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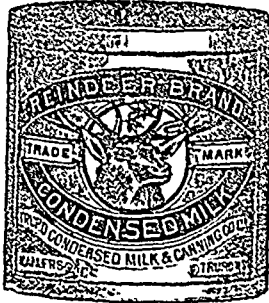
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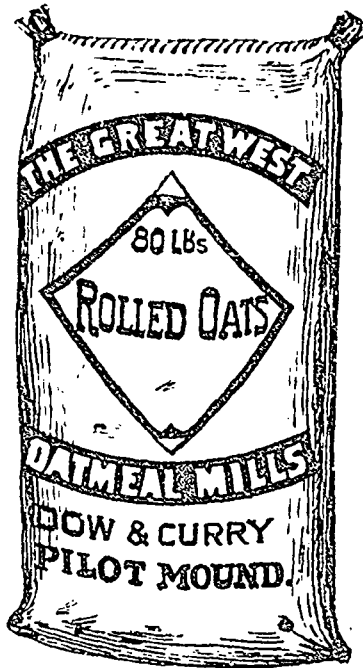
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WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 9, 1895.

## Manitoba.

The Manitoba hotel at Treherne will be re-opened by Parker Bros.

The annual meeting of the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition will be held on December 12.

The St. Jean Baptiste Grist Mill and Elevator Co., Ltd., St. Jean Baptiste, is incorporated.

Rumor has it that two leading dry goods merchants of Brandon will amalgamate and carry on a large general store business.

J. E. Dingman, commission agent, Winnipeg, is on a business trip east, and will visit the various establishments which he represents here.

A hotel, which will be a great convenience to travellers, has been opened at Newdale, by Chas. H. Brown. It is called the Ray house. It will be found a very comfortable place.

The Winnipeg Water Works Co. is calling for tenders for the supply of 1,300 to 1,200 cords of dry tamarac wood, or an equivalent quantity in value of poplar or pine. Tenders close on December 18.

Tenders are being called by the provincial government for the supply of groceries, meat, bread, flour, etc. for the Deaf and Dumb Institute, Winnipeg. The government is also calling for tenders for similar supplies for the Selkirk Asylum. Tenders close at noon on December 24.

The Baker at Melita has folded his tent and departed, and the people who are not used to preparing the staff of life for themselves, are in distress. Hence a correspondent asks The Commercial to say that Melita wants a baker at once. A shop and oven can be rented.

Bulman Bros. & Co., lithographers, engravers, etc., Winnipeg, have purchased the Free Press lithographing department. This acquisition, with new plant they have lately purchased, will give them a very complete establishment. They are bringing six new men from the eastern cities for the various departments of their business—lithographers, engravers and artists.

The annual general meeting of the Northwest Commercial Travellers' Association was held in Winnipeg on Saturday in the rooms of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange. The principal business was nomination of officers for the next year.

E. F. Hutchings, wholesale harness, etc., Winnipeg, has decided to build a large warehouse and manufacturing establishment on the transfer spur track, Winnipeg, next spring. The structure will be 50x155 feet and six stories high. It will be built of brick and stone and will be modern in every respect.

Application is being made for letters patent incorporating the "Winnipeg Coal company." The applicants for incorporation are: Charles A. Hutchinson, Winnipeg, fuel dealer; Freeman H. Hudson, Minneapolis, auditor; Joseph Martin, Winnipeg, barrister at law; Elvero L. McMillan, Minneapolis, attorney at law. The said Freeman H. Hudson, Joseph Martin, and Elvero L. McMillan are to be the first or provisional directors of the company.

The Virden Advance says: "A young lady recently visited a merchant who has been established here for some years and desired to know the price of goods. The young lady volunteered the information that she lived a long way in the country and was enquiring for a friend who was about to be married. After obtaining the prices of a long list of articles, including some things that a newly married person would hardly require, the young lady retired. From after events the merchant discovered that this young lady was the daughter of a rival merchant recently established in business.

## Northwest Ontario.

The Empress Gold Mining Company, Ltd., is being organized at Port Arthur and Fort William, with the view of working McKellar's rich gold discovery at Jack Fish. The capital stock is being placed at \$100,000, of which the original owners got half for the property. Walter Ross, of Rat Portage, is the principal promoter and leaves to-morrow with a large gang of men to commence operations. It is expected that work on a ten stamp gold mill will be started by January 1.

According to the Rat Portage Record the total production of the Lake of the Woods gold mines for November was 700 ounces of gold, of the value of \$12,600. This was from the Sultana, Regina and Gold Hill mines and the Rat Portage Reduction works. The Sultana was running its ten stamps full time and the Regina ten stamps were running very little over half time as they are still doing development work. The Gold Hill ten stamp mills and the Reduction works (twenty stamps) were running very short time as they are only just beginning. M. T. Hunter brought in from the Sultana mine on Monday two gold bricks, one weighing 80 ounces, and the other 86, a total of 166 ounces, being a coin value of \$3,100. This was from the clean up of the previous week's run of the mill.

## Assiniboia.

Joseph L. Lavont, hardware merchant, Whitewood, has moved into his new brick store. His former business has been purchased by J. A. MacDonald, druggist, who will shortly occupy them.

McGillivray's photo gallery and carpenter shop at Saltcoats was destroyed by fire last week. S. G. Fisher's residence adjoining was saved by a bucket brigade and hard work, but is badly damaged.

## Dairy Trade News.

J. Y. Griffin & Co., Winnipeg, shipped last week a car of dairy butter to Liverpool.

The La Borderie's Company, butter manufacturers, La Borderie, Man., is incorporated.

The butter of the Birtle, Man., creamery has been shipped to British Columbia, an agent going with it.

The combined exports of cheese from Montreal and New York, from the commencement of the season to the close of last week, were 2,037,810 boxes, against 2,365,436 boxes for the same period in 1884, showing a decrease of 327,626 boxes.

The Manitoba department of agriculture has leased the model laundry, building on Bannatyne street, Winnipeg for the dairy school. The rooms are on the ground floor, steam heated, and equipped with an engine and boiler. The size of the building which will be partitioned off into the two rooms required is 65x30 feet, and one room will be used for butter, one for cheese. In addition to this there is a large hall, the full size of the building, overhead, which will be used for a lecture room.

Arrangements have been made for the opening of the Manitoba provincial government dairy school in Winnipeg, on January 6, under the direction of C. C. Macdonald, the provincial dairy superintendent. The lecturers who will aid in conducting the school are: John Hettle, S. J. Thompson, provincial veterinary, J. G. Rutherford, and R. Waugh. The cheese and butter makers courses will begin on the following dates: First course, Monday, Jan. 6, and end on Jan. 27; second course Feb. 8, and end on Feb. 27. Examinations, both written and oral, will be held on Jan. 23, 29, 30 and 31, and Feb. 25, 26, 27, and 28. The farm dairy course will consist of two parts, viz: March 2 to 14; and March 16 to 30. Thorough instruction will be given in the use of the Babcock milk test and the separation of cream by centrifugal separators. The churning of cream and the working and packing of butter will constitute a portion of this instruction. The month of April will be devoted to a thorough course of review for those who wish to attend. Any person over sixteen years of age who has worked at least one season in a butter or cheese factory is eligible for admission to the cheese and butter makers' course. Tuition is absolutely free to all students coming from the province of Manitoba. Diplomas will be awarded each student passing a satisfactory examination at the end of the term, and who proves to be a careful and competent cheese and butter maker and manager by successfully conducting a factory during one season after leaving the school.

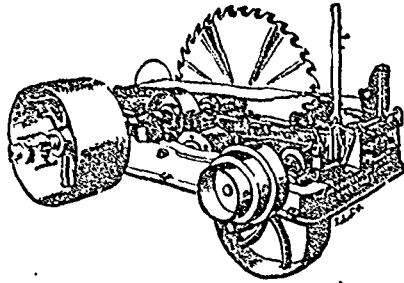
## Financial and Insurance Matters.

The Imperial Bank of Canada will open a branch at Vancouver at once.

Apart from a little hardening in call money rates on the New York Stock Exchange there is little to record in the New York loan market this week, says Bradstreets of Nov. 30. The movement in question was apparently caused by the withdrawal of part of the balances which some of the foreign houses have been employing in that way, and by preparations for disbursements on the 1st of the coming month. A temporary scarcity was shown on Monday and the call loan rate advanced to 3 per cent., though by Wednesday it was again quoted at 1½ to 2½ per cent. The inquiry for time money is light and the supply is still large, rates being 2 to 2½ per cent. for thirty to ninety days and 3 to 4 per cent. for longer accommodation. Mercantile paper is offered moderately so far as desirable names are concerned, and the buying demand is sufficiently large to cause some concessions in favor of choice offering. Rates on the basis of 3½ to 4 per cent. for doubles.

## Silver.

The silver market was steady and lifeless this week. Quotations were practically unchanged, and there was no news of any kind to affect the situation. Silver prices on Nov. 29 were: London 80 11-16d; New York 67½c.

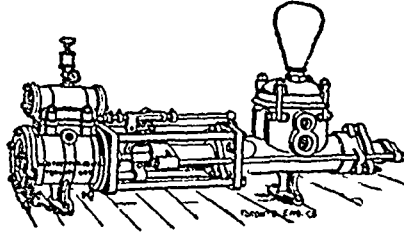


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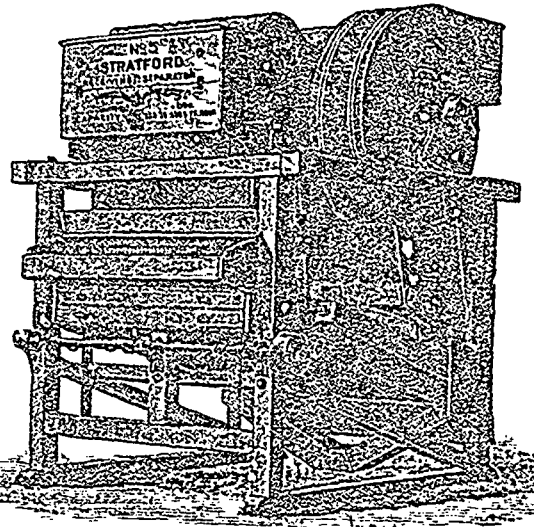
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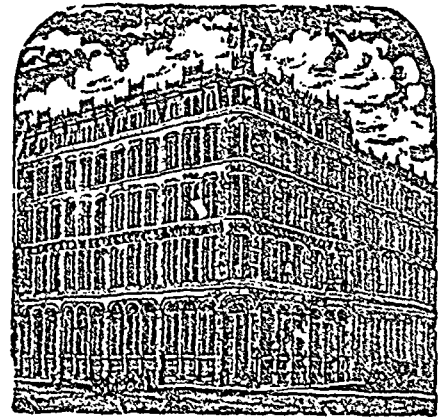
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Chicago is the greatest twine producing center of the world, and it distributes its output "from China to Peru." The largest amounts are used in Minnesota and the Dakotas, but other states are also great buyers.

Of foreign countries Argentine is far in the lead as a twine consumer, but large sales are made in Southern Africa and Australia, in fact, everywhere in the world where wheat grows.

The best twine is made from East India manila hemp. It is a product of a plant known to botanists as *musa textiles*, a variety of banana palm which grows only in the Philippine Islands. Some fairly good varieties of hemp, although far inferior to the manila, are now being grown in Southern Mexico. Yucatan supplies the much used sisal, which comes from a plant known as the American aloe, resembling the century plant in appearance. The fiber takes its name from Sisal, a seaport town in Yucatan. The work of cutting the fibre, stringing it out, suspending it on rocks to dry, and packing it for shipment, employs thousands of the natives during part of the year. This Yucatan hemp is now much used, although it is not as strong and durable as the East India product.

The various kinds of hemp come to the factory storehouse in bales containing from 270 to 375 pounds. Some of them are bound in rattan and palm leaves and covered with cabalistic lettering in some foreign language. Recently a little of the hemp grown in Kentucky as an experiment has been tried, but it was found not to be fit for binding twine, which must not only be strong and smooth, but uniform in size, so that it will work well in the machine. One Chicago warehouse is three stories high, 275 feet long by 100 feet wide, and is packed from top to bottom with hemp bales, the entire capacity being 5,000 tons. Great caution has to be observed in providing fire protection, for if the piles of bales become ignited it would be almost impossible to extinguish them.

When the bales of hemp come into the factory from the warehouse they are torn apart and the workmen shake out each of the separate bunches, which are knotted at the end, and somewhat resemble a horse tail, only they are nearly white and very coarse, the fibre varying from two up to six feet in length. So closely is the hemp packed that a bale more than doubles its size when it is loosened. The hemp now goes to the preparing room, where the roar of machinery is so deafening that it is impossible to speak loud enough to be heard. The room is remarkably high, so that the thick hemp dust which fills the atmosphere will be swept out and will not injure the employes. The hemp goes first to the stretching frame, which is a broad wheel about eight feet in diameter, the outer surface being covered with short, sharp pegs set close together. This is covered all over with a shield, which is pierced at one side with a square hole. Through this hole the hemp bunches are switched until the teeth have combed the fibres out straight, tearing away also a good deal of dust and short, valueless fibres.

The hemp now goes to the first spreader or breaker. This consists of two sets of belts, both covered with short metallic teeth or pegs, the first moving more slowly than the second. On being fed into the machine the hemp is spread out, carded and straightened, the second belt pulling it apart longitudinally and making the ribbon thinner. From the end of the first spreader a girl attendant, who is powdered with dust from head to foot,

guides the big loose rope into high tin pails, from which it is fed into the second spreading machine, and so on through eight of them until the hemp ribbon is smooth and even, and much thinner and narrower than at first.

It now goes in high tin pails to the bell machines, where it runs over numerous spools and rollers which smooth it down, twist it and draw it out finer and thinner, making the fibres compact. After going through two of these machines it is ready to be sent to the 600 spindles or looms on the second and third floors.

