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WINNIPEG, JANUARY 8, 1894.

Manitoba.

J. Vance, general store. Chater, moved to Winnipeg.

Greenway & Richards, Crystal City, have assigned.

A. C. McEown & Co., general store, Boissevain, have assigned.

Chas. Newburn, hotel, Brandon, succeeded by E. G. Short.

J. Graham & Son, general store, Miami, J. Graham deceased.

S. F. Attwood, fruit and confectionery, Winnipeg, sold out by bailiff.

J. F. Dougall, carriage maker, Winnipeg, premises slightly damaged by fire.

J. B. Henderson, general store, Carberry, reported moving to Portage la Prairie.

Robert Hall & Co., printers and publishers, Brandon, reported sold out to Lang Bros.

Manitoba Farming Colonization & Water Co., Winnipeg, is applying for incorporation.

Brandon Boot & Shoe Co., boots and shoes, Brandon, stock advertised for sale by sheriff.

E. P. Holland, hotel, Brandon, damaged by fire; reported loss \$700, fully covered by insurance.

J. J. & T. M. Baird, implement agent and farmer, Brandon, assigned to Frederick Wm. Young.

The annual meeting of the Winnipeg grain exchange will be held on January 10, at 11 a.m.

C. K. Hamilton, jeweller, Carberry, has moved to Emerson, where he has succeeded J. G. Kerr.

A new drug store is being opened at Selkirk by Dr. J. M. Ferguson and Mr. Peplow, of Winnipeg.

The publishers of the *Manitoban*, the monthly magazine published at Winnipeg, announces by circular that, commencing Jan 10, it is their intention to issue the journal weekly, and in the interest of the Conservative party.

A handy wall calendar has been received from Stephen Nairn, oatmeal miller and grain dealer, Winnipeg.

G. A. Dinwoodie and Dan Hamilton have bought out the implement business at Neepawa of W. J. Hamilton.

A very handy desk calendar for 1894 has been received from Thompson, Codville & Co., wholesale grocers, Winnipeg.

Geo. Botting, Alexander, is about to dispose of his barbering business to his nephew, H. B. Botting, and is re-establishing himself in Brandon.

The employees of Sutherland & Campbell, Winnipeg, presented R. J. Campbell with a handsome and costly gold-headed cane on Saturday evening.

The following are the Government Savings office returns for Winnipeg for the month of December: Deposits, \$15,786.80; withdrawals, \$30,082.19.

C. W. Herrell of Neepawa has rented the store occupied by his stationery and fancy goods department to R. D. Young, and will sell his stock without reserve.

The annual meeting of the Manitoba Dairy Association will be held in Winnipeg, on Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 2 o'clock. Public meeting in the evening, at 7.30.

The Hudson's Bay Co. has been awarded the contract for the supply of groceries to the Manitoba insane asylum at Selkirk. G. F. Pearson has the contract for meat.

W. J. Goest, dealer in fish, game, etc., Winnipeg, has been appointed agent for D. & O. Sproule, of Digby, N.S., who are curers of the celebrated star brand of finnan haddies.

D. Sprague, of the Winnipeg saw mills, has sixty men and teams getting out saw logs in Minnesota. The logs will be run down the Red River to Winnipeg next summer.

Addition has been made to the fishing regulations for Manitoba and the Territories, allowing the use of gill nets, under "Domestic Licenses," to a limit not exceeding 1,000 yards, in cases only of resident settlers on Lake Winnipeg and for their winter fishing only in said lake. Previously only 300 yards of net were allowed.

The total arrivals for the year 1893 of settlers and cars of stock and effects for settlement in Manitoba as reported by Agent Smith is as follows: Via Fort William, settlers, 12,634; cars of settlers effects, 442. Via Gretna, settlers, 260. Total for 1893, settlers, 12,894; cars of settler's effects, 442.

Among the bills which it is said will be introduced by the attorney-general at the coming session of the Legislature is an amendment to the County Courts Act, which will have for its object the lightening of expenses in connection with county court proceedings. This is a measure which will be heartily welcomed. Amendments to the Exemption Act, in the interest of farmers, are also proposed.

Following are the customs returns at Winnipeg for the month of December 1893.—

Entered for consumption dutiable	.....	\$109,506
" " free	.....	39,183

Total for consumption	.....	\$148,689
Duty collected	.....	\$39,872.88

DECEMBER, 1892.

Entered for consumption dutiable	.....	\$121,568
" " free	.....	43,095

Total for consumption	.....	\$164,663
Duty collected	.....	\$40,440.75

Andrew H. Smith, a Winnipeg tanner, in partnership with A. Nichols, has been arrested for endeavoring to make away with about \$800 worth of furs, which the firm were dressing for Jos. Rogers, furrier, of this city. Smith, it is alleged, bundled the furs up and had them shipped to Vancouver, following himself a little later. His partner becoming suspicious, and discovering that the furs had not been delivered to Rogers, had the matter

placed in the hands of the authorities. Smith was arrested on route to Vancouver, and has been committed for trial.


John McDonagh, a member of the firm of McDonagh & Shea, brewers, Winnipeg, died on Wednesday morning, after a severe and lengthy illness. Both the members of the firm came here ten or twelve years ago from the States, and engaged in railway contracting, and later carried on the Waverly hotel in Winnipeg. This was given up a few years ago, to engage in the brewing industry, in which the firm has been very successful, conducting it with enterprise and ability.

The firm of Chambré, Grundy & Co., real estate and insurance agents, Winnipeg, has been dissolved. Mr. Grundy is to assume the management of a local real estate and mortgage company, with head office in this city. The present company, which was incorporated nearly two years ago as the "Guaranty Land Security Company," will, at the next session of the legislature, apply for power to change the name to the "Realty Trust and Security Company." Mr. Grundy has also received word of his appointment as superintendent for Manitoba and the Territories of the United States Life Insurance Company of New York.

On December 29 fire broke out in M. Lyons' house at Carberry, occupied by J. P. Curran as a dwelling and office. The flames gained headway rapidly, and soon extended to D. Hunt's large livery stables; A. E. May's implement warehouse, owned by James Thompson; Walker's auction room, also owned by Thompson and E. Ross' office, all of which were consumed. Mr. Lyons' loss is \$800, no insurance; Hunt's loss is \$1,500, insurance \$850; Thompson's loss is 1,500, insurance (in Commercial Union) \$600; E. Ross' loss is \$200, no insurance; J. H. Lyons' loss is \$300 in plate glass. J. P. Curran lost all his furniture, wearing apparel, books and office furniture; no insurance.

The dry goods stock of Geo. H. Rodgers & Co., Winnipeg, did not sell at the auction on Dec. 29, as there were no bids above the reserve bid of 50 cents on the dollar. Notwithstanding the failure to sell the stock, Mr. Rodgers has not abandoned his intention of going out of the trade. He has given notice that he will leave the premises after the first of February, and in the meantime he is disposing of the stock by private and auction sales at retail. There is a prospect that the stock may be sold en bloc shortly by private sale, as negotiations are proceeding to that end. The store is one of the best in the city for the dry goods trade, and a purchaser of the stock can secure a lease of the store. Stock amounts to \$17,697.43.

The prospectus of the proposed new Winnipeg daily, has been published. The paper is to be called *The Nor-Wester*, and the company will be known as the Northwestern Publishing Company. We do not like the name selected for the proposed newspaper, but that is none of our business. The authorized capital stock is \$25,000, which seems a small sum with which to begin the publication of a daily paper in Winnipeg, of sufficient merit to compete with existing publications. The charter directors are Alex. Macdonald, wholesale grocer; R. P. Roblin, grain merchant; W. F. Luxton, journalist; Colin H. Campbell, barrister; Geo. D. Wood, wholesale merchant, Murray H. Miller, agent. W. F. Luxton will be managing editor. It is proposed to publish an evening and weekly at the outset, and later to issue a morning edition. The new journal, it is stated, will not be the organ of any political party. It will evidently require the expenditure of considerable capital, coupled with great energy and ability, to place a third daily in Winnipeg upon a paying basis. Mr. Luxton's long connection with journalism in Winnipeg, will ensure a considerable support from the start, but this will to some extent be counterbalanced by antagonisms formed of his long journalistic and political career in Winnipeg. The *Free Press*, as it is now conducted, will prove a very hard competitor, but eventually the proposed new daily may become a profitable enterprise.

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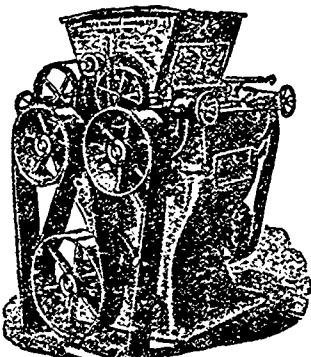
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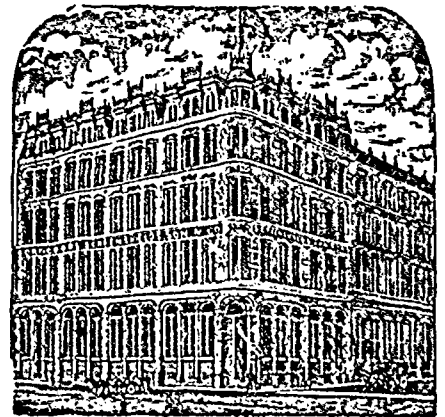
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POSTAL REFORM.

A pamphlet bearing the title "Postal Reform," published by A. T. Drummond, of Montreal, has been handed THE COMMERCIAL. The question is one worthy of careful consideration, and one which has engaged the attention of several leading boards of trade during the past year. Mr. Drummond starts out with a reference to the large deficit in the post office department, and he hints that this deficit could be wiped out without reducing the efficiency of the service. He believes this department should be made to show a surplus. The large amount of matter, including newspapers and periodicals, now carried free, he thinks should contribute something to the postal revenue for the service given. This contention appears quite reasonable. The quick delivery of the mails is a matter of great importance to the newspapers, and a good postal service undoubtedly assists in extending the circulation of newspapers. The post office department performs a valuable service for the newspapers and the public who read the papers, and there appears to be no good reason why this service should not be paid for. Some publishers may raise the objection that a great many newspapers and periodicals are published under cost, and that they would not be able to increase the price of their publication to cover the cost of postage. This may appear to some publishers to be a very good reason why papers should be carried free, but it is not a sound, logical reason from a business point of view. The fact remains that a valuable service is performed without any return for it. In this country it is not necessary to carry newspapers free in order to encourage the distribution and reading of journals. It is also a fact that the granting of the freedom of the mails to newspapers is considerably abused, as it is taken advantage of to distribute publications which are simply advertising sheets, and of little or no value otherwise to the publisher and the public.

Mr. Drummond claims that the postal money order department is unprofitable, and that the fee charged is too small in comparison with the work undertaken. He would increase the fee on sums under \$20, or adopt the postal order system, which is a more economical plan. Another plan would be to adopt a plan of insuring registered letters, which it is expected would induce people to send money by registered letter, instead of by money orders. The introduction of the postal note system, now used in the United States, would no doubt be a convenience to the public, as well as a source of increased revenue to the department. Postal notes are paid out like bank bills, to which they are similar in appearance.

An improvement might be made in the regulations for the carrying of parcels, Mr. Drummond thinks, which would prove of convenience to the public and be a source of greater revenue to the department. The present rate on closed parcels (6 cents for 4 ounces) is so

high, he thinks, as to be prohibitory. In Great Britain the parcel rate is six cents for the first pound and three cents for each subsequent pound. Our parcel rate is certainly very high, and a reduction of the rate would doubtless increase the revenue, by inducing the people to use the post office more generally for small parcels. It would also be a great convenience to the public.

Perhaps the most important point dwelt upon by Mr. Drummond is the insurance of registered letters. This is the point which has recently engaged the attention of our boards of trade, with the result that the government has been urged to adopt the system of insuring registered matter. In Great Britain a system of compensation for loss of registered packages is in force. In Canada the registration fee is higher than there, while no compensation is given for loss. The government here assumes no responsibility for the safety of registered matter, and this reduces the main advantage of registering to the fact that a receipt is taken when the letter is delivered, thus giving proof of delivery. The adoption of a plan of insurance would no doubt largely increase the revenue, as registration would then be generally adopted. The government would not take much risk in registering letters, as the proportion of letters lost is very small, being only 401 in 1892, out of 13,507,000 carried. In Great Britain the ordinary registration fee secures an insurance up to \$25, and over this sum an additional fee is paid in proportion to the amount of insurance desired. Thus every registered letter is insured for \$25, and additional insurance up to \$250 can be obtained by paying for it. If the same plan were adopted in Canada it would be a great convenience to business men, and would lead to the general adoption of the custom of registering packages of value, thus proving a source of additional revenue to the government.

ASSISTED IMMIGRATION.

There appears to be considerable difference of opinion as to the condition of the crofter settlers in Manitoba. Some claim that these colonies have proved a total failure, while others believe that they are making progress, and will in time become successful farmers. The condition under which these settlers were sent out, is familiar to most people here. The crofter settlements in Manitoba are the result of a movement on the part of the Imperial government to relieve congested districts in Great Britain. Several batches of crofters were assisted to locate here, with the aid of funds advanced by the Imperial government. Nothing, it is said, has been repaid yet by the crofters, and the latest report is that an extension of time is to be granted them.

It is not surprising that the crofters are not already in a flourishing condition. The fact that the money to enable them to come to Manitoba had to be advanced by the government, indicates that they were financially embarrassed before they left their native districts. In fact, it was to relieve distress in these districts, that the experiment of assisting colonization was undertaken by the British government. The people were not thrifty at home, and were financially embarrassed when they ar-

rived here. In addition to this, the crofters are not farmers, and their mode of life at home is quite unsuited to this country. They were at a disadvantage in having to learn a great deal before they could direct their efforts here to the best advantage. There can be no question for a moment as to the superior advantages afforded in this country for these people, if they will apply themselves. They have opportunities here which they could never hope to have at home, but it will take time, perseverance and energy to attain to an independent position. Doubtless a number of these settlers have become so inured to the precarious existence which they led at home, that they are morally incapable of taking advantage of the opportunity for advancement which they have in this country. At the same time, we cannot but believe that ultimately a good many of them will succeed. They must, however, be given time to become acquainted with their surroundings and work their way to a more comfortable and independent position. Doubtless altogether too much has been expected of them. THE COMMERCIAL has not been favorable to assisted immigration, though we have a very successful example in the case of the Mennonite settlers in Manitoba, who have paid every cent of the large advances made to them, with interest, and are now a thoroughly prosperous and independent people. The Mennonites, however, were purely an agricultural people, which is an important exception in their favor, as compared with many other colonization schemes which have been undertaken. THE COMMERCIAL is more than ever of the opinion that people who have followed agriculture in their native country, are the class of immigrants who will succeed here. Those who have not had such experience can as a rule only hope to succeed by great and continued perseverance and energy intelligently directed, and they will meet with more or less disappointment before they have gained the knowledge necessary to enable them to direct their efforts with reasonable certainty of success. The fact is, that a great many will become disheartened before they have gained the required experience.

