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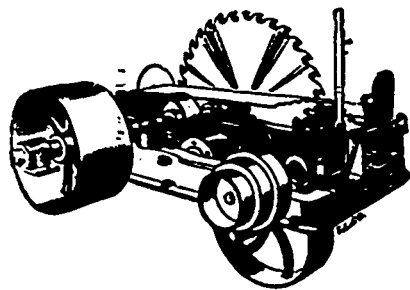
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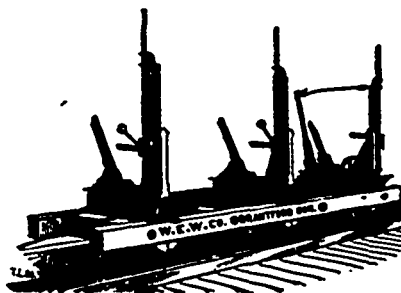
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WINNIPEG, FEBRUARY 4, 1899.

BUSINESS CONDITIONS IN MANITOBA.

AS SIZED UP BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF
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A review of business conditions in
the towns which lie along the main
line of the Canadian Pacific railway
west of Winnipeg may prove interest-
ing to many Commercial readers at
this season. The opportunity for per-
sonal study of the situation in these
various centres has been furnished by
a visit of one of this journal's staff
to them, and as this visit included
practically the whole railway system
from Winnipeg to the mountains in-
cluding the Prince Albert and Edmon-
ton branches, opportunity will be
taken in future issues to present many
facts gathered relating to the busi-
ness centres of the Territories as well.

Those who periodically visit the
town and villages which constitute
the commercial centres of this west-
ern country have abundant opportu-
nity of gauging the year's progress
of the country as a whole, as the
towns reflect with almost unflinching
accuracy the general condition of
each district. The year 1898 has in
itself now become only a memory with
us, but if its results in the line of ma-
terial development be considered it
may undoubtedly be said to be a year
which will long live in the memory of
the business men of this country as
one of great activity and prosperity.

These western Manitoba towns
bear out this contention. It is true
that they have not been uniformly
prosperous or active in a business
sense, for some of those between Bran-

don and the boundary suffered to some
extent from a short crop as well as
from the general rains of the harvest
season, but even of these it may fairly
be said that 1898 brought a consid-
erable measure of true progress.

Even a cursory survey will reveal to
the visitor the fact that in the dis-
tricts included in this review, includ-
ing Portage la Prairie, McGregor,
Carberry, Brandon, Alexander, Gris-
wold, Oak Lake, Virton, Elkhorn and
some smaller points a great deal has
been done in the past year in the
erection of new buildings alone. A
distinctly better class of store build-
ings is beginning to appear. In Por-
tage la Prairie and Brandon, of course,
the business blocks have always been
of the better types, but in the other
towns less substantial buildings have
often been the rule. These are now
giving place to buildings of brick and
stone, in many cases, with every
modern convenience. A better class
of residences is also beginning to ap-
pear in these country centres. The
merchants are now providing them-
selves with commodious and well-
built houses, and are furnishing them
in a style which is quite equal to
that in the best city homes. Nor is
the movement confined to the towns.
The farmers everywhere have built
largely this year many of them two
and three thousand dollar houses, and
have furnished them with the best
that money can buy. In addition to
this the same liberal provision has
been made for the housing
of machinery and farm stock, so
that 1898 may be regarded
as pre-eminently a building year
in this country. These same facts
were presented some months ago in
The Commercial in a series of letters
on Southern Manitoba, but they apply
with equal force to the central dis-
tricts now under review and will bear
repetition.

It will perhaps be as well to say at
once that last year was not without
its disappointments to the business
community of these central and west-
ern towns. The farming districts
hereabouts suffered in common with
the rest of the province from the ex-
cessive and damaging rains of the har-
vest season. What otherwise prom-
ised to be a season of unprecedented
prosperity was by these rains turned
into one of some disappointment and
considerable uncertainty. The damp-
ening of the grain rendered much of
it for a time unmarketable and this
coupled with the seemingly low price
which was offered for good grain made
the farmers very slow in coming into
the market and thus reduced the move-
ment of money so that nothing like the
usual fall trade was done. These are,
of course, well known facts and need
not be dwelt upon. December was in
some places a better month, which re-
lieved the situation a little. Happily
the loss from the wetting of the wheat
is now turning out to be not nearly
so large as was at first expected and
owing to the installation of drying
plants for the treatment of this grain
in some of the large elevators much of
it is being restored to something like
its original value. This reduces the
depressing factors in the present situ-
ation of the country to the one of low
prices, and even this seems to be grad-
ually disappearing before the gradual
advance in the prices of wheat in the
world's markets which is going on at
present. A sharp advance in prices
if it only lasted for a week would re-
sult in an immense sale of wheat in
all these country towns and would put
a different face on the business situ-
ation entirely.

