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WINNIPEG, OCTOBER 14, 1889.

FRED BANTON will reopen his butcher shop at Portage la Prairie.

H. WYLLIE, fruits, Emerson, Man., has sold out to Geo. P. Gerrie.

N. H. TAYLOR, fruits, etc., Winnipeg, has disposed of his business.

JOHN R. BROWN, has opened in the flour and feed business at Fort William.

APPLICATION has been made for the incorporation of Carberry, Man., as a village.

BOARD of trade has been organized at Virden, Man., with A. Gemmel as secretary.

T. W. H. HALL will open a cake, biscuit and confectionery establishment at Virden, Man.

E. S. WHITE has gone into partnership with E. J. Darroch, general merchant, of Minnedosa.

WM. HANCOCK, butcher, Fort William, is in difficulty. His stock is offered for sale by the sheriff.

THE plant and business of the Emerson Times, published at Emerson, Man., is offered for sale.

THE business of Wm. Downs, butcher, Moose Jaw, Assa., has been taken over by G. M. Annable.

S. HARTFORD, a well known Manitoba merchant, now of Neepawa, was married at Brandon, recently.

THE Emerson Times says: A. C. McCall has returned from Glenboro and intends going into business here again.

AN Order-in-Council was passed at Ottawa last week appointing the 7th of November Thanksgiving Day for the Dominion.

R. C. ENNIS, recently in the general store business, at Neepawa, Manitoba, will leave for Washington Territory in a few weeks.

THE Reaburn Fair Association will hold a stock sale on Wednesday, Oct. 16, at Reaburn Station, Man. Buyers are invited to attend the fair.

F. G. LEWIN & Co., general merchants, Moosomin, have dissolved partnership; H. Hill retiring. The business will be continued by F. G. Lewin.

BUTLER & FRITH, of Boissevain, Man., have commenced work on their new blacksmith shop. They are building it of stone and it will be a fine building.

SEVEN cars of fat cattle and one car of hogs were shipped from Gladstone station, Man., in one week. A large number of fat cattle are yet held in the district.

T. A. NEWMAN & BRO., general merchants, Portage la Prairie, now occupy four stores, the Commercial Bank premises having recently been taken by this firm.

BUSINESS men throughout western Canada are invited to furnish this journal with any item of news concerning themselves or of interest to their community.

THE stock of liquors at the Hudson's Bay store, at Shoal Lake, has been shipped to Winnipeg, no liquor license having been granted at Shoal Lake this year.

THE partnership existing between Joseph Salterio and C. R. Lowery, hotel keepers, Calgary, has been dissolved. Lowery retires. Salterio will continue the business.

THE bankrupt stock of T. S. Hamilton, wall paper, paints, Winnipeg, has been sold to H. Wood, in the same line of business in Winnipeg, for 50 cents on the dollar.

FOLLOWING were prices paid to farmers at Portage la Prairie, Man., last week: Wheat, 65c, for No. 1 hard; oats, 30 to 40c, and scarce; butter, 18 to 20c, for good; eggs, 20c.

A CATTLE train of sixteen cars of Manitoba cattle started from Winnipeg for Montreal on Monday night last. This is the fourth train load of cattle shipped from this province this fall.

R. DARRACH, agent at Brandon, Man., for the Patterson & Brother Company, agricultural implement manufacturers, is erecting a large brick implement warehouse on Ninth Street.

A. A. DAVIDSON, who has given up his jewelry business at Calgary, was tendered a farewell banquet by the Independent Order of Foresters of that place. He has opened business in Victoria, B.C.

THE large feed and livery stable, the property of D. Hunter, Whitewood, Assa., was destroyed by fire recently. The contents of the stable were all saved with the exception of one horse and a quantity of hay.

A BOARD of trade has been formed at Lethbridge, Alberta, with the following officers:— President, C. A. Magrath; vice-president, T. Curry; secretary, W. A. Galliber; treasurer, Geo. W. Lafferty, executive committee, J. A. Cavanah, W. Colman, J. Hawley, Thomas McNabb, H. Martin, and H. Bentley.

A HALF-YEARLY dividend, at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum, has been declared by the Commercial Bank of Manitoba.

THE partnership existing between Wm. Riddell and C. E. Green, ranchers and stock raisers, Qu'Appelle, Assa., has been dissolved. The business will be carried on under the name of Green & Lascoll.

AT the sitting of the license commissioners, held at Minnedosa, Manitoba, recently, a license for the Brunswick hotel, Minnedosa, was granted. The applications from Shoal Lake were refused.

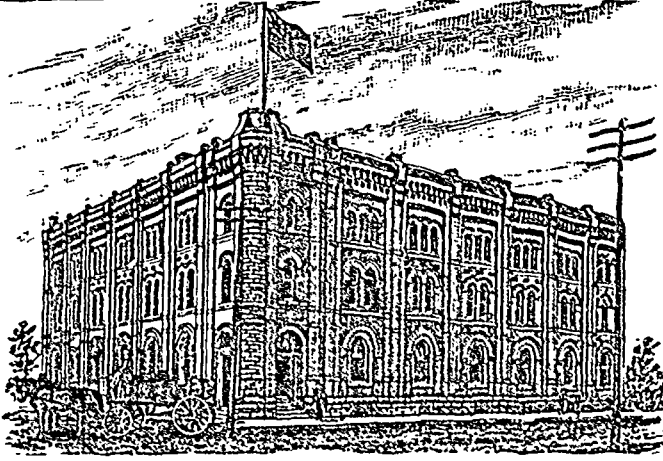
H. L. MONTGOMERY & Co., general store-keepers, Deloraine, Man., have bought the site, until the fire occupied by the Royal hotel, and will shortly move their store upon it. A stone cellar will be put in.

S. WALKER, manufacturer of prepared tallow, axle grease, oils, etc., Winnipeg, paid out last month over \$1,500 for tallow, all the product of Manitoba and tributary country. Formerly a good deal of tallow had to be imported for local use.

ACCORDING to the Rapid City Spectator, the merchants of that place complain greatly of the delay in receiving goods ordered from Winnipeg wholesale houses. "More than half the orders," says the Spectator, "are from ten days to two weeks, and often longer, getting here, where three or four days at the outside, should be ample time if the wholesale men were prompt in shipping. It is a positive fact, that several times orders have been given to Winnipeg, Montreal and Toronto houses on the same day, and the goods from both eastern places, have arrived nearly a week ahead of those from Winnipeg."

THE Calgary Water Power Company, (Limited) with its chief place of business at Calgary, Alberta, applies for incorporation. The proposed capital stock is \$100,000, divided into 1,000 shares of \$100 each. The names of the applicants are as follows: P. A. Prince, John E. Prince, and Frank H. Moon, of Calgary, lumber merchants, and Delos R. Moon, Isaac K. Kerr, of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, lumber merchants, who are to be the first or provisional directors of the company. The object is to improve the Bow River for lumbering purposes, and utilize the water power thereof, do a general lumbering business, establish water works, electric light works, erect flour and woolen mills, pulp mills, smelting works, etc.

SHOAL LAKE, Manitoba, is recovering from its recent disastrous fire; buildings are rapidly going up. A carriage and blacksmith shop will soon be completed for Greenshaw & McGregor, who were burned out. Robert Scott, general dealer, has bought the large Ferrier pump factory, and has converted it into a store. The building is seventy-five feet long; an addition of thirty feet is to be added. T. Parkinson, general dealer, is disposing of his stock saved from the fire and will not again open out here. Burton, butcher, Geo. Raymer, tins, and Hamilton, saddler, have built temporary places of business. The old Queen's hotel is being refitted and will soon be opened. J. W. Ferrier has commenced the erection of a new pump factory.

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Eastern Business Changes. ONTARIO.

J. A. Sloan, confectioner, Milton, has failed.
Wood Bros, bakers, Toronto, have assigned.
J. R. Phillips, grocer, St. Thomas, has sold out.
W. O. Britton, butcher, Toronto, has assigned.
Duffett & Co., dry goods, Toronto, have assigned.
Hillock & Kent, lumber, Toronto, have dissolved.
Wall & Saunders, grocers, Paris, have dissolved.
R. Herald, general storekeeper, London, has sold out.
John Lugsdin, wholesale furs, Toronto, has sold out.
L. Kelly, dealer in cigars, London, is out of business.
Totem of Health Co, London, have removed to Stratford.
Chas. Pethick, dealer in tins, Mount Albert, has sold out.
W. F. Martin & Co, dry goods, St. Thomas, have assigned.
A. Peardon & Co, boots and shoes, Toronto, have dissolved.
H. H. Curtis Co., druggists, Kingston, are giving up business.
W. J. Newman, general storekeeper, Morgantown, has sold out.
F. A. Campbell, general storekeeper, Shelburne, has assigned.
D. E. Kennedy, dealer in groceries, etc., Oil Springs, has sold out.
Wm. Humphrie, dealer in coal, wood and groceries, Toronto, is dead.
Robt. Turner, manufacturer of bitters, Brantford, has removed to Toronto.
W. Wholton, jr., dealer in house furnishings, Hamilton, bailiff in possession.
Brayley & Dempster, manufacturers of hardware, Hamilton, have dissolved.
J. R. Fraser, dealer in groceries and provisions, Tamworth, has sold out.
Chittendea & Cornish, dealers in gents' furnishings, Toronto, have assigned.
Thos. Boggess & Co., dealers in furniture and carpets, Hamilton, have assigned.
F. H. Thompson, lumber, coal and wood, Toronto, has sold out his lumber business.

QUEBEC.

A. T. Long, bicycles, etc., Montreal, has assigned.
W. J. Lough, tinware, Portage du Fort, has assigned.
Alexis Potvin, contractor, St. Cesaire, has assigned.
Emilien Charron, trader, St. Dorothee, has assigned.
J. B. Legault, general storekeeper, Gatineau Point, has assigned.
Scriver Bros., general storekeepers, Hemmingford, are burned out.
Miss Mary C. Maxwell, milliner, Three Rivers, has assigned.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Bent & Mosher, grocers, Amherst, have dissolved.
H. V. Sleep & Co., general storekeepers, Amherst, have sold out.
I. & S. Slattery, general storekeepers, Gabarus, have assigned.
D. F. McKenzie, boots and shoes, Westville, is out of business and away.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

W. Hodge, teas, St. John, has assigned.
B. Campbell, general storekeeper, Norton, has sold out.
Wm. Martin & Son, tailors, St. John, J. F. Martin dead.
J. Amos & Co., general storekeepers, Rogersville and Derby, have assigned.

British Columbia's Commerce.