GIVING.

The news boys of Winnipeg were treated on New Year's day to a sumptuous repast, by the Hudson's Bay Co. It is always pleasant to hear of successful business men or firms devoting a portion of their earnings to help make other and less fortunate persons feel good, if only for a short time. A feast would catch the average news boy better than any other plan to make him feel good. Business houses are always the first to be called upon when a contribution is wanted for public and private charities, demonstrations and amusements. The large mercantile houses in Winnipeg have always responded with great liberality, when asked to contribute to the various charitable and other funds, which it has been thought wise to raise by public subscription. Nor are the requests for contributions of rare occurrence. They come so frequently that to contribute even moderately to each means the expenditure of a large sum each year. Whether it is a public hospital or a holiday celebration,

a children's home or an event such as the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition, the wholesale houses of the city have always opened their purses freely. They have ever been found ready to contribute liberally to any object for the relief of humanity, the enjoyment of the citizens, or for the advancement of the interests of the city or country at large. Nor have they always given of their abundance, for the heaviest calls have sometimes been made when trade was depressed, and when the most fortunate firms were hardly covering expenses. This liberality has been conspicuous on the part of our large mercantile houses even in the face of an outrageously unjust system of municipal taxation, under which it was considered the proper thing to levy upon the merchant for funds for municipal purposes, while hundreds of citizens with large incomes, whose names seldom appear in the public contribution lists, were very lightly taxed, or not taxed at all. Still, when a contribution was wanted, the merchants were the first to be called upon, and they have always responded liberally.

As it has been in the past, so it will be in the future. When funds are required to be raised by public subscription for the advancement of the interests of the city or for any other purpose, our leading merchants will certainly contribute their share and more than their share. And THE COMMERCIAL would add: Whatever subscription list you may decide to refuse a contribution, do not pass over those which are calculated to relieve suffering or benefit humanity. It is hardly necessary, however, for THE COMMERCIAL to say this. If the past year has been a prosperous one with you, there is no better way of showing your thankfulness, and no way which will redound so much to your own happiness as to devote a portion of your earnings to the relief of the needy. Look up some case of distress and apply the remedy. If the year has not been a prosperous one, give anyway, if you can do so without doing an injustice to any one, and it will help to make you forget the business worries of the past and cause the future to appear brighter.

FARM PRODUCE.

The progress of this country in general farming is shown in the gradual extinction of agricultural imports. Not so many years ago, beef and fresh and cured meats of all kinds, butter, cheese, eggs and other products were imported to supply the Winnipeg market. Wheat was then about the only thing produced at home for export. Gradually, however, Manitoba became self-sustaining in about all kinds of produce, and is producing a surplus for export in several lines formerly imported. Beef cattle and butter were among the first articles of farm produce which were produced here in sufficient quantities to meet the home demand, and for several years there has been an annual surplus for shipment out of the province. Butter has been sent to British Columbia and an occasional car lot has gone east. Shipments of beef cattle are made steadily during the season to Montreal for export or for sale in eastern markets. In hogs a few cars were shipped east last fall, though a year before hogs were being brought from Ontario to Manitoba. The home supply

is now about equal to the demand, though cured hog products are still being brought in to a limited extent; but this promises to be speedily stopped by a plentiful supply of home cured products. A little mutton is still brought in, but only a trifling quantity in comparison with what was required a few years ago, when flocks of 5,000 to 10,000 sheep were brought in from the States to supply the Winnipeg market. The days of imported mutton are about numbered. Cheese and eggs are produced here in sufficient quantity for the local demand and some are also sent to British Columbia. At certain seasons of the year, when the hens are not operating, a few eggs are brought in, but more are sent out than are imported.

There is one class of produce, however, of which we wish particularly to speak, which is still imported to a considerable extent. Reference is made to poultry. The local supply of turkeys, ducks and geese is not nearly large enough for local wants, and some chickens are also brought in. A good many car lots of poultry are annually brought from the East to supply the Winnipeg market. Here is a chance for our farmers to increase their earnings without materially increasing their expenditure or assuming further liability. At the average price obtained in the Winnipeg market, poultry should be about the most profitable thing which the farmer could give his attention to in a small way, as one of the minor sundry sources of revenue about the farm. Farmers as a rule do not like to bother with these little things, but the return from them is often a most clear profit, and in a bad season it is very comfortable to have a hundred dollars or so coming in from the sale of these miscellaneous minor products of the farm.

ACCOUNTS FOR FAILURES.

A Montreal broker, we are told, estimates that at the lowest figures \$30,000,000 in cash has been lost by speculatively inclined Canadians in Chicago and New York during the past year. The amount seems almost beyond comprehension, and THE COMMERCIAL can hardly credit it. At the same time the Montreal broker may not be far astray. He doubtless has arrived at his estimate in a systematic way, perhaps by totaling up his own business and comparing it with the business, actual or estimated, done by other brokers. But supposing that we reduce the amount one half, and say that \$15,000,000 have been squandered in losing speculations in these markets, the amount is still enormous. Consider the effect of the withdrawal of this amount of cash in one year from the legitimate trade of the country, and think what a ruinous effect it must have. This money is drawn from legitimate trade, and thrown away in the vain hope of gaining wealth quickly by gambling in margins. It is taken from the cash drawer of the city store, and even in some cases from the till of the country merchant. All classes of people indulge in this speculation. It would be interesting to know how many failures result directly or indirectly, sooner or later, from these illegitimate causes. This is something the mercantile agencies cannot hope to fathom with any degree of accuracy. Occasionally a

merchant may collapse suddenly from outside speculative losses and the cause is known, but many others are only crippled to such an extent that they succumb later on when some other reverse overtakes them, and the real cause is not known. If the Montreal broker's figures are even approximately correct, we do not wonder at the great increase in the number of failures in Canada during the past year. Gambling in margins is one of the safest things for the merchant to leave severely alone, that we know of.

WHERE FREIGHTS ARE HIGH.

Manitoba farmers complain of high freight rates, and point to the amount of freight charges in proportion to the price of a bushel of wheat. We are not, however, as bad off as some sections, even in this question of freights. In Florida, for instance, the freight rates upon oranges, which is the chief product of the state, seems out of all proportion to the value of the article. An exchange states on the authority of a member of the Florida fruit exchange, that the orange growers of that state are not netting over 40 cents per box for the orange crop which they are now marketing, while the freight rate to the leading markets ranges from 50 to 60 cents per box. From this it appears that the transportation companies receive more cash for every box of oranges they handle, than does the grower. At the same time we do not know what profit their is in the business for the companies. It is presumed there is a profit in carrying the oranges, or they would not be handled, but it is quite possible that the companies are making only a very moderate profit from the traffic. The rate seems high in proportion to the original cost of the product, but from the standpoint of profit to the carriers, it may even be a very low rate. Of this THE COMMERCIAL cannot speak with any degree of assurance.

Cotton Goods in the United States.

There has been a fair business in the cotton goods market during the past year, aside from the depression caused by the financial stringency. This and the inability to obtain money caused most of the mills to close from one to two months, while in other cases mills were idle for several months on account of the depression. Print cloths at Fall River opened the year on a firm basis at 4c for 64x64, with the production largely under contract for weekly delivery for several months ahead. The demand was sharp, and the mills making converters' goods found little trouble in marketing production at full prices, "odds" in many instances showing better relative value than 64 squares. Gingham did not take well, and large stocks of these goods were forced to be disposed of on the market at cut prices which would make them move. With the depression the price of print cloths declined, and the latter part of the summer found 64 squares selling at 2 3/4c, while on account of the limited demand production was curtailed for several weeks. With the easing up of the financial stringency a better market is noted, the closing value being 3c, or 1c below the opening of the year. Other cottons have followed the same path as print cloths to a greater or less extent, although the finer yarn goods come under the effect of the proposed tariff changes, and the market is depressed at the close from this cause. The recent demand for cottons has been slow, and manufacturers generally close the year with large stocks unsold.—Bradstreet's.

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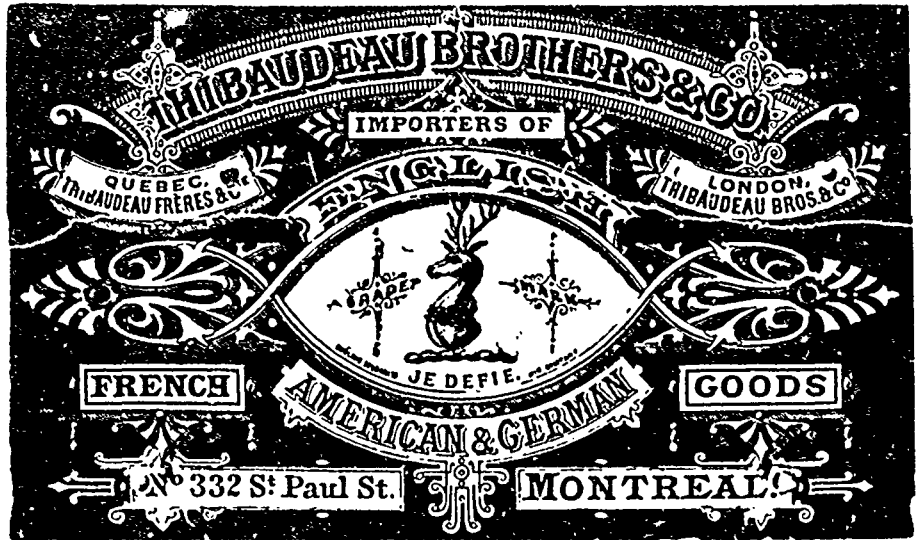
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THE SITUATION.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, January 6.

The dullest season of the year is now being passed through. In about all lines quietness is the prevailing feature in January and February, so far as now business is concerned, though in dry goods, boots and shoes, clothing, etc., spring stocks are being sent out to customers to fill orders taken previously. Up to date, little or no shipping of stocks has been done, and there will probably be some tendency to hold later than usual. Indeed, it is questionable if it is any advantage to the retailers to have their spring stocks in so early in the season. As soon as wholesalers have the goods in stock to make up orders, they are of course anxious to get them out of the way as quickly as possible. This year there is the tariff question which is an important factor, and which will naturally lead both importers and dealers in domestic manufacturers, as well as retailers, to exercise caution in stocking up, as there may be changes in a number of lines which will tend to reduce prices. Of course at this season of the year, orders have been mostly placed some time ago, but the prudent course would appear to be to place as few additional orders as possible until after the tariff changes are known.

In the United States general commercial reports are unsatisfactory. Prices of staples are depressed, consumption is curtailed and factories are closed or running on short time.

Winnipeg Markets.

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

There have been very few changes in prices. In paints, oils, glass, hardware and metals, drugs and chemicals and leather, there had been no changes in prices, and quotations given in our last issue stand unchanged.

RAW FURS.—Interest is now looking forward to the London sales, which, however, do not appear to give promise of high prices. The year 1893 has been a very poor one in the fur trade in England, and the United States has been no better. Bear, mink, fox and musquash have not done well, though a good deal was expected of mink at the beginning of the season. Marten and skunk have been more favored. It is said that the collection of furs in most districts will be large this season, though the district tributary to Winnipeg in the early part of the season appears to be an exception. Furs from the more remote districts, which are shipped here, do not arrive until spring or summer, and it is impossible to say what the result will be. Lynx and foxes are said to be numerous this season in Western Alberta. Quotations below will about cover the range of prices now paid in Winnipeg. The value of a skin varies as to size, color and condition of fur. The top price is for large skins, of prime quality. Occasionally an extra large, fine skin is received which will bring even more than the top quotation:—

Badger, per skin	\$ 05 to \$ 80
Bear, black	50 to 25 00
Bear, brown	50 to 25 00
Bear, grizzly	1 00 to 16 00
Beaver	2 00 to 7 00
Beaver castors, per pound	2 50 to 4 00
Ermine, per skin	01 to 02
Fisher	50 to 7 00
Fox, cross	75 to 6 00
Fox, kit	10 to .45
Fox, red	.25 to 1.50
Fox, silver	5.00 to 70.00
Lynx	.25 to 3.50
Marten	.75 to 2.50
Mink	.25 to 1.00
Musquash	.02 to .10
Otter	1.50 to 10.00

Raccoon	.50 to .85
Skunk	.05 to .60
Timber wolf	.25 to 3.00
Prairie wolf, large	.25 to .75
" small	.25 to .55
Wolverine	.50 to 3.50

DRY GOODS.—No shipping business of spring stocks to amount to anything has been done yet, and wholesale houses have not received their full stocks from which to make up large orders, but stocks are coming to hand. Some lines of domestics are not coming to hand as fast as is desired. It is said that the Canadian colored cotton company will not pay a dividend this year, owing to the great fall in the price of its shares. During the beginning of the present year, shares were selling as high as 115, whereas now they are quoted at 45c. The last year in the United States in textiles has been an unfortunate one. Print cloths at Fall River opened the year at 4c, but declined in the summer to 2 3/4c, and closed the year at 3c, with the industry depressed and many of the mills closed. In woolens the mills have suffered severely from cancellation of orders, and immense quantities of goods have been thrown back on their hands, causing a general closing of mills. The spring trade orders are said to be only about 30 per cent. of full business expectations. The tariff situation is no doubt the cause very largely of light spring orders, as the general disposition is to wait till congress has decided the issue.