The main difficulty with the trad-
ing community at present is the slow-
ness of collections. Large sales are
not at this particular time looked for
but the merchants very properly ex-
pect that during the fall and winter
months there will be a squaring up
of accounts on the part of all classes
of customers, and more especially of
farmers. In this respect the closing
months of the past business year were
disappointing, and January has not
been any better. A careful estimate
places the proportion of 1898 accounts
paid up to the end of January at 25
per cent and some individual mer-
chants have realized much less than that.
This has had a detrimental effect on
business generally.

Notwithstanding these untoward
features of the situation of the mom-
ent it is, as has already been said,
apparent on every hand that 1898
was a prosperous year in the coun-
try.

Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, Jan. 30.—The British Col-
umbia market the past week is practi-
cally featureless. Flour is very
firm and a rise is anticipated. The
New Westminster market is again in
full swing. Fair prices are being ob-
tained for farmers' produce there and
the bulk of business is large. In Vic-
toria and Vancouver business was
quieter last week and collections not
so good. The Atlin trade has fallen
off abruptly since the little flurry,
and wholesalers are beginning to real-
ize that the alien bill is not a huge
success for them at least. There are,
of course, no United States parties
outfitting here and the number of Can-
adians who go north is very small
compared with the total number
bound for the gold fields. The north-
ern trade has been a precarious one
for some outfitters. While many
firms have made large sums and
others financially weak have been
placed on their feet again, too much
credit was given, and the effects of
this are being felt now. A party left
for the north months ago securing
goods amounting to some \$10,000 in
value, strangely enough without se-
curity of any kind. The firms who
put up the goods now confess that
they believe they are in for the whole
amount involved. Another man who
sold canoes and had a large business
at one time with Klondikers, has dis-
appeared, presumably for the north.
The canoe man's notes are strewn like
leaves around the city, all for small
amounts, though the clean-up repre-
sented several thousands. A man
who sold prepared eggs is also sadly
mourned by too confiding citizens. In
this case the sum which miscarried
also amounts to several thousand.
The Klondike boom naturally brought
scalliwags with a leaning towards fi-
nancial manipulation to the front. A
large business was being done in the
city, money was free and plentiful
and wise business men, cautious at
other times, did not stop to consider
the moral risk in dealing with those
apparently conducting a legitimate
business.

There is no let up in the rapid in-
crease in population in Vancouver. The
number of people in Vancouver is now
estimated to be 30,000, and in spite
of the building boom it is very diffi-
cult to get houses.

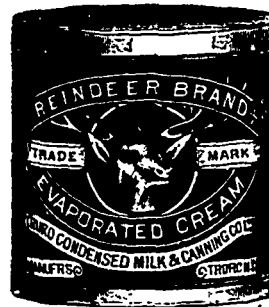
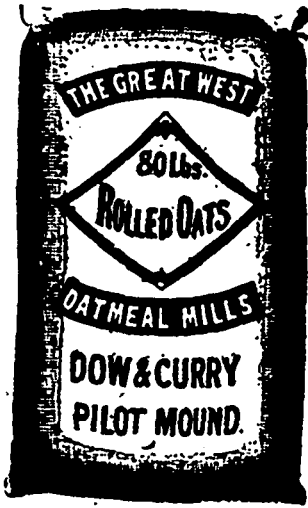
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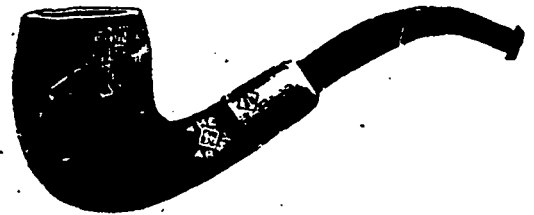


