canning, will represent at least $13,061,312$ pounds of fresh salmon for canniag alone, to which, when is added the salt, smoked and fresh salmon, exclusive of that consumed by Indians, will make the total catel by the white population to have been $16,200,762$ pounds. The Fraser, with its twelve canneries, supplied 128,506 cases, while the eight canneries along the coast supplied 75,277, making a total of 204,053 cases. The increase in the packing on the Fraser anounted to $1,422,192$ one-pound cans. This is urged as a proof that the rale of periodical runs has ngain changed, and that a larger run of fish occured in all the rivers except the inlets, and the reason given for this is that the latter have been overfished. The shipments of fresh and frozen salmon has also increazed over those of the previous ycar by 650,000 pounds. The fish were put up in prime condition and shipped to the United States and Fastern Canada. Ship. pers, however, complain that the freight and express chargesare so high they cannot compete with Columbia river and the eastern provinces, and fear that they will be compelled to retire from the trade, for the reasons that Pacific salmon does not sommand so higla a price as the Atlantic salmon, and that the Oregon and Washington Territory salmon have the advantage of lower rates. Sturgeon is said to be still plentiful in the Fraser, and it is believed that the industry would become an important one if opened up, as the fish are of excellent quality, and if smoked or dried, and exported, wonl! command fair prices. Smelts are so plentiful tha: the Indians catch them in dip nets, but are only used for local consumption, ns the cost of freight would not pay for their shipment. Oolachans are much sought after, but in conseguence of the southern rivers being so short only a sufficient quantity is taken for imnediato use. The rivers $t$ the north, however, seem to be the home oi this valuable fish, and the necessity is urged of having a sufficient staff of giardians to prevent their destruction by

American Indinns and others. The number of trout caught cach season by anglers and others is said to be increasing. A change of the close senson is urged for this fish, no the present time is not suited to this country. It is also urged that the uso of salmon roc ns bait for this fish be provented. Whitenish ure said to be not so large or fue fla:ored as those of the. Atlantic, although those found on the Arctic slopo, it is claimed on good authority, will comparo favorably with any on the continent. Shad is spoken of as having increased during the past fow years, and it is sucgested that the industry should be developed ity the planting of fry in the Fraser river. It is roported that only a few halibut have been shipped to San Francisco, owing to the cost of freight, and the jealonsy of the American fishermen, who are afraid of the sup. ply from this city. But there is a probability of a business being opened up of shipping this valuable fish in a "fletcheci" condition, as is done at present from Hudson's Bay. Tho Black Cod is said to lie in high demand by those who are acquainted with it, but that until more vessels and enterprising men engage in it, it will not be properly developed. This, however, in consequence of the last exploration made by Mr. Helgesen and Mr. Saunders, is likely to be brought about in the near future; and this excellent fish be no longer rarity in our markets. The Cod family embraces a great number of varicties. The chief of which are the Cultus and the Rock Cod; and also the variety known as the Red Cod or Snapper, which form one of the principal supplies for our local market during the winter. Since the increase in the shippiag traffic the Herring appears to have almost deserted Burrard Inlet, and only a few can now be caught with n seine, where the supply formerly seemed inexhanstible. They are, however, still found in ubundance in all the bays and imets north. but the demand is so small that there is no inducement to engage in the trade. Sardmes are described as plentifnl during the months of August and September in all the harbors near the straits, especially at Esquimalt. They are of good size and quality. and larger, if anything, than the French variety. Dogfish are found in unlimited number, but are caught only for their oil, the demand for which, however, is not grent, as it is stated that the one company engaged in the busincss could put up double the quantity they do if necessary. The demand and the prices are, however, both increasing, and it is thought that a lucrative trade can be built up with Honolulu and China. The people of this Province have not yet engag. ed in the whale fishing, although they_are said to be abundant along the west const, and, considering that our fishermen aro 750 miles nearer the Aretic fishing grounds than their San Francisco neighbors, it is extraordinary that an effort has not been made to have a share in this lucrative unsiness. There was a decrease in the catch of Fur Seals as compared with the previous year of 5,117 skins which, tugether with 3,508 seized by the United states authontics, lessened the number marketed in Vietoria by 8,715 skins. The number of Hair Seals, however, was about the same, while the eatch of Sea Otter was increased by 50 skins. Of the Crustaceans the report speaks very favorably, and as it bis veen proved that the lobster with
proper management can be safely transported to this coast there is overy reason to hope that ere long hoth it and oyster cultivation will havo advanced to a a tato that will add materially to our coast industries. -Vicioria Stanilard.

