

Technical and Bibliographic Notes / Notes techniques et bibliographiques

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

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

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

- Coloured pages/  
Pages de couleur
  - Pages damaged/  
Pages endommagées
  - Pages restored and/or laminated/  
Pages restaurées et/ou pelliculées
  - Pages discoloured, stained or foxed/  
Pages décolorées, tachetées ou piquées
  - Pages detached/  
Pages détachées
  - Showthrough/  
Transparence
  - Quality of print varies/  
Qualité inégale de l'impression
  - Continuous pagination/  
Pagination continue
  - Includes index(es)/  
Comprend un (des) index
- Title on header taken from: /  
Le titre de l'en-tête provient:
- Title page of issue/  
Page de titre de la livraison
  - Caption of issue/  
Titre de départ de la livraison
  - Masthead/  
Générique (périodiques) de la livraison

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

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

**BANK OF MONTREAL.**

ESTABLISHED 1817.

Capital all Paid-up ..... \$12,000,000 00  
 Reserve Fund ..... 6,000,000 00  
 Undivided Profits ..... 823,000 00

Head Office, MONTREAL.  
 BOARD OF DIRECTORS.  
 Sir DONALD A. SMITH, K.C.M.G., President.  
 Hon G. A. DRUMMOND, Vice-President.  
 A. T. PATERSON, Esq., Hugh McLennan, Esq.  
 W. C. McDONALD, Esq., H. D. Angus, Esq.  
 Edw. B. GREENSHIELDS, Esq., A. F. Gault, Esq.  
 W. W. Oglvie, Esq.  
 E. S. CLOUSTON, General Manager.

BRANCHES in the principal cities and towns throughout the Dominion of Canada, and in the following cities: St. John's, NEWFOUNDLAND.  
 LONDON, ENGLAND, 22 Abchurch Lane, E. O.  
 NEW YORK, 59 Wall St. Chicago, 188 La Salle Street.  
 BANKERS IN CORRESPONDENTS.  
 LIVERPOOL—Bank of Liverpool.  
 SCOTLAND—British Bank and Branches.

**WINNIPEG BRANCH**  
 Travellers' Credits, Letters of Credit and Commercial Credits issued for all parts of the world.  
 Collections made on favorable terms.  
 Interest allowed on deposits at current rates.  
 ANGU'S KIRKLAND, MANAGER.

**UNION BANK OF CANADA.**

CAPITAL PAID-UP, \$1,200,000  
 RESERVE, 300,000

HEAD OFFICE, QUEBEC  
 BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ANDREW THOMPSON, Esq., President. Hon E. J. PRIOR, Vice President. D. C. THOMPSON, Esq., E. J. HALL, Esq., E. GIBSON, Esq., Jas. KING, Esq., M. P., JOHN BREKAKY, Esq., E. E. WEBB, General Manager, J. G. BILKETT, Inspector.

BRANCHES:

Alexandria, Ont. Moosomin, N. W. T. Smith's Falls, Ont.  
 Bolesrain, N. B. Morden, Man. Souris, Man.  
 Carberry, Man. Neepawa, Man. Toronto, Ont.  
 Garman, Man. Norwood, Ont. Virton, Man.  
 Hastings, Ont. Ottawa, Ont. Warton, Ont.  
 Leithbridge, N. W. T. Quebec, Que. Winchester, Ont.  
 Merrickville, Ont. " St. Lewis St. Winnipeg, Man.  
 Montreal, Que. Shelburne, Ont.

FOREIGN AGENTS.

London, Parr's Bank (Limited), Liverpool Parr's Bank (Limited), New York National Park Bank, Boston Lincoln National Bank, Minneapolis National Bank of Commerce, St. Paul, St. Paul National Bank, Great Falls, Mont., First National Bank, Chicago Ill., Globe National Bank, Buffalo, N. Y., Ellicott Square Bank, Detroit, First National Bank.

**THE MERCHANTS BANK OF CANADA.**

HEAD OFFICE, MONTREAL, QUE.

Capital Paid Up ..... \$8,000,000.00  
 RESERVE ..... \$3,000,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ANDREW ALLAN, Esq., President  
 HECTOR MACKENZIE, Esq., Vice President  
 Robert Mackay, Esq., H. Montagu Allan Esq.  
 Jonathan Hodgson, Esq., J. P. Dawes, Esq.  
 John Cassill, Esq., T. H. Dunn, Esq.  
 Sir Joseph Hickson, General Manager.

THOMAS HAGUE, E. F. HERBEN, Supt. of Branches

**WINNIPEG BRANCH.**

The Pioneer Bank of the Prairie Province.  
 Accounts of Merchants, Manufacturers, Corporations and Individuals received on favorable terms. Canadian and Foreign Exchange bought and sold. Interest allowed on deposits at the best rates. Particular attention given to Canadian and American collections. Ample facilities for all loans. Prompt returns made.  
 A general banking business transacted.  
 ARTHUR WICKSON, Manager.

**North of Scotland Canadian Mortgage Co., Ltd.**

MONEY TO LEND at Lowest Current Rates.

MORTGAGES AND DEBENTURES PURCHASED.  
 Osler, Hammond & Nanton, Brokers,  
 381 MAIN STREET, WINNIPEG.

**IMPERIAL BANK OF CANADA**

HEAD OFFICE, TORONTO.

Capital Paid Up, \$1,933,000.00  
 Reserve, \$1,150,800.00

DIRECTORS:

H. S. Howland, President. T. R. Merritt, Vice-President  
 Wm. Ramsay, Robt. Jaffray (St. Catharines)  
 Hugh Ryan T. Sutherland Stayner Hon. John Ferguson  
 D. R. Wilkie, General Manager.

BRANCHES IN THE NORTHWEST AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.  
 Winnipeg, Man. O. S. Hoare, Manager.  
 Brandon, Man. " " " " " "  
 Portage la Prairie, Man. W. Bell, " " " " " "  
 Calgary, Alta. " " " " " "  
 Prince Albert, Sask. " " " " " "  
 Edmonton, Alta. G. R. F. Kirkpatrick, Mgr.  
 Vancouver, B.C. A. Jukes, Manager.

BRANCHES IN ONTARIO.  
 Essex, Ont. Fergus, Ont. Niagara Falls, Ont.  
 Galt, Ont. Ingersoll, Ont. Port Colborne, Ont.  
 Rat Portage, Ont. Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.  
 St. Catharines, Ont. St. Thomas, Ont.  
 Welland, Ont. Woodstock, Ont.  
 Toronto Branches - Cor Wellington St and Leader Lane  
 Cor Yonge and Queen Sts.  
 Cor Yonge and Bloor streets

SAVINGS BANK DEPARTMENT—Deposits of \$1 and upwards received and interest allowed  
 DEBENTURES—Municipal and other Debentures repurchased  
 AGENTS IN GREAT BRITAIN—Lloyd's Bank, Ltd., 72 Lombard St., London, with whom money may be deposited for transfer by letter or cable to any of the above branches  
 AGENTS IN UNITED STATES—New York, Bank of Montreal and Bank of America; Buffalo, Bank of Buffalo; Chicago, First National Bank; St. Paul, Second National Bank; Boston, National Bank of the Commonwealth; Detroit, Detroit National Bank; Duluth, First National Bank; Minneapolis, Northwestern National Bank; Philadelphia, Farmers and Merchants National Bank, San Francisco, Wells Fargo & Co.'s Bank; Portland, Ore., Bank of British Columbia; Seattle, Wash., Bank of British Columbia, Tacoma, Wash., Bank of British Columbia

**WINNIPEG BRANCH**

DRAFTS SOLD, available at all points in Canada, United States and Europe.  
 LETTERS OF CREDIT issued, available in any part of the world.  
 CHEQUE BANK, LIMITED. Cheques sold. These cheques are a great convenience to travellers, being payable without the usual trouble of identification in all parts of Europe.  
 O. S. HOARE, MANAGER.

**BANK OF OTTAWA**

HEAD OFFICE, OTTAWA.

Capital Authorized & Subscribed, \$1,500,000.00  
 Capital Paid up ..... 1,500,000.00  
 RESERVE ..... 1,000,000.00

DIRECTORS:

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

GEO. BURN, General Manager.

BRANCHES.

Arnprior, Pembroke, Carleton Place,  
 Hawkesbury, Keewatin, Winnipeg.  
 Parry Sound, Rideau and Bank Sts., Ottawa.  
 Rat Portage, Komptville, Mattawa.  
 Renfrew, Portage la Prairie.

AGENTS IN CANADA—Bank of Montreal and Bank of British North America.

" NEW YORK—Messrs. W. Watson and R. Hobden.  
 " CHICAGO—Bank of Montreal;  
 " ST. PAUL—Merchants National Bank;  
 " LONDON, Eng.—Alliance Bank.  
 " CHINA AND JAPAN—The Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.

**WINNIPEG BRANCH.**

ESTABLISHED 1852.  
 Accounts of Merchants, Traders, Manufacturers, Corporations and Individuals received on favorable terms.  
 Interest allowed on deposits.  
 Drafts issued on all the principal points in Canada, also on New York, Chicago and St. Paul and London, Eng.  
 This Branch has special facilities for making Collections in Manitoba and North West Territories. Lowest rates are charged, and remittances promptly made.  
 J. B. MONK, Manager.

**The Western Canada Loan & Savings Co.**

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

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

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

THE CANADIAN

**BANK OF COMMERCE,**

HEAD OFFICE - - TORONTO.

Paid-up Capital ..... \$6,000,000  
 Reserve ..... \$1,000,000

Geo. A. Cox, Esq., President.  
 ROBERT KILGOUR, Esq., Vice-President  
 B. E. WALKER, General Manager.  
 J. H. PLUMMER, Asst. Genl. Manager.  
 A. H. Ireland, Inspector.

New York—Alex. Laird & Wm. Gray, Agents

BANKERS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

GREAT BRITAIN—The Bank of Scotland.  
 INDIA, CHINA AND JAPAN—The Chartered Bank of India, Australia, France, Lazard, Freres & Co. (India & China)  
 AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND—Union Bank of Australia.  
 BRUSSELS, BELGIUM—J. Mathieu & Fils.  
 NEW YORK—The Amer Exchange Nat'l Bank of NY.  
 SAN FRANCISCO—The Bank of British Columbia.  
 CHICAGO—The Amer Exchange Nat'l Bk. of Chicago.  
 BRITISH COLUMBIA—The Bank of British Columbia.  
 HAMILTON, BERMUDA—The Bank of Bermuda.  
 KINGSTON, JAMAICA—Bank of Nova Scotia.  
 MINNEAPOLIS—Northwestern National Bank.  
 DULUTH—First National Bank.

This bank has the largest number of branches of any bank in Canada.

**WINNIPEG BRANCH**

Accounts of Corporations Merchants and Individuals received on favorable terms.  
 Interest allowed on deposits in Savings Department.  
 Commercial Credits, Travellers' Credits, and Circular Notes issued for use in all parts of the world.  
 Debentures Purchased.  
 A General Banking Business transacted.  
 F. H. MATHEWSON, Manager

**BANK OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.**

ESTABLISHED 1838.  
 INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER IN 1840

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

HEAD OFFICE—3 Clements Lane Lombard St. London.

COURT OF DIRECTORS—J. H. Brodie, John James Cater, Henry R. Farrer, Gaspard Farrar, Richard H. Glyn, E. A. Hoare, H. J. B. Kendall, J. J. Kingsford, Frederic Lubbock, Geo. D. Whitman.

Head Office in Canada—St. James St., Montreal.

H. Siskenan, General Manager.

E. Stanger, Inspector.

BRANCHES IN CANADA:  
 Brandon, Hamilton, Ottawa, Toronto.  
 Brantford, Kingston, Paris, Vancouver.  
 Fredericton, London, Quebec, Victoria.  
 Halifax, Montreal, St. John, Rossland.  
 Winnipeg, Main Street—D. Simpson Manager.

AGENTS IN THE UNITED STATES:  
 New York, 52 Wall St., W. Lawson and J. O. Welsh  
 San Francisco, 124 Sanson St., H. M. I. McMichael, and J. R. Ambrose.

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

**THE Western Loan and Trust COMPANY, LTD.**

Incorporated by Special Act of the Legislature.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, \$2,000,000.  
 ASSETS, \$1,500,000.

Office: 18 St. Sacrament St., Montreal, Que.

HON. A. W. OGILVIE, President.  
 W. BARCLAY STEPHENS, Manager.  
 J. W. MICHAUD, Esq., Vice-President.  
 Solicitors—Messrs. Greenshields & Greenshields  
 Bankers—The Merchants Bank of Canada  
 Agents at Winnipeg, Man.—Messrs. Crotty & Cross  
 This Company acts as assignee, administrator, executor, trustee, receiver, committee of lunatic, guarantor, liquidator, etc., also as agent for the above offices.  
 Debentures issued for three or five years, both debentures and interest on the same can be collected in any part of Canada, without charge.  
 For further particulars address the Manager.

WE ARE HANDLERS OF

# COAL OIL

IN BARRELS AND CASES.

Send us a sample order to test our qualities.

TEES & PERSSE,

Winnipeg, Man.

ASSETS  
OVER:

\$201,000,000.

## Equitable Life

HENRY B. HYDE, President

SURPLUS  
OVER

\$40,000,000

The Policies of THE EQUITABLE LIFE in Canada are

PAYABLE IN CANADIAN CURRENCY

For Rates, Apply to your Local Agent

A. H. CORELLI, Manager, Winnipeg, Man.

### E. F. HUTCHINGS' GREAT NORTHWEST Saddlery House

opposite the City Hall, Corner Main and Market Sts.,

519 Main St. & 191 to 195 & 126 Market St.

The Largest Stock and Best Equipped Establishment Canada. Lowest prices and Best Goods is our Motto.

TRUNKS, VALISES, LEATHER AND SHOE FINDINGS, SADDLERY HARDWARE, WHIPS, &c.

Don't forget the new premises.

E. F. HUTCHINGS, Proprietor, WINNIPEG.

Send for our new Illustrated Catalogue.

these days when so many low grade TEAS are put upon the market, it is a consolation to have

### MAZAWATTEE

to sustain the ancient credit of the Herb, and to remind tea drinkers of the delicious China Teas of thirty years ago, which it actually surpasses.

The teas of Ceylon are to-day the finest in the World, and there is no more representative Ceylon Tea than

### MAZAWATTEE

which forms one of the most delightful beverages ever made from the leaves of the Tea Plant

**Kenneth Mackenzie & Co.,**

WINNIPEG, MAN.

### JOHN W. PECK & CO.

MANUFACTURERS OF

### CLOTHING Fur Goods, Shirts.

Dealers in Men's Furnishings, Hats and Caps.

Our Travellers are now showing samples of our stock of Clothing, Hats, Caps, and Furnishings for **SPRING 1897**

We would draw especial attention to the fact that we have the only stock now in existence of good Buffalo Coats

Assorting orders by letter for fall and winter goods in our lines will receive prompt and careful attention.

MONTREAL. WINNIPEG.

### NEW CENTURY

### Horse and Cattle Food !

We are now prepared to make deliveries of this important product. Write to us for particulars. Exceptional terms will be offered during the present fall and winter.

**MARTIN, BOLE AND WYNNE CO.,**

Wholesale Druggists, Winnipeg.

Window Plate

## GLASS

Enamelled & Colored

Large Assortment now in Stock and arriving

### G. F. Stephens & Co

Glass Merchants, WINNIPEG.

### MACKENZIE & MILLS,

— WHOLESALE —

### FANCY GROCERIES.

Special attention given to

Teas, Coffees, Dried Fruits,

Canned Goods, Butter, &c.

247 PRINCESS ST.

WINNIPEG, MAN.

# The Commercial

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

FIFTEENTH YEAR OF PUBLICATION.  
ISSUED EVERY MONDAY.

Subscription, \$2.00 PER ANNUM in advance.)

ADVERTISING RATES MADE KNOWN ON APPLICATION.

Fine Book and Job Printing Departments.

Office, 186 James St. East.

JAMES E. STEEN,

Publisher.

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

WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 30, 1896.

## Manitoba.

A fire was caused by the over-turning of a lamp in the millinery rooms of the Hudson's Bay Co.'s store at Morden one day last week, but slight damage was done.

The first train from the coast for over a week reached Winnipeg on Wednesday last. The blockade is on the coast division of the line, where very heavy snow storms have been experienced.

Saturday the grocery store of A. McMillan, Lombard street, Winnipeg, was entered by burglars and a sum of money in the till was taken.

A motion to exempt the Union Shoes and Leather Co., of Winnipeg, from taxation, was defeated at the last meeting of the council.

## Hardware and Paint Trade.

A report from London, England, says: "The iron markets are extremely firm and the outlook is promising. Ship building material is in particularly good demand and 5s advance is asked for plates."

A southern United States concern has been exporting pig iron to England. A New York paper says: "The Tennessee Coal company last week sold 10,000 tons of pig iron in good round orders, of which 4,000 tons were bought by parties in England, and will be exported via Brunswick, Ga. The price was as satisfactory as could have been got in this country for the same amount of iron. Many inquiries from foreign buyers of pig iron are being received and the prospects for a continuous trade are very bright."

A Toronto report says: "The demand is fair and prices of metals are rapidly advancing. Galvanized iron has been advanced 25c per 100 lbs. Sheet zinc and spelter show about the same advance. In plumbers' supplies the trade is only moderate. Quite a few lines of felt goods have been advanced from 10 per cent to 25 per cent."

The Montreal Gazette says: "The tone of the market for all lines is firm, and prices, in sympathy with the continued strong advices from abroad, are fully maintained. The demand for all lines is almost up to the average for this season, and, on the whole, a fair amount of business is doing. Advices from abroad on leads continue strong, but manufacturers here show no signs of advancing values yet. Glass in good demand, and sales are being made freely at firm prices. In

seal oil the feeling is still strong, and jobbers have put up the price another 2½ cents. Linseed is firmly held at the advance noted last week, and a further rise is anticipated by the end of this week. Montreal prices are: Choice brands white lead, Government standard, \$5.00; No. 1, \$4.75; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3, \$4.25; dry white lead, 4½c; red lead, pure, 4c to 4½c; do. No. 1, 4c; zinc, white, pure, \$7.25; glass, \$1.30 to \$1.35 first break; \$1.40 to \$1.45 second break, per 50 feet; \$3.10 for third break, per 100 feet; linseed oil, round lots, raw, 46c to 47c; boiled, 49c to 50c; cod oil, 82½c to 85c; seal oil, 50c to 52½c; castor oil, 8½c to 9½c; putty, in bulk, \$1.85.

A Pittsburg, Pa., telegram says there is great activity in the metal markets and prices have almost uniformly advanced. Since the meeting of the Bessemer Association in New York, and the embracing under its control of all products made from billets, an advance has been made in the price of steel beams and channels of \$2 a ton; \$1 a ton on plates, and \$3 a ton on angles and tees. Iron and steel manufacturers express great confidence in the prospects for activity next year. Andrew Carnegie, H. C. Frick and W. J. Rainey, of Cleveland, met in New York Wednesday and decided to maintain coal prices until January, after which prices and workmen's wages will advance.