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At the last annual meeting of the Lumber association the question of mutual fire insurance for the lumbermen was discussed. No doubt this question will be brought up again at the coming meeting. South of the line the mutual insurance plan seems to work well, but they have a much larger membership there. To undertake insurance with the limited membership here would certainly be very risky. Regarding the results achieved in this direction by the lumber associ-



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Association

ation of the Northwestern States, the Minneapolis Lumberman says:

"There are many reasons why every retail lumber dealer should belong to the association that covers the territory where he does business, and especially is there reason why in the states of Minnesota, North and South Dakota and Iowa, the states that are more especially in the territory of the Northwestern association, should belong to that organization. It is the strongest organization of its kind in the country, and has been of much benefit not only to its members but to every retailer in the Northwest. But if there were no other reason, the lumbermen in the retail trade in these states should belong to this association because of the insurance feature connected with it.

It is to be presumed that unless remarkably good reasons to the contrary exist every retailer carries more or less insurance on his stock of lumber. It has come to be looked upon as good business for any merchant to carry insurance. With that as a basis, there must be some unusually good

reason why any retailer who has the good things of the Retail Lumbermen's Insurance association presented to him refuses to give his insurance to a company that has been able to save so much money for its policy holders.

During the past five years this company has done business at a rate that has put many dollars annually into the pockets of its members, and though in the year that has just closed the losses have been unusually heavy, and heavier than the highest proportionate loss has ever been figured for any company, the cost to the policy holders has been but 38 per cent of the rate at which their policies have been written. Moreover the association is so strong, that even should the losses for the next five years be as large proportionately as they have been during the past year, there should be no necessity for an increase in the assessments.

Another point in favor of this association is its promptness in settling losses. It is the boast of the officers and directors of the association that they have paid all losses within an average of eight days from the date of loss, and at no time has the insured had to wait forty-eight hours for his check after the loss has been adjusted. According to law, insurance companies are given sixty days in which to settle, and frequently they ask policy holders who have had losses, to allow a discount for cash within that time. But the Retail Lumbermen's association asks only for proof of loss.

Still another point that commends this association to retailers is the fact that by their ability to write a safe business at low rates the old line companies have been forced to lower their rates. Not only can the retailer save money on the three thousand dollars the association will write for him, but he can also get all insurance in excess of that amount written cheaper than he could do before the advent of the mutual company. Time and again it has been shown that the retailer could even make a present of the commission to his local representative of the old line company and then save money by carrying his insurance in the association. Surely it is worthy of the support of every retail lumber dealer."

LUMBER TRADE NOTES.

Mr. Arbuthnot has started a lumber yard at Minto, Man.

The last issue of the Minneapolis Lumberman is the annual statistical number of that publication.

G. B. Hughes has started a lumber yard at Teulon, the new town at the terminus of the Stonewall branch extension.

It is estimated that Manitoba imported over 30,000,000 feet of lumber from the United States in 1899. A great deal of this is low grade lumber.

The Missouri and Kansas association of lumber dealers now claim a membership of one thousand, the largest membership of any association of retail lumbermen.

The United States Pacific coast fir mills are filled with orders, and have been running all winter to their fullest capacity. The shingle mills will soon start up and the outlook is that they will enjoy better trade than they did last year.

The last list published by the British Columbia mills, giving prices de-

livered at Manitoba points, shows an advance of \$1 on four inch edge grain fir flooring. This is the only change in prices in the January list. Three inch fir flooring and ceiling has been dropped of the published list.

Nearly all the Manitoba lumber dealers get The Commercial. We will be pleased to have the few who are not already subscribers, drop around and leave their names, when they are in the city attending the annual meeting.

The Minneapolis Lumberman says: The wholesalers and manufacturers of red cedar shingles have reason to be congratulated on the present condition of the shingle market. The mills are practically all closed down, and are refusing to accept orders at the present time. It is likely that most, if not all, the mills will commence sawing about the first of February, but the outlook for the shingle demand is so good that it is anticipated that prices will be even higher than they were during most of the season of 1898. Present quotations on a 50-cent rate for A's are from \$2 to \$2.05 per thousand.



JOHN DICK
Secretary-Treasurer Western Retail
Lumbermen's Association

A number of big blocks will be erected in Winnipeg this year, without doubt, several having already been announced. Among these is a very handsome building to be erected by a loan company on the corner of Notre Dame street east and Main. Also a fine building on the corner of Portage avenue and Main street, reaching from the Queen's hotel to the Western Canada Loan company's building. The corner of Thistle and Main will also be occupied by a new structure. The southwest corner of McDermot and Main is to be occupied by a large block built by the firm of Osler, Hammond & Nanton. Several new wholesale warehouses are also talked of.