## Kyaporated Apples.

This has become within a short period a very important branch of business, anil not only affords employment to thousanils of persons, but gives an outlet for many thousand bushels of fruit, which would otherwise be unsalable and go wholly to decay. The western part of New York is the home of this industry, although it is constantly extending to other parts of our fruit growing country. The water climinated from the green fruit in the course of its evaporation reduces it in bulk to about one' eighth of its original weight, and leaves itas fine in appearance and as palatable to the taste as though it was in its natural state. The principal consuming countries abroad are Germany, England, Bolgium, Holland and France, in which the new product has entirely displaced the old-fashioned sun.dried fruit. There were shipped alone to France during 1857, 18,000 barrels of a quality known as chopped or sliced apple, which is driod without being parel or cored, and is used chiefly for the production of cider, cheap wines and distillation when the viucyards of France suffer from phyloxera. Some $4,000,000$ poinds were exparted during the season, of which more than one-half were from Rochester. New York State evaporated fruits have secured a very favorable reputation and a strong hold abroad, and can be had in-almost any city or town of importance on the European continent. The goods are also taken in consideable and increasing guantities by the West Africa and Australian trade every season.-Cincinnati Grocer.

## The Production ot Yailla.

The Vicenza Chamber of Commerce Journal says that the Mexican Vanilla grows in two 10 . calities, vi\%: at Papuntia (in the State of Vera Cruz) and at Misantia, the most important one being the former. The city, of about 10,000 inhabitants, lies in the Indian Territory of Toconaso. The vanilla is found in a wild state in the woods at Papantia, rooted close to trees and bushes, which serve it as a support. When in the month of November or December the pods have become ripe, the crop is gathered in. The pods are thrown anyhow into old sacks, and brought to market, where the buyers are Spaniards and Americans. Tho manner of doing business reminds one very much of the ways of brokers in large towns. Generally elderly females attend to the salo; but young children, in a pitifully ragged and dirty state, and also aged men, with long, filthy hair, come to the market. The pods aro bought by the brokers, at prices varying from 42 shillings for fine to 50 shillings for the best. Ono thousand pods of large green vanilla weigh about 60 lbs ., but only 10 lbs. when dried. During the past year selected pods sold at 58 shillings per hundred, in consequence of the good crop, however, the price receded gradually to 50 shillings, and forinferior quality to 30 shillings up to 42 shillings. The principal markets for vanilla are Now'York, St. Louis and Chicago. The exportation from Papantia reaches $60,000,000$ pods.

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D. Morrell has commenced the erection of a large brick hotel at Nanaimo.
There is talk of a tramway being built to connect Vancouver and Westminster.
Work has been resumed at the South Field coal mine, the fire laving been extinguished.
E. H. Jones has disposed of his bookstore business at Kamloops to Wells Bently, zecently from Halifax, N. S.
Aston \& Atherton, of the Arlington hotel, Kamloops, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by Aston.
F. G. Richards has disposed of his stock, furniture and goodwill of the Clarence Hotel, Victoria, to W. C. Anderson, late steward of the Union Club, of that place. The Clarence is one of Victoris's leading hostelrys.
The second auditor's report was submitted to the. Victoria, B. C., civic board last week and shows that the late Treasurer Russell was de. ficient in cash to the end of September this year $\$ 9,000$. Other deficiencies are expected.
A new directory is now being compiled for the province of British Columbia by R.T. Williams, of Victoria. It will contain full des. criptive and reliable information of the various places, besides an accurate list of the residents, etc.
At a meeting of the dairymen of Vancouver, it was agreed that the price milk to privato families should be 50 cents per gallon, and to hotels and stores 40 cents por gallon during the winter months. This action was taken on account of the fact that fodder will be very dear this winter.

