

Technical and Bibliographic Notes / Notes techniques et bibliographiques

The Institute has attempted to obtain the best original copy available for filming. Features of this copy which may be bibliographically unique, which may alter any of the images in the reproduction, or which may significantly change the usual method of filming, are checked below.

L'Institut a microfilmé le meilleur exemplaire qu'il lui a été possible de se procurer. Les détails de cet exemplaire qui sont peut-être uniques du point de vue bibliographique, qui peuvent modifier une image reproduite, ou qui peuvent exiger une modification dans la méthode normale de filmage sont indiqués ci-dessous.

- Coloured covers/
Couverture de couleur
- Covers damaged/
Couverture endommagée
- Covers restored and/or laminated/
Couverture restaurée et/ou pelliculée
- Cover title missing/
Le titre de couverture manque
- Coloured maps/
Cartes géographiques en couleur
- Coloured ink (i.e. other than blue or black)/
Encre de couleur (i.e. autre que bleue ou noire)
- Coloured plates and/or illustrations/
Planches et/ou illustrations en couleur
- Bound with other material/
Relié avec d'autres documents
- Tight binding may cause shadows or distortion
along interior margin/
La reliure serrée peut causer de l'ombre ou de la
distorsion le long de la marge intérieure
- Blank leaves added during restoration may appear
within the text. Whenever possible, these have
been omitted from filming/
Il se peut que certaines pages blanches ajoutées
lors d'une restauration apparaissent dans le texte,
mais, lorsque cela était possible, ces pages n'ont
pas été filmées.
- Additional comments:/
Commentaires supplémentaires:

- Coloured pages/
Pages de couleur
- Pages damaged/
Pages endommagées
- Pages restored and/or laminated/
Pages restaurées et/ou pelliculées
- Pages discoloured, stained or foxed/
Pages décolorées, tachetées ou piquées
- Pages detached/
Pages détachées
- Showthrough/
Transparence
- Quality of print varies/
Qualité inégale de l'impression
- Continuous pagination/
Pagination continue
- Includes index(es)/
Comprend un (des) index

Title on header taken from: /
Le titre de l'en-tête provient:

- Title page of issue/
Page de titre de la livraison
- Caption of issue/
Titre de départ de la livraison
- Masthead/
Générique (périodiques) de la livraison

This item is filmed at the reduction ratio checked below/
Ce document est filmé au taux de réduction indiqué ci-dessous.

10X	12X	14X	16X	18X	20X	22X	24X	26X	28X	30X	32X
									✓		

THE MERCHANTS BANK OF CANADA.

HEAD OFFICE, MONTREAL.
 Capital Paid Up, \$6,000,000. Rest, \$3,000,000.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS—Andrew Allan, Esq., (of H. & A. Allan) President; Robert Anderson, Esq., Vice-President; Hector MacKenzie, Esq. (of J. G. MacKenzie & Co.); Jonathan Hodgson, Esq. (of Hodgson, Sumner & Co.); H. Montagu Allan, Esq. (of H. & A. Allan); John Cassils, Esq. (of Shaw Bros. & Cassils); J. P. Dawes, Esq. (of Dawes & Co., Lachine); T. H. Dunn, Esq., Quebec; Sir Joseph Hickson.

Geo. HAGUE, Gen'l Mgr. JOHN GAULT, Asst. Gen'l Mgr.
 NEW YORK AGENCY—52 William Street.

WINNIPEG BRANCH.

The position of this Bank as to amount of paid-up capital and surplus is the second in the Dominion.

Particular attention given to collections from and throughout the Dominion and the United States. Ample facilities; low rates; quick returns. Buy and sell Canadian and foreign exchange. Interest allowed at most favorable rates on Savings Bank Accounts and Deposit Receipts. Accounts of Merchants, Manufacturers, Corporations and Individuals received on favorable terms.

A General Banking Business Transacted.
 ARTHUR WICKSON, MANAGER

IMPERIAL BANK OF CANADA

Capital authorized..... 2,000,000.00
 Capital Paid up..... 1,954,525.00
 Reserve..... 1,152,252.00

DIRECTORS. T. R. Merritt Vice-Pres.
 H. S. Howland, President. William Ramsay, Robert Jaffray, Hugh Ryan, T. Sutherland Stayner, Hon. John Ferguson.
 HEAD OFFICE, Wellington St., TORONTO.
 D. R. Wilkie, Cashier.

B. Jennings, Asst. Cashier. E. Hay, Inspector.

BRANCHES IN ONTARIO.

Essex.....	C. White.....	Manager
Fergus.....	C. Forrest.....	"
Galt.....	G. C. Easton.....	"
Ingersoll.....	J. A. Richardson.....	"
Niagara Falls.....	J. A. Langmuir.....	"
Port Colborne.....	E. C. F. Wood.....	"
Rat Portage.....	W. A. Weir.....	"
Sault Ste. Marie.....	J. M. Wemyss.....	"
St. Catharines.....	C. M. Arnold.....	"
St. Thomas.....	M. A. Gilbert.....	"

TORONTO—
 Yonge & Queen Sts. O. F. Rice.....
 Yonge & Bloor Sts. C. H. S. Clarke.....
 Welland..... S. D. Raymond.....
 Woodstock..... S. B. Fuller.....

BRANCHES IN THE NORTHWEST.

Winnipeg, Man.....	C. S. Hoare, Manager.
Brandon, Man.....	A. Jukes, "
Calgary, Alta.....	N. Morris, "
Portage la Prairie, Man.....	M. G. Leslie, "
Prince Albert, Sask.....	J. E. Young, "
Edmonton, Alta.....	G. R. F. Kirkpatrick, "

AGENTS AND CORRESPONDENTS.

CANADA—Bank of Montreal and Branches.
 GREAT BRITAIN—Lloyd's Bank (Limited), Manchester and Liverpool District Banking Co. (Limited).
 UNITED STATES—New York, Bank of Montreal; Buffalo, Bank of Buffalo; Boston, National Bank of the Commonwealth; Chicago, First National Bank; Detroit, Detroit National Bank; Duluth, First National Bank; Philadelphia, Farmers' and Mechanics' National Bank; St. Paul, Second National Bank.
 Agents in Canada for the CHEQUE BANK, (Limited.)
 Cheques issued to tourists and others, available in any part of the world.

—THE—

Western Loan and Trust Co., Ltd.

Executive Office: 94 St. Francois Xavier St.
 MONTREAL - QUE.

DIRECTORS.

PRESIDENT.—HON. A. W. OGILVIE,
 Senator of Canada.
 VICE-PRESIDENT.—J. S. BOUSQUET, Esq.,
 Cashier, La Banque du Peuple.

R. PREFONTAINE, Esq., M.P., of Messrs. Prefontaine, St. Jean & Archer; J. N. GREENSHIELDS, Esq., Q. C. Messrs. Greenshields & Greenshields; W. BARCLAY STEPHENS, Esq.; JAS. E. STERN, Esq., Ex-President of the Winnipeg Board of Trade; R. W. KNIGHT, Esq., Broker, Woodstock, Ont.; J. HOODLESS, Esq., of Messrs. J. Hoodless & Son, Hamilton, Ont.; R. A. ANDERSON, Esq., Mayor of Vancouver, B. C.

MANAGER.—W. BARCLAY STEPHENS, Esq.
 INSPECTOR.—W. L. HOGG, Esq.

BANKERS.—The Merchants Bank of Canada, La Banque Du Peuple.

SOLICITORS.—Messrs. Greenshields & Greenshields.
 Solicitors for Manitoba and Northwest Territories:
 Messrs. Allen & Cameron, Winnipeg.

Way to get a practical education is by attending Winnipeg Business College and Shorthand Institute for a term. Circulars free. Address: C. A. FLEMING & CO., Winnipeg, Man.

BANK OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER.

Paid-up Capital..... £1,000,000 Stg.
 Reserve Fund..... £275,000 "

HEAD OFFICE—3 Clements Lane, Lombard St. London.
 COURT OF DIRECTORS—J. H. Brodie, John James Cater, Henry R. Farrer, Gaspard Farrar, Richard H. Glyn, E. A. Hoare, H. J. B. Kendall, J. J. Kingstord, Frederic Lubbock, Geo. D. Whatman.

Head Office in Canada—St. James St., Montreal.
 R. R. Grindley, Gen. Mgr. H. Stikeman, Asst. Gen. Mgr
 E. Stanger, Inspector.

BRANCHES IN CANADA:

Brandon	Hamilton	Ottawa	Toronto
Brantford	Kingston	Paris	Vancouver
Fredericton	London	Quebec	Victoria
Halifax	Montreal	St. John	

Winnipeg, Main Street—D. Simpson, Manager.

AGENTS IN THE UNITED STATES.

New York, 52 Wall St., W. Lawson and F. Brownfield.
 San Francisco, 124 Sanson St., H. M. I. McMichael, and J. C. Welsh.

London Bankers—The Bank of England—Messrs. Glyn & Co.
 Foreign Agents—Liverpool, Bank of Liverpool. Australia, Union bank of Australia. New Zealand, Union bank of Australia. India, China and Japan—Chartered Mercantile bank of India. London and China, Agra bank, (limited). West Indies, Colonial bank. Paris, Messrs. Marcuard, Krauss et Cie. Lyons, Credit Lyonnais.

BANK OF OTTAWA

HEAD OFFICE, OTTAWA.

Capital Authorized & Subscribed \$1,500,000.00
 Capital Paid up..... 1,478,910.00
 REST..... 843,536.75

DIRECTORS:

CHAS. MAGEE, President. GEO. HAY, Vice. President
 Hon. Geo. Bryson, sr., Alex. Fraser, John Mather, David MacLaren, Denis Murphy.

BRANCHES.

Arnprior,	Pembroke,	Carleton Place,
Hawkesbury,	Keewatin,	Winnipeg.
Parry Sound,	Rideau and Bank Sts.,	Ottawa.
Rat Portage,	Kemptville.	

GEO. BURN, General Manager.

AGENTS IN CANADA—Bank of Montreal;
 " NEW YORK—Messrs. W. Watson and R. Hebdon.
 " CHICAGO—Bank of Montreal;
 " ST. PAUL—Merchants National Bank;
 " LONDON, Eng.—Alliance Bank.

WINNIPEG BRANCH.

ESTABLISHED 1882.

Accounts of Merchants, Traders, Manufacturers, Corporations and Individuals received on favorable terms. Interest allowed on deposits.
 Drafts issued on all the principal points in Canada, also on New York, Chicago and St. Paul and London, Eng.
 This Branch has special facilities for making Collections in Manitoba and North West Territories. Lowest rates are charged, and remittances promptly made.

J. B. MONK, Manager.

The Western Canada Loan & Savings Co.

CAPITAL, \$1,500,000.00.
 RESERVE FUND, \$850,000.00.

HEAD OFFICES: Toronto, WALTER S. LEE, Man. Director.
 BRANCH OFFICES: Winnipeg, - W. M. FISHER, Manager.

Moneys advanced upon Farm and City Properties, MORTGAGES, MUNICIPAL DEBENTURES & SCHOOL DEBENTURES purchased. Scrip held for use of Clients. Clients title deeds are not sent out of the Province but are lodged in the Company's vaults at Winnipeg, where they may be examined at all times. Agents at all principal points throughout the Province.
 For further information write to the Manager of the Winnipeg Branch.

BUNTIN, GILLIES & CO.

WHOLESALE

STATIONERS,

AND PAPER DEALERS

—HEADQUARTERS FOR—

Office, School & Society Stationery

PRINTERS' STOCK

Bookbinders' and Box Makers' Materials
 Wrapping Paper, Paper Bags and Twines.

HAMILTON, ONTARIO.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce.

HEAD OFFICE - - - TORONTO.

Paid-up Capital..... \$6,000,000
 Rest..... 1,200,000

DIRECTORS—Geo. A. Cox, Esq., Presid.
 JOHN I. DAVIDSON, Esq., Vice-President.
 George Taylor, Esq. W. B. Hamilton, Esq.
 Jas. Crathern, Esq. Matthew Leggat, Esq.
 John Hoskin, Esq., Q.C., L.L.D. Robt. Kilgour, Esq.
 B. E. WALKER, General Manager.
 J. H. PLUMMER, Asst. Genl. Manager.
 A. H. Ireland, Inspector G. de C. O'Grady, Asst. Inspect'r
 New York—Alex. Laird & Wm. Gray, Agents

BRANCHES.

Ailsa Craig,	Hamilton,	Parkhill,	City Beh's
Ayr,	Jarvis,	Peterboro,	712 Queen E
Barrie,	London,	St. Catharines	450 Yonge St
Belleville,	Montreal,	Sarnia,	791 Yonge St
Berlin,		Sault Ste.	283 College
Blenheim,		Marie,	546 Queen W
Brantford,	157 St. James	Seaforth,	415 Parli'm't
Cayuga,	City B'chs	Simcoe,	128 King E
Chatham,	19 Chabillez	Stratford,	Toronto Jct.
Collingwood	Square,	Strathroy,	Walkerton,
Dundas	276 St.	Thorold,	Walkerville,
Dunnville,	Lawrence,	Toronto,	Waterford.
Galt,	Orangeville,		Waterloo.
Goderich,	Ottawa,		Windsor.
Guelpch,	Paris,		Winnipeg.
			Woodstock.

MAIN OFFICE.

157 St. James
 City B'chs
 19 Chabillez
 Square,
 276 St.

HEAD OFFICE

19-25 King W

BANKERS AND CORRESPONDENTS.

GREAT BRITAIN—The Bank of Scotland.
 INDIA, CHINA AND JAPAN—The Char'td Bank of India, Aus'tralia & China
 PARIS, FRANCE—Lazard, Freres & Cie. [tralia & China
 AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND—Union Bank of Australia.
 BRUSSELS, BELGIUM—J. Mathieu & Fils.
 NEW YORK—The Amer Exchange Nat'l, Bank of NY.
 SAN FRANCISCO—The Bank of British Columbia.
 CHICAGO—The Amer Exchange Nat'l Bk. of Chicago.
 BRITISH COLUMBIA—The Bank of British Columbia.
 HAMILTON, BERMUDA—The Bank of Bermuda.
 KINGSTON, JAMAICA—Bank of Nova Scotia.

Commercial Credits issued for use in all parts of the world. Exceptional facilities for this class of business in Europe, the East and West Indies, China, Japan, South America, Australia and New Zealand.
 Travellers circular Letters of Credit issued for use in all parts of the world.

Winnipeg Branch.

A General Banking Business Transacted.

F. H. MATHEWSON, Manager.

UNION BANK OF CANADA.

HEAD OFFICE, - - - QUEBEC.

Capital Paid up..... \$1,200,000
 Reserve Fund..... 280,000

DIRECTORS:

ANDREW THOMSON, President. Hon. E. J. PRICE, Vice-President.
 John Breakey, D. C. Thomson, E. Giroux, E. J. Hale,
 Jas. King, M.P.P.

E. E. WEBB, Gen. Mgr. J. G. BILLET, Inspector

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES.

Alexandria, Ont.	Montreal, Que.	Smith's Falls, Ont.
Boissevain, Man.	Morden, Man.	Souris, Man
Carberry, Man.	Moosomin, N.W.T.	Toronto, Ont.
Chesterville, Ont.	Neepawa, Man.	Wiaraton, Ont.
Iroquois, Ont.	Ottawa, Ont.	Winchester, Ont.
Lethbridge, N.W.T.	Quebec, Que.	Winnipeg, Man.
Merrickville, Ont.	(St. Lewis St.)	

Foreign Agents: London, Parr's Banking Co. and The Alliance Bank, Ltd. Liverpool, do. New York, National Park Bank. Boston, Lincoln National Bank. Minneapolis, First National Bank. St. Paul, St. Paul National Bank. Great Falls, Mont., First National Bank. Chicago, Ill., Globe National Bank. Buffalo, Queen City Bank. Cleveland National Bank. Detroit, First National Bank.

Winnipeg Branch, Main Street;

F. L. Patton, Manager.

Interest allowed at current rates in Savings' Bank Department and on Special Deposits.

LYMAN BROS. & CO.,

WHOLESALE

DRUGS AND MEDICINES

Every requisite for the Drug Trade promptly supplied.

TORONTO, ONT.

Wm. Ferguson,

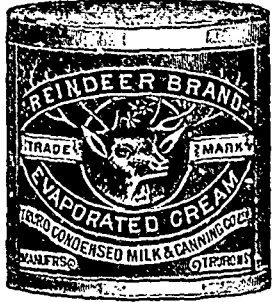
—WHOLESALE—

Wines, Liquors and Cigars

8th Street, Brandon.

FRESH
MILK AND CREAM
For your Customers at All Times.

PURCHASE THE
Reindeer Brand



CREAM **CREAM**

CONDENSED { **MILK**
COFFEE & MILK
COCOA & MILK
TEA & MILK

Profitable to you. Sure to Please
Your Trade.

W. F. HENDERSON & CO., WINNIPEG,
Wholesale Agents.

Thompson,
Codville & Co.,
WHOLESALE GROCERS,
62 McDermott Street,
WINNIPEG.

S. R. PARSONS. HENRY BELL. W. E. HAZLEY
PARSONS, BELL & CO

Fall and
Christmas.

Full line of Fancy Goods, Toys, Musical Goods now on hand. Nice selection of Books, Christmas Cards, etc., for libraries or presentation. Letter orders carefully filled.

Agents for Canada Paper Co., Montreal, M. Staunton & CO., wall papers, Toronto.
PRINCESS STREET, WINNIPEG.

—FULL SUPPLY OF—
Hempfrey's Homeopathic
Specifics.
Complete Outfits or assortments supplied to the trade.
We also have in stock full Supply
DENTAL GOODS,
Plain, Gum and Crown Teeth, Gold, Amalgam, etc., etc.
BOLE, WYNNE & CO..
WINNIPEG.

J. H. ASHDOWN,
HARDWARE IMPORTER,
AND MANUFACTURER.
WINNIPEG, MAN.
—DEALER IN—
Iron, Steel, Hardware, Paints, Oils, Glass, Varnishes, Fire Brick, Fire Clay, Portland Cement, Sewer Pipes, Etc.

MACKENZIE & MILLS,
— WHOLESALE —
FANCY GROCERIES.
Special attention given to
Teas, Coffees, Dried Fruits,
Canned Goods, Butter, &c.
—
244 PRINCESS ST.,
WINNIPEG, - MAN.

Redwood Brewery
Fine Ales, Extra Porter and Premium Lager.
Most Extensive Establishment of the kind in Western Canada.
AGENT FOR ARMOUR'S FLUID EXTRACT OF BEEF.
ED. L. DREWRY,
PROPRIETOR,
WINNIPEG, - MANITOBA.

Highest cash price paid for good malting Barley.

E. F. HUTCHINGS'
GREAT NORTHWEST
Saddlery House
opposite the City Hall, Corner Main and Market Sts.,
513 Main St. & 191 to 195 & 126 Market St.
The Largest Stock and Best Equipped Establishment in Canada. Lowest prices and Best Goods is our Motto.
TRUNKS, VALISES, LEATHER AND SHOE FINDINGS, SADDLERY HARDWARE, WHIPS, &c.
Don't forget the new premises.
E. F. HUTCHINGS, Proprietor, WINNIPEG.
Send for our new Illustrated Catalogue.

Mackenzie, Powis & Co.,
WHOLESALE GROCERS.
—
JUST ARRIVED.
First direct shipment of New Season Prime Selected Valencia Raisins and Imperial Selected Layers from Denia. Also two cars choicest Evaporated Apricots, Peaches and Prunes.
Over 1,000 packages, New seasons First crop, Congous, all Grades.
Jor. McDermott & Princess Sts., WINNIPEG.

Plate Glass!
For Shop Windows and Private Dwellings. A large stock now on hand ranging up to 96 inches wide, by 160 in length. Orders filled promptly.
Window Glass.
Single and Double Strength.
Enamelled, Muffled, Tuscan, Cathedral and other patterns of ornamental glass in large variety of Tints and Colors.
—
Leaded, Transom and Door Lights.
G. F. Stephens & Co.
WINNIPEG.

J. W. PECK & CO.
—MANUFACTURERS OF—
CLOTHING,
SHIRTS
—AND—
FUR GOODS
And Wholesale Dealers in Men's Furnishings
WARRHOUSES.
WINNIPEG, Man. VANCOUVER, B.C.
Factory—MONTREAL.

The Commercial

A Journal of Commerce, Industry and Finance, especially devoted to the interests of Western Canada, including that portion of Ontario west of Lake Superior, the provinces of Manitoba and British Columbia, and the Territories.

THIRTEENTH YEAR OF PUBLICATION.
ISSUED EVERY MONDAY.

SUBSCRIPTION, \$2.00 PER ANNUM (In advance.)

ADVERTISING RATES MADE KNOWN ON APPLICATION.

Fine Book and Job Printing Departments.

Office, 186 James St., East.

JAMES E. STEEN,
Publisher.

The Commercial certainly enjoys a very much larger circulation among the business community of the country between Lake Superior and the Pacific Coast, than any other paper in Canada, daily or weekly. By a thorough system of personal solicitation, carried out annually, this journal has been placed upon the desks of a great majority of business men in the vast district described above, and including Northwest Ontario, the provinces of Manitoba, and British Columbia, and the territories of Assiniboia, Alberta and Saskatchewan. The Commercial also reaches the leading wholesale, commission, manufacturing and financial houses of Eastern Canada.

WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 24, 1891.

Manitoba.

W. M. Ronald, crockery, St. Boniface, has assigned.

Doyle & Co., butchers, Winnipeg, landlord in possession.