Speaking of the conference between the United States and Canadian commissioners, the Minneapolis Lumberman says: "It seems that the Canadians had strong hopes of exchanging free logs for free lumber and are disappointed in the outcome of the argument before the commission. Threats are made that United States lumber will be shut out of Manitoba and the territories and that pulp

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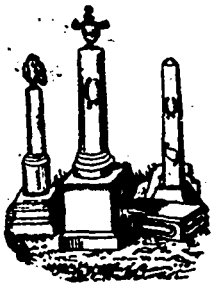
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wood will be compelled to pay an export duty to the United States pulp and paper mills. These strokes of reciprocity will not be light ones, though dealt upon a large nation by a small one. It is much to be deplored that these two peoples cannot be permitted to trade with reasonable freedom with each other when the desire to do so is so great. The stumbling block in this case is the cheaper Canadian lumber made cheaper by an easier way of getting stumpage and lower wages of labor in the woods and mills of that country."

The twentieth annual meeting of the Wholesale Sash, Door and Blind Dealers of the Northwest States was held at Chicago on January 25. The discussion developed the fact that stocks in the hands of manufacturers are heavier than ever before in the history of the trade, and that prices are from 10 to 15 per cent lower than they have ever been. Although the question of advancing prices was broached, the consensus of opinion was that the present was not the time to take such action; inasmuch as the statistics show that for the last six months the number of building permits issued in the territory covered by the association, and in fact throughout the United States, has been materially less than for the same time the previous year. A committee was appointed to consider the price situation.

Hardware and Paint Trade.

THE BOOM IN TIN.

"The continued rise in the price of tin, which is now selling at nearly 8 cents a pound above the average quotations of January, 1897, appears to be in large part the result of a well-managed speculative movement," according to the Engineering Journal. "There have been some elements which would naturally cause an increase in price, and a moderate advance was to be expected. The consumption for the past year has been somewhat greater than the production, and at the same time there has been some rise in wages in the chief producing districts—the Malay Peninsula and the Dutch East Indies. This rise was partly due to the demand for miners and partly to the short rice crops in India, an important point, since the great majority of the miners are Chinese and rely chiefly on the rice for their support. The course of silver, on the other hand had very little effect on the price of tin last year, since its fluctuations were small. On this basis and on that of the small visible supply, which on January 1 was only 20,131 tons, parties in London and Amsterdam have taken hold of the market and have forced up the prices to a point unknown for years. Their profits have been large, and they may be able to keep up the quotations for some time yet. It must be remembered, however, that tin is derived chiefly from alluvial workings, and in the Straits—and to some extent in Sumatra also—the output can be rapidly increased from known deposits with only a small expenditure of capital. Twenty or 22 cent tin will be a great incentive to larger production, and new supplies will have a tendency to bring prices down again to a normal level. For a time, however, the speculators have matters their own way."

HARDWARE TRADE NOTES.

A rumor of a combine of iron pipe manufacturers in the United States has been set afloat, but it has not been confirmed.

The item in our Toronto telegram last week reporting barb wire 10 per cent higher, should have read 10 cents per 100 pounds higher.

The output of binder twine of the Kingston penitentiary is offered for sale by the Dominion government by tender. About 500 tons is the approximate amount.

Glass has advanced one point, or about 4 per cent, in Belgium, partly on account of the active demand and partly because of a threatened strike in the Belgian coal mines.

The announcement that the Standard Oil company now controls all the Canadian petroleum oil refining business, has raised another outcry for the abolition of duty on illuminating oils.

A Montreal report says: The Dominion Oilcloth company, which is one of the largest consumers of linseed oil in the country, has decided to erect a linseed crushing plant of its own.

Mixed Eggs.