## World's Wheat Production.

A statement has been prepared by the United States Secretary of Agriculture regarding the quantity of wheat produced and exported from the United States, Canada, Argentine, Uruguay, Russia and India, which represents the prominent surplus countries. The average annual production in bushels for three periods of five years each is shown in the following:

United States	1881-85.	1886-90.	1891-96.
United States	435,686,000	448,817,000	490,246,000
Canada	89,200,000	86,295,000	51,406,000
Argentina	18,000,000	22,300,000	61,600,000
Uruguay			6,148,000
Russia	224,106,000	239,401,000	301,406,000
India	269,721,000	245,657,000	224,909,000

For Uruguay there were no statistics available for the first two periods. For Argentine the average for the first period is the average for two years, 1881-5. For Russia and India, the averages for the first period represent the averages for three years, 1883-85.

The production for 1881-85 as stated aggregate 991,718,000 bushels, and for 1885-90 the total was 981,500,000—the two periods showing a like aggregate, there being a moderate increase in the United States and Russia, a decided relative gain in Argentina, with a decline in Canada and India, the latter being of considerable proportions. The latter period shows a total of 1,185,710,000 bushels, which marks quite an advance in which each country reflects a share excepting India.

The average annual exports of wheat and wheat flour, expressed in bushels of grain, from the countries mentioned, for periods of five years, are shown in the following:

	(000 omitted.)	1881-85.	1886-90.	1891-95.
U. S.—Wheat	89,361	64,987	101,021	
Flour	38,796	50,802	70,710	
Canada—Wheat	2,864	1,863	8,144	
Flour	42	663	1,452	
Argentina—Wh't.	1,884	5,918	33,018	
Flour	181	328	1,601	
Uruguay—Wheat			1,040	
Flour	120	311	573	
Russia—Wheat	73,721	98,039	102,971	
Flour	2,468	2,297	2,610	
India—Wheat	34,352	30,440	27,748	
Flour	228	935	1,503	

For Uruguay there were no imports of wheat in the first two periods, of an average of 48,000 and 160,000 bushels respectively.

The total annual average exports of wheat and flour, expressed in bushels of grain, are shown in the following:

	(000 omitted.)	1881-85.	1886-90.	1891-95.
United States	122,157	115,789	171,781	
Canada	2,906	2,526	10,198	
Argentina	2,015	6,216	84,617	
Uruguay	77	151	1,619	
Russia	76,189	95,836	105,581	
India	31,580	31,375	29,251	

The annual average exports thus indicated for the first period of five years was 238,000,000 bushels wheat and flour included; for the second period, an average of 251,000,000 bushels; for the third the exports were advanced to an average of 353,000,000 bushels.

The wheat crops of Russia, (including Poland), British India and Argentina are stated in the Department as follows, in bushels—the 1893 figure for India and Argentina being added by the Price Current, from other sources:

	(000 omitted.)	Russia.	India.	Argentina.
1883	226,792,000	237,500,000	10,000,000	
1884	267,443,000	251,691,000	12,000,000	
1885	178,084,000	299,155,000	14,000,000	
1886	163,455,000	258,817,000	14,000,000	
1887	279,698,000	238,586,000	41,000,000	
1888	318,936,000	266,882,000	11,500,000	
1889	197,884,000	237,522,000	40,000,000	
1890	218,032,000	228,592,000	32,000,000	
1891	181,450,000	256,704,000	36,000,000	
1892	266,055,000	206,640,000	57,000,000	
1893	393,454,000	263,539,000	80,000,000	
1894	356,416,000	232,914,000	60,000,000	
1895	309,658,000	231,428,000	75,000,000	

For Uruguay the wheat crops are stated as follows: 1891, 2,805,000 bushels; 1892, 3,292,000; 1893, 5,703,000; 1894, 8,915,000; 1895, 10,000,000 bushels.

## Grain and Milling Notes.

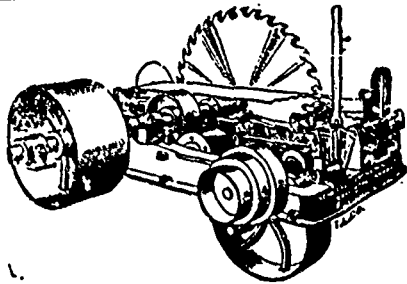
The City of Bangor, one of the largest steamers which has visited Fort William harbor left recently with 143,500 bushels of grain, the largest load ever taken out of that port.

There were no less than fifteen large vessels lined up at the docks at Fort William one time last week, three of which would take out upwards of 120,000 bushels of grain each.

The Lake of the Woods Milling Company has booked another order for a round lot of patent flour for Australia for shipment in January, via Vancouver.

Flour is not often sold at auction. The Montreal Trade Bulletin tells of the following sale of flour at auction in that city: "The Montreal Fruit Auction Company sold on Wednesday, in the warehouse of Thos. Fraser & Co., about 6,000 bbls. of flour in wood and bags. Mr. Thurston, the auctioneer, realized some very good prices, considering that the flour has been held in store for about five years—some of which was wormy and sour. Among the sales were the following: 100 bbls. Lakeside brand of straight rollers, \$2.60 per bbl.; 150 bbls., do, \$2.60; 300 bbls., do, at \$2.60; 451 bbls., do, \$2.60; 160 bbls., do, \$2.60; and 207 bbls., do, \$2.60; 490 bags Manitoba strong bakers, \$1.75 per bag; 500 bags, do, at \$1.70; 55 bbls. Aberdeen, \$2.50 per bbl.; 287 bbls., do, \$2.10; 223 bbls., do, \$2.10; 180 bbls. Clinton at \$2.50; 150 bbls. do, \$2.60; 104 bbls. White Star at \$3 per bbl.; 200 bbls., do, at \$3.40; 149 bbls. choice winter patents, \$3.60; 300 bbls. do, at \$3.70; 190, bbls. do, \$3.50, etc."

The erection of a new flour mill at Deloraine, Man., is progressing. It looks well in appearance, and will be ready for business about the 1st week of January, says a correspondent.

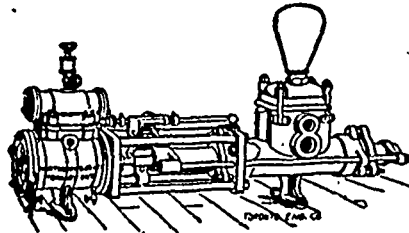


# Waterous Engine Works Co.,

WINNIPEG, MAN.

**Engines and Boilers,  
Saw Mills.**

**Saw Mill Machinery,  
Northey's Steam Pumps,  
Grain Choppers,**



## SOURIS COAL

From the Hassard Mine is the cheapest fuel on the market.

Lump Coal, \$1.50 per ton on Cars, Roche Percee.

Small Coal and Slack for Mill and Elevator use, 50c per ton.

The HASSARD is the ORIGINAL MINE, having been operated for nearly ten years. The coal produced is better than that of other mines, being free from outcrop or surface coal. Best quality **AMERICAN ANTHRACITE COAL, LEHIGH.** Also highest grade **BLACKSMITH'S COAL** at lowest prices.

PROMPT SHIPMENTS FROM ROCHE PERCEE, PORT ARTHUR AND DULUTH.

City Orders attended to Promptly. Prices Right and Correct Weight.

### D. E. ADAMS,

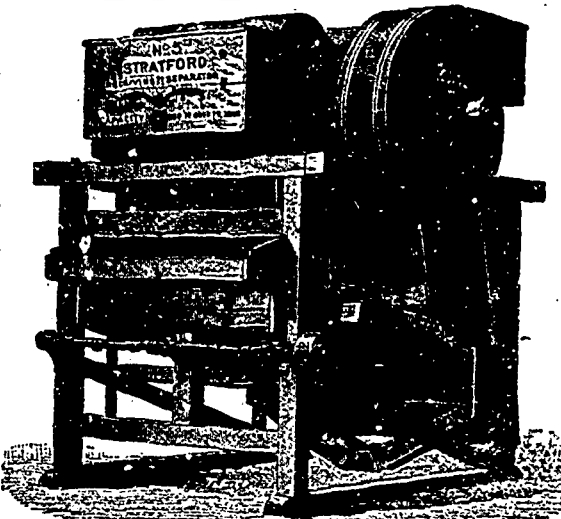
Next Door to P.O. 407 MAIN STREET, WINNIPEG

## STUART & HARPER

AGENTS FOR

Stratford Mill Building Co.  
Flour Mill and Elevator Machinery  
Dustless Warehouse and Elevator Separators  
Dodge Wood Pulleys  
New and Second-hand Machinery of all kinds.

758 to 764 Main Street, Winnipeg.



## Cigars

Made in your own Country.

HISPANIA, RED CROSS, KHEDIVE

Try these Brands. They are Unsurpassed.

BRYAN & LEE, Winnipeg.

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

## THE VULCAN IRON COMPANY,

OF MANITOBA LIMITED

MILL ROLLS GROUND & CORRUGATED.  
Architectural Iron Work

## ENGINE AND BOILER WORKS,

GENERAL BLACKSMITHING.

BRIDGE BUILDING A SPECIALTY.

TENDERS SOLICITED.

POINT DOUGLAS AVE., WINNIPEG.

## S. GREENSHIELDS SON & CO.

Montreal and Vancouver, B.C.

Mr. R. R. GALLAGHER is now in the Northwest with a complete range of our samples for sorting trade and import orders for Spring.

He will have special lines to show in

CANADIAN PRINTS and COTTONS  
CRUMS' PRINTS  
PRIESTLEY'S DRESS GOODS  
LEIGH MILL DRESS GOODS  
CARPETS, CURTAINS, ETC.

## McMASTER & CO.

—WHOLESALE—

## WOOLENS, TAILOR'S TRIMMINGS

CARPETS  
AND GENERAL DRY GOODS,

Represented by J. J. THORLEY TORONTO, ONT.

## JAS. McCREADY & CO., WHOLESALE Boot and Shoe Manufacturers, MONTREAL.

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

## PORTER & CO.,

DIRECT IMPORTERS OF

## Crockery.

GLASSWARE, CHINA,

Silverware, Cutlery, Lamps,  
Fancy Goods, Etc.

330 Main St., Winnipeg

# The Commercial

WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 29, 1896.

## A TYRANNICAL ORDER.

A Montreal paper says that the banks and some of the largest mercantile houses have forbidden their employees to invest in mining shares. How dare they do anything of the kind, or what right have they to interfere with the personal liberty of their employees in such an arbitrary manner? If this statement is true, it is a scandalous piece of tyranny. A business man has no right to dictate to his employees in such an arbitrary manner, and no reasonable person would undertake to do so. Business men should certainly take an active interest in those who are in their employ, and at times they might be permitted to advise them, but they have no right to make arbitrary rules calculated to control the personal liberties of their employees in legitimate matters. The purchasing of mining shares is not an offence against any moral or civil law, and the clerk who has any money to spare is often in a better position to invest it in mining shares than his employer. He has no business interests upon which he would bring disaster should he meet with a heavy loss. A wise and thoughtful merchant, while keeping an eye upon the moral and social habits of his employees, will not endeavor to impose upon the individual liberties of those who to some extent may be dependent upon him. Liberty is as sweet to the clerk as to the merchant, and is the right of one as much as the other. Tyrannical restrictions are not calculated to induce pleasant relations between merchants and their employees, and are certainly not calculated to secure the best attention from employees to the interests of the merchant.

## PROPOSED WINNIPEG WATER-WORKS.

The impression has gained currency in the city, regarding the proposal to establish a new system of water-works in Winnipeg, that the council has undertaken to submit the by-law without first securing any information regarding the proposed sources of water supply. This is a great mistake. The council is certainly to blame in not having made more extended investigations before deciding to submit the by-law; and it would have been better to have postponed taking the vote on the by-law for a time, rather than risk its defeat. At the same time it must not be supposed that the city officers have not made extended inquiries into this matter.

The Commercial was led into the error that no special information had been obtained upon this subject, owing to remarks made by an alderman at a meeting of the city council, but upon investigation we find that the city engineer has made very extended investigations into the artesian well supply, and the information gained in this direction is quite exhaustive. It shows quite conclusively that the supply of water available from this source is abundant, and the quality of the water is also shown by chemical analyses to be good.

Anyone who will take the trouble to look up the information in the hands of the city engineer, will find that the artesian well supply has been quite thoroughly investigated. This information should be widely distributed among the people before the date expires for voting on the by-law to raise a sum of money for carrying out the proposed work.

It will be freely admitted by almost every one, that the city is badly in need of a first-class system of water-works. This is something which should belong to the city, and which every progressive and well regulated city should be in possession of. It is necessary for the public health that the water-works should be controlled by the city. The proper administration of the health department and the cleanliness of the city require that the city should own a system of water-works. Winnipeg is in anything but a good sanitary condition. A proper system of flushing the sewers has never been attempted, and even in the closely built up portions of the city a large number of buildings have neither drainage nor water connections. This undesirable state of things will not be remedied until the city controls an efficient system of water-works.

The opponents of the by-law talk about the heavy debt which will be incurred in establishing the proposed works. This is an altogether harmless scarecrow. The proposed debt will not increase taxation. In fact an efficient system of water-works, properly managed, should help to reduce the taxes of the citizens. In a city the size of Winnipeg, a large revenue should be derived from the water-works, over and above the cost of operating and maintenance, after paying the interest on the cost of the works. The city should be able to supply water at considerably lower rates than are at present charged by the private company, and still have a surplus over all costs of operating the works. This would be a great saving to the citizens. There should also be important reductions in the cost of maintaining the fire department and doing the scavenging work of the city, while the sanitary condition of the city could be vastly improved. Instead of increasing taxation, the expenditure of half a million or more in a system of water-works should prove a very profitable investment for the city.

It is not too soon to begin to prepare for the establishment of a new system of water-works in Winnipeg. The franchise of the present private water-works company expires in 1900. This gives us four seasons in which to establish a new system and have it ready for operation by the time the present monopoly expires. Of course a new system could be established in less time than four years; but the work can be done much more cheaply by spreading it over a few years than by rushing it through in a hurry. There is also another important point, namely; affording employment to our home labor population. If the work is rushed through, a foreign labor population will be brought in, who will leave the city when the work is done, while by carrying out the work more slowly, steady employment will be furnished to our permanent labor population. Another good reason why the work should be undertaken at once, is on

account of the proposed street improvements. On all streets which it is decided to pave the water mains should first be put down, so as to avoid tearing up the streets after they are paved. It is useless talking about commencing a comprehensive system of paving if the pavement is to be destroyed, or at least badly damaged a short time after it is put down, by tearing up the streets for the water mains.

One thing the city must be prepared for, and that is to have a system of water-works ready by the time the present monopoly expires. It is not too soon to take hold of the matter vigorously, and there is nothing to be gained in shirking the issue. The passage of the by-law will not hinder the council from securing any further information which it may be necessary or desirable to procure.

So far as the present private company is concerned, The Commercial would favor the taking over of all or any portions of the plant which will fit in with the proposed new system, providing reasonable terms can be made with the company. It is certainly not in the interest of the city that the stockholders in the present company should be put to any unnecessary loss, and besides, any heavy loss to the present company would tend to retard the investment of capital in the country.

It is a matter for much regret that the municipal reforms so much talked of have not been carried out, so that the city would be in a better position to take hold of the water-works question as well as other needed improvements. The most valid objection urged against passing this water-works by-law is the argument that under our loose municipal system we have no reason to hope that the work would be properly managed. We have labored for years and brought forth nothing in the direction of civic reform. If we go on as we have in the past it may be many years in the future before anything practical is accomplished in the direction of civic reform. This is a matter which the citizens should attend to at the polls. If no urgent public improvements are to be undertaken until a more satisfactory municipal system has been established, then let us force the municipal reforms at once. On the other hand, if we cannot do anything but talk reforms, then we had better try and secure some urgent civic works under the existing system. Other cities have established water-works under the same municipal system as we have, and why not Winnipeg?

## THE BUSINESS MEN'S CONVENTION.

The proposal emanating from the Winnipeg board of trade, in favor of a business men's convention to be held in Winnipeg, is meeting with general approval from business men throughout the West. The board sent out cards to a large number of business men in Manitoba and the Territories, asking their opinion as to the advisability of holding the proposed convention. Replies have come in very freely, the answers showing that business men generally throughout the West are in favor of the convention, and a good many have signified their intention of being present. The date suggested by the Winnipeg board has been generally approved. The date mentioned is in February next, just previous to

the curling bonspiel which will be held in the city, when special low rates will be given by the railways. Parties attending the convention will thus be able to take advantage of the reduced railway rates.

Parties to whom the cards were sent, were also asked to suggest subjects for discussion at the proposed convention. This has been done by nearly all of those who have replied, and as a result quite a variety of subjects have been named, most of which are of more or less interest to the West as a whole or to large sections of the country. A few subjects have been repeatedly mentioned by many of those replying. The credit system in one form or another evidently occupies a foremost position in the minds of many, from the frequency with which it is mentioned by those who suggest subjects for discussion at the proposed convention. Freight rates probably come next in order in the frequency with which it is mentioned. The tariff is also frequently mentioned, some referring particularly to the need of lower duties on certain classes of goods specially in the interest of the West. Nearly all the replies received from Calgary, Edmonton, Malceod, Lethbridge and other points in Alberta, mention the proposed Crow's Nest Pass railway as an urgent subject for discussion. Handling produce is mentioned quite often. Several important legal questions bearing on our mercantile system are also brought up in various forms by a number of those replying, such as the exemption law, lien law, a cheapening of the legal procedure in collecting small debts, bankruptcy law, law too favorable to fraudulent debtors, etc. The exemption laws are most frequently referred to in this class of subjects. Several think something should be done to check or offset the disadvantage that country merchants suffer from having to compete with peddlers, agents and departmental stores. In the list of strictly mercantile questions, compromises, the disposal of bankrupt stocks and price cutting are several times referred to. These are three very important questions of general interest to merchants all over the country, and to both wholesale and retail dealers. Immigration is several times mentioned, and several replies from western points also mention irrigation. The quarantine regulations are mentioned by two or three and the grain grades and elevator system are also mentioned in two or three instances. One party suggests the advisability of having business associations formed in the smaller towns, another thinks that business men should have a reduced railway rate in coming to the city to purchase goods, another wants the lumber duties removed, and another wants the Hudson's Bay Railway talked up. Refrigerator cars and cold storage service are mentioned by two or three. Insurance rates are mentioned by several parties.

These suggestions are from the replies received shortly after the cards were sent out. No doubt a considerable number of replies will come to hand later, suggesting subjects not already mentioned, but the list is already a formidable one. Most of the subjects suggested are such as can be discussed to advantage at a promiscuous gathering of business men. In the case of a few of the

subjects nothing could be gained by their discussion at any length. The large number of replies sent in and the large list of subjects suggested for discussion, however, would indicate that considerable interest is being taken throughout the country in the proposed convention. The Winnipeg board will consider the replies and probably invitations will be sent out when the date is finally decided upon.

### REGULATING LAKE MANITOBA LANDS.

Mr. G. H. Webster, chief engineer of the Manitoba and Northwestern railway, who has taken great interest in the question of lowering the level of Lake Manitoba, states that he has found a "cheaper and more useful route" than the one first proposed. The route would be from Lake Manitoba via Portage creek, to within six miles of the town of Portage la Prairie, thence east to Long Lake Portage creek Mr. Webster says, has a depth of from three to seven feet or over, and could very easily be utilized as a part of the route. From Portage creek about six miles of a solid cut would require to be made to reach a branch of Long Lake, after which very little work would be necessary to open the canal through to the Assiniboine river. The route surveyed some years ago by the Winnipeg city engineer, in connection with the proposed canal and water-power at Winnipeg, would require about twelve miles of excavating. At the time the city engineer made the survey, there was a proposal under discussion to utilize the water-power on the Assiniboine river at Winnipeg. In order to secure a larger flow of water for this water-power, it was proposed to cut a canal from Lake Manitoba to the Assiniboine river, and turn a portion of the surplus waters from the lake into the river, thus largely increasing the flow of water in the Assiniboine river.