The most superficial observer can see that British Columbia is prospering. The signs of advancement are everywhere, both on the Vancouver Island and the Mainland. Its steady progress becomes clear when we examine its exports for the last six years. We find from the report of the board of trade that the exports of the province for those years are as follows:—

1884	\$3,100,404
1885	3,172,391
1886	2,891,811
1887	3,371,601
1888	3,928,077
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of the province of over 40 per cent. in six years. Allowing the population to be 75,000, British Columbia's exports last year amounted to a little more than \$78 per head.

The following is a statement of exports for the year ending 30th of June, 1889, from the ports named.

Victoria	\$1,946,186
Vancouver	516,636
Nanaimo	1,851,419
New Westminster	46,388

The imports for the same year were:

Victoria	\$2,913,198
Nanaimo	301,016
Vancouver	443,937
New Westminster	132,053

The duties paid at the several ports were:

Victoria	\$789,158
Nanaimo	60,440
Vancouver	134,679

The total amount of duties collected in the province during the year ending June 30th, 1889, was \$1,015,578.26. British Columbia has paid into the Dominion Treasury during the last eighteen years \$11,320,945.—Victoria *Colonist*.

The Jute Market.

There has been a strong upward movement in the jute market during the past six weeks, says *Hemp Yarns*, and reports of the new crop are of such a character as to make high prices a certainty for some months to come. Serious floods in India have largely impaired both the growth and the yield of the plant, and have, in many sections, completely wiped out large tracts almost ready for cutting. Stocks in Europe and America are unusually small both of the fibre and manufactured goods; and the Dundee makers of jute bagging are so full of work, that it is difficult to place orders for cloth even at the high prices ruling.

A LICENSED hotel was opened last week at Plum Coulee, Man., by Louis Hansen.

PENROSE & ROCAN, butchers, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. Each will continue business in the same line separately.

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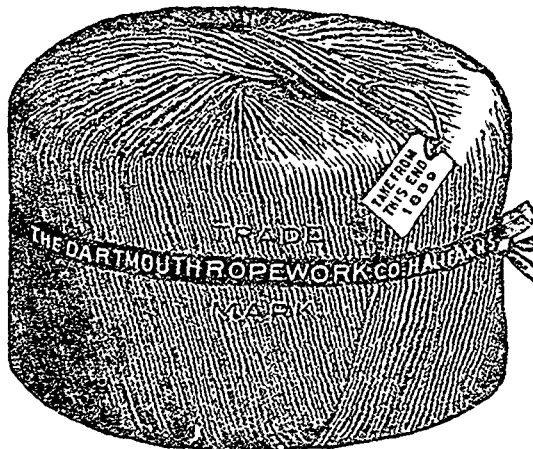
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WINNIPEG, OCTOBER 14, 1889.

INCREASING OUR EXPORTS.

The free movement which has recently taken place in shipping cattle eastward from Manitoba, is an encouraging feature to those interested in the welfare of the country. It shows that of late years our farmers have not been confining their attention so closely to growing grain. Though Manitoba as a wheat country cannot be excelled, yet it has long been evident that our settlers were giving their attention too closely to wheat-growing, to the neglect of other profitable branches, for which the country was well adapted. Even under the most favorable circumstances, it would seem unwise for an agricultural country to engage almost exclusively in one branch of farming. Failures of crops are likely to come to the most favored countries, and periods of low prices in almost every mercantile commodity are one of the drawbacks which must be contended with. Diversified farming is therefore the only safe course for the majority to follow.

Manitoba has other great natural advantages besides growing wheat and other grain crops. As a stock and dairy country our resources are exceptionally fine. In dairying a little has been accomplished, but it is a very little in comparison with what can and should be done. The drawback to the successful manufacture of butter and cheese on the factory principle, is the sparse settlement which renders it necessary to travel long distances to gather in the milk and cream to the factories. Still a start has been made sufficient to practically demonstrate what had been previously held in theory, that Manitoba offers great advantages as a dairy country. We are convinced that our farmers could yet greatly increase their herds of cattle, and especially cows, to great advantage to themselves and the country. Good returns have been already obtained by the patrons of cheese and butter factories, even under the disadvantage previously noted. If the number of cows in the districts immediately tributary to the factories were considerably augmented, production would be cheapened, and the industry would be rendered much more profitable. The dairy trade of the country has made great progress in the quality and mode of packing and handling butter during the past few years, but it will never be satisfactory until factory-made butter takes the place of the bulk of the article now made in private dairies.

The shipments of cattle from the province this year will certainly have a good effect upon the country. From this class of exports quite an amount of cash will be realized, which will materially supplement the returns from the crops. Nearly all over the country stock-raising has made considerable progress of late years, and in some districts has received such attention that a crop failure would not cause universal hardship. This is as it should be. While returns from wheat-growing come in more quickly, and more abundantly in case of a good crop and good prices, yet a crop failure,

which is always a possibility, will entail great hardship. A failure with stock is hardly possible, and the return, though slower, is always certain. Those who diversify their operations will therefore have something to fall back upon in case of a failure in one crop. From the increased attention which has been given to stock-raising, as shown by shipments this year, it is evident that a failure of crops would not have the same effect upon the country that such an occurrence would have had a few years ago. At points along the railways all the way from Winnipeg to Calgary, car lots of cattle have been gathered up for shipment to Montreal. Some of the western cattle have been sent on from Montreal to Liverpool, where, notwithstanding the long journey, they have arrived in fairly good condition. These stock shipments will go a long way to make up for the light crops this year, and if our farmers just continue on in the same direction, they will soon be independent of wheat, at least so far as an occasional crop failure is concerned.

PLENTY OF LAND.

The absurdity of the report which went the rounds of eastern papers last spring, and which probably originated through a misunderstanding on the part of a reporter in interviewing a Canadian Pacific Railway official, to the effect that nearly all the public lands of Manitoba were taken up, is being demonstrated by the movement of settlers into the Lake Dauphin country. Here is a large district of probably as fine country as can be found anywhere in the west, which as yet, with the exception of a few townships, has not even been surveyed. It certainly seemed ridiculous, at the time the report was sent abroad, that the public lands of Manitoba should be about exhausted, when we consider that the population of the entire province is less than 200,000 persons, and a large number of these are living in the towns and are not land owners. This province, with a hundred thousand square miles of territory, should support millions of people. Instead of the public lands being exhausted, there should be abundance of land, and choice land at that, for many thousands of new settlers. Of course a good deal of land has passed into the hands of railways, and other corporations, but there is yet plenty left for free settlement, and a large portion of the province is yet unsurveyed. That the idea should have gained currency that the public lands of the province were nearly exhausted, is in itself a protest against the system which has prevailed of handing over the public domain to railway or other corporations. The lands should be kept for the people, and it would be far better that any assistance given railways should be in the form of cash. The lands would thus be open for settlement on the most advantageous terms, settlement would be consolidated and there would be greater inducements to immigration. It certainly seems a great mistake that a portion of the public domain should have been handed over to corporations, to be held until the settlement of the adjoining lands should give it value. Railways in eastern Canada have been freely assisted with cash grants, and the people of the West have to

bear their share of the debt contracted in assisting these roads. But when it comes to assisting a western road, the only thing the Dominion will do is to give away the lands which should belong to the people of the West, and be held for free settlement for those who are coming to our country.

However, Manitoba has yet room for many thousands of settlers upon public lands, before it will be necessary to purchase lands held by private parties or corporations, though sometimes superior advantages as to markets, etc., can be obtained by purchasing land in the older settled districts. Still, many prefer to go farther away from the railways to take up free land. The movement referred to into the Lake Dauphin district of Manitoba has been very considerable this season, and it still continues. It is said that there are now fully two hundred settlers located upon unsurveyed lands in the district. This would indicate that no time should be lost in having the region properly surveyed and opened for settlement, as a good deal of confusion is likely to result from extensive settlement upon unsurveyed lands.

The Lake Dauphin country is situated north of the Manitoba Northwestern railway, and west of the northern portion of Lake Manitoba. It is described as a remarkably fine region, and those who have visited the district are wild with enthusiasm over the country and the prospect of the settlers. Some of the best timber lands in Manitoba are known to be in this district, and there is also, it is said, abundance of hay and water. Crops this year are reported to have been good both in grain and roots. The stream of settlement into this district, and the marvelous reports as to the great advantages of the country, would indicate that the public lands of Manitoba are not likely to be exhausted for many years yet. There are no doubt millions of acres of choice lands in the northern portion of the province which have not yet been surveyed. One party who has examined the Lake Dauphin district claims that there are fully 1,000,000 acres of land in that region, admirably adapted to settlement. The northern portion of Manitoba has advantages over the south in the abundant supply of wood and water, and there is plenty of timber suitable for manufacturing into lumber. In time these lands will be occupied, and now that settlement is moving in that direction, the Government should have the country surveyed and thus save the confusion and hardships which are certain to result from squatting upon unsurveyed lands.

LUMBERING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The activity in the direction of developing the great lumber resources of British Columbia is one of the features attracting attention in the Pacific province. During the last year the timber resources of British Columbia have attracted a great deal of attention from outside as well as local capitalists. There has been an active demand for timber lands in eligible locations, both in the interior and along the coast of the mainland and Vancouver Island. The many inlets along the coast render the coast timber districts readily available for moving the logs. In the interior, the mountainous nature of the country is a drawback to handling the logs.

Still there are many fine streams in the interior which can be utilized in floating the logs. In the interior, timber lands tributary to the railway, or to streams by which the logs can be floated to points on the railway, are of course the most valuable. The many islands along the coast are mostly heavily timbered, and are of course very easily worked as far as moving the logs is concerned.

A number of saw mills have been established at points along the railway in the interior since the opening of the road, but none of the mills are of very large capacity. The interior mills are unable to ship lumber to the coast in competition with coast mills, and are therefore confined to the limited local demand and to such shipments as they can make eastward to points in the Territories. High freight rates is the great drawback to the interior mills. The manufacturers complain that the freight rates to eastern points from interior mills are so high that they are almost prohibitory.

The coast mills have a larger local trade, and they are also in a position to cater for foreign trade. Ships are frequently loaded at some of the larger coast mills, for direct shipment to Australia, South America, and other points. Some exports are also made to California, but here the duty comes in to prevent this trade from assuming great importance. The opening of the California market to free lumber from British Columbia would be a great benefit to the lumber industry of the province. The provincial manufacturers would then be in a position to compete with the Puget Sound lumbermen for the trade of the Golden State on an equal footing.