Receipts of eggs in this market in the latter part of the winter and early spring always show more or less irregularity in quality. While Winnipeg retail dealers are paying fancy prices for fresh eggs marketed by their farmer customers, it is difficult to get any more than the price of held stock from them, for the fresh case eggs received from country points. Thus while city retailers have been paying their customers from 25 to 40 cents per dozen for fresh eggs, the outside which could be got for fresh receipts of case eggs has been about 22 cents. The reason for this is that the case eggs cannot be relied upon. Some cases are just as good as the eggs that are bringing fancy prices, but others are mixed, sometimes with very poor stock. It seems that some farmers impose upon country merchants by holding their eggs until the high winter price is reached, when they mix them in with fresh eggs and market them. Thus, while a higher price is secured for the held eggs, the general effect is to depreciate the price of fresh case eggs at this season of the year. If this mixing were not practiced fresh receipts of country eggs would bring a much better price than held city stocks. As it is, city retail dealers prefer to pay fancy prices for eggs they know to be fresh, than take chances with the case eggs, which are liable to be more or less mixed quality.

Boots and Shoes.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: All the large manufacturers are as busy as can possibly be on their spring orders, and are commencing to ship out the goods. One of our large houses has its travellers all home, and does not intend to put them on the road again until they have their fall samples; as it will not want any sorting orders until then. Remittances are rather quiet at the moment, and in fact there is not much paper falling due at the present time. There is every prospect of a good spring trade.

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Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, in store Fort William, 82c.
 Flour—Local price per sack unchanged at Patent, \$2.10; bakers, \$2.20.
 Millstuffs—Bran, \$0 per ton; shorts, \$11.
 Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, easier at 35 to 36c.
 Barley—35 to 36c for feed; malting, 38 to 45c.
 Butter—Dairy, jobbers' prices, 16 to 18c for fresh; creamery, jobbers' prices, 21 to 23 1-2c.
 Cheese—Jobbers selling at 10 1-2 to 11c.
 Eggs—Dealers selling at 16 to 17c for fresh and 12 1-2 to 14c for limed and held stock.
 Dressed meats—Beef, city dressed, 5 1-2 to 6 1-2c; country, 4 to 5c; mutton, 5 to 7c; hogs, 6 to 6 1-2c.
 Live stock—Cattle, butchers' 3 to 3 1-2c; hogs, off cars, \$3 per 100 lbs. for best bacon; sheep, nominal at 3c off cars.
 Hides—Frozen hides, 6 1-2c.
 Hay—Baled, on track, \$7.
 Potatoes—35 to 40c per bushel.
 Poultry—Chickens, 7 1-2 to 8 1-2c per lb.; turkeys, native, 10 to 11c; geese, 9 to 10c; ducks, 8c.

Winnipeg Raw Fur Prices.

The following prices cover the range as to size and color for prime skins. Very small and pale skins bring the lowest price, and very large the top range. Skins taken out of season range much lower:

Badger	25	150
Bear, black	5.00	25.00
Bear, brown	4.50	20.00
Bear, black yearlings	5.00	7.00
Bear, brown yearlings	3.00	4.50
Bear, grizzly	4.50	20.00
Beaver, large	5.00	7.00
Beaver, medium	3.00	5.00
Beaver, small	1.50	2.50
Beaver, cubs	.50	1.00
Beaver, castors, lb.	2.50	5.50
Fisher, dark	6.00	8.00
Fisher, pale	3.00	5.00
Fox, cross dark, large	5.00	10.00
Fox, cross pale	2.50	5.00
Fox, kitt	.25	.75
Fox, red	1.00	2.00
Fox, silver dark	50.00	75.00
Fox, pale	25.00	60.00
Lynx, large	1.50	2.50
Lynx, medium	1.00	1.75
Lynx, small	.50	1.00
Marten, dark	3.00	6.00
Marten, pale or brown	2.50	5.00
Marten, light pale	1.00	3.25
Mink, dark	.75	2.25
Mink, pale	.75	1.50
Musquash, winter	.04	.11
Otter, dark	6.00	10.00
Otter, pale	5.00	8.00
Skunk	.25	.90
Wolf, timber	2.00	3.00
Wolf, prairie	.40	1.00
Wolverine, dark	3.00	4.00
Wolverine, pale	1.25	2.00

About 4,000 more Doukhobors are expected to arrive in Canada this year, in addition to the 4,000 or more who arrived by the two steamships recently.

The Union Tobacco Company of America and the North American Commercial company have amalgamated. The new corporation will be the Union Tobacco Company of America, capital \$19,350,000.