R. McLean, hardware, is opening business at Strathclair.

R. Greenwood, saddler, is starting business at Strathclair.

J. W. Foster, blacksmith, is starting business at Strathclair.

J. B. Lauzon, butcher, Winnipeg, has sold out to Henry Price.

The Sugden Pill & Drug Co., Winnipeg, has been granted incorporation.

H. H. Pierce, tobacco and cigars, Winnipeg, has sold out to John Harrison.

The Winnipeg Waterworks company are advertising for 1,000 cords of wood.

Robert Kerr, general store, Lake Francis, is opening a branch at Minnewakan.

Graves & Campbell, groceries, flour and feed, are opening business at Pilot Mound.

The mortgagees are in possession of the stock of Geo. Hamilton hardware dealer of Deloraine.

Miss A. Rannie, restaurant, Portage la Prairie, has admitted Mrs. McQuarrie into partnership.

The provincial government is calling for tenders for 126 cords of wood, to be delivered in Winnipeg.

Elves Bros., butcher's and stock raisers, of Rapid City, will make a specialty of shipping hogs to Eastern Canada markets this winter.

Provincial License Inspector Penrose has prosecuted the druggists of the village of Cypress on the charge of selling liquor as a beverage. He secured a conviction, and the defendant was fined \$50 and costs.

The Mennonites of Manitoba are said to be enthusiastic celebrators of the Christmas holiday period. Though careful buyers all the rest of the year, they are said to be very liberal purchasers of toys and Christmas novelties.

It is reported that Mr. Jukes, manager of the Imperial Bank branch at Brandon, will be transferred to the Pacific coast to manage a branch which will be opened there. The business men of Brandon will regret to lose Mr. Jukes, who has been so long a popular resident of the western Manitoba city.

A robber entered a back street grocery store in Winnipeg kept by a man named Ferguson, on Saturday night last, and attempted to hold up the proprietor and his son who were present. In the struggle which followed several shots were fired without effect by the invader, who escaped, obtaining only a couple of dollars which were in the till, the cash having been previously removed.

The municipal elections in Winnipeg came off on Tuesday, and resulted in the election of Alex. McMicken for mayor by a majority of two over Thos. Gilroy. The council for 1895 will be constituted as follows, provided a recount does not change the result. Aldermen.—Ward 1, Richards, Kennedy; ward 2, Andrews, I. M. Ross; ward 3, Chaffey, McCreary; ward 4, Jameson, Craig; ward 5, Sproule, Hutchings, ward 6, Wilson and Bannerman.

The robbery of the store at Millwood has been traced to the Hungarian colony north of Whitewood, forty miles distant. A portion of the goods have been recovered and several arrests have been made. Evidence has been developed to indicate that a party from this colony drove to Millwood, broke into the store during the night and carried off about \$500 worth of goods. The case is one of boldest which ever occurred in Manitoba.

A meeting of the patrons of the Deloraine cheese factory was held recently. Mr. John Scott read a statement showing the factory had received 366,055 lbs of milk, from which 35,528 lbs of cheese had been made. The cheese, except what was on hand, about 150 cheeses, had realized an average of a little over 9½ cents, and the expenses of rent of building, stationery and secretary, amounted to \$129.50. It was felt that on the whole this first season had been successful, and that the next season would witness a large increase.—Deloraine Times.

The by-law to raise \$225,000 for a system of Waterworks in Winnipeg, for fire protective purposes, was defeated on Tuesday, the vote being comparatively small. The present private waterworks company has a monopoly to run several years yet, for supplying the city with water, and the feeling of the electors was evidently against establishing a system for fire purposes only. If the city were free to establish a general public system, a proposal to that effect would be received with favor.

Alberta.

The daily Herald of Calgary is now published by J. J. Young and C. A. Magrath. Mr. Young, is a practical newspaper man of ability and experience and will no doubt make a success of the Herald.

E. Denovan, physician, Calgary, has removed to Canmore.

Calgary Herald: It is said A. Grant, for several years manager of the Calgary Hardware company, will about the first of the new year sever his connection with the firm, much to the regret of his many patrons.

D. M. Ratcliffe & Co. are establishing a pork packing factory, creamery, and cold storage warehouse at Calgary, and expect to be ready to begin operations in the spring.

Malcolm McKinnon has purchased an interest in the lease of the Royal hotel, Calgary, and assumed the management of the house.

The partnership existing between Drs. Laferty & McDonald, of Calgary, has expired.

Saskatchewan.

Chas. E. Steele, superintendent of the Hudson's Bay Company's flour mill at Winnipeg, is at Prince Albert looking after the improvements now being made at the company's mill there.

Geo. Miljurer, hotel, Prince Albert, has sold out to P. J. Flanagan.

F. Friedman is starting a general store at Shell River, Prince Albert district.

J. F. A. Stull and C. F. McGregor, livery stable, Prince Albert, have dissolved partnership. Chas. McGregor continues the business.

F. Lightcap, fur buyer of the Winnipeg branch of Jas. McMillan & Co., was in Prince Albert lately and among other purchases he secured a lot of fur from J. E. Sinclair valued at \$610.

The Battleford Herald says: "News of the result of Skelton & Ross's venture in shipping cattle to England on their own account is so satisfactory that it is probable they will continue the business on a large scale, and hereafter they will be local buyers for all the stock that offers, whether fit for export or only for the Montreal market. They have made good arrangements in Montreal and will be in a position to handle cattle on better terms than has heretofore been possible.

Assiniboia.

J. H. McCall, photographer, Oxbow, is adding groceries to his business.

British Columbia.

Ross Packing Co., salters, Staveston, are burned out.

F. J. Farley, grocer, Nelson, is succeeded by Farley & Travis.

H. Stadthagen, grocer, Victoria, is offering his business for sale.

W. Harrison, stationery, Kaslo, has sold out to Kennedy & Porter.

Robert McDougall, of McDougall & Parks, commission and produce, is dead.

Robert Oschner, brewer, Vernon, is advertising his business for sale.

F. Schwart, hotel, New Westminster, has assigned in trust to Wm. Tietjen.

Spratt & Gray, machinery, Victoria, have dissolved; A. K. Munro retires.

The estate of Newitt Bros., grocers, Vancouver, has been sold to A. F. McNeally.

Wm. Johnson, trader, Fort Essington, has assigned to Gus Leiser and Robert Cunningham.

Wm. Johnson, general store, Skeena, has assigned in trust to G. Leiser and R. Cunningham.

Northwest Ontario.


Chas. O. Lalonde, boots and shoes, Port Arthur, has sold out to Samuel Marks.

Wm. H. Arthurs, fancy goods, Port Arthur, is selling out by auction.

Col. W. S. Ray, of Port Arthur, has secured the establishment of a general supply store and hotel as the nucleus of the new town of Wiegand in the Rainy Lake district, which is soon to be surveyed. The roster of Wiegand has already been established.

A Business-Making Book.

Every business man ought to read "Dollars and Sense," a money making-book by Nath'l C. Fowler, Jr., the leading expert on business and advertising. 18 chapters, illustrated with 100 plates, presenting every style of effective advertisements, with examples of reading notices, circulars and headlines. It tells the plain truth about advertising and exposes ineffective methods. Any reader who will send check, postal note, or postage stamps to the value of twenty-five cents to The Trade Company, Boston, Mass., will receive the book by prepaid mail.

SILVER PLATED SPOONS^S FORKS etc. STAMPED
1847 ROGERS BROS. A.I. 
 ARE GENUINE "ROGERS" GOODS.

—And Guaranteed by the—

MERIDEN BRITANNIA CO.

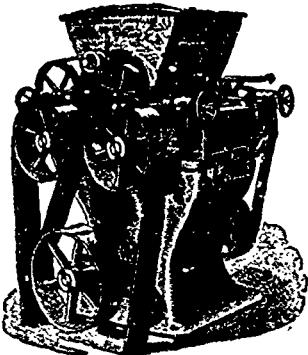
If you want genuine Goods that will wear and stand the test of Time, insist upon having "1847 ROGER BROS. A.I." For Sale by all Responsible dealers.

**Fancy Goods, Toys,
 and Xmas Novelties.**

Our importations for Fall and Xmas Trade will be complete on July 1st, and will be by far the best and most comprehensive line shown in the Dominion. Wait for Our Traveller before placing your orders. It will pay you if you want the Latest Novelties.

H. A. NELSON & SONS.
 TORONTO AND MONTREAL.

Stuart & Harper.



Engines, Boilers, Steam Pumps,
 Flour Mill and Grain Elevators,
 Agents for North American Mill Building Co.
 Dodge Wood Split Pulleys and Rope
TRANSMISSIONS.
 Electrical Machinery and Supplies.
 Second Hand Machinery of Every Description
 P. O. Box 593.

Office and Works, 758, 760 and 762 Main Street, Winnipeg.

We . . .

Carry the only stock of School Desks in Winnipeg ready for shipment.

'Tis the **Globe Desk,** used in Winnipeg schools exclusively.

ARE YOU OPEN
 FOR A DEAL IN

Furniture

—EITHER—
WHOLESALE OR RETAIL.

LESLIE BROS.

(Late of Scott & Lallo.)

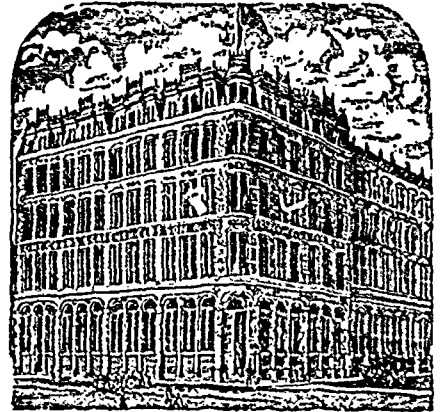
The Low Priced Furniture House. 298 Main St. and 263, 265 Fort St., Winnipeg.

Will lay down goods at your nearest station if requested.

Lowest Prices

Ever quoted on Furniture in this country.

S. Greenshields Son & Co.
 MONTREAL AND VANCOUVER, B.C.



Messrs. Briggs, Priestley & Sons guarantee their Dress Goods and Cravenettes to be the very best and stamp them every five yards with their name and the length.

See that the goods you buy are stamped every five yards with Priestley's name. No others are their manufacturer.

C. J. Redmond Donaldson Block, Winnipeg.

E. C. S. Wetmore,

—REPRESENTING—

McMaster & Co of Toronto.

Address all mail matter for Manitoba & N. W. T. care Leland House, Winnipeg, Man. British Columbia, care Hotel Vancouver, Vancouver, B. C.

JAS. MCCREADY & CO.,
 WHOLESALE
 Boot and Shoe Manufacturers,
 MONTREAL.

W. WILLIAMS, AGENT.
 SAMPLE ROOM—Room I McIntyre Block,
 MAIN STREET, WINNIPEG.

Crown Perfumery!

NEW STYLES—

CRABAPPLE and other
EXTRACTS
 both bulk and small bottles.
CRABAPPLE SOAPS, ETC.,
CRABAPPLE TOILET WATER,
CRABAPPLE TOILET
POWDER, Etc. Etc.

Finest Goods in the market. Try a small tin, half freight allowed.

Lyman, Knex & Co
 MONTREAL AND TORONTO.

The Commercial

WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 21, 1891.

THE HOLIDAYS.

The Commercial will take this its last opportunity to wish its readers a Merry Christmas. The year now drawing to a close has not been an altogether unsatisfactory one for this country. Though there has been a good deal of talk about hard times, there have been many favorable features to note in the course of events in Western Canada. Crop returns have averaged very good. Though not what might be called a large crop, the average has been very good. Our exports have been the largest on record. The seasons have been favorable, the fall season particularly so, enabling the farmers to make good preparation for the spring work. The winter season up to the present time has proved very favorable for live stock, which is an important matter for the farmers. The unfavorable feature of the year has been the prevailing low prices of wheat and some other principal products of the farm, which, in a country like Manitoba, so largely dependent upon agriculture, has materially reduced the expected income of the farmers. This drawback has been made up to some extent by the larger quantity of products for sale, as well as by the general reduction of prices in the principal commodities purchased by the farmers. Implements, binder twine, and in fact merchandise generally is much cheaper now than it was when wheat was ruling at a higher basis of values. This compensates considerably for the lower prices of farm products. Our people have been practicing economy during the last couple of years, and this is even a matter for congratulation. Lessons in economy are sometimes very beneficial, though hard to take. In Manitoba we believe the effect on the whole has been beneficial, particularly on account of the effect it has had in reducing credit business, to which in past years many of our ills have been attributable. The curtailment of credit business during the year and the general tendency toward economy, has we believe placed the country on a better basis than it has occupied for years, and the outlook is certainly encouraging. We again wish all our readers the compliments of the season.

BULLISH LOCAL WHEAT MARKETS.

Storekeepers in some Manitoba towns appear somewhat puzzled over the erratic nature of the local wheat markets. For instance, at one town the price paid farmers for wheat may be several cents higher than the price paid at another town in the same district. Of course the merchants like to see the price of wheat as high in their town as is paid at any other point in the vicinity. If a higher price is paid at another point close by, there is the probability that farmers will go to the place where the highest price is paid, and perhaps

do their trading there at the same time. The cause of such a wide difference in the price paid for wheat, as has been the case of late in Manitoba, is mainly owing to the small quantity being marketed. When the quantity of wheat being marketed at a given point falls off to small proportions, there is keener competition among the buyers, and very frequently prices are run up away beyond legitimate values. This has been the case at a number of Manitoba points lately. Prices have been paid to farmers at a number of Manitoba towns lately, which have ranged from 2 to 8 cents higher than the buyers could sell the wheat for if they were obliged to sell at the present range of values. If the quantity of wheat being marketed was very large, the market of course would not represent such peculiar conditions. During the export season, when the marketings were heavy, there was very little variation in prices. Buyers were then paying legitimate values—that is, they were buying on an export basis and selling as fast as they bought. It is only when marketings become light that this wide divergence in prices is so noticeable. Manitoba markets are at present largely on a speculative basis, and prices are therefore subject to wider fluctuations. No exporting can now be done, and buyers are purchasing to export or sell at a future date. There is of course a possibility of a general advance in wheat, and with marketings running very light, the speculative feeling shows itself in the tendency to run up prices beyond legitimate values. If marketings were heavy throughout the country, the speculative disposition would be checked, and prices would be more uniform, ruling at about the export basis. There is of course a possibility that prices may decline in the world's markets, instead of advancing, but judging from the prices being paid throughout Manitoba of late, most of the Manitoba buyers evidently take a strong bullish view of the outlook. When marketings are light, there will always be a wider range in prices paid at different points, as there are always some who have over-sold or who for other reasons are anxious to secure wheat, and they will run up prices in their eagerness to make purchases. There are various causes which are liable to temporarily advance prices when marketings are light, and thereby lead to a wide divergence in values, which would not happen at a time when the movement was heavy.

Another feature which comes in at the end of the season to advance prices is the milling interest. The millers have, perhaps, been the principal cause of the present advance in Manitoba. Some are possibly buying because they are short of wheat, while others are bullish because they have good stocks on hand, and would like to see prices go up to appreciate their holdings.

TRADE FOR FIVE MONTHS.

Trade returns for the first five months of the fiscal year have been published at Ottawa. The total imports for the period are valued at

\$18,118,727, compared with \$50,883,514 in the corresponding period of 1890, a decline of \$7,219,817. The total exports were \$61,616,750, compared with \$66,931,508 during the corresponding period in 1890, a decrease of \$2,314,758. These figures are not altogether unsatisfactory on the theory of the balance of trade, which balance, it will be noticed, is largely in our favor. To be sure there has been a heavy falling off in the total trade, lumping imports and exports together, but the decline in exports has been moderate in comparison with the decline in imports. The balance of trade is therefore considerably more largely in our favor than it was for the corresponding period of last year. The large decline in imports may be mainly due to an increased consumption of home manufactured goods. If this is the case, it cannot be regarded as an unfavorable showing. At any rate the figures show that our income has been proportionately much greater than our expenditure, as compared with last year, which is certainly not such a very unfavorable situation, if the balance of trade theory is a sound one economically.

The moderate decline in the value of our exports would probably be fully accounted for by the lower prices which have prevailed this year for cattle, grain, etc. It is quite probable that the actual quantity of our principal exports was quite as large as last year, if not greater, while the amount realized therefrom, owing to the prevailing low prices, shows a falling off. The Commercial recently published a statement showing the exports of cattle from Canada during the past season, with the amount realized for the same. This showed that while there had been a considerable increase in the number of cattle exported, the aggregate income from these sales was less than from the smaller number of cattle exported the previous year. This statement will no doubt furnish a key to the moderate decline in the value of our exports for the past five months of the fiscal year.

LIGHT RAILWAYS.

The British board of trade has taken up the question of light railways, and has appointed a committee to look into the matter, as to the advisability of establishing a system of light railways throughout the kingdom. The value of light railways as a means of providing for the cheap and rapid transit of products, is receiving increased attention these days in several countries. Transportation is the great problem in many countries, and the value of light railways is becoming a more important factor in that problem. Some people now believe that instead of increasing the number of standard trunk lines, the tendency of the future will be to build light railways to act as feeders for the trunk lines already established. This seems a sensible view to take. Where a reasonable number of trunk lines are in operation the most economical way to increase transportation facilities would perhaps be in the construction of light

railways. The time will come when the country will be covered with a network of railways, and when railways will be regarded as necessary to every section of the country as wagon roads now are. Heavy trunk lines would not be necessary in every case. In fact the more economical way would no doubt be to have a few trunk lines, with innumerable light roads as feeders.

A comparatively level prairie country like Manitoba offers special advantages for the construction of light railways to fill in and act as feeders to the trunk lines already established, or that will be established in the future. A large part of Manitoba is already sufficiently supplied with trunk lines, but as population increases no doubt many light railways would prove profitable as feeders to the main lines in the districts.

The application of electricity in operating railways has no doubt drawn increased attention to the value of light railways. A network of these railways throughout the rural districts would greatly improve the social as well as the commercial side of country life. It would have the effect of improving the conditions of rural life to such an extent as to perhaps check the tendency of the day to leave the farm and crowd into the cities.

THE FREIGHT RATES' QUESTION.

Elsewhere in this issue we give a condensed report of the evidence presented by the Winnipeg board of trade before the freight rates commission. The case as submitted by the board was a very full and complete one. Under the different headings a great mass of tabulated evidence was submitted, which must have entailed a great deal of labor in its preparation. Everything was as complete as possible, and the greatest care was taken to have abundant proof for every statement. Thus in the numerous tables of comparative rates which were presented, care was taken to specify the exact tariff from which the comparisons were made. This puts beyond question the correctness of all statements made in the evidence. If there is any doubt as to any rate quoted, the actual freight tariff can be procured and referred to.

Those who have not seen the complete case as submitted by the board will have little idea of the amount of labor involved in its preparation. The great bulk of the work fell upon Mr. Ashdown, chairman of the freight rates committee of the Winnipeg board of trade and Mr. Bell, secretary of the board. Mr. Ashdown represented the board before the commission and gave a great deal of oral testimony, besides submitting a great mass of evidence in the form of tables and statistical compilations. The thanks of the members of the board as well as of the entire community are due to Mr. Ashdown and the secretary of the board, for the able manner in which they have handled this matter. There has been no shirking of the responsibility on the part of Mr. Ashdown at least, and whether or not just recognition of his service is accorded him, he will at least have the satisfaction of knowing that he has done his duty in this matter.

IMPORTING POULTRY.

Manitoba has done nobly this year in her export trade. We have been steadily and rapidly reducing our imports and increasing our exports in such lines of produce as this country is adapted to produce. This year our exports will be the largest on record, while our imports will be decreased. Several lines of commodities which the province was formerly obliged to bring in to meet local requirements, are now produced here in excess of home demand. There is one line of produce, however, of which there is still a deficiency here, which should be produced at home in abundance. We refer to poultry. Several carlots of poultry have been brought in from Eastern Canada already this winter for the Winnipeg market. We should produce all this right here in Manitoba. Poultry is undoubtedly a very profitable product of the farm and the money which is sent out of the country for poultry should go to our farmers.

Chickens and ducks are produced here in sufficient quantities, but the local supply of turkeys and geese is insufficient. Very few geese appear to be raised in Manitoba, while the turkeys marketed this year locally have been of a very poor quality as a rule. They have been small and altogether a very inferior class of birds when compared with those brought in from the East. Those who raise and prepare poultry for the market in Manitoba, evidently require to exert themselves to improve their products. The birds should first be well fattened, then picked dry, so as to give them a bright and clean appearance. Then the heads and feet should be removed, and the birds should be packed neatly before they are frozen. Birds that come to market frozen in all sorts of awkward shapes, present an uninviting appearance, even though they may be of good quality.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

It is reported from Brussels that in consequence of the detection of contagious pleuropneumonia among Canadian cattle landed at Antwerp on Nov. 6 and Dec. 2, Belgium has prohibited the importation of cattle from the Dominion. The imports in course of transit will be allowed only in sealed trucks. The animals shipped prior to Dec. 10 or landed between Dec. 6 and 9, will undergo five days quarantine.

THE COMMERCIAL has lately referred to the business Winnipeg houses are doing in the Kootenay district of British Columbia. Winnipeg houses have been gradually extending their business operations in British Columbia and now reach into nearly all sections of the interior of the province. Mr. Fred Chilcott, a well known Winnipeg knight of the grip in the grocery line, and one peculiarly fitted to do a successful business in the mining regions, reports a successful trip into the remote Cariboo region—the old stand-by gold district of British Columbia. Heretofore the Cariboo country has not been worked by Winnipeg houses, at least in the grocery

trade, though business has been done there for some years by a Winnipeg clothing house.