DRUGS.—There is considerable business doing in small parcel orders, but not much in the way of heavy stocking up. Stock taking is going on in the wholesale houses. Following prices are for parcels, and will be shaded for full package orders:—Alum, per pound, 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 etc., alcohol, \$4.75; bleaching powder, per pound, 6 to 8c; blue vitrol, 5 to 8c; borax, 11 to 13c; bromide potash, 55 to 75c; camphor, 75 to 85c; camphor ounces, 80 to 90c; carbolic acid, 40 to 65c; castor oil, 15c; chlorate potash, 28 to 35c; citric acid, 60 to 75c; copperas, 3 1/2 to 4c; cocaine, per oz, \$8.50 to \$9.00; cream tartar, per pound, 28 to 35c; cloves, 20 to 25c; epsom salts, 3 1/2 to 4c; extract logwood, bulk, 14 to 18c; do., boxes, 18 to 20c; German quinine, 30 to 40c; glycerin, per pound, 20 to 25c; ginger, Jamaica, 25 to 40c; do., African, 20 to 25c; Howard's quinine, per ounce, 50 to 60c; iodine, \$5.50 to 6.00; insect powder, 35 to 40c; morphia sul, \$1 90 to 2.25. Opium, \$4.50 to 5.00; oil, olive, \$1.25 to 1.40; oil, U. S. salad, \$1.25 to 1.40; oil, lemon, super, \$2.75 to 3.30; oil, peppermint, \$3.75 to 4.25; oxalic acid, 13 to 16c; potass iodide, \$4.25 to 4.50; saltpetre, 10 to 12c; sal rochelle, 20 to 35c; shellac, 50 to 55c; sulphur flowers, 3 1/2 to 5c; sulphur roll, per keg, 3 1/2 to 5c; soda bicarb, per keg of 112 lbs, \$3.75 to 4.25; sal soda, \$2.00 to 3.00; tartaric acid, per lb, 45 to 55c.

LEATHER.—Trade is quiet in this branch as usual at this time of year and there has been no further change in prices. Quotations are:—Spanish sole, best No. 1, per lb, 28 to 30c; Spanish sole, No. 1, per lb, 26 to 28c; Spanish sole, No. 2, 24c; slaughter sole, heavy, 30c, slaughter sole, light, 27c; harness, heavy, best, 28 to 30c; harness, light, best, 28 to 30c; harness, No. 1, 26 to 28c; upper, heavy, best, 35 to 45c; upper, light, 50; kip skins, French, \$1 to 1.10; kip skins, domestic, 75 to 85c; calf skins, French, premier choice, \$1.25 to 1.50; calf skins, domestic, 75 to 85c; splits, senior, 25 to 35c; splits, junior, 30; cowhide, 35 to 45c; cordovan, per foot, 17 to 21c; pebble, cow, 17 to 21c; buff, 17 to 21c; russets, saddlers, per doz., \$12.50; linings, colored, per foot, 12c.

FISH.—Fresh Lake Winnipeg fish, including pike, perch, mullet, etc., are offering abundantly at 2 to 3c per pound and pickerel at 4c and sturgeon at 5c lb; White fish, 6 to 6 1/2c; Lake Superior trout, 9 to 10c per lb, and lake herrings 30c per doz.; B.C. salmon 15c; B. C. herring 12 1/2c; halibut, 14 to 15c; smelts, 12 1/2c; haddock, 11c; cod, 11c per lb. Smoked finnan haddies are quoted at 9c and smoked salmon at 12 1/2c per lb. Pickled salmon, 9

to 10c lb; salt herrings, \$4.50 per 1/2 barrel. Oysters, \$1.90 for standards up to \$2.25 for ordinary selects. Shell oysters, \$7 per barrel.

GROCERIES.—Coffee are very firm, partly owing to the troubles in Brazil. Sugars are weak. Prices at New York declined again, and are 1/2 to 3/4c lower than refined. Canadian refiners were quoting 4 .60 for granulated and 3 1/2 to 3 3/4c for date up to 1/2 for best bright.

FLUID BEEF, etc.—Following are prices of the goods put up by the Johnston Fluid Beef Company of Montreal:—Johnston's Fluid Beef—No. 1, 2-oz. tins, per dozen, \$2.70; No. 2, 4 oz., \$4.50; No. 3, 8-oz., \$7.88; No. 4, 1-lb., \$12.83; No. 5, 2-lb., \$24.30. Staminol—2 oz. bottles, per dozen, \$2.55; do, 4 oz., \$5.10; do, 8 oz., \$7.65; do, 16-oz., \$12.75. Fluid Beef Cordial—20-oz. bottles, \$10. Milk Granules—In cases of 4 dozen, \$5.10. Milk Granules with Cereals—In cases of 4 dozen, \$4.25.

CANNED MEATS:—

Corned Beef	1 lb tins, per case of 1 dozen	\$ 65
Roast Beef	1 " "	2 90
Brown	1 " "	2 65
Pigs Feet	1 " "	2 00
Lunch Tongue	1 " "	7 00
"	2 " "	7 60
Ox Tongue	1 " "	7 50
Chipped Dried Beef	2 " "	5 00
Compressed Ham	2 " "	6 50

WOOD FUEL.—Cordwood is offering largely, though good tamarac is not so plentiful, the nearest tamarac districts being culled over. There is plenty of jack pine and spruce, which is offering at \$3.75 to \$4 per cord, car lots on track, as to quality, a good deal being of rather inferior quality. Some of this contains a small percentage of tamarac, but usually very small. Dealers will talk about their wood being mixed tamarac, but the quantity of tamarac may not be more than 5 per cent. A few sticks of tamarac are put in, just to admit of the claim that the wood is a mixture of tamarac. Good tamarac is worth \$1.50 or track here per cord. There is a little birch, but scarce, at about the same price. Oak is offering at a wide range, from \$3.30 to 4.25, with much variation in quality. Poplar, \$2.25 to 2.75, the lower price for very poor stuff, on cars here.

COAL.—City dealers are feeling the effects of the increased number in the trade. Business now being divided up among more dealers than formerly. Prices are not changed from last week, and are quoted at \$10.50 for Pennsylvania anthracite, \$9 for western anthracite and \$8.00 per ton for Lethbridge bituminous. These are retail prices, delivered to consumers in the city. Souris coal sells at \$4.25 retail and \$3.75 on track for the Estevan mines. Roche Perce mine Souris coal is quoted 25c higher per ton than from the Estevan mines, or \$4.50 to consumers and \$4 on track. At the mines Souris coal is quoted at \$1.50 per ton f.o.b. cars.

GREEN FRUITS.—Now that the holiday trade is over, business has settled down to the usual winter quiet, and there is no change to speak of. Apples are firm. They are nominally quoted at \$5 to 6 per barrel, but they are being sold mostly at about \$5. Very high prices are being realized in eastern Canada for apples for export, good fruit being held at \$4 and upward per barrel. Florida oranges are easy. At an auction sale in Montreal last week they sold at \$2.75 to 2.77 1/2 per box. Lemons continue firm. Prices here are: Apples, \$5.00 to \$6.00 per barrel. Florida oranges, \$4.00 to 4.50 per box; lemons, new Messinas, \$6 to 6.50; California winter Nellis pears, \$4.00 to \$4.50 per box. Cranberries are quoted at \$7.50 to \$8.00 per bbl. New Malaga grapes at \$8.00 to \$8.50 per keg. Sweet potatoes, \$5.50 \$6.00 per barrel. Honey, strained, 12c per lb.

DRIED FRUITS.—Prices are: New golden dates 10c lb. Dried apples, 7 to 7 1/2c; evaporated, 11 to 11 1/2c. Valencia raisins, \$1.80 to \$1.90 per box; currants, 5 1/2 to 6c; prunes, 7 1/2 to 8 1/2c; dates, old, 7 to 8c. California fruits—prunes, 11 to 12c; apricots, 16 to 18c; peaches, 24 to 27c. New layer figs

Live Stock Markets.

The Montreal Stock Yards company, report business at their yards for the week ended Dec. 30 as follows: Receipts, 426 cattle, 1,068 sheep, 159 hogs, 17 calves. The cattle trade during the early part of the week was fair, but as the week advanced heavy receipts caused a decline in prices, closing with small lots left over. Small receipts of light hogs, with prices firmer than previous week, closing 10c higher. There was a larger receipt of lambs, which seemed to sell readily at fair prices. Good calves sell readily at large prices. We quote the following as being fair values: Cattle, butchers' choice, 4 to 5c; do, medium, 3 to 3½c; do, culls, 2½ to 3c; lambs, 3½ to 3¾c; calves, \$5 to 12; hogs, \$5.50.

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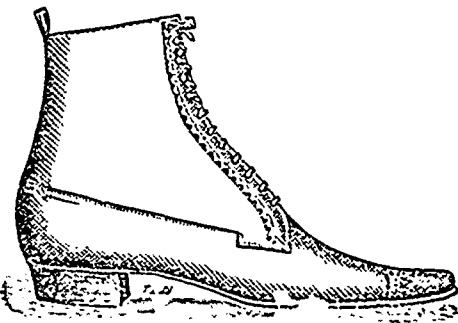
The Christmas number of *Winnipeg Saturday Night*, issued last week, is in every way a credit to its publisher as well as to those who have contributed to its columns. It contains a number of stories and articles, profusely illustrated by different processes; and amongst these illustrated articles is one on the Nile expedition by C. A. Shaw, which will be read with interest by all Canadians. E. E. Sheppard contributes a story of the western plains, Helen Gregory, Flesher's name is to another, Margory MacMinchy, E. Durand and other writers, whose contributions would not be there unless they were entitled by their merit to such selection, combine to produce an excellent number. It is about the best Christmas number yet produced in Winnipeg.

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NUTS.—Fresh Ontario chestnuts, held at 14 to 15c per lb. New shelled almonds are also in. Soft shelled almonds are quoted at 17 to 18c, walnuts, 16 to 17c, peanuts, roasted, 14 to 15c, filberts, 12 to 13c, pecans, 16 to 17c, Brazils, 14 to 15c.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

HARDWARE.—Last week we made reference to the possibility of a collapse of the wire nail agreement. Nothing further has transpired, but it is probable that the cutting has been done in order to reduce stocks, for fear of a reduction in the duty, as wire nails is one of the lines upon which a reduction in the duty has been urged. There is no change in local prices this week, and quotations given a week ago remain the same. Prices are unchanged as follows:

Tin, lamb and 56 and 28 lb ingots, per lb, 25 to 26c.

Tin plates—Charcoal plates, brand Alloy, I. C., 10 by 14, 12 by 12 and 14 by 20, per box, \$4.75 to \$5; I. X., same sizes, per box, \$6 to \$6.25; I. C., charcoal, 20 by 28, 112 sheets to box, \$9.50 to 9.75; I. X., per box, 20 by 28, 112 sheets to box, \$11.50 to 11.75.

Terne plates—I. C., 20 by 28, \$9.50 to 9.75.

Iron and steel—Common iron, per 100 lbs, base price, \$2.90 to \$3; band iron, per 100 lbs, \$3.50 to 3.75; Swedish iron, per 100 lbs, \$5.25 to 6; sleigh shoe steel, \$3.25 to 3.50; best cast steel, per lb, 13 to 15c; Russian sheet, per lb, 12 to 13c.

Sheet iron—10 to 20 gauge, \$3.50 to 3.75; 22 to 28 gauge, \$3.75 to 4.

Canada plates, Garth and Blaina, \$3.50 to 3.75.

Iron pipe—50 to 55 per cent off list.

Galvanized iron—Queen's Head—22 to 24 gauge, per lb, 5½ to 5¾c; 26 gauge, per lb, 5¾ to 6c; 28 gauge, per lb, 6 to 6¼c.

Chain—Best proof coil, 3-16 inch, per lb, 7 to 7¼c; ½ inch, per lb, 6¼ to 6½c; 5-16 inch per lb, 6 to 6¼c; ¾ inch, per lb, 5¾ to 6c; 7-16 inch, per lb, 5¼ to 5½c; ½ inch, per lb, 5¼ to 5½c.

Sheet zinc, 6½ to 6¾c.

Lead—Pig, per lb, 4½c.

Solder—Half and half (guar) per lb, 18 to 20c.

AMMUNITION.—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American discount, 35 per cent; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 per cent; rim fire military, American, 5 per cent advance; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent; central fire cartridges, Dominion, 30 per cent; shot shells, 12 gauge, \$6 to 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft 5¾c; shot, Canadian chilled, 6¼c.

Axes—Per box, \$6.50 to 15.50.

Axle grease—Per gross, \$10 to 14.

Wire—Galvanized barb wire, plain twisted wire and staples, \$4.25 per 100 lbs.

Rope—Sisal, per lb, 9½ to 10c base; manilla, per lb, 12½ to 13c base; cotton, 3 16 and larger, 20 to 22c per lb.

Nails—Cut per keg, base price, \$3; common steel wire nails, 5 to 6 inch, \$3.65 per keg; 3 to 4½ inch, 3.90 keg; 2½ inch, \$4.15 keg; 2 inch, \$4.40 keg.

Horse nails—Pointed and finished; oval heads. List prices as follows: No 5, \$7.50 box; No 6, \$6.75 box; No 7, \$5 box; No 8, \$5.75 box; No 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount off above. List prices, 50 to 50 and 10 per cent.

Horse shoes—Per keg, \$4.50 to 4.75; snow pattern horse shoes, \$4.75 to 5.

PAINTS, OILS, GLASS, ETC.

Business is very dull. Revised prices are as follows. White Leads—pure, ground in oil, Association guarantee, \$6.00 per 100-lb kegs; white lead, No. 1, per 100 lbs, \$5.50; white lead, No. 2, \$5.00, assorted, 1 to 5-lb tins, per pound, 10c.

PREPARED PAINTS.—Pure liquid colors, per gallon, \$1.35 to \$1.40; second quality, \$1.10 to \$1.20.

DRY COLORS.—White lead, per lb, 8c; red, 7c; yellow ocre, 3c; golden ocre, 5c; Venetian red, French, 3½c; Venetian red, English, 3½c; English purple oxides, 4½c; American oxides, per lb., 4c. These prices for dry colors are for broken lots. ½c per lb less when full kegs or barrels are taken. Zanzibar vermilion, kegs, 18c; less than kegs, per lb, 20c; English vermilion, in 30 lb bags, \$1.00 per lb; less than bags, per lb, \$1.10.

VARNISHES.—No. 1 furniture, per gal, \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; elastic oak, \$2; No. 1, carriage, \$2; hard oil finish, \$2; brown Japan, \$1; gold size, Japan, \$1.50; No. 1, orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50. These prices are for less than barrels, and would be shaded for full barrel lots.

SUNDRIES.—Glue, S.S., in sheets, per pound, 15c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 20c. Stove gasoline, per case, \$3.50; benzine, per case, \$3.50 benzine and gasoline, per gallon, 50c. Axle grease, per case, \$3.75; gem axle grease, per case, \$3.20; imperial axle grease, per case, \$2.50. Coal tar, per barrel, \$8; Portland cement, per barrel, \$4.25; Michigan plaster, per barrel, \$3.25 to \$3.50; putty, in barrels per pound, 3c, less thru barrels 3½c; whitening, barrels, per 100 lbs, \$1.25 to 1.35; alabastine, per case, 20 packages, \$7; asbestos, per case of 100 lbs, \$7.