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Statistical Wheat Reports.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

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

Montreal	10,000
Toronto	180,000
Kingston	45,000
Winnipeg	20,000
Manitoba elevators	5,000,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	2,267,000

Total, Jan. 21 ... 8,577,000

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. 21, were 51,927,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago, were 52,119,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on Jan. 1 were 5,928,000 bushels, compared with 6,661,000 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. 28, was 28,582,000 bushels, being an increase of 259,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 36,002,000 bushels, two years ago 49,591,000 bushels, three years ago 66,734,000 bushels, and four years ago 88,376,000 bushels.

WHEAT STOCKS AT U. S. POINTS.

Chicago	3,809,000
Duluth	5,171,000
Minneapolis	6,614,000
New York	4,705,000
Buffalo and afloat	2,779,000

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.
 The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 7,025,000 bushels, compared with 15,112,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 27,180,000 bushels, compared with 40,581,000 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 Jan. 1 for a series of years, were as follows, Bradstreet's report: Jan. 1, 1899, 118,949,000 bushels; Jan. 1, 1898, 132,484,000; Jan. 1, 1897, 156,659,000; Jan. 1, 1896, 194,685,000; Jan. 1, 1895, 205,509,000; Jan. 1, 1894, 212,268,000; Jan. 1, 1893, 204,362,000; Jan. 1, 1892, 170,058,000 bushels.

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, 1898, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

Minneapolis	56,777,806	51,076,290
Milwaukee	9,227,285	5,993,672
Duluth	57,285,127	32,578,859
Chicago	25,662,059	26,033,403

Total ... 148,952,077 116,682,231

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, 1898, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

Toledo	10,855,469	9,050,813
St. Louis	12,183,008	10,082,968
Detroit	9,837,589	8,832,531
Kansas City	21,225,413	23,683,566

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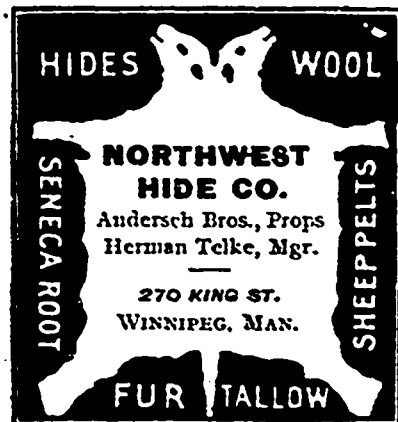
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Tern Plates—I C, 20x 28, \$9 @ \$10.00.

Iron and Steel—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$2.05 band iron, 100 lbs., \$2.50@2.75; Swedish iron, 100 lbs, \$5.25 @ \$6.00; sleigh shoe steel, 2.50@2.75; cast tool steel, lb., 9@12c; imitation Russian sheet, 7@8c; genuine Russian sheet, lb., 12@13c.

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

Canada Plates—Garth and Blaina, 3.10 @ \$3.15.

Galvanized Iron—American, 20 and 22 guage, \$3.75; 24 guage, \$4.00; 26 guage, \$4.25; 28 guage, \$4.50 100 lbs.

Iron pipe—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.

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Sheet Zinc—In casks, \$7.50 lb., broken lots \$8.00.

Solder—Half and half (guar) per lb., 16@17c.

Ammunition—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American discount 37 1/2 @ 40 per cent rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5; centre fire military, American, net list; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 1/2 per cent; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent, shot shells, 12 guage, \$6 @ 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 6 1/2 c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 6 1/2 c. Robin Hood powder, 17 lb kegs, \$10; 1/2 kegs, 4 1/2 lbs, \$3; Canister, 9 oz, 60c. Loaded shells, 12 guage, soft shot, \$15 and upwards per 1,000. No. 10 guage, \$21.50 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, solid, plain twist, \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; staples, \$3.00.

Axes—Per box, \$6@9.

Nails—Cut, keg, base price, \$2.15 for 20 to 60d., with new classification of extras; common steel wire nails, 4 1/2 @ 6 inch, \$2.35 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, \$8.75 box; No. 7, \$8 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount of above list prices 45 per cent.

Horseshoes—Iron shoes, keg, \$4.00; broken lots, \$4.25; steel shoes, \$4.50 up; Snow shoe, \$4.25 per keg.

Rope—Sisal, lb., 11c base; man-

illa, lb., 12 1/2c base; cotton, 1/4 to 1/2 inch and larger, 15c lb.

Building Paper—Anchor brand plain 45c; do tarred 65c; Jubilee plain 57c; do tarred 73c.