THE financial trouble in Newfoundland appears to be quite as bad as was represented by first despatches. The fact, as noted in The Commercial last week, that the banks were owned largely by the business men of St. John's, has proved quite as disastrous as might have been expected from such conditions. Later reports tell of large sums loaned by the banks to its directors, who were engaged in mercantile business in Newfoundland. The immediate cause of the Newfoundland failures is attributed to the failure of an English house which transacted business for a number of large St. John's firms. The trouble, however, seems to have been brewing for years, owing to a series of unsatisfactory business seasons.

ANOTHER great railway scheme has been sprung upon the public. This time the report comes from St. Paul, Minnesota, and is to the effect that the Duluth, Missabe and Northern railway will be extended so as to become a great trunk line, competing with the three great northern trunk lines—the Canadian Pacific, the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern. According to the report, one arm of the road will be built westward to the Red river, thence on westerly through Dakota. The other arm will reach out in a northwesterly direction to Winnipeg, and thence away to the North Saskatchewan. At present the Duluth, Missabe and Northern is a comparatively short line of railway, extending in a northerly direction from the western end of Lake Superior. It is purely an iron road at present, built to open up the great iron districts in the north eastern corner of Minnesota. By extending the road westward toward Winnipeg, it would open up the most valuable white pine country now left in the United States, and which at present is not tapped by any railway. The road is in very strong hands, being the property of the great Rockefeller crowd, who count their money by millions and not as ordinary mortals do by dollars and cents. However, regardless of the wealth of the owners of the little iron road, we will not figure very much on the rumored extensions, at least until something more definite is learned.

Newfoundland Banks.

The latest report from Newfoundland says: The committee of shareholders of the Commercial bank report the bank's liabilities are about \$2,600,000. The assets are about \$2,000,000, which will probably depreciate one-third through realization. It is estimated that the noteholders and depositors will obtain about 50c on the dollar. Seven provincial trustees, appointed for the present shareholders have made application to the supreme court to wind up the banks affairs. It has been discovered that Mr. Pitts was paid six months' interest on his money held for him in the bank. The legislation committee makes a report very favorable to the Union bank. It is thought that this bank will be able to pay depositors, noteholders and shareholders in full if given time.

M. & L. Samuel, 26 to 28 Front St. West.

TORONTO, Ont. **Benjamin & Co.**

Importers and Dealers in British, Continental, American, Canadian **HARDWARE,** Metals, Tin Plates, Etc.

Tinsmiths', Steamfitters' and Plumbers, Supplies a specialty. Lamps, Lamp Goods, Gas Fixtures, etc. Prompt attention given to Letter Orders. Correspondence Solicited in connection with General Import or Export Trade.

English House:

SAMUEL SONS & BENJAMIN,

164 Fenchurch Street, London, E.C.

Shipping Office: 1 Rumbold Place, Liverpool.

James Hall & Co.

BROCKVILLE, ONT. WINNIPEG, MAN.

Manufacturers and Wholesale Dealers in

Gloves, Mitts, Moccasins, Arctic Socks, &c.

In addition to our regular line we have the exclusive control of the Celebrated Chester & Workers Suspenders for the Dominion. Neatest, Strongest and Best Suspender in the market at popular prices.

Customers may have sorting orders in any of our lines filled promptly from stock at our **Winnipeg Branch, 150 Princess St.**

W. R. Johnston and Co.

(Late Livingston, Johnston & Co.)

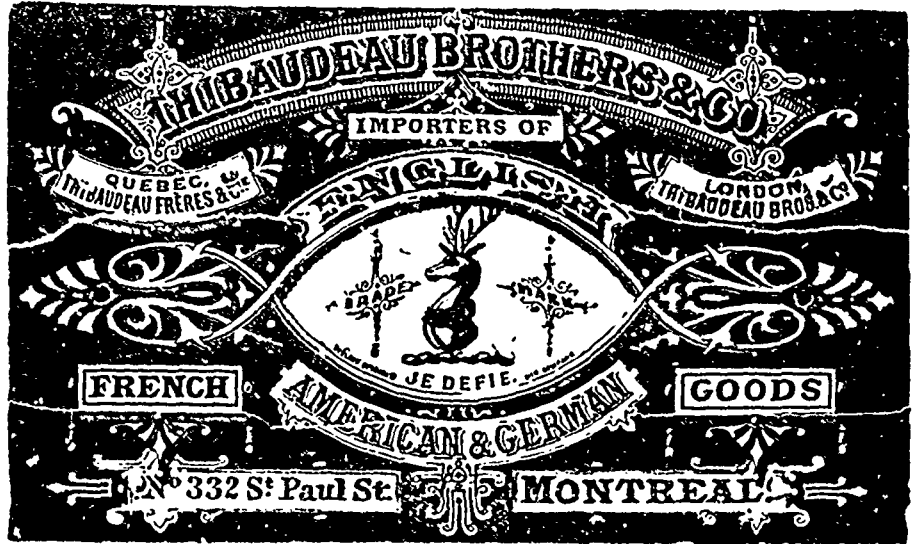
WHOLESALE MANUFACTURERS

OF READY MADE

CLOTHING.

Cor. Bay & Front Sts, TORONTO.

Samples at McIntyre Block, Winnipeg } REPRESENTATIVES, A. W. Lisher W. W. Armstrong.



SPRING.

1895.

SPRING.

**Do You
Want to Lead ?**

Then do not fail to see our **SAMPLES BEFORE YOU BUY.**

YOURS RESPECTFULLY,

MATTHEWS, TOWERS & Co., Wholesale Men's Furnishings, Montreal.

MATTHEWS, TOWERS & CO.

*** BELTING * OAK TANNED "EXTRA" BRAND.**
MONTREAL AND TORONTO.
THE J. C. McLAREN BELTING CO.



The Largest Factory of its kind in the Dominion.

LION "L" BRAND.

PURE VINEGARS

Manufactured Solely under the Supervision of the Inland Revenue Department.

Mixed Pickles, Jams, Jellies and Preserves

—PREPARED BY—

MICHIEL LEFEBVRE & CO., MONTREAL.

Established 1849. Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals. 20 1st Prizes.

Hudson's Bay Company,

Fort Garry Mills, - Winnipeg.

Registered Brands:

Hungarian and Strong Bakers Flour

Chopped Feed, Oats, Bran, Shorts, etc.

Sole agents in Manitoba, Northwest Territories and British Columbia for

MYERS ROYAL HORSE AND CATTLE SPICE

In use for a quarter of a century. For full particulars, circulars, &c., address Chas. H. Steele, Manager, Winnipeg.

Australian Canned Meats.

A Consignment Just Received which can be had from the Wholesale Trade, viz:

The Hudson's Bay Co.,
G. F. & J. Galt,
Thompson, Codville & Co.,
Mackenzie, Powis & Co.,
Sutherland & Campbell.

-ALSO A CAR OF-

LUCAS' CELEBRATED PALE ALE

Direct from the Brewery, Hitchin, England.
To be had from

HUDSON'S BAY CO., G. F. & J. GALT,
J. A. RICHARD.

BUCHANAN & GORDON,

SOLE AGENTS FOR MANUFACTURERS,

310 FORT STREET, Next to Molsons Bank

S. A. D. BERTRAND,

OFFICIAL ASSIGNEE

For the province of Manitoba, under the recommendation of the Board of Trade of the city of Winnipeg. Insolvent and Trust Estates Managed with Promptness and Economy.

Special attention to Confidential Business Enquiries.
Corner 2nd. Avenue and 2nd St. North,
WINNIPEG, MAN

FOR SALE

One of the best
General Retail Businesses
In Canada.

Apply to
THOS. McNEELY,
LADNERS, B.C

Fruit and Ornament'el Catalogues FREE.

Before placing your orders for Nursery Stock send for our new illustrated catalogue, free. We make a specialty of hardy stock for Manitoba in Fruits, Shrubs, Roses and Ornamentals. Largest Nursery in the Dominion, over 700 acres.

STONE & WELLINGTON,
Toronto, Ontario.

Edmund Smith, Winnipeg Hotel, Winnipeg, is our duly appointed agent for Winnipeg and vicinity.

TINWARE - -

Stamped,
Plain,
Retinned,
Japanned,
Galvanized,
Wire Goods.

Get our Catalogue from Merrick, Anderson & Co., Winnipeg, or direct.

Thos. Davidson & Co., MONTREAL.

The Barber & Ellis Co'y, Nos. 43, 45, 47 and 49 Bay Street, TORONTO, Ont.

Manufacturers of ACCOUNT BOOKS,
ENVELOPES, PAPER BOXES.
Importers of all Grades of Staple Stationery.

—DEALERS IN—

PRINTERS' SUPPLIES,
BOOKBINDERS' MATERIALS AND
BOXMAKERS' REQUISITES

COCHRANE, CASSILS & CO. Wholesale Boots and Shoes

Cor. Latour & St. Genovieve Sts.,

MONTREAL.

British Columbia Branch; WM. SKENE, Van Horne Block, Vancouver.

AUSTIN & ROBERTSON, WHOLESALE STATIONERS, MONTREAL

Dealers in all Classes of

Writings and Printings,
Linens, Ledger and Bond Papers.

Quotations and Samples on Application.

James Carruthers & Co.

GRAIN EXPORTERS,

BOARD OF TRADE CORN EXCHANGE.

TORONTO, MONTREAL.

KIRKPATRICK & COOKSON Established 1860.

MONTREAL,

Commission Merchants, Flour, Grain, Butter, &c.

Advancer made on Consignments to British or Continental markets

HO! IMPROVED Compressed Mince Meat.

Put up in neat paper packages and packed (3) three doz. in a case. Price per gross net \$10. GUARANTEED STRICTLY PURE.

HORSERADISH—Put up in 16 oz. bottles 2 doz. in a case. Price per doz. \$2.50 Patronize home industry.

J. S. Carveth & Co., Winnipeg,
Preparers and Packers.

WINNIPEG WANTS

PRODUCE I BUTTER AND EGGS.

We are always open for
At Highest Market Value. Write for full market Quotations to

PARSONS PRODUCE COMPANY,
WINNIPEG, MAN.

A Bookkeeper,

Thoroughly competent, wishes a situation. Experience in wholesale establishments and banking. For references or further information address.

"THE COMMERCIAL,"

Winnipeg.

THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

WINNIPEG, Saturday, Dec. 22.

Indications generally point to a quiet holiday trade, a desire to practice economy, combined with a very mild season, combining to affect business. The weather continued very mild, with quite a shower of rain Thursday night, but followed by colder and moderately wintery weather on Friday, but it is again turning mild to day. The winter seems to be unable to obtain a grip on the situation this year.

Bradstreet's review wired from New York to-day says: "Lowest prices on record are or recently have been made for iron or steel and cotton and wool. Improvements in prices is recorded in only a few of the leading lines, wheat, copper, and lower grades of shoes, which have long sold at depressed figures. There are nine important staples with prices steady or firm, leather, hides and lumber, lard, live hogs and coffee, naval stores and cotton and pig iron, at Chicago. Cotton goods are weaker, and sales at moment are made only at concessions. The auction sale of cotton goods at New York results favorably, indicating the trade will stock up at a price. Sales of wool, too, are lower. Bessemer pig iron breaks all records by dropping to \$9.50 per ton, \$10 having previously been the lowest. Steel billets are also off, striking \$15 flat, a loss of about 15c. Pork is a shade lower, and refined sugar likewise, and heavy receipts of cattle and sheep at western markets tend to depress prices.

Winnipeg Markets.

WINNIPEG, SATURDAY AFTERNOON, Dec. 22.

[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.]

GROCERIES.—Considerable interest has centered in the German beet root granulated sugars, which, as noted last week, were in this market. Considerable of the German sugar has been placed here, and about all the jobbers have handled some of it, and it is said to be meeting with a good sale. Whether the German article has come to stay or not, it has certainly upset sugar prices generally for home refined sugars, and has assisted materially in reducing prices to the lowest figures on record in Canada. The low price of granulated has decreased the consumption of yellows, and these grades, which were very scarce a while ago, are now more plentiful. The general situation in sugars has been weak, beet in Europe having declined to 8s 7³/₄d, the lowest price on record. Canadian refiners were quoting 8³/₄c for granulated at Montreal. The sugar market seems to be generally demoralized, owing to the immense beet crop of Europe for two years, and the new crop of Cuba, estimated at 1,000,000 tons will soon come on the market, besides other West India sugar sections. A sale of a large lot of low grade Brazil sugars is reported from New York at 2 3-16 to 2³/₄c, said to be the lowest prices on record there.

GREEN FRUITS.—The same trouble continues about apples, namely, poor keeping quality. The mild weather has no doubt been partly the cause of this. Oranges are easier. Malaga grapes are up another \$1.50 per keg and scarce. Following are quotations: Florida Oranges, \$5.50 to \$6 per box; Messina Lemons, \$6.00 per box; apples, \$3 00 to 3.75 per barrel, size to quality and condition; California winter pears, \$2.50 to 3 per box; bananas, when obtainable \$3 to 4.50 per bunch. Malaga grapes, \$11.50 per large keg. Cranberries, \$11.75 to \$12 per barrel for fancy Jerseys. Catawba grapes 15c per 4 lb. basket. Spanish onions, \$1.25 per crate of 50 lbs. New layer figs, 15 to 20c per

pound, as to quality and size of boxes. Sweet potatoes \$5.50 per barrel. White comb honey, 22c lb; new dates, 10c lb.

NUTS.—Soft shelled almonds are quoted at 15 to 16c, walnuts, 17 to 18c. filberts, 12 to 18c. New Chestnuts, 12¹/₂ to 15c lb; Figs, new layers, 15 to 22c; Cooking figs, 8 to 9c, dates, 8 to 10c. Coconuts \$1 to \$1.20 per dozen.

FISH.—The only change in fish is in haddies, which are offering 1c lower. The market is well supplied with fresh fish. We quote: British Columbia salmon, 14c lb; British Columbia halibut, 11c. Fresh mackerel, 12¹/₂c lb.; cod, 8 to 9c; haddock, 8 to 9c; smelts, 12¹/₂c; Lake Superior herring, 80c dozen. Lake Superior trout, 9c; whitefish, 5 to 6c; pickerel 3 to 4c; pike, 2 to 3c; perch, 9c; Smoked whitefish, 8c lb; smoked goldeyes, 30 to 35c dozen; red herring 20c box; finen haddies, 8³/₄c lb. Oysters, \$2 for standards and \$2.25 for selects, per gallon. Shell oysters, \$7.50 per barrel; cans, selects, 48c; cans, standards, 45c each; dry cod, 7c lb; boneless cod, 7 to 7¹/₂c; boneless fish, 6c.

HARDWARE, PAINTS, ETC.—Business in these lines is of course very flat at present, as is usual at this time of year. Even changes in prices are therefore of little consequence, with business practically dormant. The manufacturers in the association lines, such as wire, nails, horse shoes, etc., were meeting in Toronto this week, but no information has come to hand as to what they have done. Refined petroleum is strong. An advance of 1c was reported from the East in United States petroleum, and an advance was expected there in Canadian oils also. The Winnipeg linseed oil mill has closed down. The high price of flax seed here this season and the anomalous condition of the oil and linseed cake market, has made it unprofitable to operate the mill for the present.

CORD WOOD.—Mild weather has made business light. A couple of large tenders for wood are being called for just now. There is plenty of competition in wood and prices are easy. We quote: Tamarac, \$3.75 to \$4 per cord on track here in car lots as to quality, the best is going at from \$3.50 to \$3.95. Oak about \$3.60 to 3.75, mixed pine, spruce, etc., can be had at \$3.25 to 3.50. Poplar has sold at from \$2.25 to 2.40 on track, as to quality. Birch \$1 to 4.25. Ash \$3.75.

COAL.—Prices delivered to consumers in Winnipeg are as follows. Imported anthracite, \$9 per ton for egg, stove and nut sizes; western anthracite, \$8.50 per ton for stove and furnace size, Lethbridge bituminous, \$7.50 per ton; Souris lignite, \$1.25 delivered or \$3.75 on cars here, and \$1.50 to 1.75 on cars at the mines.

DRY GOODS.—In fancy lines, suitable for holiday trade, there has been a little sorting business from the city, but generally speaking the trade has been quiet. The continuation throughout the week of the very mild weather which has characterized this season all through, has had the usual influence on the trade. The fur trade has been practically a failure, and it is now too late in the season to hope for a good business, even should cold weather set in at once. The fur departments have brought in very little business this year. On Friday the weather became more wintery, but only moderately so.

RAW FURS.—Country buyers require to be very careful about buying furs. At this time of year there are a good many early caught furs offering, which are of very little value, and country dealers who are not experts in handling furs, frequently pay far more for such skins than they are worth. Some have come in which are not worth express charges. Those who are not skilled in handling furs, are very liable to be taken in at this season of the year with early-caught skins which

are practically worthless. The following quotations give the range of prices paid in Winnipeg. The prices cover the range from small to large prime skins, size, color and condition being considered, though skins are sometimes offered which are not worth the minimum quotations on account of being killed out of season:

Badger	.....	\$9 05 to \$0 50
Bear, black or brown	.....	3 00 to 25 00
Bear, grizzly	.....	1 00 to 16 00
Beaver, large	.....	6 00 to 7 25
" medium	.....	3 00 to 4 00
" small	.....	1 50 to 2 00
" castors, per lb	.....	3 00 to 7 00
Fisher	.....	3 00 to 7 00
Fox, cross	.....	2 50 to 15 00
" kitt	.....	19 to 30
" red	.....	50 to 1 50
" silver	.....	20 00 to 75 00
Lynx, large	.....	1 50 to 2 25
" medium	.....	1 00 to 2 00
" small	.....	75 to 1 25
Marten	.....	1 00 to 4 00
Mink	.....	50 to 1 10
Musquash	.....	02 to 07
Otter	.....	2 00 to 9 00
Raccoon	.....	50 to 85
Skunk	.....	25 to 60
Wolf, timber	.....	1 00 to 3 00
" prairie	.....	25 to 75
Wolverine	.....	1 00 to 3 50

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT.—The wheat markets at leading centres have been uneventful this week, giving evidence of the usual holiday time quiet. United States markets were a little lower on Monday, the large increase of 2,191,000 bushels in the visible supply for the week being the principal feature. The like week a year ago the visible supply increased 1,345,000 bushels and, two years ago the increase was 2,750,000 bushels. The total visible supply in the United States and Canada east of the Rocky mountains is now 88,172,000 bushels as compared with 80,128,000 bushels a year ago. Wheat and flour on ocean passage increased equal to 1,256,000 bushels for the week. The English visible supply increased 116,000 bushels for last week. United States markets were slightly lower on Tuesday, but on Wednesday prices gained about 1c, influenced by lighter receipts at leading points. On Thursday United States markets were quiet and a trifle lower at some points. On Friday wheat was easy, and United States markets 1/4 to 1/2c lower on easy cables and selling. Atlantic exports for the week ended Thursday were 936,615 bushels, as compared with 744,517 a year ago.

The total receipts of wheat at the four principal United States winter wheat points, Toledo, St Louis, Detroit and Kansas City from July 1 to date are 27,766,538 bu. against 31,850,830 bu. in 1893, and 59,326,050 bu. in 1892. The total receipts at the four principal spring wheat points since Aug. 1st the beginning of the crop year foot up—Minneapolis, 32,291,820 bu., Duluth, 23,852,268 bu., Chicago, 17,779,467 bu. and Milwaukee, 3,420,116 bu., making a total of 77,813,669 bu., against 67,348,917 bu. during the same time last year and 107,017,296 bu. in 1892.

WHEAT LOCALLY.—The strong bullish tendency continues in the local market. In fact this is evidently about most the bullish market in the world at the present time. Prices paid to farmers in Manitoba country markets now show an advance altogether of 12 to 15c per bushel. This bullish wave here is purely speculative, and it is hard to find legitimate reason for such an advance as has been forced here. No shipping business is of course doing as we are locked in for the winter, and the only reasonable reason for the advance in prices is the belief that by the time navigation opens next spring, prices will have advanced to such an extent as to admit

GRIFFIN'S

"RED CROSS"

BRAND OF HAMS.

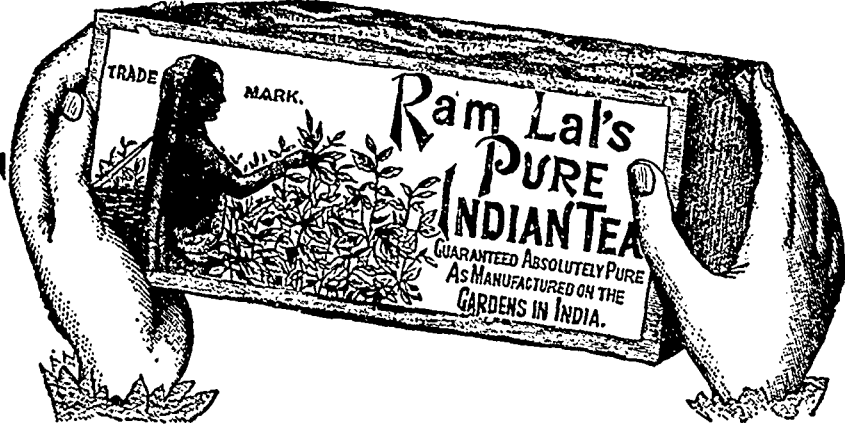
BACON, LARD, BOLOGNA
AND
FRESH PORK SAUSAGE
ARE THE BEST

Please ask for our manufacture.

J. Y. GRIFFIN & CO.,
Pork Packers, Winnipeg.

H
A
V
E
Y
O
U

CAUGHT



ON

TO THE FINEST ENGLISH BREAKFAST CONGOU TEA THE WORLD
PRODUCE.