WINDOW GLASS.—1st break is nominally quoted at \$1.90, but cut prices are made for fair-sized orders.

LINSEED OIL.—Raw, per gal, 65c boiled, per gal, 68c.

TURPENTINE.—Pure spirits, in barrels, per gal, 65c; less than barrels, per gal, 70c.

LUBRICATING OILS.—Capital cylinder, per gal., 58c; Eldorado engine, 35c; At antic red, 35c; golden star, No. 1, 33c; extra, 35c; Eldorado castor, 35c; golden, 32; black, 25 to 30c; lard, 70c; castor oil, per lb, 11c.

REFINED PETROLEUM.—We quote silver star Canadian at 21 to 22 and opalene at 26c per gallon in barrels. Ecene, United States, at 31c and sunlight at 27c in barrels.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT.—The wheat markets have been more eventful this week, owing to a spurt in prices on Thursday, making it the strongest day in United States markets for some time. Monday was a holiday. On Tuesday United States markets were weak, and Chicago fully 1c lower than Saturday, owing to reports that the Indian and Argentine crops are large. The English visible supply was reported to have decreased 1,100,000 bushels, that is the imports and English farmers' deliveries for the week fell short of the estimated consumption to the extent mentioned. The quantity of wheat and flour on ocean passage decreased 500,000 bushels. The visible supply showed an increase of 204,000 bushels, and a year ago increased 1,364,000 bu. The aggregate supply is 80,228,000 bu and a year ago was \$1,235,000 bu. Cables were lower on Wednesday, but United States markets were fractionally higher, owing to larger exports from the Atlantic coast and smaller shipments from other countries. Thursday was quite a memorable day for the bulls. There was good speculative buying in United States markets, receipts were lighter and exports were 564,000 bushels for the day. Under these influences prices were advanced sharply. Chicago closing 1½c higher. A strong feature is in shipments from all exporting countries of 5,000,000 bushels, for the week, against estimated requirements of 7,200,000 bushels, showing a deficiency of over 2,000,000 bushels. If shipments should continue to show a deficiency, the situation will look very much better for an advance. On Friday United States markets were unsettled and closed mostly about ½c lower. Cables were firmer, but there was free selling and light exports.

Bradstreet's report, issued to-day at New York, says: Available stocks of wheat in the United States and Canada, both coasts, and in afloat for Europe, did not change materially in volume during December, while in December, 1892, they increased 6,500,000 bushels, and in December, 1891, 1,200,000 bushels. During the last six months available wheat stocks in the United States and in Canada increased only 34,000,000 bushels, whereas they decreased 28,000,000 bushels in the first half of 1893. In each of the two previous years the total not increase in the latter half was very much in excess of the decrease in the first half. Exports of wheat (flour included as wheat), from both coasts of the United States and Canada aggregate 3,896,000 bushels this week; last week the total was 2,036,000 bushels, last year 3,098,000 bushels, two years ago 5,300,000 bushels and four years ago 2,076,000 bushels.

In Manitoba there has not been much doing in spot transactions, but perhaps more tendency to buy for May delivery. There have been buyers for No. 1 hard at 66 to 66½c, May delivery at Fort William. On track, Fort William, No 1 hard has been held at about 59 to 59½c, but very little business doing. Deliveries continue light in country markets. Prices to farmers in country markets show a wider as well as a higher range of values, up to 46 and 47c per bushel having been paid at some country markets for No. 1 hard, while other markets held at 40. The tendency, however, in country markets has been higher. Receipts at Fort William for the week ended Dec 30 were 101,640 bushels and shipments 4,076 bushels. Total stocks were 1,539,107, being an increase of 97,504 bushels for the week. A year ago stocks were 2,175,419, being an increase of 73,132 for that week. Stocks in Manitoba elevators, including Winnipeg, are placed at nearly 2,500,000 bus. There are no shipments east of Lake storage points to speak of, and marketings are all going into store, except what is being converted into flour. Manitoba wheats are firmer in Eastern Canada markets, where sales are being made from stocks in store, shipped east before the close of navigation.

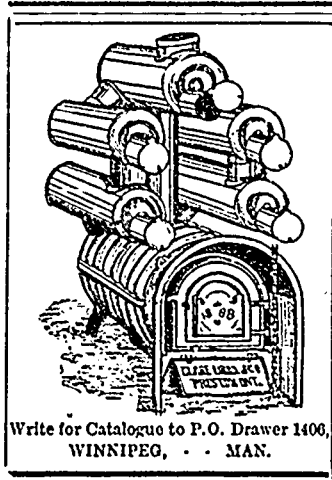
FLOUR.—The flour markets continue unsatisfactory for millers, and the long continued weakness is beginning to become tiresome. There is no shipping business to speak of since the close of navigation, and the tendency here lately has been to curtail the output. Quotations in small lots to the local trade, delivered in the city are as follows: Patents, \$1 60 to 1.65; strong bakers, \$1 50, XXXX, which varies widely in the quality of different mills, is quoted at 80 to \$1.00 as to quality. Lower grades, 60 to 75c. Prices per sack of 35 pounds.

MILLSTUFFS.—Bran has been very scarce again this week, the supply not being equal to requirements. There was some bran offering in bulk from country mills, but it was held firm at the full market price. Prices hold firm at \$10 to 11 for bran and \$12 to 13 for shorts as to quantity.

GROUND FEED.—There is a fairly good local demand, and prices hold at 17 to \$18 per ton for oats and barley chop, but there is not much to be had.

OATMEAL, ETC.—The general tendency in oatmeal is firmer. In Ontario prices have been inclined to advance. There is still some eastern oatmeal held here, but none has been brought in since the close of navigation, and it could not be brought in on winter freight rates to sell at prices quoted here. Rolled oatmeal is quoted at \$2.40 in small lots for 50 lb. sacks; standard, in 100 pound sacks, \$2.50 and granulated, \$2 60. Cornmeal, \$1.75; buckwheat flour, \$4; and rye, \$3. Beans are quoted at \$1.80 to \$1.90 per bushel; split peas, \$2.40 to 2.50; pot barley, \$2.40 to 2.50; and pearl barley \$4 per sack, rolled wheat, \$5.50 per barrel.

OATS.—The tendency has continued downward in oats, and prices are now almost at an export basis. The decline has been most



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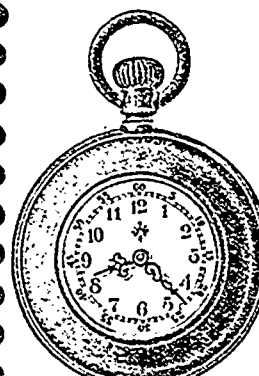
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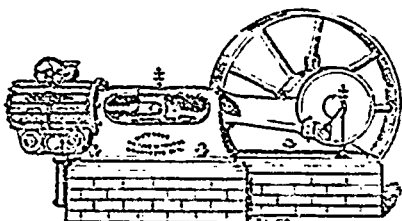
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noticeable in prices paid farmers in country markets, some markets being down to 21c per bushel of 34 pounds. This represents shipping points, but at points where the local supply is short, particularly in the southwest section, prices are much higher, ranging up to 30 cents. Car lots on track are quoted at 23 to 23½ for feed oats, per bushel, at country shipping points. On the Winnipeg street market farmers have been paid 28 to 30c, which is the same as a week ago, but cars on track are lower, offering at 28 to 29c, and one car was offered at 27c.

BARLEY—The only business we hear of is on the street market, where 28 to 29c per bushel of 48 pounds is paid to farmers for feed quality, and malting samples do not appear to be bringing over 30c locally.

FRED WHEAT—Good demand for local use at 35 to 40c per bushel.

FLAX SEED AND MEAL—The price holds at 75c per bushel of 56 pounds here, and 70c in country markets. Ground oil cake meal quoted at \$24 to 25 per ton.

BUTTER—There is very little business doing as city retail dealers are holding considerable butter from purchases earlier in the season. Stocks are holding up well, as offerings in the country have exceeded expectations. In a local way a little dairy is selling at 21c for good quality, and 22c is about the limit of small lots of good dairy. It is very hard to get over 22c for anything, even in single tubs. Second quality sells from 20c downward to 15 to 16c for cooking butter. Round lots would have to average good to bring 18 to 19c. Rolls are selling in a small way at 20 to 22c, but dairy is often preferred.

CHEESE—Dealers quote 11 to 11½c.

EGGS—Lined held at 18c, with up to 19c obtained for single cases. A few fresh have sold at 22 to 23c.

CURED MEATS—No change this week locally, but eastern markets have been looking up. Prices are: hams, 13c; breakfast bacon, 13c for backs and 13½ for bellies; dry salt long clear bacon, 9½c; smoked long clear 10½c; spiced rolls, 10½c; boneless hams, 12c; mess pork, \$19.00 per barrel. Sausage is quoted: fresh pork sausage, 8c; bologna sausages 9c per lb; German, 9c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per half lb. packet. Pickled hogs tongues, 5c lb.

LARD—Pure lard held at \$2.30 in 20-pound pails, per pail; compound unchanged, at \$2.10 per pail; compound in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, \$7 per case of 60 pounds. Pure leaf lard in 3 and 5 pound tins, quoted at \$7.75 per case of 60 pounds.

DRESSED MEATS—Meats have been very dull since the holiday trade is over. In choice beef there has been nothing doing, as retail dealers are stocked up from purchases before Christmas, and wholesale butchers are not killing any. There has been some business in ordinary country dressed beef, at 3 to 4c per pound, and choice country dressed has sold as high as 4½c. A car of common to rough heavy beef was loaded for shipment to a lumber district east, at \$3.35 per 100 pounds. In mutton, the first eastern frozen mutton to arrive this season came to hand this week, but some of the cars will probably be shipped on to British Columbia. The mutton comes from the maritime provinces, and it is said costs in the neighborhood of 6 to 6½c laid down here on track. In small lots, mutton is selling here at 8 to 9c. Hogs are unchanged at 6 to 6½c as to quality.

POULTRY—Very dull. Holders are asking 12 to 13c for turkeys, 9 to 10c for geese and ducks and 7 to 9c for chickens, but these prices are about nominal, as retailers are stocked up and are not buying.

HIDES—There is a tendency to drop on heavy steers to 3c for No. 1. A couple of sales of car lots of butcher's hides, mostly cured, are reported at 1½c, which is considered a good figure as prices now stand. There were some frozen hides, and also some country hides, in each lot, but the bulk were supposed to be

summer and fall take-off salted. We quote Winnipeg inspected hides here as follows:—No. 1 cows, 2½c; No. 2, 1½c; No. 3, 1c; No. 1, heavy steers, 3½c; No. 2 heavy steers 2½c; No. 3 steers 1c. Frozen hides, mixed grades uninspected, 1½c per lb. Calf, 8 to 13-lb skins, 4 to 5c per pound. Kips about the same as hides. We quote 45 to 50c for new sheep and lamb skins, as to size, etc. Tallow, 4½c; rendered; 2 to 3c rough.

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

VEGETABLES—Potatoes selling on the street 40 to 45c per bushel. Other vegetables are quoted: Turnips, 20 to 25c; carrots, 40c; beets, 40c; parsnips, 2c per lb; onions, 90c to \$1 per bushel. Cabbage, scarce at 75c to \$1.50 per dozen. Celery, 25 to 40c per dozen.

HAY—Baled hay, on track, \$5 to \$6 per ton, or \$1 to \$1.50 at country points. Loose hay on the street market about \$3 to 4 per ton. Hay is dull, and prices have been cut below above quotations. One car sold here at equal to \$4 per ton.

LIVE HOGS—Quoted unchanged at 4 to 4½ off cars here.

Duluth Wheat Market.

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

Monday—January, Holiday.
Tuesday—January, 69½c; May, 63½c.
Wednesday—January, 69½c; May, 63½c.
Thursday—January, 69½c; May, 61½c.
Friday—January, 69½c; May, 61½c.
Saturday—January, 69½c; May, 61½c.

A week ago prices closed at 59½c for December and 63½c for May per bushel. A year ago cash wheat closed at 66½c, and May at 72½c per bushel.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Monday was of course a holiday. On Tuesday wheat was lower, declining about 1½c under Saturday's close, recovered partially and closed about 1c lower than Saturday. Corn was ½ to ¾c lower and oats ¼ to ½c lower. Closing prices were:—

Wheat.....	Jan. 59½	May. 65	July. 66½
Corn.....	34½	33½	—
Oats.....	28½	30½	—
Pork.....	12 75	12 80	—
Lard.....	7 37½	7 65	—
Ribs.....	6 50	6 60	—

On Wednesday wheat opened ¾c lower, then advanced ¾c, declined ¾c, again advanced and closed ½ to ¾c higher in the option market. In cash wheat No. 2 spring ranged at 59½ to 60½c and closed at about 60½c. A car of hard variety sold at 61½c. No. 3 sold at 60½ to 61c for hard variety. Spring wheat by sample was firm. The offerings were light and the few cars offered were taken by speculators and millers. No. 4 spring sold at 51 to 53c. No. 3 sold at 60c. For barley No. 5 sold at 38c. No. 4 ranged at 33½ to 44c for very poor to good, and No. 3 ordinary to choice sold at 40 to 49c with good lots 42 to 44c. To arrive lots sold at 45c for very good quality up to 50c for very fine or No. 1 Minnesota. Flax—A steady feeling prevailed. Only a few cars of cash seed offered and they were taken at \$1.36, the quotation established yesterday. May delivery improved 2c, selling at \$1.40. It closed with sellers at \$1.40. In the speculative market closing prices were:

Wheat.....	Jan. 62½	May. 63½	July. 66½
Corn.....	34½	33½	—
Oats.....	28½	30½	—
Pork.....	12 52½	12 57½	—
Lard.....	7 67½	7 52½	—
Ribs.....	6 37½	6 45	—

On Thursday wheat was quite strong, opening a fraction higher and advanced 1½c, preceded by a decline of ¼ to ½c from the opening price. The close was ¼ to 1½c higher. Closing prices were:

Wheat.....	Jan. 61½	May. 64½	July. 69
Corn.....	35½	34½	37½
Oats.....	28½	31	29½
Pork.....	12 75	12 87½	—
Lard.....	7 52½	7 60	—
Ribs.....	6 60	6 62½	—

On Friday wheat varied considerably in price opening ¾c lower, and prices fluctuated within a range of 1½c, closing about ¾c lower. Closing prices were:

Wheat.....	Jan. 61½	May. 64½	July. 67½
Corn.....	34½	33½	38½
Oats.....	28½	30½	29½
Pork.....	12 75	12 75	—
Lard.....	7 50	7 67½	—
Ribs.....	6 62½	6 60	—

On Saturday, Jan. 6, wheat opened at 66½c for May delivery and closed at 67½c per bushel. July option closed at 65½c. A week ago May closed at 66½c and December at 60½c.

