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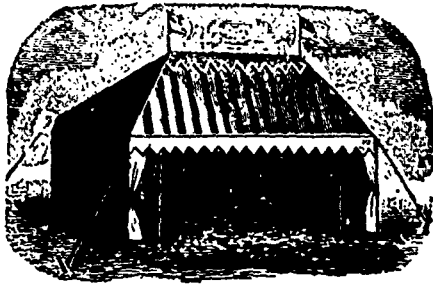
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DELORAINE.

Deloraine has experienced the benefits of a prosperous year, in spite of the fact that 400,000 bushels will probably cover the amount of wheat received for the season, while the 1895 crop marketed here was double that figure. But quality and price have more than made up for any lack in quantity. The average crop was given by some as 18 bushels per acre. This is probably high though some individual crops went 23 bushels to the acre. Next year will see a great extension of the wheat acreage in the Deloraine district.

Business men in Deloraine seem prosperous and contented. Most of the old-timers continue which is an encouraging feature. Among these old-timers are P. McConnell, baker and grocer, pegging away in the same old stand, Falconer & Martin, hardware merchants, still on the ground floor with the field to themselves once again and more than a big trade this fall, Con. Clearihue, their chief factotum is another old-timer. J. Boyd and W. H. Atkinson are old timers in the lumber business. Mr. Boyd also deals in furniture. This year Mr. Atkinson put up a new warehouse and handles farm machinery, vehicles, etc. J. Lohead also has a lumber yard. O. C. Smith, general merchant, is still

to the fore with his store extended back quite a distance, and a new brick warehouse, 26x46, with basement, built this year. He has also put in an acetylene gas plant, which worked fairly well when I saw it. H. L. Montgomery, another old time merchant, has a partner now, the firm being Montgomery & Colquhoun. They have a store crammed full and all hands busy as bees. Major Evans is another merchant who has admitted a partner, Evans and Stovin now being the style. They report business satisfactory. The H. B. Co. still holds it down in their big store, almost by itself, at the other side of the wide space which is made by the C. P. R. track, and which mars the appearance of the town greatly. Mr. Buxton is manager for the H. B. Co. at Deloraine. Horn & Traynor are a comparatively new business firm. F. L. Kilbourn, an old resident of Deloraine, started in flour, feed, fruit and confectionery last spring. Temple the barber, and McKee the jeweler have also fitted up their places, which adjoin, with an acetylene gas plant. The two hotels, the Revere house, W. B. Williams, proprietor, and the Queen's, S. Leach, proprietor, are worthy houses of entertainment. Deloraine has a roller mill which is yet in a partly finished condition. The local newspaper, the Times, must not be over-looked, being one of the best in the province, and by the same token, the fighting editor is a lady, Mrs. F. E. Daubney. The prospects for Deloraine are excellent for one of the largest wheat areas tributary to a town surrounds it, and the end is not yet reached in developing that area. The find of coal on the mountain a few miles away has not been much of a financial success. The cost of elevating the coal from the bottom of rather a deep shaft being a bad feature. The quality is much the same as the Souris coal. Fires on the mountain greatly injured the wood reserve this past season.

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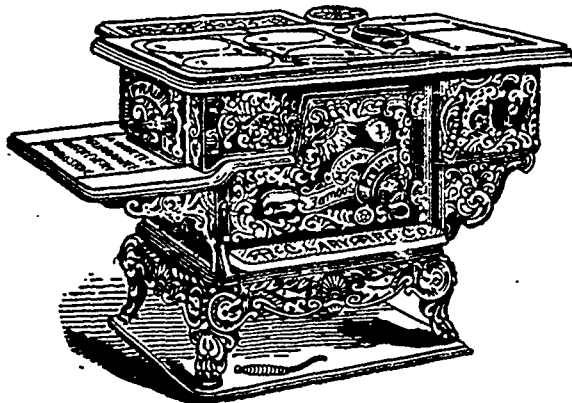
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NINGA.

This little town between Bolsevain and Killarney is progressing quietly. A good farming country surrounds it both grain and stock raising being carried on. About 150,000 bushels of wheat are expected to be marketed here this season, most of which is now in. There are three elevators, one of them being owned by the farmers. W. G. Smith is a leading buyer. A creamery has been in operation three seasons. It is owned by the farmers and is very successful. There are three general stores, Miller & Halvor, two young merchants, have a nice little business; so has D. C. McArthur; the third store is a branch establishment of A. Holiday's, Bolsevain. W. F. Landen, has a good stock of general hardware. Steele's furniture store, and Dr. Knight's drug store are further along the street. Dr. Knight built a neat little store this year, so did Geo. T. Robinson, the postmaster; his place is 20x34 finished in red cedar. W. U. Wade is the local lumber man. He reports a good trade this year farmers buying largely. W. J. Coleman, formerly of Killarney, is landlord of the hotel, the Turtle Mountain House, and he has improved the place considerably.

KILLARNEY.

Situated by the pretty lake for which it is named, this town has one of the prettiest locations in the country. The lake is just south of the town, and makes one of the prettiest imaginable summer resorts. This idea has been developed, by the building of a row of neat summer cottages to let to visitors, and every year increases the number of these. Once a visitor always a friend of pretty Killarney lake. But the town has more substantial charms than those of sylvan and rural scenery. The mixed farming country surrounding it is the best attraction the town boasts of. Not so well favored with wide plains for wheat fields as some, this district yet has a good soil, and when the scrub land is cleared good crops are the result. The country is more adapted for mixed farming, and this is largely carried on. More farmers are required in this district, plenty of good land being available. Those who are there, having done well, and many are independent in circumstances.

The town is a progressive place with a number of good business institutions, and with very fair class of business buildings, whose number and quality are gradually increasing. Among the new buildings this year are the brick store of W. A. Bingham, a solid two story building 26x52, the brick used being local manufacture. Mr. Bingham is a general merchant, a new addition to the trade of the town. Another new brick is that of J. M. Baldwin, north of the track. This is an office building, solid

brick, 34x20. Mr. Baldwin occupies part of it himself, with the business of the municipality of which he is secretary. To make a place of deposit for the public records and other valuables, he had a very large steel front fireproof vault built in connection with his office. It is roomy enough to hold a council meeting in, in a pinch. T. J. Lawlor, the veteran general merchant, has a big 3-story block, 45x80, in course of construction. The foundation was put in and part of the brick work done before the freeze up. The walls will be completed and the building finished next summer. When complete Mr. Lawlor intends to occupy it with his large stock and will probably continue to use his present premises next to it on the corner. F. S. Moule has extended his premises back considerably to make room for his stock. The firm of Cross & Hicks, general merchants, changed during the year, now being Cross & Carson, continuing in the same stand. W. T. Phillips, hardware merchant, sold out a month or so ago to J. Hudson Blinn, who has put in a large stock of general hardware, etc. Mr. Phillips has taken a situation with the new proprietor. Mr. Blinn has until recently been employed in Alexander & Co.'s private bank at Treherne. F. S. Rollins long a hotel keeper in Killarney, is now on the road for the McDonagh & Shea, brewers, Winnipeg, his hotel being now run by P. Currie. S. Rowe continues to keep a first-rate house, at the Commercial hotel. A. E. Fremlin, general merchant, J. McNaughton, furniture dealer, are men who have become standbys of the town. Each has a fine store with good stocks. The buildings are stone Young & Buck, millers, have a very good mill and elevator and have a good business. Their mill has a capacity of 100 bbls daily and is kept going pretty constantly. There are three other elevators.

HOLMFIELD.

This station just east of Killarney, took quite an advance this year, the principal cause being the building of the splendid new mill of Harrison Bros. This firm had an elevator here before and this year they put up a 100 barrel mill. The building is substantially built, the lower half being stone and it is first-class in every respect. Since being opened a month or two ago it has given excellent satisfaction and will prove quite a convenience to the people. There are now two general merchants at Holmfield, F. J. Mesner has been there for some time and has a good business and a good stock. A. Hicks has opened recently in a new store. W. Waby has completed a new livery and feed stable. W. Solars is started in the lumber

trade, so that Holmfield is going to be quite a town.

CARTWRIGHT.

There are three general stores at this point, Hunter & Moore, J. Menarey and A. Laughlin. The latter advertises that he is giving up business. He is the village postmaster also. J. Menarey has a good store and stock was one of the first business men in the town and is highly thought of in the district. Hunter & Moore have a good store and stock and are prosperous merchants. They say they got quite a trade from settlers south of the boundary in some lines of Goods. Phillips & Co. have a nice little stock of hardware and tinware, H. W. Collins recently opened in furniture, having built a new shop; J. P. McKibbin built a shop and opened a new harness business last July. He reports doing a good trade. There are two elevators at Cartwright and both were closed the day I was there, the buyers having been taken off. One merchant said considerable grain yet remained to come in and that day two men brought in loads, who had not before teamed out any wheat, having been busy with fall work.

British Columbia Business Review.

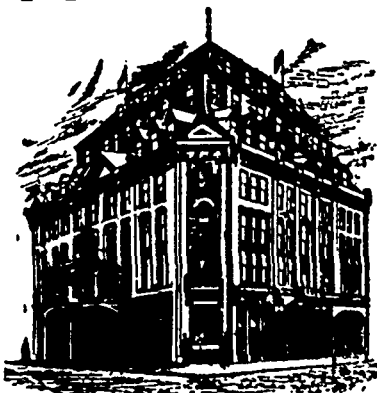
Vancouver, Jan. 10.—The Klondike rush has commenced on the coast and to date prospectors are being handled very well by the merchants, although there are three leaving by way of the Sound to one at this end in spite of wholesome warnings.

Although lumber is very high at present building operations are active and the mild spring like weather enables these operations to proceed without delays.

British Columbia feels keenly the disappointment incident upon the refusal of the English syndicate to take up the bond whereby twenty Fraser river canneries were to have passed into their hands. Their excuse was that owing to the Klondike excitement the funds at one time available had been withdrawn. The salmon industry is not in the best shape possible. More salmon was put up last year than in any two previous years, while the market was already stocked with a year's supply. So that the salmon business at prevailing prices is not profitable. The English syndicate proposed to control supply and demand and thus steer the industry through the breakers.

Austrian butter is plentiful in the market just now. It is wholesaling at 24 1-2 cents and retailing at 35. The same price as local creamery. Portland eggs is another experiment in the market. They are meeting with a ready sale. The flour and feed market is very firm and hay and

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oats are expected shortly to reach still higher prices.

The sealing fleet will be very small this season, only 16 vessels leaving Victoria. The others which were to have left being kept back by the owners who have decided that the season on Japan coast will not pay.

British Columbia Mining Notes

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 10.—The chief event in mining circles during the past week has been the sale of the Whitewater mine in Slocan. The purchase price is said to have been \$450,000. The mine has paid \$100,000 in dividends. The famous Le Roi mine has just paid another dividend of \$50,000, making a total of \$725,000.

The smelter at Northport, Wash., built by this company, is now completed and the ore is being shipped there.

The death of Capt. Hull, superintendent of the Le Roi, who fell down a shaft, is greatly regretted throughout the camp. In consequence of his death the mine was closed down for several days and the shipments in consequence decreased. The shipments during the past week from Rossland camp, amounted to 1,450 tons, from the different mines as follows: Le Roi, 1,275; War Eagle, 80; Centre Star, 30; Iron Mask, 45, and Cliff, 20.

An increased force has been put on Monte Cristo and sixty-five men are now employed on that mine and the Virginia and Colonna, which are all standard and under the same management.

Another clean up will be made at Golden Cache mill on the 10th. The annual meeting of the company will be held on the 20th. Advices from the mine superintendent state that much more gold than is visible on the plates and better results are expected. The stock is, however, much depressed and has dropped thirty cents. The other Cayoosh creek properties are showing also considerable declines.

The construction of a sampler at Rosebery in the Slocan is reported to be an assured fact.

The Galena Farm mine is showing up much better. The Deadwood has been discontinued and the work recommenced in the old workings with the result that a sixteen inch vein has been struck.

The Golden Slipper claim on Tedadu island has been bonded to St. Paul parties for \$4,300. Development work is to be commenced within sixty days. Machinery will also be shortly installed in the Surprise claim in the same work.

It is stated that the War Eagle company intend to purchase the Republic claim in the Eureka camp in the Colvaille reservation Washington.

It is estimated that the lode mines in the Kootenay yielded \$3,332,743 during the past year. This is double the output of 1896.

So far nothing definite can be ascertained as to whether the British American corporation, (Lieut.-Governor Mackintosh's company) has an option on the Le Roi. But the general opinion is that negotiations are still in progress.

Business in Canada.

Toronto, Jan. 13.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly statement of trade in Canada says: Wholesale trade at Montreal begins to show signs of revival after the holiday quiet. Dry goods travelers are all out, and some leading houses report very satisfactory orders with the volume of ordinary country remittances better than at this time last year. The little run of city failures in this line noted last week seems to have come to an end, and has no special significance. In groceries there is more doing than a week ago, but retailers have hardly yet had time to go over stocks and make up their sorting wants. Sugar refiners report a very slack demand from jobbers at the moment. Both local factories are shut down just now, and owing to the somewhat erratic character of outside markets for raws, quotations for refined are off an eighth of a cent. On the other hand molasses is very firm, and advanced with unusually small stocks on spot for the season. Canned goods continue higher; tea jobbers seem still pretty well stocked up, and the movement from first hands is light. It is yet early for much activity in general hardware, and prices of pig iron show some tendency to weakness, but orders for glass, paints, oils, etc., are being booked in fair number for spring shipment. The annual meeting of the White Lead association was held this week, but no change was made in price list. Turpentine has advanced two cents, and prices for Paris green have been fixed on a much higher basis than last year. The boot and shoe factories are all again at work, and fully employed on the good spring orders previously noted. Hides are firm at the last advance, and stiffness marks prices in all lines of leather. Receipts of raw furs on the local market have been light as yet, but values are appreciating in several lines, such as mink, marten, etc., and the annual big London sales, which begin on the 23rd inst., are expected to develop better values than last year in quite a few lines. Some considerable advance is reported in New York on southern coon. Dairy products rule dull. The money market is without change, and call funds are offered in plenty at four per cent.

Business in wholesale circles at Toronto has improved slightly in some lines this week. Dry goods generally report good orders for heavy materials and stocks in country stores are said to be comparatively small. A satisfactory sorting-up trade is in progress, and the trend in prices is towards firmness. Manufacturers in many small lines are very busy, and they will have all they want to do to fill orders for spring delivery. Trade is good in hardware, there being a fair demand for all reasonable lines. The grocery trade continues fairly active. There is a decline of one-eighth of a cent in refined sugars, with standard granulated now jobbing at 4 1-2c. per pound. Dried fruits and canned vegetables are in good demand and firmer. In leathers and boots and shoes, trade is fairly active. Remittances are satisfactory, and although failures were somewhat more numerous, they are less than during the same period last year.

The grain trade shows a falling off in wheat and flour, while peas are in active demand and firmer. Dealers are bidding 50 to 51 north and west, while forward delivery will bring more. The money market is unchanged, with prime commercial paper dis-

counted at 6 to 6 1-2 per cent., and call loans ruling at 4 to 4 1-2 per cent. The London market is lower, with call loans ruling at 1 to 1 1-2 per cent., a decline of 1 per cent within a short period. The open market discount rate in London is easier, 2 3-8 to 2 1-2 per cent. The Bank of England is unchanged at 3 per cent. Speculation in Canadian securities continues active, with prices higher. Canadian Pacific is now selling within a few points of its highest prices several years ago.

Failures for the week were 45, as against 75 for the same week of last year.