Turner, MacKeand & Co.

WHOLESALE GROCERS,

WINNIPEG.

Trent Valley Canning Works

The Toronto Globe of a late date has a write-up of the town of Trenton, Ontario, in which flattering reference is made to Miller & Co's canning factory at that place. The Globe says:

Perhaps no district in Ontario is more widely known or has a better reputation for fruit growing than the territory within a radius of twenty-five miles of Trenton. Within the past few years canning and preserving factories have sprung up in all directions and all are prospering. One of the best known and most successful of these factories is Miller & Co's Trent Valley Canning Works at Trenton. The Company was established in 1892. The company prepare, can and preserve fruits, vegetables and other table delicacies, using "Log Cabin Brand" as their trade mark. The "Log Cabin" specialties are:—tomatoes, refuges, golden wax and Lima beans; extra sifted little gem peas, little gems, early June and sweet winkle peas, strawberries, corn, red and black raspberries, baked beans in three pound and flat cans, red kidney beans, peaches, apples and connoisseurs' tomato ketchup, and fruits (in glass). The company devote their attention chiefly to the Canadian market, and have succeeded in building up a high reputation, the "Log Cabin" brands being known and used from Halifax to Vancouver. The "Log Cabin" brands are prepared specially for high class trade from select stock grown under contract for the company.

The stock in trade of J. E. Sanders, general merchant, of Deloraine, Man., will be sold at a rate on the dollar on Wednesday the 2nd January at Winnipeg.

CANADIAN ANTHRACITE GOAL

Mined in the Canadian Northwest, is unquestionably the CHEAPEST and BEST COAL in the Market.

Our prices per ton, delivered anywhere in Winnipeg,

Nut, \$7; Stove and Furnace, \$8.50

You will be badly misled if you pay any attention to Dishonest Advertisements by dealers who offer Anthracite Coal at low prices but furnish only screenings at the figures quoted. By using only the Canadian Anthracite you will Encourage Home Industry and Buy the Cheapest and Best Coal. Order at once from

Paul, Knight & McKinnon, 470 Main St. Winnipeg, Man.

"There Is No Royal Road

To public favor any more than to learning. This is true, at all events, in America where intrinsic excellence is necessary to secure and retain the popular favor. The reason The North-Western Line is one of the most popular railroads is that its service is not only always up to date but away ahead of the date. In our opinion, this is the Best Line between Chicago and the Twin Cities.—The Excursionist, Chicago.

For Sale or Exchange.

An unimproved farm in the Winnipeg district for sale very cheap, and on terms to suit a purchaser of limited means. One who would put improvements on the property could have the place on payment of a merely nominal sum. Would exchange for live stock. Address D. W. B., Commercial Office.

of the sale of the held wheat at a profit. This, however, is very speculative, for possibly wheat may not be worth any more in the spring than now. However, the belief seems to prevail that the balance of the Manitoba crop will be all wanted for the domestic milling trade here and in the East, and that the millers will have to buy it, regardless of the fact that prices are so far above export values. At any rate, it is evidently the intention to make the millers pay fancy figures for what hard wheat they buy for the balance of this crop. Millers here who are large holders of wheat, are not worrying over the advance, and the "boom" in flour prices lately may furnish a key to the big bulge in wheat. A good many dealers are out of the market, as they will not touch wheat at present prices, and there is very little car lot business doing, as most country buyers have been forced out of the market. In fact it is doubtful if dealers are anxious for car lot business, though the large buyers (millers and shippers) are keeping their men in the country markets, where they are taking what wheat is coming in. As for prices in Manitoba country markets, prices to farmers have ranged all the way from 45 to 60c per bushel, the ruling quotations being from 50 to 55c for No. 1 hard. As stated there is not much doing outside of country markets. December wheat, delivery at Fort William appears to be about 62 to 64c. It is said 64c has been offered, and we believe a very limited quantity has been sold at about 54c but we doubt if there would be buyers at 63c for any considerable quantity. It is claimed transactions have been made in May wheat at as high as 70c, Fort William delivery. It is also alleged that sales were made at between 67 and 68c. As the market is under a course of manipulation, and no public sales are made, we are inclined to doubt the reliability of some of the alleged transactions at fancy prices. Buyers for may wheat are evidently hard to find at about 63c. Receipts of wheat at Fort William last week were 73,030 bushels, shipments 1,323 bushels, and in store 591,497 bushels. In store a year ago 1,353,614 bushels.

Manitoba wheat sold in Liverpool at equal to 72½c per bushel on Nov. 30, and again at equal to 74½c on Dec. 3. No sales of Duluth wheat have been made in Liverpool since October. The Liverpool sales of Manitoba wheat noted were equal to about 57c and 59c per bushel respectively, afloat at Fort William.

FLOUR.—Millers are making the most of the speculative bulge in Manitoba wheat, to push up prices for flour. Local flour prices were advanced this week 15c for patents and 10c for bakers. A telegram from Montreal said Manitoba flour had been advanced 25c there by one of the largest millers. Sales to the local trade by millers are now made at \$1.65 patents and \$1.35 bakers, delivered, with large lots at 5c under these quotations. This is a considerable widening of the margin between patents and bakers.

MILLSTUFFS.—Prices are steady. The quotation is \$11 for bran and \$13 for shorts, with small quantities held at \$1 per ton more.

GROUND FEED.—Prices range from \$14 to \$15 per ton for mixed wheat feed, up to \$16 to \$18 for pure oat and barley chop, and, \$18 to \$19 for rolled oats.

OATMEAL.—Rolled oatmeal is quoted at \$1.90 to \$2 per sack in broken lots, as to quality. Standard and granulated meal, \$2.15 in small lots, per 100 lbs. for best grades.

OATS. Oats are held very firm, with an advancing tendency. A considerable quantity have been marketed here by farmers, and 25c per bushel of 84 lbs has been

the ruling price paid for farmers loads, feed grade, with a further advance not improvable, as car lots on track here are held at 27c per bushel. There is also increased local competition, as a leading shipper has put buyers on the market here to pick up farmers' loads to store. About 20c is the usual price paid in Manitoba country markets.

BARLEY.—Feed barley brings about 28c per bushel of 48 pounds here, and brewers are paying about 30 to 31c for malting quality, with the demand quiet.

OIL CAKE.—Ground oil cake meal is quoted at \$24 per ton in sacks, with small lots at \$25.

FLAX SEED.—From 95c to \$1.00 is being paid to farmers. The price at Chicago was \$1.45 per bushel for spot flax on Thursday this week, a decline of 5c from the price quoted a week ago.

BUTTER.—The market is still very dull, and local holders are easier if anything. One dealer said he would sell good dairy at 15c and single tubs at 16c, so that 17c is evidently an extreme price for dairy. The quotation for good rolls is about 15c, with very little doing in them.

CHEESE.—Jobbing at 11 to 11½c.

EGGS.—Lined are still being offered at 17c for best quality, and held fresh stock at 16 to 20c as to quality, with light stocks of the latter.

CURED MEATS.—Smoked Meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 11c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 11; do backs 10½c; picnic hams, 9c; short spiced rolls, 8c; long rolls, 8½c; shoulders, 8½c; smoked jowls, 5½c. Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 7½c; shoulders, 7½c; backs, 9c; barrel pork, mess pork, \$14.50; fancy mess, \$15.50; rolled shoulders, \$16 per barrel, pork sundries; fresh sausage, 7c; bologna sausage, 7c; pickled hocks, 2c; pickled tongues, 5c.

LARD.—There has been a reduction of about ½c per pound in pure lard. We quote: Pure, \$1.90 for 20 pound pails, and \$1.65 for 50-lb pails; compound at \$1.75 per 20-lb pail; compound in 3, and 5 pound tins, \$6 per case of 60 lb. Pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$6.75 per case of 60 pounds.

POULTRY.—There has of course been a brisk business in poultry this week, but prices have remained about the same. Dealers have paid 9 to 11c for turkeys, as to quality; 6 to 7c for chickens, and 7 to 8c for geese and ducks. Fancy Eastern turkeys have sold at about 12c, or a shade under this figure to large buyers, and Eastern geese at about 10c per lb.

DRESSED MEATS.—As usual near Christmas there has been a little extra stir in meats, but butchers have not stocked up as heavily as in past years, and fancy prices have been rare. Very nice beef has sold at 5c per lb, this being the highest paid by some butchers for their best beef; but 6c was paid for a little extra display beef. Some very fine beef is shown in the market this week. On the street country dressed beef has sold at 3 to 4c for the ordinary run, as to quality, for sides. Finest city dressed mutton has sold about 6c, and about 5c for country dressed. Hogs have been quiet. A good many have been bought about 4½c per lb, but as high as 5c was paid for fine bacon hogs. A car lot of country mutton came in from Prince Albert and sold at something between 4½ and 4¾c. It was said to be of good quality. Last winter 6c was about the lowest price at which mutton sold in car lots.

HIDES.—Competition is keen and fancy prices are reported to have been paid. It is said that a shade over 3c was offered for a lot of country hides at a western point, which seems a very high figure on the basis of eastern markets: We

quote, Winnipeg inspection 2½c for No. 1 cows, 1½c for No. 2, and 1c for No. 3, and 9½c for No. 1 heavy steers, and 2½c for No. 2 Steers; branded hides grade No. 2, when not otherwise damaged to reduce them to No. 3. Green frozen country hides as they run 2½c to 2¾c. We quote: Calf, 8 to 15 lbs skins, 4 to 5c per lb. Kips 2½ to 3c. Sheep and lamb skins, 35 to 40c for fresh, large skins. Tallow, 4½ to 5c rendered and 2 to 3c rough.

SENECA ROOT.—Dull and nominal at 19 to 20c.

VEGETABLES.—Potatoes have been easier, as a good many have been offering by farmers, while city dealers laid in stocks earlier and are not buying much now. Prices are: Potatoes, 40 to 45c per bushel. Onions, 2½ to 3c, per lb; cabbage, 50c to \$1.00 per dozen; celery, 25 to 30c per dozen. Carrots, 40c per bushel; beets, 30 to 40c per bushel; turnips, 20 to 25c per bushel, parsnips, 2c per lb.

HAY.—Loose hay on the street market is selling about \$3.50 to \$4 per ton. Baled hay very dull and quoted at \$1.00 to \$1.50 per ton in the country, at points of shipment.

LIVE STOCK.—Cattle are low for this time of year, considering the length of time good cattle have been fed. Fancy prices for Christmas stock have not been paid this year, some very good cattle having been obtained at a cost of about 3c here. No sheep appear to be wanted, the market being supplied with country mutton, which is being received by rail from a few carcass lots up to a car lot this week. Sheep nominal at about \$2.25 per 100 pounds. Hogs are easier and we quote 3½ to 3¾c as to quality. Packers are taking live hogs all the time and the weather has not interfered with shipping in ordinary cars so far, though it would be better hereafter to ship live hogs in box cars. By using box cars they can be shipped in the coldest weather and come through in good shape.

LIVE STOCK NOTES.

At Toronto on Tuesday prices were firm for cattle, at 2½ to 3½c for common to good butchers, and up to 4c for fancy Christmas display cattle. Sheep were weaker at 3½ for export and 2½c for rams, bacon hogs brought 4 to 4½c.

At Liverpool on Dec 18, the live stock market was weak, and cattle declined ¾c to 1c per lb. and sheep ½c for States. The demand was slow and it was the worst Christmas trade ever known. Cattle sold at 9½c to 10½c, and sheep at 10c to 11½c. United States cattle at London sold at 10c to 12c, and Canadian sheep at 12c to 12½c.

The scab has broken out in England, and it has been discovered among Canadian sheep there. Exporters are alarmed that restrictions will now be placed on Canadian sheep sent to England.

The Advance in Wheat.

"The difference in the price of wheat between Manitoba and Duluth occasions some little comment just now. The explanation is very simple. In Manitoba at the present time but a very small quantity of high grade wheat remains, and what there is both the millers here and those of Ontario are anxious to get to grind. The result is the natural one, a competition which raises the price practically above market value."

The above is from the Winnipeg Free Press. Who would have thought that the Free Press would have accidentally admitted its error so soon? When the same argument was advanced a few weeks ago, to show why Duluth wheat was then quoted higher than Manitoba grades, the Free Press refused to accept it, and erroneously declared the lower price of Manitoba wheat was due to mixing.

GREENE & SONS COMPANY

-WHOLESALE-

HATS and CAPS,

STRAW GOODS,

Etc., Etc.

Manitoba Spring Trade, 1895.

MEN'S
FURNISHINGS

Merino and Woolen Underwear,
SCARFS, TIES, SHIRTS, COLLARS,
WATERPROOF COATS,

WAREHOUSE,
517, 519, 521, 523 & 525 St. Paul Street, **MONTREAL**

WHY NOT NOW ?

YOU should have a Furnace, and you are not in it unless you have one of Claro Bros. & Co's. famous Marvel or Hilborn Furnaces for coal or wood. They are the best furnaces in Canada. They have many imitations, and no rivals. We also handle their Heating and Cooking Stoves, which are unexcelled in this market. We are also agents for the celebrated Volman Perfect Washer. Thousands sold in Manitoba and the North-West, every one giving satisfaction. Have you tried any of our Paints, or Mander Bros. English Varnishes, the standard for excellence for 100 years. Simmes' Brushes of all kinds. We carry a full line of tinware, Japanned and Galvanized Ironware; also the only complete line of Artist's materials in Winnipeg.

Send us your Orders and increase your business

Wilson & Co.

180 Market St., E.,
WINNIPEG.
Box 1406.

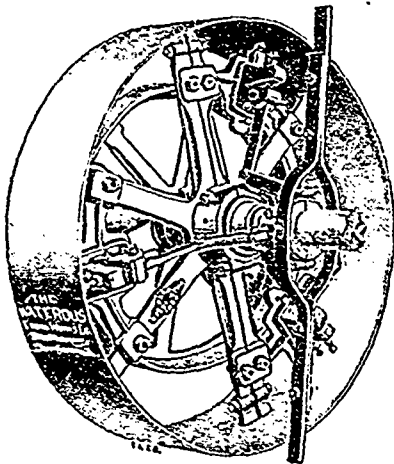
All the World Over

Johnston's Fluid Beef

- IS USED AS A -

STRENGTH-GIVING FOOD

For Invalids, Convalescents and Dyspeptics, In Domestic Cookery for making Soups and Gravies, For Athletes when training.



Friction Grip Pulleys

The Waterous Friction Grip Pulleys and Clutch Couplings are the Best manufactured.

We Quarantee them.

**Engines and Boilers,
Saw Mill Machinery,
Saw Mills.**

Write us for prices and Circulars.

WATEROUS ENGINE WORKS Co., Ltd.
WINNIPEG, MAN.

DICK, BANNING & CO

MANUFACTURERS OF

Lumber, Shingles and Lath,

DOORS AND SASH.

MILLS AT REEWATIN. OFFICE: OPPOSITE C.P.R. PASSENGER DEPOT, WINNIPEG

RUBLEE, RIDDELL & CO.

Commission Merchants

AND IMPORTERS OF

Green and Dried Fruits.

15 OWEN STREET,

WINNIPEG

JOHN L. CASSIDY & COMPANY,

-IMPORTERS OF-

China, Crockery and Glassware,

Offices and Sample Rooms:

339 and 341 St. Paul Street, MONTREAL

Branches: 52 Princess St., Winnipeg, Man.
Government St., Victoria, B.

ROBIN & SADLER
MANUFACTURERS OF
Leather Belting
SPECIALTIES
DYNAMO BELTS
WATERPROOF BELTING
MONTREAL TORONTO
2518 & 2520 NOTRE DAME ST. 129 BAY ST.

VARNISHES !

IN HANDY CANS.

Furniture Varnish,
Brown Japan,
Inside Varnish,
Outside Varnish,

A. RAMSAY & SON

MONTREAL.

COMMERCIAL JOB DEP'T

Awarded First Prize for Job Printing
Winnipeg Industrial '01 and '02.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Wheat was weak on Monday and near the close was about the most bearish time. May wheat ranged from 58½ to 59c, the opening being at about 58¾. The close was ½c lower than Saturday. Closing prices were:

	Dec.	Jan.	May.	July.
Wheat	53¾-4	—	58¾-7	58¾-7
Corn	46½	47	49½-8	—
Oats	29	29½	32½	—
Mess Pork ..	—	11 87½	12 20	—
Lard	—	6 99	7 12½	—
Short Ribs ..	—	5 92½	6 15	—

The strength in the wheat market on Tuesday was ascribed to light receipts and higher prices at Minneapolis and Duluth. May wheat opened at about 58¾c. Heavy selling towards the close, however, forced prices down to a little under Monday's close, last prices being about at the bottom. Closing prices were:

	Dec.	Jan.	May.	July.
Wheat	53¾	—	58¾	58¾-7
Corn	46½	46½	49½-8	—
Oats	29½	29½	32-1	—
Mess Pork ..	—	11 85	12 15	—
Lard	—	6 85	7 10	—
Short Ribs ..	—	5 90	6 12½	—

On Wednesday wheat was dull and the range of prices very narrow, prices only varying about ¼c until a few minutes before the close of the session, when a little spurt in prices took place, which left the market about ¼c higher at the close. Closing prices were:

	Dec.	Jan.	May.	July.
Wheat	54½	—	58¾	59¼-8
Corn	46	46½-8	49½	—
Oats	29	29½	32½	—
Mess Pork ..	—	11 75	12 10	—
Lard	—	6 80	7 05	—
Short Ribs ..	—	5 85	6 07½	—

On Thursday wheat was quiet, with a narrow range in prices, from 58¾c to 58¾c. The close was ½ to ¾c lower than Wednesday. Closing prices were:

	Dec.	Jan.	May.	July.
Wheat	53¾	—	58¾-½	59½
Corn	45½	46½	49	—
Oats	29	29½	32½	—
Mess Pork ..	—	11 77½	12 10	—
Lard	—	6 82½	7 05	—
Short Ribs ..	—	5 87½	6 10	—

On Friday trading in wheat was unimportant and of a local nature. There was only a slight variation in prices, which closed a little lower again. Closing prices were:

	Dec.	Jan.	May.	July.
Wheat	53½-¾	—	58-½	58¾
Corn	45½	45½	48½	—
Oats	29½	28½	31½	—
Mess Pork ..	—	11 57½	12 95	—
Lard	—	6 77½	7 00	—
Short Ribs ..	—	5 80	6 02½	—

On Saturday, December 22, wheat closed at 53¾c for December, 58¾c for May, and 59¾c for July option. A week ago December wheat closed at 51¾c, and May at 58¾c.

New York Wheat.

On Saturday, December 22, wheat closed at 59¾c for December, May closed at 62¾c. A week ago December wheat closed at 59¾c, and May at 62¾c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

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

Monday—Dec. 53½; May 61½; July 62½.
Tuesday—Dec. 53; May 61½; July 62½.
Wednesday—Dec. 52, May 62, July 63½.
Thursday—Dec. 53; May 61; July 63½.
Friday—Dec. 59; May 61½; July 63.
Saturday—Dec. 59½; May 61½; July 63c.

A week ago prices closed at 58¾c for December and 61½ for May. A year ago December wheat closed at 60c and May at 63¾c. No. 1 hard is quoted at 1½c over No. 1 northern, No. 2 northern ¾c lower than No. 1 northern for cash wheat.

Minneapolis Wheat.

No. 1 Northern wheat closed on Saturday at 58¾c for December delivery, May at 59¾c, and July at 60¾c. A week ago December wheat closed at 57¾c, and May at 59¾c.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

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

Grade.	Nov. 17.	Nov. 21.	Dec. 1.	Dec. 8.	Dec. 15.
Extra Manitoba	17	21	1	8	15
hard	1	0	0	0	0
No. 1 hard	20	151	131	104	42
No. 2 hard	4	4	1	7	0
No. 3 hard	0	0	0	0	0
No. 4 hard	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Northern ..	28	45	14	4	13
No. 2 Northern ..	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 White fyle ..	2	1	3	1	1
No. 2 White fyle ..	4	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Spring	20	21	13	7	15
No. 1 Rejected ..	13	7	7	12	7
No. 2 Rejected ..	0	1	0	0	0
No Grade	0	1	0	0	0
Total	276	235	167	148	99
Same week last year	219	143	111	111	89

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

Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for the week ending December 20, were \$1,181,329, balances, \$217,974. For the previous week clearings were \$1,285,102. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were \$1,210,581.

Following are the returns of other Canadian clearing houses for the weeks ended on the dates given:

	Clearings.	
	Dec. 6th	Dec. 13th.
Montreal	\$11,891,838	\$12,099,892
Toronto	6,818,585	6,091,526
Halifax	1,210,622	1,212,679
Winnipeg	1,349,685	1,285,102
Hamilton	739,297	663,609
Total	\$22,009,027	\$21,382,808

Montreal Live Stock Markets.

The Montreal Gazette of December 17 says: "The feature of the local live stock market to-day was the decided improvement in the demand both from export and local buyers; consequently an active trade was transacted, which was partly due to the near approach of Christmas, and as there was some very choice cattle on the market a good deal higher prices were realized in some cases, the top being 5½c per lb. The demand for cattle for export account was fair, and Williams & Hall bought 150 head at the Montreal stock yards at 3½ to 4c for steers and 3 to 3½c for bulls. The demand for sheep from shippers continues good and an active trade in this line was done at 3 to 3½c per lb for shipment.

At the Montreal stock yards at Point St. Charles on December 17, there was a good supply of cattle offered and the quality generally was better.