Winnipeg Prices of Paints, Oils, Glass, etc.

Following are close jobbing prices, as to quantity:

White Lead—Pure, \$6.50 100 lbs; No. 1, \$5.50.

Prepared Paints—Pure liquid colors, gallon \$1.15@1.25.

Dry Colors—White lead, pound, 7c; red lead, kegs, 6c; 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@20c; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots, 2 1/2c; less than barrel lots, 3c; English purple oxides, in casks, 3 1/2c; less quantities 4c 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, sheets, 15c lb; broken, 12 1/2c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 20@25c. Stove gasoline, case, \$3.50; benzine, case, \$3.50. 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 \$3.00; plasterers' hair, P. P., 90c bale. Putty, in bladders, barrel lots, 2 1/2c lb., do., in 100 lb kegs, 2 1/2c, do., less than barrels, lb, 3c. Alabastine, cases of 20 pkgs., \$6.50@7.50 as to color.

Window Glass—Single glass, first break, 16 to 25 united inches, \$2.25; 26 to 40, \$2.50 per 50 feet boxes; 41 to 50, \$5.30; 51 to 60, \$5.50; 61 to 70, \$6.30 per 100 feet boxes.

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

Turpentine—Pure spirits in barrels, 75c; less than barrels, gallon, 80c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

Oils—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25@30c gallon; clear machine oils, 27@30c; cylinder oil, 50@75c, as to quality; castor oil, 13c per lb; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatfoot oil, \$1, steam refined seal oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 gallon.

Refined Petroleum—Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 17c; crescent, 20 1/2c; oleophene, 21c in barrels. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 2 1/2c for cocene and 2 1/2c for sunlight. Straight car lots Silver Star 1c less, other brands 2c less.

Winnipeg Lumber Prices.

These prices are retail quotations at Winnipeg, such as contractors and others buy at. The mills quote delivered prices at Winnipeg, plus freight to outside 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; 2x6

to 2 x 12, 10 ft, \$18.00. No. 2 dimension, \$2.00 less than No. 1. Dimension, 26, 28 and 30 ft, \$23.00. Timber—26, 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 \$28.00 per M., 33 to 40 feet, \$30.00, 41 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, \$18.50, 3rd common, \$16.50; No. 1 cull, \$13.00, No. 2 cull, \$9.00; spruce, \$16.50. \$1.00 per M extra for stock boards. \$2.00 per M less for 6 to 8 ft. and under. \$1.00 per M less for 10 ft. No. 1 box, 14 in. and up, \$30.00, No. 2 box boards, 14 in. and up, \$23.00. Extra dressing \$2.00 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; Cull siding, red and white, \$16.00; B.C. No. 1 and No. 2 edge grain flooring, 3, 4 and 6 inch, \$32.00. \$2.00 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, 8 and 10 inch, \$17.00; do., 6 inch, \$14.00.

Shingles—B. C. cedar, per M, No. 1, \$2.75, No. 2, \$2.50; B.C. cedar dimension shingles, \$4.00; B.C. cedar dimension band sawed, \$5.00.

Lath—Pine lath, No. 1, per M, \$3.00 No. 2, \$2.50.

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, \$50.00; do., over 12 inch, \$55.00; B.C. fir edge grain No. 1 stepping, \$45.00; No. 2, \$40.00; B.C. fir, flat grain, No. 1, \$37.00; No. 2 do., \$32.50; B.C. finishing up to 12 in., \$37.50; do., over 12 inch, \$42.50. \$5 per M advance on 2 1/2 inch and thicker. One inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$55.00, 3rd clear, \$48.00, selects, B \$38.00, selects, C, \$30.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$30.00; B.C. cedar, clear, \$50.00. B.C. fir finishing, \$37.50; do. over 12 inch, \$42.50.