In connection with this proposal to cut a canal from Lake Manitoba to the Assiniboine river, it must be borne in mind that sooner or later some work will have to be done to control the water level of Lake Manitoba. Thos. Guerin, a Dominion Government engineer, estimated that the area of land submerged around Lake Manitoba, above the normal level of the lake, is 206,720 acres. He further estimated that to cut a channel by way of Lake St. Martin to Lake Winnipeg, to reclaim these lands, would cost \$281,000. The value of the land which would be reclaimed, estimated at \$1.50 per acre, would more than repay the cost of the work.

The important point in connection with this subject is, that the level of the lake can be reduced and the lands reclaimed just as easily by cutting a canal from the lake to the Assiniboine river, as by opening a channel at the northern outlet via Lake St. Martin. The canal to the Assiniboine river would also serve other valuable purposes besides reclaiming the submerged lands about the lake. It would assist in draining the low lands about Long Lake. It would increase the flow of water in the Assiniboine river, and double the available water-power on the Assiniboine river at Winnipeg. The most important point of all, however, is, that it

would form the most important link in opening a great inland system of navigation, connecting the Red river, the Assiniboine river, Lake Manitoba and Lake Winnipegosis and the Saskatchewan rivers. Some of the great advantages which would accrue through the development of this great inland system of navigation have been referred to in previous issues of The Commercial. The matter is surely one which should receive the early attention of the provincial and local governments.

### EDITORIAL NOTES.

In another column will be found a resolution passed by the Lethbridge board of trade regarding the proposed Crow's Nest pass railway. The wisdom of maintaining the principle contained in this resolution will be quite evident to all. If, as it is claimed, the Crow's Nest pass is the only practical route through the Rocky mountains within 350 miles of the international boundary, it is certainly very desirable that the right of way through the pass should be retained by the government. In referring to this pass as the only available route for a railway through the mountains, it will be understood that the Bow pass is already controlled by the Canadian Pacific railway.

\* \* \*

THERE are certainly two sides to the proposal to reduce the postage rates on letters to two cents. In the United States a large deficit has annually occurred in the working of the postal department since the reduction to a two cent letter rate was made, though previous to this a surplus was the rule. It is estimated by the department that a two cent rate would increase the annual deficit in Canada, in the postal department, by about three quarters of a million dollars, or about double the usual deficit. While the postal department should not be expected to produce a revenue, the wisdom of reducing the rates in the face of an annual deficit is open to question.

\* \* \*

A telegram from Ottawa the other day said that the government would not likely agree to the petition of the Montreal and other boards of trade for a reduction in the postage rate on letters. This is a matter which was first brought up by the Winnipeg board and the other boards were invited to join with the Winnipeg board in pressing the matter upon the government. The Montreal board at first refused to join in the movement, but later made representations to the government on its own account. The credit for bringing up the matter, therefore, belongs to the Winnipeg board.

### Northwest Ontario.

C. A. Barber and E. W. Barber, architects and mechanical engineers, are opening an office at Rat Portage. The gentlemen have been long well known in Winnipeg.

An application to parliament will be made for a charter to build the Fort Francis and Pacific railway, a line projected from Wabigoon, on the Canadian Pacific railway through the Manitou country to Rainy River, and touching at the chief mining camps. The proposed road will be operated by electricity.

# Federal Life Assurance Company

HEAD OFFICE, HAMILTON, ONTARIO

ISSUES GUARANTEED SECURITY POLICIES

AND OTHER

LIBERAL INSURANCE CONTRACTS

JAS. H. BEATTY,  
President

DAVID DEXTER,  
Managing Director.

JNO. R. GRANT,  
Manager, Manitoba, Ryan Block, Winnipeg

ESTABLISHED 1865

THE LARGEST AND OLDEST GLOVE  
Manufacturers in Canada.

Get your sorting orders filled by us in GLOVES,  
MITTS, MOCCASINS, Lumbermen's Socks, Etc., Etc.

Sole manufacturers of Chester Suspenders.

Men's Gloves and Mitts a specialty.

Get our Special Discount on Tie Moccasins. Tie  
Moccasins. Three Hundred Dozen of Boys' and Men's  
to be sold out before January 1st, 1897.

Your letter orders and correspondence solicited.  
Goods shipped promptly.

**JAMES HALL & CO.,**

FACTORY: 150 PRINCESS ST.,  
BRACKVILLE, ONTARIO. WINNIPEG, MAN.  
P. O. BOX. 285. PHONE, 808.

## ROYAL CROWN SOAP

THE BEST SOAP and the BEST SELLING  
SOAP IN CANADA.

THE ROYAL CROWN SOAP CO.,  
WINNIPEG, MAN.

### "Manitoba" Felt Boots

are equal to the best in the market. Hav-  
ing a large stock on hand we will give a  
Trade discount of 15% nett 60 days.

Place your orders early, as on these terms  
they are money makers.

Geo. H. Rodgers & Co., WHOLESALE  
DRY GOODS

217 McDermott Avenue,

Box 639

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA



## DONALD FRASER & CO.

— MANUFACTURERS OF —

MEN'S BOYS' YOUTH'S and CHILDREN'S

## CLOTHING

Importers of HATS, CAPS AND MEN'S FURNISHINGS

LIBERAL DISCOUNTS,  
CLOSE PRICES.

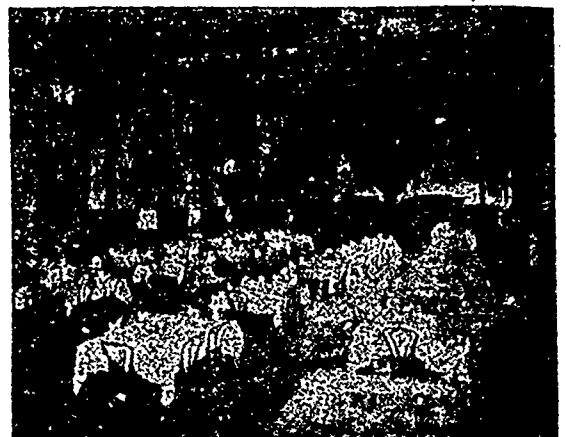
WINNIPEG, MAN.

## MANITOBA HOTEL

WINNIPEG, MAN.

Cuisine of the best and quick  
service.

F. W. SPRADO, Manager





# BAGS BAGS

FOR WHEAT  
FLOUR  
BRAN  
SHORTS  
OATS

Also SEWING TWINES, JUTE,  
COTTON and FLAX



FOR FLAX  
POTATOES  
COAL  
ORE

ALSO  
BRANDING INKS  
5-GALLON KEGS  
BLUE AND RED

## For EVERY PURPOSE

Large and Complete Stock Carried in Winnipeg. Write us for Samples and Prices.

E. NICHOLSON, Successor to W. F. Henderson & Co. 124 Princess St., Winnipeg, Agents.

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

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

Messrs THE OGILVIE MILLING CO., WINNIPEG, MAN.

Dear Sirs—We have pleasure in stating that the quality of the flour made in the Winnipeg mills, of which we have imported considerable on this crop has given the highest satisfaction to everyone who has baked it. Glasgow is pre-eminently a city of large baking establishments, some of them with a capacity of 2000 barrels per week, and all managed by gentlemen well qualified to give a sound verdict on the merits of any flour. With remarkable unanimity they have expressed the opinion that nothing finer than your Patent grade has ever been placed on the market. The baking results have been exceptionally high, both in regard to color and out-turn, and we can invariably command a higher price. We are, yours respectfully, WILLIAM MORRISON & SONS.

—IN HANDLING—

OGILVIE'S FLOUR

YOU HAVE

THE BEST

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

OGILVIE'S HUNGARIAN,

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

# THE RIDDELL MANUFACTURING CO.

—MANUFACTURERS OF—

## HIGH CLASS BISCUITS AND CONFECTIONERY

When you are stocking up in Confectionery, TRY OUR VELVETS

We warrant them equal, if not superior to the best made on this continent.

FACTORY AND OFFICES: CORNER OF HIGGINS AND ARGYLE STREETS,  
WINNIPEG, - MANITOBA.

**Toronto Grain and Produce Markets.**

Wheat—The demand is slow and the market is easier. A car of white sold outside yesterday at 85c. and later buyers here quoted 83c to 81c for red and white west. To-day millers are offering 81 to 82c. Manitoba wheat is easier at 92c for No. 1 hard grinding in transit Sarnia, and 90c for No. 2 hard; No. 1 hard is quoted Toronto and west at 91c and No. 2 hard at 89c.

Flour—The demand is slow and prices are about steady. Cais of straight roller are quoted west at \$1 to \$1.15. Manitoba flour is steady.

Millfeed—Is dull at \$9.50 for shorts west and \$8.50 for bran.

Oats—Dull and easy at 20 to 21c in car lots at country points, with buyers offering 1c lower.

Dressed Hogs—The unfavorable weather has caused a marked decline in prices. Light hogs range up to \$1.75, and heavy down to \$1.25. There is no prospect of any change for the better at present.—Globe, Nov. 25.

**Montreal Grain and Produce Market.**

Grain.—No. 2 oats, 24½ to 26½; malting barley, 46½ to 47½; barley, feed, 8½c.

Flour.—There continues to be a good export demand for flour, and the Lake of the Woods Milling company made another sale to-day of 2,000 sacks on London account for shipment via St. John, and 4,009 barrels for Australia. The local demand is only fair at present for Manitoba grades, while Ontario dealers state that sales are slow and trade of a hand to mouth character. Winter wheat, 4.90 to \$5.10; spring wheat, patents, 5.20 to \$5.30; straight roller, 4.4 to \$4.65; straight roller, bags, 2.10 to \$2.25; extra bags, 1.75 to \$1.85; Manitoba strong bakers, 4.50 to \$5.

Oatmeal—The tone of the oatmeal market is stronger and prices have advanced 15 to 20c per barrel owing to the small off-rings. Standard, brls, \$3.50 to 3.60; granulated, br s, \$3.60 to 3.70; rolled oats, brs, \$1.50 to 3.60; rolled oats, per bag, \$1.75 to 1.85.

Feed.—Bran, \$9.50 to 10.50; shorts, \$11 to \$12.

Cheese.—The market was very quiet, with finest Ontario October goods held at 10c.

Butter.—In butter business was quiet, and the tone continues easy, with holders of finest creamery in boxes asking 19c, and in tubs at 18½ to 18¾c.

Eggs.—New laid sold at 20 to 22c, choice candied and Montreal limed at 14 to 14½c, Western limed at 13 to 14c, and culls at 8 to 10c per dozen.

Poultry.—Turkeys sold at 8 to 9c; duck, 7½ to 8c; chickens, 6 to 6½c, and geese, 5 to 6c per lb.

Dressed Hogs.—Demand is fair at \$1.75 to \$5 per 100 lbs.—Gazette, Nov. 25.

**Dairy Trade Notes.**

The Montreal Gazette of Nov. 19 says: "The butter market is certainly easier, for the stubborn refusal of shippers to dictate at the fancy figures asked has convinced factorymen that they are not obtainable. As they still have practically all of their October make yet to dispose of they are freer sellers than they were, and we heard of offers to-day at 19½c, but shippers will only concede the even figure, 19c. Salesmen, therefore, have either to accept it or try and peddle their stock around to local jobbers, who are paying a fraction or so more when the goods suit them."

C. C. Macdonald, Manitoba Dairy inspector, has selected the Henderson block in Winnipeg as the place where the coming session of the

dairy school will be held. The opening will take place on Jan. 5.

At Woodstock, Ont., on November 18, at the cheese board there was one of the largest offerings in the history of the board, no less than 7,571 boxes of October cheese and balances on being for sale. There were no sales; the highest bids were 9½c for October, and 9½c for November. The sellers are holding for 10c and the buyers seem quite indifferent. Very few of the Oxford county factories have closed down yet; even smallest factories are manufacturing every other day, and will likely do so until the end of the month. It appears probable that there will be a large fall make, and this is doubtless responsible for the stagnant state of the market.

The Montreal Gazette of Nov. 23 says: Actual business in cheese is unaltered. Current trades on spot and over the cables are, however, still confined to undergrades. Butter presents a still easier feeling and salesmen offered creamery in boxes at 19c, and tubs at 18½ to 18¾c, and buyers are indifferent at the decline.

The minister of agriculture has sent a circular to dairymen's associations, creamery associations, farmers' sheep and cattle breeders' and poultry and pig stock associations suggesting that they discuss the question of tariff revision and either forward resolutions adopted at meetings or name a committee to meet a committee of the government.

A meeting was held at Moosomin, Assa., recently, to take steps to organize a creamery.

**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.	Oct. 17	Oct. 24	Oct. 31	Nov. 7	Nov. 14
Extra Man. d	7	27	60	16	21
No. 1 hard.....	375	315	395	178	103
No. 2 hard.....	12	121	111	83	70
No. 3 hard.....	34	61	62	45	63
No. 1 North'n..	26	13	11	10	12
No. 2 North'n..	2	4	2	5	0
No. 3 North'n..	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 white s'ye	2	3	1	0	0
No. 2 white s'ye	0	2	0	0	0
No. 1 Spring...	2	1	2	2	1
No. 2 Spring...	0	2	0	0	0
No. 1 frost-d...	11	12	18	34	17
No. 2 frost-d...	3	9	16	31	33
No. 3 frost-d...	7	1	4	3	7
No. 1 Rejected..	11	9	11	6	7
No. 2 Rejected..	8	7	10	4	0
No Grade.....	0	2	3	6	1
Condemned....	0	3	1	1	0
Total.....	610	691	611	430	461
Same week last year.....	426	355	221	401	306

\*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.

**The Live Stock Markets.**

The Montreal Gazette of Nov. 24 says: The live stock export season for 1896 is now closed, the steamship Gerona sailing on Sunday morning for London with 455 head of cattle.

At London on Nov. 23 the cattle trade was more depressed than on the last market day and prices showed a decline of ½c to 1c per lb. The supply was excessive and the demand was slow. The market was dull at 10½c for choice States, and at 8c to 9c for choice Canadians. Sheep were steady at 10c.

At the East End Abattoir market at Montreal on Nov. 23, the supply of cattle was large but prices were steady. Prime beefs sold at 8½c; good to choice, 8c to 8½c; common to fair, 2½c to 2¾c; and inferior, 1½c to

2c per lb. The demand for sheep was fair and prices were unchanged at 2½c per lb. Lamb: met with an active demand and values were firm at 8½c to 9c per lb. for choice and at 8c to 8½c for fair to good. At the Point St. Charles market Montreal, on the same day there were 800 hogs offered which met with a good demand at \$3.75 to \$4 per 100 lbs. live weight.

At Toronto on Nov. 24 the cattle market was dull at 2 to 3c for the general run, and a few head of picked sold at 8½ to 8¾c. Export sheep brought \$2.70 to \$2.80 per 100 lbs. Lamb: 8 to 8½c per lb. Butchers' sheep dull at \$2.50 to \$2.75 each. Hogs were steady at 8½ to 8¾c for choice bacon, heavy 8½c, sows 2½ to 3c, stags 2c.

**Freight Rates and Traffic Matter.**

The Chicago Trade Bulletin says: The rate on flour and grain from Chicago to New York is 20c, on corn 15c, and on provisions 80c per 100 lbs. Ocean rates are lower at 8½ to 4d from New York to Liverpool owing to increased offerings of tramp steamers. The rate from Chicago to Liverpool was 15.60 to 17.70c per bu on wheat and 15.60 to 17.45 on corn. Flour is 33 to 34c per 100 lbs and provisions 5½ to 5¾c. The lake and rail rate to New England on corn is 9½c, and oats 6½c. The New York lake and rail rate is 7½c on corn and 5½c on oats. Lake rates are steady at 2½c for wheat, 1½c for corn and 1½c for oats to Buffalo.

**Excise Duties.**

The annual report of the inland revenue department of Canada is out. The accrued revenue for the year ending 30th of June last, was \$3,011,086, compared with \$7,912,097 for the previous year, and \$8,411,495 for 1894. There were 4,382,210 gallons of spirits manufactured at various distilleries during the year, and the total quantity handled in bond and otherwise was 4,681,371 gallons. There was placed in warehouses during the year 4,479,219 gallons. Total quantity on which duty was collected was 2,433,058 gallons, the amount of duty being \$1,011,587, compared with 2,510,300 gallons in 1895, with a duty of \$3,901,579. This included license fees. Duty on tobacco, snuff and cigars was \$2,351,393, compared with \$3,359,811 in 1895. The annual consumption per head of the above mentioned articles as follows: Spirits, 623, compared with 696 in 1895; beer, 8,528 compared with 8,471 in 1895; wine, .073, compared with .090 the year previous; tobacco, 2,120, compared with 2,168 in 1895.

**Alberta.**

The Edmonton Board of Trade will ask for a general reduction of 50 per cent. in freight rates on farm products from Edmonton to the Kootenay, British Columbia country.

It is reported that Mr. C. Mickle of Birtle, M. P. P., has been appointed provincial secretary in the Manitoba government. Mr. Mickle is one of the most worthy members of the local house.

A telegram from Vancouver says that the Gold Range Development company, composed of some of the wealthiest and most responsible men of Vancouver, has bought the body of gold ore known as the Philip's Arm Quartz Mining claims, situated close to Vancouver.

The Duluth Commercial Record of Monday last says: "Vessel engagements are large enough for this week to indicate shipments of about 2,250,000 bushels of wheat and 500,000 bushels of coarse grains. There is nothing being done in the way of new charters, although a boat coming in unchartered could probably get a load at around 2½ to 3 cents."

ESTABLISHED 1874

**R. C. MACFIE & CO.,**  
LONDON, ONTARIO.

We can sell you Black Cattle Robes, lined and trimmed, perfectly mo h-proof. Warranted never to get hard. They are the best and cheapest Robe in the market. Sizes about 60 x 70 inches. Prices, \$10.50 to \$12.00:

RAW FURS WANTED

**To Advertisers.**

All changes for advertisements must be at this office not later than Thursday noon.

**Mercantile.**

Stocks of merchandise of all kinds sold on commission. Merchants who are retiring from business and wishing to dispose of their stocks en bloc will find it to their advantage by placing them with us for sale. Business concerns of all kinds disposed of. Correspondence strictly confidential. Write for circular.

**WM. CUY LIVINGSTON & CO.,**  
Merchandise Brokers, 462 Main St., Winnipeg

CONSIGNMENTS SOLICITED.

HIDES WOOL

**NORTHWEST HIDE CO.**

HERMAN TELKE,  
Manager.

230 KING ST.,  
TELEPHONE 450

FUR TALLOW

HIGHEST WEIGHT GUARANTEED. HIGHEST MARKET VALUE

WINNIPEG, MAN.