The demand from one or two exporters was good and this helped the market considerably by cleaning up the bulk of the fat stock, but the prices realized were nothing like what were obtained in former years for Christmas stock. Choice beeves sold at 3¾c to 4c; good at 3 to 3½c; fair at 2½c to 3c, and common at 2c to 2½c per lb. live weight. The offerings of sheep and lambs were large for which the demand continues good from shippers and an active trade was done at firm prices. Choice sheep sold at 3c to 3½c, while butchers paid 2½c to 3c. Lambs sold freely at 2½c to 3c per lb. live weight. The market for live hogs was firmer on account of the light supply. The demand was fair and sales were made at \$1.20 to \$1.90 per 100 pounds.

At the East End abattoir on Dec. 17, demand for cattle was only fair, owing to the fact that butchers did not feel disposed to lay in heavy supplies with such mild weather for this time of year. The feature of this market was the active demand from exporters for sheep, and all the choice lots met with a ready sale at 3 to 3½c, while butchers paid from 2 to 3c per lb, live weight. Lambs were also in good demand, and local dealers paid 3 to 3½c for choice and 2 to 2½c for commoner grades per lb. live weight. A few choice fat cattle sold at 4 to 4½c, and in one case we heard of 5½c being paid for one extra fine steer. Good beeves sold at 3½ to 3¾c, fair at 3 to 3½c, common at 2½ to 2¾c, and inferior at 2 to 2½c per lb, live weight.

The receipts of live stock at the Canadian Pacific stock yards for the week ending December 15, included nine car loads from Manitoba, of which seven belonged to Thos. Ahmack, and two to W. H. Adams.

Fur Trade Items.

The following shows the importation by the Hudson's Bay Co. to London of furs for 1894 to November 10, and totals for the past two years:

	Total 1891.	Total 1893.	Total 1892.
Badger	1,801	3,196	2,476
Bear	9,333	9,173	11,334
Beaver	48,058	46,779	46,224
Fisher	3,509	4,424	4,801
Fox, silver	693	604	598
Fox, cross	2,701	2,670	2,610
Fox, red	12,554	15,800	11,837
Fox, white	4,904	3,237	4,079
Fox, litt.	123	203	299
Lynx	19,400	12,813	3,614
Marten	103,133	108,997	99,314
Mink	46,923	11,163	67,779
Mu quash	646,202	648,687	934,540
Otter	7,100	7,444	8,410
Skunk	8,405	6,785	9,322
Wolf	1,400	2,637	1,551
Wolverine	657	850	1,009

"A new feature has developed in the fur trade of this country." The Edmonton Bulletin says: "W. B. Stennett purchased a live black fox on Friday, from a settler from the Vermillion district east of Beaver lake. The animal was sold by tender, Mr. Stennett's bid of \$15 being the highest. Last spring Mr. Bradley found a fox hole and dug out a litter of four young foxes, two of which were black, one a cross fox and one red. He undertook to raise them all, but the cross and one of the black ones escaped. The red one and the remaining black one he brought to town for sale. They were about half grown. Both have been killed for their fur. Mr. Stennett's reason for killing the black one at once instead of allowing him to grow full size and thereby increase in value, was that in confinement he would be apt to wear his fur in places by rubbing and thereby cause greater loss than the gain by growth." The same paper says "On Tuesday last two Indians were leading a live cross fox through town with a view to selling it. The animal was about half grown. The market for live foxes was over-stocked."

Rates of Insurance.

It is often the custom in these latter days to dwell upon the peculiar downward tendency of prices, bank rates, etc. But there is one thing that is appreciating rather than depreciating, and that is fire insurance rates. Even life insurance is getting cheaper, but not so with fire insurance.

For some months past the big combination of insurance companies known as the Underwriters' Association has been engaged in the task of notifying the different cities that higher rates of insurance must hereafter be paid. Hamilton and Winnipeg are among the latest to be notified to this effect. Turning to the last report of the Superintendent of Insurance, it is learned that the percentage of losses paid to premiums received was last year 71.37, against 67.22 in 1892, and an average of 69.52 during the last 25 years. Although the official report for 1894 has not yet been issued, the losses during the current year have been less than in 1893. Notwithstanding this, however, the Underwriters' Association persists in demanding higher rates.

Among insurance companies there are concerns whose expenditure, either from mismanagement or concurrence of unfortunate circumstances, last year exceeded their revenue. These non-paying companies, as well as those showing a balance on the right side of the ledger, were, of course, taken into consideration when the ratio in question was being compiled. But, notwithstanding this, there is over 25 per cent. left for running expenses and the payment of dividends. If the mercantile houses in the country could in the aggregate show the same results they would think they were doing pretty well, especially in times of trade quietude like the present.

If the insurance companies of the country are not making as good profits as desired, they should cut down expenses, and not, because they have the power, squeeze tighter the business men of the country who have already been paying high enough rates for the insurance they carry. The air is at the moment full of schemes for the promotion of municipal insurance, and there has been nothing in modern days that has so stimulated these schemes as the arbitrary behests of the Underwriters' Association.—Canadian Grocer.

Jewelry and Tea.

The case of the lottery tea business in Winnipeg noticed in the Commercial last week, came up before the Chief Justice on Tuesday. Richard Fisher, the manager of the Globe Tea company, carrying on business on Main street, was indicted for unlawfully selling packages of tea, being the means of disposing of certain articles of jewelry by a mode of chance, that being a breach of the lottery act. Mr. McKenzie gave evidence as to the value of the tea, that it ranged from fourteen or fifteen cents a pound in value to eighteen cents a pound. Geo. Andrew gave evidence that a gold watch got by one of the customers was worth about seven dollars retail and about four dollars wholesale.

The accused was then placed in the witness box, and stated that he had carried on a business in Quebec, but not finding it very good there he went to Montreal, and subsequently to Ottawa. He came to Winnipeg via the states, and described his mode of dealing with the boxes and with the prizes.

Mr. Howell, Q.C., on behalf of Fisher contended that the worst that could be said was that persons who went into the shop to buy the boxes of tea believed they were participating in a lottery and Fisher perhaps assisted in fostering that belief, but that did not make it a lottery. Fisher swore that in no instance was the watch put into the box of tea until after the purchase had been made, and if that was the case it was not in fact a lottery,

though the purchaser thought so, the result would be that Fisher was not conducting a lottery and he knew he was not though the purchaser thought he was. Under these circumstances he could not be found guilty.

His Lordship found the prisoner guilty, observing that no jury who heard the evidence given could say but that the whole thing was a lottery to swindle the public.

Mr. Maclean said that he had no doubt His Lordship's judgment would put a stop to the nefarious practices complained of; there was this to be said in favor of the prisoner, that, when warned by the police, he had stopped business at once; he thought a small fine would meet the justice of the case, as the end desired had been attained, a declaration of the illegality of the business.

His Lordship imposed a fine of \$20.

The Commercial Bank Case

The case of the Commercial Bank of Manitoba was brought up at the court house on Tuesday before Justice Bain. In pursuance of the leave granted a few days since the summons issued calling upon the shareholders resident in the city and vicinity to pay up the double liability on the stock they held was brought on. Council appeared for several of the contributors and suggested a delay should be granted to allow the parties liable to meet and decide upon a united course of action which would save expense.

Mr. Howell stated he appeared for himself and Mr. Strovel, and suggested that the whole amount payable by the contributors should not be called up at once, but that time should be allowed for payment by instalments, as some could not pay the amounts due at once. I. M. Ross also spoke in the same strain.

His Lordship agreed that the order suggested would be the best in the interests of the contributors and creditors and made an order for payment of fifty per cent. of the amount payable in each case, the same to be made in five instalments, on the 1st of April, June, August, October and November of next year.

Montreal Grocery Market.

The feature of the sugar market continues to be the weak feeling which prevails, and a further decline of $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per lb has taken place in granulated, while yellows have also eased off 1-16¢. The demand has not been so good of late and the market in consequence is quiet with only a moderate amount of business doing for this season of the year. Recent sales of granulated have taken place at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, and yellows at 3 to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ as to quality at the factory. In New York the market has been active of late, but to-day's despatches report business as being quieter and note a decline of 1-16¢ per lb, quoting granulated at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Centrifugals have sold at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ in bond on Montreal account. A private cable from London to-day quotes beet 8s 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d, which shows a decline 3d since this day last week.

The market for syrups continues fairly active, there being a good demand, and as the offerings are confined principally from one refiner prices are firm at 2¢ per lb. for bright grades, and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ for dark. In American syrups business is dull and values are unchanged at 19 to 20¢ per gallon as to quantity.

The tone of the molasses market is stronger and prices for Barbadoes have advanced 1 to 2¢ per gallon owing to the fact that stocks are light in first hands and held by two firms. The demand, however, is slow and the volume of business transacted has been small, sales being principally in small lots at 28¢ ex-store. Porto Rico is unchanged at 21¢.

The demand for rice at present is limited, and the market rules quiet and steady with no change in prices to note. We quote: Japan, standard, \$1.25 to 1.40, crystal Japan, \$1.75 to 5.00; standard B., \$1.15; English style, \$1.30; Patna, \$1.25 to \$5; and Carolina at \$3.50 to \$7.50.

The market for spices continues to rule fairly active, and manufacturers report a good business doing for the season at unchanged prices. We quote: Penang black pepper, 6 to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, white pepper, 10 to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, cloves, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 9¢, Cassia, 9 to 10¢; nutmegs, 60 to 90¢; and Jamaica ginger, 15 to 22¢.

The tone of the coffee market is firm, and the recent advance in prices is well maintained. The demand is limited and business on the whole quiet. We quote:—Maracaibo, 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; Rio, 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; Java, 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; and Mocha, 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

There has been a fair enquiry for low grade gunpowder teas during the past week, but as the offerings here of these grades are small, buyers find it difficult to fill their wants: consequently the volume of business has been small. In other grades we do not hear of anything doing in a large way, sales being in small lots to fill actual requirements. On the whole the market is quiet, and not much activity is looked for until after the holidays.

The demand for California off-stalk raisins on spot has been good during the past week, and agents report a fairly active business doing. Sales of 2,000 boxes are reported at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per lb.

There has been more enquiry for canned salmon of late from New York buyers, and some fair sized lots have changed hands, amounting in all to about 2,000 cases, at \$1.25 f.o.b. coast. The demand for all lines of canned goods continues slow, owing to the fact that buyers generally have ample supplies on hand; consequently dealers do not look for much improvement for some little time to come. The market is steady and values show no change. We quote: Lobsters at \$6 to \$6.50 per case; sardines at \$8.50 to 9.50; salmon at \$1.10 to 1.40 per dozen; tomatoes, at 85 to 90¢ per dozen; peaches at \$2 to 2.10 per dozen; corn at 95¢ to \$1 per dozen; and marrow-fat peas at 85 to 90¢ per dozen. Gazette, Dec. 14.

At the request of the Dominion Government, the Canadian Bank of Commerce has consented to receive subscriptions from the public towards providing a fund for the support of the family of the late Right Hon. Sir J. S. D. Thompson. Any subscriptions handed to the Winnipeg Branch, or sent by mail will be promptly acknowledged, and advice of same forwarded to the Hon. Geo. E. Foster, Treasurer of the fund at Ottawa.

At Kamloops it is proposed to raise \$25,000 to purchase the water works system now owned by private parties. The cost is to be \$14,000 and the remainder of the money is to improve the present system by putting in new pump, boiler, and main from the pump station to Victoria street, and to lay larger pipes than at present on some of the streets. The loan will be at 5 per cent. per annum, and will run for 25 years from February 1, 1895.

A Close Observer will not fail to notice that in each large section of our country some one particular railroad will be found always a little in advance of its competitors. In the great Northwest this enviable position belongs to The North-Western Line.—The Health and Home, Minneapolis.



The California Mid-Winter Fair was no exception to the rule: **CHOCOLAT-MENIER**

There received the Highest Award, Diploma of Honor.

The best cup of chocolate you ever tasted can be had only by using **CHOCOLAT-MENIER**, (the best and cheapest Vanilla Chocolate on the market), and preparing as follows:—

Take one of the six sticks (in each half-pound package), BREAK IT INTO SMALL PIECES and dissolve in three tablespoonfuls of water over a brisk fire; stir until completely dissolved, then add sufficient milk for two cups and boil for about five minutes. Water may be used in place of milk.

ASK YOUR GROCER FOR **CHOCOLAT MENIER**
ANNUAL SALES EXCEEDED 33 MILLION POUNDS.

If he hasn't it on sale, send his name and your address to C. Alfred Chouillou, Canadian Branch, 12, 14 St. John, Montreal.

GEO. H. RODGERS & CO.
WHOLESALE JOBBERS
—IN—
DRY GOODS, CLOTHING,
BOOTS AND SHOES.

Our traveller is now on the road, don't forget him and be sure to see our samples. Job lots a specialty.
Geo. H. Rodgers & Co.
McDermott St., Winnipeg.

W. J. GUEST,
—DEALER IN—
FISH, GAME, POULTRY
and OYSTERS.
FINNAN HADDIES RECEIVED WEEKLY.
Trade Orders Solicited.
602 MAIN STREET, - WINNIPEG.

AUDITING. DEBT COLLECTING.
Octavius Smith,
ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR
499 MAIN ST., - WINNIPEG.
Books kept and accounts sent out regularly. Neglected or unreliable books rectified, and accurate statements prepared.

"The King Bee" Of Railway trains in the North-west and without a superior in America is the North-Western Limited between Minneapolis, St. Paul and Chicago. It is the finest train this side of Chicago, the finest train running out of the Twin Cities and is Luxurious enough for a King!—The Commercial Bulletin, Minneapolis.

BRUSHES...

BROOMS

Manufactured By - -

Chas. BOECKH & Sons

TORONTO.
ALWAYS RELIABLE.

JNO. E. DINGMAN,
Agent, Winnipeg.

"I Think Very Hard"

That the Buffet-Smoking Library Coach on the North-Western Limited between St. Paul, Minneapolis and Chicago is the greatest institution in modern railway travel I ever ran across—or rather rode in—and I have traveled a few miles myself since I was able to go it alone. That coach means solid comfort to a fellow and makes a long journey a delightfully short one. By all odds it is the best feature of the best train I ever rode on.—*The Globe, St. Paul.*

Andrew Allan, President. John McKechnie, Supt
F. H. Brydges, Vice-President. W. R. Allan, Sec.-Treas

THE VULCAN IRON COMPANY,
OF MANITOBA LIMITED
MILL ROLLS GROUND & CORRUGATED.
Architectural Iron Work.
ENGINE AND BOILER WORKS,
GENERAL BLACKSMITHING
BRIDGE BUILDING A SPECIALTY.
TENDERS SOLICITED.
POINT DOUGLAS AVE., WINNIPEG.

—THE—
Western Milling Co., Ltd.
STRONG BAKERS AND HUNGARIAN PATENT FLOUR. } Awarded medal and Diploma Columbian Exhibition, Chicago, 1893.
Manufacturers of Flour, Feed, And dealers in Grain.
Best Hard Wheat only used
REGINA, N.W.T.

Victoria Rice Mill
VICTORIA, B.C.
CHINA and JAPAN RICE,
RICE FLOUR AND BREWERS' RICE.
WHOLESALE TRADE ONLY.
HALL ROSS & CO. - Agents

MUNROE & CO,
Wholesale Dealers in
Wines, Liquors and Cigars
OF THE BEST BRANDS
9th STREET, - BRANDON

Robt. Wm. Clark,
BROKER

And Commission Agent,
Vancouver, B.C.

Correspondence Invited.
Consignments Solicited.

Stewart, Lewthwaite & Co.

WHOLESALE—

Commission and Fruit Merchants,
Butter, Cheese, Eggs, Flour, Grain, Fruit.

Consignments Solicited.
VANCOUVER, B. C.

MAJOR & ELDRIDGE,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
Vancouver, - B.C.

Butter, Eggs, Cheese and Pork Products
FRESH EGGS WANTED.
Sole Agents for Vancouver, New Westminster and District for Leitch Bros. Celebrated Oak Lake Manitoba Flour.

The Brackman & Kerr Milling Co.,
LIMITED)
Oatmeal and Ground Feed Millers.
WHOLESALE DEALERS IN
FLOUR, FEED, GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
CORRESPONDENCE SOLICITED
VICTORIA, - + B.C.

J. & A. Clearihue,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS.
—DEALERS IN—
FRUITS AND ALL KINDS OF PRODUCE.
Special attention to consignments of Furs and Skins, Butter and Eggs.
Yates Street, VICTORIA, B.C.
P.O. BOX 538.

AGENTS Eldorado Oil Works, B.C.; D. Richards, Laundry Soaps Woodstock, Ontario; Telfer, Rothwell Co., Montreal, Parisian Washing Blue.
We have a large cool warehouse with good facilities for handling Butter and Produce in quantities.
Consignments Received in all Lines. Correspondence Solicited.

McMILLAN & HAMILTON,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS
—WHOLESALE DEALERS IN—
BUTTER, EGGS, FRUITS AND PRODUCE
A PERFECT SYSTEM OF
COLD STORAGE.
230 ABBOTT STREET, - VANCOUVER,
P.O. BOX NO. 298.
Quote prices on first quality Dairy Butter or consign it to us and get top market prices.

We Carry . . .

— IN STOCK WINNIPEG

SACKS!

ALL KINDS

WRITE US FOR SAMPLES AND PRICES.

W. F. HENDERSON & CO.

WINNIPEG.

Agents for The Canada Jute Co., Ltd, Montreal.

LEITCH BROS.
OAK LAKE

"Anchor Brand"
FLOURS

—FROM—

No. 1 Hard Wheat.

BRAN, SHORTS

AND ALL KINDS OF

Chopped Feed and Grain.

—ADDRESS—

OAK LAKE
MANITOBA.

CIGARS!

For a Pleasant Smoke try **REPUBLICS.**

For Perfect Satisfaction try **LA HISPANIA**

—MADE BY—

Bryan & Co

WINNIPEG, - MANITOBA.

McINTYRE, SON & CO.,

MANUFACTURER'S AGENTS

SPECIALTIES:

AND

LINENS,
DRESS GOODS.
DRESS LININGS,
KID GLOVES.
LACES,
SMALLWARES.



IMPORTERS OF DRY GOODS

MONTREAL.

Representative, J. M. MACDONALD, McIntyre Block, Winnipeg.

Pure Highland Scotch Whiskies.

THE FAMOUS
LAGAVULIN DISTILLERY,
ISLAND OF ISLAY,
SCOTLAND.

The Lagavulin Whisky is famous for its fine quality, being made from pure SCOTCH MALT ONLY, and has long been the favorite beverage of Sportsmen.

It contains no grain spirit, or other Whiskies one knows nothing of, and the most eminent Physicians of the day prescribe it where a stimulant is required.

ASK FOR THE LAGAVULIN.

MACKIE'S
PURE OLD BLEND
10 YEARS OLD.

GOLD LABEL
AS PATRONIZED BY ROYALTY AND THE LEADING
PHYSICIANS.

Sold only in the Northwest by:
A. M. AMBLARD. VELIE, CAREY & Co.
G. F. & J. GALT. HUDSON'S BAY Co.
RICHARD & Co.

The Commercial Men.

The annual meeting of the Northwest Commercial Travellers Association was held on December 15th, in the board of trade rooms. President H. Bruce Gordon, occupied the chair. There were present, Vice-president J. Y. Griffin, Treasurer J. Mundie, Secretary, J. M. O'Loughlin and Directors A. S. Binns, M. R. O'Loughlin, L. C. McIntyre, M. W. Rublee, J. M. Lamb, W. J. Taafé and about thirty others. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The chairman appointed A. Harper, J. Lindsay and E. W. Law as scrutineers to find out the result of the balloting for the board of directors and while the ballots were being counted the secretary read the annual report from which the following extracts are taken:

"A committee from this board interviewed Mr. Whyte, general superintendent of the western division of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company recently, in reference to permission for our members to utilize the freight trains in travelling, and we are pleased to be able to say that Mr. Whyte authorizes us to state that a scheme is now in hand to enable this to be brought into effect, and he has every hope of being able to advise us at an early date that the permission will be granted.

"We are now carrying through the Mortuary Benefit assurance to the amount of \$31,533.63; your directors do not see their way clear to increase the scale until the reserve fund is considerably larger. During the past year there has been one call upon this fund, caused by the death of Mr. L. G. Hedges, of Rublee, Riddell & Co., on October 16th. The claim was paid within two days of his demise.

Your directors have to report on the matter of the claim against the London Guarantee and Accident Insurance Company upon the life of the late C. F. Church, and to recover which legal steps had to be taken.

"We have much pleasure in informing you that our contract with the Manufacturers Insurance Company has been carried out to our entire satisfaction, and that several small claims that were made upon them by a few of our members, were promptly and satisfactorily settled, so that we have renewed our contract with the company for the coming year.

"Your directors are also pleased to report upon the flourishing condition of our British Columbia branch, and which is carried on now under the able management of A. R. Tufts, local secretary, and John W. Gatter, local director, and when we tell you that our total membership in that branch for the year 1893 was six members, as compared with the total for 1891 being 45 members, you will readily believe that the gratifying increase is due to the admirable management of those two local officers at Vancouver.

"In retiring from office, your officers and directors have to express their satisfaction at the manner in which the members have carried out the spirit of the by-laws in their entirety, there being no complaints for any violation on their part from any source.

"Prosperity has attended us during the year, and it is our most heartfelt wish that increased prosperity will come to this association each succeeding year.

Before adopting the report there were some lively discussions, in which J. K. Whinnery, W. J. Taafé, W. Haugraves, and others took part, it being the opinion of some of the members that the board of directors had not done as much for the association as they should have; among the grievances being the excessive rate on the Prince Albert and Edmonton branches and the five cent a mile rate through the mountains, while the British Columbia members only pay three and a half, but after full explanations by the president and some of the board the report was adopted.