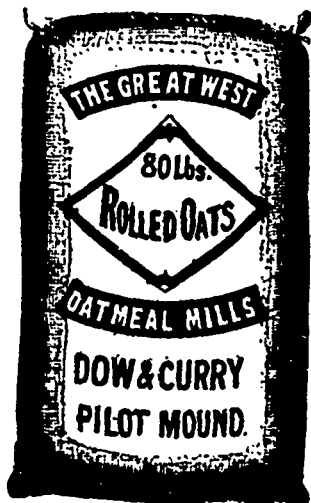
Failures in 1897.

The following comment on Canadian failures for 1897 is taken from Dun's Review:

"It is gratifying that Canadian failures have decreased materially in number and amount. The bank failures were five against three in 1896, but with liabilities of only \$154,000 against \$212,000. The commercial failures were 1,809 against 2,118 in 1896, a decrease of 14.6 per cent., and the liabilities were \$14,157,498 against \$17,169,693, a decrease of 17.5 per cent. In manufacturing the decrease in number was over 22 per cent., and in liabilities over \$2,000,000 or 35.8 per cent. But in trading the decrease in number was 12.6 per cent. and in liabilities on 12.7 per cent. An increase appears in brokerage and other failures of 10 in number, or 40 per cent., and of \$471,000 in liabilities, or about 500 per cent. The statement by branches of business shows increase over 1896 in iron manufacture, a large increase in woolen manufacture, and some increase in liquors and earthenware, with decrease in all other classes, especially in the miscellaneous class, and in lumber. Of trading classes, general stores show a considerable increase, and groceries, dry goods and jewelry less in proportion, but other classes show a decrease, which is relatively large in liquors, clothing, shoes, hardware and the miscellaneous class."

The C.P.R. and G.T.R. have issued a special west-bound tariff on live stock in carloads, from Montreal, Prescott, Brockville, Ottawa, Peterboro, Toronto, Hamilton, Guelph, Galt, Woolstock, Ingersoll, St. Thomas, London, Chatham, Windsor, Wingham, Teeswater, Quebec, Sherbrooke, St. Yacinthe, St. Johns and all intermediate stations to C. P. R. stations. Fort William and west to Revelstoke, inclusive "all rail" shipments from G. T. R. stations, being routed via North Bay. The rates range from 49 1-2c per hundred pounds to Port Arthur, to \$1.23 to Revelstoke.

The Hudson's Bay Company has issued a pamphlet upon the gold fields of Western Canada, showing the means of getting to them. It contains a complete map with all the latest information, as well as a carefully compiled list of the requirements of a miner for one year. The very attractive illustrations of the handsome stores of the company at Winnipeg, Calgary and Vancouver, which are shown as examples of their large establishments, give a very good idea of the resources of this company for supplying every one with the requirements for life and travel. The whole work has been done in the city, and is altogether a very creditable production.



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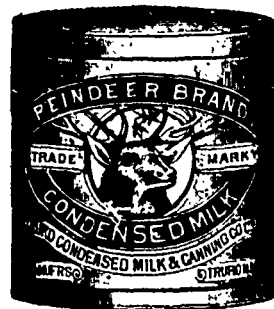
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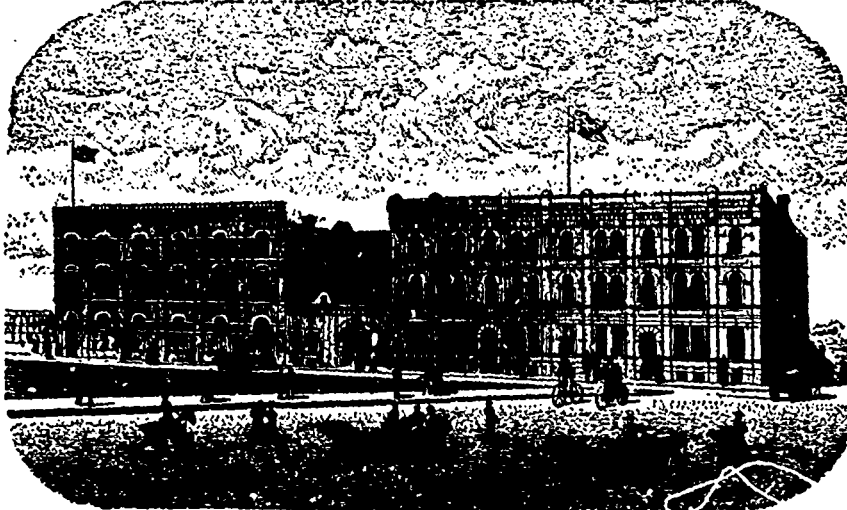
FOR THE KLONDYKE.

The Hudson's Bay Company has issued a very handsome folder, giving maps and information which is of special interest to those who contemplate going to the gold districts of Yukon, or in fact to any other mineral districts of British Columbia or the northwestern portion of the Ter-

ed by custom houses. Those who come from foreign countries should not purchase their supplies until they reach a point in Canada; as by so doing they will make a great saving in the cost of their outfits.

The folder gives two maps, one showing railway connections from points in Canada and the United States to

almost hundreds of other points throughout the country, including posts up into the Arctic circle. An immense stock of goods is carried at Winnipeg, Vancouver and Victoria and large stocks at points like Calgary and Edmonton. There are a number of supply posts owned by the company along the land and water routes via



HUDSON'S BAY STORES AND GENERAL OFFICES, WINNIPEG

ritories. A portion of the outside cover of the folder bears the words: "Goods purchased in Canada do not have to bear duties, as the mines are in Canadian territory." This is something which every person who contemplates outfitting for the northern gold regions should ponder over. Canada is a fairly high tariff country, and foreigners who come here bringing sup-

plies with them not only have the extra freight to pay on the supplies, but they will have to pay the duty as well. Goods going to the Klondike by any of the routes, if purchased in the United States or any other country, will be subject to duty on entering Canada. All routes to the Klondike are guard-

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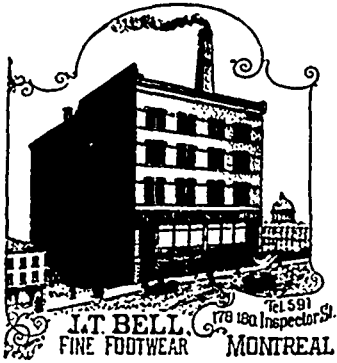


HUDSON'S BAY STORES, VANCOUVER

man, for a year, is also given. Another part of the folder gives cuts of the company's stores at Winnipeg, Vancouver and Calgary. In addition to these stores, it is hardly necessary to state here that the company has stores and supply depots at, we may say,

from the United States boundary on the south to as near the north pole as it is possible to get for business purposes. The officials of the company know exactly what is required in the way of supplies for the north country and with such a source of supply available it is a great mis-

Edmonton, and via the Stikine route, the company has stores at Glenora, the head of navigation on the Stikine river, and at Teslin Lake. The company also operates a line of steamers on the Stikine river.



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In this number we show cuts of the Hudson's Bay company's stores at Winnipeg, Calgary and Vancouver.

Grocery Trade Notes.

The general impression of the trade is that the shipments of sugar from Cuba for the coming season will exceed those of last year by at least 100,000 tons.

The Toronto Globe says: Canned tomatoes are 5c to 10c higher at \$1.10 to \$1.25. Corn is firmer at 85c. Currants are 1-4c higher on the higher grades, and 1-2c higher on the lower grades. Grocery jobbers are quoting small lots of oatmeal higher at \$3.40 to \$3.50.

Currants are still climbing up in price, cables received in Toronto announcing a further advance of from 1s 6d. per cwt. Compared with the figures ruling a year ago, prices in the primary market are something like 75 per cent higher. Within the last month alone there has been an advance of about 3s. per cwt in currants.

The Montreal Gazette says: The situation of the molasses market is becoming stronger each day, as advices from all points state that stocks are very small and especially so in the market. The impression is that prices will go still higher as soon as a demand sets in. Sales of some fair sized lots of old Barbadoes stock were made at 24c and 25c. These figures show an advance of 3c to 5c per gallon over what would have been paid one month ago. A bid of 28c was made for a lot of new Barbadoes and refused, and the bidder of the same was asked to-day would he accept 30c for it.

The London, England, Grocers' Gazette, under date of December 24th, says: Representatives of all the leading B. C. packers have agreed under a bond, the breaking of which involves heavy penalties, not to sell under the figures decided upon by the combination, whilst a strong executive committee has been elected to supervise the duty carrying out of the whole of the conditions of the agreement, which will extend over the whole of 1898. The prices fixed are on quite a popular basis, and it may again be stated that the object of the combination is not to unduly advance prices, but rather to have positively fixed figures, so that grocers can enter into purchase with confidence and without the fear that the market will be 2s or more a cwt cheaper a short time after. The signatories to the agreement include the great bulk of the consignees of the 1897 pack.

Hardware and Paint Trade

Castor oil has declined 1-2c at Montreal to 9 to 9 1-2c.

The terms and discount on tacks have been changed by the manufacturers. They are now four months or 3 per cent. 30 days, instead of four

months or 5 per cent. 30 days as formerly. This is equal to the shortening of the terms of credit by the wholesalers on general hardware.

Refined petroleum has declined 2 to 3c per gallon in Eastern Canada markets. This is about the same as the decline in the Winnipeg market, reported in The Commercial last week. Sisal and manilla rope have advanced 3-8c at Toronto.

The manufacturers of cut nails have revised their list and fixed 30, 40, 50 and 60d. as before, while the following extras have been decided upon: 16 and 20d, 5c per keg extra; 10 and 12d, 10c ditto; 8 and 9d, 15c ditto; 6 and 7d, 30c ditto; 4 and 5d, 40c ditto; 3d, 65c ditto; 2d, \$1 ditto; Fine blue-3d, \$1 per keg extra; 2d, \$1.50 ditto. Common barrel nails—1-3 to 1 inch, \$1 per keg extra; 7-8 inch, \$1.25 ditto; 3-4 inch, \$1.50 ditto.

A meeting of hardware men, representing 78 firms in Montreal, Quebec, Toronto, Sherbrooke, Levis, Hamilton, London, Amherst, Halifax, St. John's, Ottawa and others in Ontario, of which 19 are in Montreal, was held in Toronto, when it was decided to adopt shorter terms of credit. Formerly the terms were six months, with 5 per cent. off. The terms adopted at the Toronto meeting and agreed to by all the firms represented, which include practically the whole trade of the country, are for the shelf and heavy hardware and metals in Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, that credit is not to exceed four months, with 3 per cent. off for thirty days.—The Globe.

The Montreal Gazette says: The feature of the naval store market has been the stronger feeling in cordage, and prices for sisal have been advanced 1-4c and manilla 3-8c to 1-2c, which is due chiefly to the recent strong advices on hemp and the fact that values for the same have advanced fully \$10 per ton.

Grain and Milling News.

Mr. Pufford has purchased the flour mill at Treherne from Jas. A. Cox. Oats were higher again the first of the week at Montreal, with sales at 28 to 28 1-2c.

An elevator of the Northwest Elevator Co., of Winnipeg, located at Cypress River, Man., was burned on January 12. About 6,000 bushels of wheat were destroyed. The elevator was a new one.

The feature of the flour market, says the Montreal Gazette of Jan. 10, was the demand from foreign buyers for Manitoba brands, and the Lake of the Woods Milling Company placed 1,000 sacks on Dublin account for shipment via St. John, N. B.

Total exports of wheat and flour from the U. S. from July 1, 1897, to Jan. 8, 1898, were 121,595,300 bushels against 93,391,900 bushels for same time in 1896, and 1897. Corn 83,745,800 bushels against 67,296,000 for same periods.

A petition is being circulated asking the council of the municipality of Strathclair, to submit to the rate-payers a by-law granting a bonus of \$5,000 for the erection of a flour and oatmeal mill, with a capacity of 50 barrels of flour per day, at Strathclair, Man.. As there is a provincial law against bonusing, however, it will be necessary to secure authority from the legislature to grant the bonus.

The Western Prairie says: Any one looking for an opening for a flouring mill is invited to correspond with

the Cypress River, Man., town board, secretary, W. J. Venner. It is understood that a bonus of property to the value of four or five thousand dollars would be given to any one operating a satisfactory mill at this place.

Monthly Wheat Statistics

Statistics of the world's visible supply showed a trifling gain during the month of December, which may be attributed in some measure at least, to the abnormal condition of the wheat market at Chicago during the month. Certainly the high premium placed on cash wheat in that market, including free shipments from interior points, and the perceptible check given exports by the feverish condition of trade ensuing, were responsible for swelling the supply of grain held at public points of accumulation in this country to some extent.

The total supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, on January 1, 1898, amounted to 51,173,000 bushels as compared with 49,859,000 bushels on December 1, a gain of 4,314,000 bushels during the month. Wheat stocks on the Pacific coast, which on December 1, amounted to 6,944,000 bushels, had fallen by January 1, 1898, to 6,661,000 bushels, and European supplies, which a month ago were 72,800,000 bushels, dropped by January 1 to 71,600,000 bushels. There was, therefore, shown a combined decrease on the Pacific coast and in the item of Europe and Africa for Europe of 1,483,000 bushels. The gain in the United States and Canada east of the Rockies, however, more than counter-balanced the falling off on the Pacific coast and abroad, and the result is a net increase of 2,831,000 bushels for the month. The approximate total world's visible wheat supply on January 1 this year amounted to 132,434,000 bushels, a gain over December 1, as above intimated, of 2,831,000 bushels, and over July 1, 1897, of 51,932,000 bushels; but compared with a year ago there is a falling off of 6,729,000 bushels; compared with January 1, 1896, a decrease of 37,539,000 bushels; a loss as compared with January 1, 1895, of 52,319,000 bushels, and a decrease as compared with January 1, 1894, of 57,789,000 bushels. It is, in fact, necessary to go back to January, 1891, to find a total world's visible supply of wheat smaller on January 1 than that at present held.

While the total stock of wheat in Europe and Africa for Europe at the opening of this year was much larger than at the same time for the three preceding years, it will be seen that the increase was more than counter-balanced by the heavy falling off in American stocks, leaving the world's wheat total the smallest at this date since 1892.—Bradstreet's

A great many applications for land in the Yukon has been received by the department of the interior. Mr. Sifton has decided not to sell land there at present until more definite information is available as to the resources and necessities of the territory. The minister has also decided to invite public competition for timber berths in the Yukon and tenders have been asked for up to January 25th. The highest bidder will get the timber. A large number of applications for timber berths are on file in the department, and this decision will be read with interest by many. Both of these decisions would seem to be in the public interest.

Binder Twine.

Prices are not yet being quoted on binder twine for 1898, except in isolated cases, where dealers are selling to those customers who have patronized them for years. Enough is known of the tendency in price, however, to say that sisal, and those mixtures, which include a considerable amount of sisal fibre, will range higher than in 1897, while pure manilla will perhaps be a shade lower. The difference between sisal and manilla twine will probably be not more than a cent and three-quarters and possibly not more than a cent and a half a pound. At these relative prices manilla will prove a cheaper twine than sisal, because it runs so many more feet to the pound. One result of this may be a more general use of manilla twine. In the northwest, a few years ago, pure manilla was the only grade of binder twine that could be sold, more recently farmers have been inclined to buy sisal because of the saving in expense. With a continuance of the present slight difference in first cost, the former popularity of the manilla grade may return.—Minneapolis Farm Implements.

WEEKLY WHEAT REVIEW.

London, Jan. 10.—The Mark Lane Express, in its weekly review of the wheat market says: "There is an improved outlook in France, where the wheat had a poor start in October and November. The thaw in Central Europe has not been an unmixed advantage, but the snow is still thick on the wheat fields eastward of Vistula and the Carpathians. Argentina will have about 3,000,000 quarters for export."

AVAILABLE SUPPLIES.

New York, Jan. 11.—Special cable and telegraphic dispatches to Bradstreet's, covering the principal points of accumulation, indicate the following changes in available supply last Saturday as compared with the preceding Saturday:

Wheat—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase 138,000; afloat for and in Europe, increase 500,000, world's supply total increase 638,000.