It is difficult to give an idea of the scene in the spindle rooms. Hundreds of machines, all just alike, with each part moving in unison, each belt flapping in line, and all over a deafening sound of whirling wheels and clacking spindles. Among the machines a few girls move about quietly, keeping them free from dust and seeing that their insatiable mouths are always full. Here the ribbon of hemp runs from the pails through a very little hole, and then it is pulled very fast so that it grows thinner, at the same time being twisted a little. Then it is fed on a big spool or bobbin in the form of the finished twine—about 650 feet to every bobbin. A complete system of inspection and examination is in use at the factory for insuring absolute exactness in the size and strength of the twine. The binder attachment of a harvester is set up in the room, and a bundle of rag bags is bound from time to time to see if the twine is perfect practically.

The bobbins are now sent up to the balling department. Here a great number of girls with incredibly nimble fingers are engaged in operating busy little machines which wind the twine from the bobbin into the well-known shape of the twine balls. The balls are so made that the twine unwinds from the inside out instead of from the outside.

The balls are now weighed, and twelve of them are placed in a package and covered with burlaps ready to be shipped to the dealer.—Hardware Dealer.

## Furs, Hides, Wool.

Jas. McMillan & Co., of Minneapolis, write as follows on November 25:

**Hides**—The receipts are larger as is always the case with the advent of cold weather. The sole-leather tanners have stopped buying altogether, and the upper leather and calfskin tanners when buying at all only buy to run a quarter to half capacity, and we have never in eighteen years experience seen such heavy declines as have occurred in both green-salted and dry hides during the past three months. No one can fortell the market as it depends on the sale of leather by the tanners, and if they cannot make sales there will be a further decline. During cold weather ship hides green in a frozen condition. In buying get tare for horns, tailbones and manure, if any, as they have to be deducted for or removed before weighing.

**Furs**—The receipts of furs will continue to increase as the season advances. Our advices are that the Hudson Bay Co. will have a larger collection than usual of most articles, of which beaver and muskrat will be sold in their January sale, and every other variety in their March sale. The New York furriers who have been carrying furs for a year or two have had scarcely any demand and there have been numerous failures among them with large liabilities. This has discouraged the principal United States dealers, who make a specialty of selling American and foreign furs on time, and it is said that manufactured furs can be bought in New York at 60 per cent. of their value. With these conditions and the low prices that ruled at the last June and October London sales, furs will have to be bought at reasonable prices on a close assortment, and we advise our customers to be conservative and bear down in their prices

in the poor lots. Bear are going out of fashion and will rule on a lower basis of prices. Skunk are prime or No. 1 earlier than any other kind of fur. We are already receiving some that are No. 1 and hope that our customers will send us all the skunk and mink they can, because we have a trade for them between this and the holidays, although skunk are not commanding anywhere near the prices they did last year. The most undesirable articles are badger, beaver, wild cat, gray fox, lynx and wolf, and by themselves are nearly unsalable even at low prices. Prime furs are white or red on the flesh side, unprime, blue or black. Those caught after this will grade prime or No. 1; those caught previously grade No. 2 or 3, and when caught earlier in the fall, No. 4. Bear caught in the summer are actually not worth transportation charges. Most badger that we receive are No. 4 or worthless, as they are only full-furred when they come out of their dens in the spring.

**Deer and Antelope**—Horse hides and calfskins are declining and they can be substituted for deerskin.

**Wool**—We learn that there is a movement on foot to have a higher tariff put on woollens and also to have a tariff placed on wool. A good many advocate that if there can not be a duty placed on wool, manufactured woollens should be placed on the free list. We do not believe any duty will be put on wool this year.

## Dry Goods Trade Notes.

The Toronto Globe in its dry goods report says: "So far this season the weather has been too mild for a satisfactory retail trade. The past week has been more favorable for business. The prices of raw cotton have dropped somewhat, but not enough to affect the present advanced prices on manufactured goods. In the majority of cases cotton fabrics have been calculated on a basis of 8c, which is a little lower than the present market value of the raw cotton. The mill price of the manufactured goods and the price of the raw material are very near each other on such heavy goods as tickings, sheetings, etc. From recent information it would not be a surprise to hear of further advances. There is very little to report in the demand for woollen and worsted dress goods beyond what has already been stated in this column. Desirable plaids are still sought as well as good wearing boucles and other rough effects. The scarcity of these goods has made buyers more eager to pick up any balance left. Staples and plain cottons are quiet, with cashmeres but little inquired for. Henriettas and serges are quiet. The latter, however, are in better demand than the henriettas. Silks are very quiet, with trade bordering on pronounced dullness. Linens, in the fancy lines and sets, are in better request for the Christmas trade. There is every reason to believe that, with seasonable weather and the usual large business during the holidays, the stocks of retailers and jobbers will be so depleted by December 31 as to make possible a further advance in manufacturers' prices."

## Our Correspondence Column.

J. C. S.—There is a commercial distinction between the terms which is often incorrectly used. The word "pork" is used to apply to barrel or mess pork. This is the correct commercial meaning of the word. It is not applied to dead fresh meat. Dressed hogs, not pork, is the proper commercial term to use in the latter case. The words "pig and hog" are also not synonymous terms, in a commercial sense. "Pig" is applied only to small or light animals, too small for packers' use, say under 140 pounds, live weight. Larger animals are referred to as "hogs."

# The Commercial

WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 9, 1895.

## THE COMMERCIAL.

Readers of The Commercial will notice that this journal appears in enlarged form. This is a permanent enlargement, at least so far as can be foreseen at the present. When next The Commercial changes its form, we hope it will be to again enlarge the journal. Four pages are added this week, and it is hoped that it will be found possible to add four pages more before another year goes around. How soon this hope will be realized, of course depends upon the patronage extended The Commercial by the business community in whose interest it is published.

It is the intention to enlarge the paper again just as soon as the business received will allow of a further enlargement. The Commercial, like any other business enterprise, cannot be enlarged and improved beyond the point where its income would be insufficient to meet expenses. If the paper is not fully up to the expectations of some of our patrons, they will know how to assist in improving it. It takes considerable expenditure to keep up a paper like The Commercial, and the only way it can be permanently improved is through an increased income. The more liberally the paper is supported the more rapid, therefore, will improvements and enlargements be made in the journal.

The Commercial has felt the depression the past two years to much the same extent as general lines of business. This made a curtailment of expenditure necessary, in order to reduce expenses in some proportion to income. It was with much regret that the paper was reduced in size some time ago, and it is now a pleasure to state that business with The Commercial has improved to such an extent as to make it possible to increase the size of the paper by adding four pages. The Commercial is still four pages less than it was two years ago, and we hope to be able to add four pages more early in the coming year, so as to recover the full former size.

Though The Commercial has suffered a considerable curtailment of income during the past two years, there has been no reduction in the circulation of the paper. On the contrary, there has been a moderate increase in the circulation all the time. We can say without the least doubt, that no paper in Canada covers its particular field in the matter of circulation so closely as does The Commercial. All through this great western country, the number of people in business who do not take this paper is very trifling indeed. Wherever there is a store or a place of business, located in the most out of the way places, there The Commercial will be found as often as the mail arrives, if it does not come more than once a week. Throughout north-western Ontario, Manitoba and the Territories The Commercial goes its weekly rounds, reaching the establishments of almost every one in business, and even in the far western province of British Columbia The Commercial is now being sought for almost as eagerly as nearer home. Wholesale merchants,

manufacturers and others who place their advertisements in The Commercial, therefore, know that they reach very closely the business men of the country from Lake Superior to the tide waters of the Pacific.

There is no question but that The Commercial has been a vast benefit to the trade of Winnipeg. There are a few—a very few—to whom we would naturally look for support, who have refused to recognize this fact; but whether they recognize it or not, this paper has benefitted them individually as well as the trade of the city collectively. In the past dozen years since this paper was started it has undoubtedly brought in the aggregate an enormous amount of business to Winnipeg. The influence of a trade paper, going out every week to almost every business man throughout the territory in any sense tributary to Winnipeg, must certainly be productive of much good in bringing business to this centre. Every person who receives a copy of the paper, and every time he receives one, is reminded that Winnipeg is a trade center where he might do business to advantage. The Commercial does not look for advertising patronage from retail dealers, but it does look for business from jobbers, manufacturers and those who do a trade in a general way throughout the country. Parties who have never recognized the value of The Commercial, have, no doubt, had their business increased by hundreds and thousands of dollars annually through the influence of this paper in drawing trade to the city. Though not advertising in the paper, they have shared to some extent in the expansion of trade generally in this city, which The Commercial has so materially assisted in building up. Those who have advertised liberally in this paper have assisted in building up the trade of the city in two ways. They have helped The Commercial financially to carry on its work in the interest of this commercial centre, and secondly they have drawn business here directly by their representations to the trade of the country.

The Commercial does not complain of any lack of support. On the contrary, in proportion to the size of the field, the patronage received has been liberal. Neither do we complain of the few who have not tried to extend their business through the columns of this paper. That is their own business, with which no one has any right to interfere. Any advantage they have received (and this has been very great in the case of firms which have been long established here) in a general way from the trade drawn to the city through the influence of The Commercial, they are welcome to.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

DURING the past official year, says an Ottawa dispatch, the analysts of the Dominion have analysed 928 samples of foods, drugs and fertilizers. Of the number 680 were genuine; 161 adulterated; and the remainder, 85, doubtful, or unclassified. The most noticeable adulterations are in respect of butter, which consist of excess of water or salt, sometimes of both, indicative of carelessness rather than fraud. Infant foods and meat extracts are generally genuine, wholesome and nutritious. This shows a smaller num-

ber of adulterated samples than might have been expected and many of those classed as adulterated, are not adulterated in the sense that any foreign substance has been intentionally substituted in place of a portion of the genuine commodity. In the case of butter, for instance, a little excess of salt or water is classed as an adulteration of the sample, while this is really not an adulteration at all in the sense that any foreign substance had been introduced into the butter.

Mr. W. B. Scarth, late of Winnipeg, is now located at Ottawa, as deputy minister of agriculture. In this capacity he will be able to use his influence to good advantage in the interest of Manitoba and the West, something which The Commercial feels he will do whenever occasion offers. His large acquaintance with the requirements of this country will enable him to turn many things to our advantage, in his new position at Ottawa.

In a line with what The Commercial said last week on the wheat situation, is the following from the Liverpool Corn Trade News, since to hand: "In the Argentine crop most interest now centres, recent reports being distinctly favorable, and even those who a few weeks ago were telegraphing alarming news now admit that weather is favorable in every respect for the wheat crop, and that the export surplus may probably exceed last season's by 1,000,000 quarters (8,000,000 bushels). The size of the Argentine surplus will have a good deal to do with shaping prices in the second half of this crop year. The crop is generally described as promising an average yield on an acreage about 15 per cent. bigger than was harvested in 1893. An average yield per acre in Argentina, based on the experience of the past, they may be reckoned at slightly over 14 bushels. Applying this to the estimated acreage of 5,300,000 acres, we have a total yield of 74,200,000 bushels, leaving 50,000,000 bushels for export."

It seems a matter of regret that Manitoba should not be self sustaining in the matter of poultry. Manitoba should be able to supply not only all her own wants, but also the requirements of British Columbia and other western districts, in poultry, eggs, etc. Such is not the case however. The Parsons Produce Co., a Winnipeg firm, report that they have brought in 30,000 dozen of eggs from Eastern Canada, within a few weeks, and they have also brought in or have now on the way over 100,000 pounds of Eastern poultry. The eggs will not be required for local trade to any extent, and they have mostly been shipped through to far western points. Most of the poultry is also for British Columbia points, but quite a quantity of the latter will find a market right here in Winnipeg. Poultry has always been considered a very profitable department of the farm, and our producers should be able to supply the entire local and western trade. The shortage is mainly in Turkeys and Geese, there being, as a rule, a plentiful local supply of chickens and ducks.

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**Wheat Stocks**

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Nov. 30, 1895, shows an increase of 1,682,000 bushels, against an increase of 1,215,000 for the corresponding week last year and an increase of 808,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago, and 1,815,000 bushels three years ago.