Mills:

G. P. R. Track,  
Higgins St.,  
Winnipeg, Man.



**STEPHEN NAIRN,**  
Rolled Oats, Oatmeal, Pot and Pearl Barley,  
Rolled Wheat, Breakfast Cereals.  
ORDER THROUGH WHOLESALE TRADE OR  
... DIRECT FROM MILLS ...

**THE HUDSON'S BAY CO.**

—MAKES THE—

**BEST FLOUR**

HIGHEST AWARD WINNIPEG EXHIBITION.

**G. F. & J. GALT.**

WHOLESALE GROCERS,  
PACKERS OF

"BLUE RIBBON" and "UNION JACK" Packet Teas

**A COMFORTABLE HOME FOR YOUR FEET.**

By wearing *KING'S SHOES* made with  
—PATENT—

**Sleeper Canvas Insoles.**

SOMETHING NEW, "LIGHT" FLEXIBLE  
NO TACKS, NO NAILS, VERY EASY, NO SQUEAK.

Made only by **J. D. KING CO., Ltd**

**E. A. SMALL & CO.,**

MANUFACTURERS AND WHOLESALEERS OF

MEN'S BOYS'  
AND  
CHILDREN'S

**CLOTHING.**

MR THOS. FOSTER, Agent,  
P.O. Box 217, WINNIPEG,

**Victoria Square, MONTREAL**

**GOAL** \$6.50 TON  
DELIVERED

No advance in price of the FAMOUS GALT COAL

Quotations for Car lots given at Railway points.

**A. M. NANTON, 381 Main Street.**

TELEPHONE 280.

THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

WINNIPEG. Saturday, Nov. 28, 1893

Business has been interrupted this week by the big storm which raged on Thursday and Friday forenoon, being very severe Thursday night. It was one of the worst storms experienced for years, some saying it was the worst since March, 1831. There is much more snow than usual for this time of year. Railway traffic was demoralized on Thursday and Friday and only a few passenger trains were able to get through. All business in grain and country produce was stopped by the bad condition of country roads. The storm covered a large area of territory, including Manitoba and the lake to the east and south. Fears are expressed for shipping on Lake Superior, but so far no wrecks are reported. A large number of steamers were at Fort William loading wheat this week but no cargoes are reported lost. The last Canadian Pacific railway steamer was billed to leave Fort William on Nov. 26, but grain steamers were to clear later, though this week will about wind up the clearances.

There were 86 business failures reported in Canada this week, against 47 last week, 52 in the week a year ago and 35 two years ago.

At New York yesterday money was quoted at 2 to 2½ per cent. on call and prime mercantile paper at 4 to 5 per cent. Bar silver was quoted at 65½c.

Bradstreet's reports the situation in the United States as hardly realizing the hopes of those who started up industries immediately after the elections. There have been heavier sales of wool to manufacturers at firm prices, but woolen mills have only fair orders for spring delivery. Iron and steel manufacturers report the demand not equal to the expectations. Bessemer steel remains firm at pool prices but billets for export are off \$2 a ton. Nails have dropped heavily on the collapse of the pool and even Bessemer pig iron is shaded. Cotton ties are lower and the steel rail pool have not decided as to quotations. The larger number of changes in prices in staple products were downward this week; petroleum, turpentine, hides, apples, cotton and wheat flour being lower in addition to prices of metals. Unchanged quotations are reported for wool, print cloth, leather, pork, sugar and coffee, while the leading cereals, wheat, corn and oats, respond with advances, as do prices for lead, lard, and tin.

WINNIPEG MARKETS.

WINNIPEG. SATURDAY AFTERNOON, Nov. 28.

[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.]

**DRY GOODS.**—Travellers are now out with a ring line. Retailers from most points report that they have had a good trade this season, which indicates a good sorting demand during the balance of the season. The weather has been favorable for a good trade in winter furs, cold weather having set in early.

**DRUGS.**—Cream of tartar has declined about 5 to 6 s. Glycerine is firm. Castor oil continues very firm. Prices have advanced ½ to 1c per lb. in the east. Prices here for parcel lots are as follows, with liberal reductions for large orders: Alum per pound, 3½ to 4½; alcohol, \$5.25 gallon; blue ching powder per pound; 6 to 8c; blueswao, 5 to 7c; borax 11 to 15 cents; bromide potash, 65 to 75c; camphor, 85 to 95c; caustic, ounces 90 to 1.00; carbonic acid, 40 to

65c; castor oil, 11 to 15c; chlorate potash, 28 to 35c; citric acid, 55 to 65c; cinchona 8½ to 1c; cocaine, per oz., \$1.50 to \$7.00; cream tartar, per pound, 30 to 35c; cloves, 20 to 25c; opium salts, 8½ to 1c; extract logwood, bulk, 14 to 18c; do., boxes, 18 to 20c; German quinine, 40 to 50c; glycerine, per pound, 30 to 35c; ginger, Jamaica 30 to 35c; to., African, 20 to 25c; Howard's quinine, per ounce, 45 to 55c; iodine, \$5.50 to 6.00; insect powder, 35 to 40c; morphia sul., \$1.90 to \$2.25. Onium, \$1.50 to \$5.00; oil, olive, \$1.25 to \$1.40; oil, U. S. salad, \$1.25 to \$1.40; oil, lemon, super \$2.75 to 3.25; oil, peppermint, \$1.00 to \$1.50; oil, cod liver, \$2.50 to \$1 per gallon as to brand; oxalic acid, 18 to 16c; potash iodide, \$1.25 to 4.50; Paris green, 18 to 20c lb; saltpetre, 10 to 12c; sal rochelle 30 to 35c; sholac, 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 \$4.25; sal soda, \$2 to \$3; tartaric acid, per lb., 15 to 55c; strychnine, pure crystals 80c to \$1.00 per oz.

**COAL.**—Locally there has been a good demand for coal, owing to the cold weather which has been exceptionally cold for November. There is no change in prices. Prices here are as follows: Pennsylvania anthracite \$10.00; western anthracite, \$9.50 per ton. Souris coal \$1.50 ton; Lethbridge \$0.50. Those prices are delivered to consumers in Winnipeg. Car lots on track of Souris coal are held at \$3.85 to \$3.90 per ton.

**CORDWOOD.**—Prices are about the same. The demand is good. Tamarac of last winter's cutting is generally held at \$1.50 per cord, but real dry, choice tamarac will bring \$1.75. Prices for car lots on track here are quoted at \$1.50 to \$1.75 for tamarac as to quality. Pine \$3.75 to \$4.25, as to quality; poplar \$2.75.

**FLUID BEEF, ETC.**—Following are prices of the goods put up by the Johnston Fluid Beef Company of Montreal:—Johnston Fluid Beef—No. 1, 2-oz. tins, per dozen, \$2.70; No. 2 4oz., \$1.50; No. 3, 8oz., \$7.88; No. 4, 1 lb., \$12.83; No. 5, 2 lb., \$24.30. Staminal—2oz. bottles, per dozen, \$2.55; do, 4oz, \$5.10.

**FISH.**—Prices are: Finnan Haddies, 10 to 11c per lb. by the box. Whitefish, 6c; Lake Superior trout, 9c; Pickerel, 4c; Sturgeon, 8c; salmon, 11c; halibut, 12½c; Cod, 10c; Haddock, 10c per lb; smelt, 11c; Oysters, \$1.80 per gallon for standards and \$2.00 for select; shell oysters, \$8 to 8.50 barrel; smoked goldeyes, 30c dozen; smoked salmon, 15c lb.; bloaters, \$1.50 box; red herrings, 20c box; pickled trout, \$7.50 per barrel of 100 lbs; pickled whitefish, \$3 per barrel.

**GREEN FRUITS.**—There is no change this week. Prices are as follows: Apples \$2 to \$2.50 per barrel as to quality. The regular dealers are holding good stock at \$2.25 to \$2.50, and up to \$3 for choice apples and snow, California lemons \$5 per box; Mexican oranges \$5.50 to \$6; Cape Cod cranberries \$3 per barrel; Washington pears \$2.50 box; Malaga grapes, \$3 to \$3.50 per keg, as to size of keg and quality. Sweet potatoes \$1.50 to \$5 per barrel.

**HARDWARE.**—Prices are as follows: TIN, lamb and 56 and 28 lb. ingots, per lb. 19 to 20c.

**TIN PLATES.**—Charcoal plates, I. C., 10 by 14, 12 by 12 and 14 by 20, per box, \$1.50 to \$1.75; I. N., same sizes, per box, \$5.75 to \$6; I. C., charcoal, 20 by 23, 112 sheets to box, \$3.50 to 4.00; I. N., per box, 20 by 23, 112 sheets to box, \$10.50 to 11.00.

**TERNE PLATES.**—I. C., 20 by 28, \$3.00 to 3.50.

**IRON AND STEEL.**—Bar iron, per 100 lbs. base price, \$2.35 to \$2.50; band iron, per 100 lbs., \$2.55 to 3.00; Swedish iron, per 100 lbs.; \$5.25 to 6; sleigh shoe steel, \$3.00 to 3.25;

best cast tool steel, per lb, 11 to 12c; 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 Blain, \$3.10

**GALVANIZED IRON.**—Queen's Head, 22 to 24 gauge, per lb., 1½c; 26 gauge, per lb., 4½c; 28 gauge, per lb., 5c.

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

**LEAD.**—Pig, per lb., 4½c.

**SHEET ZINC.**—In casks, 5.75 lb., broken lots, 6.00.

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

**AMMUNITION.**—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American, discount, 40 per cent.; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5; rim fire military, American, not list; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent.; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 80 per cent.; shot shells, 12 gauge, \$6 to 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 5½c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 6c.

**WIRE.**—Galvanized barb wire, plain twist-off wire and staples, \$3.25 per 100 lbs.

**ROPE.**—Sisal, per lb., 7½ to 8c base; manilla, per lb., 9½ to 10½c base; cotton, ½ to ¾ inch at 1 larger, 15c lb.

**AXES.**—Per box, \$6.00 to 9.00.

**NAILS.**—Cut, per keg, base price, \$3.16 for 60 d with usual extras; common steel wire nails, 5 to 6 inch, \$3.60 per keg; 3 to 4 inch \$3.91 keg; 2½ inch, \$1.22 keg.

**HORSE NAILS.**—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List prices as follows: No. 5, \$7.50 box; No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box; No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount off above list prices, 45 per cent.

**NUTS.**—New nuts are now coming to hand, and we quote as follows: Tarragon almonds, 16c; Sicily filberts, large, 15c, filberts ordinary, 12c, peanuts, roasted, 12c; peanuts, green, 9c, Ontario Chestnuts 12c, Ontario butternuts 9c, New Grenoble walnut, will not be in until about the first to this 15th of December.

**LUMBER.**—Prices are as follows:

Dimension and Timber—No. 1.		SIZES.							
		12ft.	14ft.	16ft.	18ft.	20ft.	22ft.	24ft.	26ft.
2x4 to 2x12	19.50	18.50	18.50	19.50	20.50	21.50	22.50		
3x4 to 3x12									
4x4 to 4x12	20	20	20	21	22	23	24		
6x6 to 6x12									
and 8x8									
8x10 to 8x12	22	22	22	23	24	25	26		
2x4 10 at \$20.50									
2x6 to 2x12—10 at \$18.									

No. 2 dimension \$2 less than No. 1. Dimension, 26ft., 28ft., 30ft., \$26. Timber, 26ft., 28ft., 30ft., \$28. \$1 per M. advance on each inch over 12 in depth and width. Tamarac dimension same as pine. Spruce dimension at \$2 per M. less than pine. Cull Plank, all widths at \$12 per M. B. C. Fir dimension up to 32 feet at \$30 per M. 32 to 40 ft., \$33; 40 to 60ft., \$36. \$1 per M. extra for each 2 in. over 12 in. width or depth.

**Boards.**—1st. common boards, red pine \$25; 2nd. common boards, \$18; 3rd. common boards, \$16; No. 1 cull boards, \$12; No. 2 cull boards, \$8; Spruce boards, \$16; \$1 per M. extra for stock boards. \$2 per M. less for 10 ft. and under. No. 1 box boards, 14 in. and up, \$30; No. 2, box boards, 14 in. and up, \$26. Extra dressing per M., \$1.50.

**Siding, Flooring and Ceiling.**—2nd 4.5 and 6 inch, white pine \$24.50; 1st 4.5 and 6 inch red pine \$32.00; 2nd 4.5 and 6 inch red pine \$12.00; 3rd 4.5 and 6 inch red pine \$26.00; 4th 5 and 6 inch red and white \$21.00; B. C. No. 1 fir \$36.00; B. C. No. 2 fir \$32.00; B. C. No. 3 fir \$28.00; B. C. spruce \$35.00. 4, 5 and 6 inch spruce native \$20.00; 8 and 10 inch pine \$25.00; No.

1 cedar siding and ceiling \$9.00; No. 2 cedar siding and ceiling \$8.00; 1/2 inch cedar or fir siding and ceiling \$28.00; \$1.00 per M. advance for dressed both sides.

are as follows: No. 2 manufacturers' sole 19, to 20c; jobbers' sole 19 to 21c; slaughter sole 20c to 22c; waxed upper 27 to 31c; grained 28 to 31c; buff 11 to 12 1/2c; splits 17c to 18c for Ontario, and 12 to 15c for Quebec; pebble 11 to 12c; glove 10c to 11c.

Bevil Siding.—No. 1 white pine \$26 00; No. 2 red and white \$23.00.

Shiplap.—6 inch 18.00; 8 and 10 inch \$20.00; Spruce, 8 and 10 inch 19.00; Spruce, 6 inch \$18.00.

Shingles.—B. C. cedar per M. No. 1 \$3.00; B. C. cedar per M. No. 2 \$2.50; B. C. cedar dimension shingles \$4.00; B. C. cedar shingles hand sawed \$5 00; No. 1 pine, per M. \$2.75; No. 2 pine per M. \$2.25; No. 3 pine per M. \$2.00.

Lath.—Pine lath, per M \$3.00.

PAINTS, OILS, ETC.—Prices are as follows: PREPARED PAINTS.—Pure liquid colors, per gallon, \$1.15 to \$1.25.

DRY COLORS.—White lead, per lb., 7c; red lead, kegs 5 1/2c; yellow ocre in barrel lots, 2 1/2c; less than barrels, 3c; golden ocre, barrels, 3 1/2c; less than barrels 4c; Venetian, red, barrels, 3c; less than barrels, 3 1/2c; American vermilion, 15c; English vermilion, \$1 per lb., Paris green, 18 to 19c; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots 2 1/2c; less than barrel lots, 3c; English purple oxides, 100 lb. kegs, 4c; less than kegs, 4 1/2c lb.

VARNISHES.—No. 1 furniture, per gal., \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.50 to \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$1.50 to \$1.75; hard oil finish, 1.50 to \$2; brown Japan, \$1; goldsize Japan, \$1.50; No. 1, orange shellac, - \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.

SUNDRIES.—Glue, S.S., in sheets, per lb., 12 1/2 to 15c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 15 to 18c. Stove gasoline, per case, \$4.00; benzine, per case, \$1.00; benzine and gasoline, per gallon, 50c. Axle grease, Imperial per case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, per case, \$3.75; diamond, do, \$2.25 per case. Coal tar, per barrel, \$8; Portland cement, per barrel, \$4.00, plaster, per barrel, \$3.10; plaster's hair, P.P. 90c per bale; putty, in bladders, barrel lots 2 1/2c per lb., for less than barrels per lb., 2 1/2c.

WINDOW GLASS.—1st break is quoted at \$1.75 per box of 50 feet and \$2 for second break.

LINSEED OIL.—Raw, per gal., 55c; boiled, per gal., 58c in barrels; less than barrels 5c per gallon extra, with additional charges for cans.

TURPENTINE.—Pure spirits, in barrels, per gallon, 58c; less than barrels, per gallon, 55c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

OILS.—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25 to 30c per gallon; clear machine oils, 33 to 40c; cylinder oil, 50 to 75c, as to quality; castor oil, 10c per lb.; lard oil, 70c per gal.; tanner's or harness oil, 65c; neatfoot oil, \$1.20; steam refined seal oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 per gallon.

REFINED PETROLEUM.—Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 2 1/2c; crescent, 2 1/2c; oleophene, 26 1/2c in barrels. In car lots 2c per gallon discount is allowed off prices in barrels, United States oils in barrels are quoted at 31c for eocene and 27c for sunlight.

WHEAT—GENERAL SITUATION.—The tendency in the wheat markets was reversed this week, and while prices last week were generally tending lower, this week there has been a steady upward tendency. The strongest feature has been the sharp demand for cash wheat in United States markets, cash wheat being held comparatively higher than

utures. There was also a decrease in the visible supply statement this week. Cables have generally been firm. Some damage to the Argentine crop was reported. Australia has continued to buy American wheat. Spring wheat receipts have fallen off. The export demand keeps up well. This is a good combination of strong features. Exports of wheat, flour included, as wheat, from both coasts of the United States, amount to 3,611,618 bushels this week, against 3,937,000 bushels last week, 3,860,000 bushels in the week year ago, 2,667,000 bushels in the week two years ago, 2,440,000 bushels three years ago and as compared with 4,533,000 bushels in the corresponding week of 1892. The visible supply statement, of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the mountains, decreased over 1,000,000 bushels, last week, reducing the total to 59,971,000 bushels, compared with 62,221,000 bushels a year ago.

WHEAT—LOCAL SITUATION.—There has been very little doing in Manitoba country markets, and since the storm of Thursday wheat deliveries have been about nil. It will be some time before country roads are fit for travel again. The price to farmers is nominal at about 65c for No. 1 hard at 18 cents freight rate points to Fort William. This has been far the heaviest week of the season in shipments from Fort William. In fact the only heavy week this season. Charters were made this week at from 2 1/2 to 3c per bushel, Fort William to Buffalo. Most charters were at 3 1/2 to 3 3/4c. To-day a couple of steamers were offering to load the first of next week at 3 1/2c, but it is not likely that very much will go out after this week, though it is early yet for navigation to close. For the week ending Nov 21, receipts at Fort William were 498,000 bushels, and shipments were 466,000 bushels. This week's shipments will be over 1,000,000. Business is now quiet in wheat, and there is not likely to be much doing in round lots for some time after the close of navigation. Prices have been firmer in sympathy with the general advance, and today, No. 1 hard is quoted at about 83c, at Fort William.

Flour—The flour market has been quiet, though prices are naturally firmer this week, owing to the recovery in wheat. Prices, however, have continued irregular and there has been a wide range in the quotations for different brands of similar grades. The extreme range of quotations is from \$2.25 net for patents up to \$2.45, and \$1.05 net for bakers to \$2.25. XXXX \$1.30, second bakers \$1.75.

MILLSTUFFS.—There is no change in bran and shorts. City mills are selling at \$7 per ton for bran and \$9 for shorts, delivered in the city, in small lots. These prices do not include sacks. Larger orders have been filled at \$6 and \$8 per ton.

BARLEY—For feed barley 20c per bushel of 48 pounds is paid for the small quantity that is offered here by farmers, and no car lots are moving. City brewers are paying 25c for malting samples to farmers here, and a number of car lots have been purchased lately by brewers at 27 to 28c on track here.