Corn—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increased 774,000.

Oats—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increased 2,510,000.

Large gains and decreases about balance.

Among the larger increases in wheat stocks, not reported in the official supply, are the gains of 189,000 bushels at Galveston; 100,000 bushels at Minneapolis private elevators; 87,000 bushels at Cleveland, and 49,000 bushels at Fort William and Kewatin, Ont. The heaviest decrease reported is that of 250,000 bushels at Northwestern Interior elevators.

BANK STATEMENT.

London, Jan. 13.—The weekly statement of the bank of England shows the following changes compared with previous account: Total reserve, increased, £800,000; circulation decreased, £635,000; bullion increased, £165,216; other securities decreased, £1,624,000; other deposits decreased, £1,073,000; public deposits increased, £201,000; notes reserve increased, £708,000; government securities unchanged. The proportion of the Bank of England's reserve to liability, which, last week was 39.17 per cent., is now 41.45 per cent. The bank's rate of discount remains unchanged at 3 per cent.

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MOVEMENTS OF BUSINESS MEN.

J. H. Ashdown left on Thursday for St. Paul, accompanied by members of his family.

E. G. Hicks, manager of the Manitoba Produce Co., Winnipeg, has returned from a trip to Dauphin.

J. L. Meikle, of J. L. Meikle & Co., music dealers, of Winnipeg and Port Arthur, is in the city this week. Mr. Meikle makes his home at Port Arthur, and he is spending a season in the city. Mr. Maclean, manager of the Winnipeg business, has taken advantage of Mr. Meikle's visit to make a business trip west.

Mr. Thos. Ryan left this week for the east on a business trip.

N. Bawlf, president of the Northern Elevator company, returned Tuesday from a trip to Northern Alberta. All three of the large Manitoba firms—the Dominion Elevator Co., the Northern Elevator Co., and the Manitoba Elevator Co., in addition to the large milling companies, are buying wheat along the Edmonton branch, he says.

Ottawa, Jan. 13.—The government is likely to have a knotty problem to solve in the treatment which they will accord the binder twine industry in Canada. The duty was struck off on 1st of January inst., and last week a strong deputation represented that the industry would go to the wall unless some protection were given them. To-day another deputation representing a company at Brantford kept up by the farmers of that district made similar representations to Mr. Fielding and several other members of the government. The feeling in the meantime is that the government can scarcely afford to go back to the old system in view of the pledge made to the farmers.

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INSURANCE NOTES.

The fire losses of the United States and Canada for the month of November aggregate \$7,189,800. This is about two million dollars more than the sum charged against the same month in 1896, but nearly three million less than the November, 1895, figures.

Ex-Mayor Cope, of Vancouver, before leaving for Yukon, insured his life for \$5,000 in the London Accident and Guarantee Co. He met death by drowning on the Skaguay trail, and though affidavits were presented by eye witnesses, the company refused to pay the money. The case will come up for trial.

The chief of the Winnipeg fire department reports that during the past year there have been 292 calls. There were 106 fires, and 188 alarms for chimneys and false alarms. The total value of property and contents at risk was \$1,479,435; insurance on same \$497,955, loss by fire \$96,709.56. The notable fires for the past year, at which a loss of over \$1,000 each was sustained, were as follows: Jan. 7, Emerson & Hague's factory, \$1,184.90; Jan. 17, Grand-opera house, \$45,125; Jan. 17, Assiniboine block, \$3,450.18; Feb. 14, Ryan block, \$1,270.15; March 16, Pembina school, \$3,800; May 3, Commercial Printing office, \$4,974; July 28, Standard Oil works, \$9,750; Sept. 16, dwelling, Jessie ave., Fort Rouge, \$1,050; Oct. 2, W. Scott's stables, \$1,827.17; Oct. 2, Cadham's carpenter shop and others, \$1,326; Nov. 5, Campbell Bros., \$18,725.44.

Manitoba

R. H. Walker has opened a watchmaker's shop at Selkirk.

Elliott & Cowie have started a pump factory at Morden.

R. H. Shore, of Manitou, has rented the Langham hotel at Brandon.

P. Winram & Co., Manitou, will add millinery and house furnishing to their business.

The stock of Ben. H. Swaffield, men's furnishings, Winnipeg, is in the hands of the sheriff.

Wm. Sliton, of the Narrows, Lake Manitoba, has assigned to J. E. Hedderley, of Dauphin.

Webb & Hood, butchers, Dauphin, have dissolved partnership. N. A. Webb will continue the business.

S. Christie has bought out Mr. Hart's interest in the machine shop at Glenboro. The business will be continued by Christie & Hindley.

N. Bawlf will build a big block in Winnipeg this year, on his property adjoining the grain exchange building on Princess street.

Fred Wagstaff will take over the management of the Clarendon hotel at Cypress River, Mr. Herron having decided to withdraw from the business.

A meeting was held at Cypress River recently for the purpose of organizing a board of trade. A committee was appointed to draft by-laws, etc.

The Hartney Star says: S. H. Dickson has rented the store now occupied by E. A. Cuthbert, and the hall above and will put in a large stock of furniture.

The Winnipeg Retailers' association held their annual banquet at the Leland hotel this week. A large number were present, and a most creditable display was made by the Leland for the occasion.

Northwest Ontario.

The new reduction works at Keewatin are completed and it is said the company has a lot of work in sight from the start.

The Trojan mine, in the Camp Bay district, has been sold to an English syndicate for \$40,000, according to a telegram from Rat Portage.

British Columbia Items.

F. G. Healey and W. A. Skelton have taken over the Rusell House at Golden.

Skelton & Hamilton, livery, Golden, have dissolved partnership. The business will be carried on by Mr. Hamilton.

It is reported from Victoria that the construction of the Central Cassiar railway will be proceeded with immediately. The company has arranged to send out a party of 500 prospectors.

A Victoria telegram says: A group of mines, including the Alberni Consolidated, on the west coast of Vancouver, has been sold to a British syndicate for \$150,000.

The Canadian Pacific land department has decided to put upon the market at once the townsite of Cranbrook, which will be the divisional point for the Crow's Nest railway in East Kootenay.

Current prices for farm products at Fort Steele are as follows: Oats, \$1.20 per bushel; hay, \$40 per ton; potatoes, \$1.50 per bushel; butter, 45c to 50c per pound, eggs, 50c per dozen. When the Crow's Nest railway is running to Fort Steele, these prices will, of course, come down to a parity with other parts of the country.

Higher Duty Wanted.

Toronto, Jan. 13.—The annual meeting of the tanners' section of the board of trade was held this afternoon. C. C. Lang, of Berlin, in his annual address, said the general expansion of export trade in leather was a matter for congratulation. It meant the stimulating of an industry that was peculiarly Canadian and would bring in its wake advantages to Canadian users as well as to producers of leather in the British Isles. He complained that the government has done scant justice to the industry in comparison with other branches of manufacturing. The nominal duty of 17 1/2 per cent, were it not for the perfection to which appliances and competition have brought the domestic product, would permit this market to be flooded with foreign goods. As it is, importations are becoming more and more confined to specialties demanded for a certain class of trade. J. R. Clark was elected chairman and C. J. Miller, of Orillia, vice chairman.

Mr. Greenway's Road.

Toronto, Jan. 13.—The Evening Telegram says editorially: "Why does not Hon. Thomas Greenway make Port Arthur instead of Duluth the terminus of his proposed railway, and why does he not come down with a policy which will make the people of Manitoba and Ontario partners in that great enterprise. This increased profit would mean a million more people in the Northwest in a very few years, and before Greenway diverts the trade of his province to Minnesota he might give Ontario the chance to refuse an offer to make a railway from Winnipeg the joint work of the two provinces. The Manitoba premier need not worry as to what the timid politicians in Queen's Park may say about such a project. Whatever party is in power the people will rule, and if Greenway says he will have to send trade to Duluth if Ontario will not assist Manitoba to build a railway from Winnipeg to Port Arthur the people of this province will force their government to join hands with the government of Manitoba."

Cotton Operatives Strike.

New Bedford, Mass., Jan. 10.—This evening the spinners took final action on the question of a strike. The result was in favor of the resistance of the reduction. The vote was 393 to 4, or, as some gave it, 396 to 3.

Providence, R. I., Jan. 10.—The weavers of the Wanskuck worsted mills tonight rejected the compromise offered by Superintendent Metcalf, and voted to strike.

Lewiston, Me., Jan. 10.—At a large and enthusiastic meeting of Lewiston mule spinners this evening, the strike situation was discussed. The sentiment was strongly in favor of resisting the cut-down, but it is likely the funds will be devoted to the new Bedford strike.

Hams declined 1-2 to 1c at Montreal on Monday, to 10 1-2 to 12c.

M. W. Rublee, of the Rublee Fruit Co., Winnipeg, was south this week on a business trip.

Advices the first of the week from Montreal and Toronto were easier for dressed hogs.

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Apples, preserved, 3s, 2 doz.	3 25	3 50
Apples, gallons, (per doz.)	3 00	3 25
Blackberries, 2s, 2 doz.	3 25	3 50
Blueberries, 2s, 2 doz.	2 50	2 75
Beans, 2s, 2 doz.	1 50	2 00
Corn, 2s, 2 doz.	1 00	1 25
Cherries, red, gitted 2s, 2 doz.	4 75	5 00
Peas, Marrowfat, 2s, 2 doz.	1 00	1 25
Peas, sifted, 2s, 2 doz.	2 00	2 25
Pears, Bartlett, 2s, 2 doz.	3 00	3 25
Pears, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	4 75	5 00
Pears, Bartlett, 3s, 2 doz.	5 00	5 25
Pineapple, 2s, 2 doz.	4 50	5 00
Pineapple, imported, 2s, 2 doz.	5 00	5 25
Peaches, 2s, 2 doz.	3 50	4 00
Peaches, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	4 75	5 00
Peaches, Canadian, 3s, 2 doz.	5 00	5 25
Plums, 2s, 2 doz.	3 50	4 00
Plums, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	4 00	4 25
Pumpkin, 3s, 2 doz.	2 25	2 50
Raspberries, 2s, 2 doz.	3 00	3 25
Strawberries, 2s, 2 doz.	3 50	3 75
Tomatoes, 3s, 2 doz.	2 25	2 50
Salmon, talls, 1s, 4 doz.	4 50	5 00
Salmon, Cohoets talls, 1s, 4 doz.	4 50	5 00

Sardines		Per tin.
Sardines, domestic 1/2s.	06	08
Sardines, imported, 1/2s.	09	15
Sardines, imported, 3/4s.	15	25
Sardines, imp. 1/2s, boneloss.	20	35
Sardines, Dom., mustard 1/2s.	10	12

Canned Meats		Per case.
Corn Beef, 1s, 2 doz.	3 00	3 25
Corn Beef, 2s, 1 doz.	2 75	3 00
Lunch Tongue, 1s, 2 doz.	6 50	7 00
Lunch Tongue, 2s, 1 doz.	6 25	6 50
Brawn, 2s, 1 doz.	2 50	2 75
Pigs Feet, 1s 2 doz.	6 00	6 50
Roast Beef, 2s, 1 doz.	3 75	3 00
Chicken, Duck or Turkey, 1s 2 doz.	5 00	5 00

Potted Ham		Per doz.
Potted Ham, 1/2s.	75	75
Devilled Ham, 1/2s.	75	75
Potted Tongue, 1/2s.	75	75
Potted Ham, 3/4s.	75	75
Devilled Ham, 3/4s.	75	75
Potted Tongue, 3/4s.	75	75

Coffee		Per pound.
Green Rio.	12	15

Cereals		Per sack
Split Peas, sack 9s.	2 25	2 50
Pot Barley, sack 9s.	2 00	2 25
Pearl Barley, sack 9s.	4 00	4 50
Roll'd Oats, sack 8s.	1 80	2 00
Standard Oatmeal, sack 9s.	2 10	2 20
Granulated Oatmeal, sack 9s.	2 10	2 20
Beans (per bushel)	1 25	1 30
Cornmeal, sack 9s.	1 45	1 55
Cornmeal, 1/2sac 49 (per 1/2sac)	0 75	0 80

Rice, B.		Per pound
Rice, Japan	4 1/2c	4 3/4c
Rice, Japan	5	5 c
Sago	4	4 c
Tapioca	4	4 c

Cigarettes		Per M
Old Judge	88	90
Athlete	8	90
Sweet Caporal	8	90
Sweet Sixteen	5	70
Derby	6	60

Cured Fish		Per lb.
Codfish, whole cases, 100 lbs.	6	00
Codfish, boneloss per lb.	01	06
Codfish, Pure per lb.	07	08
Herrings, in kegs	3	50 3 75

Dried Fruits		Per pound
Currents, Prov'l Barrels.	06	6 1/2
Currents, Prov'l 1/4 Barrels.	06 1/2	6 1/2
Currents, Prov'l Cases.	07	7 1/2
Currents, Vostizza Cases.	07 1/2	8
Currents, Filistria, bbls	08 1/2	7
Currents, Filistria, cases	07	7 1/2
Dates, Cases	08	07
Figs, Elme, about 10 lb box.	12 1/2	15
Figs, Cooking, Sax.	05 1/2	08
Prunes, Bosnia, Cases.	06	09
Prunes, French, Cases.	06	07
Sultana Raisins.	10	12

Dried Fruits		Per pound
Raisins, Val., box of 25 lbs	70	1 50
Raisins, Val. Layers, per box	25	2 50
Loose Muscatels, 2 crown	06 1/2	07
Loose Muscatels, 3 crown	07 1/2	08
Loose Muscatels, 4 crown	08 1/2	09
London Layer, 20 lb Boxes.	1 00	2 00
Apples, Dried.	05	07
Evap. Apples, finest quality.	11	12

California Evaporated Fruits		Per pound
Peaches, peeled	18	20
Peaches, unpeeled.	11	13
Peas	11	12
Apricots, new	10	11
Pitted Plums	11	12
Prunes, 100 to 120	8	5 1/2 6
Prunes, 90 to 100	8	6 1/2
Prunes, 80 to 90	7	7 1/2
Prunes, 70 to 80	7 1/2	8
Prunes, 60 to 70	8	8 1/2
Prunes, 40 to 50	10	11

Matches		Per case
Telegraph	\$3	60
Telephone	3	40
Tiger	3	25

Nuts		Per pound
Brazils	12 1/2	15
Taragona Almonds	13	15
Peanuts, roasted	7	7 1/2
Peanuts, green	10	12
Grenoble Walnuts	15	15
French Walnuts	13	15
Sicily Filberts	11	15
Shelled Almonds	25	30

Syrup		Per lb.
Extra Bright, per lb.	3 1/2c	4c
Medium, per lb.	3c	3 1/2c
Maple, case 1 doz. 1/2 gal. tins	\$7	00
Molasses, per gal.	35c	45c

Sugar		Per pound
Extra Standard Granulated.	5 1/2c	6c
German Granulated	4 1/2c	5c
Extra Ground	6	6 1/2c
Powdered	6	6 1/2c
Bright Yellow Sugar	4 1/2c	5c
Maple Sugar	13 1/2c	15c

Salt		Per pound
Rock Salt	1 1/2c	1 1/2c
Common, fine	1 00	2 00
Common, coarse	1 00	2 00
Dairy, 100-3	3 25	3 50
Dairy, 60-5	3 15	3 30

Spices		Per doz.
Assorted Herbs, 1/2 lb tins.	75	90

Allspice		Per pound
Allspice, whole	18	20
Allspice, pure ground	15	20
Allspice, compound	15	20
Cassia, whole	15	20
Cassia, pure ground	20	25
Cassia, compound	13	15
Cloves, whole	15	25
Cloves, pure ground	25	30
Cloves, compound	15	20
Pepper, black, whole	10	15
Pepper, black, pure ground	13	15
Pepper, black, compound	10	13
Pepper, white, whole	20	25
Pepper, white, pure ground	25	35
Pepper, white, compound	18	20
Pepper, Cayenne	30	35
Ginger, whole, Jamaica.	25	30
Ginger, whole, Cochinchina	20	25
Ginger, pure ground	25	30
Ginger, compound	15	25
Nutmegs, (per pound)	60	1 00
Mace (per pound)	1 00	1 25