New York Wheat.

On Saturday, Jan. 6, wheat closed at 72c for May delivery. A week ago May wheat closed at 71½c.

Minneapolis Wheat.

No. 1 Northern wheat closed on Saturday at 61c for cash and 62½c for May. A week ago cash closed at 60½c and May at 61½c.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

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

Grade.	Dec. 2.		Dec. 9.		Dec. 16.		Dec. 23.		Dec. 30.	
	2.	0.	2.	0.	10.	10.	23.	30.	23.	30.
Extra Manitoba										
hard.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 hard.....	78	59	50	47	42					
No. 2 hard.....	16	23	23	11	35					
No. 3 hard.....	1	6	1	0	0					
No. 4 hard.....	0	0	1	0	0					
No. 1 Northern..	6	8	0	0	0					
No. 2 Northern..	1	2	10	5	8					
No. 1 White fyfe.	0	0	1	0	0					
No. 2 White fyfe	1	0	0	0	0					
No. 1 Spring....	0	0	0	0	0					
Rejected.....	8	5	4	6	4					
No Grade.....	0	3	0	1	0					
Total.....	114	111	89	74	96					
Same week last year	419	334	407	164	234					

*Wheat inspected at Emerson, going out via the Northern Pacific, is included in Winnipeg returns. A considerable portion of the wheat moving is inspected at Fort William, and does not show in these figures.

Toronto Markets.

Wheat—Local prices were unchanged, with business very dull. Red and white wheat, north and west, offers at 57c, 56c bid. Geoos and spring are nominal. Manitobas are held firmly, and sales have taken place at higher figures. Bids at 75c are offered to day for No. 1 hard, Montreal freights, and a sale of 4 cars took place at 76c. No. 2 hard is held at 71c west and 73c east.

Flour—Very dull and easier. Straight rollers, Toronto freights, offered to-day at \$2.60. Manitoba grades unchanged.

Peas—Unchanged and quiet. Holders are asking 52c, north and west; buyers at 51½c.

Oats—Steady. White sold west to-day at 30c, and a round lot was offered, G.T.R. west, at 30½c. Mixed, north and west, are quoted at 29½c, and on track at 33c.

Barley.—Demand light and offerings meagre. Straight No. 1 in color and weight is quoted at 43c west and east. Some sample stuff sold on the northern to-day at 41c. Feed is in moderate enquiry at 35 to 38c outside, according to freights.

Grain and Flour—Car prices are: Flour (Toronto freight) — Manitoba patents, \$3 65 to 3.75; Manitoba strong brakers, \$3.50; Ontario patents, \$3.10 to 3.30; straight roller, \$2.00; extra, \$2.40 to 2.50; low grades, per bag 95c to \$1.05. Bran, \$15.00. Shorts, \$16.00. Wheat (west and north points)—White, 56½c; spring, 57c; red winter, 56½c; goose, 54c; spring, Midland, 59c; No. 1 hard, 74 to 75c; No. 2 hard, 71c; Peas (out side) — 51½c. Barley (outside) — No. 1, 43c; feed, 35 to 38c. Oats—29½ to 30c. Buckwheat, 50c. Rye, 45c.

Eggs—Lined eggs are easy, owing to the very large supplies. Local holdings are liberal, and country offerings have been more than usually heavy during the past few days. Lined are quoted at 15 to 15½c, and held stock at 17 to 18c, according to condition.

Apples—Selected apples are quoted at \$3.75 to \$4, and cooking apples at \$2.50 to \$2.75. Dried stock is quoted at 5½ to 6c and evaporated is held at 10 to 10½c.

Beans—Quiet at \$1.25 to 1.50 per bushel. Jobbers are paying \$1.25 and are selling at \$1.50 for white, and 5 to 5½c for Limas.

Onions—Demand fair and prices easy. Commission houses are now getting 1 to 1½c per lb for yellow Danvers and yellow skins.

Honey—Receipts are moderate and prices are steady at 8c for extracted and \$1.50 to \$1.75 per dozen for sections.

Poultry—Receipts to-day were light and demand nil. Prices are mostly nominal, and are quite unchanged. Quotations are: Turkeys, 7 to 10c; chickens, 30 to 45c; geese 6 to 7c and ducks, 45 to 75c.

Dressed Meats—Dull and easy. Beef forees are quoted at 5 to 6c; hinds, at 7 to 9c; carcass lamb at 6½ to 7c; and veal at 7 to 8c; pork, \$6.50 to 6.75.

Dressed Hogs—Street offerings were light to day, and prices unchanged at \$6 50 to \$6 60 for best weights. Packers were taking an odd rail lot \$6.50.

Cured Meats—Quotations are as follows: Mess pork, Canadian, \$17 50 to \$18 00; short cut, \$13 50 to \$19 00; shoulder, mess, \$16 50 to \$17 00; bacon, long clear, 8 to 9c; lard, Canadian tierces, 10½c; tubs, 10½c; pails, 11c, and compounds, in pails, 8 to 8½c; smoked hams, 12 to 12½c; bellies, 12½c; rolls 9 to 9½c, and backs, 11½c. Packing salt is quoted at 60c per sack for coarse, and 62c for fine.

Butter—Receipts were very light to-day, and, as the market was pretty fair, steady prices were asked for the better grades. Quotations are unchanged, but the feeling is steadier. Choice dairy tubs sell at 20 to 21½c, with an odd lot of extra fine at 22c. Rolls sell at 20 to 21c. Bakers' butter is quoted at 15 to 17c. Creamery refrigerator pounds sell at 26½ to 27½c, and creamery tubs at 24 to 24½c.

Cheese—The local jobbing trade is steady and prices are firm. June and July makes sell at 10 to 10½c; and September and October at 11 to 11½c. To-day's cable quotations are 55s 6d for white and 55s 6d for colored September make.

Wool—Quotations are nominal and unchanged at 16c for merchantable goods. Pulled wools are unchanged at 18 to 21c for super and 23 to 25c for extra.

Hides—No 1 green are quoted at 3½c and No 1 cured at 4½c. Skins—Sheepskins are quoted at 75c and calfskins at 5 to 6c for No 1 green and 7 to 8c for No 1 cured.

Tallow—Dealers are paying 5½c and are jobbing at 6½c.—*Empire*, Jan. 3.

Mr. Moon has his new hotel at Stockton, Man., completed.

Fishery Regulations.

Important changes are announced in connection with the fisheries on the Manitoba lakes. Section four of the general fishery regulations, which fixes the limit of gill nets at 40,000 yards to be issued under a "commercial license" to any one company, firm, trader, or person to fish in Lake Winnipeg, has been rescinded, and the following substituted therefor: "The fee payable on a "commercial license" for gill net fishing shall be for every fishing tug included in such license \$20, and in addition a fee of \$2 for every thousand yards of net included in the license; and for every sailing, trading or other fishing boat included in a "commercial license," a fee of \$10 shall be paid, which shall include a limit of 3,000 yards of net to each boat, but in no case shall a "commercial license" be granted to any one company, firm, trader or person for the use of more than in the whole 20,000 yards of net, and no company, firm, trader or person shall have or be interested in more than one "commercial license."

Late Western Business Items.

The new grist mill at Melita, Man., has been running over two weeks, and has given perfect satisfaction.

Butler & Frith, blacksmiths, Boissevain, Man., have sold out to the McLachlan Bros.

Jas. McAusland and A. Houston, butchers, Boissevain, have dissolved partnership.

James Dale is starting in business as furrier at Glenboro, and is prepared to do anything with furs that can be done.

The directors of the Neepawa Printing and Publishing Co., Neepawa, Man., met last evening and appointed G. A. Mathers to succeed his brother as manager of the *Register*.

H. C. Brice has severed his connection with R. H. Nuun & Co., Winnipeg, and will establish a wholesale depot here for the Schaeffer and Chickering pianos.

The partnership existing under the name of Brown, Adkin & Co., general merchants, Rapid City, Man., has been dissolved by mutual consent, F. B. Brown retiring. The business in the future will be conducted under the name of Hindson & Adkin, who will collect all accounts due said firm and pay all liabilities.

The Vulcan Iron Works, Winnipeg, have closed down for a period probably of ten weeks. The direct cause is the scarcity of work. The machinery and engines will be put in such shape, however, that in case of a breakdown in any of the mills or factories steam can be got up at once and the repairs made without any loss of time. During the time the shops are closed, repairs and improvements will be made to the plant, which will give employment to a few men. At present the company are working with a reduced staff of about 40 men, and the majority of these will be thrown out of employment during the shut down.

The partnership existing between Wm. Preston and John S. McKay, doing business as millers in the town of Boissevain, Man., expires on May 11th next, when the same will be dissolved. The mill, farm and chattels of the firm will be sold by private sale up to February 15th. If not then sold the entire property will be sold by auction at a time and place to be named hereafter.

A serious fire occurred at Miami on Dec. 30, by which nearly the whole business part was consumed. The fire started in the Massey-Harris implement building, had gained considerable headway before it was noticed, and nothing but some books were saved. Adjoining it was Hornberger's harness shop. A considerable quantity of the stock were saved. B. C. Bundy had most of his household goods upstairs, and they were nearly all consumed. J. Harvey, who occupied a part of the building, had all his household goods consumed. While this building was burning the people lost no

time in cleaning out Campbell & Lawrence's hardware store, which was also a two-story building and occupied above by W. Campbell. Next came Collins & Munro's general store and post office; the principal part of the stock was saved. R. Munro occupied the upstairs as a dwelling, and his family are away east; his furniture was nearly all saved. J. Harvey's barber shop and the Grand View hotel, owned and occupied by S. Cowan, were also burned. The furniture and fixings were nearly all saved. The following is a list as near as could be ascertained of the insurance: J. Hornberger, \$1,500 on building and stock valued at \$2,000; Lawrence & Campbell, \$2,000 on stock and \$1,000 on building; Collins & Munro, \$5,250 on stock and building valued at \$6,000; S. Cowan, \$5,000 distributed in four companies; stock and building valued at \$10,000. No longer ago than January 11 last, Collins & Munro lost their whole stock and buildings, valued at \$7,000, also the Massey-Harris company implement building.

The foreign trade of Canada for the fiscal year 1893, is the largest on record, being \$247,694,000, as compared with \$241,369,000 in 1892. The exports were \$113,619,000, the greatest in the history of the Dominion.

The handsomest calendar received this year is from E. L. Dreyfus, the great brewer, of Winnipeg. The subject is "The Close of Day," showing a farmer lad returning with his horses from his day's work. It is an artistic work, being a copy of a celebrated French painting.

The pavillion, Toronto, on Thursday evening was the scene of an interesting gathering, being the annual dinner of the board of trade. The Governor General made one of the most interesting speeches of the evening. The Dominion cabinet was represented by Hon. Messrs. Foster, Daly and Bowell, and Lord Ava, son of the Marquis of Dufferin, was among the guests.

THE COMMERCIAL acknowledges the receipt of wall calendars from O'Loughlin Bros. & Co., wholesale stationers, and T. W. Taylor, book-binder, Winnipeg. The latter is adorned with a picture of the mayor.

THE COMMERCIAL is receiving many expressions of satisfaction from subscribers, as to the stand of this journal upon tariff reform. A subscriber from the Pacific coast, writing to renew his subscription, urges that grain bags should be considered in discussing tariff reform.

The Napanee Paper Co., Napanee, Ont., has assigned. It has a capital stock of \$150,000. The company's liabilities are placed at \$100,000 and the assets are nominally \$200,000. The wholesale tea firm of Daly, Grauge & Co., who hold considerable of the paper company's stock have called a meeting of creditors.

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Bicycle Prices For 1894.

The reduction in bicycle prices, which began toward the close of the 1893 season, has already developed for the season of 1894, and the steel steed will probably be sold more extensively because more reasonably than ever before. The reduction will be general and jobbers will be enabled to sell wheels to retailers at a discount of from 10 to 25 per cent from last year's prices, according to grade, the high grade showing the greatest falling off. There will be exceptions to this rule, a few factories whose goods have the most firmly established reputations having resolved to maintain their former prices at all hazards, claiming that a reduction in prices at the present time is a virtual acknowledgment that the wheels are of inferior material and workmanship. Those following this policy probably expect to sell as many of their machines at the present standing price as they can manufacture, and to use the fact that they are maintaining prices in the face of a general demoralization, with telling effect in setting forth the merits of their goods.

Another important change in the bicycle business will be the mode of dealing between jobber and dealer. Heretofore, the price at which a machine might be sold was fixed by the manufacturer and the retailer was governed by this arbitrary ruling. Next season the jobber will make net prices to the retailer, who will be at liberty to fix his own margin of profit and sell as close as he may choose. This policy is sure to be followed by a further drop, for the same machine may be sold at as many different prices as there are dealers who handle it, the natural result being that the lowest price will eventually be adopted by all of a necessity. —Minneapolis Farm Implements.

A Handsome Publication.

The current annual holiday number of the *Northwestern Miller* is as usual a thing of beauty. These *Miller's* special holiday numbers are invariably the finest publications of the kind which reach *THE COMMERCIAL*, and this year is not an exception to the rule. From the standpoint of artistic beauty it is superb. Even the advertisements are a study in fine art printing. The illuminated cover gives a representation from Robert Burn's "Dusty Miller," and is very handsome. The illustrations are numerous, and without counting them we should judge will run up into the hundreds. Artists of reputation and well known literary men have been drawn upon to contribute to the number, with splendid results. The *Northwestern Miller* is the chief exponent of the great milling interest of the United States, and with such an able journal it can be said that no other individual interest in the country is so well represented from the journalistic point of view. The millers of the United States should be men of literary and artistic taste, for doubtless they all get the *Northwestern Miller*, and they could not long continue to peruse the paper without having these qualities well developed.

Wheat Prices for Two Years.