The following table shows the total visible supply of wheat on the dates named for four years, as compiled by the Chicago board of trade and includes stocks at most important points of accumulation in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains. There are some important points not covered by this statement:

	1895.	1894.	1893.	1892.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.
Jan. 2...	83,591,000	80,224,000	81,248,000	45,907,000
Feb. 5...	83,376,000	79,883,000	81,391,000	43,161,000
Mar. 4...	78,768,000	75,569,000	79,048,000	41,558,000
Apr. 1...	74,308,000	71,458,000	77,661,000	41,036,000
" 8...	72,703,000	70,762,000	77,291,000	41,177,000
" 15...	70,187,000	69,217,000	76,996,000	42,055,000
" 22...	68,624,000	68,475,000	74,809,000	39,149,000
" 29...	65,770,000	66,683,000	75,997,000	37,030,000
May 6...	62,198,000	65,116,000	73,691,000	36,190,000
" 13...	60,823,000	63,510,000	72,699,000	35,100,000
" 20...	59,484,000	62,144,000	71,892,000	34,700,000
" 27...	58,144,000	61,329,000	70,150,000	33,523,000
June 3...	56,829,000	59,394,000	68,080,000	32,000,000
" 10...	55,739,000	58,211,000	66,662,000	30,950,000
" 17...	54,717,000	57,005,000	65,176,000	29,900,000
" 24...	53,725,000	55,812,000	63,041,000	28,661,000
July 1...	52,761,000	54,637,000	61,800,000	27,421,000
" 8...	51,830,000	53,484,000	60,599,000	26,180,000
" 15...	50,937,000	52,351,000	59,438,000	24,939,000
" 22...	49,077,000	51,240,000	58,317,000	23,698,000
" 29...	47,254,000	50,150,000	57,236,000	22,457,000
Aug. 5...	45,471,000	49,081,000	56,195,000	21,216,000
" 12...	43,722,000	48,032,000	55,184,000	20,000,000
" 19...	42,001,000	47,003,000	54,203,000	18,819,000
" 26...	40,302,000	46,004,000	53,252,000	17,678,000
Sept. 2...	38,629,000	45,035,000	52,341,000	16,577,000
" 9...	37,086,000	44,096,000	51,470,000	15,516,000
" 16...	35,568,000	43,187,000	50,639,000	14,495,000
" 23...	34,070,000	42,308,000	49,848,000	13,514,000
Oct. 1...	32,592,000	41,459,000	49,097,000	12,573,000
" 8...	31,134,000	40,640,000	48,386,000	11,672,000
" 15...	29,695,000	39,851,000	47,715,000	10,811,000
" 22...	28,276,000	39,092,000	47,084,000	10,000,000
" 29...	26,877,000	38,363,000	46,493,000	9,239,000
Nov. 5...	25,498,000	37,664,000	45,942,000	8,528,000
" 12...	24,139,000	37,005,000	45,431,000	7,857,000
" 19...	22,800,000	36,386,000	44,960,000	7,226,000
" 26...	21,481,000	35,807,000	44,529,000	6,635,000
Dec. 2...	20,182,000	35,268,000	44,138,000	6,084,000
" 9...	18,903,000	34,769,000	43,787,000	5,573,000
" 16...	17,644,000	34,310,000	43,476,000	5,102,000
" 23...	16,405,000	33,891,000	43,205,000	4,671,000
" 30...	15,186,000	33,512,000	42,974,000	4,280,000

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on November 25 is as follows:

	bushels.
Montreal.....	246,000
Toronto.....	91,000
Kingston.....	10,000
Winnipeg.....	178,000
Manitoba elevators.....	1,900,000
Fort William, Port Arthur & Keewatin.....	2,713,000

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on November 25, 1895:

	bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	86,099,000
Pacific Coast.....	9,651,000
Total stocks a year ago were:	
East of the Mountains.....	112,218,000
Pacific Coast.....	15,150,000

Bradstreet's report for the week ended Dec. 30, shows an increase of 1,589,000 bushels in stocks of wheat east of the mountains, making the total 87,688,000 bushels on the latter date.

World's stocks on November 1, (United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe) were 153,038,000 bushels, compared with 178,682,000 bushels a year ago, 173,225,000 bushels two years ago, 154,272,000 bushels three years ago, 138,641,000 bushels four years ago, 91,150,000 bushels five years ago, and 103,117,000 bushels six years ago.

**Winnipeg Clearing House.**

Clearings for the week ending December 5, were \$1,878,870; balances, \$354,159. For the previous week clearings were \$1,997,839. For the corresponding week of last year clearings

were \$1,819,685. For the month of November clearings were \$8,503,272, as compared with \$6,607,498 for October last year.

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

	Nov. 20.	Nov. 28.
Montreal.....	\$11,029,858	\$12,870,911
Toronto.....	5,293,063	6,960,756
Halifax.....	1,023,461	1,871,705
Winnipeg.....	1,644,491	1,937,839
Hamilton.....	717,238	731,764
Total.....	\$19,713,121	\$23,872,505

**Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.**

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

Grade.	Nov. 2	Nov. 9	Nov. 16	Nov. 23.	Nov. 30
Extra Manitoba					
hard.....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 hard.....	92	59	107	74	52
No. 2 hard.....	37	27	39	21	25
No. 3 hard.....	54	30	34	30	25
No. 1 North'n.....	21	18	20	20	9
No. 2 North'n.....	5	11	0	0	3
No. 3 North'n.....	3	0	0	0	1
No. 1 white type.....	3	0	4	0	0
No. 2 white type.....	0	0	0	2	0
No. 1 Spring.....	9	2	0	3	8
No. 2 Spring.....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Frost d.....	54	27	54	34	21
No. 2 Frost d.....	24	9	22	11	11
No. 3 Frost d.....	7	7	0	1	0
No. 1 R. rejected.....	21	0	16	14	12
No. 2 R. rejected.....	42	28	30	34	01
No Grade.....	0	0	4	1	0
Feed.....	0	0	0	2	1
Total.....	315	274	474	376	227
Same week last year.....	164	113	276	235	176

\*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 Markets a Year Ago.**

Wheat.—No. 1 hard, c.i.f. Fort William December, 60c and 42 to 44c to farmers, Manitoba country points.  
 Flour.—Local price, per sack, Patents, \$1.50; Bakers, \$1.60.  
 Bran.—Per can, \$11.  
 Shorts.—Per ton, \$13.  
 Oats.—Per bushel, car lots, 23 to 24c.  
 Barley.—Per bushel, feed 26c to 30c.  
 Flax Seed.—95c to \$1.  
 Butter.—Round lots country dairy 10 to 14c.  
 Cheese.—Small lots 11 to 11½c.  
 Eggs.—Fresh, 14, to 16c round lots.  
 Beef.—Fresh, per lb., 8 to 4½c.  
 Mutton.—Fresh, and lamb, 5.  
 Hogs.—Dressed, 4½ to 5c.  
 Cattle.—Butchers, 2 to 2½c. choice 3 to 3½c.  
 Hogs.—Live, off cars, 4½c.  
 Sheep.—\$2.25 to \$2.40 per 100 pounds.  
 Seneca Root.—19 to 21c.  
 Poultry.—Chicken, 6 to 7c, turkeys, 9 to 10c, geese, 7 to 8c, ducks 7 to 8c.  
 Hides.—No. 1 cows, 2½c.  
 Potatoes.—45 to 50c per bushel.  
 Hay.—\$1.50 to \$5.50 per ton, car lots.  
 Wool.—8 to 9c, unwashed fleece.

Wheat prices in the country were very irregular this week last year, as high as 47c being paid at some points.

**Manitoba Wheat Movement.**

Receipts of wheat at Fort William from September 1 to November 30 amount to 9,418,265 bushels, as compared with 8,395,062 bushels for the same period last year. Shipments east of Fort William for export or to Eastern Canada from September 1 to November 30 amount to 7,871,068 bushels, as com-

pared with 8,931,897 bushels for the corresponding period of last year. Stocks at Fort William on November 30 were 1,748,471 bushels, compared with 471,220 bushels a year ago and 1,125,118 bushels two years ago. Receipts for the week ended November 30 at Fort William were 681,768 bushels and shipments from that point were 1,249,838. For the corresponding week last year receipts were 392,190 bushels and shipments 717,699. Shipments from Fort William for the week ended Dec. 30 this year, are the largest for the season, slightly exceeding the previous week. The largest lake shipments for any week last year were 1,111,180 bushels, for the week ended Nov. 21, 1894.

**An Opinion of the Great West.**

The Spectator, a New York insurance journal, says: "The Great West Life Assurance Company of Winnipeg, Manitoba, is one of the hustling Canadian companies that is making quite a record. The company began business only in 1892, and in 1891 stood fourth among the eleven life insurance companies of Canada in amount of new business written, and second in the amount of net gain in insurance in force. In percentage of new business retained it stood first, leading both Canadian and foreign companies. For a young company the Great West obtains its business at a very low rate of expense, its cost per \$1,000 of new business, after deducting seven and one-half per cent. of renewals for care of old business, being but \$18.71. Situated in the commercial centre of the great Northwest territory it has a growing field to cultivate, which its active manager J. H. Brock will see is done properly, at the same time getting his full share from the eastern provinces. The Great West is an extremely lusty and promising youngster."

**Lumber Trade News.**

Wm. Armstrong, for many years manager of the lumber business of P. McArthur, at Westbourne, has settled in Portage la Prairie, Man., where he has purchased the lumber business of McIlvanie & Logan. W. Logan will continue the planing mill business.

The Brandon Times says: "As soon as the ground was frozen J. A. Christie, president and manager of the Assiniboine Lumber Company, started two camps of from 50 to 60 men cutting and skidding logs in the woods on the banks of the Assiniboine, in the vicinity of Fort Pelly, by the river about 225 miles northwest of here. Arrangements are now being made for increasing the force, and as soon as sufficient snow comes, a large number of teams will be sent out to haul the logs onto the ice, ready for starting the drive the moment the ice moves in the spring. Much will depend on the season, but they aim at making the cut between three and four million feet. This business means a good deal to every citizen of Brandon, for it is not only the merchants who supply the company or their men with goods that are benefitted, but the community at large, by the reduction in the prices of both lumber and fuel. The farmers too, many of whose sons and teams find employment during the winter months, are doubly benefitted by the enterprise of this company. The supplies for the camps which are all purchased in Brandon and vicinity, amount to a round sum during the year.

Jacob Lukov, men's furnishings, Victoria, is selling out by auction.

Wm. B. Macnamara, representing H. Shorey & Co., clothing manufacturers of Montreal, returned to Winnipeg last week after a trip through Southern Manitoba, and he reports the business outlook good, and buyers taking hold more freely than they did last year.

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## THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

WINNIPEG, Saturday, Dec. 7, 1895.

The weather has been milder this week, averaging quite mild for this season. The first snow sufficient to make sleighing, fell yesterday. The mild weather has materially prolonged the season of navigation on the lakes, and a number of steamers have cleared from Fort William this week with Manitoba wheat. The corresponding week last year, one steamer only cleared, the last boat with wheat having left on December 2nd. In the country the wheat movement has continued comparatively light, and prices have been firmer in consequence. In wholesale trade, business is quieting down as usual at this season. The fall and winter trade to date in textile lines have been very satisfactory, exceeding largely the past two seasons. Bank clearings at Winnipeg this week exceed the corresponding week of last year by about 39½ per cent, and clearings for the month of November exceed November 1894 by about 28 per cent. Winnipeg shows a larger increase in bank clearings than any other Canadian city, as compared with last year.

In Canada generally, staple products are reported as follows: flour, lower; live and dressed hogs, weak and lower, owing to low prices at Chicago; hides, weak and ½c lower at Toronto; dressed poultry, declining, hog products, ¼ to ½c lower on most lines; oats, weak.

Regarding the general trade situation in the United States Bradstreets report issued at New York to day says. "General trade continues in smaller volume, quiet in most lines, business being conducted conservatively, activity only among dealers in woollens, clothing, shoes and hardware. The season has evidently been a late one, prolonged mild weather having delayed orders until the Christmas demand and belated autumn request came together. The course of prices shows a more favorable tendency. Sugar, Indian corn and wheat showing advances, prices of wheat, flour, pork, rice and tobacco being firm and unchanged, while lower prices are furnished by oats, lard, coffee, cotton, print cloths, petroleum, leather, hides, and lumber, coal, southern pig iron, bessemer pig iron, live hogs and live cattle.

## WINNIPEG MARKETS.

WINNIPEG, SATURDAY AFTERNOON, Dec. 7.

[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.]

**BOOTS AND SHOES AND LEATHER.**—Leather is dull and owing to the declining state of the hide market manufacturers are buying very cautiously. Advices from the east report the spring trade in boots and shoes are very backward. Buyers are holding off in expectation of some reductions in prices in consequence of the recent decline in leather. The staple lines in shoes, which showed such a sharp advance last season, are particularly being taken very slowly for the spring trade. Travellers are working for spring orders now. There has been a brisk demand for winter footwear, but it is now slacking up some. Felt boots have had a large sale and this class of goods are fast coming into popular favor, where warm footwear is the desideratum.

**CEREALS.**—National Food preparations in cartons: Dried rolled oats, 2 doz., 2 lb pkgs, per case, \$2.90; desiccated rolled wheat,

2 doz. 8 lb. pkgs per case, \$3.25, Desiccated wheat, 1 doz., 2 lb pkts., per case, \$2.75; Snowflake barley 2 doz., 2 lb pkgs., per case, \$2.90; Buckwheat flour, 1 doz., 5 lb pkgs per case \$2.75; Buckwheat flour 2 doz., 2½ lb pkts., per case \$2.90; breakfast hominy, 1 doz., 8 lb pkts., per case, \$3.25; prepared pea flour 1 doz., per case, \$2.50; gluten flour, 1 doz., per case, \$3.50, rolled wheat, in bbls., 18½ lbs, \$1.50.

**COAL.**—There was still some complaint this week about scarcity of fuel at some country points, but cars are more readily obtained than last week. Prices are the same and the demand is good, though the weather was moderate this week. Winnipeg prices are the same and we quote: Pennsylvania anthracite \$8.50 per ton, delivered to consumers; Souris lignite \$1.25 per ton, delivered to consumers, and \$3.85 at the yard here; Lethbridge bituminous \$3.50 to consumers; western anthracite, \$8.50 per ton to consumers.

**CORNDWOOD FUEL.**—Prices hold firm. We quote the following prices for car lots on track here: Tamarac \$4 per cord; pine \$3.50 per cord; spruce \$3.25; poplar \$2.25 to \$2.50 per cord; oak, \$3.75 to \$4; birch, \$1 to \$1.25. There is a little variation from these prices as to quality, poor quality being sometimes obtainable a little lower. Some are holding good tamarac at \$1.25.