Teas		Per pound
China Blacks—		
Choice.	35	40
Medium	25	35
Common	13	20
Indian and Ceylon—		
Choice	32	40
Medium	25	32
Common	22	25
Young Hysons—		
Choice	35	45
Medium	25	35
Common	22	30
Japan—		
Finest May Picking	35	40
Choice	30	35
Fine	25	30
Good Medium	20	25
Common	15	20

Tobacco		Per pound
T. & B., 3s, 4s, and 9s Cads.	00	76
Lily, 5s, cads.	00	63
Crescent, 5s, cads.	00	60
T. & B. Black Chewing, Sorl6s	00	64
T. & B. Mahogany Chewing,		
5s or 16.	00	64
T. & B. 1-12 pkg, cut	00	59
T. & B. 1-5 pkg, cut.	00	91
T. & B. in pouches, 1-4	00	91
T. & B. in 1-5 tins.	00	99
T. & B. in 1/2 tins	00	90
T. & B. in 1s tins	00	87
Orinoco, 1-12 pkg.	00	35
Orinoco, 1-5 tins.	00	04
Orinoco, 1/2 tins	00	56
Tuckett's Cherub Cigarette		
1-12	00	57
Brier, 7s, cads	00	65
Derby, 3s, cads	00	68
Derby, 7s, cads	00	68
P. & W. Chewing, Cas	00	66
P. & W. Chewing, Batts	00	66

Wooden Ware		Per doz.
Pails, 2 hoop clear.	1	50 1 60
Pails, wire hoop.	2	25 2 40
Pails, Star fibre	9	50 4 00
Tubs, No. 0 common	8	50 10 50
Tubs, No. 1 common	6	50 9 00
Tubs, No. 2 common	6	50 7 00
Tubs, No. 3 common	5	50 6 00

CURED MEATS AND LARD

Lard, pure, 20 lb pails	\$1	60
Lard, pure, 50 lb pails	4	00
Lard, pure, in 3, 5 and 10 lb tins, per case of 60 lbs	7 1/2	5 50
Lard, Tierces, per lb	7 1/2	7 1/2

Smoked Meats		Per lb.
Hams	11 1/2	12
Breakfast bacon, bellies	11 1/2	12
Breakfast bacon, backs	10	10 1/2
Spiced rolls	8	8 1/2
Shoulders	8	8 1/2
Long Clear	8 1/2	9

Dry Salt Meats		Per lb.
Long clear bacon	7 1/2	8
Boneloss Shoulders	7 1/2	8
Backs	8 1/2	9
Imported Short Clear	7 1/2	7 1/2

FRESH FISH, OYSTERS

Whitefish, lb	5 1/2	5 1/2
Pickeral, lb	01	01
Trout, lb	09	09
Lake Superior Herrings, doz.	20	20
Pike, lb	02	02
Salmon, lb	12	12
B. C. halibut, lb	10	10
S.M.Ls, lb	10	10
Cod, lb	08	08
Finndn haddock, lb	7 1/2	7 1/2
Smoked haddock, doz.	1 80	3 00
Oysters, standards, gal.	2 00	2 00
Oysters, select, gal.	2 00	2 00
Oysters, shell, barrels	7 50	7 50
Salt Whitefish, per 1/2 bbl	6 50	6 50
Salt Trout, per 1/2 bbl	7 50	7 50

DRUGS

Following are prices for parcel lots with usual reductions for broken packages.

Alum, lb	3 1/2	4 1/2
Alcohol, gal.	50	5 75
Bleaching Powder, lb.	06	08
Bluestone, lb.	06	07
Borax	11	13
Bamide Potash	65	75
Camphor, ounces	65	75
Carbolic Acid	40	65
Castor Oil	15	17
Chlorate Potash	25	30
Citric Acid	55	65
Copperas	03 1/2	04
Cocaine, oz.	4	5 00
Creum Tartar, lb	30	35
Cloves	20	25
Epsom Salts	03 1/2	04
Extract Logwood, bulk.	14	18
Extract Logwood, boxes	18	20
German Quinine	35	45
Glycerine, lb	30	35
Ginger, Jamaica	30	35
Ginger, African	20	25
Howard's Quinine, oz.	45	55
Iodine	5	5 50
Insect Powder	35	40
Morphia, sul.	2	10 2 25
Opium	4	5 00
Oil, olive	1	25 1 40
Oil, U.S. Salad	1	25 1 40
Oil, lemon, super	2	75 3 25
Oil, p-permint	4	00 4 50
Oil, cod liver, gal.	1	50 2 00
Oxalic Acid	14	16
Potass Iodide	3	75 4 00
Paris Green, lb	18	20
Saltpetre	10	12
Sal Rochelle	30	35
Shellac	35	40
Sulphur Flowers	3 1/2	05
Sulphur Roll, keg.	3 1/2	05
Soda Bicarb, keg of 112 lbs	3	75 4 25
Sal Soda	2	00 3 00
Tartaric Acid, lb.	45	55
Strychnine, pure crystals, oz.	35	1 00

LEATHER

Harness, oak		Per pound
Harness, oak	25	30
Harness, union oak No. 1	28	28
Harness, union oak No. 1 R	27	27
Harness, hemlock No. 1	27	27
Harness, hemlock No. 1 R	25	25
Sole, union oak	32	32
Listowell, sole	26	30
Penetang, sole	26	28
B. F. French calf	25	1 30
B. F. French kip	9 1/2	1 15
Canada calf	65	50
Canada Calf, Horseshoe	90	90
Horseshoe Brand Kip	50	50
Karn Kip	80	85
Wax upper	32	45
Kangaroo, per foot	25	50
Dolgoni, per foot	25	40

FUEL

These are retail prices, delivered to consumers in the city, or 50c per ton less at the yards, except western anthracite nut size, which is 40c less at the yards.

Pennsylvania anthracite—		
Stove, nut or lump	10	00
Pea size	7	50
Western anthracite, stove	9	50
Western anthracite, nut	7	25
1 ethbridge bituminous	7	50
Hocking	7	50
Souris Lignite	4	60
Souris, car lots F.O.B. mines	1	50
Blossburg smthing	9	50

Cordwood

These are prices for car lots, on track

Winnipeg.		Per cord
Tamarac, good dry	4	50
Tamarac, partly dry, last winter's cut.	4	25

Winnipeg Hardware and Metal Prices.

Tin—Lamb and Flagg, 56 and 28 lb ingots, per lb 19@20c.

Tin Plates—Charcoal plates, I C, 10 x 14, 12 x 12 and 14 x 20, \$4.50@4.75; I X, same size box, \$5.75@6; I C, charcoal, 20 x 28, 112 sheets to box, \$8.50@9; I X, box, 20 x 28, 112 sheets, \$10.50@11.

Terne Plates—I C, 20 x 28, \$8.50 @ 9. Iron and Steel—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$2.10 band iron, 100 lbs., \$2.05@2.75; Swedish iron, 100 lbs, \$5.25 @6; sleigh shoe steel, 2.75@3; best cast tool steel, lb, 9@11c; imitation Russian sheet, 7@8c; genuine Russian sheet, lb., 12@13c.

Sheet Iron—10 to 20 gauge, \$3; 22 to 24 and 26 gauge, \$3.25; 28 gauge \$3.50

Canada Plates—Garth and Blain, 3.00 @3.15.

Galvanized Iron—American, 20 gauge, \$3.75; 22 and 24 gauge, \$4; 26 gauge, \$4.25; 28 gauge, \$4.50 100 lbs.

Iron pipe is quoted as follows per 100 feet: 1/2 inch, \$2.50; 3/8 inch, \$2.75; 1/2 inch, \$3; 3/4 inch, \$4; 1 inch, \$5; 1 1/4 inch, \$7; 1 1/2 inch, \$8.50; 2 inch, \$11.50.

Lead—Pig, per lb., 4 1/2 to 5c.

Sheet Zinc—In casks, \$6.00 lb., broken lots \$6.50.

Solder—Half and half (guar) per lb., 14@16c.

Ammunition—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American discount 40 per cent; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5; rim fire military, American, net list; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent, shot shells, 12 gauge, \$6 @ 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 6c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 6 1/2c. Robin Hood powder, 17 lb kegs, \$10; 1/2 kegs, 4 1/2 lbs, \$3; Canister, 9 oz., 60c. Loaded shells, 12 gauge, soft shot, \$18 per 1,000. No. 10 gauge, \$20.70 per 1,000.

Dupont Powder—Dupont Rifle FFg, 25-lb keg, \$5.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$2.75, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$6.60, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$8.50, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$9.25; Dupont Rifle FFFg, 25 lb keg, \$5.25, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$3.00, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$7.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$9.00, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$9.75; Dominion Rifle, 25 lb keg, \$5.75, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$3, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$7, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$11, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$12; Sea Shooting Fg, 25 lb keg, \$6; Manitoba Sporting, 25 lb keg, \$8.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$4.25, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$9.00; cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$13.00; Eagle Ducking, 25 lb keg, \$11.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$5.75, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$12.00; Crystal Grain, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$14.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$17; Blasting, 25 lb keg, \$3.00. Dupont Smokeless powder, 12 1/2 lbs, \$22.00, 6 1/2 lbs, \$11.25, 3 1/2 lbs, \$5.75, 1/2 canisters, \$1.00.

Wire—Galvanized barb wire, \$2.70@2.75 100 lbs.; Plain wire and staples, \$1.85@2.90.

Rope—Sisal, lb., 7c base; manilla, lb., 8 1/2c base; cotton, 1/2 to 1/4 inch and larger, 16c lb.

Axes—Per box, \$8@9.

Nails—Cut, keg, base price, \$2.50 for 20 to 60d., with new classification of extras; common steel wire nails, 4 1/2@6 inch, \$2.65 per keg, with usual extras for smaller sizes

Horse Nails—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List price 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 of above list prices 5 per cent.

Horseshoes—Iron shoes, \$4.15; steel hoers, \$4.40; Snow shoe, \$4.40 per keg.

Winnipeg Prices of Paints, Oils, Glass, etc.

Following are close jobbing prices, as to quantity:

White Lead—Pure, \$6.25 100 lbs. Prepared Paints—Pure liquid colors, gallon \$1.15@1.25.

Dry Colors—White lead, pound, 7c; red lead, kegs, 5 1/2c; yellow ochre in barrel lots, 2 1/2c; less than barrels, 3c; golden ochre, 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@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 1/2 lb.

Varnishes—No. 1 furniture, per gallon, \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$1.50@1.75; hard oil finish, \$1.50@2; brown Japan, \$1; house painters' gold-size Japan, \$1.50; coach painters' do., \$2 @2.25; No. 1 orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.

Sundries—Glue, S. S., in sheets, lb 12 1/2 @15c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 16 @25c. Stove gasoline, case, \$4; benzine, case, \$4. Axle grease, imperial, case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, case, \$3.75; Diamond axle grease, \$2.25 case. Coal tar, barrel, \$7. Portland cement, barrel, \$4@4.25; plaster, barrel \$3.25; plasterers' hair, P. P., 90c bale. Putty, in bladders, barrel lots, 2 1/2 lb., do., in 100 lb kegs, 2 1/2c., do., less than barrels, 1b, 3c. Alabastine, cases of 20 pkgs., \$6.50@7.50 as to color.

Window Glass—First break is quoted at \$1.80 per box of 50 feet and \$2.05 for second break.

Linseed Oil—Raw, gal., 52c; boiled, gal., 55c in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gallon extra, with additional charges for cans.

Turpentine—Pure spirits in barrels, 60c; less than barrels, gallon, 63c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

Oils—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25@30c gallon; clear machine oils, 33@40c; cylinder oil, 50@75c, as to quality; castor oil, 11c per lb.; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatsfoot oil, \$1; steam refined seal oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 gallon.

Refined Petroleum—Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 18 1/2c; crescent, 20c; oleophene, 20 1/2c in barrels. Car lots, 1c gallon less. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 24c for cocene and 21c for sunlight.

Winnipeg Lumber Prices.

These prices are retail quotations at Winnipeg, such as contractors and others buy at. The mills quote delivered prices at various points.

Dimension and Timber—No. 1, 2x4 to 2x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$18.50, 18 ft, \$19.50, 20 ft, \$20.50, 22 ft, \$21.50, 24 ft, \$22.50; 3x6 to 3x12, 4x4 to 4x12, 6x6 to 6x12 and 8x8, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$20.00, 18 ft, \$21.00, 20 ft, \$22.00, 22 ft, \$23.00, 24 ft, \$24.00; 8x10 to 12x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$22.00, 18 ft, \$23.00, 20 ft, \$24.00, 22 ft, \$25.00, 24 ft, \$26.00; 2x4, 10 ft, \$20.50; 2 x 6 to 2 x 12, 10 ft, \$18.00. No. 2 dimension, \$1.50 less than No. 1. Dimension, 20, 28 and 30 ft, \$26.00. Timber, 20, 28 and 30 ft, \$28.00. \$1.00 per M advance on each inch over 12 inch in depth and width. Tamarac dimension same price as pine. Spruce dimension at \$2.00 per M less than pine. Cull plank, all widths at \$12.00 per M. B. C. fir dimension up to 32 feet at \$30.00 per M., 32 to 40 feet, \$33.00, 40 to 60 feet \$36.00. \$1.00

per M extra for each 2 in. over 12 in. in width or depth.

Boards—1st common, red pine, \$25.00, 2nd common, \$18.00, 3rd common, \$16.00; No. 1 cull, \$12.00, No. 2 cull, \$8.00; spruce, \$16.00. \$1.00 per M extra for stock boards. \$2.00 per M less for 10 ft. and under. No. 1 box, 14 in. and up, \$30.00, No. 2 box boards, 14 in. and up, \$26.00. Extra dressing \$1.50 per M.

Siding, Flooring and Ceiling—2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch, white pine, \$36.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch white pine, \$28.00; 1st and 2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$30.00; 3rd, 4 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$25.00; 4th, 4, 5 and 6 inch, red and white, \$20.00; B.C. No. 1 fir, \$32.00; B. C. No. 2 fir, \$29.00; B.C. No. 3 fir, \$26.00; B.C. spruce, \$32.00; 4, 5 and 6 inch spruce, native, \$20.00; 8 and 10 inch pine, \$23.00; No. 1 cedar siding and ceiling, \$36.00; No. 2 cedar siding and ceiling, \$30.00; 1/2 inch cedar or fir siding and ceiling, \$26.00. \$1.00 per M advance for dressing both sides.

Bevel Siding—No. 1 white pine, \$26.00; No. 2 red and white, \$23.00.

Shiplap—Pine, 6 inch, \$18.00, 8 and 10 inch, \$20.00; Spruce, 8 and 10 inch, \$19.00, 6 inch, \$18.00; cull shiplap, \$16.00.

Shingles—B. C. cedar, per M, No. 1, \$2.50, No. 2, \$2.00; B.C. cedar dimension shingles, \$4.00; B.C. cedar dimension band sawed, \$5.00; No. 1 pine, per M, \$2.50, No. 2, \$2.00, No. 3, \$1.75.

Lath—Pine lath, per M, \$3.00.

Finishings—1 1/2, 1 1/4 and 2 inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$65.00, 3rd clear, \$55.00, selects, \$45.00, shops, \$36.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$32.00; B.C. cedar clears, \$55.00; B.C. fir clears and stepping, \$45.00; \$5.00 per M advance on 2 1/2 inch and thicker. One inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$60.00, 3rd clear, \$48.00, selects, No. 1, \$38.00, selects, No. 2 (extra 1st com) \$30.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$30.00; B.C. cedar, clear, \$55.00.