The following table exhibits the opening, highest, lowest, and closing cash prices, monthly, at Chicago for No. 2 spring wheat for 1893, and the highest and lowest prices for 1892:—

Months.	1893.				1892.	
	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Highest.	Lowest.
Jan ...	\$.72 1/2	\$.78 1/2	\$.72	\$.73 1/2	\$.90	\$.84 1/2
Feb ...	.73 1/2	.76 1/2	.72	.73 1/2	.91 1/2	.81 1/2
March ...	.73 1/2	.79 1/2	.72 1/2	.74 1/2	.91	.77 1/2
April ...	.75	.83	.70	.70	.86	.76 1/2
May ...	.74 1/2	.76 1/2	.65 1/2	.65 1/2	.85 1/2	.80
June ...	.69 1/2	.69	.61 1/2	.61 1/2	.87 1/2	.73
July ...	.62	.66 1/2	.64	.66	.80 1/2	.76
Aug ...	.60	.63 1/2	.55 1/2	.62 1/2	.80	.74 1/2
Sept ...	.63 1/2	.63 1/2	.65 1/2	.66 1/2	.74 1/2	.71 1/2
Oct60	.65 1/2	.60 1/2	.62 1/2	.74 1/2	.69 1/2
Nov62	.65 1/2	.59 1/2	.62 1/2	.73 1/2	.69 1/2
Dec62 1/2	.64 1/2	.59 1/2	.60 1/2	.73	.69 1/2

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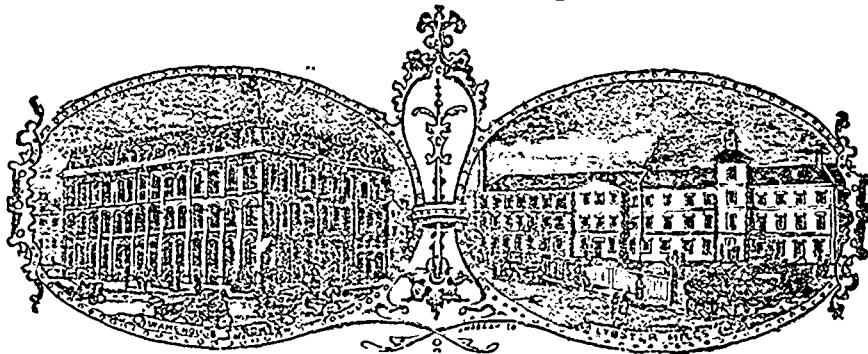
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Montreal Markets.

Flour—At the low prices ruling a number of sales have been made both in spring and winter wheat brands, showing that buyers are beginning to depart from their hand to mouth mode of buying. Sales have transpired of 1,000 bags of straight roller flour at \$1.50, 300 bags at \$1.55, 500 bags at \$1.50, and 500 bls of choice roller at \$3.15 delivered. Sales have also been made for eastern account at within the above range. On track there have been sales of car lots of straight rollers at \$3 to 3.05. A car load of choice strong bakers was made at \$3.45, and prices range all the way from \$3.40 to 3.55, medium grades selling at lower prices. There is very little demand for Newfoundland, and most of the flour for the maritime provinces is sold direct from Ontario mills. The export trade is very quiet. We quote prices nominally as follows:—Patent spring, \$3.60 to 3.75; patent winter, \$3.50 to 3.70; straight roller, \$3.00 to 3.20; extra, \$2.75 to 3.00; super-fine, \$2.50 to 2.70; fine, \$2.15 to 2.30; city strong bakers, \$3.40 to 3.55; Manitoba bakers, \$3.25 to 3.55, Ontario bags extra, \$1.35 to 1.40, straight rollers, \$1.50 to 1.55; superfine, \$1.15 to 1.30; fine, \$1 to 1.10.

Feed—Bran continues firm, with sales of car lots reported at \$16 to 16.25. Western mills have a call for all they can turn out, and it looks as if bran would be a scarce article for some time. Shorts are firm at \$17 to \$18.

Oatmeal—A firm feeling continues to govern the market under a fair seasonal enquiry, car lots on track here being quoted at \$4.05 for granulated and rolled. In a jobbing way we quote as follows:—Rolled and granulated, \$4.20 to 4.30; standard, \$3.85 to 4.10. In bags, granulated and rolled are quoted at \$2.05 to 2.10, and standard at \$1.85 to 1.95.

Oats—There is a fair local demand, with sales of car lots at 38c per 34 lbs, in store. Local buyers prefer No. 3 oats to No. 2, and are paying within ½c and 1c per lb of the latter, sales of car lots having been made of No. 3 at 37c and 37½c, a buyer offering to pay the latter price yesterday.

Barley—Malting barley is quoted at 50 to 53c and feed at 42 to 43c.

Cured Meats—The market for pork has not followed the advance in the price of dressed hogs, last sales of Canada short cut mess pork being reported at \$18, but probably a round lot could be had at \$17.50. In lard there have been sales of car lots of compound \$1.50 to 1.55. Smoked meats are quiet but steady, with sales of round lots of hams at 12c, smaller quantities at 12½ to 13½c. Bacon meets with fair enquiry at 11½ to 12½c.

Dressed Hogs—The market has ruled firm under comparatively light supplies for this season of the year, and dealers are beginning to ask themselves, "where is that large crop that was talked of?" Sales of car lots have been made at \$6.80 per 100 lbs, and for a choice car probably a little more might be got. Packers, however, are not anxious buyers as they are looking for heavier receipts when Toronto and Hamilton get through with their purchases. We quote \$6.80 to 6.85 for car lots and \$7 to 7.25 for small lots.

Butter—Stocks continue to show very limited proportions, and prices in consequence are firm with an upward tendency. Holders of both creamery and dairy are not anxious sellers of round lots, as they claim it will pay them better to job out to the local trade, and that the scarcity will become more marked after New Years. It is reported that a lot of 200 tubs of creamery was sold in the west for British Columbia at 24c. Creamery, early made, 22 to 22½; creamery, late made, 23 to 23½; eastern townships, 21 to 22c; western, 19 to 20½c. For single tubs of selected, 1c per lb may be added to the above. **Roll Butter**—Receipts have been liberal, and sales are reported in cases and half barrels at 19 to 21c as to quality.

Cheese—A lot of about 1,500 boxes of fine goods were sold at 11½c, but holders are not offering their finest goods at less than 11½c.

Eggs—There is a great scarcity of fresh boiling stock, sales of which have been made at 25 to 30c, while Montreal limed move rather slowly at 17 to 18c, western limed being quoted at 16 to 17c.

Dressed Poultry—The demand for fresh killed dry picked turkeys continues good with sales of case lots at 10½ to 11c, while scalded sells at 9 to 10c. Young, dry picked chickens wanted, with business at 8c for round lot, scalded having sold at 6 to 7c. Several large sales of geese have been made at 6½c, a lot of fancy stock bringing 7c. Ducks are quiet but steady at 9 to 10c.

Apples—Apples are selling well, but are very scarce and stocks low. No. 1 selling at \$1.50 to 5, and No. 2 \$3 to 3.50.

Hides—All receipts of light hides are absorbed at once at 4c for No. 1, resales of which are made at 4½c. Heavy steers are in very small supply, most of them having been sold at 6c for round lots and at 6½c for smaller quantities. Heavy bulls meet with slow sale at 4c. A fat business is reported in sheepskins at 75c. We quote as follows: Nos 1, 2 and 3 light hides to tanners 4½, 3½ and 2½c and to dealers 4, 3 and 2c. Heavy steers 6 to 6½c. Calfskins 7c, lambskins 70 to 75c.—*Trade Bulletin*, Dec. 29.

Great Depression in Trade.

The last week of the year is showing greater depression in general trade than any of its predecessors, more manufactories are closing, few are resuming, and the army of unemployed workmen is increasing, with no prospect that matters will be better in the early future. Of course this is not the season of the year when any improvement in business is expected, but under ordinary circumstances there ought not to be such conclusive evidence as now exists of an earnest desire to realize on stocks on hand, while there is so little disposition to buy, although it is evident that buyers could obtain concessions in price in nearly every line if they would only indicate a willingness to purchase. Flour has reached the lowest figures ever made, and wheat in the speculative markets has sold at even lower prices than a week ago. In the iron trade, both pig and manufactured iron in some markets have sold for less than ever before and the general markets are very dull; in Pittsburgh steel billets are squarely down to \$16.50, Bessemer pig has sold down to \$15.75, and gray forge to \$10.00 per ton. In fact there appears to be a general demoralization in the trade, for there is a revolution going on in the process of making steel which threatens to reduce prices still more; at the low prices current there is a fair amount of business in steel rails and considerable in sight for iron pipe, but there is not enough margin of profit to be encouraging to producers. If the iron trade sets the pace for other business it is apparent that low prices will prevail for some time, and while there will be some business it will not be large in volume, for trade must move, but buyers are not going to anticipate their wants to any large extent, for the conditions of the country are not such as to inspire confidence in the future. In textile fabrics and nearly all collateral lines of trade, business which a few weeks ago gave signs of improvement has developed into dullness, and the indications are that any considerable revival can not reasonably be expected for some weeks. The tariff agitation makes an uncertainty which is always detrimental to trade, but it should not affect business during the spring months, for it is settled that any changes in rates of duty will not go into effect until next summer.

Railroad earnings so far as reported this month make a poor showing, and this is in keeping with the general depression in trade.—*Cincinnati Price Current*.

Toronto Dry Goods Trade.

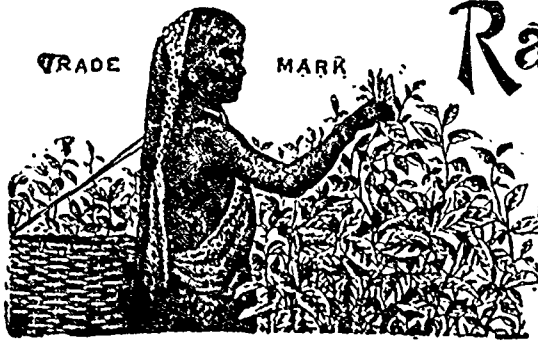
Local houses are now rapidly opening up new domestic and foreign cotton and woollen goods for the spring trade, and stocks are perceptibly growing larger. There is some complaint regarding the slow delivery of Canadian prints. The quality of the goods put on the market this season by the Canadian print mills is of such an excellent quality in every respect that it is predicted that imports of foreign manufacture will be materially reduced. The failure to deliver the goods promptly when they are asked for, however, may cause the factories loss of sales. Quite a number of the retailers are asking for deliveries immediately after the new year. They say it is the custom to sell a fair quantity of spring goods in January. This demand comes from those who employ their winter evenings in making up spring garments.—*Empire*, Dec. 29.

Woolen Trade For a Year.

The year has been far from a prosperous one for woollen goods in the United States, although the first few months promised otherwise. Owing to cold weather at the first of the year the stock of heavy clothing was largely reduced, which gave clothiers encouragement to order woollens liberally for the next season. The preceding year's prices were maintained, and the mills were full of business, which made the outlook promising. The financial stringency in the early summer was sufficient to stop new business, but the mills were so well situated with old orders that the first check began when clothiers commenced to cancel orders. This forced the mills into a general shutting down. When the monetary depression ceased manufacturers found little relief, as the clothing trade continued depressed, and mill agents were heavily stocked with goods thrown back on their hands. The spring trade had been largely omitted, not over 30 per cent of the usual light weight orders having been placed. During the past two months the mills have been only partly employed on orders that accumulated during the shut-down, with the prospect of another closing down until the tariff uncertainty is settled.—*Bradstreet's*.

Shoe and Leather Trades.

The boot and shoe trade has been fairly successful during the past year in the United States, outside of the financial depression, which curtailed business. The year opened with leather costing higher in most instances, the curtailment of production on the part of tanners the previous year having allowed dealers to work up sole leather about 2c, with other kinds in proportion. Good damaged BA was quoted firm at 18c at the first part of the year, and to offset this manufacturers were disposed to ask from 2½c to 5c per advance on shoes. The leather trust was formed, and as it included about 90 per cent of the hemlock sole leather tanners and 50 per cent of the union leather in its body, the leather people found no trouble to maintain the price of leather until the depression in finance came on. The trust people maintained their prices to a considerable extent during the depression, their concessions being only about ½ to 1c on hemlock, but outside tanners undersold them about 1c as long as they had leather to sell. Union leather declined 3 to 4c and upper leather about 1 to 2c per pound. During the past six months the shoe business has fallen out fully 25 to 30 per cent, the shipments of the year from Boston footing up about 3,425,000 cases, against 3,700,000 cases during 1892. The lesser demand for leather has prevented any advance, and the market closes quiet at about the lowest point of the year. The future looks well, as the country is lightly stocked. The curtailment in leather production and recent liberal exports leave the market in good shape for the new year.



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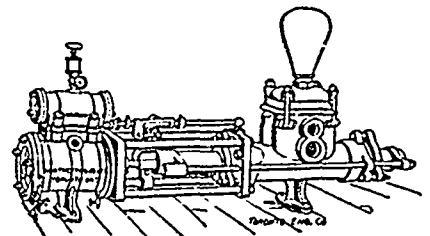
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BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Business Review.

January 1, 1894.

Merchants report that as good if not better Christmas trade was done this year than last, but that money is tighter. In Victoria the sealing fleet is being fitted out, and is leaving for the sealing grounds. This is giving employment to a large number of men, and considerable money is being spent for supplies. Otherwise the general business situation remains unchanged. Local butter is coming into the market very plentifully at Victoria, but it has now to compete against the Australian butter, and also the eastern and Californian article. Prices realized for it are therefore not what they used to be.

The Victoria Times reports the value of new buildings for 1893 in and in the vicinity of Victoria as \$460,000, not a bad record considering the dulness of the times.

The imports at the port of Victoria for 1893 were:—Dutiable \$2,195,425; free, \$785,313. For 1892 they were \$2,553,176 and \$771,266 respectively. The exports for 1893 were \$3,568,819. For 1892 they were \$1,484,316, showing a remarkable increase. Inland revenue returns for 1893 amounted to \$144,674, and for 1892, \$134,357. Total customs revenue for 1893 was \$848,439, and for 1892, \$963,664.

During the past year in British Columbia 57 ships loaded lumber for foreign ports, which, in round numbers, will make a total export of 62,000,000 feet, valued at \$250,000, a considerable improvement over the year previous.

Business is very quiet after the Christmas bustle. Shipping is active. The holiday trade was better than anticipated, though not equal to last year in volume, money being particularly tight. Prepared meats have not dropped any lower, but dealers prophesy lower prices owing to competition and over supply. Butter is firm and eggs are higher. The Treacott Packing Co. received their nets, outfit and machinery from Portland yesterday, and are building their cold storage warehouse at New Westminster. Sturgeon and other fish will be shipped East by them in snow and ice. At a trial cast in the Fraser, a few fine sturgeon were caught. The company will commence shipping East on the 5th of January. The American barkentine, W. H. Talbot, sailed to day for South Africa, with 804,183 feet of lumber, valued at \$6,031.37. The British ship Dunboyne arrived to-day, with mixed cargo, consigned to Evans, Coleman & Evans.