OATS—Prices are about the same as last week. Car lots on track here have been quoted from 2 1/2c per bushel of 31 pounds for common feed quality up to 28c for choice white. New oats are generally held at about 2 1/2 to 2 3/4c, and old at 2 1/2 to 2 3/4c. Cars of very poor new oats are offered at 2 1/2 to 2 3/4c. In Manitoba country markets about 15 to 16c is paid to farmers, and 20c to farmers in Winnipeg, local farmers' offerings being poorer quality as a rule than car lots offered here.

FLAX SEED.—The price paid to farmers at Manitoba points is still 45 to 5 1/2c per bushel for good milling seed. At Chicago to-day

cash flax was quoted at 79 1/2, which is an advance of 8c as compared with a week ago.

GROUND FEED.—Prices range from \$10 to \$15 per ton, as to quality, the top price for rolled oat feed. Ordinary mixed mill feed is held at \$12 to \$13 per ton. Anything under \$12 would be damaged wheat and mixed grains.

OATMEAL.—Following are prices in large lots, with small lots to retail dealers held about 15c more. Rolled oatmeal in 80 lb sacks \$1.50 per sack; standard, \$1.55 and granulated \$1.60 in 98 lb sacks. Rolled wheat, 80 lbs, \$1.60. Pot barley, \$1.70 in round lots.

OIL CAKE.—Oil cake holds at \$16 per ton, including bags, for nutted or ground meal.

BRANS—Round lots to jobbers held at about \$1.10 per bushel.

BUTTER.—The market is steady. Rather higher prices have been paid for nice lots of dairy, in special cases, as high as 16c having been paid for a few lots. This, however, is regarded as an extreme price for a round lot. A good many lots of rolls and prints are coming in, but they are generally badly mixed, both as regards quality, color and size of rolls. If rolls were got up in neat, uniform sizes, and nicely packed, they would sell much faster, and bring higher prices. A square pound roll, wrapped in parchment paper, is the most desirable way of packing. We quote 14 to 16c for fair to choice lots of dairy. Small lots in a jobbing way bring 1 to 2c more.

CHEESE.—Quiet. We quote the jobbing price at 9 to 9 1/2c as to quality.

EGGS—Dealers are now paying 20c per dozen here for receipts which is an advance of 2c this week.

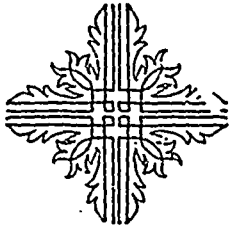
POULTRY—Considerable dressed poultry is coming in. A few lots of turkeys and geese have come in from Ontario. There was a good demand this week, particularly for turkeys. Prices are: chickens, 7 to 8c per lb; turkeys, 10 to 12c per lb; ducks and geese 9 to 10c per lb. In game, rabbits are the only thing at 5c each.

LARD—Prices are lower and there has been some sharp cutting on round lots. Prices are: Pure \$1.50 for 20 lb. pails, and \$1.75 for 50 lb. pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$5.75 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 7 1/2c pound; cases of 30, one lb. tins, \$3.00.

CURED MEATS.—Smoked meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 11 1/2c, breakfast bacon, bellies, 11c; do., backs, 10c; short spiced rolls, 7 1/2c shoulders, 7c smoked long clear, 8 cents; fancy clear, 8 1/2c cents; Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 6 1/2c per lb; shoulders, 6 1/2c; backs, 8c; barrel pork, clear mess \$13.00; short cut, \$15.00; rolled shoulders, \$14 per barrel. Pork sundries; fresh sausage, 8c; bologna sausage, 6c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 3c; pickled tongues, 3c; sausage casings, 25 to 30c lb.

DRESSED MEATS.—There was a lot of country frozen beef and hogs offered early in the week, but nothing after Wednesday, owing to the rough weather. Frozen beef is being bought up for the lumber woods freely. It brings 3c to 4c per pound, by the side, as to quality. City butchers are selling fresh unfrozen beef as low as 1c in some cases, though not the best of course. A good many dressed hogs are offering, for which there is a good demand from packers, at from 4c for heavy hogs up to 5c for the best. The general price for good city dressed beef is 4 1/2 to 4 3/4c. Mutton is quoted at 5 1/2 to 6c, 5 1/2c being the usual price. Dressed lambs, 5 1/2 to 6c; dressed hogs range from 4 for rough heavy up to 5c for choice light. Packers are buying mostly at 4 1/2 to 4 3/4c.

# TO BUYERS TO THE EAST AND WEST



We presume every man who uses quantities of produce is alive to his business and endeavors to buy where he can get the right stuff, quick delivery and fair prices. We are Pork Packers and Commission Merchants, well known all over Western Canada, and it is hardly necessary to add that we are the most extensive house in the trade. If you need Creamery or Dairy Butter, August or September Cheese, Fresh Eggs, Poultry, Hams, Bacon, Lard, or other Hog products, you are losing time and money by not getting into communication with

## J. Y. GRIFFIN & COMPANY,

PORK PACKERS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS, WINNIPEG.

NOTE—Holders of country produce will see what we are doing just now by referring to our card of October 27th.



### SIZED IT UP

We had confidence in our goods, confidence in the country, and we expected Old Winter to do business again this year at the same old stand. We therefore decided to carry a generous stock in Winnipeg. The demand however is much greater than we ourselves anticipated, so if you need any ALFRED DOLGE'S GENUINE FELT SHOES send in your order quick. Very soon it will be the same old story "Short of goods."

**ARTHUR CONGDON**

General agent for Canada.

13 Rorie Street, WINNIPEG

The man who does not find out about my prices of Moccasins is giving his competitor a chance to undersell him.

JOHN LOVE. J. E. McALLISTER. J. BILLY

### Love, McAllister & Co.

Wholesale Dealers in

#### General Stationery

For Wrapping Paper, Paper Bags, Twine, General Stationery, Inks, Mucilage, Pipes, Combs, Brushes, Mouth Organs, Violins and Furnishings

XMAS GOODS—Boxes, Toys, Games, Books, Cards, Sleighs, etc., try

P.O. Drawer 1240 **LOVE, McALLISTER & CO.,**

173 McDermott Avenue, Winnipeg

Special attention to Mail Orders

## ENCOURAGE HOME INDUSTRY

You are foolish to go abroad for YOUR WINTER'S FUEL

If you do so, you will get an article far inferior to

# THE ROCHE PERCEE COAL

IT IS ALLOWED BY ALL WHO HAVE USED IT TO BE

**THE MOST ECONOMIC FUEL IN MANITOBA.**

OFFICES, 413 MAIN STREET, WINNIPEG  
TELEPHONE 319

**TRY IT AND BE CONVINCED**

**HIDES AND SKINS**—There has been a sharp drop in hides this week of about 1c, owing to the unfavorable advices received from other markets. One telegram from Chicago reported a decline there of 3c, and another report said the market was 1 to 3c lower and very flat with lower prices expected. No. 1 buff being offered at 8c at Chicago without buyers. From this it would appear that the recent boom in hides in the States has been short lived. In the local market buyers dropped prices to 5 1/2c for green frozen hides, and the market was dull at this, with an easier tendency. In some cases 5c being offered for green hides. Offers not promptly accepted are being cancelled. We quote: Hides, green, 5 to 5 1/2c; calf, 8 to 15c lb. skins, 4 to 6c per lb.; dekins 10 to 20c each; kips, 5 to 5 1/2c; sheepskins range all the way from 25 to 40c, according to quality, but the average is about 30c each, but for recent take-off 40 to 50c has been offered, for large, choice skins. Horsehides, 75c to \$1.25.

**WOOL**—Nothing doing here and prices nominal at 7 to 9c.

**TALLOW** Dealers are paying 8 1/2c for No. 1 tallow and 2 1/2 to 3c for undergrades. Rough tallow 2c.

**SENECA ROOT**—Prices continue firm. We quote 20 to 22c per lb for dry root.

**HAY**—Held at about \$5 per ton for baled prairie on track here. Demand very slow. Loose offering very freely and selling at \$2 to \$3 per load.

**VEGETABLES**—Prices are firmer. Prices are: Potatoes 25c bushel, some sold 2 to 3c lower. Onions, 1c lb; carrots, 25c bushel; beets, 25c bushel; turnips, 15c; parsnips, 60c bushel; celery, 25c dozen; cabbage, 20c dozen. These are prices dealers buy at from market gardeners.

**LIVE STOCK.**

Cable reports were very bad this week, showing a further heavy decline on cattle at Montreal and London. At these prices shippers are liable to meet with some heavy losses, from shipments now on the way. The storm blockade this week has been bad for cattle in transit. The yards here were filled with snow almost to the top, and some cattle could not be unloaded here for some time. Great fears are expressed for the cattle on the ranges, owing to the long spell of cold weather and the depth of snow in the range country. A chinook wind to take off the snow is anxiously looked for. Some export shipments are still to go forward yet, via St. John, Montreal being closed. Prices here are about as last reported, the range for cattle being from 2 to 3c.

**SHEEP**—Some sheep for this market were caught in the big storm on Thursday, but they came through all right with a little delay. As high as 3 1/2c has been paid for a few fancy sheep for the holiday trade, but the general run is from 2 1/2 to 2 3/4 off cars here. Choice lambs are not too plentiful and a real good bunch would bring 3c.

**HOGS**—A good many hogs are offering, but no excess of wants of packers. There is no change in prices. We quote: Good brown stock weighing 150 to 300 pounds 3 1/2c. Sows and heavy hogs 2 1/2 to 3c, according to quality. Stags 1 1/2 to 2 1/2c, off cars here.

**Duluth Wheat Market.**

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

Monday Sept. — Dec 77 3/8c May 81c.  
 Tuesday Sept. Dec 77 1/2c May 81c.  
 Wednesday Sept. — Dec 80 1/2c May 83c.  
 Thursday — Holiday.  
 Friday — Oct. — Dec. — May 81c.  
 Saturday — Oct. — Dec 80 1/2c May 81c.

A week ago December delivery closed at 76 1/2c. A year ago December delivery closed at 53 1/2c. Two years ago, Dec, closed at 59c and three years ago at 60c.

**Chicago Board of Trade Prices**

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

On Monday wheat opened a little lower, but later became quite strong, influenced by higher late cables, decrease in the weekly visible supply statement, and good demand for cash wheat. Prices closed about 3c over Saturday. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May
Wheat.....	77 1/2	78 1/2	—	81 1/2
Corn.....	28 1/2	28 1/2	—	27 1/2
Oats.....	18 1/2	18 1/2	—	22 1/2
Meat Pork..	—	6 62 1/2	7 72 1/2	8 05 1/2
Lard.....	—	3 85	4 05	4 30
Short Ribs.	—	3 77 1/2	3 85	4 05

On Tuesday wheat made a good advance, though the feeling was easy at the start, owing to easier cable reports. Later prices advanced sharply, influenced by large demand for cash wheat. The full range was from 76 to 79c for September. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May
Wheat.....	79 1/2	79 1/2	—	82 1/2
Corn.....	28 1/2	28 1/2	—	27 1/2
Oats.....	18 1/2	18 1/2	—	22 1/2
Meat Pork..	—	6 57 1/2	7 65	7 97 1/2
Lard.....	—	3 85 1/2	4 05 1/2	4 25
Short Ribs.	—	3 73 1/2	3 80	4 00

On Wednesday wheat was strong. There was a big advance at the opening, the first quotation being 80 1/2c. The influences were strong European cables, purchases in California for Australia, and continued good cash demand for wheat. The highest early prices were not maintained. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May
Wheat.....	81 1/2	79 1/2	—	81 1/2
Corn.....	28 1/2	28 1/2	—	27 1/2
Oats.....	19	19 1/2	—	22 1/2
Meat Pork..	—	6 75	7 62 1/2	7 85
Lard.....	—	3 77 1/2	4 00	4 22 1/2
Short Ribs.	—	3 75	3 82 1/2	—

Thursday being observed as Thanksgiving day in the United States and Canada, there was no market.

On Friday wheat was strong, influenced by firm cables, unfavorable Argentine crop news and light receipts northwest. The feeling was quite bullish. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May
Wheat.....	81 1/2	81 1/2	—	84 1/2
Corn.....	—	—	—	27 1/2
Oats.....	—	—	—	22 1/2
Meat Pork..	—	6 80	7 77 1/2	8 10
Lard.....	—	3 85	4 07 1/2	4 30
Short Ribs.	—	3 85	3 90	4 10

On Saturday wheat was quiet and easier. Prices opened higher at 82c for December option, but declined quickly. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May
Wheat.....	—	81 1/2	—	83 1/2
Corn.....	—	—	—	27 1/2
Oats.....	—	—	—	22 1/2
Meat Pork..	—	—	7 85	8 17 1/2
Lard.....	—	—	3 97 1/2	—
Short Ribs.	—	—	—	—
Flax Seed..	—	—	—	—

A week ago Dec. wheat closed at 77 1/2c and a year ago at 5 1/2c and two years ago at 65 1/2c and three years ago at —.

**Minneapolis Markets.**

The Market Record of Nov. 25, reports the market quiet and prices irregular. Prices are as follows, in bulk, f.o.b.: First patents, \$1.25 to \$1.40; second patents, \$1.10 to \$1.15; first clears, \$1.55 to \$1.65; second clears, \$1.81; export bakers, \$1.50 to \$1.60; second export bakers, \$3.20 to \$3.80. Red Dog, per ton,

140 for lbs. into, \$10 to \$10.50. These prices are the same as a week ago.

**Millstuffs**—Bran in bulk, \$5.00 to \$5.50; bran in sacks, 200 lbs. \$1.00 to \$1.25; bran in sacks, 100 lbs. \$1.50 to \$1.75; shorts, \$1 to \$1.25; millings, fine, \$7.00 to \$7.20. The prices are the same as a week ago.

**Oats**—Range at 16c for light up to 18 1/2c. Barley—Quoted at 20 to 27c per bushel as to grade.

**Flax**—Quoted at 73c per bushel, being an advance of 3c in the week.

**Hay**—Prairie, \$3.50 to \$3.50 per ton, as to quality—Market Record, November 25.

**New York Wheat.**

On Saturday, November 23, December delivery closed at — and May option at 89 1/2c. A week ago May option closed at 81 1/2c.

**Minneapolis Wheat.**

On Saturday, Nov. 28, No. 1 Northern wheat closed as follows: Oct. delivery at —, December at 83 1/2c, and May at 82 1/2c. A week ago December wheat closed at 73 1/2c.

**British Columbia Business Review.**

Vancouver, Nov. 24, 1896.

The week's business has been affected to some extent by the blockade on the Canadian Pacific Railway. United States flour, wheat and hay will be quoted higher next week. Japanese oranges are now on the market, grapes are scarce. California oranges are expected to arrive next week. Potatoes are very scarce. Some holders asking \$20, but no sales have taken place at that price. Game is plentiful. Vancouver creamery butter is selling wholesale in very limited quantities at 28 cents. Business is brisk and the active transfer of mining stocks in the Seaboard cities seems to have sympathetically stimulated all industries, a large amount of money having come in from outside for the purchase of stock in mines operated in Vancouver. The blue ruin predicted by those who have taken a gloomy view of the present mining excitement is at least yet a far way off.

**Winnipeg Clearing House**

Clearings for five days ending Nov. 25 were 1,867,467; balances, 412,971. For the previous week clearings were 2,059,571. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were 1,937,339 and for the week two years ago, 1,360,551. Clearings for the month of Oct. were \$7,585,472, compared with \$7,911,953 for October, 1895, and \$5,786,780 for October, 1891. Clearances for all Canadian cities, the week ended November 25 were as follows:

Montreal.....	\$10,121,596
Toronto.....	5,220,590
Halifax.....	995,551
Winnipeg.....	1,367,167
Hamilton.....	610,011
St. John.....	—

Bulk clearings at Winnipeg, Hamilton, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax amount to \$17,848,000 this week compared with \$23,372,000 in the corresponding week one year ago. Thanksgiving holiday reduced clearances this week.

Butter was dull and easy at Montreal, according to latest reports.

Oatmeal has made a further advance of 5 to 10c at Montreal, to \$1.75 to \$1.80 for bags of rolled oatmeal.

# COMPETITION

LIFE OF TRADE.

Ship your Butter, Eggs, Dressed Poultry and Hogs to us and you will find it practically demonstrated, for we are paying the highest prices for each of the above

**THE MANITOBA PRODUCE & COMMISSION CO.,**  
175 McDermott Street, Winnipeg.

PROSPECTUS OF

## THE WESTERN Gold Mining Co.,

OF RAT PORTAGE.  
NON-PERSONAL LIABILITY.

CAPITAL, \$750,000.

In 750,000 shares of One Dollar each.

Head Office, RAT PORTAGE, ONT.

PRESIDENT R. W. JAMESON, ESQ., Mayor of the City of Winnipeg

VICE PRESIDENT R. H. AGUR, Manager of Massey-Harris Co., Winnipeg

DIRECTORS.

H. H. BECK Insurance Manager, Winnipeg.

F. W. DREWRY, Brewer, Winnipeg.

JOHN PLAXTON Plumber, Winnipeg.

H. G. WILSON, Solicitor, Winnipeg.

Sec'y-treas. - H. S. C. OTTY, Real Estate Agt., Winnipeg

Trustees - R. W. JAMESON and C. W. HO RE

Bankers - IMPERIAL BANK OF CANADA.

The above gentlemen have agreed to act as a directorate and the following are identified as promoters of the Company:

R. W. JAMESON.	F. W. DREWRY.	H. G. WILSON.
R. H. AGUR.	G. H. CAMPBELL.	H. H. BECK.
J. PLAXTON.	H. H. WHITEHEAD.	H. S. CROTTY.
	D. WILSON.	

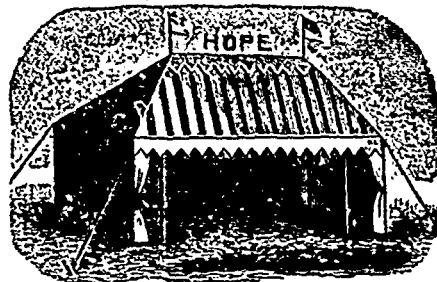
This company has been organized and incorporated under the Ontario Joint Stock and Mining Acts of Parliament, with full powers to buy sell or otherwise acquire or dispose of mining properties within that province, also to lease, hold, develop or operate such properties, and generally to carry on the business of mining, smelting and other necessary undertakings, and to acquire or dispose of any real estate or other property necessary for the carrying on of such operations.

The principal aim of this company is to acquire mining properties in a partially or wholly undeveloped state, and to apply its capital and the efforts of its directorate to the purchase and for the development of such properties to a state where they can be confidently placed upon the market as valuable mining properties. For this purpose stock to the value of \$50,000 face value will be set aside for foregoing purposes, and the first block of \$200,000, in 200,000 shares of one dollar each, will be placed on the market almost immediately at ten cents per share fully paid up and non-assessable.

Applications for allotment of shares should be made without delay to the secretary of the Company, H. S. Crotty, Main Street, Winnipeg. Further information can be had by application to the Secretary.

# HOPE & CO.,

-Manufacturers of-  
**TENTS,**  
**AWNINGS,**  
**PAULINS.**  
**WAGON & CART COVERS,**  
**MATRASSES,**  
**WOVE WIRE SPRINGS,**  
**BOLSTERS Etc.**



Shirts and Overalls a Specialty.  
Prices Right  
Standard Goods.  
Orders by mail Promptly Attended to  
We guarantee satisfaction.