Oak—Red and White—1/2 sawed, \$85.00; 1st and 2nd, 55.00 to \$65.00; common, \$40.00.

Mouldings and Base—Parting strips, 100 feet lineal, 60c; lattice, 1x1 1/2, 100 feet lineal, 85c; window and door stop, 1 1/2 inch lineal, \$1.25, ditto, 2 inch lineal, \$1.50; 1/2 round and 3/4 cove, 75c; 1 1/2 round mould, \$1.50; 2 round mould, \$1.75; 2 1/2 round mould, \$2.00; 3 round mould, \$2.25; 3 1/2 round mould, \$2.50; 4 round mould, \$2.75; 4 1/2 round mould, \$3.00; 5 round mould, \$3.25; 6 round mould, \$4.00; 5 round window stool, 1 1/2, \$4.50; 6 round window stool, 1 1/2, \$5.25; 4 round casings, \$2.50; 5 round casings, \$2.75; 6 round casings, \$3.25; 8 round base, \$4.50; 10 round base, \$5.50; 12 round base, \$7.00; hand rail, 2x4, \$5.00; wainscot cap, 2 1/2 inch, \$2.35, 3 inch, \$2.75; paper mould, 75c. Moulding made from 1 1/2 stock add 25 per cent; 1 1/2 add 50 per cent. Hardwood mouldings or mouldings to detail at special prices. All shop work at special net prices.

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Winnipeg Grain Exchange

The tenth annual meeting of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange was held on Wednesday at eleven o'clock in the Board of Trade room, in the Grain Exchange building. There was a large attendance of members. The president presented his annual address, which was as follows:

Gentlemen—In accordance with the example set by my predecessors in office, in retiring from the presidency of the Winnipeg Grain and Produce Exchange, I beg to make a few remarks in review of the events of interest presenting themselves during the past year.

The year that has just closed has not been marked by any especial activity in matters directly in connection with the exchange, but in many respects it has been a red letter year for Manitoba, for not only has the province shared what appears to be a wave of general prosperity all over the world, but has had an extra measure of prosperity given to it, occasioned by the production of an average quantity of wheat for which the farmer has received nearly double the current price for the preceding three years, and I think it can truthfully be said that there is no place in America where the farmer has prospered to the same extent as he has in the province of Manitoba and the adjoining territories.

During the year there has been a very large increase in the capacity of elevators for handling grain from the farmers, and there is no grain producing country in the world to-day that is better equipped for the receiving, cleaning and shipping of grain, than Manitoba.

Owing to the very high prices that were paid for wheat, the marketing of the crop of 1897 was pushed vigorously, the farmers being anxious to sell and deliver their wheat in order to take advantage of the high prices. This marketing taxed the transportation companies to their utmost. The movement of wheat east from Manitoba during the months of October and November was the largest in the history of the country. The bulk of this wheat found its way out of the country by the Canadian Pacific railway to Fort William, a small percentage only going to Duluth. I do not think that many members of the exchange, or the public generally, have any idea of the importance of Fort William as a shipping port, and in order to convey some idea of the quantities of grain shipped at that port, I give you a few figures:

Shipped from Fort William.	Bushels of wheat.
During the Season 1895 ...	10,587,866
During the season 1896 ...	12,689,000
During the season 1897 ...	17,000,000

Of the quantity in the latter year, 12,928,000 bushels was shipped for export, 11,006,000 bushels went by way of Buffalo, the bulk of it in American bottoms, while 2,000,000 bushels found its way to the seaboard by way of Montreal. In 1897 there was shipped from Montreal about 10,000,000 bushels of wheat, against 17,000,000 bushels from Fort William. The total shipment of grain of all kinds from Montreal for 1897—wheat, corn, peas, oats, barley and rye—was 27,000,000 bushels. It will be observed that Fort William shipped nearly double the quantity of wheat in 1897, that was shipped from Montreal.

In connection with the port of Fort William, the exchange has been endeavoring, during the past year, to have better appliances used for keeping navigation open a greater length of time than hitherto. In 1895 the last vessel left Fort William on the 6th December. In 1896 navigation closed about the 30th November, but the Algonquin sailed from Port Arthur a few days later. In 1897 the last vessel loaded at Fort William on the 9th December, and vessels could have loaded at Fort William as late as the 15th December without any difficulty. In order, however, to maintain navigation to so late a date as this, it is necessary that there should be more powerful boats employed on the river than are now there, and I think it is clearly the duty of the government to take this matter up with vigor and

see that a port of the importance of Fort William has not to be closed prematurely. There is no reason why Fort William should not be kept open longer than the neighboring port of Duluth.

The general work in connection with the management of the affairs of our association has been conducted quietly and without friction, indeed everything now runs so smoothly that very little business, other than that of regular routine, presents itself for action by the exchange. The loyal adherence of members to the rules adopted by the association, and to the unwritten customs recognized by the exchange, almost excludes disputes in connection with buying and selling grain in Manitoba and the territories. It is satisfactory to note too that persons doing a grain business in this western country, who have not seen fit to become members of this exchange, practically recognize the rules and terms of trade adopted by us, and use them in their business relations with our members.

The report of the council will give you information as to the special business transacted during the year. It will be noticed that five new associate members have been added to our roll, and eight seats have been transferred. In nearly all cases the transfers have been from non-active members to persons actively engaged in the grain trade. Few seats are now open for sale, indeed, two or three persons are now endeavoring to purchase seats, and apparently without success. From this fact we must conclude that at a very early day new members will have to take out new seats, which will give an added revenue to the exchange. On the organization of this association, a good many persons not directly engaged in the grain trade purchased seats, and finding that they did not require them, have been disposing of them, with a consequence that few seats have been taken direct from the exchange.

I am pleased to report that few disputes in connection with grain transactions have been brought before any of the tribunals of the exchange.

According to the crop bulletins of the provincial government for this season, and which are no doubt at least approximately correct, the yield in 1897 for Manitoba was as follows: Wheat, 1,290,882 acres, 18,261,950 bushels, or 14.14 bushels per acre; oats, 468,141 acres, 10,629,513 bushels or 22.7 bushels per acre; barley, 153,266 acres, 3,183,602 bushels, or 20.77 bushels per acre.

The wheat has graded, according to the returns of the government grain inspector at Winnipeg, on the 4,893,850 bushels inspected by him of the 1897 crop up to the 31st December: 1 hard 64.15 per cent, 2 hard 26 per cent, 1 northern 2.43 per cent, of a total of 92.58 per cent of the whole has graded from 1 hard to 1 northern. It is very satisfactory to learn that only 5 per cent of the whole inspected rejected and no grade.

It is roughly estimated that the territories produced about 2,500,000 bushels of wheat, but I regret to report that no proper statistical crop figures are obtainable of the produce of the territories. It would seem that, in the general interest of the territories, their government should adopt some system of collecting and compiling crop figures.

The work on the Crow's Nest Pass railway has given a good market in the west for all kinds of produce, and when completed that road will give us entrance to a permanent market in the mining country that has not hitherto been reached to any great extent by the products of the prairie farms.

At the close of the address a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the speaker and a motion was carried to the effect that the address should be included in the annual report. The annual report of the council was submitted and adopted. It was as under:

REPORT OF COUNCIL.

To the Members of the Winnipeg Grain and Produce Exchange:

Gentlemen—Your council beg to present their tenth annual report,

Call Board—In accordance with the by-laws of the exchange, immediately after the last annual meeting the following were elected as the members of the call board committee: Messrs. S. W. Faell, chairman, F. W. Thompson, H. D. Metcalfe, S. Spink and Joseph Harris. As no call meetings have been held during the past year, the duties of the committee have been very light.

Trade Terms Adopted—On the 15th Jan. 1897, after due notice having been given, the trade terms formerly in force by this exchange were repealed, and a new and revised set of "Rules relating to sales for future delivery and variation of trade terms" were adopted. There can be no doubt but that the new rules are better adapted to meet the requirements of the present state of the grain trade and from the number of requests received from persons not members of the exchange, it is evident that they have been generally adopted in Manitoba and the Territories. An edition of the new rules printed in convenient sheet form, was printed and distributed free to all applicants.

Delegates to Conferences—On several occasions during the year the exchange with other bodies, has been honored with invitations from the city council to send delegates to conferences on the subject of better roads, gas franchise, etc.

Klondike Route—In September last the exchange received a communication from the board of trade at Victoria, B. C., asking for assistance in advertising more widely than then existed the fact that the Klondike gold fields are situated in Canada, and that all parties starting for the Klondike should in consequence outfit in Canada to save the customs duty on their supplies. The exchange could not see its way to co-operate with the Victoria board, beyond giving its circular letter to the city press.

Excursion to Dauphin—On the invitation of the management of the Lake Manitoba Railway and Canal Co., the officials of the exchange on the 27th Oct. last joined an excursion party over the line of the company, the trip extending to the new town of Winnipegosis. The excursionists were royally treated by the railway officials, and it was a revelation to observe the development going on in that new district, large areas of newly plowed land being noticed on all sides.

Finances—Your council are pleased to report that the finances of the exchange are now on a satisfactory footing, and that a sum, being the amount of the associate members' entrance fees paid in during the past year, will be carried to the rest account. The treasurer's report, duly audited, will show the details of the year's revenue and expenditures.

Legal Weight of Flax Seed—It will be remembered that in 1896 this exchange brought to the attention of the department of inland revenue the fact that while by commercial usage the weight of a bushel of flax seed is fifty-six pounds, and that market quotations are based on the bushel of that weight, the legal weight, as defined in section 16 of 49 Vic., chap. 194, is 50 pounds. Considerable trouble has been caused by this divergence between the law and commercial usage, necessitating the insertion of a special clause in all flax and seed contracts. The department promised to have the necessary steps taken to effect a change in the law, but owing to the tariff and other important business taking up the time of the government at the last session of parliament at Ottawa, no action was taken last year. The matter has been brought to the notice of the department on two occasions since the last session, and the promise has again been made that the requisite legislation will be introduced at the approaching sitting of the house.

Elevator Regulations—On the 20th Oct. last, a motion, relative to the impression that was prevalent that a grain combine existed and a proposed remedy, was defeated by 30 to 9.

Seed Grain Samples—By an arrangement with the provincial department of agriculture and the railway companies, the exchange once more undertook and

carried out the work of supplying the railway agents throughout the province with samples of good seed for the purpose of assisting in securing special rates of freight on seed grain. We have again been requested to supply samples for the present season.

Arbitrations—The number of cases of dispute submitted to the committee of arbitration this year is smaller than has been the case for some years past. This may be in part accounted for by the fact that the new rules for future delivery and terms of trade are more clear and explicit than those formerly in use, thus removing, to a great extent, causes for misunderstanding, but the general management of the grain business in Manitoba and the Territories is now conducted on better understood lines, owing to the existence and work of this exchange.

Street Letter Box Collections—Early in last year the council brought to the attention of the post office inspector the fact that mails were not collected from the street boxes at the hours indicated on the boxes, and in consequence people in the exchange had no confidence in the collection system. Steps were taken by the post office inspector to remedy the evil complained of, and more confidence is now experienced in mailing letters in the box attached to this building.

Insurance at Fort William—Correspondence between the secretary and the Manitoba board of fire underwriters on the above subject is submitted.

Market Reports—The market report service rendered the exchange still continues satisfactory, quotations being received from Chicago, New York, St. Louis, Minneapolis and Duluth continuously, in addition to cables and reports of stocks in store and afloat, etc. On the whole the service is fully equal to any supplied in any city of Canada. Market reports are regularly wired to many of our members throughout the province and Territories. The exchange is frequently requested by persons not members to furnish them with foreign market reports, as well as local quotations, and on many occasions during the past year samples of grain have been received with the request that they be graded, and offers for the same be returned to the senders. Invariably the answer has been returned that quotations can only be supplied to members and that the exchange, as an association, has nothing to do with the grading or sale of grain.

Associate Members—During the past year five associate members were added to the roll of membership, and a handsome form of certificate for this class of our members was procured and issued to those already on the list. The council suggest that members of the exchange endeavor to secure more associate members for the exchange. A little more effort on the part of members would undoubtedly largely increase the present membership.

Transfer of Seats—During the past year eight seats on the exchange were transferred, in most cases from non-active to active members.

Export Grades—The correspondence with the Montreal board of trade on the subject of export grain grades was submitted.

Open navigation—The interesting correspondence on the subject of the endeavor to keep the navigation open at Fort William was submitted, in which the minister of public works promised to give his attention but which was overlooked. The board advise that the incoming council take up the matter anew with the minister in the hope that something of practical value will be done this year.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—R. Muir.

Vice-president—H. D. Metcalf.

Secretary-treasurer—C. N. Bell.

Council—The officers, with S. Nairn, S. A. McGaw, D. H. McMillan, F. W. Thompson, S. Spink, N. Bawlf, G. R. Crowe, G. V. Hastings, F. Phillips, R. P. Roblin, Jas. Harris.

Committee of arbitration—Messrs. S. Nairn, J. A. Mitchell, Jas. Harris, S.

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Call board committee—S. W. Farrell, F. W. Thompson, W. D. Metcalf, S. Spink, Jos. Harris.

Notices of motion were given regarding the weight for "carloads" on sales of grain, and the quorum for the council meeting.

ROYALLY ENTERTAINED.

On the evening of the date of the annual meeting, the members of the Exchange, together with many other well known citizens, were entertained by retiring president N. Bawlf, at his handsome new residence on Kennedy street, where a most enjoyable evening was spent. The guests were right royally entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Bawlf and all carried away pleasant memories of the occasion.

Fort William Trade.

Fort William, Jan. 13.—At the annual meeting of the Fort William Board of Trade, which was held on Wednesday, 12th, there was a large attendance. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, W. F. Hogarth; vice-president, Harry Sellers, secretary-treasurer, W. L. Morton; council, Jas. Murphy, C. W. Jarvis, G. A. Graham, J. T. Horne, J. J. Wells, R. B. Reevley, Wm. Phillips, E. A. Morton, Allan McDougall, A. Snelgrove, D. McKellar, Joseph G. King. The retiring president, Mr. Murphy, in his annual address, after dwelling upon the apparent prosperity of the town during the year just ended and the exceedingly bright prospects for 1898, and congratulating the town on getting in such good electric light and waterworks systems, in the following words spoke of the business of this port: "The business in your harbor is rapidly increasing, the number of vessels entered during the last year having been 429, with a registered tonnage of 557,179 tons. Freight was received on your docks as follows: Merchandise, 79,466 tons; iron, 23,265 tons; coal, 152,480 tons; crew on vessels, 11,090. Vessels reported out, 429, with registered tonnage, 557,179; the freight shipped by vessels from your harbor during the season was, wheat, 16,711,226 bushels; oats, 215,805 bushels; barley, 11,959 bushels; flax, 96,376 bushels; flour, 83,078 tons; pulp wood, 714 cords. Grand total in and out vessels, 858; registered tonnage, 1,114,358 tons; freight, \$33,237 tons; crew on vessels, 22,180; duty collected from 1st January 1897, to 31st December, 1897, \$97,666.77. During the past year your board has urged the Dominion government to erect a suitable post office and custom house, and although the government has not yet made any move in the matter the fact should not be lost sight of by your board, but should be pressed more strongly than ever."

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BRITISH STOCKS,

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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, Saturday, January 15.

Business has continued quiet in wholesale circles, but there is a feeling that the spring movement will begin earlier than usual, owing to the mild winter, and the movement to the mining districts. The demand for immediate wants is quiet, but very liberal orders have been received for spring business, and shipping out spring stocks will soon begin. The grain trade is very quiet and prices are easier for wheat as millers have not been buying so freely. Labor is particularly well employed for this time of year, and it is said there are fewer unemployed people than for many years at this season, owing to the amount of work going on in the woods and railway work in the west.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Saturday Afternoon, Jan. 15.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

Jobbers report business for immediate wants as quiet, but they have booked orders very freely for spring stocks, the shipment of which will soon begin.