Burrard Inlet has long been the principal point in the province for the foreign export trade. Two mills have been sawing on this inlet for twenty to twenty-five years, mainly for export. This and last season exports have also been made direct from the Fraser river mills. Mills sawing for export only do not carry a stock of dry lumber. The lumber is run right from the saw to the ship and exported in a green state. The export trade from the Fraser river will be vastly increased by the completion of the mammoth Ross-McLaren mill, the daily capacity of which will be from 300 to 500 feet. Another mill is also talked of for the Fraser river. At Vancouver a number of mills have been established since the completion of the railway, but they have worked mainly for local trade, which has been brisk during the rapid building up of the city. One of the old Burrard Inlet mills at Vancouver has recently been purchased by a company, supposed to be supplied with British capital. The mill will be remodeled and continue the export trade on a larger scale. This mill itself was not very valuable, owing to the long time it has been running, but very valuable timber lands went with the property. On Vancouver Island very little has been done beyond meeting the requirements of the local trade, the three principal mills being located one each at Victoria, Chemainus, and Nanaimo. A new company was formed some time ago, which took over the Chemainus property, and it is understood to be the intention of this company to erect a large mill for export and local trade. Shipments of cedar shingles from the coast mills have been made to Maui-

toba and territorial points, and these shingles are now regularly in the market at all points through the prairie region. In lumber, however, the coast mills have not been able to do as much business with the prairie country east of the mountains, as it was thought could be done at one time, though a limited quantity of lumber has been shipped eastward. Exports of produce of the forest from British Columbia for the fiscal year ended June 30th last were about \$450,000, of which \$388,000 was from the port of Vancouver.

Probably a good deal of the investments in British Columbia timber lands of late have been of a speculative nature. Eastern Canadian and United States capitalists are among the investors in these lands, and it is hardly likely that the intention in every case is to develop the property, but rather to hold for sale at an advance in values. The provincial timber lands, however, are not sold outright. Licenses are granted to cut timber for an annual fee of \$50, in addition to which thirty cents for stumpage and seventy-five cents per thousand feet, board measure, for lumber manufactured, goes to the Government. In the railway belt a fee of \$10 per 1,000 acres is charged, with fifteen cents stumpage and twenty-five cents board measure per thousand feet for the lumber cut.

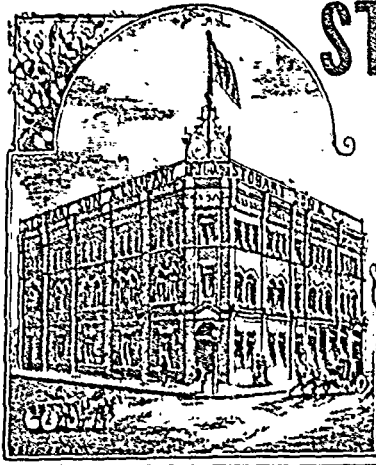
THE INSURANCE QUESTION.

The question of fire insurance for retail dealers has been so frequently discussed in these columns, that there is little room to add to the statements already made and views previously expressed. THE COMMERCIAL has frequently advocated the cause of insurance and has steadily advised business men to avail themselves of the privileges afforded by insurance, in providing compensation for loss by fire. This journal has further pointed out, that retailers who were working on a credit basis, were morally bound to protect themselves by insurance to a reasonable extent. Reasonable protection would be to an extent sufficient at least to cover their liabilities to others, so that the loss of their goods would not, as it very often does, fall upon their creditors. From a business point of view, the merchant who buys for cash should not neglect the advantages of insurance. To do so would be to follow a very unbusinesslike course. But the merchant, wholesaler or retailer, with liabilities in excess of the value of his indestructible property, is bound by principles of honesty, as well as by proper business habits, to insure his goods to a reasonable extent.

As a rule losses by fire in this country have been borne largely by the wholesale trade. When the retailer who buys on credit has been burned, the wholesale dealers have simply been compelled to shoulder the loss, for as a rule the insurance carried has been altogether out of proportion to the amount of stock. Last week it was announced that a meeting had been called to consider this state of affairs, and if possible devise some effective means of urging upon dealers the advisability of more fully protecting themselves and their creditors by insurance. This meeting has since been held in Winnipeg and was attended by representatives of the local and a number of eastern houses doing business here. All were agreed as to the nec-

essity for some action, but the difficulties of the situation were fully appreciated. Letters were read from a number of eastern houses approving of the movement. The question of insurance rates was discussed, especially as to the possibility of securing some reductions in rates. A number of insurance men were present, and it was agreed that a committee from the board of underwriters would meet a committee of merchants and discuss the question of insurance rates. In this connection it may be stated that the wholesale merchants will do their best to secure reductions of insurance rates in outside towns. At the meeting it was decided to form a jobbers' association, to be open to local and eastern houses doing business in the west, for mutual protection and the furtherance of mutual trade interests. A committee was appointed to frame by-laws to govern the proposed association. Mr. Bertrand, who has been mainly instrumental in working up the movement, presented the question in its various aspects, to those present, in a forcible and lucid manner. His idea is to have the question of insurance brought personally before all retail dealers in the country, through a systematic canvass by a person appointed for the purpose. Secondly, that a record of information be kept, as to amount of insurance carried, etc. The association will likely take up the matter on these lines, and Mr. Bertrand will probably act as an intermediary between the association and retailers who may be considered by the association as not properly protected by insurance.

The question of insurance rates is of course a very important one to retailers in outside towns, as owing to the lack of fire protective appliances and the risky nature of the buildings in our smaller towns, insurance rates are necessarily very high. In some cases they are considered as almost prohibitory, by the merchants. The insurance companies, however, claim that the rates are fully as low as the situation will warrant, and when approached for a reduction, they point to the exceedingly risky nature of the property covered by their policies, with arguments which cannot be satisfactorily answered. It is a fact that a fire in most of our smaller villages means the wrecking of everything within its reach. Even some places having from forty to fifty business institutions of one kind or another, are entirely without protective appliances, or at best with very inefficient means of fighting a fire. This is a very mistaken policy. A few thousand dollars for a fire engine and appliances is looked upon as too great an expenditure to be undertaken, but no thought is taken of the many thousand dollars worth of property entirely at the mercy of a fire. When the fire comes, which is only a matter of time at best, the property destroyed in a brief time would amount to a sum sufficient to provide fire appliances for about all the towns in the country. Even the smaller towns should make some effort to provide the very best means which they can have with which to fight fires. The removal of fire traps in the form of straw and rubbish about buildings should be looked after. Another dangerous feature in most of our towns is the location of feed stables among the business buildings. A few fire-walls between buildings would also be a great protection against the spread of fire. If our country towns would do what they can in the way of protecting property from destruction by fire, the merchants in such places could then reasonably hope for some reductions in insurance rates. We are certain the underwriters would be inclined to meet them half way in this matter. But the utter disregard of providing any protection whatever, which is shown in a great many of our towns, is little encouragement to the insurance people to reduce rates.



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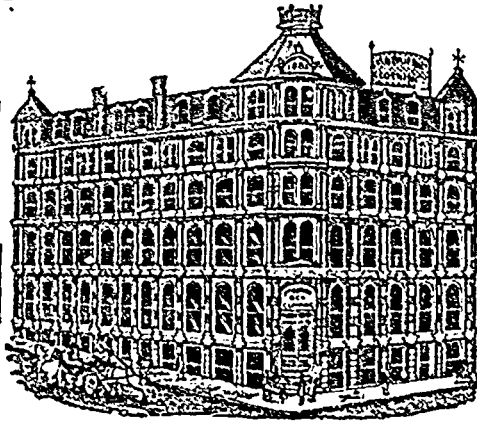
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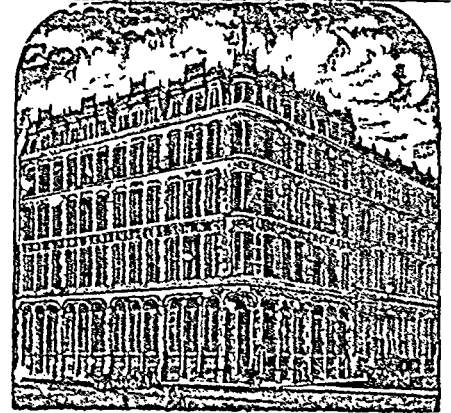
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WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

Wholesale dealers who had a large amount of paper due on the 4th of this month report all the way from 25 to 50 per cent of the paper met. This is not a good showing, but is accounted for by the fact that there has been very little cash movement of grain yet, as farmers are holding for higher prices. Fall plowing also hinders the delivery of wheat, and while prices remain lower than the views of farmers, they will not market so long as they have other employment to engage their attention. At the banks since the flutter of the 4th, there has been no particular stir, and discount rates remain unchanged at 7 to 8 per cent.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

The change to very warm weather for the season, which set in last week, was a damper on the clothing and dry goods branches. To show the influence of the weather it may be stated that city retailers in these lines reported a falling off in sales of fully fifty per cent. as compared with the previous week of colder weather. One clothing dealer reported a falling off of 75 per cent. in sales during the warm days. The city retail dry goods trade is now threatened with another period of destructive slaughter sales, as a result of the throwing of a large bankrupt stock on the market to be slaughtered. Two leading houses have already announced slaughter sales. This again brings up forcibly the question of the disposal of bankrupt stocks, and the necessity of devising some way of preventing the slaughter of such stocks, in the interest of legitimate wholesale and retail trade alike. Clothing travellers are all out with spring samples, and a good number of eastern dry goods travellers arrived last week. Hat and cap travellers are also out with spring lines. In the grocery and provision line some good orders have been received on railway account.

CANNED GOODS.

The Canadian Canner's association met at Toronto last week. The season's pack shows a great decrease, and there is a considerable part of the pack of last year still in stock. During the past season nine canneries have failed, but the prospects are now better.

DRIED FRUITS AND NUTS.

Prices of Valencia raisins will be lower when full stocks arrive. New figs are to hand. Prices are as follow:—Dried apples 7c to 7½c per pound, evaporated apples, 9c; Figs in 10 lb. boxes, per lb., 15c; choice new season figs 20c lb; figs in 1 lb. cartons, per doz., \$1.75; dates, Persian, in 50 lb. boxes, per lb., 10c; Fard, in 15 lb. boxes, per lb., 12c; California dried fruit—fancy apricots, in 25 lb. boxes, per lb., 18c; fancy peeled peaches, 25 lb. boxes, per lb., 24c; Nectarines 18c; Nuts, S. S. Taragona Almonds, 20c per lb; Grenoble walnuts, 20c; filberts, Sicilian, extra large, 15c; pecans, polished Texas, 17c; peanuts, white Virginia, green, 15c; roasted, 17c; coconuts, \$9 per 100.

GREEN FRUITS.