**DRUGS.**—A report from Montreal says: "There has been increased excitement and strength in glycerine and prices show a further rise of £5 to £7 abroad. Cablegrams received here raised the limits to £72 for prompt shipment, and £70 forward. Judging from the rapid advance in this article during the past two months prices may go as high as £90 to £90. Several makers, it is said, have already sold their entire product of 1895. Cream of tartar is easier and some sales are reported at 90s, which is a considerable decline from recent high prices. Camphor in one ounce blocks is quoted at 2s 4d per lb. Following prices are for small parcels, and will be shaded considerably for full package orders: Allum per pound, 3½ to 4½; alcohol, \$1.75; bleaching powder, per pound; 6 to 8c; bluestone, 1½ to 5c; blue vitrol, 5 to 8c; borax, 11 to 13c; bromide potash, 55 to 75c; camphor, 75 to 85c; camphor, ounces 80 to 90c; carbolic acid, 40 to 65c; castor oil, 11 to 15c; chloride potash, 28 to 35c; citric acid, 55 to 65c; copperas 3½ to 4c; cocaine, per oz., \$7.50 to \$8.00; cream tartar, per pound, 25 to 35c; cloves, 20 to 25c; epsom salts, 3½ to 4c; extract logwood, bulk, 14 to 18c; do., boxes, 18 to 20c; German quinine, 30 to 40c; glycerine, per pound, 20 to 25c; ginger, Jamaica, 25 to 40c; do., African, 20 to 25c; Howard's quinine, per ounce, 35 to 45c; iodine, \$5.50 to \$6.00; insect powder, 35 to 40c; morphia sul., \$1.90 to \$2.25; Opium, \$1.50 to \$5.00; oil, olive, \$1.25 to \$1.40; oil, U. S. salad, \$1.25 to 1.40; oil, lemon, super \$2.25 to 2.75; oil, peppermint, \$1.00 to \$1.50; oil, cod liver, \$2.25 to 2.75 per gallon; oxalice acid, 13 to 16c; potass iodide, \$1.25 to 4.50; paris green, 17 to 18c lb; saltpetre; 10 to 12c; sal rocnello, 30 to 35c; shellac, 45 to 50c; sulphur flowers, 3½ to 5c; sulphur roll, per keg, 3½ to 5c; soda bicarb, per keg of 112 pounds, \$3.75 to \$1.25; sal soda, \$2 to \$3; tartaric acid, per lb., 45 to 55c.

**DRIED FRUITS AND NUTS.**—New nuts are now arriving in most varieties. Prices are, Walnuts, 18c; Tarragona almonds, 17c; princess paper shell almonds, 23c; Sicily filberts, large, 14c; Brazil nuts, 15c; peanuts, roasted, 15c; Ontario black walnuts, 8c; butternuts, 9c; hickory nuts, 10c per pound; figs, old, 14 oz. boxes, \$1 per dozen; figs, new, 9 lb. boxes, 15c; figs, superior, 35 lb. boxes, 19c; figs, fancy imperial, 55 lb. boxes, 23c per lb; dates, old, 7 to 7½ lb.

**FISH.**—Fresh fish are quoted: Cod 10c a lb.; haddock 10c lb; British Columbia

salmon 12 to 14c; British Columbia halibut, 12c; Lake Superior trout, 9c, whitefish, 6c, pickerel, 4c; sturgeon, 7c, finnan haddies, 1c lower at 9 to 10c as to size of orders; kippered goldeyes, 30c c o.; oysters, \$2 for standards and \$2.25 selects, per gallon, extra selects \$2.35; cans, 55 and 65c; shell oysters, \$7.50 per barrel. Cured fish are quoted. Boneless codfish, 40 lb boxes 7c, do crates 7½c; boneless fish, 40 lb boxes, 3c, smoked herrings, 19c box.

**FURNITURE.**—In this branch there has been a great improvement in business of late, which is very welcome, as the furniture line had previously experienced a long quiet spell.

**GREEN FRUITS.**—New Messina lemons are now offering, and prices are \$2 per box lower than was asked for former small express lot receipts. The outlook for lemons is firm, and it is not expected that prices will decline any further for a long time at least. Oranges have been very scarce, the market being entirely bare of this fruit most of the time. Jamaica oranges are expected in a few days, to sell at about \$7.50 per box. Apples are very firm at last quotations. No fancy sorts obtainable. Cranberries have been exceedingly scarce, the market being bare most of the week. Some are coming, but prices will be higher—about \$12.50 per barrel. Catawba grapes, 10c higher. Malaga grapes are very firm, and a sharp advance is expected in this line soon. Prices are: Lemons, New Messinas, \$7 box; Jamaica oranges \$7.50 per box; bananas \$3 to \$4 per bunch as to size; apples, per barrel, \$3.75 to \$4, as to variety; Catawba grapes 75c per basket, large lots 65c per basket, Malaga grapes \$7.50 per keg, canberries \$12.50 per barrel; sweet potatoes \$5.50 per barrel; Spanish onions \$1.25 per crate; apple cider, 35c per gallon, in 30 gallon barrels; fresh comb honey, 22c per lb.

**GROCERY SUNDRIES.**—Carveth's condensed mince, \$3 per case of 3 doz. pkgs, Carveth's horseradish, 16 oz. bottles, \$2.50 per case of 2 dozen; Comb honey, 20 to 22c lb; extracted honey, in tins, 11c; Imperial cheese, 1 doz. large, \$10.80, do. 1 doz. medium, \$5.40, do. 2 doz. small, \$3.00, Sneider's Tomato catsup, pints, \$3.95 per dozen, do. half pints, \$2.25 per doz., Tomato soup, half pints, \$2.25 per dozen.

**GROCERIES.**—The easiness in sugars which we noted last week, resulted in a decline at Eastern refineries. Prices were 1-16c lower, Eastern refiners quoting 4½ to 4¾ as to number of barrels taken, for granulated, and yellows at 3½ to 3¾c per lb., at the refineries. Owing to accumulation of stocks, two of the Eastern refineries were reported to be closing down. A car of new dates is on the way and will be here likely next week. There are very few dates in the city of any kind. There has been quite a large run on California loose muscatel raisins, and several cars of these have been placed here lately. They are selling in competition with valencias and are rather taking the lead over the latter, being ¾c to 1c per pound cheaper, which is a feature of considerable importance to the consumer. It is doubtful, however, if they are as good cookers as the valencias. A telegram from the east says that the Woodenware Association has decided to advance prices to a basis of \$1.60 per dozen for two hoop pails. Later advices were firmer on sugar again. The New York Commercial Bulletin says. A report was current that a movement is on foot to concentrate the spot stock of California raisins, including loose muscatels and London layers. Several days ago a large quantity of the latter changed hands at a price lower than any that has ever before been accepted, namely 85c. This closed out the entire holding of one receiver and was said to include both three and four crown layers. This sale, it is intimated, was the beginning of the movement now well under way to corner the local market. Some

reports are to the effect that the movement is directed by a syndicate composed in part of eastern receivers in connection with some outside capitalists and a number of California shippers. The latter, it is reported, have become convinced that California raisins, like California prunes, have the markets virtually to themselves this year, and that there is no reason why the goods should be sacrificed. Later reports were firmer on sugar.

**HARDWARE, PAINTS, ETC.**—Business in these lines is now very quiet and things have settled down to the usual winter conditions. Advices from outside markets report glass very firm, with higher prices looked for. Oils are mostly firm. Castor oil  $\frac{1}{2}$  higher in the east. Coal oil is locally unchanged. Canadian refined petroleum is advertised at retail in the city at 25c per gallon, which appears to be a wonderfully close price.

**TIN,** lamb and 56 and 28 lb. ingots, per lb, 20 to 21c.

**TIN PLATES.**—Charcoal plates, I. C., 10 by 14, 12 by 12 and 14 by 20, per box \$1.50 to \$1.75; I. X., same sizes, per box, \$5.75 to \$6; I. C. charcoal, 20 by 28, 112 sheets to box, \$8.50 to 9.00; I. X., per box, 20 by 28, 112 sheets to box, \$10.50 to 11.00.

**TERNE PLATES.**—I. C., 20 by 28, \$8.50 to 9.00.

**IRON AND STEEL.**—Bar iron, per 100 lbs. base price, \$2.50 to \$2.65, band iron, per 100 lbs., \$3.00 to \$3.15; Swedish iron, per 100 lbs., \$5.25 to 6; sleigh shoe steel, \$3.25 to 3.50; best cast tool steel, per lb, 12 to 13c; Russian sheet, per lb, 12 to 13c.

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

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

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

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

**CHAIN**—Best proof coil, 3-16 inch, per lb. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch, per lb, 6 to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; 5-16 inch, per lb. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 6c;  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch, per lb., 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ c; 7-16 inch, per lb., 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 5c,  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch, per lb., 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 5c.

**SHEET ZINC**—In casks, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c lb., broken lots, 6c.

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

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

**AMMUNITION.**—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American, discount, 35 per cent.; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 per cent.; rim fire military, American, 5 per cent. advance; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent.; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent.; shot shells, 12 gauge, \$6 to 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 6c.

**AXES.**—Per box, \$6.50 to 15.50.

**WIRE.**—Galvanized barb wire, plain twisted wire and staples, \$3.50 per 100 lbs.

**ROPE.**—Sisal, per lb., 8 to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c base; manilla, per lb., 11 to 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c base; cotton,  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch at 1 larger, 16c lb.

**NAILS.**—Cut, per keg, base price, \$2.35 to \$3; common steel wire nails, 5 to 6 inch, \$3.50 per keg; 3 to 4 inch, \$3.80 keg; 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  inch, \$1.09 keg, 2 inch, \$1.38 keg.

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

**HORSE SHOES.**—Per keg, \$1.50 to \$1.75; snow pattern horse shoes, \$1.75 to \$5.

**WHITE LEADS.**—Pure, ground in oil, association guarantee, 5.75 per 100-lb; white lead, assorted 1 to 5-lb. tins, per lb., 9c.

**TEXTILE FABRICS.**—A very good business is reported in the dry goods branch. In the clothing trade business in sorting orders is not so brisk as it was, but is good for the season. Clothing houses have had a splendid trade, sales having largely exceeded the past two years. One house reports their November sales at \$14,000.00 in excess of November last year, and another house estimates their business at 83 per cent. greater than last season. Business has certainly been much better than since the fall of 1892. Stocks of clothing are reduced very low and there has been difficulty in keeping up with orders, particularly in overcoats. Ulster overcoats have had a tremendous sale.

**RAW FURS.**—No very large transactions are reported yet. Mink and lynx are the principal varieties coming in, with a few beaver and some early rats. Furs taken now would be prime, but the most of the furs received so far have been poor quality. A number of bear skins, which were almost worthless so far as the fur was concerned, have come in, and have brought from 50c to \$1.50 each. The outlook is anything but encouraging for furs. Very unfavorable advices have come from New York and other United States points in regard to the trade in manufactured furs, the weather having been unfavorable. It is said enormous stocks are carried at New York, and some failures in the trade are reported. These unfavorable features, together with the lower prices at the last London sales, will render it very necessary that country buyers should exercise unusual care, and not only buy lower, but select more closely than usual, in order to avoid loss. This will be especially necessary in regard to the early receipts of furs, which are poor quality at best, and often contain skins which are worthless. With business slow and prices easy, the poorer qualities will be very hard sale, hence unusual care will be advisable in buying all furs and particularly anything not prime. The following quotations give the range of prices here. The prices cover the range from small to large 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 .....	\$0 15 to \$0 80
Bear, black or brown .....	5 00 to 25 00
Bear, grizzly .....	5 01 to 25 00
Beaver, large .....	5 50 to 7 75
" medium .....	3 01 to 5 00
" small .....	1 50 to 2 50
" castors, per lb .....	2 51 to 5 50
Fisher .....	3 00 to 9 01
Fox, cross .....	2 00 to 10 00
" kitt .....	10 to 40
" red .....	25 to 1 50
" silver .....	20 00 to 75 00
Lynx, large .....	1 00 to 2 50
" medium .....	1 00 to 1 75
" small .....	75 to 1 25
Marten .....	1 00 to 7 00
Mink .....	50 to 1 50
Musquash, fall .....	02 to 07
Outer .....	2 00 to 9 00
Skunk .....	25 to 70
Wolf, timber .....	1 00 to 2 25
" prairie .....	25 to 65
Wolverine .....	1 00 to 4 50

**MANUFACTURED FURS.**—The bulk of the sorting trade is probably now over, but there is still a large demand for the season for furs. There has been a great run on the cheaper lines of fur coats, and dealers have been unable to fill orders in some lines, as stocks were rapidly exhausted and could not be replenished fast enough, though orders were hurried in by express as fast as they could be made up at the factories east. The local houses are still getting in stocks. The largest sales have been in wombat coats, but one house reports that they could have sold 300 more of these coats, if they could have

got them made up in time. Manufacturers east have advanced the price of wombat coats in consequence of the heavy demand, as the skins became scarce. All lines of fur goods will be well sold down here this season.

#### GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

**WHEAT.**—After Monday's firmness wheat ruled lower during the following two days of the week, in leading outside markets, but there was quite a strong upward move on Thursday and Friday. There was considerable war talk, which influenced wheat prices materially, with large Pacific coast exports reported on Thursday. The weak features were large receipts and favorable crop news. Exports from all countries last week were 6,800,000 bushels. Exports of wheat, flour included as wheat, from both coasts of the United States this week were 3,150,000 bushels, as compared with 2,460,000 bushels last week; 3,011,000 bushels in the week a year ago; 2,558,000 bushels in the week two years ago, and 4,410,000 three years ago.