DRUGS.

Cream of tartar is higher abroad, as is also alkali. Glycerine, bleaching powder and sal soda are firmer. See quotations on another page.

FUEL.

There is no change in the local market for either coal or wood fuel. A telegram from New York yesterday said that the anthracite producers had advanced prices 10 to 20 per cent, owing to "light stocks and large demand." This advance seems very much like a bluff, in the face of the fact that the demand has been slack, owing to mild weather. A coal trade paper lately to hand says: "Anthracite coal continues quiet, without any material change, except that there is, perhaps, a somewhat weaker feeling in the wholesale market, which is distinctly traceable to the heavy loadings of a few large firms scattered throughout the west, outside of the representatives of producing companies, and until this is disposed of it will be a disturbing factor as regards prices."

GREEN FRUITS.

Business is quiet. Hotted cars will be started out again the first of the week to supply the country trade holiday stocks having been reduced. A fall of snow was reported from Southern California, but in spite of this it is declared that the orange crop now being gathered has not been injured by frost this season. Oranges are 50c. lower per box. Other lines unchanged. Prices are as follows.

Mexican oranges \$4 to \$4.50; naval oranges \$4.50; bananas per bunch \$3 to \$3.50; California lemons \$1.50 to \$5 per box; apples, Ontario stock, \$4 to \$4.75 per barrel; southern apples, \$4 to \$4.25 per bbl.; Cape Cod cranberries \$7.50 to \$8 per barrel; sweet potatoes \$5.25 per barrel; Malaga grapes, \$7.50 per keg for medium, and \$8 for heavy weights; Ontario black walnuts,

8c lb; coconuts, \$1 per dozen; Sclly filberts, large 11c to 12c per lb; Grenoble walnuts, 13c; figs, fancy elemes, \$1.40 to \$1.50 per 10 lb box, 30 lb boxes 16c; 50 lb. boxes, 17c per lb.; dates 71-2c per pound; imported celery 50 to 60c per doz.

GROCERIES.

The feature of the week is the information received from the east of a decline of 1-8c on all refined sugars at the refineries, due to lower foreign markets. The recent advance in sugars has therefore not held out long. Sultana raisins are firm and sharply higher abroad, influenced by light stocks. From England comes a report of a combination to regulate the price of British Columbia salmon. Owing to the enormous pack of salmon and a vast accumulation of goods on the market, it has been felt necessary that some steps should be taken to prevent a collapse of prices. Molasses continues very firm. Currants have advanced sharply in Eastern Canada markets, and domestic canned goods continue very firm. See quotations on another page.

HARDWARE, PAINTS, ETC.

The market for barb wire is somewhat unsettled, owing to the recent changes in the tariff affecting wire. No business is doing at present and dealers are hardly quoting prices, but some changes will be made very soon in the wire list. In the meantime prices are nominal. Cordage is quoted unchanged, but it is probable that an advance will be made also on this line, in sympathy with the sharp advances east, owing to the increased cost of raw material. The new list of extras for cut nails will be found in another column. A decline in refined petroleum, about equal to the decline previously reported in this market, has taken place in the east, owing to cutting of prices. Large sales of glass and other lines are reported for future delivery.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—Wheat has held steady in leading markets this week, there being but a very moderate range in values. In the local market the feeling has been decidedly easier. As high as 78c was paid for No. 1 hard, on track Manitoba points, early in the week, and prices ranged between 77 and 78c, but yesterday 76c was quoted, for car lots at country points. The decline is due to a falling off in the demand from millers, one large buyer having taken very little wheat. The millers have been taking about all the wheat that has been moving lately, and if they stopped buying prices would decline further. The millers claim prices are higher than the situation warrants. No. 2 hard is quoted about 3c under No. 1. Prices to farmers at Manitoba country points have averaged about 74 to 75c per bushel. Country deliveries are light. The roads are bad in some districts, as there is not enough snow for runners, and the roads are slippery for wheeling.

FLOUR—Business is reported good for the season. There has been no further change in prices, which hold at the decline noted last week. We quote patents \$2.45 per sack of 98 lbs; strong bakers, 2.25; second bakers, \$1.85 and XXXX, \$1.35. Prices to local dealers here less 5c per sack for net cash.

MILLFEED—Ton lots are held at \$10.00 per ton for bran and \$12.00 for shorts, and \$1 per ton less in large

lots. There is a good demand for bran, but shorts have not been selling so freely. The prospect of an advance on bran has not been realized.

GROUND FEED—Oil cake has been advanced \$2 per ton. Pure grain feed is quoted at \$22 to \$24 for oats and barley, the outside price for rolled oat feed. Inferior mixed mill feed, \$18 to \$20 per ton. Ground corn feed is quoted at \$16 to \$17 per ton. Oil cake \$22 per ton.

CEREALS.—We quote rolled oatmeal in lots to retail dealers at \$1.80 per sack.

OATS.—The demand for oats is very slow. Very few oats are being taken, owing to the large consumption of corn and farmers are marketing nearly enough to supply the demand, consequently car lots are not wanted to any extent. Holders are usually asking firm prices, but they are not selling, and it would be difficult to get above inside prices for any quantity. In fact to cause any brisk movement in oats, lower prices would have to be accepted. Holders of choice lots, however, expect a good demand later for seed purposes. Quotations hold at about 35c to 37c as to quality. The street price to farmers here is 34 to 35c as to quality. In Manitoba country markets 28 to 30c per bushels has been paid to farmers.

Corn—The market is easier owing to limited demand. The country appears to be rather over-supplied at present and lower prices have been accepted. We quote 36 1-2 to 37c for cars on track here, as to grade.

BARLEY—The demand for feed barley is slower and very little is wanted. We quote 35 to 38c for feed and 38 to 43c for malting, per bushel of 48 lbs., as to quality.

FLAX SEED—Nominal at 60c to farmers in country markets.

BUTTER—Creamery, quiet. We quote dealers selling prices at 21 to 23c as to quality and quantity.

BUTTER—Dairy.—There has been a fair demand for dairy goods, for the season, and though receipts have been more liberal than usual, there has been very little if any accumulation. In fact stocks are on the light side, the western trade keeping the market well cleared up. Dealers are selling choice dairy at 16 to 17c as to quality and quantity and medium grades at 13 to 15c. These prices are subject to 1 per cent. commission charge on goods sent in from the country.

Cheese—Selling at 10 1-2 to 11c in a small way.

EGGS.—The market has been easier. Receipts of fresh country eggs have been much larger this winter than usual, owing to milder weather. There is a wide range in the quality of so-called fresh, but the average of receipts have been very good. Some country merchants have in the past mixed in pickled eggs with fresh stock, to the detriment of their offerings, as country pickled eggs are usually considered poor quality. This season, however, mixed eggs have not been offered to any extent so far. Some blame the farmers for mixing in the limed, but it is probably the merchants who do the most of it. Limed eggs are lower, offering freely at 16c and fresh at 18 to 19c for good quality.

POULTRY—Dealers are paying from 7 to 7 1-2c per lb. for chickens, 10c for native turkeys, and for geese and ducks 8 to 8 1-2c per lb., Ontario turkeys jobbing at 13c.

LARD AND CURED MEATS.—Long clear is firm but prices are

unchanged. See quotations on another page.

GAME-Dealer: are paying 5c each for rabbits. Jack rabbits, quoted at 40c per pair.

DRESSED MEATS.—There is a very active demand for dressed hogs and prices are 1-4c higher, 6c to 6 1-10 being freely paid for good bacon hogs, and butchers have been obliged to pay up to 6 1-2c for a few hogs for their retail trade. The price may be quoted at 5 1-2 to 6 1-4c as to quality for heavy to choice hogs, Stags, 4-3 off the price for choice. From 4 to 4 1-2c has been paid for country beef and 5c to 5 1-2c for good city dressed meat. Fresh unfrozen beef is held at 5c. Mutton is steady at 5 to 6c, and lamb at 5 to 7c.

HIDES—The tendency is easy. We quote: Butcher hides, 7 to 7 1-4c for good lots, or 7c for No. 1 and 6c for No. 2. Green frozen hides 6 1-2c; bulls, oxen, stags and brands, 4 1-2 to 6c; kip hides, 6 to 7c; calf, 3 to 9c per lb.; sheep pelts will average 40 to 60c each; horse hides, 75c to \$1.75 each; colts, 25c each.

WOOL—We quote 8 to 10c here for unwashed fleeces, nominal.

TALLOW—Quoted at 3 1-2c for No. 1, and No. 2 to 2 1-2c for other grades as to quality.

SENECA ROOT—Quoted at 18 to 20c.

VEGETABLES—Carrots are scarce and higher, and cabbages are higher. Prices are: Potatoes, 35 to 40c per bushel; carrots, 90c to \$1 per bushel; onions, native, 2 to 2 1-2c per lb.; imported, 3c; celery, 40 to 60c per doz. bunches; cabbage, \$4 to \$5 per 100; beets, 30 to 40c per bushel; turnips, 15 to 20c per bushel; parsnips, 1 1-2 to 2c per lb.

HAY—Baled hay is held at \$7.50 to \$8 for cars on track here, or about \$6 to \$6.50 per ton at points of shipment. Loose hay, \$5.50 to \$6 per ton on the street market.

LIVE STOCK.

The only movement in live stock is in hogs, which are in good demand, at an advance of 5 to 10c per 100 pounds. The supply of hogs appears to be rather limited, as owing to the scarcity of coarse grain feed, farmers have sold off a good many light hogs. There is no business doing in cattle or sheep. Butchers' cattle are nominal at 2 3-4 to 3c and sheep at 2 1-2 to 3c, but prices will probably be higher by the time supplies are wanted.

HOGS—The market for live hogs is firmer, 5 to 10c advance having been paid this week. We quote choice bacon hogs, weighing 150 to 250 lbs at \$4.60 to \$4.70 per 100 lbs; 250 to 300 lbs, \$4 to \$4.25; heavy hogs, over 300 lbs, \$3 to \$3.75, as to quality, live weight.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE

Toronto, Jan. 15.

Special to The Commercial.

Weather colder, business improving, and prospects for the spring trade bright. Orders for dry goods are larger. Woollens are very firm. Tanners are importing hides from Argentina. Hemlock harness leather is 1 cent up. Boot and shoe manufacturers are talking of shortening credits from six to three months. The decline in refined sugars is to prevent importations of German granulated. Market unsettled.

Hardware trade fair. Green wire cloth is demoralized, and selling at \$1.15.

Toronto Hardware Market.

Iron—Bar, ordinary, \$1.65 basis per, refined \$1.90; Swedes inch and over, \$3.25 @ \$4.25; Lowmoor, 5 1/2c@6c; hoops, coopers, \$2.25 basis; boiler rivets, best, \$4.50; sheet 10 and 12 gauge, \$2.20 and 2.50; 22 to 24 do, 2 1/2c @ 2 3/4c. 26 do, 2 1/2c; 28 do, \$2.75; Russian sheet, per lb 10c @ 12c.

Iron Pipe—1/2 to 3/4 inch, 65 per cent. off; 1/2 to 2 inch, 67 1/2c @ 70 1/2c and 10 off.

Tin—Lamb and flag, 28 to 56 lb. ingots, 16 1/2c per lb.

Copper—Ingot, 12 1/2c; sheet, 17c @ 28c.

Lead—Bar, 4 1/2c @ 5c; pig, 4 1/2c; sheet, per roll, \$4.75 @ 5.25; shot, cau., dis., 12 1/2c per cent.

Steel—Sast, 12c @ 14c; boiler plate, 1/2-inch, \$1.90; 5-16 do, 3/4 do, sleigh shoe, \$2.15.

Canada Plates—Half bright, \$2.50; all bright, \$3.

Tin Plate—IC coke, \$3.15; IC charcoal, \$3.75 @ 4; I 1/2 charcoal, \$4.75 @ 5; IXX charcoal, \$5.75 @ 6; DC charcoal, \$3.75 @ 4.

Zinc—Sheet, 5 1/2c @ 5 3/4c; zinc, spelter, 4 1/2c; domestic, imported, 5 1/2c; solder, hf. and hf., 13c @ 14c.

Brass—Sheet, 21c @ 28c.

Galvanized Iron—18 to 21 gauge, 4 1/2c; 28 do, 4 1/2c; 28 do, 25c.

Horseshoes—Per keg \$3.35.

Barb Wire—2 1/2c.

Wire and Coppered Spring—30 per cent. for Montreal, Hamilton and Toronto market; tinned, per lb, 4 1/2c @ 8c; galvanized, fence, same discount as annealed; coiled chain, 1/2 inch, 4 1/2c; 3/4-inch, 4 1/2c; 1-inch, 3 1/2c; galvanized, off list, 50c discount; boiler tubes, 2-inch, 15c; 3-inch, 18 1/2c.

Rope—Manilla, 7 1/2c basis; sisal, 6 1/2c basis.

Axes—Per box, \$6 @ 11.

Glass—Fourth quality, star, 1st break, \$1.50; second do, \$1.60; third do, \$3.55; fourth do, \$3.85.

Binder Twine—Pure sisal, 5c @ 5 1/2c; mixed, 5 1/2c @ 6 1/2c.

Toronto Grocery Market.

Sugar—Standard granulated sugar, 4 1/2c; No. 2 granulated, 4 1/2c; Dutch granulated, 4 1/2c; yellows, 3 1/2c @ 4 1/2c.

Syrup and Molasses—25c @ 28c; medium, 32c @ 38c; special bright, 40c @ 42c. Molasses—West Indian, bris, 32c @ 45c; New Orleans, 28c @ 30; for medium and 35c @ 50c for bright.

Teas—Japans, low grade, 15c @ 17c per lb; mediums, 18c @ 24c; fines, 30 @ 35c; Hysons, low grades, 24c @ 37c; Congous, low grades, 10c @ 15c; mediums, 22c @ 25c, and fines, 40c @ 55c; Oologons, 25c @ 65c.

Coffees—Green, Rio, 8 @ 12 1/2c; Mocha, 27 1/2c @ 30c; Java, 28c @ 33c.

Canned goods—Tomatoes, \$1.10 @ 1.25; peas, 90 @ 92 1/2c; sifted peas, 95c @ \$1.20; corn, 80 @ 90c; beans, 70 @ 85c; pumpkins, 75 @ 80c; strawberries, 2's, \$1.60 @ 1.80; raspberries, 2's, \$1.50 @ 1.75; peaches, 2's, \$1.40 @ 1.65; 3's, \$2 @ 2.40. Cohoes Salmon, 95c @ \$1; sock-eyes, \$1.17 1/2 @ 1.30; mackerel, \$1.30 @ 1.40; lobsters, halves, \$1.50 @ 1.70; tall lbs, \$2.25 @ 2.65; flats, \$2.90 @ 3.

Dried Fruits—Raisins, Valencias, off-stalk, 4 1/2c @ 5c; fine, off-stalk, 5 1/2c @ 5 3/4c; selected, 6c @ 6 1/2c; layers, 6 1/2c @ 7c; Provincial, currants, 6 1/2c; Filiatras, 6 1/2c @ 7c; Patras, 7c @ 7 1/2c; Vostizas, 8c @ 8 1/2c; California evaporated fruits—Apricots, 9c @ 14c; pears, 9c @ 10c; peaches, 9c @ 14c; prunes, 40's to 50's, 10c @ 10 1/2c; 50's to 60's, 8c @ 8 1/2c; 60's to 70's, 7 1/2c @ 8c; 70's to 80's, 7c @ 7 1/2c; 80's to 90's, 6 1/2c @ 7c; 90's

to 100's, 6 1/2c. Bosnia prunes, 5 1/2c @ 6 1/2c; Sultanas, 9 1/2c @ 12 1/2c. Peel—Orange, 12c @ 15c per lb; citron, 18c @ 20c; lemon 11c @ 14c. Halloween dates, 6 @ 6 1/2c. Malaga, London layers, \$1.50 @ 1.65 per box; black baskets, \$2.25; blue baskets, \$2.50, royal clusters, \$4.50; quarter flats, London layers, 65c; black baskets, 75c; blue baskets, 85c; Dehesia, clusters, \$1.25. Figs—Matts, 3 1/2 @ 4c; Eleme figs, 10 oz., 7 1/2c; 5, 10 and 12 lb boxes, 10 @ 12c; 6-crown, 12 1/2c; 7-crown, 15c; bags, 4 @ 4 1/2c; 4-lb Glove boxes, 14 @ 16c.