**EMERSON & HAGUE, Props.** Bx 808. Telephone 679

The company have already acquired option on a valuable gold claim of 80 acres on the Lake of the Woods, the development of which they propose to proceed with without delay. In addition to this they have secured options on two other properties in the same district, and also a group of several claims in Soine River district.

The company is now securing powers to operate in the province of British Columbia where they have already purchased one very promising gold location in the Trail Creek section of West Kootenay, in the same locality as some of the best gold producing mines of that rich section.

The practical operations of the company, will be carried on under the supervision of the best mining engineering skill that can be procured, so that the stockholders will have the fullest guarantee for the practical as well as the financial management of the company's affairs.

Already the company has made financial connections in the East and in Great Britain, and its directorate are in a position to float legitimate mining schemes of any magnitude in the financial centres of the world.

All property held by the company paid for, and titles perfect.

Security Gold Storage Warehouse.

## OYSTERS, HONEY, CELERY, APPLES.

Oysters: Selects \$ 89 Standards \$1 77.  
Celery, per doz n, 40c.

Buckwheat Honey, 8c. per lb., 1 and 15 lb. Tins.

APPLES VERY CHEAP.

WANTED EGGS, BUTTER, POULTRY, DRESSED HOGS & BEEF

Address:

**J. J. PHILP,**

P.O. Box 586

WINNIPEG

Subscribe for The  
Commercial, \$2.00  
a year in advance,

## H. Barber & Ellis Co., Ltd

Nos. 43, 45, 47, 49 Bay Street,

TORONTO, ONT.

HEADQUARTERS FOR

Envelopes, Note Paper,  
PAPERIES, - WRITING TABLETS,  
CORDBOARDS of every description.  
FLAT PAPERS, BILL HEADS

&c., &c. Write for samples.

T. T. W. Bready, of Winnipeg, who has been on a trip through Minnesota and the Dakotas, looking into grain trade matters in those states, says: "Whenever I was introduced to a business man his invariable remark was, 'You come from the country where they pay so much for wheat.' As a matter of fact the farmers there have been receiving as much as twelve cents per bushel less than the Manitoba farmers during the entire season. Their oats and barley were almost unsaleable."



AT THE OFFICE OF

FIFTEENTH YEAR

# "The Commercial"

Customers can procure anything  
in the line of Plain and Fancy

## Book & Job Printing

The Plant is the most complete in the  
North-West and  
**PRICES ARE RIGHT**

Do not Order your Office Stationery without giving a trial

**JAMES E. STEEN, Publisher.**

### British Columbia Markets.

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

(BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.)

Vancouver, November 23, 1896.

Potatoes have had another big advance, and are now held at \$2) per ton. Hay is \$2 per ton higher. Rolled oatmeal is advancing.

Butter.—Manitoba Dairy butter, 18c; Manitoba creamery, 25c; eastern creamery, 25c; local creamery, 28c; Manitoba cheese, 11c; local cheese, 11c.

Cured Meats.—Hams 13½ cents; breakfast bacon 12½c; backs 11c; long, clear 8c; short rolls 9½ to 10c; smoked sides 9½c. Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 9½c per pound; in casks and tubs 8½c.

Fish.—Prices are: Flounders 3c; smolt 4c; sea bass 4c; black cod 6c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 4c; herring 4c; spring salmon 7c; whiting 6c; soles 6c; steel head, 6c; crabs 60c dozen; smoked halibut, 10c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c; salt colachan, 25 and 50 lb. kits \$3.75 and \$3.50; smoked salmon 10c.

Vegetables.—Potatoes, \$20.00 per ton; onions, silver skins, 1c per pound, California onions 1½c; cabbage, ¾c lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$7.50 a ton.

Eggs.—Ranch 22 to 25c; Local, 40; Eastern eggs, 20c.

Fruits.—Fruit is sold by box unless otherwise quoted. Standard American boxes measure one foot ten and a half inches by eleven and a half inches with depth of eleven inches, inside measurement, and contain from 250 to

300 lemons, from 125 to 300 seedling oranges, or from 125 to 150 naval oranges. California lemons, \$1.75 to \$1; California oranges, \$1 to \$1.25; Tomatoes, 2½c per lb; Peas, 40 lb box \$1.25; California apples, 50 lb. box, \$1.35; British Columbia apples, 5) lb. box, 75c to \$1; Eastern apples \$3.75 to \$1.00.

Evaporated Fruits.—Apricots 11c per lb; peaches 7½c; plums 9 to 10c; prunes, French, 15c to 7c; to 100 Muscatel raisins, 6c; London lay r raisins \$1.65 box; Italian prunes, 6 to 7½c.

Nuts.—Almonds, 13c; filberts, 12½c; pecan nuts, 10c; Brazil, 12½c; walnuts, 10 to 16c lb.

Meal.—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$3.00; 45 pound sacks, \$3.10; 22½ pound sacks, \$3.20; 10.7 sacks, \$2.25. Oatmeal, 10-10's, \$3.25; 2-50's, \$3.00. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.25; 2-15's, \$2.35. Manitoba Rolled Oatmeal, 90's, \$2.25 45's \$2.35.

Flour.—Delivered B C points.—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$5.70; strong bakers, \$5.30; Oregon, \$5.25.

Grain.—Washington State wheat \$30.00 per ton f. o. b. Vancouver, duty paid. Oats \$20.00 per ton.

Ground Feed.—National mills chop, \$22 per ton; ground barley, \$22 ton; shorts, \$20.00 ton; bran \$13.00; oil cake meal, \$30 ton; F. O. B. Vancouver, including duty paid on import stuff.

Hay.—\$14.00 per ton.

Dressed Meats.—Beef, 6 to 7c; mutton, 6 to 7c; pork, 6 to 6½c; veal, 7 to 8c.

Live Stock.—Steers, \$3.00 to \$3.50; per hundred lbs.; sheep, \$3.25 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; hogs, \$1.50 to \$1.75 per 100 lbs; lamb \$2.75 to \$3 per head.

Poultry.—Chickens, \$3.50 to \$1.50; ducks, \$5 per dozen.

Sugars.—Powdered and icing, 6½c; Paris lump, 6c; granulated, 5c; extra C, 5½c; fancy yellows 4½c; yellow 4c per lb.

Syrups.—30 gallon barrels, 1½c per pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2½c; 5 gallon kegs, \$1.50 each; 1 gallon tins, \$1 per case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$1.75 per case of 20.

Teas.—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good, 18c. choice 26c. Ceylons: Fair 25c; good 30c; choice 35c per lb.

### Comparative Prices in Staples.

Prices at New York compared with a year ago.

	Nov. 20, 1896.	Nov. 22, 1895.
Flour, straight spring..	\$1.0 to \$1.7.	\$3.00 to \$1.10
Flour, straight winter..	\$1.50 to \$1.60.	\$3.00 to \$3.45
Wheat, No. 2 red.....	95½c	67½c
Corn, No. 2 mixed.....	23c	30c
Oats, No. 2.....	22½c	23½c
Rye, No. 2, Western.....	46c	45c
Barley, No. 2 Milwaukee	47c	47c
Cotton, mid. upld. ...	7 11-16c	8½c
Print cloths, 64x84.....	2½c	3½c
Wool, Ohio & Pa., X....	17c to 18c	17½ to 18c
Wool, Nc. 1 comb.....	20 to 22c	22 to 23c
Pork, mess new.....	8.25 to 8.75	\$9.50 to 10.00
Lard, westn., com'l.....	\$1.10	\$1.50
Butter, ex. creamery ...	21c	22½c
Chesse, ch. east ft. ...	10½c	10c
Sugar, centrif., 98°.....	3½c	3½c
Sugar, granulated.....	4½c	4c
Coffee, Rio, No. 7.....	10½c	16c
Petroleum, N. T. Co. ....	.....	\$1.60
Petroleum, rid. gal. ....	.....	\$3.25
*Iron, Bess. pg. ....	\$12.00 to \$12.25	\$13 01
*Steel billets, ton .....	\$21.25	\$18 00
Ocea Steam Freight.....	.....	.....
Grain, Liverpool.....	4½ to 5d	3½d
Cotton.....	5-32d	3-32d

\* Pittsburgh.

**Important  
to You**

**JUST THE THING YOU HAVE  
TO BURN LIGNITE COAL**

**WE** HAVE been experimenting for some time with grates for burning this coal successfully, and have now succeeded in making them to burn it successfully and without waste of coal.

They are constructed with a series of caps placed above the draft openings in grate without obstructing the draft, and allowing nothing but ash to drop through into ash-pan. Air blast is also admitted through openings in side linings and bottom. Shaking and dumping arrangements are also provided.

**The McClary Manufacturing Co., Winnipeg**

LONDON TORONTO MONTREAL VANCOUVER



**J. & T. BELL,**

\*\*\*\*\*  
Fine Boots  
and Shoes

MONTREAL

\*\*\*\*\*  
Representative for Manitoba, N.W.T. and British Columbia  
L. COBBOLT, MCINTYRE BLOCK, WINNIPEG.

**KILGOUR, RIMER & CO.,**

WHOLESALE

**Boots, Shoes**

Overshoes, Rubbers, Mitts & Moccasins

—AGENTS FOR—

Harvey & VanNorman, Toronto,  
The Rubber Shoe Company, Toronto,  
The Cardigan Overshoe, Stratford,  
The Manitoba Felt Sole Boots.

James Street, WINNIPEG.

**C. A. CHOUILLOU & CO.,**

BROKERS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

IMPORTERS OF

Foreign Wines, Brandies  
St. Andrew's Scotch Whisky  
Chocolate Menier,  
Dried Fruits, Etc.

EXPORTERS OF

Grain, Produce  
Butter and Wools  
Consignments solicited, and receive  
prompt returns at full market rates

Large Storage Accommodation Free, and in Bond.

CORRESPONDENCE IN FRENCH,  
ENGLISH AND GERMAN.

487 St. Paul Street, MONTREAL.

**BOECKH'S  
Brushes & Brooms**

ALWAYS RELIABLE :

WOODENWARE—Lard Pails and Covers  
7lb Jam Pails and Covers, Globe Wash  
Boards in stock.

**Chas. Boeckh and Sons,**

TORONTO

Jno. E. Dingman, Agent, Winnipeg.

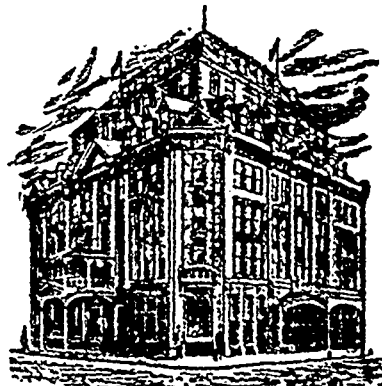
**Carriage  
Dealers**

Our stock of Gears, Wheels,  
Shafts, Spokes, Tops, Trim-  
mings, etc., is now complete.  
Write us for prices.

**R. Cochrane & Co.,**

WINNIPEG

**HOTEL LELAND,**



The palace Family and Commercial  
Hotel.

→ RATES, 2.00 TO \$4.00 A DAY. ←

Second to nothing in Canada.

W. D. DOUGLAS, Mgr.

City Hall Square, WINNIPEG.

**Winnipeg Board of Trade.**

At the last meeting of the council of the board of trade the following communications were received:

A letter from the department of agriculture, acknowledging receipt of the board's memorial regarding an experimental farm in the vicinity of this city, for the Red River Valley, was read.

A letter was also read from the department of railways and canals, acknowledging receipt of resolution passed some time ago by the board favoring the construction of a railroad through the Crow's Nest Pass into the Kootenay country.

A communication also from the Hong Kong chamber of commerce, in which they asked the Winnipeg board to favor the establishment of a cable connecting Canada with the Australian and Chinese stations. An acknowledgement was ordered to be forwarded to the chamber, and the communication was filed for reference.

A communication was read from the commercial agent for Canada, J. L. Larke, of Sidney, New South Wales, relating to the trade in grain and other productions of Manitoba.

The council has been in receipt of letters from an agent in Australia regarding the likelihood of farmers there coming to Manitoba to settle. This agent intends at an early date to visit Manitoba in the interests of these persons. The secretary was instructed to forward all this correspondence to the minister of the interior.

A letter was read from the city council inviting the board to send six delegates to a meeting called by the legislative committee in the council chamber on Thursday, the 19th inst., at 8 p. m., with a view to discussing the frontage system of taxation for the improvement of the streets and pavement in general. F. H. Mathewson, A. M. Nanton, Thomas Gilroy, J. H. Brock, Hyman Miller and D. E. Sprague were appointed as delegates to represent the board.

**Grocery Trade Notes.**

British Columbia canners who have held their pack are jubilant that the price of salmon has advanced in England.

In New York the price of sugars has declined 3c, but it should be remembered that while prices in Canada only advanced 3c, New York went up 3c.

Willott & Gray say: "Mr. Licht has been for some weeks reporting unfavorable weather for the beet crop, and yet the average percentage of yield in Germany for the month of October was 11.43 per cent, as compared to us, showing an increase of about 1 1/2c per cent from the early outturn of yield.

The immediate future of sugar still rests with European holders. This comes from the greater influence in the world now of the beet sugar crop than the cane sugar crops in the absence of the 1,000,000 tons formerly made in Cuba."

**Wheat Stocks.**

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Nov. 21, 1896, shows a decrease of 1,037,000 bushels, against an increase of 1,895,000 for the corresponding week last year, an increase of 1,652,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago, and an increase of 530,000 bushels three years ago.

The following table shows the total visible supply of wheat at the end of the first trade week of each month 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	83,581,000	80,223,000	81,235,000	45,907,000
Feb. 5	83,779,000	79,593,000	81,321,000	43,161,000
Mar. 4	73,705,000	75,600,000	70,088,000	41,556,000
April 1	74,308,000	71,158,000	77,651,000	41,036,000
May 6	62,192,000	65,158,000	73,069,000	36,100,000
June 3	62,228,000	59,394,000	71,036,000	37,910,000
July 1	44,601,000	64,657,000	62,316,000	24,232,000
Aug. 3	38,517,000	60,001,000	55,424,000	26,078,000
Sept. 7	36,714,000	60,103,000	56,140,000	23,700,000
Oct. 7	41,832,000	73,614,000	69,275,000	61,250,000
Nov. 5	53,900,000	80,047,000	71,396,000	61,717,000
Dec. 2	63,003,000	85,179,000	78,091,000	72,630,000

The following shows the visible supply by weeks, for four years:

	1895.	1894.	1893.	1892.
Jan. 4	69,842,000	87,936,000	79,943,000	31,738,000
" 11	68,846,000	86,616,000	80,438,000	31,050,000
" 18	67,989,000	85,236,000	80,332,000	32,237,000
" 25	67,523,000	84,066,000	80,281,000	31,457,000
Feb. 1	66,714,000	83,376,000	79,833,000	31,390,000
" 8	66,119,000	82,322,000	79,586,000	30,973,000
" 15	65,026,000	80,733,000	78,997,000	30,211,000
" 22	63,011,000	79,476,000	77,257,000	29,413,000
March 1	64,039,000	78,761,000	76,569,000	29,033,000
" 7	62,596,000	77,717,000	74,007,000	29,103,000
" 14	62,123,000	76,874,000	73,359,000	29,406,000
" 21	61,318,000	75,771,000	72,161,000	28,274,000
" 28	61,019,000	74,308,000	71,488,000	27,631,000
April 4	60,322,000	72,783,000	70,702,000	27,291,000
" 11	59,380,000	70,457,000	69,217,000	26,093,000
" 18	58,483,000	68,626,000	68,425,000	25,363,000
" 25	57,916,000	65,776,000	66,643,000	25,027,000
May 2	56,619,000	62,190,000	65,150,000	23,043,000
" 9	51,030,000	59,325,000	63,511,000	21,612,000
" 16	51,146,000	16,311,000	62,041,000	21,520,000
" 23	51,295,000	64,214,000	61,329,000	20,159,000
" 30	51,340,000	62,220,000	59,391,000	20,367,000
June 6	50,147,000	47,739,000	58,241,000	19,664,000
" 13	49,435,000	47,711,000	57,105,000	18,377,000
" 20	48,819,000	46,225,000	56,851,000	18,031,000
" 27	47,806,000	44,561,000	54,637,000	16,318,000
July 4	47,109,000	43,359,000	54,114,000	16,112,000
" 11	47,220,000	41,237,000	53,164,000	15,328,000
" 18	46,743,000	40,448,000	53,771,000	15,900,000
" 25	47,142,000	39,229,000	52,144,000	15,319,000
Aug. 1	46,734,000	38,517,000	50,901,000	15,441,000
" 8	46,429,000	37,839,000	49,321,000	15,369,000
" 15	45,876,000	36,892,000	48,901,000	15,812,000
" 22	45,189,000	35,083,000	46,771,000	15,210,000
" 29	45,574,000	33,433,000	46,949,000	15,831,000
Sept. 5	46,495,000	26,754,000	46,103,000	15,147,000
" 12	47,002,000	38,092,000	46,211,000	15,737,000
" 19	46,656,000	39,331,000	46,189,000	15,833,000
" 26	48,115,000	40,763,000	47,415,000	16,623,000
Oct. 3	50,116,000	41,832,000	48,490,000	16,375,000
" 10	51,414,000	41,491,000	48,771,000	16,233,000
" 17	51,893,000	40,190,000	48,659,000	16,073,000
" 24	57,237,000	51,486,000	48,190,000	16,973,000
" 31	48,630,000	52,000,000	48,271,000	17,360,000
Nov. 7	49,930,000	56,936,000	51,237,000	17,052,000
" 14	61,005,000	60,326,000	51,232,000	17,753,000
" 21	59,971,000	62,221,000	53,911,000	17,233,000

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on November 14 is as follows:

	Bushels.
Montreal	551,000
Toronto	210,000
Kingston	20,000
Winnipeg	255,000
Manitoba interior elevators	2,673,000
Port William, Port Arthur & Keewatin	1,083,000

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on November 14, 1896:

	Bushels.
East of the Mountains	83,300,000
Pacific Coast	6,833,000
Total stocks a year ago were:	bushels.
East of the Mountains	81,589,000
Pacific Coast	9,651,000

Bradstreet's report for the week ended Nov. 21, shows a decrease of 1,197,000 bushels in stocks of wheat east of the mountains, making the total 79,103,000 bushels on the latter date.

World's stocks of wheat on November 1, 1896, (United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe) were 137,575,000 bushels, as compared with 153,633,000 bushels on Nov. 1, 1895; 178,682,000 on November 1, 1891; 172,825,000 on November 1, 1893; 154,272,000 on November 1, 1892; 138,641,000 on Nov. 1, 1891; 91,151,000 on November 1, 1890, and 109,117,000 bushels on Nov. 1, 1889, exclusive of flour.

**Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.**

The most important change was a drop of about 2c in the lower grades of wheat, high grades being unchanged.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat.—About 87c to 89c for No. 1 hard, country points, to farmers, and 54 1/2 to 55c afloat Fort William.

Flour.—Local price, per sack, Patents, \$1.75 to \$1.80; Bakers, \$1.55 to \$1.60.

Bran.—Per ton, \$9.

Shorts.—Per ton, \$11.

Oats.—Per bushel, Winnipeg street price, 15 to 16c. No car lots being taken here.

Barley.—A few loads sold at 18c to 22c.

Flax Seed.—60 to 61c to farmers at country points.

Butter.—Dairy round lots 13c to 14c

Cheese.—Jobbing price 8 to 9 1/2c.