Apples hold firm in price, with stocks of eastern not heavy, as the supply from Ontario will not be large this season. Stocks are also coming in from the south. Oranges were out of the market last week, but more were on the

way, for which quotations would be about the same as formerly. Crabapples are firm. Some are offering in bushel boxes. Grapes are not expected to be any lower this season than present quotations. Supplies of concords have not been as large as expected. Tomatoes are about done for this season, and likewise melons. Bananas are to be had in limited quantities, with little demand. New cranberries are now to hand, and first receipts of Malago grapes and new season figs have arrived. Present prices are likely to be the bottom for the season on Spanish onions. Quotations are as follows:—Lemons, \$7.50 per box; Jamaica oranges in bbls, \$12, in boxes, \$9; fall apples, \$3.75 to \$4.00, choice to fancy winter apples, \$1.25 to \$4.75 per barrel; California pears, \$4 to \$3.50 per box; California Muscat grapes, per crate of 20 pounds, \$2.75; Tokay grapes, \$4.50, crate 20 lbs.; Rose Peru grape, \$3.00 per crate 20 lbs.; Concord grapes, 65c to 75c a basket of 10 lbs.; Catawba grapes, \$1 to \$1.25 per basket; Delaware grapes, 10 lb. baskets, \$1 to \$1.25, Malaga grapes, \$3 per keg. Bananas, \$2.00 to \$3.25 a bunch, according to quality and size; crab apples, \$6.00 to \$9.00 per barrel as to size of barrel and quality; choice Cape Cod cranberries, \$11 per barrel; cucumbers, 25 to 40c dozen; onions—Southern, \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; Spanish onions, \$1.35 to \$1.50 crate; Cider, per gal., 35c; comb honey, in 14 lb. boxes, 25c per pound.

GROCERIES.

Granulated sugar was ½c lower in eastern markets at the beginning of last week. Raw sugar was lower last week by ¼ to ½c than a year ago. Consumption has been greatly curtailed, according to statistics, owing to the high prices prevailing. Still the statistical position is fairly strong. New beet sugar will soon be ready for the market in Europe. Teas are firm, and in eastern markets low grade Japans and Hysons have appreciated from 2 to 3c in value of late. Quotations here are:—Sugars, yellows, 7½ to 8½c, as to quality; granulated, 9½ to 9½c; lumps, 10½ to 11c. Coffees—Rios, from 22 to 25c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 28 to 50c. T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 47½c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Rrier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c. McAlpine Tobacco Co's plug tobacco: Old Crow, 47c; Woodcock, 52c; Beaver, 63c; Jubilee, 60c; Anchor, 59c; cut tobacco: Silver Ash, 65c; Cut Cavendish, 70c; Senator 80c; Standard Kentucky, light, 85c; do dark, 80c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40, Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

HIDES AND SKINS.

There is a little opposition among hide dealers which has led to higher prices, and as high as 5c has been paid for No. 1 green, city butchers. Even the lower quotations, however, are considered too high, in comparison with eastern markets, where prices are low. Dealers claim that 4c per pound is all No. 1 green are worth here, and other prices in proportion. Light stock is very dull in eastern markets kid and calf being very slow sale. Country

hides in Toronto are only worth 2½ to 4½c as to grade, the latter price for No. 1 inspected, according to latest advices, which shows that prices being paid here are above real values. A few lots of wool are still coming in, bought at about 10c unwashed, and around, at country points. Prices are:—Hides, Winnipeg inspected No. 1, 4½c; No. 2, 3½c; No. 3, 2½c per lb. Calf, 7 to 13 lb. skins are quoted at 5c. for No. 1 and 4c. for No. 2 Deacon skins, 10 to 20c each, the lower price for cut skins. Sheepskins, new, 40c each; Lambskins, 40c each. Tallow quoted: rough, 2½c rendered 5; wool, low grades, 10c; shropshire and Southdowns, 11 to 12c; washed, 15c.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

Pig tin has ruled lower at London and New York, owing it is thought to speculative influences in the former market, and the latter moving in sympathy. The statistical position is fairly strong. Tin plate has advanced 6d in English markets, and a continued upward tendency Canada plates are strong. Iron and steel continue firm. Quotations here are as follows: Cut nails, 10d, and upwards, \$3.40; I. C. tin plates, \$5.75 to \$6.25; I. C. tin plates double, \$11.50 to \$12.00; Canada plates, \$3.90 to \$4.00; sheet iron, \$4.00 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, net pieces. 1 inch, 9½c; 1½ inch, 12c; 1½ inch, 15½c; 2 inch, 23½c; ingot tin, 29 to 30c per lb., bar iron, \$3.35 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½ to 6¾; per lb.; tarred felt \$2.40 to \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6½c nett.

LUMBER.

Business is reported as quiet by local manufacturers, but a good deal of business is still being done in common grades by importers of Minnesota lumber. Prices of the Lake of the Woods mills are said to be maintained, but importers of Minnesota lumber are said to be selling at pretty close figures. Local manufacturers claim that it costs more to get logs to the Lake of the Woods mills than to many of the Minnesota mills, hence the low prices of the latter on common grades.

PAINTS, OILS, ETC.

Prices are:—Turpentine in barrels, \$0 per gallon; in 5 gallon lots 85c gallon; linseed oil in barrels, raw 77c; boiled 80c. benzine and gasoline, 50c; pure oxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar \$6 a barrel; Portland cement, \$4.75 a barrel; Michigan plaster, \$3.40 a barrel, putty, in bladders, 3½c a pound, bulk in barrels, 3c; whitening in barrels, \$1.50 a cwt; Crown pure white lead, \$7.50; Royal Charter, \$7.00; Railroad, \$6.50; Alabastine, \$7.50 per case of 20 packages. Window Glass, first break, \$2.10.

PAPER AND STATIONERY.

Business in this branch is fairly brisk at present. Fancy goods for the fall and holiday trade have been received, and orders for such lines are coming in freely. Orders for Christmas cards, etc., are being taken from samples, stocks to arrive later.

PURE Manitoba honey, extracted, is in the market in considerable quantity, and is selling by wholesale dealers at 20c per pound. With the growth of the cattle industry, as shown by shipments this year, Manitoba can truly be said to be a land flowing with milk and honey.

GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT

The course of wheat in leading American markets was more irregular last week. Quite a strong movement developed on some days, but on Friday there was a drop in prices all around, amounting to almost a panic in Chicago, the immediate cause being the receipt of the official crop report of the United States Government. This last crop report of the Washington officials places the average yield of wheat for the United States at 12.8 per cent, thresher measurement. This makes a total crop of 495,000,000 bushels. The averages for the principal States are: 13 S bushels in New York; in Pennsylvania 12.3; Ohio 14.6; Michigan 14.7; Indiana 14.7; Illinois 16; Wisconsin 14.2; Missouri 13; Kansas 18.4; Nebraska 11; Dakota 8.3; California 15. Winter wheat was injured in many districts during the harvest and in shock by heavy rains and is comparatively light, grading badly, thus reducing its weight and value. Its weight and quality will be a subject of further report after the test of the scales in marketing. The big deliveries in the northwestern states continued last week, being about 750,000 bushels per day for Minnesota and Dakota. There have been inquiries at Duluth and Minneapolis for wheat for export, but prices have ruled at above an export basis, so that export shipments to any extent have been impossible. It was claimed at Chicago on Monday that standard grades there were 4 to 5c above export values. The visible supply on October 5 was 18,849,095 bushels, thus showing an increase of slightly less than 1,000,000 bushels for the week. The visible supply a year ago was 31,537,436 bushels.

The local situation may be said to have ruled easier, though prices were not materially changed. At Manitoba country markets prices varied from 60 to 65c for No. 1 hard, or something in the neighborhood of that grade by sample. At some points prices were lowered a cent or two during the week. Dealers feel depressed at the course of prices, as they claim prices now being paid are too high to leave any margin for shipment. Deliveries are still light through the province, and this is the real cause of the stiff prices. With as many buyers as there are loads of grain offering, there must be considerable competition, and up go the prices. Millers, who were in need of a little wheat to grind, have also been forced to bid up for the grain to obtain it, owing to light deliveries. Another point to be remembered is that a good deal of the wheat bought from farmers at the top prices, will not grade No. 1 hard. Threshing appears to be pretty well in hand through the country, threshers in some districts having completed operations already. Shipments of wheat through Winnipeg amounted to about 40 to 50 cars per day. Out of fifty cars graded at this point for the week ended October 5, only 8 graded No. 1 hard; 22 No. 2 hard; 9 No. 2 Northern; rejected 9.

FLOUR.

Local flour prices have not changed, but with the higher prices for wheat the tendency has

been stronger. In fact the advance in Manitoba country markets for wheat has been owing a good deal to the action of country millers, who, owing to light receipts, have been bidding up prices for wheat. There were no stocks of old wheat held, and the deliveries of new wheat have been so light that millers have exceeded real values to obtain supplies. Prices here are as follows per 100 pounds to the local trade: Patents, \$2.40; strong bakers, \$2.20; second bakers, \$1.80 to \$1.90; XXXX, \$1.40; superfine, \$1.10. Graham flour, \$2.20; middlings, \$2.40 per 100 pounds.

MILLSTUFFS AND FEED.

There is a good local demand for millstuffs, owing to the high prices of oats. Bran is selling at \$12 per ton and shorts at \$14. Ground feed is very scarce and hardly obtainable at any price, owing to high prices of oats and feed barley. It can be quoted at \$26 to \$28 per ton as to quality. Crushed corn is being imported from the south for feed, shipment being on the way at the time of writing. It will sell about \$25 to \$26 per ton. A good business could be done in importing feed corn, if it were not for the duty.

OATMEAL, POT BARLEY &c

Oatmeal has been easier in price and is again quotable lower, owing to five imports from Ontario, which, with the high local prices for oats, renders the situation unsatisfactory to Manitoba oatmeal millers. Rolled oats are offered as low as \$2.75 in 90 pound sacks. Prices are now as follows: Standard per 100 lbs. \$2.50; granulated, \$2.60; rolled oats in 90 lb. sacks, \$2.75 to \$2.90; Cornmeal is held at \$1.65 per 100 pounds. Pot barley, \$2.75 and pearl barley, \$3.25 per 100 pounds.

OATS

Further receipts of oats from Ontario have come to hand, and it was understood importations from the south were also on the way. Agents for Minnesota dealers were in the city last week offering oats for shipment to this market. Prices are considerably lower in Minnesota markets than in Ontario, but the duties on importations from the south would make them cost about the same here as they could be laid down from Ontario for. At Minneapolis mixed were quoted at 19 to 20c per bushel, and white at 20 to 22c. Offerings at country points in Ontario were at about 26c on track. In this market from 40 to 45c was paid for loads on the market, for the few offering. Cars could be laid down here at a cost of about 43c, in bags, imported, and sales were being made here at 45 to 48c, latter price for lots delivered in the city, in broken quantities.