The principal feature of interest in the local situation is the final closing of navigation at our lake ports. The last boat—the Centurian—cleared from Fort William with wheat for Buffalo on December 5. Last year the last boat cleared on December 2. Shipments from Fort William this week aggregate 590,000 bushels in round numbers, as compared with 70,000 bushels for the corresponding week last year. The season has been a favorable one for lake shipments and nearly a full week's shipments have been made later than last year. This will bring shipments by the lakes from Fort William for the season since September 1 up to about 8,375,000 bushels, as compared with shipments of 9,175,148 bushels up to the close of navigation last year. Shipments it will be seen are under last year, owing to the fact that the movement was nearly a month later in starting this year. Since the movement started it has been a brisk season and everything has gone smoothly. The railways have handled the wheat on the whole promptly, though the movement was heavier than last year during the latter part of the season. Allowing 1,500,000 bushels of Manitoba wheat shipped out by Duluth, and 2,000,000 bushels gone out as flour, total shipments out to date since September 1 will aggregate nearly 12,000,000 bushels, which is about the same as last year to the close of navigation. Prices have been firmer in Manitoba country markets, notwithstanding the close of navigation and the high winter rates which exports would now be subject to. Instead of prices declining, there has been an upward tendency, particularly for low grades. The 2c decline in low grades a week ago has been recovered, and prices are now on the old parity as to grades. There has also been a wider range of prices in different country markets, prices having advanced at several country points 1 to 3c beyond the general parity of similar freight rate points, owing to local causes. The firmness is due to light deliveries by farmers and the desire to fill up country elevators. So long as there is space in country elevators, there will be a tendency to buy wheat to fill up elevators, so as to earn storage. Wheat is so low that it is comparatively safe to buy to hold at present prices and earn storage at the same time. Prices in country markets here are much too high to ship for export via New York or other Atlantic ports. Some shipments of No. 3 hard principally are going all rail to St. John for export, but this is on contract made earlier and a figure which would allow of shipping could not be got now, on present basis of prices here. A few cars are going to North Bay for Ontario millers, but it is not expected that this trade will amount to much, as the larger Ontario millers are well stocked with Mani-



toba wheat, and there is a larger quantity than usual of Manitoba wheat held at storage points in Ontario, for the milling trade. Manitoba wheat is quoted at about 72c to 72½c No. 1 Hard at North Bay. Prices to farmers at Manitoba country markets have ranged 88 to 40c for No. 1 hard at most points, No. 1 northern and No. 2 hard 2 to 8c less. No. 3 hard and No. 2 northern 30 to 32c, No. 1 frosted, 25 to 28c, No. 2 frosted 22 to 23c. This covers about the general range, but at a few points there was some variation beyond these prices. Business in round lots was done at a basis of about 5½c per bu for No. 1 hard, afloat Fort William. No. 3 hard has shown a wider range under No. 1, ranging about 6c in some cases under No. 1. There were about 300 more car loads sold to go forward before the close of navigation, if charters could be made. Shipments from Manitoba points to Fort William principally, have fallen to about 175 cars per day, and will likely decrease further until country elevator storage is filled up.

**FLOUR.**—The principal feature in flour has been the weakness, both here and in the East, in Manitoba grades. Prices of Manitoba grades were reduced about 25c per barrel in eastern markets on Monday. In the local market prices were reduced 5c per sack or 10c per barrel. Sales by millers here are now made at \$1.70 to \$1.75 for patents and \$1.50 to \$1.55 for strong bakers per sack of 98lbs, delivered to city retail dealers; second bakers, \$1.30 to \$1.35; xxx, \$1.10 to \$1.15, delivered.

**MILLSTUFFS.**—City mills are selling at \$9 per ton for shorts and \$11 for bran, delivered in the city. Small lots \$1 per ton more.

**OATS.**—Prices are about the same as a week ago, the tendency having been rather easier. 16c is now about the top price and dealers were paying 15 to 16c for farmers' loads. There is no local business doing in car lots. A few cars are being bought in the country, for shipment to the lumber woods east. There is some talk of trying to buy for export, but 6 to 10c is all that could be paid for export, in the country here.

**BARLEY.**—Farmers' loads here are taken at 18 to 20c for feed, per bushel of 48 pounds, and 21c for good malting. A few cars are being bought in the country at 15c for feed up to 2c for malting, for shipment east.

**WHEAT**—Local farmers' market.—Farmers' loads are being taken at the mills here at 40 to 43c per bushel of 60 pounds for good milling wheat. Smutty wheat for feed, 30c per bushel.

**GROUND FEED.**—Prices range from \$11 to \$19 per ton, as to quality, the top price for rolled oat feed, and the lowest price for mixed mill feed.

**OATMEAL.**—Rolled oatmeal is quoted at about \$1.25 per sack of 80 pounds in broken lots to retail dealers. There is keen competition for large orders, and it is said \$1.10 has been accorded for large orders.

**OIL CAKE.**—Ground oil cake meal is quoted at \$20 per ton in sacks.

**FLAXSEED.**—Flaxseed at Chicago yesterday was quoted 91½. Prices to farmers in Manitoba country markets are at 60 to 61c per bushel.

**BUTTER.**—The market is rather weaker, and receipts are liberal. The city trade is not taking much butter. There is considerable poor roll butter offering here, being off flavor tubs worked over. There is no gain to be made in doing this, as rolls do not command any premium over tubs. We quote fair to choice round lots of butter, rolls or tubs, at 18 to 14c, and held goods at 8 to 10c as to quality. It would require to be a very choice lot to bring 14c now. A car of dairy was shipped to Liverpool this week.

**CHEESE.**—Jobbing at 8½ to 9c, as to quality

**EGGS.**—Dealers are paying 20c for fresh eggs from the country and are selling lined at 18c and fresh at 25c.

**LARD.**—Lard is again easier. Prices are:—Pure, \$1.80 for 20 pound pails, and \$1.50 for 50 lb pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$6.50 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 8½c pound.

**CURED MEATS.**—Smoked meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 11c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 11½; do., backs, 10½c; picnic hams, 8c; short spiced rolls, 7½c long rolls, 7½c; shoulders, 6½c; smoked long clear, 9c; smoked jowls, 5½c. Dry salt meats are: Long clear bacon, 7½c per lb; shoulders, 5½c; backs, 8½c; barrel pork, heavy mess \$18.00; clear mess \$18.00; short cut, \$16.00; rolled shoulders, \$14 per barrel, pork sundries; fresh sausage, 7c; bologna sausage, 7c; German sausage, 7c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 2½c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 30c lb.

**POULTRY.**—Manitoba poultry has been coming in very slowly, the quantity arriving not being nearly equal to the requirements of local dealers. Dealers have been greatly disappointed in receipts of poultry, as they have sold ahead in expectation of a liberal supply of native poultry, but very little has come in, consequently local dealers have been obliged to purchase supplies in the east, and large supplies will soon be here from Ontario. Dealers are paying 6½ to 8c for chickens, 8 to 9c for ducks and geese, and 10c for good turkeys.

**DRESSED MEATS.**—Prices have held about the same. For hogs, 5c is about the top. We expect lower prices soon. Country frozen beef is selling at 3c to 4c as to quality, and city dressed beef at 4 to 4½c, with choice unfrozen held at 5c. Mutton and lamb, 5½ to 6c; veal, 4 to 6c; large calves, a good many offering, at 4 to 4½c. Some beef is being bought to ship to the lumber woods in Ontario, for which \$3.10 per 100 pounds is being paid on cars here.

**GAME.**—Rabbits, 8c each; jack rabbits, 50c each.

**VEGETABLES.**—Following are prices on the street market: Potatoes, 20c per bushel, cabbage 25 to 40c per dozen, as to size; celery 25 to 40c per dozen bunches; onions 40 to 50c per bushel; turnips 10 to 15c per bushel; parsnips, 40 to 50c bushel; carrots 25c; beets 25c bushel. A few tomatoes are still obtainable at 2 to 3c per lb.

**HIDES.**—Prices are still irregular for hides, but the general tendency is lower. Most of the dealers are offering lower and paying 4 to 4½c for frozen hides, as they run, without inspection, allowing 5 pounds tare. In some cases 4½c was paid. Green city inspected hides were also irregular, 5½c having been paid in some cases, and others were offering 5 and even 4½c, making a range of 1c for No. 1 green hides. The price of hides at Toronto dropped ½ again this week to 5c for No. 1 green. We quote: Calf, 8 to 15lb skins, 5 to 6c per lb; deacons, 15 to 20c each; hips, 4 to 5c; sheep and lamb skins recent kill, 40 to 50c. Tallow, 4 to 5c rendered and 2 to 3c rough.

**WOOL.**—Manitoba fleece, nominal 10 to 12c per lb. The London wool sales are showing a firmer tone than was expected. It was expected that prices would be lower than last sales, but rates have been well maintained.

**SENECA ROOT.**—Nominal at 18 to 20c per lb. Outside markets are very weak.

**HAY.**—Prices are easier. Baled prairie is offered at about \$5 on cars in the country.

**LIVE STOCK.**

Cables from Liverpool this week reported cattle ½c lower at 9½ to 10c for best Canadian,

and sheep ½ to 1c lower at 11c. At Montreal this week hogs were weak, declining 40c per 100 pounds at Monday's market, owing to large offerings. Prices were at 3½ to 4c per lb. Cattle ranged from 1½ up to 3½c per lb for the best. Sheep at 2 to 2½c per lb and lambs 3 to 3½c per lb.

In the Winnipeg market there was very little doing. A load of cows and mixed butchers sold at 2½c, and a better load at 2½c. For choice cattle to arrive for the Christmas market 3c has been bid. Hogs are steady at 3½c off cars here. Good lambs, if wanted, would bring 8c, but the demand is limited, and butchers' are also well stocked with sheep or mutton.

At Toronto on Tuesday the receipts included 1,200 hogs, 800 sheep and lambs. Some of the common cattle sold for as low as 1½c per lb. The same fault has still to be found with the market, namely, the quality of the cattle is too poor. Prices ranged from 1½ to 2c per lb for poor to medium, and 2½ to 3c per lb for good to choice. Very few head touched the latter figure. Some of the poor cattle remained unsold and some were shipped back to the country. Drivers claimed that this was one of the worst markets on record, and to judge from the way many of the cattle were sacrificed they are pretty near the truth. Really choice cattle of course would sell, but hardly any came in. Bulls sold 2 to 2½c. Sheep are dull. There are a few head moving at from 2½c to 2½c per lb. Lambs \$3 to \$3.10 per cwt., the latter for the very best. Hogs, heavy offerings kept the market depressed. About the top price paid for hogs was \$3.60 per cwt., weighed off the cars. The ruling figures were from \$3.50 to \$3.60 per cwt., according to quality. Stock hogs are not wanted at all. Thick fat hogs are not quotable; sows, 3c; stags, 2c.

At Chicago yesterday, hogs were 5c lower, with sales at \$3.50 to \$3.60; chiefly at \$3.50 to \$3.55. A scalper got \$3.55 for a load of fancy light hogs. Supplies have been bountiful, and the offerings were well taken by Chicago packers.

**Monthly Trade Returns**

The following statement shows the value of goods exported and goods entered for consumption with duty collected thereon during the month of November, 1895, at Winnipeg, as compared with the same month in 1894:

Description	Value 1894	Value 1895
Exported .....	\$346,338 00	\$38,119 00
Entered for consumption, dutiable .....	105,203 00	150,183 00
Entered for consumption, free .....	64,532 00	63,099 00
Total for consumption .....	169,735 00	213,282 00
Duty collected .....	37,551 41	52,725 93

The Dominion Government Savings bank transactions at Winnipeg for the month ending Nov. 30th, 1895, were: Deposits, \$22,583; withdrawals, \$22,336.47; deposits in excess of withdrawals by \$246.53.

Inland revenue collections for the Winnipeg division for November are:

Spirits .....	\$ 25,772 62
Tobacco .....	17,200 63
Malt .....	1,458 25
Cigars .....	1,070 70
Petroleum, inspection fees .....	104 75
Methylated spirits .....	45 70

Total .....	\$ 45,652 74
Collections, Nov., 1891 .....	41,041 61
Increase .....	4,611 13

Donald Fraser, of Donald Fraser & Co., wholesale clothing, etc., Winnipeg, is East on a business trip.

**Chicago Board of Trade Prices.**

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

Wheat was stronger on Monday and at the close May showed a gain of  $\frac{3}{8}$ ¢ over Saturday's close, war talk and improved export demand were the strengthening features. Closing prices were:

	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat.....	56 $\frac{7}{8}$	57 $\frac{3}{4}$	61 $\frac{3}{4}$
Corn.....	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	26 $\frac{3}{4}$	29 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats.....	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	20 $\frac{3}{4}$
Mess Pork..	7 65	8 72 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 10
Lard.....	5 17 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 37 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 62 $\frac{1}{2}$
Short Ribs..	4 25	4 37 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 62 $\frac{1}{2}$

Wheat more than lost the gain of Monday on Tuesday, and prices at the close were a little lower than Saturday. Large spring wheat receipts and favorable crop news were the features. Closing prices were:

	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat....	56	57	60 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn.....	23 $\frac{3}{4}$	26 $\frac{3}{4}$	28 $\frac{3}{4}$
Oats.....	16 $\frac{3}{4}$	—	20
Mess Pork..	7 67 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 72 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lard.....	5 20	5 40	5 62 $\frac{1}{2}$
Short Ribs..	4 35	4 42 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 65

On Wednesday wheat was quiet and steady with prices just a shade lower. Closing prices were:

	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat.....	56	57	60 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn.....	23 $\frac{3}{4}$	26	28 $\frac{3}{4}$
Oats.....	16 $\frac{3}{4}$	—	20
Mess Pork..	7 70	8 67 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 05
Lard.....	5 17 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 37 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 60
Short Ribs..	4 36	4 37 $\frac{1}{2}$	—

Wheat took a strong upward turn on Thursday, influenced by better cable news, war talk, speculative buying, etc. Closing prices showed a net gain of  $\frac{3}{8}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢. Closing prices were:

	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat.....	57 $\frac{1}{2}$	57 $\frac{3}{4}$	61
Corn.....	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	29
Oats.....	17	—	20 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mess Pork..	7 80	8 65	9 05
Lard.....	5 20	5 35	5 60
Short Ribs..	4 35	4 37 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 60

On Friday prices continued firm, influenced by war rumors and active flour trade. Closing prices were:

	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat.....	58 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	61 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn.....	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	26 $\frac{3}{4}$	29 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats.....	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	20 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork.....	7 80	8 65	9 02 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lard.....	5 17 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 35	5 57 $\frac{1}{2}$
Short Ribs..	4 32 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 35	4 60

Wheat was easier on Saturday. May wheat opened at 61 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ and ranged up to 62¢. Closing prices were:

	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat.....	57 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	61 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$
Corn.....	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	29 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats.....	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	20 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mess Pork..	—	8 55	8 95
Lard.....	—	—	—
Short Ribs..	—	—	—
Flax Seed..	91 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	93 $\frac{1}{2}$

A week ago December wheat closed at 56 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.  
A year ago December wheat closed 51 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

**New York Wheat**

On Saturday, Dec. 7, December wheat closed at —, and May delivery at 68 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢. A week ago wheat closed at 61 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ for December and 67 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ for May.