Eggs.—Fresh, 20c for round lots.

Beef.—City dressed, 4 to 5c, country dressed, 3 to 4c

Mutton.—Fresh, 5 1/2 to 6 1/2; lamb, 5 1/2 to 6c.

Hogs.—Dressed, 4 1/2 to 5c.

Cattle.—Butchers' 2 to 8c.

Hogs.—Live, off cars, 8 1/2c.

Sheep.—Sheep and lambs 2 1/2 to 3c off cars.

Seneca Root.—Dry 18 to 20c lb.

Poultry.—Chickens, 7 to 8c lb; turkeys, 10c; ducks and geese, 8 to 9c.

Hides.—G. sen. frozen, 4 to 4 1/2c.

Wool.—Unwashed fleece, 10 to 12c.

Potatoes.—20c per bushel.

Hay.—\$5.50 to \$9 per ton, car lots.

**The Dry Goods Trade.**

Bradstreet says of the situation in the United States: "There has been a fair volume of business in the dry goods market, and merchants are more hopeful for the future than for a long time. The situation is very firm except in one particular; that is the print cloth market, which has been weak, and prices have declined 1-1 1/2c., while stocks were large. At the close, however, the market is firmer. The market for plain cottons holds up strong."

**Live Stock Items.**

A consignment of 350 head of cattle shipped by Gordon & Ironside, of Winnipeg, was lost on the steamer Memphis, wrecked off the Irish coast on the 17th.

The Macleod Gazette says that stock on the ranges are in good shape, notwithstanding the rough weather experienced of late, as stockmen have plenty of hay this year for feeding stock while the snow is on the ground.

Twelve cars of young stockers for ranches in the Calgary district passed through Winnipeg from Ontario one day last week.

Established 1860. Incorporated 1895

**"Crescent"**

**Steel Enamelled Ware**

Tinware of every Description

Manufactured by

**The Thos. Davidson Mfg. Co. Ltd.**

MONTRÉAL

**Merrick, Anderson & Co. Agents  
Winnipeg.**

# FLOUR!

**SOMEBODY** Claims to make the best.

**ANYBODY** May do likewise.

**EVERYBODY** Cannot be convinced, but buyers who purchase goods on their merits write us before ordering elsewhere.

**The Western Milling Company, Limited, Regina**

## The Confederation Life Association



ISSUES a Policy absolutely free from all conditions. It is a simple promise to pay the sum insured in the event of death. Write for Information to the Winnipeg Office, or to any of the Company's agents.

**W. C. MACDONALD, Actuary**

Man., N.W.T. and B.C.—Winnipeg Office, 467 Main Street,

C. E. KERR, Cashier.

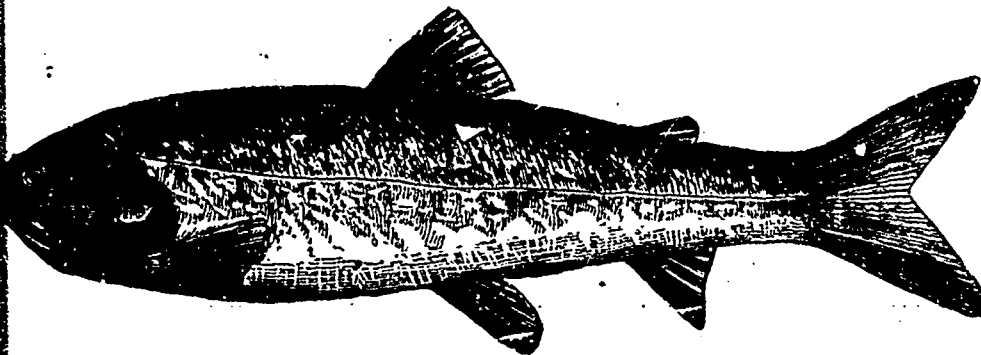
**J. K. MACDONALD, Managing Director**

D. McDONALD, Inspector.

## W. J. GUEST,

**Wholesale dealer in FISH, GAME, POULTRY etc.**

**SALT TROUT in PACKAGES, also SALT WHITE FISH!**



We are now receiving weekly shipments of finnan haddies. Orders large and small promptly attended to.

Oysters in shell and bulk a specialty. Try our brands, the best in the market.

**302 Main St., winnipeg**

## DICK, BANNING & CO

MANUFACTURERS OF

**Lumber, Shingles and Lath,**

**DOGS AND SASH.**

MILLS AT KERWATIN. OFFICE: OPPOSITE C.P.R. PASSING DEPOT, WINNIPEG.

## Kirkpatrick & Cookson

Established 1860.

**MONTRÉAL,**

Solicit consignments of BUTTER ETC

ALSO OFFERS OF

**OATS**

**WHEAT of the Various Grades.**

**FEED BARLEY.**

## S. A. D. BERTRAND,

OFFICIAL ASSIGNEE

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

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

## OSMUND SKRINE & CO.,

VANCOUVER, B.C.

DEALERS IN

**BUTTER, CHEESE, EGGS,**

**Choice California & Local Fruits**

### Our Specialty :

Consignments of Produce from Manitoba and Northwest Territories.

PROMPT RETURNS MADE ON THE 16TH OF EACH MONTH.

**TRY US**

## J. & A. Clearihue,

COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

—DEALERS IN—

**FRUITS AND ALL KINDS OF PRODUCE.**

Special attention to consignments of Furs and Skins, Butter and Eggs.

**Yates Street, VICTORIA, B.C.  
P.O. BOX 838.**

AGENTS—D. Richards, Laundry Soap, Woodstock, Ontario  
Telfer, Rothwell Co., Montreal, Parisian Washing Etc.

We have a large cool warehouse with good facilities for handling Butter and Produce in quantities.

Consignments Received in all Lines. Correspondence Solicited.

## McMILLAN & HAMILTON,

COMMISSION MERCHANTS

—WHOLESALE DEALERS IN—

**BUTTER, EGGS, FRUITS AND PRODUCE**

A PERFECT SYSTEM OF

**COLD STORAGE.**

**230 ABBOTT STREET, VANCOUVER,  
P.O. BOX NO. 296.**

Quote prices on first quality Dairy Butter or consign it to us and get top market prices.

## SPRATT & MACAULAY,

Storage and Shipping Merchants,

General Commission Brokers,

Large warehouse on water front, advantageously situated for receiving and handling consignments.

WHOLESALE DEALERS OF

**ENGLISH AND CUMBERLAND BLACKSMITH COALS.**

GOVERNMENT STREET,

P.O. Box 803.

**VICTORIA B.C.**

## FOAM YEAST

A New Discovery. Try it. Far superior to any other in the market for bread. An early riser. From all jobbers or

**R. M. CHESTER, Agent, WINNIPEG**

**LEITCH BROS.**  
**OAK LAKE**  
 "Anchor Brand"  
**FLOURS**

—FROM—

No. 1 Hard Wheat.

**BRAN, SHORTS**

AND ALL KINDS OF

Chopped Feed and Grain.

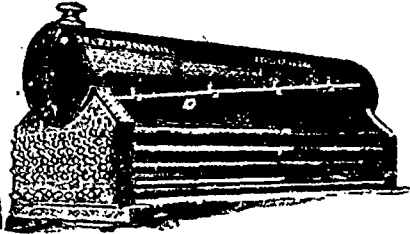
—ADDRESS—

**OAK LAKE**

MANITOBA.

**THE EAGLE FOUNDRY.**

No. 34 KING ST., MONTREAL



**GEORGE BRUSH**

MANUFACTURER OF

**STEAM ENGINES, BOILERS,**  
 ELEVATORS, SHINGLE MILLS, ETC.

AND

BLAKE'S CHALLENGE STONE BREAKER,  
 HEINE SAFETY STEAM BOILERS

**Lyman, Knex & Co**

**IMPORTERS**

—AND—

**Wholesale Druggists,**

MONTREAL

TORONTO WINNIPEG

**PARKER'S STEAM DYE WORKS**

The first and only dye works in Manitoba  
 and Northwest Territories. Head Office:  
 285 Portage Ave., Winnipeg.

ESTABLISHED 1850

**Hooper's Marble Works**

MONUMENTS IN MARBLE AND GRANITE  
 Special Designs Furnished.  
 ONLY WORKS in Manitoba using  
 machine for polishing.  
 No Agents employed.

WORKS COR. BANNATYNE & ALBERT STS., WINNIPEG

**WE ARE**

SOLE REPRESENTATIVES IN MANITOBA FOR

THE OLD RELIABLE

**Bell Pianos**  
**Organs**

**HEINTZMAN & Co.,**  
**PIANOS**

Manufactured in Canada for upwards of 50 YEARS.

NEW WILLIAMS SEWING MACHINES.

MERCHANTS and others desirous of handling any of these goods can make satisfactory  
 arrangements through us. CORRESPONDENCE SOLICITED.

**J. L. MEIKLE & CO.**

Wholesale and Retail

**Music & Dealers**  
**WINNIPEG, MAN.**

Army & Navy  
 Wholesale  
 Tobaccoists

**W. BROWN & CO.**

Wholesale Dealers and Importers of

**Pipes, Cigars, Tobaccos**

Our Special Brands of Cigars for 1896: Army and Navy Specials, Pride of Winnipeg,  
 Pharaoh, Great West, Blue Jackets, Bird, Ellen Terry, Climax.

Also full Stock of English, American, Turkish and Canadian Tobaccos and Cigarettes.

A full Line of English, French, German and Turkish Pipes

Complete stock of Smokers' Sundries. **537 Main St., Winnipeg.**

**SOME PEOPLE**

Walk about hermetically sealed in the old  
 style waterproof coat.

**OTHERS**—Up-to-date people, wear Rigby porous  
 waterproof coats.

**RIGBY** is a chemical process by which any cloth  
 can be made waterproof without changing the  
 appearance, feeling or porous properties of the  
 fabric. See the point?

**H. SHOREY & CO.,** WHOLESALE CLOTHIERS,  
 MONTREAL, QUE.

482 MAIN STREET

WINNIPEG  
*Business College*

ESTABLISHED 1882

C. A. FLEMING, PRES.

G. W. DONALD, SECY.

Latest approved methods of ACCOUNTING taught by experienced Business Men.

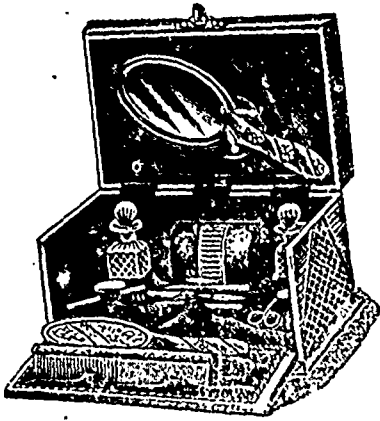
OUR NEW FEATURE THIS YEAR:—The student is given **BUSINESS**  
**PRACTICE** from first to last of course. Theory is supplemented by actual practice in every  
 department.

SHORTHAND and TYPEWRITING taught for practical office use.

If you wish office help, we can recommend competent reliable young men or  
 women position of clerk, bookkeeper or Stenographer.

Annual Announcement and College  
 Journal Mailed Free.

Address **G. W. DONALD, Secretary**



# CHRISTMAS GOODS!

If you have not already ordered, do so at once, as stocks are being rapidly reduced. Most of the fine goods are sold. We still have a fair range of popular low priced lines.

Fancy Boxes of all sorts, Toys, Musical Instruments, Dolls, Books, Boy's and Girl's Own Annual, Toy Books, etc. Letter orders receive careful attention.

## The Consolidated Stationery Co., Limited

41 PRINCESS STREET, WINNIPEG, MAN.

### Montreal Grocery Market.

There has been some abatement in the excitement and strength in the sugar market during the past week, in fact, the raw article is much easier, as private cables received today from London note a decline in the price of beet of 4½d to 6d since this day week, quoting November at 9s 1½d and December at 9s. In New York the market has also been weaker for both raw and refined. In spite of this there has been no important change in the situation as yet. Refiners state that the demand is above the average for this season of the years and that stocks are not accumulating any. The scarcity of yellows continues, for which the demand is good and a number of orders have been booked ahead for future delivery. Prices are steady, ranging from 9½c to 3½c as to quality at the factory. Granulated is unchanged at 8½c for round lots, and 4c for small quantities.

In syrups business continues quiet, the demand being limited and only for small quantities at 1½ to 2½c per lb., as to quality, at the factory.

There has been an easier feeling in the market for molasses during the past week and prices have declined fully ¼ to ½c per gallon. This is due principally to the large offerings for this season of the year, for which there is only a limited demand. A sale of 50 puncheons of Barbadoes was made at 26½c, and a few smaller lots at 27c, while Porto Rico is offering at 27½c.

In spices a fair amount of business has been done, and now that the cold weather is near at hand buyers will no doubt place their orders more freely. Prices are unchanged. The following quotations are what jobbers can buy at only:—Penang black pepper, 6 to 7½c; white pepper, 10 to 12½c; cloves, 7½ to 9c; cassia, 3½ to 9½c; nutmegs, 60 to 90c, and Jamaica ginger, 15½ to 18½c.

The demand for rice is somewhat slow at present, owing to the fact that buyers generally laid in their supplies previous to the advance in railway rates. Advices from abroad continue strong and values here in consequence are fairly held. We quote:—Crystal Japan, \$5 to \$5.25; standard B., \$3.70; Patna, \$1.50 to \$5.25; Carolina, \$6.75 to \$7.75; choice Bermuda, \$4; and Java kinds, \$1.25.

Business in teas has been somewhat quiet for the past week owing to the fact that buyers have been holding off since the advance in prices has taken place. The feeling, however, among holders seems to be as firm as ever, and they show no disposition whatever to make concessions, as the general opinion is that all the teas here will be wanted at full prices.

In canned goods the feature of this market has been the firmer feeling in tomatoes, and prices have advanced fully 5c to 10c per dozen, the very inside price now for round

lots being 70c per dozen, and in a jobbing way 75c. The shipments of tomatoes abroad this season have been large, and it is stated that no surplus stock is now on the market. In other lines there is no change, and fair jobbing trade is doing. The following are jobbers prices:—Lobsters, \$9.25 to \$9 per case; French sardines, extra brands, \$9.50 to \$10.50; ordinary brands, \$8 to \$9; Canadian brands, \$4 to \$4.25; salmon, \$1.80 to \$1.40 per dozen; mackerel, \$1.25; tomatoes, 70 to 75c; corn, 65 to 75c; marrow-fat peas, 75 to 80c; baked beans, 3 lbs., \$1.25 to 1.80; peaches, \$1.90 to \$2; strawberries, \$2 to \$2.25; raspberries, \$1.75 to \$2; pineapples, \$1.75 to \$2, and 3 lb. apples, 65 to 70c—Gazette, Nov. 18.

### British Market for Canadian Pork.

Alfred Heywood, of Liverpool, England member of the firm of Heywood & Son, agent for hog product, was in Winnipeg recently. Interviewed by a Free Press reporter Mr. Heywood said with a view of ascertaining if a trade can be opened within this province.

"I do not expect" that Manitoba will be ready to export pork for one or two years, as hog raising is not extensive enough yet. You now raise barley enough to supply the home market, but as farmers are giving more attention to mixed farming it will not be long before the Northwest produces more pork than it can consume. We can take all you can send us. Liverpool is an enormous market for pork, by far the largest in the world, and there is no danger of Canada glutting it and making the prices lower. The kind of pork which we want is of a high class; the States can supply all the inferior bacon and hams we can use. We want the produce of the Canadian farmer to supply the most fastidious consumers in Great Britain, not the agricultural or working classes, which could not afford to pay the high price. To get this fine pork farmers should not go in for heavy weigh thogs, as the English market does not wish fat. The best weight is from 150 to 175 pounds live weight. These weights can be raised cheaper than the heavier ones, as it costs much less to raise two hogs weighing 200 pounds than one weighing 400 pounds. The variety, which to my mind, makes the best pork, is a cross between Berkshire and Tamworth. Another good cross is Berkshire and improved Yorkshire."

"There is no reason," continued Mr. Heywood, "why the farmers of this country should not find hog raising profitable. While wheat is cheap it pays to feed it to hogs. The frozen wheat makes excellent feed. As dairying increases here pork raising should increase with it, as the refuse from the dairy is just the thing for hogs. Since Denmark has become a great dairying coun-

try it has also become a great hog raising country. Of course, all the pork we want from here is in the form of bacon and hams. The refrigerators being put in cars and ships allow it to be shipped in good condition."

### How Towas Spring up in Manitoba.

The Dauphin railway has now been completed 100 miles north of Gladstone. This is sixteen miles beyond the town of Dauphin. According to all reports the town is booming and in a most peculiar manner. While the road was being constructed the two rival towns Dauphin and Gartmore, which are four miles apart, made strong bids for the line, each urging that it should receive the benefit of being the headquarters of the railway. The contractors could not decide, so surveyed a townsite between the two towns, about an equal distance from each. Their course was no sooner learned than the inhabitants of both towns made a rush for the new location. Both Dauphin and Gartmore were moved bodily to the new town, which will be known by the old name of Dauphin. The buildings were first moved on rollers, but when the snow came skids were used and the houses were rushed over in great haste.

The most peculiar part of the whole matter was that business went on while the process of moving was in operation. The Dauphin hotel started on its two mile journey on rollers, but the snow covered the ground before it had gone far and the rollers had to be replaced by skids. This seriously delayed the work and the journey lasted seven days. During this time the business of the house was thriving, rooms were at a premium and the servants attended to their household duties as usual. Stores were moved in the same way. A farmer would overtake a navigating grocery store and after tying his horse to it would go in and make his purchases. The horse would follow the building and when the purchases were completed the store-keeper would throw off the tow line and the two would part company. When one hotel was perambulating across the prairie a railroad man stepped aboard to have some light refreshments and left his fur gauntlets on the bar. He did not notice his loss for nearly an hour and then had to walk a mile to overtake the hotel. The English churches of Gartmore and Lake Dauphin were drawn together and made into one church. What the congregations save by requiring only one clergyman pays the cost of transportation and joining. The buildings are now in shape and forty of them are bunched together on the townsite, which was put on the market on Oct. 7th.

### Prospects for the Raw Fur Season.

The following review of the fur trade is given by W. Givenhauer & Co. of New York: In view of all the conditions, it is exceedingly difficult to make at the present time any reliable predictions in regard to the value of our furs during the coming season; but if the course of the market up to date is accepted as an indication of its future development, there can hardly be any doubt that the value of most articles will rule materially lower than during the last season.

After the adverse experience of our manufacturers during the year of '95, it was but natural to suppose that they would buy American furs only cautiously and sparingly, especially when it is borne in mind that the fashions still favor the consumption of imported goods, but we may surely believe that the unfavorable conditions of business in general would not have been so prolonged were it not for the uncertainty regarding the result of the impending Presidential election, and until the important question involved is settled, we cannot look for a marked recovery in commercial activity.

But even if the result of the election should meet the expectation of most of our business men, which may safely be presumed, it is almost impossible to make up during the last two months of the year what we have lost already, and the heavy stocks of American furs which are carried over from last season, both here and on the continent, will serve as another factor to depress the value of the fresh collection.