BARLEY.

There is practically nothing offering, but anything would bring a good price for feed, probably from 40 to 45c.

BUTTER.

The local market has been steady, and with receipts light, prices have been fairly firm. Still there is a good deal held in stock here. There is considerable demand for choice qualities, and selected grades of choice will readily bring outside quotations, and even a little higher. Dairy may be quoted at 16c to 18c, as to quality, and an occasional picked package or two, for the city trade, sells up to as high as 20c. This latter price cannot be obtained for any considerable quantity, and must not be taken as a possible quotation, except as stated. At Toronto creamery was held at 20c to 23c per pound, and dairy at 16c to 18c, with store tubs at 12c to 15c. A good deal of the latter is described as poor quality, and choice was scarce. Montreal quotations were at 21c to 22c for creamery, and 14c to 20c for dairy, as to quality.

CHEESE.

There is a firm tone in this market, in sympathy with prices east. It is also believed that the output of Manitoba factories this year will be very considerably less than last year. Some factories have not been operated this year, and the make of a good many others is known to be very light, as last season was not satisfactory to

the patrons of some factories, and the number of patrons of several factories has been greatly curtailed. Manitoba factory men have advanced their views and are holding at from 10c to 10½c per pound, which would appear to be a reasonable view of the value of good cheese. Jobbing prices are also stiffer, and some dealers are now asking 11c, though sales have been heard of last week at as low as 10c per pound. This would be for cheese bought earlier, but said to be of good quality. The eastern situation in cheese was described as more unsettled last week. Sellers were holding for as high as 11c at Montreal, but this was ½c to ¾c above the views of buyers for finest September. Montreal quotations ranged from 9½c to 10½c, as to quality. Liverpool cables were steady at 51 shillings.

EGGS.

The warm weather of last week had the effect of somewhat increasing supplies of fresh eggs, and prices are easier in tendency. Holders of stocks of limed in the city, however, would not sell under 20c per dozen, and this was the invariable quotation for limed when fresh were not obtainable. Fresh were worth about the same, though some few lots were reported at a little under this price. Eggs were higher at Toronto last week, and advanced to 20c per dozen for fresh, with limed offered at 17c.

LARD.

Held at \$2 to \$2.10 per pair in 20 pound pails CURED MEATS.

Home packers are now doing considerable work. Quotations are as follows: Dry salt, 9½c; spiced rolls, 11 to 12c; breakfast bacon, 13 to 13½c; hams, 14 to 14½c per pound; bologna sausage, 7c per pound; fresh pork sausage, 8c per pound.

DRESSED MEATS.

Dressed hogs were firmer again last week. Offerings were not long obtainable at 6c per pound, and wholesale butchers were again holding for 7c. In fact, the cut price was only of temporary duration, and was not met by all holders. Farmers were bringing in a few hogs, which were readily taken by butchers and packers at 6c to 6½c. In fact, all good would bring the higher figure without difficulty, as packers are now open for a considerable quantity. Beef is easy in tone; and good is offered freely at 5c, with fair obtainable down to 4½c. Mutton holds at 8c per pound, and lamb easier at 9c. Veal easier at 5½c to 6c.

DRESSED POULTRY AND GAME.

Spring chicken bring 30 to 40c per pair, or about 12½c per pound dressed. Old chicken are not as ready sale, but bring about 10c a pound, or 40 to 50c per pair. Turkeys are worth about 12 to 12½c pound live, or 15c dressed and drawn. Wild ducks are dull and slow sale at 25 to 30c a pair.

LIVE STOCK.

Live hogs are hardly offering and it is thought that very few more will be received, as farmers will now hold to dress. Nominal values here would be from 4½ to 5c. A good many cattle have been offering by farmers, and are purchased by the head, at a price which would make them cost from 2 to 2½c per pound, live weight, and up to 2½c for choice animals. Cattle are still being purchased freely through the country for shipment east. Another train load of sixteen cars of Manitoba cattle started for Montreal last week. It is a hard matter to make farmers through the country believe that a good heavy animal is worth more than a two year old, for export, per pound live weight, and a good many cattle continued to be offered that are too young. A good three or four year old animal is always worth more, especially for eastern shipment, per pound, than young animals, and for export to Britain. The ocean freight comes as high for a light as for a heavy animal, so that the extra weight of a heavy animal is carried free, as compared with a light animal. At Liverpool early last week, fine steers were quoted 12 to 12½c, good to choice at 11½ to 12c, medium at 10½ to 11c, and poor and bulls at 9½ to 10c. A good many poor

were offering and choice fat were in demand. At Montreal last week good shipping cattle brought 4 to 4½c, and good butchers' brought up to 3½ to 3¾c, with fair at 3 to 3½c. Hogs bring 3¼ to 5½c live weight.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes keep up in price, and may now be quoted at straight 50c per bushel, which is the figure paid growers here. Cabbage are somewhat scarce and higher. Prices are: Potatoes, 50c per bus. for loads on market; carrots \$1 bus.; parsnips \$1 to \$1.25 per bushel, beets, 75c per bushel, turnips 60c per bushel, onions \$1.50 per bushel, cabbage 50c to \$1.25 per dozen as to quality, celery 40c per dozen, cauliflower scarce and only poor offering, which bring 50 to 60c per dozen, tomatoes, ripe, \$1.50 bushel, do green, \$1 bushel, Hubbard squash, \$1.50 per dozen, vegetable marrow, \$1 to \$1.50 dozen, pumpkins, \$2 dozen, citron, \$1.50 per dozen; green corn, 15c dozen ears, sweet potatoes, 5c lb., or \$6.50 per barrel; cucumbers, 25c dozen; small pickling cucumbers, \$1.75 per small bushel basket; red peppers, \$1.75 per small bushel basket.

SENACA ROOT.

A large quantity of this article has been marketed this season here, and offerings are still liberal. About 30,000 pounds have already been shipped out, against a total of about 15,000 pounds last year. It is thought that the quantity handled here will be full 75 per cent. greater than last year. Prices are easier, and advices from outside buyers indicate a dull and weak market. Quotations here are 26 to 26½c.

HAY.

Offerings are liberal on the market, and prices range from \$8 to \$10 per ton for loose, as to quality. Pressed is worth from \$10 to \$12 per ton. Some sales are reported for shipment. It is thought there will be abundance of hay here for all ordinary purposes, unless

there should be a large demand for shipment westward.

FUEL.

Wood continues to sell by the load on the market at \$3.50 to \$4 per cord for poplar, and \$5 to \$5.50 for tamarac. Cars on track about 50c per cord less. Coal delivered in the city is quoted at \$9.50 for Pennsylvania anthracite and \$7.50 for either Pennsylvania or western soft coal.

Minneapolis Markets.

Closing prices for wheat on Friday, October 11, were as follows:—

	Oct.	Dec.	May.	On track
No. 1 hard	80	80½	80½	80-80½
No. 1 northern	78½	78½	83½	77-78
No. 2 "	73	75	80	73-76

The *Northwestern Miller* in its weekly review of October 9th says: Millers who had sold well ahead were pretty firm on quotations and deprecated any move to knock off prices, thinking as much flour could have been sold on steady prices as had been disposed of through cutting quotations. On the other hand, those with small forward sales were cutting rates to some extent, to enable them to dispose of current production. There was no encouragement from abroad, the bids for patents being some 6d below what it can be produced at. Grain and flour have ruled above export basis too much this season to remove the surplus, and the remnant tends to force domestic distribution down to a basis of prices corresponding with export values. The mills are not yet all up with their sales and in the meantime it is claimed that prices will be held without regard to the course of wheat.

Quotations at the mill for car or round lots were:—Patents, \$4.60 to \$4.85; second patents, \$4.10 to \$4.40; bakers', \$3.10 to \$3.55, in barrels; best low grades, \$1.30 to \$1.40 in bags; red dog, \$1.10 to \$1.35 in bags.

Millstuffs—The demand was supplied with bran at \$6.50 to \$6.75 for fine and \$6.75 to \$7 for coarse; shorts, \$7 to \$8 for fine to coarse.

Duluth Wheat Market.

No. 1 hard wheat at Duluth closed on Saturday, Oct. 12, as follows:—October, 83c; November, 83c; May, 89c.

An application has been made by Roderick Smith, of Selkirk, Man., for a wholesale liquor license.

PREPARATIONS are being made for establishing logging camps for the winter. Locations for camps are being selected on Lake Winnipeg.

THE Royal Soap Company, of Winnipeg, last week secured a first-class soap maker from the United States, and promises soon to have a superior quality of soap ready for the market.

J. W. SORSOLEIL & Co., lumber dealers, Winnipeg, who bought out Davis' retail lumber department last spring, have been closed out under a chattel mortgage, given at the time of the purchase.

THE Customs Department, at Ottawa, has received information from Dr. Allan, the Fort Macleod collector, that he has seized 325 head of cattle, worth \$8,000, which were being smuggled into the Territories from J. H. Conrad's ranch, Maple Creek, Montana. This is the third time the same company have been charged with smuggling cattle, but each time they have got off.