- Two Lake Ontario fishermen intend entering into the fishing business on an extensive scalo, somewhere on the northern coast. The fishermen are now building a smack at Brownsville which will be suitable for cruising in search of cod and halibut banks. Fish dryiug and salting will be their principal businees.

Cloth peddlers, said to hail from Manitoba, have been victimizing people in sections of the province. In one instance $G$. D. Clarke, of

Alberni, purchnsed cloth to the extent of $\$ 45$, paying si5 cash, and his promisory note for §30, payablo at the express office, Nanaimo, with the understanding that tailors of the same firm would be along in a few days and make the cloth up into clothes free of charge, other than board. It is needles to say that the tailors never came and the cloth still remains in bulk. A similar complaint from Cowichan was madic public in the Victoria Times recently. If the people would purchase from their local dealers, they would avoid being caught in schomes of this nature, and as a rulo would get better satisfaction than in purchasing goods from itinerant pedders. The latter are usually irresponsible porsons, unknown to the purchasers, and their wares are often of poor quality. It is seldom that anything is gained by passing over local dealers in favor of peddlers. It is a good rule to follow to buy at home from regular dealers as largely as possible, in preference to either sending away or patronizing wandering traders.

## Pricas at Yictoria.

Wholesale prices at Victoria, 13.C., last week wre quoted as follows: Flour-Patent, $\$ 7.42$; strong bakers', $\$ 7.20$; Oregon flour, $\$ 5.40$; wheat, per ton, $\$ 30.00$; oats, per ton, $\$ 25.00$; barley, per ton, $\$ 30.00$; middlings, per ton; \$2s.00: bran, per ton, $\$ 28.00$; ground feed, per ton, $\$ 32.50$; oil cake, per ton, $\$ 37.50$; oat. meal, per $100 \mathrm{lbs} ., \$ 4.2$; ; do do, native, $\$ 3.50$; Potatoes, per ton, $\$ 10.00$; onions, $\$ 1.25$; hay, baled, per ton, $\$ 20.00$; struw, per bale, $\$ 1.25$ to Si.50; apples, Gravensteia, per box 50 lbs., \$1.59; pears, choice Bartlett, per box, $\$ 2.00$; peaches, \$1.25; plums, Island, per $1 \mathrm{lb} ., 2$ to 3 c ; cggs, island, $\bar{j} 0$ c, do imported, 30 c ; butter, roll, island, per $\mathrm{lb} ., 40 \mathrm{c}$, do imported, 27 c , do, tub or firkin, creamery, 20c; do, dairy 24c; checse, local, 15c. do Canadian, 121 to 15 c ; do Caliornia, 17 to 18 c ; hams, local, 1 Le , do Anerican, 17 to 18 c ; bacon, local, breakfast, 14 to 16 c , do American, 101 c , do rolled, 14 c ; shoulders, 12 g c ; lard, 12 h c; meats-beef, 8c; matton, Sc; veal, dressed, $12 \frac{1}{2}$ to 15 c ; pork, 12t c; tallow, 21 c; hides, 4 to $7 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$; skins, sheep, cach, $2 ;$ to 35 c ; fish-salmon, 7 c , halibut, 8 c .

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## $\because \quad$ Coming Styles.

If the prodietions of the buyers for the largo Wholesalo houses are any where near tho mark we are to sed a perceptible revival of brilliant colorings in ladiea' dress. Thoy all report a strong folling Ior brighter and more vivid tints, especially th allks, and riblons, so that it looks as if the coniling season would be gay with color and as if thd subdued tints which have so long ruled oxclusivoly were to givo place to their more striking fivals. Already wo can seo indi. cations of this tendoncy. In-coming model costumes aite perceptibly more original, if not startling, lu thoir combinations than their predeccssors; thiore is a marked effort to light up civen the mbst sombre costumes; and through. out it looks as if that individuality in cut, and freedom from thersotyped models, which has boen suish h feature of this season's dresses were about to besaipplemented by origmality in coloring also.