**Minneapolis Wheat.**

No. 1 Northern wheat closed on Saturday at 52 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ for December delivery, and May at 57 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. A week ago December wheat closed at 51 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

**Duluth Wheat Market.**

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

Monday—Nov.—Dec.	64 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.	May, 68 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.
Tuesday—Nov.—Dec.	63 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.	May, 67 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.
Wednesday—Nov.—Dec.	64 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.	May, 67 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.
Thursday—Nov.—Dec.	63 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.	May, 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.
Friday—Nov.—Dec.	64 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.	May, 69¢.
Saturday—Nov.—Dec.	64 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.	May, 69¢.

A week ago to-day, (Saturday) prices closed at 51¢ for November, and 53 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ for December. A year ago November wheat closed at —, and December delivery at 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Two years ago December closed at 60 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. No. 1 hard was quoted at  $\frac{3}{4}$  to 1¢ over No. 1 northern, No. 2 northern,  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 3¢ lower than No. 1 northern for cash wheat.

**The Labor Market.**

It is still difficult to obtain men for out of town employment, though there are a few men idle about the city, who do not care to go outside to accept work, preferring to remain in the city and take chances of securing a "soft" job for the winter. The principal demand is still for the woods, and it has been difficult to secure the required number of men for this class of work. A leading employment agent said yesterday that he was 150 men short of the number he wanted at once, and a lot more men would be wanted for the woods a few days later. Wages offered range from \$16 to \$22 per month for logging and tie camps, and 70 to 80¢ per cord is paid for cutters of cordwood. A number of men were also wanted for the coal mines at Lethbridge, 75¢ per ton being paid for this work, but very few men could be secured for this class of work.

Though the most of the harvest farm laborers from Eastern Canada have returned, it is estimated that about 1000 of them have remained in the country, a number of whom are taking up land here. Many others who have gone home, announced their intention of returning to settle here in the spring.

**Business Items from Eastern Markets.**

The offerings of dressed hogs at Montreal are large, and dealers are receiving advices daily of shipments, but some of them are advising shippers to hold back their stock, as the market, at present, is glutted, and sales are difficult to make. The feeling is easy, and car lots are offering at \$1.80 to \$1.90.

The receipts of poultry continue large at Montreal and the supply at present is far in excess of the requirements of the trade, consequently the market is somewhat demoralized, and some dealers state that they find it impossible to clean out their stock: We quote choice turkeys at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; chickens at 6¢ to 7¢; ducks at 7¢ to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, and geese at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 6¢ per lb.

There was some demand for oats at Montreal on Wednesday and sales of car lots were made at \$1 to \$1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, the outside figure now being the highest obtainable. In other grains business was dull and prices are unchanged.

The feature of the Montreal provision market was the easier feeling in lard, and prices were  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per lb. lower. Canadian pure in pails now selling at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ and compound refused at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

The Woodenware Manufacturers' Association of Canada held an important meeting at Toronto on Monday. It was determined owing to the steady, firm, and continued advance in the cost of raw material used in the manufacture of woodenware and tubs, to make general advance in prices. The list advanced on a basis of \$1.60 per dozen for two-hoop pails.

The demand for dressed beef at Montreal this season, so far, has been small, as compared with last season at the same time. A dealer states that the prospects are not very

bright for the near future. Hind quarters of beef are offering at 5¢ per lb., front at 8¢, lambs at 5¢ to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ by the carcasse, dressed hogs at \$5 to \$5.25 per 100 lbs.

**British Grain Trade.**

The Mark Lane Express of Dec. 2, in its weekly review of the British grain trade says: "English wheats have been quiet, but steady, while foreign wheats have been dull, and have declined an average of 6d. Cargo sales of California No. 1 have been made at 26s 9d, and secondary at 26s; fine Manitoba sold at 25s, and Duluth at 25s. To-day, English wheats were rather lower, but foreign were 8d higher. Grinding barley improved 3d. Oats were weak.

**Saskatchewan.**

It is understood on reliable authority, says the Prince Albert Advocate, that H. Macdowall has purchased the interest of Capt. Moore in the extensive lumber mills and limits of Moore & McDowall, situated on the Saskatchewan river at this point. This will bring this property exclusively under the control of the Macdowalls, and there is a possibility of H. Macdowall becoming a permanent resident of Prince Albert.

**Sockeye Salmon.**

The Sockeye salmon, of British Columbia, is known in the European and foreign markets as the finest of canned salmon. United States Fish Commissioner Crawford is endeavoring to introduce the sockeye into United States waters, and for this purpose has requested the authorities of the Fraser river hatchery to exchange 1,000,000 sockeye salmon eggs from the Columbia river. He will try to establish a sockeye salmon run in some of the rivers of the Sound, preferably the Skagit river, which is the largest.

Mr. Stephens, of G. F. Stephens & Co., wholesale paints, etc., Winnipeg, is east on a business trip.

"Would you oblige," said the reporter who gets novel interviews, "by telling me what book helped you most in life?" After a thoughtful pause the great man answered: "My bank book."—Boston Gazette.

The well-known wholesale dry goods firm of Samson, Kennedy & Co., Toronto, is in financial difficulties. The latest report says: The affairs of Samson, Kennedy & Co., are likely to turn out worse than anticipated. No assignment has yet been made, but the creditors will likely meet to-day, Dec. 7, to determine what course to take. The extent of the liabilities is very difficult to ascertain, even the heads of the firm being unable to make any positive statement on the subject. A half a million, however, is freely named. The Bank of Commerce is the heaviest creditor, but is well secured. The general feeling is that the failure will relieve the strain of the dry goods situation.

The large crop of flax seed in the northwestern states is causing a weak feeling in that article. The Duluth Commercial Record says: "That the northwestern crop of flax has been an eye-opener to the flax possibilities of this country goes without saying. Early in the movement good judges said that the crop would be 5,000,000 bushels in the three states. These figures have been already exceeded by the receipts at Duluth and Minneapolis alone, and more still to come, to say nothing of seed. The receipts at Duluth have been 7,036 cars, or 3,955,000 net bushels of flax, of which approximately 1,800,000 bushels still remains in store. Out of the total 7,000 cars, only about 20 cars failed to grade No. 1, although the percentage of dirt has been very large, probably the average dockage being not far from 10 per cent."

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**British Columbia Markets.**

(BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.)

Vancouver, Dec. 7, 1895.

The business of the week shows an improvement. The weather is mild and dry. Preparations for the Christmas trade are now being made. The markets are very steady, more so than they have been for any period during the present year. Creamery butter is expected to be lower when consignments now on the way from the east arrive. Fastern eggs are easier, and flour is offering lower. There is a strong feeling in fresh meats. Prices are as follows:

Butter.—Dairy butter, 18 to 20c; creamery 29c; Manitoba cheese 10 to 11c per lb.

Cured Meats.—Hams 13c; breakfast bacon 18c; backs 12c; long, clear 9c; short rolls 9c; smoked sides 10c. Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 10c per pound; in cails and tubs 9c. Mess pork \$15; short cut \$18.

Fish.—Prices are: Flounders 3c; smelt 5c; sea bass 4c; black cod 6c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 4c; herring 4c; salmon 7c; halibut 7c; whiting 6c; soles 6c; crabs 6c dozen; smoked salmon 12c; smoked halibut 10c; blotters 10c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c; trout 10c per lb.; salt salmon \$7.50 per barrel.

Game.—Mallards, 60c; pintails 50c; blue grouse 75c; willow 55c; widgins, 35c; venison, 6c.

Vegetables.—Potatoes new, \$8 to \$10 per ton; onions silver skins, 1c; cabbage, 1c; carrots, turnips and beets, 3/4 to 1c a lb.; sweet potatoes, \$2.50 per 100 lbs.

Eggs.—Fresh, local, 35c; Eastern 19c to 22c per dozen.

Fruits.—California seedling oranges \$1.00, California lemons, \$1.50 to \$3.00; apples, 65c to \$1.00; California pears, \$1.50 per box; California grapes, \$1.50, local pears, \$1.00; Japanese oranges, 75c.

Nuts.—Almonds, 15c, filberts, 14c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 15c; walnuts, 10 to 16c lb.

Flour.—Manitoba patent, per bbl., \$1.70; strong bakers, \$1.50; Oregon, \$3.80; Oak Lake patent \$1.40; do strong bakers \$1.20.

Meal.—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$3.25; 45 pound racks, \$3.35; 22 1/2 pound sacks, \$3.45; 10.7 sacks, \$2.65. Oatmeal, 10-10's, \$3.21; 2-50's, \$3.00. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.70; 2-45s, \$2.80.

Grain.—Washington State wheat \$21.50 per ton f. o. b. Vancouver, duty paid. Oats 16.00 per ton.

Ground Feed.—National mills chcp, \$20 to \$22 per ton: ground barley, \$22 ton; shorts, \$18.50 ton; bran \$16.50; oil cake meal, \$26 ton: F. O. B. Vancouver, including duty paid on import stuff.

Dressed Meats.—Beef, 6 1/2 to 7c; mutton, 7 1/2 to 8c; pork, 7 1/2 to 8c; veal, 6 to 8c per lb.

Hay.—Nominal at \$3 per ton.

Live Stock.—Calves, 4 to 6c; steers, 3 to 3 1/2 lb; cows 2 1/2 to 3c; sheep, \$3 to \$3.25; hogs, 4 1/2 to 5c; lamb, per head \$2.50 to \$3.00.

Poultry.—Chickens, \$1 to \$2 per dozen.

Sugars.—Powdered and icing, 6 1/2c; Paris lump, 5 1/2c; granulated, 4 1/2c; extra C, 4 1/2c; fancy yellows 3 1/2c; yellow 3 1/2c per lb.

Syrups.—30 gallon barrels, 1 1/2c per pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2c, 5 gallon kegs, \$1.25 each; 1 gallon tins, \$3.75 per case of 10; 1/2 gallon tins, \$1.50 per case of 20.

Teas.—Congo: Fair, 11 1/2c; good, 18c; choice, 26c. Ceylons: Fair, 15c; good, 30c; choice, 35c per lb.

**British Columbia Business Notes**

Peter Bessette, saw mill, Lumby, is dead. G. B. W. Nelson, hotel, Kamloops, is succeeded by W. J. Unwin.

G. Jessup, drugs, Nanaimo, has sold out to C. B. Beaves.

John Wintermute, of Wintermute Bros., furniture manufacturers, Now Westminster, is dead.

E. Shakespeare, baker, Northfield, is succeeded by Wm. Evans.

Lumber is active. There are eleven vessels in port loading for foreign lands.

The deep sea fishing is not so profitable this season. The halibut are somewhat scarce.

Jacob Hagelin, tailor, Wellington, is giving up business.

A. L. Murphy, cigars etc., Wellington is giving up business.

The stock of the Sehl Hastie Erskine Furniture Co., of Victoria is advertised for sale

A coal war is going on, and it is expected the price will be forced down to \$5. A short time ago soft coal was sold at \$9, It can now be bought for \$6.75. Speculators are hurrying in coal from Seattle.

There is not enough good butter to go around in Victoria and Vancouver, and a large number of families are either going without or using cooking butter for table use. While eggs are a luxury only seen on the tables of the rich. They bring 4 cents a piece. Australian butter is expected by the next boat.

**British Columbia Fur Trade.**

Vancouver, Dec. 3.

The fur business is very slack in British Columbia just now. The only furs coming in in any quantity are bear, martin and mink. The quantity of bear is about the same as last year. Mar in is scarce. There is a moderate supply of mink only. Otter is scarce. The supply has fallen off from last season. There is a fair supply of beaver, there were more this time last season coming into the market. There is the usual supply of raccoon. There are only a fair number of lynx, but full as many as last December. Wolves are very plentiful, more so than in December 1891. The market is but moderately supplied with hair seal. It is rather early for fisher. They are coming in very slowly. The supply of cross and red fox is moderate. Silver fox are scarce. Musquash are plentiful. The following prices are ruling in the fur market: Black bear \$5 to \$25; brown bear \$5 to \$20; grizzly \$10 to \$30; martin \$2 to \$7; mink 50c to \$1.25; beaver \$3 to \$8; otter \$2 to \$10; raccoon 10c to 75c, lynx 50c to \$3; timber wolf \$1 to \$3; hair seal 50c to \$1.00; wolvarine \$2 to \$4; coyotes \$1 to \$2; fisher \$3 to \$9; cross fox \$6 to \$15; red fox \$1 to \$3; silver fox \$30 to \$100; musquash 5c to 10c.

**Fur Trade Notes.**

Says the Edmonton Bulletin: "Fur buyers complain that a great deal of poor fur has been caught this fall, and is now being offered for sale. Several lots that have already been purchased here would have brought from two to three times as much had they been prime. This is a loss to the trapper, the trader, the buyer and the country generally. Owing to the drop in prices at the last London sales buyers are offering from twenty to twenty-five per cent lower prices than last season at this time and are not so keen to buy until there is some prospect of what prices will be at the next sales which take place in January. Fur is reported plentiful, especially coyotes. Rabbits are undoubtedly scarcer than last winter. This may not seriously affect the catch of fur this winter, but certainly will affect next winter's catch

Mens' fur coats in prairie wolf are shown by Donald Fraser & Co., Winnipeg. These coats compete principally against the poorer qualities of coon, which they resemble some-

what in appearance. They are claimed to make a better coat than the cheapest grades of coon, and they come low in price. It would be a good thing if the hides of all the prairie wolves in the country were speedily transferred into coats or some other useful article, thus relieving the farmers of a troublesome and destructive pest.

A beautiful buffalo robe was sent into the city recently by R. Secord of Edmonton, Alberta, and is at the wholesale warehouse of the W. N. Sanford Manufacturing Co., in Winnipeg. This robe was awarded first prize at the territorial exhibition at Regina last summer. \$100 is asked for the robe. This will seem like a big price to old timers in this country and to them it will seem only like a few years ago when buffalo robes were as common as sheep pelts now are. But it must be remembered that the buffalo is now almost an extinct animal and a fine robe is valuable as a novelty now.