The following ships have been towed out into the stream ready for departure: barque Colorado, 1060 tons, laden with 707,000 feet of lumber, bound for Shanghai; the ships Snow and Burgess with 1,075,000 feet of lumber, valued at \$7,113.45, en route for Mexico. There are eleven ships reported loading for Vancouver, B.C., or on their way to this port.

Mr. Skinner, inspector of lumber for the Dominion Government, gives the total lumber cut of the province for 1893 on which royalty has been paid as a fraction under 64,500,000 feet. This does not include timber cut on the railway belt or on private property, which Mr. Skinner thinks would be as much again. Six hundred thousand feet of this cut was shipped to Puget Sound.

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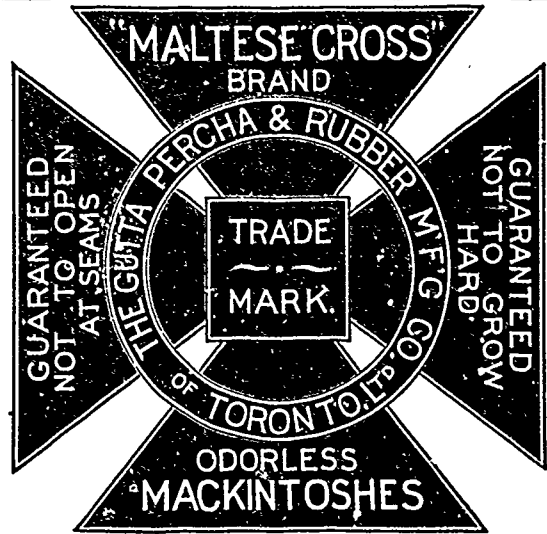
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B.C. Market Quotations.

VEGETABLES—New potatoes \$17 per ton; onions, 3c; cabbage, 7c; carrots, turnips and beets, 1/2 to 3/4c.

DAIRY—Eastern creamery is quoted at 26 1/2 to 27 1/2c, firm; dairy, 24c, scarce; cheese, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2c.

EGGS—Eastern case eggs, 21 to 22c; fresh eggs 23c.

FRUITS—Lemons, Cal., \$4.00 to \$4.50; apples, B.C. 90c to \$1.50; Oregon, \$1.00 to \$1.50; evaporated apples are quoted at 12c per pound; apricots, 18c; peaches, 14c; dates, 7 to 8c; Smyrna prunes, 9c; layer raisins, \$2.75 to \$3; cocoa nuts, \$1 to 1.25 per doz.; bananas, \$1 to 1.10. Japanese oranges are in the market at 60 to 75c per box. Eastern apples of inferior quality are selling at from \$5.50 to 6.00 per barrel. California oranges, seedlings, \$3.25 to 4.00, navels, \$2.50 to 3.50. Cape Cod cranberries, \$9.50 per barrel.

FISH—Prices are—salmon 10 to 12 1/2c; flounders 4c; smelt, 5c; seabass, 5c; cod, 10c; halibut, 8c; smoked salmon, 10c; smoked halibut, 10c; kippered herring, 12 1/2c; bloaters, 10c.

SUGAR—Jobber's prices, 1/2 barrels and kegs in each case being 1/4c higher:—

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Dry Granulated.....	5 1/2
Extra C.....	5 1/2
Fancy Yellow.....	5 3/4
Yellow.....	5
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Syrups, per lb.....	3
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POULTRY—A large quantity of poultry was sold during holidays at the following prices from markets: Geese, 13c; turkeys, 15c; chickens, 14c.

FLOUR, FEED, GRAIN, ETC.—The Ogilvie Milling Co. and Keowatin Milling Co. quote standard brands of Manitoba flour, in car lots only, at Victoria, Vancouver and Westminster as follows: Patent, per bbl., \$4.40; strong bakers, \$4.10. The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in carload lots at Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster: Premier, \$9.00; XXX, \$4.25; strong bakers, or XX, \$4.05; superfine, \$3.55. Quotations small lots are: Flour, Manitoba patents, \$4.50; strong bakers, \$4.30; ladies choice, \$4.50; prairie lily, \$4.25; Oregon, \$4.90. Enderby mills—three star, \$4.30; two star, \$3.90; oatmeal eastern \$3.00; California granulated in gunnies, \$4.25; National mills, Victoria, \$3.60; rolled oats eastern \$3.00 to \$3.25; California, \$4.00; National mills \$3.00 per sack; Westminster Mills, 4c per lb., cornmeal \$2.75; split peas \$3.50; pearl barley \$4.50. Rice—The

Victoria rice mills quote wholesale Japan rice per ton, \$77.50; best China rice, do., \$100; China rice, do., \$70; rice flour, do, \$70; chit rice, do, \$25; rice meal do, \$17.50; chopped feed \$30 per ton; bran, \$23; shorts \$25; Man. oats, \$30.00; wheat \$28; oil cake, \$50; hay, \$16. Feed wheat, \$26 to 28; per ton; oats \$31; chop barley, \$30. California malting barley, \$26 to \$27 f.o.b. in San Francisco. California chop, \$32 to \$33. Oak Lake patent Hungarian \$4.25; Oak Lake strong bakers, \$3.95. Shorts, \$23; bran, \$21; barley chop, \$26; Brandon Mills, Hungarian, \$4.60; strong bakers, \$4.40.

DRESSED MEAT, LIVE STOCK, ETC.—Live steers are 3 1/2; cows 3c; beef, 6 1/2 to 7 1/2c—sheep, 4 1/2; mutton, 9 1/2c; hogs, 7 1/2c; pork, 10 1/2c.

MEATS—Hams 14c; breakfast bacon, 15c, dry salt, 1 1/2 to 12c; backs 14 1/2c; long clear, 11 1/2c; short rolls, 12 to 12 1/2c; long rolls, 14c. Lard is held at the following figures: In tins, 14c per pound; in pails, 12c; in tubs, 12c. Corned beef, \$8.00 per barrel; mess pork, \$20; short cut, \$24.00.

Brief Business Notes.

Gavin Bros., Victoria, have assigned. The hotel Wilson, Nanaimo, is offered for sale.

Light Publishing Co. has opened business at Vancouver.

Walter Wilson, hotel, Nanaimo, advertises business for sale.

J. Manning has opened a general store at Okanagan Falls.

A. McLennan, hotel, Vancouver, sold out to Durran & Ochier

L. G. Burns & Co, plumbers, Victoria, have assigned to E. G. Anderson.

J. Fred Ahlin, groceries, stationery and Swedish goods, has opened at Revelstoke.

J. Street, blacksmith, Duncan's Station, effects advertised for sale.

Lambert & Burton, brickmakers, Lulu Island, sold out to J. Mellis.

Shuswap Milling Co., Ltd., Kamloops, re incorporated Dec. 14th, 1893.

York & Pilling, butchers, Mission City, now in the general store trade.

J. G. Langley, general store, Mission City and Mount Lushan, sold out Mission City business to York & Pilling.

Shupe & Linstrum, feed and produce, Vernon, have dissolved. Jos, A. Shupe continues.

Boston Bar Gold Mining Co., Ltd., Vancouver, incorporated Dec. 13th.

E. J. Morgan, clothing, &c., Victoria, sold out; stock being disposed of by auction.

The estate of S. L. Kelly, stoves and tinware, Victoria, advertised for sale by tender to Jan. 10th, 1894.

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The San Francisco correspondent of the New York *Fur Trade Review* writes that paper as follows on December 19:—

The decline in sealskins at the London sales, great as it was, is nothing to what it would have been had not the cunning Canadians indulged in a little trickery to suit their own purpose. The details of their manipulations have just leaked out, and will be interesting reading to those in the trade who suspected quite a while ago that a good part of this year's catch was being withheld from the market for obvious reasons. R. P. Rithet & Co., a very well known and honorable house of Victoria, in their freight and shipping report for November say: "The catches of the American and Russian sealers landed at different parts of the coast show 69,936 skins, which, added to the Canadian catch of 69,741 skins, makes a total for the season of 139,677 sealskins." It may be remarked, by the way, that for very plain reasons this report was not issued until the November sales were over. The figures, coming from such a reliable firm, are indisputable, and show at a glance that parties interested have purposely misrepresented this year's Northwest coast collection, and are now holding back large quantities of skins to be offered at the next March sales.

The stronger Canadian owners who can afford to speculate, it appears, have been quietly storing away a very considerable portion of their skins, and at the proper time they will be taken from the various private warehouses and thrown on the market. The bulk will be offered at the London sales in March, in the hope of realizing better prices, while some of the owners contemplate having their skins dressed and dyed either in this country or in England. In the meantime these manipulators seem to forget that old salted sealskins are not in any way similar to old wine. They do not improve with age, and it will be a genuine surprise if that entire surplus collection does not turn out to be badly "pink" when brought to light. The total number of skins secretly stored away by various owners is probably 35,000, and all recognize that but for this, the seals just sold by C. M. Lamson & Co. and Culverwell, Brooks & Co. would have realized still lower prices. The majority of sealers are alive to the situation and can see very clearly that so large a collection when thrown on the market and coming from such an entirely unexpected source, will have the effect of forcing prices to low figures. For this reason they are fitting out with double their former crews and boats, so that they may be in a position to come out all right at the end of the season, by bringing in a double catch. With the increased number of schooners to be placed in the business next season

there will probably be no less than 100 more hunting boats out than during the present year. This is sure to have its effect on the catch and a big collection may be looked for. Experienced sealers predict that the Northwest coast catch of 1894 will exceed that of this year by about 35,000. Nearly all the vessels are bound for the Russian and Japan side where the chance of a haul seems to be far better than on the American coast. Captains Folger and McLean, the oldest sealers on the coast, state that the Japan sea and Russian waters are fairly alive with seals and other captains with whom your correspondent has come in contact, agree with them. They all say most positively, that had it not been for the exceptionally rough weather experienced on the other side this season, the catch instead of being 135,000 would have been 200,000. As a rule calm weather prevails over there and if this should prove the case next year, it is predicted the catch will exceed even the most sanguine expectations of the sealers, and will possibly be 250,000. There is every reason why this should be so, as the seals on the other side have been hunted to a comparatively small extent and are not nearly so scarce as on our coast. The captains prefer hunting over there as their game is concentrated in an exceedingly small area, while on this side the seals are scattered over an immense space and the vessels are obliged to keep on the move continually in order to make even a fair catch. In the face of these circumstances the sea's on the American side will be left practically undisturbed and as a consequence the officers of the North American Commercial Company are looking forward to something like the old time catches of Alaskas. One of the members of the company informed your correspondent the other day, he had every reason to believe the United States Government would authorize the taking of 65,000 seals from the islands in 1894. Everything seems to point that way and with the final settlement of the arbitration, the big catches of Alaskas will be continued as of yore.

Fur Trade News.

The New York *Fur Trade Review* gives the following additional information as to prices at the November London seal sale. Alaskas—Middlings 89; middlings and smalls 100; smalls 115.9; large pups 109.1; middling pups 107.9; smalls and low 72 shillings. Copper Islands—Large middlings 72.3; middlings and smalls 79.7; smalls 83.5; large pups 76.2; middlings 68.6; smalls 61.1; smalls and low 52; large pups low 50.1; middling pups low 45, 3 shillings. Northwest Coast—Middlings 61; middlings and smalls 59; smalls 62; large pups 64.2; middling pups 63.6; small pups 51.4; extra small pups 38.2; middling pups cuts 44; small pups cut 36; extra small pups cut 27.6 shillings. Lobos Island—Middlings 42.6;

smalls and large pups 46.8; middling pups 43.7; small pups 27.5; extra small pups 22.8 shillings. Cape of Good Hope—Middlings and smalls 49; smalls 50; large pups 45; middling pups 41.8; small pups 30; extra small pups 23 shillings. American purchases at the November sale aggregated about fifty per cent of the Northwest coast, and about seventy-five per cent of the Alaskas; the number of skins taken was smaller than for some time. Buyers are disposed to await later developments.

The London, England, correspondent of the *Fur Trade Review*, writing on December 12, says: The 1893 season has come to an end, and what promised to be one of the best seasons has turned out a complete fiasco. It certainly did look in the three first months of the year as though we were going to have a real good time, but the last six months have been very unsatisfactory indeed for trade. Bears which were in very good demand until a couple of months ago are to-day as dead as a door nail. Marten has continued to sell pretty well owing to the demand for the single-skin ties, and we believe these fancy articles will go again next year. Mink has been very disappointing. It looked as though they were going to be favorites, but the demand fell off, and now it is very difficult to move them at all. Grey fox, which realized very good prices in January and March, has been simply a dead letter, and less of these skins have been used this season than for many years past. Thibet skins, dyed black, have had about as good a run as any article this year, not that there has been much money in it, for a good skin can now be had for about 6:6:1. Musquash has been another disappointing article, and although some really pretty productions in dyeing, such as imitation mink color and imitation natural black were shown, still they would not go. Skunk has sold fairly well, and we should not be at all surprised to see a good demand for these in January. Raccoon have been in very small request. Natural skins seem to have lost all favor in the eyes of the public. Good dyed black and brown, however, have sold fairly well. Dyed fur seals have sold pretty steadily all through the year, and now that the price is somewhat easier, we think we can safely look forward to a good demand in 1894. Stocks generally are pretty large, so that we may look forward to easier prices on most articles at the coming sales.

Raw Fur Prices.

The Montreal *Trade Bulletin* gives the following quotations for average prime skins as a general indication of ruling prices. Extra quality skins worth more and damaged or unprime skins proportionally less. Beaver per lb \$3 to 3.50; Bear, per skin, large, \$10 to 15; Bear, cub, \$2 to 4; Fisher, \$3 to 5; Red Fox, \$1 to 1.25; Lynx, \$1 to 2; Marten, 80c to \$1; Mink, \$1 to 1.50; Muskrat, 10 to 12c; Otter, \$3 to 12; Raccoon, 50 to 75c; Skunk, 50 to 75c.

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British Columbia Brief Business Notes.

The letters of incorporation of the Wellington loan society have been received.

Okell Morris Fruit Preserving Co., Ltd., Victoria. Walter Morris of this company resigned as managing director.

National Electric Tramway & Light Co., Ltd., Victoria, changing title to the "Victoria Electric Railway & Light Co., Ltd."

The bark Templar, with a cargo of 567,000 feet of rough lumber, valued at \$4,911.36, from the Hastings mill, has sailed for Callao.