Sashes will be largely worn, no matter whether the costume bo a Directoire one or not, and beautiful lifies of sash ribbons have been imported to mieet the demanal. Satin is advancing in favor as a combination matarial, although it is rarely seed forming a complete costume; plush and velvet will be very largely worn, especially for wraps; and the old.time favorite matclasse has reappeated in silk and wool and all-wool. For evening wéar shina crape both plain and figured 2 a assafe investment, and numerous tulles and gauzes, usually embroidered with beads or metalic threads, will he popular fabrics.
Ehecked and striped wool costumes made in London are shown with plain skirts and long
-verdresses faiehed with a very deep hem and with cloth jackets to match tho skirts. A small portion-sf tha bodico, visible between tho lapels of the jnctect, plays tho part of a waistcont. In forming this costume, tha jacket is mado double-breasted half.way duwn'and fastened below the lapels with a row of buttons placed vory much on one sido. It fulls straight in front, thero being no darts, otherwisn it is tight fitting, the side and back seams curved to the exact forri. When a rogular waistcont is dosired, the jacket in only fastened at the throat, where it is finished by a wide turn-down sollar and cut sharply away from that point to show as much as possible of the waistecat. 'Lite majority of dress skirts are now wade to hang in straight folds, either with flat plaits down the tront and side panels that reach from belt to hem, or with long overdresses that are so little draped as to cover nearly the wholo of the underskirts. There is certainly a tendency to. wards more scanty and clinging skirts, but it is a style that udvances very slowly in popularity, and it is evident that, as yet, tournure is far more popular than dress makers would have us believe.
The newest wraps are very long with voluminous sleeves and elaborato gazaitures. The matelasses so popular six or seven years ago are again stylish for wraps, and appear in all new nakes; but plushes and silks aro most called for, and it looks this wintor, as if plush would push velvet to the wall. For late autumn wear the duchess redingote, made in fawn or dove colored soldier's cloth, and trimned with a single row of metallic passementeric, is a be. coming wrap. The cloth is draped full at the
back and gathered to the centre forms of the bodice. The sleceres are half open and lined with silk. In short jacliets the hussar coat is very stylish. It is mado in leep blue or rillo green eloth and trimmed with black silk pas. sementeries and handsomo aiguillottes of silk cord, somotimes with metallic tage. A feature of these jackots is that they aro palded at the shoulders so as to give $n$ perfect fit and at the same time inpart a roundnoss to the figure.
Trimmings show very little novelty and new importations do not differ materially from those at present in use. Fine jets and other beads will be used in profusion. The new beal sets are very elegant and elaborate, and thore aro also sets in cords of various sorts, both with dropsand in plain flat ornaments. Entiro fronts and panels of beads are shown, also bodices that are intended for use for dressy occasions. Jet will be more worn than evor, especially in millinery, and comes in every variety of comi !nation and in a wide rango of prices.-Montreal Journal of Commerce.

Ir is officially announced that the Manitoba Legislature has been summoned to meet for the despatch of business on Thursday, Noyember sth. The order-ia-council was passed on Mouday, and the proclamation sigued by the Lieu-tenant-Governor Monday evening. It is prosumed that the reason for calling tho House to. gether is to consider the railway crisis and to take some netion regarding it. Retaliation against the C. P'. R. is hinted at, and it is generally believed that an effort will be mado to pass a measure removing ali tax exemption from the property of the company.

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On account of the comparatively light re－ ocipts of whent，instructions have been given from healunarters to suspend operations on the ann $3 x$ to tho C．P．R．elevator at lort Arthur． It is belioved that the company feel the present clovators and the one now under construction will be ample to acsommodate the season＇s crop without the annor．The fundation of the an． nex is all complete，and if found to be neoded it cau be continued later on．

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