The treasurer read his annual report which is condensed as follows:

The success which has attended our association during the past year is again a matter of congratulation. Our membership now consists of the following: Active, 282; honorary active, 5; honorary, 15; and honorary life, 4; making a total of 306. There were a number of applications for loans during the past year, which have been declined by the board, because security offered was not acceptable to the directors.

"The interest collected during the past year amounted to \$10,163, and there are arrears on mortgages of interest unpaid, \$111.95. During the year our association received the first dividend from the Commercial Bank of Manitoba \$161.21, thus reducing the claim of the association against the Bank by that amount. The balance of the funds is on deposit in the Imperial and Molson's banks, and that portion upon deposit receipt drawing four per cent interest. It is very gratifying to know that our funds continue to show a steady increase, the balance on hand at the end of this year amounting to \$11,406.28 in assets, which shows an increase over the balance of last year of \$1,148.38.

The following will comprise the board for the ensuing year:

President—J. Y. Griffin, acclamation; Vice-President—A. S. Binns, acclamation; Treasurer—J. Mundie, acclamation; Secretary—J. M. O'Loughlin, acclamation; Board of directors—M. R. O'Loughlin, H. Bruce Gordon, A. L. Johnson, W. S. Burns, J. C. Gillispie, L. C. McIntyre and M. W. Rublee.

After votes of thanks had been passed to the retiring officers and board of directors, the auditors, the scrutineers, Messrs. O'Loughlin Bros. for use of office for holding board meetings during the year, and the board of trade for use of their room the meeting adjourned.

Tickets for the entertainment to be held at the Manitoba Hotel, Winnipeg, on the 28th are selling rapidly and there is every prospect of its being the most successful one ever held under the auspices of the association.

The New Manitoba Act

The Montreal Journal of Commerce has the following to say of the Manitoba Insurance Act, which comes into force soon:

"The act respecting insurance companies, passed at the last session of the Manitoba Legislature, which comes in force on the 1st January next, is certainly stringent enough in its character. It furnishes an example of "hayseed" legislation not at all creditable to the legislators of the Prairie Province; and is evidently based on the principle that capital is a crime, and one which can only be compounded by a free division of profits.

According to the new act each company wishing to do business in Manitoba must obtain an annual license from the provincial treasurer. Prior to obtaining this license it must file a certified copy of its act of incorporation: it must submit a power of attorney to its chief agent, stating in what part of the province the chief agency will be, and file duplicates in the office of the prothonotary in the Court of Queen's Bench, as well as new powers of attorney when any change is contemplated; and it must hand in a statement of the condition of its business on the 31st of December next preceding. Then it is permitted to commence paying for all these privileges. For its initial license, or renewal, it is allowed to hand \$200 to the provincial treasurer another \$200 is enacted for certification of registration, and then a deposit of \$10,000 in cash stock, or debentures is required if its risks do not exceed \$1,500,000. For each additional \$1,500,000 (or fraction thereof) it must deposit \$5,000; but the deposit shall not aggregate more than \$25,000. It must then pay \$5 for fyling the documents, \$5 for change of attorney, \$5 for change of

chief office and \$5 for fyling its annual statement. Accident and guarantee companies pay \$25 for initial license.

Then the petty annoyances commence. The companies must keep such registers and books of accounts as the provincial treasurer may direct, and if these books are not kept to his satisfaction, or to that of the other farmers in the legislature, he can call in a competent accountant to audit their affairs. If they have a share or stock capital they must keep a stock book showing the registered number of shares transferred, the amount of stock paid up, and the names and addresses of the transferrer and the transferee, and finally they must hand to the provincial treasurer not later than the end of March a sworn statement of their position on the 31st of December previous, giving assets, liabilities, receipts and expenditures, and furnish prompt and explicit answers to any questions as to their transactions that he may require.

By this method it is hoped to make the companies pay \$10,000 annually into the treasury of Manitoba for the privilege of doing business within the borders of that province, and as the cost of administration will be practically nil, the eminent agriculturists who formulated the scheme are congratulating themselves that so much money will be brought into the province from the effete East. They forget that insurance is to-day a commercial necessity, that no wholesaler will sell goods unless the purchaser be insured, and hence that their local storekeepers are forced to carry sufficient insurance to satisfy their suppliers. The companies will not furnish that security, save at rates sufficient to return them a reasonable profit, and therefore the impost which these buccolic financiers fondly imagine is a tax levied upon foreign capital really comes out of the pockets of their own constituents. The demand for money then, does not hurt the companies at all: for the insured of Manitoba will have to pay it in the shape of an increase in fire rates. The annoyance of having to keep duplicate sets of books for the sake of a provincial government is more serious. The companies already furnish one statement of their affairs annually to the Dominion Government, and to furnish a duplicate of it to the provincial treasurer of Manitoba is no great hardship. But to be compelled to keep special books for the inspection of a provincial official, and to answer any inquiries he may choose to put in regard to the conduct of their business, is a more serious matter. If he happens to be a business man it would matter but little. But a socialist, a populist of the Kansas stripe, or an agricultural reformer of society, might use the powers conferred on him under the Act to so seriously annoy the companies that they might prefer rather to abandon the field than to put up with his inquisitions. In that case the last state of the Manitoban insurer would be a good deal worse than the first.

Comparative Prices in Staples.

	Dec 7, 1891	Dec. 8, 1893
Flour, straight spring	\$2.75 to \$3.25	\$3.00 to \$3.60
Flour, straight wint r.	\$2.40 to \$2.80	\$2.70 to \$3.20
Wheat, No. 2 red	60c	67c
Corn, No. 2 mixed	57c	45c
Oats, No. 2	54c	37c
Rye, No. 2, Western	..	7 13 16c
Cotton, mid. upld	5c	3c
P. int cloths, 64x64	23c	21 to 21c
Wool Ohio & Pa., N.	17 1/2 to 18c	25 to 26c
Wool, No. 1 combg.	2 1/2 to 2c	\$ 4.75 to 15.25
Pork, mess, new	\$13.50 to 14.00	8 90c
Lard, westn., s m	7.7c	55 to 90c
Butter, cream ry	14c	11 1/2 to 11c
Chese, ch east	11c	3c
Sugar, c unif, 90	3c	4 5-16c
Sugar, granulated	3 1/2-16c	18 c
Coffee, t. d, No. 7	16c	—
Petroleum, N. T. Co.	55c	—
Petroleum, rfd gal.	5.55c	—
Iron, No. 1 anth	\$12.5	\$14.00
Iron, Besse. pg	\$10.25	\$17.00
Steel b. l. s, ton	\$15.25	—
Ocean Steam Frights—	—	—
Grain, Liverpool	3d	3d

— B. and Streets

J. & T. BELL
FINE
BOOTS & SHOES
MONTREAL.

Representative for Manitoba, N. W. T. and
British Columbia,
L. GODBOLT, WINNIPEG, McIntyre Block.

WE ARE HEADQUARTERS FOR

Photographic
Stock.

Cameras, Chemicals,
Card Mounts, Dry Plates

Physicians'

Instrument and Medicine
Cases, Obstetric Bags,
Trusses, Crutches, etc.

Clinical

Thermometers.

Field and
Opera Glasses

Spectacles



Optical Instruments, Thermometers,
Artificial Glass Eyes, Magic Lanterns and View Slides.
LEATHER SAMPLE CASES for Grocers, Wine Merchants and
Spice Merchants, for holding Syrups, Vinegars, Wines, Paints,
Essences, Juices, Oils, Varnishes, etc., Powders & Liquids.

WRITE FOR PRICES.

THE INMAN OPTICAL CO. Wholesale, 518, 520 Main
St., WINNIPEG, MAN.

CONSUMERS' CORDAGE CO., LTD.

—MANUFACTURERS OF—

MANILA, SISAL, RUSSIAN AND JUTE CORDAGE,
LATHIES, BED CORDS, ETC.

Head Office: New York Life Insurance Co's. Building,
Montreal.

GRANULAR **OGILVIE'S HUNGARIAN** CREAMY
FLOUR. HAS NO EQUAL. HAS NO EQUAL.

STANDS unparalleled in its
Distinctive Qualities and
Peculiar Advantages. We are
aware others are attempting to
imitate our Brands, which is the
Strongest Guarantee of the Su-
periority of
"OGILVIE'S FLOUR."

WINNIPEG, Oct. 5th, 1893.

Messrs. Ogilvie Milling Co.,

GENTLEMEN:—I have great pleasure in giv-
ing you my opinion of the two grades of flour,
Patent and Bakers, you are now manufacturing.
It excels all other flours that I have ever used,
and makes more bread per barrel, and gives me
splendid satisfaction in my business, and I am
very glad to express my opinion after a number
of years experience in flour. Yours is certainly
the best I have ever used. H. LISTER, Baker.

—IN HANDLING—

OGILVIE'S FLOUR

YOU HAVE

THE BEST

Each bag guaranteed. Sown with our
Special Twine, Red White and Blue.

OGILVIE'S HUNGARIAN,

Unequalled for fine Cakes and Pastry. Stands un-
valled for Bread Making. Make the sponge thin. Keep
the dough soft. Do not make it stiff. For pastry
use little less flour than usual.



DOMINION BAG CO., LTD.

MONTREAL.

MANUFACTURERS OF—

Full Stock Carried
by our Manitoba and
Northwestern Agents

Merrick,
Anderson & Co.,
WINNIPEG.

Prices and Samples
mailed on application.

**B
A
G
S**

FOR WHEAT.
FOR FLOUR.
FOR BRAN.
FOR OATS.
FOR SHORTS.
FOR POTATOES.
FOR COAL.
FOR EVERYTHING.

WILLIAM L. KEENE & CO

(Successors to Chipman, Morgan & Co.)

SHIPBROKERS & COMMISSION MERCHANTS

632 Cordova St., Vancouver, B.C.

Importers of Rice, Sacks, Japan, Indian and China Teas, Steel, Iron, Rope, Cement, Oils, Fruit, Canned Goods, Etc., Etc.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Trade continues steady and in Vancouver retailers report that they are fairly busy. A number of new stores have opened up for a few weeks in the cities to catch the Christmas trade. These fitting merchants are the natural enemies of those who have struggled through a hard season paying heavy taxes and rent, with the hope of the holiday trade enabling them to square accounts.

Lumber can now be shipped at a small profit to the States; this has stimulated the lumber trade a little and since the tariff change vessels have been constantly loading at Westminster and San Francisco.

The halibut fishing boom is still on. Captain Rich of the New England Fish Company has written to the Federal Government at Ottawa asking if the Government will guarantee that no change in the present deep sea regulations will take place. If they get this guarantee they will build two large boats in British Columbia and put on a fleet of fish steam barges, and employ one thousand men. The American fish companies here are somewhat agitated as it is currently rumored that the deep sea regulations are to be so changed that none but British subjects can embark in the fishing business in British Columbia.

Most satisfactory accounts are coming from the mining country as high as 50 and a hundred claims a day are recorded at Kaslo. The output of ore at Three Forks will be greater than the Nakusp and Slocan road will be able to carry. On the Lardeau twenty five rich companies are operating and prospects for a splendid output from that region never were better; single miners have been taking out as high as \$50 a day in the vicinity.

Sir Charles H. Tupper Minister of Marine and Fisheries, who visited, the coast to adjust the salmon difficulties left before his duties were quite completed, owing to the sudden death of the Premier of Canada, but he learned more about salmon and sturgeon fishing during his short stay than he could have learned in his native province in 100 years. The habits of the salmon in British Columbia are different from the habits of the salmon elsewhere. Being convinced of the truth of this rather startling fact, the Minister practically gave in to all the demands of the canners, and when Sir Charles left the Minister of Fisheries and the canners and fishermen all fell into each others arms at the happy conclusion at all their difficulties. A few of the important concessions are as follows: Spring salmon to be fished for all the year around; Sockeye season from the first of July to the first of September; Cohoe season, any time except the first two weeks in September; Indians and provincial voters alone shall be entitled to fish; Salmon offal may be thrown into deep water; Length of nets may be extended to 100 feet. Many other concessions of minor importance were made. An excellent reason was advanced for every concession asked. Cannors complained that the deputies acted upon the letter of the law and not in the spirit, they had been known to hide under the canneries, and the first fish head they saw go in the water they would bob up and demand a fine. Sir Charles said

Every Mackintosh

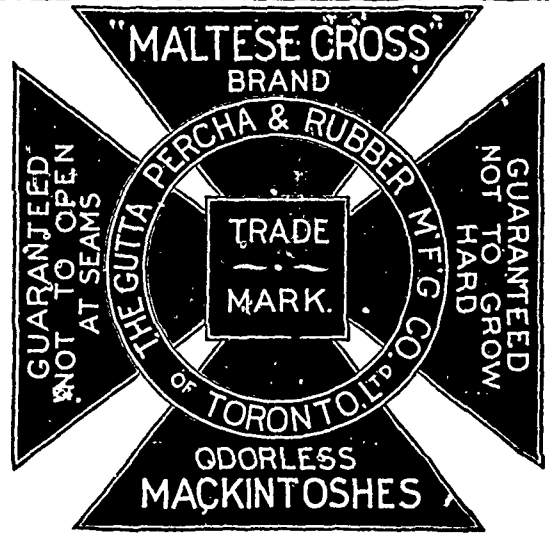
Bearing this Trade Mark is

Thoroughly Guaranteed.

These are not merely "dew proof" or "shower proof" goods they are THOROUGHLY WATER PROOF and will absolutely withstand all changes of climate.

For Sale by all the Leading Wholesale Houses.

Try them and you will Buy Again.



ODORLESS MACKINTOSHES

he would remedy all that. The sturgeon fishers had not an opportunity to confer with Sir Charles but he is in possession of their grievances and will reply promptly by mail. Westminster people are greatly incensed over the sturgeon companies being closed. The two companies operating there were leaving the city \$8,000 a week. When they were stopped by a telegram from Ottawa the deputy at Westminster gave them until noon of the same day to shut up shop. Sturgeon fishers are confident that now Sir Charles has been over the ground they will get justice. Mr. Treseott of the Treseott sturgeon company cleared \$7,000 the few months he was in business before he was stopped.

J. L. Larke, agent for the Canadian Government in Australia has sailed for the Antipodes. Mr. Larke has interviewed members of nearly all the boards of trade in Canada, before his departure. There are few men in Canada more adapted for the position of government agent in Australia than Mr. Larke, as he is a walking blue book as far as Canadian statistics are concerned.

Cancer among sheep is spreading to such an extent in some of the colonies in Australia that the matter has been brought before the Assemblies.

The Canadian Pacific cement manufactured in Vancouver, has been tested in Scotland and England and pronounced as good as any in the world, and now for rock and cement wharfs in Vancouver.

Coal is \$15 a ton in Vernon. Vernonites burn wood.

A syndicate of British Columbia and Seattle men have bought a plantation near Honolulu called the Waimanalo. R. P. Riblet, Victoria, is at the bottom of the scheme. This same plantation has paid in past years as high as 60 per cent.

The new cold storage of the Warimoo is working splendidly, the pineapples taken out here, were the same as when picked off the trees, and could have been sent through to New York in condition.

The Brackman & Kerr Milling Company shipped a carload of oats to Yale recently. Eastern dealers have hitherto monopolized the market there.

The Fruit Growers Association of British Columbia met recently at Duncan's B.C. and passed a resolution to ask the Provincial Government to exempt young fruit farms from taxation for a period of five years.

B. C. Market Quotations.

December 17, 1891.

Butter.—Australian butter, 20c; Manitoba dairy butter, 16 to 20c; Manitoba creamery, 25c; Eastern creamery, 25c; Canadian cheese, 18 to 14c.; Manitoba cheese, 8c.

Cured Meats.—Weak, falling market. Hams, 12½c; breakfast bacon, 13c; backs, 11 to 12c; long clear, 10c; short rolls, 10c; smoked sides, 11c. Lard is held at the following figures: In tins 12c per pound; in pails and tubs, 11½c; mess pork, \$18; short cut, \$20.00.

Fish—Prices are: Cohoes, 6c; flounders, 4c; smelt, 6c; seabass, 4 to 5c; Cod, 6 to 7c; halibut, 6c; smoked salmon, 12c; smoked halibut, 10c; bloaters, 10c; kippered cod, 10c; cod, 6c; sturgeon, 4c; kippered herring, 10c; steelhead salmon, 8c; smoked sturgeon 10c; Manitoba white fish, 12½c.

Game.—Duck, per brace, 50c; grouse, brace, 60c; prairie chicken, 75c; teal, 20c; pintail, 30c; wild geese, 75c each.

Vegetables.—New potatoes, \$14 to \$15 peddled at \$12 per ton; Ashcroft potatoes, \$22; onions silver skins, 1½c; cabbage, 1c; carrots, turnips and beets, ¾ to 1c a lb; peppers, \$1.25 per box. Quantities of vegetables in market.

Eggs.—Fresh local, 30 to 35c; eastern 20c.

Fruits.—Lemons, California, scarce at \$5.75 to 6.50; Australian lemons, \$2.75; grapes, \$1.30 to 1.50; native apples, \$1.25; Japanese oranges, box (7 doz.), 50c; California oranges, naval, \$5.00; seedlings, \$1.00; eastern apples, poor quality, from 50c to \$1.50 box.

Flour—The Ogilvie Milling Co. and Keewatin Milling Co. quote in car load lots at Victoria and Vancouver: Patent, per bbl., \$1.10; strong bakers, \$3.90, Oregon, \$3.60; Oak Lake patent, \$3.90; strong bakers, \$3.70.

Grain—Manitoba oats, per ton, \$25; Edmonton district oats, \$21.00; local oats \$23; Washington State wheat, \$20.50; do, oats \$24, f.o.b. Vancouver.

Ground Feed.—Manitoba chop feed, \$28 per ton; chop barley, \$28; United States, chop, \$20 ton; ground wheat, \$21.00 ton; ground barley, \$22.50 ton, shorts, \$19 ton; bran \$17 ton; oil cake meal, \$39 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver, duty paid.

Dressed Meats.—Beef, 7½ to 7¾c; mutton, 7½c; pork, 8 to 9c; veal, 9c; lamb, per head, \$3.00.

Live Stock.—Calves, 5 to 6c; steers, 8 to 9½c; sheep, 3½c; hogs, 6 to 7¾c; cows, 2½c.

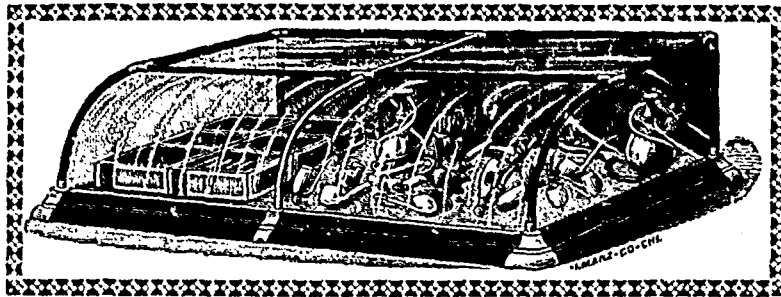
Sugars—Powdered and icing, 6c; Paris tur v, 5½c; granulated, 4½c; extra C, 4½c; fancy yellows 4½c; yellow, yellow, 4½c; golden C, 3½c.

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 2½c per pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2½c; 5 gallon kegs, \$2 each; 1 gallon tins, \$1.25 per case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$5.75 per case of 20.

D. McCallum's carpet factory, and tenement adjoining, at Strathroy, Ontario, were destroyed by fire on Dec. 16.

O'LOUGHLIN BROS. & CO.,

DO YOU NEED A
Show Case?
ORDER HERE.



LOW PRICE.
WELL MADE.
ALL STYLES.

PRICES
ON APPLICATION.

WHOLESALE PAPER, STATIONERY, AND GENERAL JOBBERS AND PRINTERS

41 PRINCESS ST., WINNIPEG.

Toronto Grain and Produce Markets.

Wheat—Ontario wheat keeps relatively higher here than outside markets warrant, notwithstanding that demand from millers is not nearly equal to that at this time in former years. Red and white wheat is quoted at 56½ to 58c. One car of red near a mill sold at 58c to-day. There were also offerings at 57c. with 5½c bid. Manitobas continue firm, owing to the light stocks on this side of the lakes. A round lot of over 15,000 bushels No. 1 hard sold west to-day at a price netting 71½c. Car lots are held at 75½c west, and 76½c east. Purenases could probably be made at ½c less.

Flour—Demand is slow and holders are obliged to shade prices to induce business. We quote straight rollers, Toronto freights, at \$2.55 to \$2.70.

Millfeed—Bran and shorts are active and firm. Car lots of bran are reported sold, middle freights west, at \$12, and even better is said to have been paid in one or two instances. Shorts are wanted, same freights, at \$13.50 to \$14.50, according to quality.

Barley. Feed is in active demand, at 38c west, and No. 1 is in fair request. Bright 50-lb barley is wanted outside at 11c, No. 2, quiet, at 40c to 41c.

Eggs.—We quote: Held fresh, 13 to 16c; cold storage, poor, 10c; choice, 15 to 16c, limed, 13 to 14c.

Poultry.—Quotations are: Chickens, choice, 40c, and poor to medium, 25 to 30c; ducks, 45 to 65c; turkeys, 7 to 8c, and geese 5 to 5½c.

Dressed Meats.—Quotations are: Beef, fores, \$1 to \$5.50 per cwt; hinds \$1 to \$3.50; lamb, carcass, 5 to 7c per lb; mutton, 4 to 6c per lb; veal 6 to 8c; pork, \$5.25 to \$5.50.