**Fort William Wheat Inspection.**

The following is a statement of grain inspections at Fort William for the week ending Dec. 1, and also showing the total number of cars of wheat inspected on this crop to Dec. 1:

WHEAT.	Cars for week ending	Total Cars on
	Nov. 30, 1895	Crop 1895.
No. 1 Hard	299	4,129
" 2 Hard	303	2,353
" 3 Hard	262	1,921
" 1 Northern	110	1,126
" 2 Northern	20	259
" 3 Northern	3	62
" 1 W. Fife	1	36
" 2 W. Fife	—	12
" 1 Spring	5	129
" 2 Spring	—	5
" 2 Goose	—	3
Rejected No. 1	35	567
" " 2	33	617
" " 3 Hard and	20	976
" Frosted	6	113
No Grade	—	18
1 Frosted	199	1,539
2 Frosted	42	555
3 Frosted	13	43
Feed	4	42
Total Wheat for week	1,358	cars.
Total Wheat on Crop	13,905	cars.

Oats inspected—No. 2 white, 4 cars; No. 2 black, 1 car. Total for week, 5 cars; total on crop, 44 cars.

Barley—No. 3 extra, 2 cars. Total for week, 2 cars. Total on crop, 39 cars.

Total cars inspected for corresponding week, 1891, of all grains, 869.

Total cars of all grains inspected for crop 1895, 13,938; total cars inspected for crop 1891, 12,700.

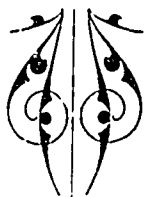
**Russia's Crops.**

From a statistician's point of view, the events of the past week have been unimportant. Nothing fresh has transpired regarding the estimate of the Russian crops. The account telegraphed to us direct from the Ministry of Agriculture, giving the various crops in the three divisions of the Empire, has not been equalled for exactness of detail by any other publication, British or Russian, and we find nothing in any of the Russian papers to add to what we have already published. The wheat crop is between three and four million qrs. short of last season, and the Rye about 17 million qrs. short. These relative differences may be expected to obtain later in the season, when the Central Statistical Committee publish their estimates. —Extract from George Broomhall's "Corn Trade News," November 19, 1895.

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**Pacific Lumber Combine**

A letter from Seattle, Washington, says: "The all absorbing topic of conversation among the lumbermen on the Pacific coast is the cargo combine the formation of which was outlined in a former letter. Corroborative details have since arrived from San Francisco and there is no doubt but the greatest combine the lumber trade has ever seen will be in operation January 1st. The success attending the efforts of Messrs. Holt and Bibb in British Columbia was not only surprising but gratifying. The outcome cordial, as they say at the Loggers' Lyceum, between the mill men on this side of the line and Queen Victoria's subjects has always been supposed to be strained, on account of the numerous tariff discussions in the past, and the popular idea seemed to prevail that the Britisher had a long "snickersnee" well sharpened on all occasions for the ubiquitous Yankee. Therefore, it was not believed at first that the big mills at Vancouver, Chemainus, Victoria, New Westminster, and Moodyville had signed the agreement, but it seems true, nevertheless. Those who have seen the agreement allege that it is binding enough to make the combine a power in the land. Not a stick of timber can be shipped into California without the sanction of the Central Lumber Company, as its members own the majority of the coastwise lumber vessels and extensive yard systems in San Francisco, the Joaquin valley, southern California and Arizona. Foreign shipments, too, must emanate from the Central Lumber Company, and indeed the combine will control the trade easily enough. Prices will, of course, be advanced gradually, and the output will be regulated to take care of the demand and no more. Consequently it may be stated that the combine will be of vast benefit to the cargo trade. Eastern shipments, on the other hand, have not been touched by the combine, and the mill men will have to work out their own salvation. If the cargo combine proves successful it is not improbable that the rail mills will attempt to form an organization in the near future. Indeed, the outlook for next season's trade is good enough to warrant an attempt of this nature.

**Wheat Crops of Southern Countries.**

From the Argentine the reports regarding the wheat crop are generally favorable, our own correspondent, among others, cabling on Saturday that the crops were progressing very favorable. The opinion of those calculated to know best is that a certain amount of damage was done by the frosts last month in the Santa Fe Provinces, as well as by locusts earlier, but that without being at all brilliant the prospects are satisfactory, and indicate an ordinary yield per acre. The latest cable report from Australia is that published by the Times yesterday, which says there is not much prospect of the wheat crop being more than equal to home requirements; this would, of course, refer to South Australia and Victoria. From India the latest reports are also more or less unfavorable in character, owing to the drouth. — Corn Trade News, Nov. 12.

The demand for dressed hogs is good, both on spot and at western points, says the Montreal Gazette of Dec. 2, and it is reported that one local packer has contracted for 100,000 lbs. for future delivery, at \$4.55 free on board cars at point shipment, or \$4.90 laid down here. The hog crop is said to be large, and lower prices are looked for.

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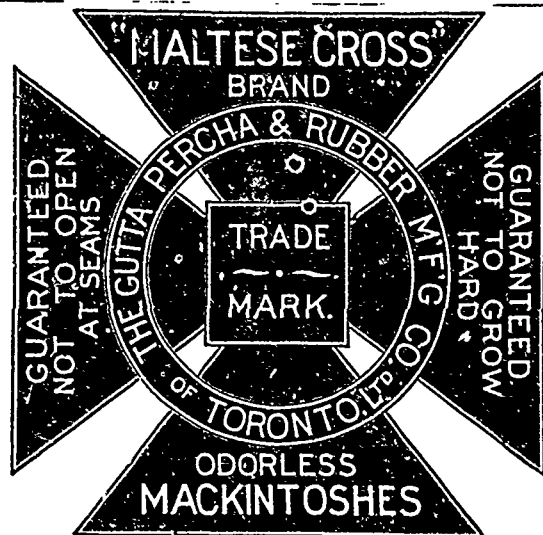
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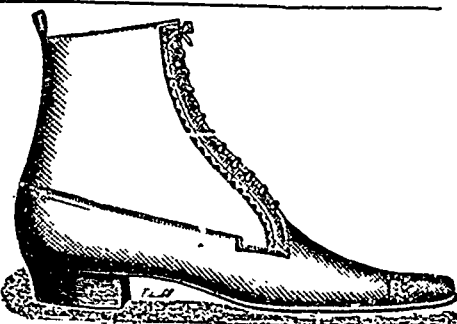
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There has been considerable excitement in petroleum of late, and the market is very firm at the recent advance in United States oil. Canadian oil is unchanged, but, as there has been an advance in Petrolin of 1c per gallon, in bulk, higher prices here are looked forward to next week. The strength in the market is looked forward to principally, to the excitement in crude and the recent steady rise in prices. The demand on spot is good, and dealers report business active. We quote: — Canadian refined at 14½c in shed, and 15½ for smaller quantities, with a discount of 2 per cent. for cash. American prime white is quoted at 18c in car lots and 19c in smaller quantities. Water white 19½c in car lots and 20½c in small lots. Astral, 20½c to 21½c. — Montreal Gazette.



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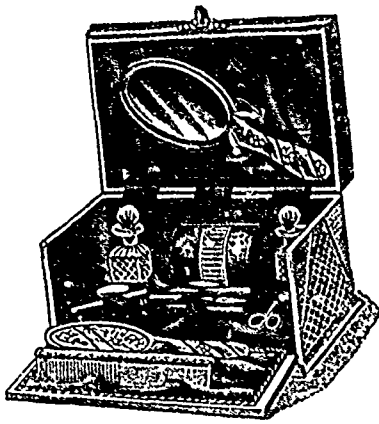
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### Meat Importations of the United Kingdom

The importations of fresh meat into the United Kingdom in 1894 and 1893 are reported as follows, in hundredweights, representing 112 pounds:

	1894. CWTS.	1893. CWTS.
Beef .....	2,104,091	1,808,051
Mutton .....	2,295,065	1,971,500
Pork .....	180,383	182,091
Rabbits .....	108,476	103,823
Total .....	4,688,018	4,965,465

The total for 1894 represents 525,058,000 pounds, compared with 455,332,000 pounds in the preceding year. The total valuation in 1894 was £9,225,862, representing \$14,850,000, compared with £8,417,710 in 1893, representing \$11,055,000.

The journal of the Board of Agriculture comments as follows: "In beef, it was again the increased entries from the United States which almost entirely accounted for the larger entries. Australian mutton has again increased in quantity, the receipts from this source in 1894 having been 1,439,000 cwts. as compared with 1,187,000 cwts. in 1893, and 997,000 cwts. in the previous year. Argentine mutton also entered our ports in larger quantities during the past twelve months than in either of the two previous years, the quantities being 586,000 cwts. as against 516,000 cwts. in 1893, and 471,000 cwts. in 1892. There was a slight decrease in the importation of fresh pork, while the imports of rabbits, on the other hand, exhibited a slight augmentation."

The importations of salted beef in 1894 were 27,138,832 pounds, against 22,457,568 pounds in 1893.

The importations of bacon, hams, preserved meats, etc., in 1894 were 651,318,000 pounds, compared with 575,960,000 pounds in the preceding year. The journal of the Board of Agriculture in its review of such trade says. "The imports both of salt beef and salt pork in the twelve months ending December last showed an increase as compared with the receipts of 1893, but a decrease as compared with those of 1892. The bacon imports of 1894 were 518,000 cwts. in excess of those of the previous year, but 135,000 cwts short of those of 1892. The increase as compared with 1893 was largely made up of augmented receipts from Denmark, Canada and the United States. The first-mentioned country was responsible for 766,000 cwts. of the imports of bacon in 1894, this representing an increase in the receipts of Danish bacon of 55,000 cwts as compared with 1893, and 95,000 cwts. as compared with 1892. Comparing 1894 with 1893, Canada is credited with an increase of 60,000 cwts. in her shipments of bacon to the United Kingdom, but the im-

ports of Canadian bacon in 1893 were 45,000 cwts. less than those of the previous year. From the United States, 2,561,000 cwts. were received in 1894, as compared with 2,177,000 in 1893 and 2,893,000 cwts. in 1892."

### Literary Notes.

The Canadian Shoe and Leather Journal is always a handsome paper, but when it undertakes to get out a special issue, it fairly excels all ordinary efforts. Its seventh annual spring number is now to hand and it is a beauty, printed on fine paper and profusely illustrated.

The most attractive feature of The Colonist for November, is the account of a drive through southern Manitoba. This article is well written and profusely illustrated. It is accompanied by a very accurate map of Southern Manitoba. The original serial story "Two Oysters in oneshell" is concluded in this number. A new feature is a real estate record, showing all transfers of real estate in Manitoba. This valuable department will be continued each month.

Another issue of that valuable annual the Canadian Almanac has again made its appearance. If quantity is a sign of increased value, the number for 1896 will be ahead of any of its predecessors, as it is quite a bulky volume of 325 pages. The contents, we believe will prove as invaluable as ever. This issue is the forty-ninth of the series, the first Canadian Almanac bearing the date 1848. The article by D. Bourinot on "Forms of Government throughout the World," shows how every state in the world is governed, giving also its population and area. E. M. Chadwick, contributes an article on "The Canadian Flag," illustrated with colored lithographs. Special attention has been given to the county and municipal directory and the information given will be found full and accurate. The regular departments of the Almanac such as customs tariff, clergy list, post office list, directory of government officials, societies, schools and colleges, statistics, meteorological information, etc., have all been corrected and revised to the latest possible date. The Copp, Clark Co., limited, publishers, Toronto.

The December number of the Delineator is called the Christmas number, and is filled with holiday good things. The exposition of winter styles is complete, and the Season's millinery is attractively presented. There is a special holiday article on dolls and their dressing, and another on novel home-made Christmas gifts, a theme pleasantly supplemented by the conclusion of Tillie Roome Littell's account of how to make crepe paper Brownies, and by a chatty glance at current novelties in Around The Tea Table. Mrs. Roger A. Pryor delightfully chaperones her readers to society breakfasts, luncheons and

suppers. The practical side of the Christmas dinner has an exposition all its own, while the Christmas turkey itself figures in an amusing sketch of Cabin Life in the South. by Lucia M. Robbins. Henry C. Wood tells how some bright young people of the Blue Grass Region celebrated Christmas at "Happy Valley", and a helpful article on carving completes the tribute to the day. Henry C. Lahee of the New England Conservatory of Music gives experienced advice on piano tuning as an occupation for women, Harriet Keith Forbes treats of burnt work upon Ivory, while Sara Killer Kirby concludes the present series of papers on Kindergarten work, the great success of which has caused a supplementary series of three to be arranged for. Floral work for the month, a look into the newest books and a review of novelties in knitting, tatting and lace making are among the other features.

### Production and Consumption of Coffee.

The last monthly bulletin of the Bureau of American Republics says:

"The latest and most carefully compiled statistics show that while the production of coffee is increasing, the world's consumption is keeping steady pace with it. The production of the world is estimated as follows:

	Bags.
Coffee season of 1893-94 .....	9,206,000
Coffee season of 1894-95 .....	11,129,000
Coffee season of 1895-96 .....	10,270,000

"The Brazilian crop last season is put at 7,100,000 bags, and the new crop is estimated at considerably less. The Mexican and Central American crops are increasing yearly.

"The world's consumption of coffee in 1894 is estimated at 11,357,250 bags, the chief consumers, in rank of importance, being the United States Germany and France.

"One of the greatest coffee houses in the world says in a recent private circular: 'It is illogical to say that the consumption of coffee decreases, or to pretend that the price of coffee is too high because other articles have depreciated in value in consequence of overproduction. There can be no lasting decline in the price of coffee unless several consecutive crops exceed the present yearly requirements for consumption. From present indications, production and consumption about balance each other. The world's visible supply on the 1st of August will probably show little change from that existing at the same time last year, while a reduction in the visible supply of the world will take place during the season of 1895-96.'"