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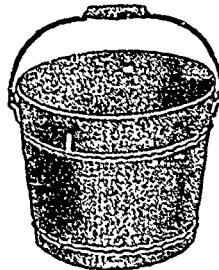
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Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

On Monday, October 7, wheat opened $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ over Saturday's closing prices. December opened at 83 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, and ranged during the day from 83 to 83 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. May opened at 85 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, and ranged from 85 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 86c. The big movement in the the northwest states was an easy factor to prices, but this was offset by an increase of less than 1,000,000 bushels in the visible supply according to to-day's returns, which was one-half less than expected. Shippers claimed to-day that Chicago standard grades of wheat were 4 to 5c above and export basis. Oats were decidedly weak. Large sales of cash lard were made, at prices ranging all the way from \$6.17 $\frac{1}{2}$ to \$6.35 per 100 pounds. Green hams sold in large lots at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per pound, and sweet pickled hams at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Dry salt short ribs sold at \$9.25 per 100 pounds. Cash sales of spring wheat on change were as follows: In store and to go to store, No. 2, 1 car hard at 82 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., 5 choice hard at 83c. No. 3, 3 cars at 69c., 2 choice hard at 76c, 1 at 77c, 2 at 78c, 1 fancy at 81c. No. 4, 1 choice at 65c. Free on board and switched No. 2, 2 cars at 82c, 5 at 82 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, 2 hard at 83c. No. 3, 2 cars white at 68c, 1 at 69c, 3 at 70c, 1 at 70 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, 3 at 72c., 1 choice at 73c, 1 at 74c, 1 at 75c, 1 fancy 77c. No. 4, 2 cars at 54c, 2 at 55c, 1 good at 60c, 1 at 61c, 1 at 62c, 1 choice at 65c, 2 at 67c. Lake freights were at 3c to Buffalo for wheat, and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for corn. Corn to Kingston quoted at 5c. Quotations for futures closed as follows:

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	May.
Wheat	81 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	83 $\frac{1}{2}$	85 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	31	31	33 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats	19	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	22 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork	11.50	9.40	—	—
Lard	6.22 $\frac{1}{2}$	6.02 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—
Short Ribs	4.07 $\frac{1}{2}$	4.85	—	—

October wheat opened $\frac{1}{2}$ higher Tuesday, but December and May were $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ lower at the start. December ranged from 82 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 83 $\frac{1}{2}$ c during the day. Exports of 290,000 bushels to Brazil were reported from Baltimore, but European exports from the Atlantic coast continue light. There was a fair inquiry for good milling samples of No. 3 spring wheat, to go to store at from 68 to 70c, and No. 4 at from 50 to 56c. No. 2 was nominally worth from 80 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 80 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, closing weak at the inside figure. Futures closed as follows:

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	May.
Wheat	80 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	82 $\frac{1}{2}$	84 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	33 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	22 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork	10.00	9.32 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—
Lard	6.20	6.00	—	—
Short Ribs	5.05	4.50	—	—

Wheat opened steady on Wednesday, and ranged during the day from 82 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 83 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for December and from 85 to 86 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for May. The tone was generally upward. A report of the export of 160,000 bushels of No. 1 hard from Montreal was received, with the statement that further shipments would be made, but vessel room could not be obtained. There was considerable buying on foreign account, and cables were firm. There was no new development in the October pork deal. Cash lard sold at \$6.20 \$6.32 $\frac{1}{2}$ per 100 pounds, green hams at \$7.25 to \$7.30 per 100 pounds, dry salt shoulders at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per pound, dry salt short ribs at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per pound, and long cleared at \$5.30 to \$5.35 per 100 pounds. The market for No. 2 spring wheat in store or to go to store was from 80 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 80 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, the latter being the value at the close. No. 3 sold to a limited extent at 68 to 69c. Spring wheat by sample was in moderate demand on local account, and prices were firm on choice lots. Poor wheat sells slowly. On track and switched lots sold as follows: No. 4 at 51 to 56c for poor to fair, 58 to 62c for good, 63 to 65c for choice, 66 to 67c for fancy; No. 3 at 69 to 73c for fair to good, 74 to 75c for choice, 76 to 77c for fancy; No. 2 at 81 to 82c. Closing prices for futures were:—

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	May.
Wheat	81 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	83 $\frac{1}{2}$	85 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	33
Oats	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	19	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	21 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork	10.25	9.32 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—
Lard	6.15	5.97 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—
Short Ribs	4.07 $\frac{1}{2}$	4.85	—	—

Wheat opened about $\frac{1}{2}$ higher on Thursday. December ranged from 83 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 85c, and May from 86 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 87 $\frac{1}{2}$ c during the day. Strong and higher cables started the advance, assisted by a better export movement from Atlantic ports yesterday. In cash spring wheat there were limited sales of No. 2 to go to store at 81 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 82c, closing nominally at the outside, and No. 2 hard at 83c. No. 3 sold to a moderate extent at 68 to 70c. Spring wheat by sample was in fair demand for good to choice wheat, and prices ruled firm. White wheat and poor lots were slow of sale. On track and switched lots sold as follows: No. 2 at 83 to 83 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for choice hard; No. 3 at 70c for white, 70 to 73c for poor to good, 74 to 76c for choice, 77 to 79c for choice hard; No. 4 at 52 to 55c for poor to fair, 56 to 59c for good, 60 to 62c for choice. No grade at 50c. Closing prices for futures were:

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	May.
Wheat	82 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	84 $\frac{1}{2}$	87 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn	31	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	31	33 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	22 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork	10.50	9.35	—	—
Lard	6.10	5.95	—	—
Short Ribs	5.10	4.85	—	—

Wheat was weak at the start on Friday, owing to the issuing of the Government report, showing a total yield of wheat in excess of expectancy. There was quite a break in prices, and for a time a very nervous feeling prevailed. October opened at 80 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, and ranged from 80 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 81c. December ranged from 82 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 83 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, and May from 86 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 86 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. No. 2 spring wheat, cash, was quoted at 80 to 80 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; No. 3 at 68 to 69c. Closing quotations for futures were:—

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	May.
Wheat	80 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	82 $\frac{1}{2}$	84 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn	31	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	33 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats	—	—	—	—
Pork	10.50	9.40	—	—
Lard	6.10	5.90	—	—
Short Ribs	—	—	—	—

Wheat closed on Saturday as follows: October, 80 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; December, 82 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; May, 85 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

CHAS. WILSON has opened a butcher shop at Regina, Assa.

CARMAN, Man., wants a drug store, for which, it is said, there is a good opening.

DEAPER & Co., dry goods, Winnipeg, advertise clearing sale and giving up business.

J. B. STEWART, book store, Brandon, has sold out his stock and business to J. E. T. Powers.

THE general store of the Badger mines, near Port Arthur, was damaged \$800 by fire last Thursday. Covered by insurance.

PECK & BENNIE have purchased W. A. Stuart's interest in the Winnipeg Luggage Transfer Company, and will in future conduct the business themselves.

A MIXED car, containing fat cattle, horses, and turkeys was shipped from Deloraine, Man., to Winnipeg on Wednesday. There were 140 head of turkeys in the car.

THE railway committee at Ottawa has agreed upon plans for the crossing of the C.P.R. main line at Pertage la Prairie, Manitoba, by the Northern Pacific & Manitoba Company.

THE carpenters of Victoria, B.C., were all on strike, causing a general cessation of building operations. The men demand that nine hours constitute a day's work. The demand will probably be granted.

THE amount of Manitoba wheat shipped from the Canadian Pacific Railway Lake Superior elevator for the week ended October 9th was 67,817 bushels. The amount in store on the same date was 220,687 bushels.

Mushrooms.

One of the wonders of Manitoba is the remarkable growth of mushrooms, which spring up all over the prairie in the fall of the year. The rich prairie soil of the country seems to form a natural mushroom bed in which the tasty fungi delight to grow. The dry years of late have not been as favorable to the growth of mushrooms as the wet seasons of a few years ago, but still the supply has been plentiful. A few years ago it was no uncommon sight to see half-breeds coming into the city with their carts loaded with mushrooms. At times they have sold as low as ten cents per peck, retail at the stores. The Manitoba mushrooms sometimes grow to an enormous size, samples as large as a saucer having been seen. As an article of commerce the mushrooms have not been handled beyond the quantity required for local consumption, the extremely perishable nature of the article rendering it impossible to ship them to outside markets.

The bankrupt stock of P. A. D'Auteuil, dry goods, Winnipeg, was sold by auction on Thursday last, and brought 65½ cents in the dollar. Geo. H. Rodgers & Co. were the purchasers. The book debts were sold at 10 cents on the dollar to P. A. D'Auteuil. The stock amounted to \$32,647, and \$1,000 in shop fixtures which went with the stock.

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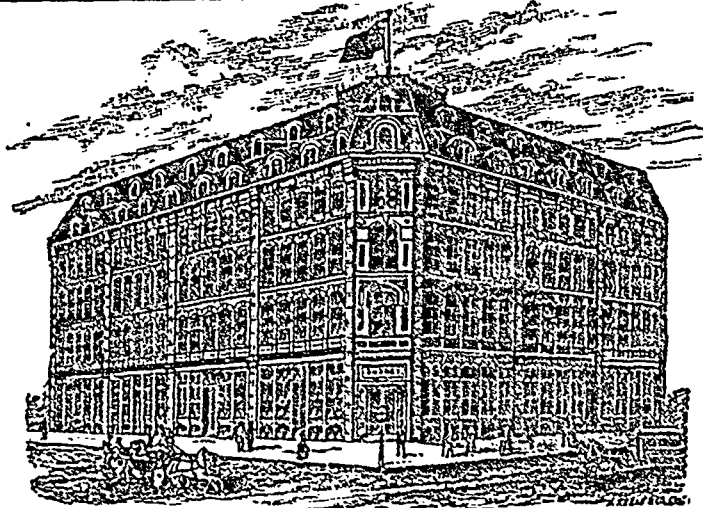
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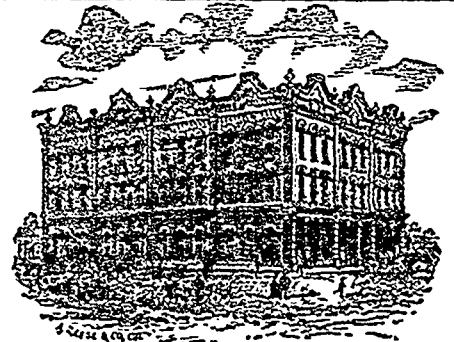
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The London Strike.

The vastness of the trade interests of the world's greatest metropolis has been demonstrated by the late strike. The influence of this strike of London dock laborers has been felt all over the commercial world. There is scarcely a branch of business that has not been affected in some way by the strike, either directly or indirectly. The effect of the strike upon the trade of the great city itself will probably be felt for years. The direct loss to the trade is estimated at not less than \$10,000,000. It has been asserted that some branches of London's trade will never fully recover the prestige held before the strike. This, however, remains to be demonstrated. At any rate, the loss to the city cannot be fairly estimated in figures. The dock securities, which were valued at about £17,000,000, fell away from four to eight per cent.