Dressed Hogs.—Receipts of dressed hogs on the street to-day were fair and prices steady at \$5.20 to \$5.25, for farmers' loads. Car lots of choice packing hogs were taken at \$5.20, which seems to be the ruling figure.

Cured Meats.—Quotations are as follows: Mess pork, Canadian, \$15; short cut, \$15.50; shoulder, mess, \$12.50 to 13; clear mess, \$13; bacon, long clear, case lots, 7½c; car lots, 7c; lard, Canadian, tierces, 8c, tubs, 8½c; pails, 8½c, and compounds, in pails, 7½c, and tubs, 7½c; smoked hams, 10c for large, 10½c for medium and small; bellies, 10 to 10½c; backs, 9½ to 10c; rolls, 8 to 8½c. Green meats, out of pickle, are quoted a cent under smoked meats.

Butter.—Product of the winter creameries is now coming forward freely and prices of best quality butter are decidedly easier. Both dairy rolls and finest dairy tub are lower in consequence of the free deliveries of creamery

pounds. Quotations are: Fresh made small dairy rolls, 17 to 18c; fresh made tubs and crocks, 17c; fancy held dairy tubs, 16 to 17c; choice to fancy held dairy tubs, 15½ to 16c; low grade and medium dairy, 10 to 13c; large dairy rolls, 15c; creamery, tubs, 18 to 18½c. ere mery, pounds, 22 to 23c.

Cheese. Car lots have been selling, delivered here, at about 10½c. One car was bought yesterday at that figure and another car to hand is reported to have cost 10½c. Commission houses quote small lots: August and September makes, 10½ to 11c, and half sizes at 11 to 11½c. Small Stiltons are quoted at 12 to 12½c.

Hides.—Green hides are in fair demand, with offerings light. No. 1 green hides are bringing 3½c, and choice, heavy steer hides of 60 lbs and over 4c. Cured hides are selling at 4½c for No. 1 and 4½c for extra heavy. Sheepskins remain steady at 6c. Calf skins are steady at 6c for No. 1 and 5c for No. 2. Cured calf quoted at 7c for No. 1 and 5c for No. 2. Deacons are unchanged at 3½c each for choice and 2½c for c. lls.

Wool.—Quotations are: 18c for supers and 19 to 21c for extras. Fleeco combing is quoted at 17 to 18c, clothing at 18 to 19c, rejects at 14 to 15c and unwashed at 10 to 10½c.

Tallow.—Receipts are fair and prices easy. Dealers are paying 5c to 5½c and selling at 5½c. - Empire, Dec. 15.

Toronto Grocery Market

Canned Goods.—Tomatoes, peas, corn and vegetables generally continue much as before. Prices are steady, with indications favoring a stronger market when a good demand is again experienced. Demand is fairly good for canned fruits, with peaches, plums and preserved apples still having the call. Peaches, especially 3's, are scarce, and the packers are talking of advancing prices this week. Business is brisk in salmon, with demand tending more towards skeye fish. Lobsters continue quiet. There are no changes to note in any line of canned goods. We quote as follows: Tomatoes and corn, 85 to 90c; peas, 80 to 85c; peaches, \$2.75 to \$3 for 3's, \$1.75 to \$1.9 for 2's; raspberries, \$1.65 to \$1.80; strawberries, \$1.00 to \$2.10; apples, 3's \$1 to \$1.10, gallons \$2.65 to \$2.80, and preserved fancy quarters at \$1.35 to \$1.40; salmon, \$1.30 to \$1.35 for good red fish in tall tins, and \$1.50 to \$1.60 in flat tins; do., second quality, \$1.20 to \$1.25; canned mackerel, \$1 to \$1.10, lobsters, \$1.70 to \$2 for tall tins, and \$2.25 to \$2.75 for flat tins.

Coffees.—Stocks of Rio growths are still light, with demand good at unchanged prices. We quote: green, in bags, Rio, 20

to 21½c; East Indian, 27 to 30c; South American, 21 to 23c; Santos, 21½ to 22½c; Java, 30 to 32c; Mocha, 27 to 28c; Maracibo, 21 to 23c; Jamaica, 21 to 22c.

Rice.—Business remains much as before, with prices unchanged. We quote:—"B," 3½c to 3¾c; extra Japan, 5½ to 5¾c; imported Japan, 5½ to 6¼c; tapioca, pearl 4½ to 5c.

Spices.—Trade is fair, for the season, at unchanged prices. We quote: Pure black pepper, 10 to 12c; pure white 18 to 25c; pure Jamaica ginger 25 to 27c; cloves, 25 to 30c; pure mixed spice, 25 to 30c; cream of tartar, 20 to 25c per lb.

Nuts.—Shipments of new Marbot walnuts arrived this week, and, although the quality varies a good deal, it is much better than the trade was led, from reports, to expect it would get. Some, indeed, are showing excellent quality. The market is now well supplied with nuts generally, and trade is brisk. We quote: Brazil nuts, 11 to 11½c; Sicily shelled almonds, 25 to 26c; Tarragona almonds, 14 to 14½c; peanuts 10 to 12c for roasted and 7 to 10c for green; cocoanuts, \$1.50 to \$5 per sack; Grenoble walnuts, 15 to 16c, Marbot walnuts, 12½ to 14c; Bordeaux walnuts, 12 to 13c; Sicily filberts, 9 to 10c for sacks and 10½ to 11c for small lots; pecans, 10½ to 11c.

Sugar.—The market is dull and prices are demoralized. Refiners' price for granulated is 4c net, laid down, which practically means that the wholesalers are paying 4.01c per lb., and yet in spite of this the latter are quoting 4c to the retailer in most instances, and 4½c in some instances. German granulated beet sugar is selling at 3¾c, Demerara raws are quiet at 3c for gray, 3½ to 3¾c for bright, and 3¾c for very bright.

Syrups.—Business is fair, and supplies are none too plentiful. The refineries report that they are selling quickly at fair prices all the bright they can produce. We quote: Dark, 25c, medium, 28 to 30c; bright, 35 to 40c; very bright, 45 to 50c.

Molasses.—There appears to be a little more business doing this week. We quote: New Orleans, barrels, 26 to 28c; half-barrels, 30½ to 32c; Barbadoes, barrels, 28 to 32c; half-barrels, 30 to 31c.

Teas.—At last week's auction in London prices fell about ½d for medium Pekoes and Pekoe Souchongs. This decline was thought at the time to be only temporary, and that the New Year would bring an increased demand and higher prices. On the local market business is quiet. The lines receiving the thiest attention at the moment are medium Congous at 18 to 25c, and fine Congous at 15c. We quote ruling prices on

the Toronto market as follows: Young Hysous, 16 to 18c for low grade; 24 to 27c for mediums, and 30 to 38c for high grades; China Congous, 16 to 18c; Japans, 16 to 20c; Indians and Ceylons, 18 to 35c.

Dried Fruits.—A good many Valencia raisins are still going out. The prices at which they are selling are varied, much depending upon the quality. We quote good fruit: Off stalk, 4 to 4½c; fine off-stalk, 4½ to 5c; selected, 5½ to 6c; layers, 6 to 6½c. We quote California loose muscatels at 5½ to 6½c. Malaga raisins are in moderate demand, but it is anticipated that by the time the holiday requirements have been filled the market will be cleaned up. We quote: London layers, \$2.25 to 2.50; black baskets, \$3.25; blue baskets, \$1.25 to 1.50; extra dessert clusters, \$1 to 1.50; connoisseur clusters, \$3.25 to 3.50; quarter flat connoisseur clusters, \$1 to 1.15; Royal Buckingham, \$5 to 5.50. Sultana raisins are quiet and unchanged at 5½ to 6c for good, and 6½ to 7c for fine. Turkish prunes are cabled 1s 6d per 100 lbs dealer. The new season's Turkish prunes have not yet reached this market, the demand being still satisfied from the French article. Genuine Bordeaux prunes are giving good satisfaction, being of fine flavor and cheap compared with last season. The price for the four grades runs from 4½ to 7c, while for dried apples the prices 5 to 5½c. Turkish prunes to arrive are being quoted as follows: Syhinx, B., 6½ to 7½c; U., 5½ to 6c; Atlas, B., 5½ to 6½c; D., 5½ to 5¾c. French prunes on spot we quote as follows: E., 4c; D., 5c; C., 6c; B., 7c. Currants are in fair demand, the better grades being principally wanted. Prices are cabled 1s per 100 lbs higher. Quotations are unchanged. We quote:—Filiatras, half-barrels, 4 to 4½c, barrels, 4½c; fine Filiatras, half-barrels, 4½c, barrels, 4½c; Patras, 5½c in cases; Casalinas, 5½ to 6c; Vostizzas, 6½ to 7½c in cases and half cases; Panartes, 8 to 8½c. First shipments of new dates are due this week, and they are being quoted at 5c for fine and 5½c for finest. There is not much demand. There is an active demand for figs at unchanged prices. We quote: 11 oz, 9c to 10c; 10 lb, 9½ to 11½c; 18 lb, 15c, 28 lb, 17c; tans, 4 to 5c; naturals, 6½ to 7c.

Dried Apples.—Are quiet and unchanged at 5 to 5½c. **Evaporated Apples.**—For the few that are selling the jobbers are getting 6½ to 7c, and the factories are asking 6c, f.o.b. outside.

Salt.—Trade is brisk, both for jobbing lots and car lots, and prices are unchanged. We quote: Barrels, 90c; coarsio sacks, 56c; fine sacks, 60c; dairy, \$1.50; rock, \$9.—Canadian Grocer, Dec. 11.

Toronto Live Stock Markets.

The Christmas market for cattle has been a straggling one this year. Prices ranged from 4 to 4½c for prime to fancy fat heaves. A. Mullins sent four loads of heavy Manitoba cattle to a Montreal butcher at 4½c delivered, Montreal. This lot averaged 1,261 lbs. Today there were 47 loads received at the western yards, and of these about 30 loads were of cattle. The range of to-day's prices was from 2½ to 4½c.

Export Cattle.—Mr. Fetherstone was in the market to-day buying for Williams & Hall, of Bowmanville. He bought 63 head, all told. For 31 head of choice heavy cattle he paid 4½c a lb, and the rest were got at from 3 ½ to 3¾c a lb. These will be shipped out to England, via Halifax.

Sheep and Lambs.—Demand for straight fat sheep and 100 lb lambs was active, and all offerings were taken early at 3½c a lb for ewes and wethers, 3c a lb. for rams, and 3½c a lb for 100 lb lambs. Mr. Lunnes stated that there was a demand for 1,000 more than were offered.

Hogs. Demand was active and all offerings were taken. Prices were unchanged at \$1.12½ a cwt for long, lean hogs of 160 to 220 lbs, weighed off car; \$3.87½ for light and heavy fats, \$3.50 for stores and sows, and \$2 to \$2.50 for stags. Stores not wanted.—Empire, Dec. 11.

Montreal Grain and Produce Markets.

Flour.—A fair local and country demand is experienced for flour at the lately advanced rates. In straight rollers we hear of sales in car lots at \$3.00 on track, and resales at \$3.05 to \$3.10 to dealers and bakers. Strong bakers in good demand at the recent advance, and Manitoba shippers were asking a still further advance; but finding it was impossible to get it on account of the prices established by millers here, they instructed their agents here to do the best they could. We quote: Patent, spring \$3.50 to \$3.65; Ontario patent \$3.20 to \$3.40; Manitoba patents \$3.60 to \$3.65; Straight roller \$3.00 to \$3.10. Extra \$2.70 to \$2.80; Superfine \$2.50 to \$2.60; city Strong bakers \$3.50 to \$3.55; Manitoba bakers \$3.35 to \$3.50. Ontario bags—extra \$1.35 to 0.00; Straight rollers \$1.45 to \$1.50.

Oatmeal.—Western millers are offering rolled and granulated in car lots on track here at \$3.60 to \$3.65 in barrels. We quote jobbing prices as follows: Rolled and granulated, \$3.85 to \$3.95; standard, \$3.60 to \$3.75. In bags, granulated and rolled are quoted at \$1.80 to \$1.85 and standard at \$1.50 to \$1.75. Pot barley, \$3.75 in bbls, and \$1.75 in bags, and split peas, \$3.50 to \$3.60.

Bran etc.—The bran market is firm, and \$1.00 per ton higher, sales of car lots of Ontario being reported at \$16.00 to \$16.50, but it is doubtful if anything could now be had under \$16.50. Shorts are also \$1.00 higher at \$18.00 to \$19.00.

Wheat.—Spot business is nil, and prices are nominal namely, 70 to 7½c for No. 1 Manitoba wheat and 61 to 65c for No. 2 red winter.

Oats.—The demand is exclusively local, with sales of car lots No. 2 at 30c per 31 lbs.

Barley.—A few ears of malting barley have been sold at 5½ to 5¾c and we quote 50 to 53c.

Pork, Lard, &c.—Lard is quiet and easy, sales of lots of from 500 to 1000 pairs of compound being reported at \$1.45 to \$1.47½ up to \$1.50 for smaller lots. Smoked meats are quiet and unchanged, but if anything on the easy side. The sale is reported of a lot of 100 pieces of large and medium hams at 9½c, small hams being quoted at 10c. A fair business is reported in bacon at 10 to 10½c.

Dressed Hogs.—The receipts of dressed hogs have been much heavier during the past week, being in the vicinity of 40 carloads the prices of which have ranged from \$5.35 to \$5.50 per 100 lbs.

Butter.—The market is quiet and easy for secondary grades, sales of June creamery being reported at 16½ to 17c, one lot being paced at 16c. Sales of August creamery, however, have been made at 17½ to 18c, one lot reported at 19c, and most of these sales, it is understood, were for English account. All choice late makes of creamery are required for the local trade which command 21 to 21½c for round lots.

Cheese.—Finest at prices range from 10 to 10½ and 10¾c.

Eggs.—Sales of limed at 13 to 14c, held fresh at 13 to 15c, and fine fall eggs at 17 to 20c. Culls range from 10 to 12c. Shipments are still going forward to New York from Ontario points.

Dressed Poultry.—Large sales being made of choice turkeys at 8 to 8½c, down to 7c for ordinary birds. Chickens at 7 to 7½c, old fowls 5 to 6c, geese 5c to 6c, ducks at 7 to 8c and poor 6c.

Apples.—Stocks on hand more than ample to supply the present demand at \$2.00 to \$2.50 per barrel.

Hides.—Under a steady demand for both the home and foreign trade prices have advanced ½c to tanners, sales of car lots having transpired for Quebec account at 5½c. Dealers are still paying ½c to butchers. Two United States buyers were in the market this week, but dealers' stores were all bare, and they had to depart without the goods. The same scarcity of light hides is experienced in Ontario, where there is a keen demand for all descriptions. Heavy hides are steady, but the demand therefor is less than for light hides, and they are still quoted at 5½ to 6½c. The market was cleared of calfskins last week, the sales being for United States account, in the vicinity of 60c. We quote prices here as follows: Light hides, ½c for No. 1, 3½c for No. 2, and 2½c for No. 3; for tanners 5½c for No. 1. Heavy hides are quoted at 5½ to 6½c; calfskins 5 to 6c lambskins 65c.—Trade Bulletin, December 11.

Montreal Drug Prices.

Advices from abroad on cream of tartar continue weak and note a further decline of 2s per cwt., it now being quoted at 59s per cwt. Castor oil does not show any strength, holders feeling disposed to shade present prices. We quote: Bleaching powder, \$2.50 to \$2.75; Bicarb. soda \$2.25 to \$2.35; sal soda, 70 to 75c; carbolic acid, 1 pound bottles, 25c to 30c; caustic soda, 60 per cent. \$2.15 to \$2.75; do 70 per cent. \$2.40 to \$2.50; chlorate of potash, 20 to 22c, alum, \$1.40 to \$1.50; copperas, 75c to 80c; sulphur flour, \$1.75 to \$2; do, roll, \$2 to \$2.10; sulphate of copper, \$1.50 to \$5; white sugar of lead, 7½c to 8½c; bich. potash, 10c to 12c; sumac Sicily, per ton, \$75 to 80; soda ash, 18 to 50 per cent, \$1.15 to \$1.50; chip logwood, \$2 to \$2.10; castor oil, 6½c to 7c, and Norwegian cod liver oil, \$25 to \$25.

Ranch Horses in Montreal.

There was a very large attendance of buyers at the auction sale of Territory ranch horses which took place at J. H. Kimball's stables at the Canadian Pacific stock yards Montreal on December 11. There were forty-nine head offered, which were owned by E. J. Swan of the Quorn ranch, Calgary, Alberta. The bidding was brisk and very fair prices were realized considering the state of the market here at present. They ranged all the way from \$25 to \$160 each. The principal buyers were: J. H. Smith, eight up to \$105, F. Rolland, seven; J. H. Kimball, T. H. Love, Osborne & Hardy, Mr. McFibbin, Mr. Dawes of Lachine, Jas. McVey, Dr. Charles McEachran bought the highest priced horse, \$160. Mr. Swann states that horses are very plentiful in the Territories, he having on hand about 2,000 head, and he intends to bring a good many more lots to this market between now and next spring.—Montreal Gazette.

Adulterated Tea.

At the last session of the Dominion Parliament a clause was inserted in the new tariff prohibiting the importation of adulterated tea. The clause describing the kind of tea that shall be prohibited reads:

"Tea adulterated with spurious leaf, or with exhausted leaves, or containing so great an admixture of chemical or other deleterious substance as to make it unfit for use."

This clause has not yet been enforced. The Government, however, have not been idle in the matter. The necessary Order-in-Council defining the law was passed a couple of months ago. And now the Customs Department is conferring with the trade with a view to getting an expression of opinion regarding the regulations before they are sent out to the appraisers at the different ports of entry.

FREIGHT RATES' COMMISSION.

Evidence of the Winnipeg Board of Trade.

Mr. Jas. H. Ashdown presented the case of the Winnipeg board of trade before the freight rates commission at the recent meeting of the commission in Winnipeg. Being sworn Mr. Ashdown said that he was chairman of the committee of the board of trade on freight rates, and that he was authorized and instructed by the board to appear and give evidence before the commission. Mr. Ashdown went on to say that from early times the vicinity of the junction of the Red and Assiniboine rivers was recognized as a distributing centre for goods for the entire country between here and the Rocky Mountains on the west and the boundary to the south. It was natural therefore that its interests as a distributing centre had been enlarged and it has continued to hold its position in that respect throughout and we have had the statement of Canadian Pacific Railway officials that 90 per cent of the merchandise coming into the country is distributed from this point. It was natural with these great interests that a board of trade should be formed, and the board early took a strong interest in the question of freight rates. In July, 1882, the board memorialized the government on the subject, in view of the opening of the Canadian Pacific railway, claiming that at that time the rates were exorbitant. They also about the same time obtained from Mr. Van Horne a statement of what the policy of the railway would be, namely, to "carry fuel at cost," because he said the settlers on these great plains would require it; to "carry settlers' building material at abate cost," and, "to carry out the settlers' grain at a mere shade over cost," adding, "and then, gentlemen, you may expect to pay a fair figure on your merchandise." The board was satisfied with this policy, and had it been carried out, they believe the result would have been extremely beneficial, both to the company and the country, but this policy has not been carried out. The question of outgoing produce having been taken up by other bodies, the board of trade did not intend to deal with it at length, but would confine themselves to merchandise coming into this country, first calling attention to rates which have been in force in the past. The rates on the line from the boundary to Winnipeg on general merchandise per 100 lbs. which was the first line opened for traffic into Manitoba.

	Class			
	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.
In 1881.....	25	21	18	13
Raised in March 1883.	43	36	29	22
At present they stand	44	37	30	24

Or an advance of 80 per cent on those first established in 1881.

Rates from Port Arthur, St. Paul, Duluth and Minneapolis to Winnipeg, per 100 lbs., in car lots. Always considered common points.

	Class				
	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.
October 1883.	\$1 35	\$1 13	.91	.70	—
May, 1885.	1 07	.85	.69	.52	.47
September, 1885.	1 33	1 12	.90	.69	.63
September 1888.	1 16	.98	.89	.66	.57
May 1890.	92	.79	.65	.56	.47

The rates in force in 1891 still prevail and while the settlement of the country has increased and the traffic is vastly greater, the rates since 1885 have been reduced on the first three classes only, while they have been increased in the fourth and remain the same in the fifth class.

Lake and rail rates—Montreal, Toronto and Hamilton to Winnipeg:

	1	2	3	4	5
June, 1881.	50	40	.90	.74	.70

raised soon after, and again in 1887, and to-day they stand at

1	2	3	4	5
\$1.44	\$1.24	\$1.04	.88	.73

showing considerable advance on every class but the first-class on rates established ten years ago.

All-rail rates via Chicago & Rock Island road were in 1881:

1	2	3	4	5	10
\$1.77	\$1.42	\$1.06	.83	.78	.58

while at the same time all-rail via C. P. R. were:

1	2	3	4	5	6
\$1.92	\$1.57	\$1.26	.95	.85	.62

They have fluctuated somewhat since, but now they stand: C.P.R. present rate:

1	2	3	4	5	10
\$2.00	\$1.77	\$1.40	\$1.08	.89	.67

Thus showing an advance over rates that were in force on the Chicago & Rock Island route prior to the establishment of the C.P.R. of 92, 85, 81, 24 and 10 on the first five classes respectively, and on the rates first established by the C. P. R. of 17, 20, 14, 13 and 8 respectively, or a very material increase in each case over 1881. During 1891 to 1893 the 5th class rate was lowered by outside boats, going down as low as 62c but was always raised when competition ceased. The rates from the boundary to Winnipeg have been increased since the Canadian Pacific Railway took over the road. The rates from Port Arthur have been reduced but little since 1885. The rates from Montreal and eastern points lake and rail, have been increased, and all rail rates from these points have been very materially increased.