Nuts—Marbats, 10 @ 11c; filberts, Sicily, 8 1/2 @ 10c; Grenoble Walnuts, 11 @ 12c.

Rice—Rice, bags, 3 1/2 @ 4c; do Patna, 5 1/2 @ 5 1/2c; do Japan, 4 1/2 @ 6 1/2c.

Spices—Guiger, Jamaica, 27c; Cochua, 12 @ 20c; cloves, Zanzibar, 15 @ 18c; Amboy, 18 @ 25c; allspice, 14 @ 16c; nutmegs, 45c @ \$1; cream tartar, pure, 23 @ 28c, 15 @ 25c for compound.

Toronto Grain and Produce Markets.

Toronto, Jan. 15.

Special to The Commercial.

Hides are scarce and are being imported from South America. Wheat is low. Eggs firm.

Flour—Ontario flour, patent \$5.40; strong bakers, \$5.

Wheat—Ontario wheat, 81c; Manitoba wheat, \$1.03 to \$1.03 1-2, grinding in transit; and 97 1-2c Sarufa.

Oats—No. 2 white 25c.

Barley—Quiet, at 32 to 33c for No. 2; 28c for No. 3 extra and 25c to 27c for feed.

Mill feed—Shorts \$10 to \$12 per ton; bran, \$7.50 to \$8 per ton.

Eggs—New laid, 18c to 20c, fresh, 14 to 16c; limed, 13 to 14c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, choice, 15 to 16c; medium, 12 1-2 to 14c.

Hides—No. 1 green, 9c; cured, 9 1-2c; sheepskins, \$1 to \$1.10 for fresh killed.

Dried apples—Firm at 5 to 5 1-2c; evaporated, 8 to 8 1-2c.

Honey—6 1-2 to 7c per lb. in bulk. Beans—75 to 80c per bushel.

Toronto Live Stock Markets.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Tuesday, Jan. 11.

Receipts to-day 46 cars, including 202 sheep and lambs, and 1,800 hogs.

Cattle—Export steers in demand at 3 1-2 to 4 1-4c; bulls 3 1-2 to 3 3-4c. A few fancy steers touched 4c. Butchers cattle firm at 3 1-4 to 3 3-4 for choice. Light stockers for Buffalo sold at 2 3-4 to 3 1-4c. Easier.

Sheep—Export 3 to 3 1-4c, bucks 2 1-2c. Lambs 1-4c higher at 4 1-2 to 4 3-4c.

Hogs—Active demand. Prices advanced 1-8c. Choice selections sold at 5c to 5 1-8c, weighed off the cars. Heavy \$4.50 to \$4.60, sows 3c to 3 1-4c, stags 2c to 2 1-4c. Stores dull at 4 1-2c.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, Jan. 15.

Receipts of live stock of all kinds at the market yesterday were 42 carloads, including 1,000 hogs. Prices firm and the same as Tuesday.

Cattle—Export cattle brought 3 3-4 to 4 1-4c. Butchers cattle, 2 3-4 to 3 8-4c. Fat bulls, 3 to 3 1-2c; stockers, 2 3-4 to 3 1-4c; feeders, 3 to 3 1-2c; stock bulls, 2 to 2 1-2c.

Sheep—Export sheep, 3 to 3 1-4c per lb; bucks, 2 1-2c; lambs, 4 1-2 to 4 7-8c.

Hogs—Hogs, best bacon, 5 1-8c lb, thick fat, 4 1-2c, and light fat, 4 1-2c per lb., weighed off cars.

Statistical Wheat Reports.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

Stocks of Wheat in Canada at principal points of accumulation are reported as follows:

Montreal	90,000
Toronto	62,000
Kingston	Elevator burned
Winnipeg	425,000
Manitoba elevators	3,180,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	1,079,000

Total January 1 4,826,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains as reported by Bradstreet's on Jan. 1, were 54,173,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 73,270,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on January 1 were 6,661,000 bushels, compared with 4,189,000 bushels a year ago.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains for the week ended Jan. 8, was 38,863,000 bushels, being an increase of 47,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 53,874,000 bushels, two years ago 68,945,000 bushels, three years ago 86,615,000 bushels, four years ago 80,433,000 bushels.

WHEAT STOCKS AT U.S. POINTS.

Chicago	10,801,000 bushels
Minneapolis	2,157,000 "
New York	13,312,000 "
Buffalo	3,298,000 "
	1,568,000 "

STOCK OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 14,772,000 bushels, compared with 13,686,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 39,513,000 bushels, compared with 20,526,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in the United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe, on January 1, for a series of years, were as follows, Bradstreet's report. January 1, 1898, 132,434,000; January 1, 1897, 139,163,000; January 1, 1896, 169,973,000; January 1, 1895, 184,753,000; January 1, 1894, 190,223,000; January 1, 1893, 182,372,000; January 1, 1892, 156,536,000; January 1, 1891, 111,484,000; January 1, 1890, 115,000,000.

CROP MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States spring wheat markets from the beginning of the crop year, August 1, 1897, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This Crop	Last Crop
Minneapolis	48,895,580	39,425,580
Milwaukee	5,654,307	5,368,349
Duluth	31,883,912	31,524,167
Chicago	25,523,566	13,182,727

Total 111,957,365 80,501,123

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United

States winter wheat markets from the beginning of the crop movement, July 1, 1897, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This Crop	Last Crop
Toledo	8,020,432	6,060,878
St. Louis	9,869,968	9,581,551
Detroit	3,731,747	2,726,461
Kansas City	23,101,750	5,475,000
Total	45,629,897	23,830,490

Winnipeg Raw Fur Prices.

Prices as to size and color, for prime skins. Skins taken out of season range much lower:

Badger	\$.05	\$.50
Bear, black	5.00	25.00
Bear, brown	4.00	20.00
Bear, yearlings	2.00	8.00
Bear, grizzly	5.00	16.00
Beaver, large	5.00	6.50
" medium	3.00	4.00
" small	1.50	2.25
" cubs . . . . .	.50	1.00
" castors, per lb	2.50	5.50
Fisher, dark	6.00	9.00
Fisher, pale	3.00	5.00
Fox, cross dark, large	5.00	15.00
" cross pale	2.50	5.00
" kitt . . . . .	.10	.50
" red	1.00	1.60
" silver dark	40.00	75.00
" peale	25.00	60.00
Lynx, large	1.50	2.00
" medium	1.00	1.25
" small . . . . .	.50	.75
Marten, dark	2.50	5.00
" pale or brown	1.50	4.00
" light pale	1.00	2.25
Mink, dark	1.00	1.50
Mink, pale . . . . .	.75	1.25
Musquash, winter . . . . .	.04	.10
" fall . . . . .	.04	.07
Otter, dark	6.00	10.00
Otter, pale	5.00	8.00
Skunk . . . . .	.25	.50
Wolf, timber	1.00	1.50
" prairie . . . . .	.40	.75
Wolverine	1.00	3.50

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, afloat Fort William, 78c; No. 2 hard, 3c@3½c under No. 1.

Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$2.30@2.45; Bakers, \$2.10@2.25.

Bran—Per ton, \$6@7.

Shorts—Per ton, \$8@9.

Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, 23@27c.

Barley—Feed, 20 @ 24c; Malting, 25@28c per bushel.

Flax Seed—Price to farmers at country points, 45@50c per bushel.

Butter—Dairy, round lots, 13@15c; creamery jobbing, 22@23c.

Cheese—Dealers selling at 8@10c.

Eggs—Dealers were paying 20c net for fresh.

Beef—City dressed, 4½ @ 5½c; country beef, 3@4c.

Mutton—5@5½c; lamb, 5½@6c.

Hogs—Dressed, 4 @ 4½c.

Cattle—Ordinary butchers, 2½@3c.

Hogs—Live, off cars, 3½c for best bacon.

Sheep—2½@3c off cars. Lambs, 3c.

Hides—Green frozen, 5c.

Seneca Root—Dry, 19@20c.

Poultry—Chickens, 6@7c per pound; turkeys, 9@10c per lb.

Potatoes—25c per bushel.

Hay—\$5.00 for baled on track.

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.]

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Vancouver, January 15, 1898.

Butter—Manitoba dairy 19@20c; Manitoba creamery 22½@23½c. per lb; Australian creamery 24½c.

Eggs—Eastern eggs, 18½@19c. per doz. Local, 35c; Oregon eggs, 28c.

Cheese—Manitoba 11½@12½c. per lb.

Cured Meats—Hams 12½c; breakfast bacon 13½c; backs 13c; long clear 10c; short rolls 10c; smoked sides 11c; Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 9½c per lb, in pails and tubs 9c lb.

Fish—Flounders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; black cod 5c; rock cod 4c, red cod 4c; tommy cod 5c; herring 4c; frozen salmon 6c lb; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked halibut 16c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c; smoked salmon 10c; fannau haddie 10c; kippered herring 8c; Columbia river oolochans 7c lb.; fresh halibut, 6c; spring, salmon, 7c.

Vegetables—Potatoes \$12@14 per ton ashcroft's \$19.50; California onions 2c lb; onion 1½c lb; cabbage 1½c lb; carrots turnips and beets \$10.00 a ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons \$3.50 @ \$4.00; apples, 75c @ \$1.25; Japan oranges, 35@40c.

Meal—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$2.75; 2 45 pounds sacks \$2.80; 4 22½ pound sacks \$2.90; 10.7 sacks, \$2.00 Oatmeal 10 10's, \$3.25; 2 50's, \$3.00. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.50 per sack.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$6.25; moutg bakers \$6.00; Oregon, jobbers price \$6.00.

Grain—Oats, \$21@22 per ton; wheat, \$25@26 per ton; barley, \$26 per ton.

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$24.00@25.00 per ton; ground barley, \$26 ton; shorts \$22 ton; bran \$22; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

Hay—\$15.00 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef \$5.75 @ \$6.25; mutton 8@8½c; Australian mutton, 8c; pork 6½@7½c; veal 7@9c lb.

Live Stock—Steers, grass feed \$3.25 @ \$3.50 per 100 lbs; sheep, \$4.00 @ \$4.50 per 100 lbs; hogs, \$5.50@6.00 per 100 lbs; cows \$2.75@3.00 per 100 lbs live weight.

Poultry—Chickens, 8c lb; ducks, 10c lb; turkeys, 15c lb.

Game—Venison, 4c lb; grouse, 60c brace; mallard, 30c brace.

Evaporated Fruits—Apricots, 11c per lb; peaches 9c; plums, 9@10c; prunes, French 5@7½c; loose muscatel raisins, 6c, London layer raisins \$1.00 box; Italian prunes, 6@8½c lb.

Nuts—Almonds, 13c; filberts, 12½c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12½c; walnut, 13c lb.

Sugars—Powdered and icing, 6½c; Paris lump, 5½c; granulated, 4½c; extra C. 4½c; fancy yellows 4c; yellow 3½c lb.

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 1½c pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2½c; 5 gallon kegs \$1.50 each; 1 gallon tins, \$4 case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$4.75 case of 20.

Teas—Congo, Fair, 11½c; good 18c; choice 20c. Ceylon: Fair, 25c; good 30c; choice, 35c lb.

BUSINESS AT TORONTO.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—Business in Ontario has been interfered with this week by soft weather. A regular thaw set in at the first of the week and the country roads are now very bad at most sections, which makes it more difficult for travellers to get about among customers. The Canadian woollen mills are very busy and are firm on many lines. Hardware is in good demand; the prospects are that the building trade the coming season will be more active here than for several years. The decision to shorten credits is generally well received by the trade and it is believed the terms will be generally adhered to. Groceries are meeting with a good demand. The feature this week was a reduction in the prices of all Canadian refined sugars of 1-3c. It is not very clear why this reduction was made. The outside markets are strong and the situation is promising. If the European countries that now pay an export bounty on sugars, adopt the proposals to abolish bounties, local dealers say that we shall see higher prices for sugars here as the change would practically make it impossible for the foreign sugars to come into Canada. The manufacturers of Canadian printed goods are somewhat exercised over the importation of United States goods into Canada at low prices. These goods seem to be meeting with a good reception and the importations are likely to increase. There has been an active demand for investment securities this week, with sharp advances in C. P. R., Toronto Railway and Montreal Street Railway stocks. The increase of 25 per cent in the dividend of the latter from 8 to 10 per cent created a big appreciation in the price of that stock.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, January 15.

Sugars have declined 1-3c at the refineries, owing to lower foreign advances. Other prices unchanged.

Quotations are: Granulated sugar, 4 1-4c at the refineries; yellows, 3 1-2c to 3 7-8c; imported beet granulated, 4c. Molasses 28 to 29c. Syrups 13-4 4 3-8c at the refineries; yellows, 3 5-8 to 4c Molasses 28 to 29c. Syrups 13-4 to 21-2 as to quality. Valencia raisins from 4 3-4 to 5 1-2c. Valencia layers 6 1-2c Currants, 5 1-8 to 6 1-2c as to brand. Coffee, Rio, 9c to 11c. Mocha and Java, 20 to 24c.

Canned goods.—Tomatoes, \$1.20 to \$1.25; corn, 90c to \$1; peas, 90c to \$1.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, January 15.

The market to-day for cattle was strong and prices were 1-4c higher. Choice cattle were scarce, and in fair demand from shippers. Choice cattle brought 4 1-2c; hood 4c to 4 1-4c; fair, 3 1-4c to 3 3-4c; common, 2 1-4c to 2 3-4c and inferior 2c. Lambs advanced 1-4c to 1-2c, to 4 1-2c to 5c. Sheep firm at 3 1-4c to 3 1-2c.

Montreal, January 15.

The live stock market has been quiet and steady and without change in prices. Quotations are as follows:

Cattle—Choice, 4 1-4; fair to good, 3 to 4c.

Sheep—3 to 3 1-2c per lb.

Hogs—5 to 5 1-4c.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, January 15.

The full advance in oats has not been maintained. Sales were made as high as 28 1-2c during the week, but to-day 27 1-2 to 28c is quoted. Millfeed is firm. Eggs have advanced, owing to small supplies. Dressed hogs easy. Butter rather easier. Hides scarce.

Oats—No. 2 white 27 1-2c to 28c.

Flour—Manitoba strong bakers, \$4.90, Manitoba patents, \$5.35 to \$5.40.

Millfeed—Bran, \$10.50 to \$11 per ton. Shorts, \$11.50 to \$12.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.65 to \$1.70 per bag.

Hides—9 to 9 1-2c for No. 1.

Eggs—Candled, 13c to 19c per dozen new laid, in small lots, 22c to 24c.

Butter—Dairy, 15 to 16c.

Butter—Creamery, 19 to 19 1-4c.

Cheese—8 5-8 to 8 3-4c.

Dressed hogs—\$6 to \$6.50 per 100 pounds.

Dressed beef—Front quarters, 8 to 4c; hinds, 5 1-2 to 7c.

Dressed mutton—Lamb, 6 1-2 to 7c, mutton, 5 to 6c.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, January 15.