In addition to the vastness of the interests affected thereby, the London strike has been peculiar in other respects. One remarkable peculiarity of this strike was the great order which prevailed throughout the trouble. The strike was conducted throughout with perfect order, and if there were any unruly elements connected with it, they were kept in complete subjection. No disturbances were connected with the strike, and the whole thing was managed in what might be termed a gentlemanly manner. This speaks volumes for the sagacity and condition of the British laborer, especially when we consider that dock-men are usually considered to form a rather rough element in a community. The vast number engaged in the strike makes it a wonder that everything went off so orderly. Rioting has heretofore been almost the inseparable companion with strikes in European countries, and even in America, where workmen are supposed to be above the average in intelligence and general advancement, the great strikes have been usually accompanied with disturbances, often leading to bloodshed. The late Belgian glass-workers' strike, with its terrible rioting and wanton destruction of property, will be an interesting comparison as showing the difference in the state of British and European labor. It must be considered from these comparisons that the British working man is in an advanced condition as compared with working men elsewhere, though it may be that a thorough organization, which prevented the strikers from drifting into a leaderless mob, had a good deal to do with the strict order maintained and gentlemanly conduct shown by the strikers. Another peculiarity of the recent London strike is, that it was successful. Strikes, as a rule, are so frequently a disastrous failure that the success of the London strike must be considered peculiar. That the strike has been successful is, no doubt, largely due to the orderly manner in which it was conducted. By pursuing this policy the strikers were enabled to hold firmly together, and at the same time secure a great amount of public sympathy. Resort to violence would have led to the early disorganization of the forces of the strikers and would have made them a mere mob, without the influence of public sympathy. Future strikers will do well to follow the example of

the London dock-men in the direction of maintaining gentlemanly behavior during times of labor disturbances.

Two Good Papers.

The best paper for your family or your friend's family is the *Montreal Witness*, which, while it is abreast with the news, is notable for its unexceptionable family reading and for its adherence to the great principles which it has consistently advocated for a generation. It has been during all that time the uncompromising foe of ecclesiasticism, of the drink traffic, and all forms of oppression, among which its counts protection. It has devoted itself much of late years to the promotion of reciprocity with the United States and has recently been filled with the contest against Jesuit aggression, on which battle-field it is, as might be expected, the foremost and most fearless champion. The question and answer departments of the *Witness* have grown into an institution in the country, and the paper is well known as an old friend and instructor of the farmer, "Lindenbank" and "Rusticus" being still constant contributors. The children look for their special stories and for the puzzle department. The yearly subscription to the *Daily Witness* is \$3.00 and to the *Weekly Witness* \$1.00, which should be addressed to the publishers, John Dougall & Son.

The *Northern Messenger*, issued by the same publishers, is still the cheapest illustrated paper published, and is full of the best family reading as well as reading for the young. The subscription price is only 30 cents a year.

Railway Items.

Trade is brisk at Regina, owing to the railway work going on in the vicinity.

The demand for labor is good, owing to the large amount of railway work going on throughout the country.

The Northern Pacific & Manitoba company has commenced to operate the completed portion of its Morris-Bradon branch. The track has been laid and the line surfaced from Morris to Alta, a distance of sixty miles. A mixed train will be run. It starts from Alta at 7 in the morning, and will reach Morris at 10 40, connecting with the train going south to Saint Paul and the train coming to Winnipeg from the south. The train will start back to Alta about 13.30, and will reach there about 7 o'clock. Manitoba's railway mileage is fast increasing.

Mr. Holt contractor for the Regina and Long Lake railway, has received from the east the plans of the stations to be built on the road. Each building will be a combination station and section house, containing freight shed, telegraph and ticket office, and accommodation for station agent and section men. They will be erected every eighteen miles. There are now at work on the road from 800 to 1,000 men, and between 400 and 500 teams. Mr. Holt says he expects to have one hundred miles of grading completed this season. One train is now on the road and is continually running between Regina and the end of track.

Lumber Cuttings.

A. C. Fraser has a contract for Sutton & Co. of the Cowichan, B.C., sawmills, to deliver 6,000,000 feet of logs within six months.

R. Sutherland & Co., of Winnipeg, have purchased the entire stock of lumber of Curtis & Lawrence, of Motley, Minn., amounting to 2,000,000 feet.

The Royal City planing mills, of New Westminster, B.C., is doing considerable eastern trade. 14,000 feet of flooring has been sent to J. G. Simpson, of Moosejaw.

T. S. Higginson, crown timber agent, has seized a large number of logs on Scott creek, Pitt lake, B.C., for an infringement of the Dominion timber laws. They will be sold by public auction.

The Elkhorn Lumber Company, Elkhorn, Man., has sold out to I. Broadley. Mr. Broadley has the masonry foundation laid for his new warehouse which will be sixty feet by thirty, two stories. The upper will be for a public hall.

Some of the Rat Portage mills have been short of logs lately. The Western Lumber Co, closed down recently for want of logs, and Ross, Hall & Brown's mill was closed down for two weeks for the same reason, but has since got in a supply.

Thompson & Armstrong, of Rapid City, Man., purpose getting out enough logs this winter to make a million feet of lumber. They also have a contract to get out two hundred thousand ties for the Great Northwest Central Railway.

The Ontario Department of Crown Lands is calling for tenders for the right to cut a quantity of pine timber in the vicinity of Whitefish Lake, in the district of Thunder Bay, which was damaged by fire. The timber must be cut this fall or winter.

The claim of the St. Catharines Milling & Lumber Company against the Dominion Government for damages on account of the Government's failure to maintain them in possession of certain timber limits in the Ontario disputed territory, will be tried before Judge Burbridge in the exchequer court Ottawa on November 5.

The new owners of the Hastings saw mill at Vancouver, B.C., says the *World*, are preparing to put in new machinery of the latest and most approved pattern, which will largely increase the capacity of the mill, while enabling it to be operated very economically. It will probably be the end of the year before these alterations are completed.

The *Mississippi Valley Lumberman*, published at Minneapolis, Minnesota, says: In certain portions of Northern Dakota where the crop failure has been akin to total, the local lumber dealers are practically going out of business. There is no prospect of trade, at least until there is a new crop, and under the most favorable conditions trade must be very light for some time to come, unless there is a large influx of population. But there has been little in the prosperity of the people to encourage immigration into Dakota during the past three years, though the country is naturally fruitful, and ultimately it is bound to be prosperous.

The B. C. Exhibit at Toronto.

This is what the Toronto *World* says of the British Columbia exhibit at the Toronto Industrial exhibition: "The British Columbia exhibit, under the control of ex-Ald. C. A. Caldwell, of Vancouver, should be seen by every visitor to the fair. It shows what far western Canada can produce not only in grains, wheat, oats, etc., but in woods, precious ores, fruits, vegetables and fur. There are to seen peaches and pears—the principal fruits of British Columbia—of enormous size and excellent quality. There are samples of wheat five feet in height and oats over five feet six inches high. The copper, gold, silver and iron ores are a strong proof that British Columbia is rich in those metals. Among the furs are some fine specimens of otter, beaver, wolverine, martin and Columbia bear skins. Among the exhibits is a table made from one plank of a British Columbia pine tree, a door made of clear bird's-eye maple, and a plank from a Douglas pine tree 48 inches wide and 18 feet long. The tree from which this plank was taken was 400 years old, and contained 20,000 feet of lumber. There is a spruce board 18 feet long and 48 inches wide cut from a tree containing 15,000 feet of lumber, and a block from a spruce tree 175 feet high. This block measures 5 feet 5 inches in diameter. Another block from a Douglas pine tree cut 18 feet from the butt, is 30 inches in diameter, and a block from a red pine tree measures 20 feet in circumference. There are also some good specimens of Norway pine. The other exhibits are equally as fine as those enumerated."

Ontario Crops.

The September crop bulletin of the Ontario Government, just issued, reduces largely the estimates of the harvest made earlier in the season, to barely that of an average crop. The dry and hot weather of July and August in some sections and the excess of moisture in others had a serious effect on the whole list of field products. In the latter part of July rust showed itself in many sections. As a consequence the estimate of the total yield of wheat has been reduced 7,000,000 bushels from the approximate of two months ago, making it now 19,722,000 bushels, compared with 20,283,000 bushels in 1888, and 8,250,000 bushels under the average since 1892. This means but a small surplus for exportation from the province. There has been a marked decrease in the acreage devoted to wheat in Ontario. The total this season is put at 1,220,000 acres, compared with 1,537,000 acres, the average from 1882 to 1888. The yield per acre was not materially below last year, being 16.5 bushels for fall wheat and 15.16 bushels for spring, compared with 16.7 bushels for fall and 17.5 bushels for spring in 1888, and 14.8 bushels for fall and 15.7 bushels for spring for the period of 1882-88. A good deal of the ground taken from wheat has been given to oats, peas and barley, the latter of which has grown continuously in favor with the farmers. This year 875,000 acres (100,000 more than the average) was devoted to its cultivation, and the result is estimated to be a quarter of a million bushels in excess of 1888, or in all 23,516,000 bushels.

The grain is generally in good condition. Oats have been a success. The yield is practically up to the average, and the area is larger by 350,000 acres. The total is put at 67,666,000 bushels, against 65,466,000 in 1888, and 55,997,000 bushels for the period between 1882 and 1888. Corn is practically a failure. Root crops are adversely reported on all round. The result on the whole is as good or better than in 1888. The deficiency in wheat and corn is made up by the increase in oats, barley and rye.

World's Wheat Crop.

Beesbom's London Corn Trade List submits the following estimates of the wheat crop of the world for 1889, as compared with 1888. The figures are in quarters, a quarter being equal to eight bushels, of 60 pounds:—

	1889.	1888.
	Quarters.	Quarters.
United States	60,000,000	48,875,000
France	40,000,000	33,260,000
Russia (exclud'g Poland)	25,000,000	30,750,000
India	30,400,000	33,360,000
Hungary	12,000,000	17,200,000
Austria	4,750,000	6,300,000
Italy	13,750,000	13,000,000
United Kingdom	10,250,000	9,310,000
Germany	10,000,000	11,000,000
Spain	10,000,000	8,220,000
Portugal	1,000,000	1,000,000
B-Igium	2,500,000	2,100,000
Australasia		3,300,000
Canada	2,500,000	2,725,000
Manitoba	1,250,000	750,000
Argentine Republic	1,500,000	2,500,000
Holland	725,000	600,000
Denmark	500,000	500,000
Greece	550,000	650,000
Roumania	3,000,000	4,500,000
Servia	600,000	750,000
Sweden and Norway	400,000	400,000
Switzerland	300,000	250,000
Turkey	4,000,000	5,000,000
Algeria	2,000,000	1,500,000
Egypt	750,000	1,000,000
Chili	1,500,000	2,250,000
Total	239,325,000	241,980,000

By adding 3,750,000 quarters for Australasia, Beesbom's total for 1889 would be 243,075,000 quarters, or 1,944,600,000 bushels, against 1,928,600,000 in 1888. For 1887, he makes the total crop 263,322,000 quarters, or 2,106,600,000 bushels.

A Mr. MAUER of Winnipeg, who will open out in the drug business at Brandon, has rented the premises at that place recently occupied by W. Flumerfelt.