Mr. Ashdown then took up rates on the western division of the C.P.R., comparing them with rates in Minnesota and Dakota, showing how we are overcharged even in comparison with them, though the people there declare their rates to be unjust, and are asking the government to interfere. Tables were submitted showing rates compared, which indicated an increase of 17 per cent. in the Canadian tariff, on distances varying from 50 to 600 miles, as compared with Dakota, and 35 per cent. greater than is charged in Minnesota. The greatest difference is on the long hauls. In comparison with Minnesota points, ranging from 28 miles up to 110 miles, we pay, an advance of 30 per cent.; on 14 Minnesota points up to a distance of 210 miles the average charge here is 30 per cent. greater. Taking 8 Eastern Canada points, ranging from 21 miles up to 100 we pay an advance of 49 per cent. On 7 points between 100 and 210 miles, we pay an advance of 55 per cent. On 3 points between 300 and 321 miles we pay an advance of 66 per cent. on the first five classes of merchandise. In comparing Fort William to Winnipeg with Chicago to Stratford, we pay an advance of 120 per cent. on first-class, 108 per cent. on 4th class and 170 per cent. on 5th class. Comparing Fort William to Winnipeg with Chicago to St. Paul, we pay 53 per cent. advance on 1st, to 185 per cent. advance on 5th class. Goods are brought from New York to Owen Sound, a distance of 758 miles by rail, and thence 1,000 miles by water to Fort William at a total cost of 51c first-class, 44c 2nd, 35c 3rd, 25c 4th and 22c 5th class.

From Montreal, including 300 miles shorter rail haul and the same distance by water, the C.P.R. rates are 51c first class, 44c second, 38c third, 31c fourth and 25c fifth class, C.P.R. rates being higher than rates from New York though 300 miles less rail haul. While 25c is the rate on 5th class, New York to Fort William a distance of 758 miles by land and 1000 by water, the rate from Fort William to Winnipeg, for only 427 miles, is 47c. The rate from Montreal to St. Paul, via Chicago, 1283 miles, is the same as from Montreal to Fort

William 998 miles. The local rate on apples was shown to be from 90 to 155 per cent. greater here than in the east

On cordwood C.P.R. rates were stated to be 23 to 25 per cent higher than P.N.R. rates and 18 to 40 per cent advance on Grand Trunk rates, at 6 points compared.

Exhibit G, dealt with lumber rates between Eastern points, compared with rates from Rat Portage, Selkirk, Winnipeg and western points. The rates in existence from Rat Portage west showed an advance of 65 per cent, while the rates from Selkirk showed an increase of 78 per cent over Eastern Canada. The rates from Winnipeg west showed an increase of 66 per cent.

Exhibit H, showed rates on stone, sand and brick, compared with Northern Pacific rates in Dakota, being 70 per cent higher on an average of 14 points compared.

Exhibit I, dealt with live stock rates, showing local rates compared with rates in the east, averaging 53 per cent. over eastern rates. Exhibit K, submitted local rates on butter, cheese, poultry, eggs, etc. The rate on eggs from 42 to 324 miles was shown to average 82 per cent. over Eastern Canada rates. Poultry averaged 88 per cent. over eastern rates for the same distances. Butter 78 per cent. over eastern rates, Cheese 63 per cent. higher than eastern rates for distances up to 324 miles, on local car lot rates.

Exhibit L, considered local grain rates compared with local rates in Eastern Canada.

	In the east.	Here.
50 miles	6c	11c per 100 lbs.
95 miles	9c	13c " "
162 miles	12c	17 " "
280 miles	14c	22c " "
392 miles	15c	25c " "

In the matter of through grain rates, the rate from Winnipeg to Toronto was shown to be 45c, while from Chicago to Portland the rate is 27c, all rail rates. Comparing Winnipeg to Toronto as against Sarnia to Fredericton, there is a difference of 11c against us. Many similar comparisons were given showing the difference against this country in through grain rates. Similar comparisons were also given with through grain rates, lake and rail.

Comparing the lake and rail rates, Mr. Ashdown found the summer rates on wheat to have been as follows. April 7th, 1891, Minneapolis to New York 25 cents per 100 pounds; May 8th, 17 1/2 cents; June 7th, 20 cents; June 18th, 22 1/2 cents. The rates from Winnipeg to New York had been varying, the ordinary rate, he was informed, had been 31 1/2 cents. From Minneapolis to Buffalo, the summer rates via the Soo were April 7th, 20 cents; May 8th, 15 cents; June 18th, 17 1/2 cents.

On merchandise from New York to Fort William, the rates on the five classes were respectively, 51, 44, 35, 25 and 22 cents for the first five classes; from Montreal to Fort William, 51, 44, 38, 31, and 25 respectively, showing a difference in favor of New York in the three last classes of 3, 5 and 3 cents respectively; yet the rail haul from New York is 300 miles in excess of that from Montreal.

Grain is largely finding its way to the markets of the world by the way of Buffalo and New York, heavy goods will come in that way; and Montreal must cease to a great extent to be our ocean port if this discrimination continues.

With reference to persons who had been reported to have expressed themselves as satisfied with the existing charges, Mr. Ashdown said they were non-producers, to whom a little convenience in the matter of shipping was of more importance than the extra charges, or they were people who had not the opportunity of knowing what the charges were elsewhere. As to the statement that it was unfair to compare Winnipeg with a place

like St. Paul, he replied that the traffic in the latter city was divided among eight or ten roads, while ours was confined to the C.P.R.

The chairman.—Do you think that reduced local freight and passenger rates would have any effect in increasing the traffic?

Mr. Ashdown.—I think decidedly that if Mr. Van Horne had carried out the policy he announced, the population of this country would have been vastly in excess of what it is to-day. He stated that the C.P.R. company would carry fuel at cost; settlers' grain at a mere shade over cost; "and then, gentlemen," he added, speaking to members of the board of trade, "you may expect to pay a fair figure on your merchandise."

The questions having been repeated whether in his opinion, if there were lower local rates, there would be considerably more traffic and considerably more freight business, Mr. Ashdown answered, "I think so, decidedly." He went on to say that not only were the rates too high, but the service was defective. Coal oil had been held at Calgary two weeks awaiting shipment; and it was a common thing on branch lines to have ordinary freight lying for a week. In conclusion the board of trade charged the C.P.R. company with having put in force and continued on the western division through the whole country from Fort William to the Rocky Mountains a scale of charges on merchandise, building material, fuel, produce and everything carried by it, incoming and outgoing and from point to point within the country, altogether too high and out of all proportion to the charges for the same service in other parts of Canada, except, possibly, British Columbia. Owing and operating a road built with the money of Canada and intended to be operated in the interests of the Canadian people, it had in the matter of charges grievously injured our people and seriously retarded the progress of the West. This board of trade had time and again called attention to this without effect. It now asked that the government should find and put in force a remedy.

Financial and Insurance Notes.

The insurance companies in Manitoba contemplate increasing premiums 5 per cent. in view of the provincial tax which is to be imposed on all companies after the expiration of this year.

The Pilot Mound Sentinel says: "Mr. Dow, administrator for the estate of Wm. Lang, completed the claim papers for Mr. Lang's life insurance in the Great West Life Assurance Co. last Friday, and the cheque for the money was remitted on Tuesday. The Great West Life Assurance Co. is growing in popularity in Manitoba.

The Quebec provincial government is moving in the matter of regulating the mutual benefit insurance societies. It is proposed to compel such societies to present annual reports to the government, and they will be restricted in other ways, with the object of preventing them from making too rash promises to their members.

Grain and Milling Matters.

W. A. Hastings, of Montreal, president of the Lake of the Woods Milling company, was in Winnipeg last week. He stated he was here principally to lay out some spring work, as it is the intention of the company he said to build thirteen elevators in the province and territories next spring to meet the increasing demands for grain storage facilities. Six of these will have a capacity of 40,000 bushels each, six others will be capable of holding from 10,000 to 16,000 bushels each, and one of them will be a large receiving elevator located at some central point. It is probable the largest one will be at Portage la Prairie,

where the company have a mill. He said: Our exports this year to Newfoundland are greater by ten times over last season.

Dow & Curry have erected a grain warehouse near their oatmeal mill at Pilot Mound, Man.

During his recent visit to Winnipeg W. W. Ogilvie said: "We have decided to build six new elevators in Manitoba in the spring. Owing to the increase of the grain production, the opening up of new stations and new districts makes this necessary."

The Neepawa Register says "Those having stock in the Farmers' Elevator are becoming apprehensive lest they lose all the money invested and the probabilities are, if the necessary stock is not soon subscribed, this will assuredly happen. The present indications are that the whole affair will pass into the hands of the present manager, John Crawford.

British Grain Markets.

The London Miller of December 4 has the following review of the course of British wheat markets during November:

The month's trade began on the 1st with a dull market at the Baltic, and 19s 6d accepted for cargoes of No. 2 red winter wheat on passage. On the 2nd, at Liverpool, 4s 5d per cental was accepted for red winter arrived, and 4s 10d for Californian. Trade was flat. On the 3rd, at the Baltic, No. 2 Calcutta wheat on passage made 21s per qr. Business was quiet but steady. On the 5th November Mark Lane showed a trifling improvement in English wheat at 6d advance from October's closing prices. On the 6th, at the Baltic, 6 1/2 advance was made on red winter cargoes, which, at 20s, were in better request than on the 1st; they had been at 19s 6d per qr. On the 7th, at Liverpool, 4s 6d was paid for red winter, and 4s 11d for Californian, being a penny per cental rise from the 2nd. On the 9th the market was still slightly in sellers' favor, and at the Baltic 20s 3d was paid for red winter. For Californian 21s 9d was paid. On the 12th, at Mark Lane, any new English wheat in a dry condition was worth fully 1s advance, but owing to the flooded state of the country such samples were very scarce. A rise of fully 6d per qr. was admitted on American wheat and flour. On the 13th, Liverpool was decidedly strong, the news from American pointing to a very large home use of wheat. Accordingly, we find that 4s 9d demanded for red winter, and 5s 1d for Californian, being a rise of 3d to 4d per cental on the eleven days. On the 14th, the Baltic was strong, and 21s was paid for No. 2 red winter, 25s for Californian, 21s 9d for Australian, and 22s for No. 2 Calcutta. On the following day red winter cargoes were held for 22s, but 21s 6d was the best offer. On the 16th, Liverpool was firm, but prices made no further advance. The country markets on the 17th were generally 1s dearer for English wheat; a few, including Reading, were 2s dearer. Mark Lane on the 19th quoted 1s advance on all sorts of wheat, and 6d improvement on all descriptions of flour except top-price; a rise of 1s 6d on maize helped wheat. Liverpool on the 20th was strong and 1s 11d was made for No. 2 red winter. On the 21st, the Baltic was also in sellers' favor; 21s 9d was made No. 2 red winter, 25s for Californian, and 24s 6d for hard Manitoba. The new Argentine crop was offered for February shipment at 21s 6d per qr., and the new Australian crop for January shipment at 21s 9d per qr. On the 23rd, at Liverpool, 5s 3d was paid for arrived Californian. This was about the best price of the month. The markets of the 24th were stationary, but London on the 26th was weak and a little inclined to go back. On the 27th,

at Liverpool, 4s 10d was accepted for red winter and 5s 2d for Californian, and at the "Baltic" the prices taken for cargoes at the end of the month were 21s 8d for red winter, 21s 6d for Californian, 21s 6d for No. 2 Calcutta, and 21s 3d for hard Manitoba wheat.

November has been a month of flooding rains. The weather has been pleasant on the whole, for the heavy rainfall left bright patches of sunshine between the tropical showers, and since the 17th the downpours have for the most part ceased. Threshings, however, have been discouraged, and farmers' deliveries have been much under an average. The death of the Czar at first strengthened the markets, as it was regarded as removing an important guarantor of European peace. But the new Emperor has started his reign under such excellent auguries, that all political influences have been withdrawn from holders' side of trade. The impression, none the less, remains that November has not only seen value at its lowest, but has witnessed the first upward step. The last three days of the month were not strong, but the rise made between the 10th and the 23rd was not materially modified.

The New Cabinet.

Mr. Bowell has been called upon to form a new government, as successor to the late Sir John Thompson. The new cabinet has been announced as follows:

Hon. Mr. Bowell, premier and president of the council.

Hon. Mr. Foster, minister of finance.

Hon. Mr. Costigan, minister of marine and fisheries.

Sir A. P. Caren, postmaster general.

Sir C. H. Tupper, minister of justice.

Hon. Mr. Haggart, minister of railways and canals.

Hon. Mr. Oumet, minister of public works.

Hon. Mr. Angers, minister of agriculture.

Hon. Mr. Ives, minister of trade and commerce.

Hon. Mr. Daly, minister of the interior.

Hon. Mr. Patterson, minister of militia.

Hon. Mr. Dickey, secretary of state.

Sir Frank Smith, Dr. Montague, M. P., and the Hon. Donald Ferguson without portfolios.

Mr. Foster will be the leader in the House of Commons.

British Grain Trade

The Mark Lane Express of December 17, in its weekly review of the British grain trade, says: "English wheats have been 6d and foreign 1s lower owing to large arrivals of Russian and Indian products. California wheats are quoted at 25s, hard Manitoba at 21s 9d, and No. 2 red winter at 22s 3d. Barleys have been firm, corn 3d cheaper, and oats quiet. To-day wheats continue weak, barley and corn dropped 3d. Oats are in buyers' favor and flour is slow of sale. Linseed dropped 6d."

Pork Packing and Provisions

The supply of hogs continues liberal, and current offerings somewhat in excess of prevailing expectations. The western packing returns for the week show a total of 535,000, compared with 470,000 the preceding week, 365,000 last year, and 330,000 two years ago—making a total of 2,890,000 since November 1, against 1,675,000 a year ago, an increase of 1,215,000. In the early portion of the week prices were well sustained, but toward the close were moderately reduced, the general average for prominent markets at the close being about 10 cents per 100 lower than a week ago.—Cincinnati Price Current, Dec. 13.



Winter

Excursions

To Eastern

Points.

- \$40 -

TO

Montreal,
Ottawa,
Toronto,
Hamilton,
Niagara Falls,
Windsor,
and other Eastern points.

Correspondingly Low Rates to
points East of Montreal.

TICKETS ON SALE

NOVEMBER 20 to DECEMBER 31.

Good for Three
Months with stop
over privileges.

Upholstered Tourist Cars in charge
of competent porters on all trains

ROBERT KERR.

General Passenger Agent,
WINNIPEG.

**NORTHERN
PACIFIC R.R.**

TIME CARD.

Taking effect on Wednesday, June 29, 1894.

Read Up		MAIN LINE		Read Down	
St. Paul Ex-press No. 107	St. Paul Ex-press No. 108	STATIONS.		St. Paul Ex-press No. 108	St. Paul Ex-press No. 107
1.20p	3.00p	0	Winnipeg	11.30a	5.30a
1.05p	2.49p	0	Portage Junction	11.42a	5.47a
12.42p	2.35p	0	St. Norbert	11.55a	6.07a
12.22p	2.23p	15	Cartier	12.08p	6.25a
11.54a	2.05p	15	St. Agathe	12.21p	6.51a
11.31a	1.57p	15	Union Point	12.33p	7.02a
11.07a	1.46p	32	Silver Plains	12.43p	7.19a
10.31a	1.29p	40	Morris	1.00p	7.45a
10.03a	1.16p	48	St. Jean	1.15p	8.25a
9.23a	12.53p	58	Letellier	1.31p	9.18a
8.00a	12.30p	65	Emerson	1.55p	10.15a
7.00a	12.15p	63	Pembina	2.05p	11.15a
11.05p	8.30a	163	Grand Forks	5.4-p	8.25p
1.30p	4.55a	223	Winnipeg Junction	9.25p	1.2-p
	3.45p	453	Duluth	7.25a	
	8.30p	470	Minneapolis	8.20a	
	8.00p	481	St. Paul	7.00a	
	10.30p	883	Chicago	9.36p	

MORRIS-BRANDON BRANCH.

East Bound.		STATIONS.		West Bound.	
Ft. No. 120	Ex. No. 123			Ex. No. 127	Ft. No. 129
1.20p	3.00p	0	Winnipeg	11.30a	5.30p
7.50p	12.55p	0	Morris	1.35p	8.00a
6.53p	12.32p	10	Low Farm	2.00p	8.44a
5.49p	12.07a	21	Myrtle	2.28p	9.31a
5.23p	11.50a	25	Roland	2.39p	9.50a
4.39p	11.33a	33	Rosebank	2.59p	10.23a
3.58p	11.24a	39	Miami	3.13p	10.51a
3.14p	11.02a	49	Deerwood	3.36p	11.44a
2.51p	10.50a	54	Altamont	3.49p	12.10p
2.15p	10.33a	62	Somerset	4.03p	12.51p
1.47p	10.15a	63	Swan Lake	4.23p	1.24p
1.19p	10.01a	74	Indian Springs	4.33p	1.44p
12.57p	9.53a	79	Marleopolis	4.53p	2.18p
12.27p	9.38a	85	Greenway	5.07p	2.52p
11.57a	9.24a	92	Baldur	5.22p	3.25p
11.12a	9.07a	102	Belmont	5.4	4.1p
10.37a	8.45a	109	Hilton	6.01p	4.53p
10.13a	8.29a	117	Ashdown	6.21p	5.23p
9.49a	8.22a	120	Wawanesa	6.29p	5.47p
9.39a	8.14a	123	Elliotts	6.45p	6.01p
9.05a	8.0a	129	Rounthwaite	6.53	6.37p
8.28a	7.43a	137	Martinville	7.11p	7.18p
7.50a	7.25a	145	Brandon	7.30p	8.00p

Number 127 stops at Baldur for meals.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE BRANCH.

East Bound		STATIONS		W. Bnd	
Read Up Mixed No. 144, every day ex. Sun	Miles from Winni.			Read Down Mixed No. 143 ex. Sun	Jay ex. Sun
12.00 noon.	0	0	Winnipeg	4.00 p.m.	
11.43 a.m.	3.0	1	Portage Junction	4.15 p.m.	
11.10 a.m.	11.5	1	St. Charles	4.40 p.m.	
11.00 a.m.	13.5	1	Headingley	4.40 p.m.	
10.30 a.m.	21.0	1	White Plains	5.10 p.m.	
9.32 a.m.	35.2	1	Eustace	5.55 p.m.	
9.05 a.m.	42.1	1	Oakville	6.25 a.m.	
8.20 a.m.	55.5	1	Portage la Prairie	7.30 a.m.	

Stations marked -†- have no agent. Freight must be prepaid.

Numbers 107 and 103 have through Pullman Vestibuled Drawing Room sleeping Cars between Winnipeg and St. Paul and Minneapolis. Also Palace Dining Cars. Close connection at Chicago with eastern lines, connection at Winnipeg Junction with trains to and from the Pacific coast.

For rates and full information concerning connection with other lines, etc., apply to any agent of the company or

CHAS. S. FEE, H. SWINFORD,
G. P. & T. A., St. Paul. General Agt., Winnipeg

H. J. BELCH, Ticket Agent, 486 Main St., Winnipeg.

**Columbia and Kootenay
Steam Navigation Company, Ltd.**

TIME TABLE NO. 5,

In effect Monday, Aug. 29th, 1894.

Revolstoke Route—Steamer Lytton.

Connecting with the Canadian Pacific Railway (main line) for all points east and west.

Leaves Revelstoke on Tuesdays and Fridays at 4 a.m. Leaves Kelowna on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 6 p.m.

Kaslo Route—Steamer Nelson.

Leaves Nelson— Mondays at 4 p.m. Leaves Kaslo for Nelson— Sunday at 8 a.m.

Wednesdays at 6.40 p.m. Tuesdays at 3 a.m.

Thursdays at 4 p.m. Thursdays at 8 a.m.

Saturdays at 5.40 p.m. Fridays at 3 a.m.

Connecting on Saturdays and Wednesdays with Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway for Kaslo and lake points.

Bonner's Ferry Route—Steamer Nelson.

Connecting with Great Northern Railway for all points east and west.

Leaves Nelson Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 a.m. Leaves Kaslo Tuesdays and Fridays at 3 a.m.

Leaves Bonner's Ferry for Nelson and Kaslo at 3 a.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

The company reserves the right to change this schedule at any time without notice.

For full information as to tickets, rates, etc., apply at the company's office, Nelson, B.C.

T. ALLAN, Secretary. J. W. TROUP, Manager.

The Great Northern Ry.

WINTER EXCURSIONS.

\$40

... TO ...

EASTERN CANADA.

FOR **\$40** ROUND
THE TRIP

FROM MANITOBA

... TO ...

MONTREAL

And Points West in
QUEBEC & ONTARIO.

Via Great Northern Railway Line, with choice of Routes through the United States east of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Tickets on sale Nov. 20th to Dec. 31 inclusive.

Good For Three Months

Magnificent equipment. Short time. Close connections. Elegant upholstered Tourist Car in charge of Porter will leave Winnipeg Tuesday, Nov. 27, Tuesday, Dec. 4, Tuesday, Dec. 11, Saturday, Dec. 15, Tuesday, Dec. 18, Saturday, Dec. 22, Tuesday, Dec. 25, Saturday, Dec. 29th.

Rate. — Per Double berth \$1.00
Trains Leave Winnipeg Daily

1.20 P.M.

Baggage bonded to all Canadian Points. For further information call or address

J. A. DONALDSON,
GENERAL AGENT,
508 Main Street, Winnipeg.
F. I. WHITNEY, G. P. & T. A., St. Paul.