The Kamloops Electric Light Co. held its annual meeting on Monday afternoon at the Cosmopolitan hotel, with a large attendance. A dividend of 4 per cent for the year on the paid up stock was declared.

A telegraph line is to be constructed from Nanaimo to Vancouver, thence to Westminster and Brownville, where it will connect with the Great Northern railway line.

It is reported by wire that all the shingle manufacturers in British Columbia have joined an association to keep up prices.

The business of Stanley House, Victoria, retail dry goods, has passed into the hands of a joint stock company known as the Stanley House company (limited); authorized capital, \$209,000.

There will be a lively discussion at the quarterly meeting of the Victoria board of trade, says a telegram received on Jan. 4, on the question "Landlord vs. Tenant." Heretofore the discussions have been confined to merchants who object to the preference the landlords at present have over other creditors.

Nicola is the latest British Columbia town-site. It is located at the junction of the Cold Water and Nicola rivers, and is in anticipation of the Nicola Valley railway being constructed. The railway company is the promoter.

The Norwegian ship Germanic and the United States ship Benjamin Sowell have finished taking on cargoes at the Hastings mill for Great Britain, the former having on board 1,021,624 feet of rough lumber, valued at \$13,135.46, while the latter has 910,483 feet, or \$9,973.14 worth of the same.

Inspector of Fisheries McNab has received a draft of the proposed fisheries regulations for 1894. The main features are the same as in the relations of last season; the only radical change is in the price of the license fee, which it is proposed to reduce to \$10, and against which neither canners nor fishermen are likely to make a very strong protest.

The British Columbia Mining and Manufacturing Co., of Vancouver, has been incorporated with a capital of \$100,000 in \$10 shares. W. R. Robertson, A. F. Griffiths, D. R. Young, H. K. Leea and D. McPhee are the trustees.

A number of young men living in bachelor's quarters were poisoned by canned tomatoes used in the soup by a Chinese cook. Two were so seriously affected they hovered between life and death for twenty-four hours. Doctors pronounced the sickness lead poisoning.

The report of the exports from Victoria to the United States for the quarter ending December 31st has just been completed by Consul Myers. The export of gold dust is larger than it has been for any quarter for many years. The report follows:—Bananas, \$844; bones, \$60; cigars, \$118; coal oil, \$605; dry goods, \$233.50; fish, \$1,502.50; furs, hides and skins, \$22,627.77; gold dust, quartz, etc., \$94,173.54; Indian curios, \$109.50; liquors, \$2,150.14; miscellaneous articles, \$163.65; oat bran, \$131; returned goods, \$940; tea, \$600.50. Total, \$124,259.10.

Application appears in the *Gazette* for a charter for the operation of a line of railway or tramway from New Denver to mines within a radius of 15 miles of that town.

The N. P. steamship Tacoma, due at Victoria from China and Japan about the 7th of next month, has, as usual, a big cargo and 125 pass-

engers. The former is made up as follows: 1,000 tons of miscellaneous freight, including considerable silk for the east; 625 tons for Victoria; 450 tons for Portland and the Sound cities, and 100 tons for San Francisco, to be landed here.

Almost every day the fleet of sealing schooners on route to the Japan coast is enlarged by a fresh one starting out from Victoria, and on those which have already sailed over 200 men have found employment for at least seven months.

The injunction applied for in the case of the Attorney-General for Canada vs. Huqitt & McIntyre and the assignees of their estate, was granted. This forbids bringing any more logs down the river from Cowichan lake until those which have been allowed to accumulate are removed; and requires the defendants to forth with remove the accumulated logs, under the direction of Ashdown Green, who is duly appointed for that purpose.

A Vancouver telegram says: "Two rich Israelites bought up thousands of dollars worth of Chinese and Strait Settlement dimes at thirty cents on the dollar, and have been industriously passing them off throughout the province at face value. To-day, as if from tacit understanding, the banks, tramways, saloons, merchants and restaurants refused the imported silver, when its circulation suddenly stopped. The excitement resembled a panic after a bank suspension, as everybody lost something. The churches will reap a rich harvest even at 30 cents on the dollar, as the collection plate is the only outlet, though hundreds of dollars have been shipped east in hopes of using Winnipeg and Toronto as a dumping ground."

Alberta.

R. P. Wood, flour and feed, has opened at Innisfail.

H. Hetu, hotel, Edmonton, has leased hotel to T. Jackson, of Anthracite.

F. D. Fortin, stationery, Edmonton, has been sold out under chattel mortgage.

Calgary merchants have wisely agreed among themselves to close their places of business at 6.30 o'clock, up to Oct. 1st, 1894.

Glover & Andrews, music dealers, Edmonton, have purchased a portion of the stationery stock of F. D. Fortin, and will add stationery to their regular business.

Lynx and foxes are being caught in large numbers this season, says the *Edmonton Bulletin*, having increased with the increase of rabbits. Musk rats are also numerous. There is every prospect of a good catch of fur this winter.

Alberta can produce some big cattle. A steer which was slaughtered by Hull Bros., of Calgary, for the Christmas trade, tipped the scales at 3,500 lbs., whilst numbers of carcasses of beef are hung up in their shop which average 1,200 lbs each. Their is also on exhibition a calf two months old which weighed when dressed 225 lbs. There are also to be found a number of Alberta bred sheep, weighing about 100 lbs each, and lambs averaging about 50 lbs.

Assiniboia.

R. B. Taylor has opened a drug store at Grenfell.

J. Johnson has opened up a meat market at Whitewood.

A. C. Patterson, publisher, Qu'Appelle, has given up business.

Seven thousand five hundred dollars were realized out of live stock shipments last year from Grenfell.

Mr. Skrine, of Grenfell, has just got moved into his new building. It is built with field split stone, and it is said to be the largest general store west of Winnipeg. The building cost about \$9,000.

About 35,000 bushels of wheat were shipped from Grenfell, and there is about 30,000 bushels to market yet.

H. DeSora, of Whitewood, leaves about the 20th inst. on a pleasure trip to France. He shipped about 800 sheep last year.

A correspondent at Moosomin writes as follows: There are about 125,000 bushels of wheat to market yet. About 63 car loads of live stock were shipped last year from here. There has been about 190,000 bushels of wheat shipped from here. It was sold for about 44 cents per bushel.

Saskatchewan.

Plaxton & Cox have opened a butcher shop at Prince Albert.

D. D. McLeod has opened a grocery store at Prince Albert.

Broadview.

A correspondent sends the following from Broadview, Assiniboia:—

The wheat here averaged twenty bushels to the acre and graded No. 1 and 2 hard.

The new stone school house was opened two weeks ago. It is a credit to our citizens.

W. Hodson has just finished building his new stable—it is a credit to the district.

Mr. Clementson has just completed building a terrace of three nice houses at a cost of \$2,000.

Mr. Clementson intends building a fine meat market for Mr. Cody to continue his business; the present one being too small for the trade.

B. S. Robertson's hotel is now open. It cost \$4,000, and is nicely furnished. Good sample room and 13 nicely fitted up rooms for commercial men.

Thirty new settlers arrived here last year, bringing with them implements and stock from Ontario, and think this is a good district for mixed farming.

Five cars of live stock were shipped from here last year at about 3 cents per pound live weight. Five thousand pounds of pork were shipped to Winnipeg last year.

There is lots of money in this district. The farmers wife makes enough out of butter and eggs to keep the house going. This is the best district in the West for butter. There is a splendid opening here for a good harness maker, druggist and barber.

Fort Qu'Appelle.

A correspondent writing from Fort Qu'Appelle, Assiniboia territory, on January 3, says:

The Fort is a very promising place and is growing steadily and honestly.

Two hundred children attend the Indian Industrial School. The school is a substantial brick building and has recently been remodeled and extensive alterations made. There is a gymnasium and brass band in connection.

Wheat is selling to-day at 43 cents. There has been 40,000 bushels marketed and there is considerable to market yet. Wheat averaged 30 bushels to the acre, and some had 50 bushels to the acre.

Joyner & Elkington, proprietors of the Qu'Appelle Valley Flour Mills, have been making some extensive alterations in their mills. They have put in a new steam plant, and increased the capacity to 120 barrels, at a cost of \$6,000, and are contemplating building an elevator. They have been running night and day up to a few weeks ago, and report business good.

Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for week ending 4th Jan., 1894, \$1,205,594; balances, \$208,414. Clearings for week ending 28th December, 1893, \$992,966; balances, \$129,059. Clearings for 23 days ending 30th Dec., 1893, \$4,970,725.

Toronto Grocery Market.

Sugars, Syrups and Molasses Sugars
There has been no change in the local sugar market during the week. Quotations are as follows: Granulated, 4½c; Paris lumps, boxes, 5½ to 5¾c; extra ground, bbls, 5½c; powdered, bbls, 5 to 5½c; refined, dark to bright, 3¾ to 4; and brights, 4 to 4½c. Syrups, per imperial gal. of 14 lbs.—Dark, 22 to 26c; medium, 23 to 32c; bright, 32 to 35c; extra bright, 36 to 38c; extra, very bright, 40 to 43c; special brights, 45 to 48c. Molasses—West India, bbls, 28 to 35c; New Orleans, open kettle, 45 to 55c; centrifugals, 30 to 40c; inferior low grades, 23 to 28c per gallon.

Teas and Coffees—Teas have been quiet. Coffees show no special features. Local prices are: Green Rios, 23 to 25c. Roasted coffees—Rio, pure, 25c; choice, 26c; fancy, 26½c; extras, 27c; Maricaoibos, 30c; Jamaicas, 28c; Javas 3½c for imperial; Java, old Government, 3½ to 3¾c; private growth standard Java, 36c; Mochas, pure, 33c; genuine Arabian Mochas, 36c.

Dried Fruit—The holiday trade is now over, and business will settle down more into staple lines. The feature of the week has been the advance of 2s per cwt in Valencia raisins in Denia. Later information confirms the report. Quotations are:—Raisins—Valencia, 4½ to 5c for off stalk; 5 to 5½ for fine off stalk; 6 for selected and \$1 per 23 lb box for old fruit; layers, new crop, 6 to 7c; Sultanas, old, 5½ to 7c and new 6 to 8½c; London layers, old \$1.25 per 22-lb box, and new, \$2.25 per 22 lb box; black baskets, old, \$2 per box, and new, \$3 25 to 3 40; blue baskets, old, \$2.25 a box, and new, \$4 a box; connoisseur clusters, new, \$3.20 to 3.40 per box; extra desserts, \$4 per box; quarter flats, \$1 25 per box; extra dessert quarter flats, \$1.50; prunes, fine new Bordeaux, 5 to 6c. Figs—Comarc, 30 lb taps, 5 to 6c; Elmes figs, 12 lb boxes, 11 to 14c; filberts, 9 to 10c. Shelled Jordan almonds, 45 to 50c per pound; shelled Valencia almonds 25 to 28c per pound; Tarragona almonds, 12 to 14c per pound; walnuts, 11 to 14c. Peel—Orange, 16½ to 18c per pound; citron 20 to 24c; and lemon, 13 to 16c. Marbot walnuts, 12c; Bordeaux walnuts, 10c; Hallowee dates, 5½ to 6c; evaporated California nectarines, 13c; peaches, 13½c; apricots, 17c and pears, 13c. Pantura currants, 9c.

Canned Goods—Business quiet and prices about steady. Quotations are: Fish—Salmon, 1's tall, \$1.20 to 1.40; and flats, horse-shoe, \$1.50; lob-ter, imperial crown flats, \$2-50, mackerel, \$1.00; finnan haddie, \$1 35 to 1.50; sardines, French ½'s, 9½ to 13c; sardines, French ¼'s, 16 to 23c; sardines, American ½'s, 5½ to 8c; sardines, American ¼'s, 9 to 12c. Fruit and vegetables—Tomatoes, 3's, 85 to 90c; corn, 3's, 80 to 90c; peas, 2's, 85c to \$1.45; beans 35 to 95c; pumpkins, 80 to 95c; strawberries and raspberries 2's, \$1.75 to 2 10; apples, gala, \$2.25; 3's 95c to \$1; peaches, 2's, \$1.80 to 2; peaches, 3's, \$2.90 to 3; pl 2's, \$1.65 to 1.75, 3's, \$2.60 to 2.85; pears, 2's, \$1.45 to 1.80; 3's, \$2.60 to 2.75.

Rice and Spices—Rice—Bags, 3½ to 3¾c; do., off grades, \$3.15 to 3 25; do, Patna, 4½ to 5½; do., Japan, 4½ to 5½c; sago, 4½ to 5c; tapioca, 4½ to 5½c; whole pepper, black, 11½ to 16c; do., white, 18 to 25c; ginger, Jamaica, 20 to 25c; cloves, 15 to 20c; allspice, 10 to 13c; nutmeg, 80c to \$1.10; cream of tartar, 28 to 35c; domestic vermicelli and macaroni, 7½ to 9c; French 10 to 12½c, and Italian, 13 to 15c.—*Empire*, Dec. 29.

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11.05p	9.15a	108	Grand Forks.....	6.40p	8.25p
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	3.45p	453	Duluth.....	7.55a	
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1.47p	10.47a	68 4	Swan Lake.....	5.15p	1.17p
1.10p	10.33a	74 0	Indian Springs.....	5.30p	1.50p
12.57p	10.23a	79 4	Maricopolis.....	5.42p	2.15p
12.27p	10.07a	83 1	Greenway.....	5.58p	2.50p
11.57a	9.52a	92 3	Baldur.....	6.15p	3.22p
11.12a	9.31a	102 0	Belmont.....	7.00p	4.13p
10.37a	9.14a	109 7	Hilton.....	7.18p	4.53p
10.13a	8.57a	117 3	Ashdown.....	7.35p	5.23p
9.49a	8.50a	120 0	Nawancas.....	7.44p	5.47p
9.37a	8.41a	123 0	Elliotts.....	7.55p	6.04p
9.05a	8.26a	129 5	Rounthwaite.....	8.08p	6.37p
8.28a	8.03a	137 2	Martinville.....	8.27p	7.15p
7.50a	7.50a	145 1	Brandon.....	8.45p	8.00p

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11.51 a.m.	11.5	St. Charles.....	4.59 p.m.
11.42 a.m.	13.5	Headingley.....	5.07 p.m.
11.21 a.m.	21.0	White Plains.....	5.34 p.m.
10.12 a.m.	35.2	Eustace.....	6.24 p.m.
9.44 a.m.	42.1	Oakville.....	6.50 p.m.
8.55 a.m.	55.5	Portage la Prairie.....	7.40 p.m.

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