Business is quiet and prices steady. Quotations for staple lines are as follows:

White lead, government standard, \$5.37 1-2c; No. 1, \$5; dry white lead in kegs, 5c; red lead in kegs, 4 3-4c; linseed oil, raw, 43c, boiled 46c; turpentine, 48 to 49c; bar iron, \$1.35 to \$1.45; tin plates, cokes, \$2.75 to \$2.90; I. C. charcoal, \$3.25 to \$3.75; Canada plates, \$2.10 to \$2.15; torn plates, \$5.95 to \$6.25; galvanized iron, 4 1-4 to 4 3-4c; lead, \$3.75 to \$4; iron pipe, \$3.90 to \$4; putty in bulk, \$1.50; in bladders, \$1.65c; ingot tin, 15 1-2 to 16c.

MINNEAPOLIS MARKETS.

Flour is 5c to 10c higher; millfeed 25c per ton higher; corn 3-4c higher; oats 1-4c higher; feed barley 1c higher; flax seed, 2 1-2c higher; eggs firm; butter easy.

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents, \$5 to \$5.10; second patents, \$4.85 to \$4.95.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$8.25 to \$8.50; bran in bulk, \$8.25 to \$8.50; corn feed, \$10.00 to \$11.00 per ton.

Corn—Quoted 25 3-4c for No. 4; 25 7-8c for No. 3; 26c for No. 3 yellow per bushel of 56 pounds.

Oats—Held at 22 3-4 for No. 3 white and 22 1-2 for No. 3 per bushel of 32 lbs.

Barley—Feed quoted at 25 1-2 to 25 3-4c.

Flax seed—\$1.18 1-2 for No. 1 per bushel.

Eggs—15 1-2 for strictly fresh, including cases; cold storage 11c to 12c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 8 1-2 to 10c; fair to good, 7 1-2 to 8c.

Butter—Creamery, 19 to 20c, seconds 15 to 16c, dairy 12 to 18c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 4 to 6 1-2c; lambs, 5 to 8c; hogs, 3 1-4 to 3 1-2c for heavy and 4c for medium and light.

Potatoes—Car lots, mixed, 38 to 40c; choice, named varieties, 43 to 50c.

Poultry—Chickens, 5 to 9c; old fowls, 4 to 5c; turkeys, 7 to 10c; ducks, 8 to 9c; geese, 7 to 8c.

Hides—No. 1 green salted, 8 1-2c. No. 2 7 1-2c; green frozen hides, 6 1-2 to 7 1-2; bulls, oxen, brands, 5 to 6 1-2c; sheepskins, 40 to 60c; tallow, 2 1-2 to 3c.

WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.

Clearings for the week ending January 13, for three years are as follows:

1898	\$1,614,321
1897	1,253,198
1896	1,311,068

LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

Liverpool, Jan. 14.—12.30 p.m.—Wheat—Spot dull. No. 1 California 7s 11d to 7s 11 1-2d; No. 2 red western winter 7s 9d. Corn—Spot steady. American mixed new 3s 3d; old 3s 3 1-4d.

Wheat—Spot No. 2 red western winter firm at 7s 9d; No. 1 red northern spring firm at 7s 7 1-2d. Corn—Futures were steady. Jan. 3s 2 1-2d; Feb. 3s 13-4d; March 3s 15-8d.

NEW YORK MONEY.

New York, Jan. 14.—3 p. m.—Prime mercantile paper, 3 to 4 per cent. Sterling exchange heavy, with actual business in bankers bills at \$4.81 3-4 to \$4.85 for demand, and at \$4.82 1-2 to \$4.82 3-4 for sixty days. Post-od rates \$4.83 to \$4.83 1-2 and \$4.85 1-2 to \$4.86. Commercial bills \$4.82. Bar silver 58 1-8c. Mexican dollars 46 3 8c. Government bonds weak.

MONTREAL STOCKS.

Montreal, Jan. 14. — Commercial Cab's 182 1-2; C. P. R. London 90.

BRITISH CATTLE TRADE.

London, Jan. 10.—Trade in cattle was slow, but the feeling was somewhat firmer than this day week, and prices were maintained. Choice States cattle sold at 11c, choice Canadians at 10c and Argentines at 9 1-2c. The market for sheep was much stronger, and the prices for choice Canadians advanced 1c to 1 1/2c, and Argentine stock were quoted 1-2c higher at 11 1-2c.

Liverpool, Jan. 10.—A private cable received quoted choice Canadians at 10c and choice sheep at 11c.

Ontario millers are exporting large quantities of bran both to Europe and the States.

J. Ely & Co., general store, Saltcoats, have assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand, Winnipeg.

Ottawa, Jan. 14.—The government have decided on a fixed royalty of ten per cent., applicable to all mines in Yukon.

Montreal, Jan. 14.—J. H. Blumenthal & Sons, clothiers and outfitters, have failed, liabilities about \$125,000.

The Canadian Pacific Railway company have announced excursions from Winnipeg to England and around Cape Horn to Vancouver, by their Yukon boats, and then back to Winnipeg by rail, for \$300.

A bye-law granting \$62,000 for a site and bonus for a location for the Abbott Rolling mills of Montreal, at Kingston, Ontario, was carried by a large majority. The concern will employ 200 to 300 men.

The death of Stanley Patterson, of Port Hope, Ontario, has caused the assignment of the Midland Trust company, a private bank carried on by deceased and his brother. The deposits are probably \$150,000.

The feature of the flour market to-day, says the Montreal Gazette of Tuesday last, was the demand from South Africa for Manitoba flour, and the Lake of the Woods Milling company placed a few cars for early shipment.

New York Wheat.

New York, Jan. 10.—Wheat—Receipts 100,825 bushels; exports 60,901 bushels, sales 2,175,000 bushels futures; 96,000 bushels spot. Spot weak; No. 2 red \$1.00 1-8 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 hard Manitoba \$1.02 1-3 f.o.b. afloat; No. 2 Northern New York \$1.00 7-8 f.o.b. afloat. Options opened weak under bearish cables, rallied on the small visible supply increase, but broke again under long selling and weak continental news, closing 3-4 to 11-8c net lower. No. 2 red Jan. opened 97 3-4 to 98 1-4, closed 97 7-8; Feb. opened 96 3-4 to 97 1-4, closed 96 7-8; March opened 95 5-8 to 96 1-8, closed 95 3-4; May opened 92 to 92 1-2, closed 92 1-8; July opened 85 3-4 to 86, closed 85 1-2.

New York, Jan. 11.—Wheat receipts, 33,300 bush.; exports, 56,711 bush.; sales 1,715,000 bush. futures, 250,000 bush. spot. Spot firm. No. 2 red \$1.00 1-2 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 hard Manitoba, \$1.02 7-8 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 Northern New York, \$1.01 1-4 do. Options opened easy on cable news, but was generally firm all day on light offerings, late export demand, active covering, and strong Northwest news, closing 3-8 to 5-8c net higher; sales included: No. 2 red Jan., 98 to 98 1-4, closed 98 1-4; Feb., 97 to 97 1-4, closed 97 1-4; March, 95 1-4 to 96 1-4, closed 95 1-4; May, 91 5-8 to 92 1-2, closed 92 1-2; July closed 86 1-8.

New York, Jan. 12.—Wheat—Receipts 24,975 bushels; exports 72,534 bushels; sales 1,215,000 bushels futures. Spot weak; No. 2 red \$1.01 1-8 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 hard Manitoba \$1.02 5-8 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 Northern \$1.01 2-8 f.o.b. afloat. Options opened easy under cable news, rallied sharply on scattered covering, prompted by a strong home situation and better late cables, but broke badly near the close under realizing and the small export trade, closing 1-8 to 3-8c net lower. No. 2 red Jan. opened 98 3-8 to 98 11-16, closed 98 3-8; Feb. opened 97 1-4 to 97 7-16, closed 97 1-4; March opened 95 7-8 to 96 1-4, closed 95 7-8; May opened 92 to 92 11-16, closed 92 1-8; July opened 85 3-4 to 86 1-8, closed 85 3-4.

New York, Jan. 13.—Wheat receipts, 24,975 bushels; exports, 60,537 bush.; sales, 1,205,000 bushels futures; 112,000 bushels spot. Spot steady. No. 2 red, \$1.01 1-8 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 hard Manitoba, \$1.02 5-8 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 Northern, \$1.01 1-8 f.o.b. afloat. Options opened weak; rallied later on reported sales to France and domestic millers, together with better late cables and local covering; closed partly 1-8c net lower. No. 2 red, Jan., 97 7-8c to 98 5-8c, closed 98 1-2; March, 95 3-8c to 96c, closed 96c; May, 91 9-16c to 93 3-16c, closed 92 1-8c; July, 85 1-4c to 85 3-4c, closed 85 5-8c.

New York, Jan. 14.—Wheat—Receipts 7,100 bushels, exports 28,000 bushels, sales 965,000 bushel. Futures, 131,000 bushels spot. Spot easy. No. 2 red \$1.00 7-8 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth \$1.00 7-8 do.; No. 1 hard Manitoba, \$1.02 3-8 do.; No. 1 northern 26 5-8 do. Options opened firmer on higher cable news and moderate covering, but after a dull featureless session eased off under weak closing French markets and realizing, closing unsettled at 1-8 to 1-4 advance on near and 1-4 to 1-2 net decline on late months. No. 2 red Jan. 98 3-4 to 99 1-16, closed 98 3-4; Feb. 97 1-2 to 97 7-8, closed 97 1-2; March 95 7-8 to 96 1-4, closed 95 7-8; May 91 7-8 to 92 5-16, closed 91 7-8; July \$1 15-16 to 85 3-4, closed 85.

On Saturday, January 15, wheat closed at 99 5-8c for January, and 92 1-4c for May option; July, 85 1-2. A week ago May wheat closed at 93 1-8.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

Prices are quoted per bushel of 60 pounds for wheat, bushel of 56 pounds of corn, bushel of 32 pounds of oats, per barrel for mess pork, and per 100 pounds for lard and short rib bacon; flax seed per bushel of 56 pounds.

Chicago, Jan. 10.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat, Jan., 91; May, 90 1-2; July, 81 1-4.

Corn Jan., 26 1-2; May, 29; July, 30 to 30 1-8.

Oats, May, 23 1-2; July, 22 3-8.

Mess Pork, Jan. \$9.17 1-2; May, \$9.32 1-2.

Lard, Jan., \$1.67 1-2; May, \$1.80.

Short Ribs, Jan., \$4.50; May, \$4.67 1-2.

Chicago, Jan. 11.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—Jan. 91 1-2c, May 91c, July 81 5-8c.

Corn—Jan. 26 5-4c, May 29 3-8c, July 30 3-8c.

Oats—May 23 2-1c, July 22 1-2c.

Mess pork—Jan. \$9.25, May \$9.37 1-2.

Lard—Jan. \$1.70, May \$1.80, July \$1.90.

Short ribs—Jan. \$4.57 1-2, May \$4.70.

Chicago, Jan. 12.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—Jan. 91; May 90 3-8 to 1-2; July 81 1-4.

Corn—Jan. 26 1-2; May 29 1-8; July 30 to 1-8.

Oats—May 23 5-8; July 22 3-8.

Mess pork—Jan. \$9.37 1-2.

Lard—Jan. \$1.75; May \$1.85; July \$1.95.

Short ribs—Jan. \$4.65; May \$4.80.

Chicago, Jan. 13.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat, Jan., 90 3-4c; May, 90 1-2c, July, 81c.

Corn, Jan., 26 5-8c; May, 29 1-8c; July, 30 1-8c to 30 1-4c.

Oats, May, 23 5-8c; July, 22 1-4c.

Mess pork, Jan., \$9.30; May, \$9.42 1-2.

Lard, Jan., \$1.67 1-2; May, \$1.77 1-2; July, \$1.87 1-2.

Short ribs, Jan., \$1.62 1-2; May, \$1.72 1-2.

Chicago, Jan. 14.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—July 91 1-2c, May 90c to 90 1-8c, July 80 3-8c.

Corn—Jan. 26 5-8c, May 29 1-8c, July 30 1-4c.

Oats—May 23 5-8c to 23 3-1c, July 22 1-8c to 22 1-1c.

Pork—Jan. \$9.25, May \$9.40.

Lard—Jan. \$1.67 1-2, May \$1.77 1-2, July \$1.85.

Short ribs—Jan. \$1.60, May \$1.70.

On Saturday, January 15, May wheat opened at 90 3-8c and ranged from the opening price to 90 3-4c. Closing prices were:

Wheat—Jan. 91 1-2c, May 90 1-2c, July 80 1-2c.

Corn—Jan. 26 1-2c, May 29c.

Oats—Jan. 22 7-1c, May 23 5-8c.

Pork—Jan. \$9.20, May \$9.32 1-2.

Lard—Jan. \$1.62 1-2, May \$1.72 1-2.

Ribs—Jan. \$1.55, May \$1.65.

Flax seed—Cash \$1.21, May \$1.23.

A week ago May option closed at 91 3-8c. A year ago May wheat closed at 80 3-1c two years ago at 60 7-8c, and three years ago at 57 1-2c.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

On Saturday, January 15, No. 1 northern closed at 89 1-4c for May option and 87 5-8c for July. A week ago May wheat closed at 89 1-2c.

A. W. Law & Co., private bakers, Hartney, Minn., have sold out to E. K. Strathy & Co.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—May, 89 3-4c.

Tuesday—May, 90 3-8c.

Wednesday—May, 90 1-4c.

Thursday—May 90 1-4c, July 88 1-2c.

Friday—May, 90 1-8c.

Saturday—May 90 3-8c; July, 89 1-2c.

Cash No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 91 1-2c, and cash No. 1 Northern at 91c.

Last week May options closed at 90 1-2c.

A year ago May option closed at 91 1-4c and two years ago at 59c, three years ago May option closed at 62 and four years ago closed at 63 5-8c.

MANITOBA BUSINESS NOTES.

H. J. Erb, of the Waterloo Engine Works, Winnipeg, returned yesterday from a visit to his old home at Preston, Ont.

The Bank of Hamilton, Winnipeg, has sent out this week a neat and useful combined calendar and diary. This calendar is made on the same plan as those distributed by the bank a year ago, which were then regarded as quite a novelty.

Mr. Travis has retired from the firm of Travis & Beddome, butchers, Minnedosa, Man.

Mr. Drummond, late of the firm of Drummond & Spratt, Minnedosa, Man., will likely start a cheese factory in that district.

G. Phillips, butcher, Elkhorn, Man., has given up business.

Allan McLeod has purchased the butcher shop now used by T. D. Cavanaugh at Elkhorn, and will place a practical butcher in charge. He has also purchased the Broadley house, and property in connection therewith. T. D. Cavanaugh will continue in the business in new premises.

Coppelman & McClarkin have bought out the general store business of M. Finkelstein at Carberry, Man.

F. J. Braund, veterinarian, has decided to close up his business at McGregor, Man., and move to Rapid City.

H. M. Howell, Q. C., and T. G. Mathers, of Winnipeg, have formed a law partnership.

J. B. Henderson, general merchant, Carberry, has assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand.

H. Leckie is opening a general store at Fox Warren.

Drummond & Spratt, general store, Minnedosa, have dissolved partnership.

Dr. Brothers is opening a drug store at Shoal Lake.

E. Gullbault, merchant and manufacturer, St. Boniface, has sold out his grocery department business to L. J. Collins.

P. H. Kelly, stationery, Virden, has assigned to Geo. Wilson.

A. Scott, confectionery, Wawanesa, is giving up business.

The stock of K. W. Reimer, general store, Steinbach, has been sold to C. Kinklestien.

Mr. Redmond, of the Ames, Holden Co., Winnipeg, is en route to Europe.

The Imperial Bank of Canada has purchased the premises now occupied by the branch of the bank in Winnipeg; on the southeast corner of Main and Bannatyne streets. It is said that the consideration was in the neighborhood of \$30,000.