THE fishing season on Lake Winnipeg closed on October 4, and the men who are now coming in from the lake report the catch very large this season. They scout the idea expressed at Ottawa that fishing on the lake should be further restricted, for fear of the fish becoming so scarce as to interfere with the supply of food for the Indians.

WORK has been commenced on the proposed reduction works at Rat Portage, for which a \$10,000 bonus was voted some time ago. The council of the town has received an offer from E. W. Rossman & Co., to establish the works, and this has likely led the party who first took the scheme in hand—a Mr. Powers—to commence operations. He promises to push the work to completion.

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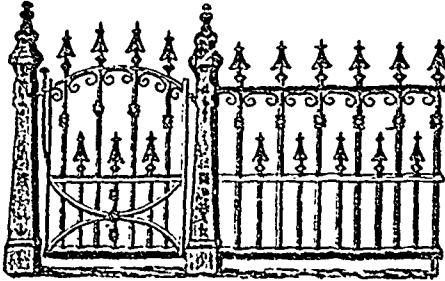
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A. Pondold, brewer, Savonas, is dead.
Walter Myles has opened a new hotel at Nanaimo.

Alfred Morris, painter, of Winnipeg, has opened a paint shop at Kamloops.

The Club saloon, Vancouver, owned by Sparrow & McDonald, has been sold to Carlisle & Mullen.

Leask & Johnson, commission merchants, brokers and insurance agents, Vancouver, have dissolved partnership.

About eighty tons of wool constitute the output from Vancouver Island for the past year. Almost all is of good quality, selling readily at 10c per pound.

The British ship Norcross, arrived at Victoria on Oct. 6th, 146 days out from London with a general cargo. She will carry a return cargo of salmon.

A. E. Raab, of the Grand Pacific hotel, Kamloops, has on exhibition nine beet roots which weigh over 100 pounds. They were grown on the ranch of G. W. Jones, south of the town.

The Caledonian hotel, New Westminster, has been opened. The building is new, and every department of the hotel handsomely fitted and furnished. R. W. McIntosh is the proprietor.

John S. Clute, collector of customs at New Westminster, has been appointed acting inspector of customs for district No. 7, British Columbia. He will discharge the duties of both offices in future.

Following are coal shipments from Nanaimo during September: Vancouver Coal Company, 7,744 tons; Dunsmuir & Sons, 19,641 tons; East Wellington Coal Company, 4,774 tons; Union Colliery Company, 2,450 tons, total, 34,909 tons.

Victoria is to have a new fire alarm system. The system is known as the Gamewell system, and the California Electric Light Co. of San Francisco has the contract for putting in the alarm apparatus.

It may not be generally known, but it is a fact nevertheless, that D. Chisholm, M.P., for the district of New Westminster, represents the largest constituency in the whole of Canada. It is over 1000 miles in length, from 90 to 450 miles in breadth and embraces more than 500 miles of coast line.

Big vegetable and fruit stories are continually being reported in the provincial papers. Here is another from the Nanaimo Free Press:—A very large pumpkin, weighing one hundred and thirty-five pounds, has been brought in from Comox district. How will this compare with your Manitoba pumpkins?

Tenders will be received by C. W. Busk, Cashier Bank of British Columbia, Victoria, up to November 15, on behalf of the Kootenay Valley Company (Limited), of London, England, for the widening of the Kootenay lake outlet near Nelson, by removal of loose rocks and boulders situated above low water mark, by means of travelling derrick—approximately 18,750 cubic yards.

Customs collections at Victoria for September were: Duties, \$77,548.77; miscellaneous,

\$714.07; total, \$78,262.84—an increase of \$17,944.41 over the same month last year. Inland revenue collections at Victoria were: Spirits, \$7,164.91; malt, \$1,420.72; tobacco, \$2,506.40; cigars, \$1,144.50; petroleum inspection, \$349.50; total, \$12,466.06—an increase over the same month last year of \$3,978.11.

The provincial exhibition next year will again be held at New Westminster. Heretofore it has been held year about on the island and mainland. Westminster went to great expense this year in preparing buildings and grounds, and the show was the best ever held, hence the decision to continue at the same place next year. The Island people feel aggrieved at this decision, and talk of getting up an exhibition to be held each year on the island.

Following are the customs and revenue returns for Nanaimo for the month of September:

Import duty	\$3,233.21
Copyright	5.50
Sick Mariners' dues	250.00
Petroleum inspection	25.00
Miscellaneous	3.20
Total	\$3,516.91

The Provincial Exhibition, which was held at New Westminster on October 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, was a great success. It is estimated that between six and seven thousand persons were in the grounds at one time. The affair was made on of a general celebration, and October 3rd was made a civic holiday. The grounds and buildings were prepared by New Westminster this year at a cost of about \$20,000. The list of entries was large, and altogether the result has shown that the directors will have no cause to regret for having selected New Westminster for this year's exposition.

Following are customs returns at Vancouver, for the month of September:—

Duties collected	\$11,991.48
Chinese revenues	6,112.50
Minor revenues	557.87
Total	\$18,661.85

For the corresponding month last year the figures were as follows:

Duties collected	\$4,815.94
Chinese revenue	1,513.50
Minor revenues	607.02
Total	\$6,936.46

The Inland Revenue returns for the month amounted to \$1,036.78.

The *Columbian*, of New Westminster, says: Wm. Macdonald, of Fairfield Island, Chilliwack, has experimented most successfully in grafting the wild crab tree. Three years ago he took 500 grafts and grafted them on the wild crab trees scattered over his farm. The second year a large number of trees bore fruit, and this season the success of the experiment proved complete, nearly every tree not destroyed by cattle yielding a prolific crop. Among the apples are the Fameuse or Snow variety, and a large green winter apple that weighed about a pound and a half each. The snow apple is perfect in size, shape, color and flavor. The experiment has proved so successful that Mr.

Macdonald will graft another 500 trees this fall, and many of his neighbors will follow his example.

New Implement Company.

An important deal is being made in connection with the western implement and machinery trade. A new company is being formed to take over the business of the Massey Manufacturing Company, in the West and also the business of Van Allen & Agur, of Winnipeg, and amalgamate the concerns in one company. All the plant, buildings, etc., of the Massey Manufacturing Company in the West and Van Allen & Agur will be put into the new company. The new company which is applying for incorporation, will be known as Massey & Co., and will have a capital stock of \$500,000. A large portion of the stock is held by the Massey Manufacturing Company of Toronto, but the new company will be independent of the former, and will control the territory from Lake Superior to the Pacific coast. The goods of the Massey Manufacturing Company will be handled, but all other lines of farm implements and machinery, from a wheelbarrow to a steam thrasher will also be handled, and the carriage makers' supply department, now handled by Van Allen & Agur, will also be continued. The officers of the new company are H. A. Massey, president; T. J. McBride, now manager at Winnipeg for the Massey Manufacturing Company, vice president; H. R. Rogers, treasurer; E. W. H. Van Allen, secretary. It is the intention of the new company to erect a building on the vacant lot on Market Square, between the two buildings occupied by the Massey Company and Van Allen & Agur respectively. The property of the new company, including branch warehouses, etc., in Manitoba and the Territories, of which there are about forty-two, will aggregate \$100,000 in value. About \$40,000 is considered a low valuation of the property now held in the city. The amalgamation of these two important concerns should give them great advantages in catering for the trade of the west in their lines.

Insurance Briefs.

The man who writes a policy of insurance takes upon himself the obligation of a good citizen. He who writes a policy on a risk from which every avoidable cause of fire danger has not been removed, or writes in a sum greater than the value of the property insured, or for a man whose habits of life and whose character of business is offensive to the community surrounding him, is not a good citizen. In the one case he promotes a general business demoralization; in the next he suggests arson; and in the last he disregards a sound morality. None of these are attributes of good citizenship. —*Cincinnati Price Current.*

The Nanaimo, B.C., *Free Press* reports that the heavy rain that has fallen during the past few days has caused a land slide near the Chemainus sawmills, almost burying the engine and leaving three feet of sand underneath the mills, besides washing away about 500 feet of the flume.

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12 15 p.m.	1 40 p.m.	Winnipeg	0	9 25 a.m.	4 15
11 57 a.m.	1 32 p.m.	Portage Junction	3	9 35 a.m.	4 31
11 30 a.m.	1 20 p.m.	St. Norbert	9	9 48 a.m.	4 54
11 00 a.m.	1 07 p.m.	Cartier	15	10 00 a.m.	5 18
10 17 a.m.	12 47 p.m.	St. Agathe	23	10 17 a.m.	5 51
9 38 a.m.	12 30 p.m.	Silver Plains	32	10 37 a.m.	6 27
9 00 a.m.	12 10 p.m.	Morris	40	10 56 a.m.	6 59
8 54 a.m.	11 55 a.m.	St. Jean	47	11 09 a.m.	7 27
7 55 a.m.	11 33 a.m.	Letellier	56	11 33 a.m.	8 60
7 15 a.m.	11 05 a.m.	West Lynne	66	12 01 p.m.	8 85
7 00 a.m.	10 50 a.m.	De Pembina	68	12 15 p.m.	8 50
	2 25 a.m.	Winnipeg Junction	85	1 p.m.	
	4 40 a.m.	Minneapolis	6 35 a.m.		
	4 00 p.m.	St. Paul	Ar 7 05 a.m.		
	6 40 p.m.	Helena	4 00 p.m.		
	3 40 a.m.	Garrison	6 35 p.m.		
	1 05 a.m.	Spokane	9 35 a.m.		
	8 20 a.m.	Portland	7 00 a.m.		
	4 0 a.m.	Tacoma	6 45 a.m.		

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9 35 a.m.	4 15 p.m.
9 00 a.m.	4 51 p.m.
8 36 a.m.	5 16 p.m.
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14 00 De	Lethbridge	Ar 1 30
15 55 De	Woodstock	23 35
16 50 De	Purple Springs	22 40
17 45 Ar		
18 00 De	Grassy Lake	21 45
18 50 De	Cherry Coulee	20 55
20 00 De	Winnifred	De 20 00
20 55 De	Seven Persons	Ar 19 55
22 10 Ar	Dunmore	18 45
	Meals.	De 17 30

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10 00		Portage la Prairie	ARRIVE 13 30
17 45	35	Gladstone	12 05
18 45	61	Neepawa	10 55
19 45	79	Minnedosa	9 55
20 50	94	Rapid City	8 30
21 30	115	Snoal Lake	8 00
22 30	138	Birtle	7 00
23 30	158	Binscarth	6 55
24 10	166	Russell	5 15
24 40	180	Langenburg	7 15
1 15	206	Salteoats	3 40
ARRIVE			LEAVE

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