What assistance we may expect from the European markets we do not need to state, as the reports of the London sales speak for themselves, and we must duly consider that these figures are compared with the result of the March sales, which had already brought us heavy declines on nearly every article. So much is certain, though, that if ever conservative business methods were necessary they should assuredly prevail during the approaching season, and unless something altogether unforeseen occurs, our shippers who are thus governed will enjoy in the end the satisfaction of having pursued the wisest course.

Bear of all kinds were a most unsatisfactory article to handle this year, although everybody was prepared for a decline in their value; but even the most pessimistic did not look for such a decided break in prices as we witnessed last March, and it is needless to say that owners sustained heavy losses. There also appears to be little hope of an improvement in their value during the near future, as the English trade, which in recent years has consumed the bulk of the collection, has ceased to buy bear in large quantities, and the number of fine skins that are now taken by our own manufacturers is entirely too small to sustain the weakening market.

Beaver met throughout the year with quite an indifferent demand, and although they are generally a late selling article, we do not believe that present stocks will be materially reduced before the close of the season. Cautious buying of this fur can therefore be recommended until a new basis of values is established by the next London January sales, at which time the largest quantity of beaver is disposed of.

Otter sold rather slowly during the spring and summer, and particularly the pale heavy furred skins from northern sections, which in former years were principally used in the plucked and dyed state as the best imitation of seal. This is easily accounted for by the fact that the present moderate cost of the latter fur does not justify the production of such an expensive imitation, and we hardly think that the demand for this particular grade of otter will improve next year, unless a different outlet is found for them. Skins of lower grades, as well as the dark colored

ones suitable to be used in the hair, were taken in fair quantities by coat manufacturers, and to the best of our knowledge, not many of this kind are still in dealers' hands, while the supply of medium and finer skins suitable for plucking is yet a fair one, with the possibility of being somewhat cut down before the arrival of fresh caught skins.

Mink is also one of those articles which must be handled with great caution next winter, because in spite of their reduced cost mink goods have not met with a very satisfactory sale so far, and it is rather uncertain whether they will do so at a later date. In regard to the local purchases of both raw and dressed mink, we would say, that since last spring prices were invariably in buyers' favor, and many parcels of skins were sold with a loss. We believe that all who took advantage of the opportunity to reduce their holdings of mink will have no particular cause for regret as the new crop will no doubt be bought considerably lower than last season, unless the support from the European market should be much stronger than we now anticipate it to be.

The real fine and good colored mink, as well as common, low-priced lots, sold relatively the best; but it was difficult to move medium grades even at liberal concessions, and they constitute, therefore, the principal part of to-day's stock, which is larger than it ought to be at this season of the year.

Muskrat showed more activity during the early part of last season, principally on account of the improved demand for this article in Europe; but late events show that they have also been drawn into the general decline of our American furs. To judge by present indications, but little support can be expected during the near future for the sale of muskrats on our side, and as the quantity of skins which was offered in the October sales at London was hardly large enough to thoroughly test the market, we shall probably have to wait the result of the more important January sales in order to obtain more reliable information in regard to the future prospects of this fur.

Skunk has generally been considered one of the most staple articles, and were for a long period of years a readily selling fur, both here and on the Continent. It is, however, useless to conceal the fact that such is no longer the case, and the continued heavy decline in their value during each successive London sale, which was the more appalling as a moderate scale of prices had already been established at the beginning of last season, clearly indicates that for some time at least, skunks have seen their best days, unless there should be a sudden and rather unexpected change in fur fashions.

We do not want any of our shippers to gain the impression that the demand for skunk has ceased altogether, because this would be quite erroneous; but it certainly has been much restricted, and even if a fair quantity is yet consumed by our home trade during the next four weeks, there will still remain a considerable stock of old skins on our hands, which, as matters stand now, could only be sold at a material loss, because the European market for skunk is in a state similar to our own, and the range of prices which will be established for the new collection promises to be considerably lower than that of last winter.

Raccoon, which was one of the most unsatisfactory furs to handle during the two previous years, causing the exporters heavy losses, seems to have finally reached a basis of prices which may be considered fairly safe, and last season's closing quotations are, therefore, apt to be sustained. Fine heavy furred skins, appropriate for dyeing, and common grades of good colors, suitable for coats, sold as usual to best advantage, but as stocks grew lighter buyers have also been obliged to take hold of the medium kinds, which makes it improbable that considerable quantities

will be carried over on our side, unless they are carried by firms which are particularly careful to conceal the fact.

Red Fox are, as a rule, only used to a very limited extent on our side, and their value is, therefore, almost exclusively regulated by the European demand, which was a fairly good one this year; for this season we believe that opening prices will not be more than ten per cent, lower than those which were quoted last fall; but not until the result of the next London sales is known can we form a more correct idea about the real sentiment regarding this fur.

Gray Fox passed through another dull season, and we can hardly look for a noteworthy rise in their value until natural furs again become popular. For a time it was thought that they could be made a salable article in the dyed state, but the little spurt created by this impression soon died out, and it would rather surprise us if gray fox should turn out to be more profitable to handle during the next twelve months than during the previous similar term.

Marten were generally considered about the best and safest property to buy at the beginning of this year; but so far they have, on our side at least, not realized expectations, and unless we are strongly supported by the European buyers, larger collectors of marten will do well to buy the fresh stocks cautiously, especially the small and pale skins from north-eastern sections.

Lynx, it was believed, reached during last winter a stage of value at which their purchase ceased to be a speculation; but they have again deceived their buyers, and met with another heavy decline in the last London sales. There is hardly an exporter or large manufacturer on our side who does not carry more or less of these skins, and we sincerely hope that their patience will not be over-taxed in waiting for a favorable reaction of the market, as this beautiful article certainly deserves a higher rank amongst our furs than that which it now holds.

Wolf, badger and wild cat fared equally as bad as lynx, and sold throughout the year at prices which were almost ridiculous; we cannot, however, as yet see any indications of a future improvement in them, and the only thing that can be done is to accept the situation, and buy them at prices warranted by the state of affairs.

Nearly all of those furs which are almost exclusively exported, and among which we class sea otter, silver, cross and white foxes, fisher, civet, cat, house cat, etc., shared in the general decline, and their future value will be regulated by the result of the London sales, of which the next series will commence in January.

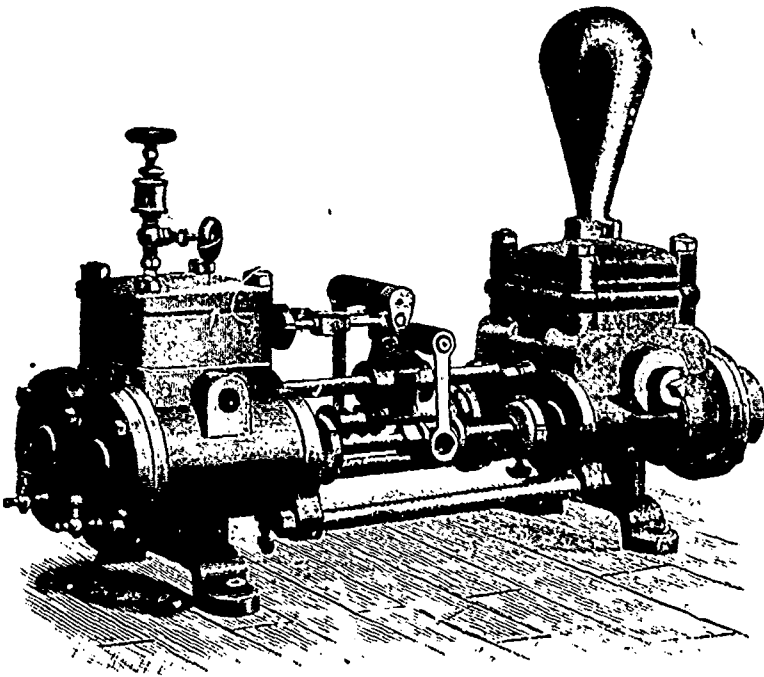
### Twine from Glass.

Chicago capitalists have secured options on several thousand acres of land in La Porte and adjoining counties in Indiana, the large area being located in the Kankakee region, for the establishment of an industry that promises to revolutionize a branch of the paper industry. It is said that experiments have demonstrated that by a new process an excellent quality of binding twine and building and roofing paper can be made out of the long grass that stretches away for miles in the Kankakee swamps. The process is controlled by a syndicate of capitalists, and it is proposed to develop a new industry on a large scale by the establishment of a number of plants.

The evidence of Dr. Saunders, director of the Dominion Experimental farms, before the select standing committee of the House of Commons on agriculture and colonization, has been published in pamphlet form. The pamphlet contains a great many valuable hints to farmers, on a large variety of subjects,

**DUPLEX STEAM PUMP**

All sizes at very lowest prices. Every pump guaranteed. Ask for circular and prices. State services required.



**The A. R. Williams Machinery Co., Limited, Toronto,**

Branches, MONTREAL, BRANTFORD and LONDON.

MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS IN ENGINES AND BOILERS, Iron and Woodworking machinery, Saw Mill machinery, Shingle Mills, Electric Dynamos and Motors, Contractors machinery, Mining Machinery and Mill Supplies etc.

Special Canadian agents for Sturtevant's Dry Kilns and Blowers. Barnes foot and hand power machinery

Representative for Manitoba and N. W. Territories.

**ROBERT DOUGLAS,** 95 ALEXANDER AVE. WINNIPEG.

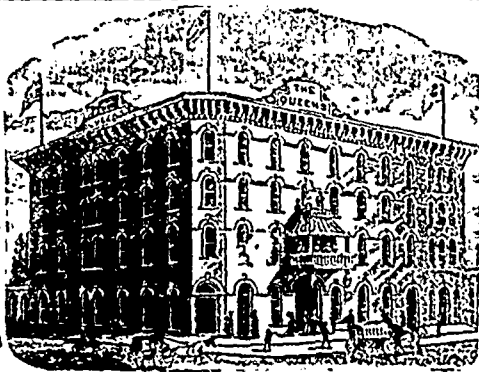
**The Queen's**

THE OLD RELIABLE HOTEL OF MANITOBA  
FIRST-CLASS IN EVERY RESPECT  
MOST CENTRAL LOCATION IN WINNIPEG

RATES: \$1.00 A DAY and UPWARDS

JAS. D. NAISMITH, Proprietor.  
C. Y. GREGORY, Manager.

Cor. of Portage Avenue and Main Street, WINNIPEG



The Largest Factory of its kind in the Dominion.

**LION "L" BRAND**

PURE VINEGARS.

Manufactured solely under the supervision of the Inland Revenue Department.

**Mixed Pickles, Jams, Jellies**

AND PRESERVES,

Prepared by

**MICHIEL LEFEBVRE & CO.,**  
MONTREAL.

Established 1849. Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals.  
90 1st Prices.

**LYMAN BROS. & CO.**

WHOLESALE

**DRUGS AND MEDICINES**

Every requisite for the Drug Trade promptly supplied.

TORONTO, ONT.

**JOHN L. CASSIDY & COMPANY,**

—IMPORTERS OF—

**China, Crockery and Glassware,**

Offices and Sample Rooms:

339 and 341 St. Paul Street, MONTREAL

Branches { 62 Princess St., Winnipeg, Man  
Government St., Victoria, B.

**For Sale and Rent**

A couple of unimproved farms in the Winnipeg district for sale. Might arrange to take suitable live stock in exchange or part payment. Also Farm to rent, with possession of buildings at once. Address:

**D. W. Buchanan** Commercial Office, Winnipeg.

**W. R. Johnston & Co.**

(Late Livingston, Johnston & Co.)

WHOLESALE MANUFACTURERS

OF READY MADE

**CLOTHING.**

Cor. BAY & FRONT STS, TORONTO.

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

**McIntyre Son & Co**

MONTREAL,

Importers and Manufacturers Agents.

**Specialties**

- \* DRESS GOODS
- \* LINEN
- \* LACES
- \* VELVETS
- \* KID GLOVES
- \* SMALLWARES

ETC. ETC.

Fall Samples now Complete. Hold Orders.

**J. M. Macdonald,** Agent for Manitoba, N.W.T. and British Columbia.

McINTYRE BLOCK, WINNIPEG,



**Moderate Wheat Supplies.**

Total available stocks of wheat in the United States on November 1, 1896, with comparisons for like dates in preceding years, as reported to Bradstreet's, are as follows:

	East Rockies.	Pacific Coast.	Total U.S.
1897	77,716,000	6,893,000	83,599,000
1895	75,598,000	9,651,000	85,249,000
1891	105,874,000	12,003,000	117,882,000
1893	83,265,000	7,767,000	91,025,000
1892	78,421,000	8,711,000	87,339,000
1891	50,521,000	12,752,000	63,277,000
1890	37,948,000	7,571,000	45,510,000
1889	46,917,000	9,370,000	56,317,000
1888	41,518,000	5,986,000	50,455,000

On the affirmation of milling and elevator interests, investigations indicate an absolute shortage of 80,000,000 bushels in the spring wheat regions, and the loss of 25,000,000 bushels by bad weather after it had been raised. Interests referred to are willing to admit the wheat crop of the country may have been, and probably did, amount to 500,000,000 bushels in 1895, notwithstanding a government report in that year of 167,000,000 bushels. This, they argue, means a net yield of not to exceed 400,000,000 bushels this year. Of this, not more than 22,000,000 bushels would be available for export, the remainder being needed at home for food and for seed. The heaviest estimates of the quantity of wheat carried over on July 1 last place the proportion available for export at about 60,000,000 bushels, which, with the 22,000,000 bushels referred to, would furnish not more than 82,000,000 bushels altogether for export between July 1, 1895, and June 30, 1897. Of this quantity, 60,000,000 bus. have been already exported, either as wheat or flour, leaving not to exceed 22,000,000 bushels for export during the next eight months.

The total quantities of wheat available for immediate distribution in the United States and Canada, both coasts plus the quantities afloat for Europe from all exporting countries, on November 1 added to available stocks in Europe are as follows in million bushels:

(000 omitted).

	East of Rockies	Pacific coast	Europe & afloat	Grand total
1896	76,716	6,893	53,976	137,575
1895	75,598	9,651	68,381	153,639
1891	105,871	12,003	60,800	178,682
1893	83,265	7,760	82,200	172,825
1892	78,624	8,714	66,928	154,272
1891	50,521	12,752	70,034	133,611
1890	37,928	7,571	45,610	91,151
1889	46,917	9,370	52,800	109,117

The total October increase of available wheat supplies in the United States, Canada, afloat for Europe from all sources, and those in Europe, is 22,000,000 bushels, as compared with 21,000,000 bushels in October 1895. The smaller increase in October this year gathers emphasis in view of the October advance in prices the world over, which called out supplies so much more rapidly than would otherwise have been the case. In October, 1892, as well as in 1891, the world's monthly increase in available wheat supplies was also 22,000,000, but in that month in 1891 it was only 16,000,000 bushels and in 1893, 15,000,000 bushels.

**Crow's Nest Pass Railway.**

The board of trade of Lethbridge, Alberta, has passed the following resolution regarding the proposed Crow's Nest Pass Railway.

Whereas the projected railway through the Crow's Nest Pass will be a most important factor in developing the mineral resources

of British Columbia on one side of the Rocky Mountains and the agricultural and ranching industries of the North West Territories on the other side:

And that this Pass, being the only one south of that occupied by the Canadian Pacific Railway, is the only means of obtaining access to the immense mineral wealth on the Canadian side of the International boundary;

That the preliminary construction work already commenced in this Pass, and the method in which grading has been done, lead very strongly to the conclusion that through certain portions of it the construction of more than one line of railway is impracticable.

That nowhere on this continent can an instance be found of any railway company controlling more than one pass through the Rocky Mountains, and the Canadian Pacific Railway company already controls the only other avenue through them lying within 850 miles of the International boundary, and if this railway is constructed in the near future by a private corporation, it should such corporation not be the Canadian Pacific Railway company, there is grave reason to fear that that company will control the railway,

That in view of the almost fabulous resources of the Kootenay districts we feel it would be unwise from a national standpoint, for the government to part with the control of the only natural channel of transportation to these regions, by vesting it in any private corporation, or to suffer anything to be done that may prevent the possibility of future railway competition:

Therefore be it resolved, that in the opinion of this board it would be for the best interests, not only of the Territories and British Columbia, but the Dominion at large, that the projected railway through the Crow's Nest Pass should be constructed and operated by the Government of Canada, or in the alternative, if the former course should be deemed impracticable or impolitic, and the construction of the railway be left to a private company, that the right to have running powers over that portion of the railway through or at either outlet of the Crow's Nest Pass shall be preserved, for any railways hereafter desiring it, to be exercised upon such terms as the railway committee of the Privy Council may deem proper.

**Successful Manitoba Farmers.**

David Jackson, of Raven Glen, is a firm believer in Manitoba, and in this district especially, as a district for the profitable investment of capital and labor. Mr. Jackson has great faith in stock raising and dairy farming. By hard work and good management he now has a herd of cattle that are paying a handsome dividend on the capital invested. It may not be quite so rapid as stock in the Kootenay gold mines, but all the same it is a good deal surer. The returns from his twenty dairy cows for the months of August and September were \$214.40, and for the season over \$500.00. He has also realized a considerable sum out of the sale of fat cattle and hogs. He sold his butter at Newdale some time ago for 17c per lb. He is now on the lookout for a number of good milking cows, and will go extensively into winter dairying. He will also feed a number of steers for the spring market. There is no burning of straw on Mr. Jackson's farm; every pound of it is turned into beef and butter. Mr. Jackson is an example of what hard work, economy, and good management can do in this country, and on the whole there cannot be much done in farming in this country without these standard virtues. — Rapid City Spectator.

**WALKER HOUSE.**

The most conveniently located Hotel in Toronto One Block from Union Railway Depot. A first-class Family and Commercial House. Terms from \$2 a day. DAVID WALKER, Proprietor. Corner York and Front Sts., TORONTO, Ont.

**AUSTIN & ROBERTSON,**

WHOLESALE STATIONERS, MONTREAL. Dealer in all Classes of Writings and Printings, Linens, Ledger and Bond Papers. Quotations and Samples on Application.

**Partner Wanted.**

Wanted in an established and growing jobbing and retail business, a partner with business energy and some business experience sufficient to manage the commercial part of the business, while the subscriber manages the practical part. A capital of about \$3,000 necessary. To the proper party, the opening is an exceptionally good one. Apply by letter addressed to PARTNER P P., Commercial Office, Winnipeg.

**Wm. Ferguson,** —WHOLESALE— Wines, Liquors and Cigars. 8th Street, Brandon.

**Robin, Sadler & Haworth**

—MANUFACTURES OF— **LEATHER BELTING** MONTREAL and TORONTO.

**WISCONSIN CENTRAL LINES.** LATEST TIME CARD. Daily Through Trains.

12.45 pm	6.25 pm	Lv. Minneapolis Ar.	8.40 am	4.20 pm
1.25 pm	7.15 pm	Lv. St. Paul Ar.	8.05 am	3.40 pm
	4.05 pm	Lv. Duluth Ar.	11.10 am	
	7.15 pm	Lv. Ashland Ar.	8.16 am	
7.15 am	10.5 am	Ar. Chicago Lv.	5.00 pm	10.40 pm

Tickets sold and baggage checked through to all points in the United States and Canada. Close connection made in Chicago with all trains going East and South. For full information apply to your nearest ticket agent or JAS. C. POND, Gen. Pass. Agt., Milwaukee, Wis.