The Lake of the Woods Milling Company report a sale of 2,000 sacks of Manitoba patent flour, on Dublin account, for shipment, via St. John, N.B., by the Beaver Line.

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## Spring Prints.

Samples of the new lines of spring prints are now in the hands of travellers. Orders received for these goods are of a very satisfactory nature. Blouse and crepon prints are considered extra good. Prices of print cloths are very firm and deliveries will be late in many cases. Advice recently received from a Manchester firm had some cloths marked 3d advance, and the same firm also stated that these prices would hold good only until December 10. After that a further advance will be asked. Another firm had to pay 3d advance for printing cloth to cover contracts already placed. From present indications this season will be a very good one for prints. Blouse cambries are shown in spots, stripes, figures, rings and floral effects, chiefly in the light grounds, such as pinks, blues, white, ecru, butter and Nile, flesh and heliotrope. The colorings with stripes are selling best, while the floral effects are next in order. Lemon, a new shade in blouse materials, is having a fair share of attention. The fashion for separate waist and skirts that is likely to have as large a run this coming season as last will help the sale on blouse cambrieks considerably.

Fancy French effects in black grounds and in small figures covering the ground, in greens, royal, navy, heliotrope, buttercup, move and pink, are in moderate request. Indigo and white, indigo and gold, and indigo and cardinal are having the chief demand in prints. These are shown in neat small patterns, such as stripes, floral effects, spots, rings, three-quarter moons, etc. Those in the white designs are leaders, while the gold designs come next. Drillet's are also good in indigo, with white, red and gold designs, in the latest patterns. Bright cardinal grounds, with white, black and colored patterns are fair sellers, while the claret and Burgundy grounds are first-class. There is a renewed feeling for the old fashioned chocolate, which is shown with yellow, white, white and blue, with a little blue on the chocolate, in fancy floral effects. Those in the white designs lead. Green grounds are having a limited sale. There is a feeling for a light shade of green. Grey grounds are a little slow and are not having such a large trade as formerly. These are very effective in nice designs, with colored flowers. Some nobby effects are shown in blue-grey and dark blue grounds. White and blue grounds. White and black prints, in plains and drillette, in spots and stripes, showing a very little white, have a large demand, especially in stripes, from a hair-line up. Sateens and brocades in letter cloths of black and white are very attractive. Pink grounds in fancy spots, stripes and small floral effects are very good. Black grounds, in floral patterns, with fancy colorings are likely to have a steady trade. Plain black prints for lining purposes are always good, while the watered print designs in black are not much called for. Mourning prints in small neat patterns, in stripes, spots, etc., are very good. Ashton's plaits, in buff, lilac, Nile and madder grounds, are always considered safe. Cream ground cambries were slow last season, and so far there is no improvement. Crape effects in imitation of the all-wool crape cloth, in seal, navy and black grounds with the white and heliotrope colorings, are in evidence. Among the chief attractions for the coming season in prints are the crepon makes, which are shown in black and colored grounds. The black grounds, with white spots and floral figures, and the colored grounds, in pink, blue, butter, heliotrope and pale green, are very desirable for blouses. Notice of an advance from 3d to 4d per yard on this cloth has been received lately.

One of the novelties of the season is a sateen printed with metal to resemble silver, which is called silver silk. It is a patent pro-

cess and is an absolutely fast color. The metal is guaranteed not to rub or wash off. This make is also shown in the gold, bronze and copper effects, chiefly in spots with a few floral designs. In large American cities there has been a tremendous run for this class of fabrics.

In Canadian prints indigo and white are having an especially good call. These are also shown in gold patterns, in neat floral and stripe designs. Spots are not so good this season. Canadian blouse prints, in black stripes in all sizes on light grounds, are very well thought of. New lines are also seen in white, pink, blue and butter grounds. "Repeats" on these lines have not been affected to any extent by advances.

## Toronto Shoe Market.

Travellers have just got out with spring samples. Those who have been out long enough to feel the trade are reporting a moderate business. The waiting policy seems to have caught the retail trade, and this has been aggravated by the comparatively small trade resulting from the continued fine weather. No one is discouraged, however, and, all things considered, business and prospects are good.—Shoe and Leather Journal.

## The Wood Pulp Industry.

The Philadelphia Times says: "The manufacture of wood pulp into vases, tiles, cornices, friezes, dadoes, interior decorations, hollow-ware, and numerous other household articles of an ornamental and useful nature, is a new industry that has been the direct outcome of the discovery of making paper out of wood pulp. The value of our forests and the importance of preserving them have been preached to an unappreciative audience for twenty years, but at the very moment when the wooded areas of the country are on the point of complete extinction, a series of inventions and discoveries disclose to us the folly of wasting our natural resources. The lumber baron has no greater interests at stake than the conversion of the timber into money, and he denudes the forests with tremendous waste, with no idea of replanting; but the modern industry of paper-making must look ahead in order to guard the capital invested in the business. It would be just as sensible for the cotton mills to destroy the farmers' fields in order to obtain one season's supply of raw material as it would be for the wood pulp mills and paper making establishments to exhaust the supply of trees. In either cases the industry would die and vast sums of money would be lost in the investment. It is because the forests are becoming so valuable to a great and growing industry that we have every encouragement to believe that forest denudation will soon cease and a new area of forest replanting be inaugurated.

"Most of the spruce forests in this country are confined to the states of New England and New York, with moderate supplies in West Virginia and Wisconsin and the Canadian provinces. Most of the wood pulp mills are located in New England and New York, although an English syndicate, having control of the wood pulp manufacturing in Canada, has lately erected a number of large mills in the forests of Lower Canada, or the province of Quebec. For many years to come these regions will be the headquarters of the wood pulp business, for besides abounding in enormous forests of fine spruce trees, unequalled water facilities are offered on every side. Numerous rivers flow through the woods, and tributary branches ramify in every direction, making it possible to float down the logs to feed the mills at a nominal cost. Nearly all of the mills are run by water power, and a good stream of water that never dries

up in the hottest season is an important factor in more respects than one in determining the cost of the wood pulp. The trees are brought to the mills, ground up into pulp, steamed, pressed and made into paper, and then shipped to all parts of the country to supply the demand created by upward of 20,000 weekly and daily papers published in this country."

## Grain and Milling Notes.

The yield of oats in Minnesota for 1895 will be but little below one hundred million bushels.

There is some complaint about some brands of Manitoba flour not rising. This is said to be owing to the mixing of frosted wheat with other grain, before grinding.

Sales of No. 1 hard, Manitoba or Duluth wheat, are quoted by the Liverpool Corn Trade News of Nov. 12 at 25s to 25s 1/4 per quarter.

There is talk among some of the farmers of the Souris district of forming a joint stock company for the purpose of erecting an elevator at Souris, Man., says the Plaindealer.

The Cincinnati Price Current says: "Last week we suggested that the indications favored a total of 475,000,000 bushels as the wheat production in the United States for 1895—which with say 25,000,000 available surplus from last year would make a total of 500,000,000 bushels, out of which the domestic requirements may be expected to call for approximately 375,000,000, leaving 125,000,000 for exportation, by reducing reserves to a point 25,000,000 bushels lower at the close than at the opening of the year."

The total receipts of wheat at the four principal winter wheat points, Toledo, St. Louis, Detroit and Kansas City from July 1st. to date are 19,281,451 bu. against 27,011,601 bu. in 1894, and 32,739,615 bu. in 1893. The total receipts at the four principal spring wheat points since July 1st. the beginning of the crop year foot up Minneapolis, 39,093,460 bu.; Duluth 31,348,000 bu.; Chicago 14,153,569 bu.; and Milwaukee 4,549,320 bu.; making a total of 89,141,389 bu. against 70,278,113 bu. during the same time last year and 60,763,333 bu. in 1893.

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**Toronto Grain and Produce Market.**

**Wheat.**—Cars of red are quoted at 66c to 67c on the Northern, and white at 68c. Manitoba cars of No. 1 hard sold to-day at 65c on track Midland elevator, and No. 1 northern was quoted there at 68c. No. 1 hard is nominal at 72c grinding in transit Sarnia and 78c North Bay. No. 1 northern North Bay is quoted at 72c.

**Flour.**—Cars of straight roller, Toronto freights are quoted at \$3.10. Manitoba flour is in fair demand but there is some difference of opinion as to the prices it is bringing. It is claimed that old wheat flour is selling at a premium of 35c over new, and millers say they are getting \$1.15 for old, bags included, and that anything that so is under that price is new wheat flour and worth less money. On the other hand, it is contended that the quality of the old and new wheat flour does not warrant any such difference in price, and that sales of old are rarely being made under \$1 here and in Montreal.

**Millfeed.**—Cars of shorts west are quoted at \$13 and bran at \$11.

**Barley.**—Is a little firmer, but not quotable higher. A 5,000 bushel lot of No. 2 sold to-day at 41c east. No. 1 is quoted east at 45c and extra No. 1 at 46c east.

**Oats.**—Are dull and rather easier. Cars of white sold to-day at 24c middle freights east. Mixed are quoted at 23c west.

**Butter.**—Creamery butter of good quality is not coming in in great quantities. Much of the dairy butter now on the market is from turnip feeding. Medium and lower grade dairy tubs are quoted at 8c to 10c, choice tubs at 15c to 16c, choice large rolls at 15c and medium at 14c. Fresh creamery tubs sell at 20c, and good creamery rolls are steady at 20c to 22c.

**Poultry.**—The market is overstocked and lower prices are expected. Turkeys sell at 5c to 6c, ducks 40c to 50c, geese 4c to 4½c and chickens 20c to 30c.

**Baled Hay.**—Car lots on the track here sell at \$14.50 for No. 1 and \$13.25 to \$13.75 for No. 2.

**Dressed Hogs.**—Hogs are being offered in larger quantities and the opinion among local dealers is that lower prices will prevail in a short time. Car lots delivered here are selling at \$1.60 to \$1.65.

**Hides.**—There was another drop of ¼c in the price of green hides yesterday, and they are now quoted at 5c. Cured hides are quoted at 6 to 6½c.—Globe, Nov. 30.

**Crops in Russia.**

The Liverpool Corn Trade News of Nov. 11 publishes the following statement of official estimates of the Department of Rural Industry and Statistics, as furnished by the Minister of Agriculture of Russia.—The figures relate to 1893 production:

	Total Qrs. 8 bushels.
Wheat	88,992,000
Wheat	38,448,000
Oats	78,512,000
Barley	23,400,000
Millet	5,256,000
Maize	3,024,000
Barley	5,205,000
Peas	2,246,000
Total	240,081,000

Broomhall says: "It may be recollected that last autumn we elicited the important fact from the authorities in St. Petersburg that the Ministry of Agriculture based its returns on the area census of 1893, and that the Imperial Central Statistics Committee largely based its returns upon the area census of 1892-93." The comparison of one return with another is, therefore, certain to give a

wrong impression unless due allowance is made for this fact. The present report of the Ministry of Agriculture while not positively showing the actual crop may yet be considered as indicating closely the difference between this season's and last season's yields. If the same ratio between this season's and last season's yields holds good on the areas unenumerated we should look for the final report of the Central statistical Committee next February giving the total wheat crop of Russia, including Poland and Caucasia (but exclusive of Siberia) at 47,000,000 quarters, compared with 52,000,000 quarters in 1891, and 51,000,000 quarters in 1893. The total rye crop of the same area should be about 91,000,000 quarters, compared with 112,000,000 quarters in 1891 and 95,000,000 quarters in 1893."

**Printed Cotton Fabrics.**

The season's canvass for print business for the spring of 1896 has given good results. The makers of Magog prints report that up to the 20th of the month they were 43,000 pieces ahead of orders to a similar date last year. The increased business has come largely from eastern Canada. The disaffection of three large Toronto houses has naturally handicapped the trade in domestic goods in Ontario and the West. The designs of the new goods are tasteful and bright. Floral effects are prominent, stripes have had an immense run, while for blouse materials regatta stripes will, from appearances, hold almost dominant sway. Small and medium-sized spots are in good taste, but the large spot is scarcely asked for at all. It was thought early in the year that printed ducks had seen their best days, and yet the orders given thus far in the season have been quite up to last year's record. Indigo ducks are in best favor. Printed moleskins, only a year old with the Canadian manufacturer, have a napped back, with printed surface and patterns very similar to cottonades. They can be retailed at from 12½ to 16 cents a yard. Several ready-made clothing houses are using this material for boys' suitings and smocks. Printed Salisburys, a flannellette printed especially in block stripes and checks on red grounds, have been bought very freely during the season by the trade.—Monetary Times.

**Brass and Copper Wire.**

The eastern wire manufacturers, at a recent meeting, decided upon a change, both in the trade discount and list prices, on brass and copper wire. With the exception of one or two of the lower gauges, the general tendency of the alterations are to higher prices, the advance ranging all the way from 30c per 100 pounds, to over \$5 on some of the higher grades. The old discount was 15 per cent. off. This has been replaced by a discount of 12½ per cent. Prices are all f. o. b. on cars at Montreal. The changes in the list, in details, are:—

	Brass Wire.		Copper Wire.	
	Now List.	Old List.	Now List.	Old List.
0 to 10	17½	19	22	23½
11 to 16	18	19	23	23½
17 to 18	18½	19	25½	23½
19 to 20	19	19	2½	23½
21	20	20½	27½	25
22	20½	21	28	25
23	22	22½	29	26½
24	24	22½	30	26½
25	25	23½	32	29½

A recent customs decision fixes the value for duty on lead covering or packages containing tea at the following rate: 2 cents each for pound packages, 1½ cents each for half-pound packages; the packages themselves to be rated for duty at 30 per cent.

Samuel Davis, Sr., of Davis & Sons, Montreal, is dead.

The Canadian Pacific telegraph department have just issued a circular announcing the opening of a new and direct connection south from Winnipeg to Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth, West Superior and all points south. This is an important announcement and is about the last link completing a comprehensive system of direct telegraphic communication from central and western Canada to all parts of the world.

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