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

Mouldings and Base—Parting strips, 100 feet lineal, 60c; lattice, 1/2x1 1/2, 100 feet lineal, 75c, 1/2x1 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 1/2 cove, 75c; 1 1/2 inch mould, \$1.50; 2 inch mould, \$1.75; 2 1/2 inch mould, \$2.00; 3 inch mould, \$2.25; 3 1/2 inch mould, \$2.50; 4 inch mould, \$2.75; 4 1/2 inch mould, \$3.00; 5 inch mould, \$3.25; 6 inch mould, \$4.00; 5 inch window stool, 1 1/2 \$4.50; 6 inch window stool, 1 1/2, \$5.25; 4 inch casings, \$2.25; 5 inch casings, \$2.75; 6 inch casings, \$3.25; 8 inch base, \$4.25; 10 inch base, \$5.00; 12 inch base, \$7.00; hand rail, 2x4, \$5.50; wainscot cap, 2 1/2 inch, \$2.35, 3 inch, \$2.75; paper mould, 60c. 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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Manitoba.

J. Scott will open in the farm implement business at Bagot.

T. T. Thompson intends opening a flour and feed business at Morden.

S. George, of Portage la Prairie, will open a harness shop at Swan River.

W. Pitcher, baker, of Portage la Prairie, will open business at Swan River.

Chas. E. Gardner, of Brandon, is opening in musical instruments, etc., at Rapid City.

The A. E. Hill Co. (Ltd.) has taken over the stocks of A. E. Hill at Griswold and Hartney.

R. Davis has bought the stock of C. Hilker, baker, etc., Oak River, and is adding groceries.

The annual meeting of the Winnipeg board of trade will be held on Tuesday, Feb 7, in the afternoon.

J. E. Bossons, of Portage la Prairie, will open in hardware, building material, etc., at Swan River.

W. D. Ruttan, general merchant, Manitou, has sold out his stock and rented his premises to C. R. Gordon.

E. E. Turner and N. Holmes have formed a partnership as general merchants, and will open business at McGregor.

Hall Bros. & Co., Portage la Prairie, have purchased a property and will erect thereon a substantial two-story building.

A combine of all Winnipeg milk vendors is proposed. The object is to cheapen the cost of delivery from 3 to 1 cent per quart, and provide for the elimination of tuberculosis milk.

Griswold is to have a paper to be called the Griswold Ledger. The first issue will appear on Feb. 1st. Benham & Garrison, of Virden, are the publishers.

John Spittal, blacksmith, Stonewall, has sold out to J. W. Fullbrook, hardware merchant, of that place, and has moved to Winnipeg. Henderson & Mallard, blacksmiths, will succeed Spittal.

The amalgamation of the oil companies will affect the Winnipeg branches, which will be amalgamated. Mr. Sharp, of the Imperial, and Mr. Judd, of the Standard, will act as joint local managers.

It is announced that a daily mail service will be inaugurated on the Belorame branch railway. The government has been tardy in recognizing the rights of the people along this line, but it is satisfactory to note that the frequent requests for improved mail service have at last brought the desired result.

Assiniboia.

D. Woodward, grocer, Reglin, intends giving up this business at the end of February and moving to New Westminster, British Columbia, where he will likely engage in the same line.

Four cars of cattle were shipped from Yorkton recently by Thomas Meredith for Gordon & Ironside, Winnipeg.

Northwest Ontario.

Fort William has adopted the early closing plan for business places.

J. Devanny has sold his interest in the Queen's hotel, Rat Portage, to his

partner, Mr. Brady. Mr. Devanny has purchased the Keefer hotel, Toronto.

Ottawa, Jan. 30.—J. B. Booth will put two new steamers on the route between Fort William and Depot Harbor next year to handle Manitoba grain. A barge line will be inaugurated between Coteau and Montreal.

Grain and Milling News.

A very handsome blotter has been received from Leitch Bros., millers, of Oak Lake, Man.

The visible supply of wheat continues to show moderate increases each week, while during previous years at this season the "visible" has usually grown smaller.

The Dominion government will be memorialized by the board of trade to appoint official sworn weighers at terminal elevators at Montreal, St. John and other points east.

The Montreal Gazette of Monday last says: There was a good demand from country buyers for Manitoba grades of flour, and agents of the smaller mills report sales of 1,000 sacks at an advance in price of 15c per barrel on track, over previous sales.

The Ogilvie Milling Co., Winnipeg, have already received a number of applications for seed oats. They purpose bringing in a number of car lots of choice white oats, which they will sell to farmers at cost, for seed purposes, in order to encourage the growing of choice varieties of oats suitable for milling.

H. W. T. Grant, of the Winnipeg Plating Co., has received a letter from his father who is in business in Australia, in which the following passage occurs: "I met an agent of a New York shipping firm recently, who told me, that he has been doing a large business in Canadian flour, the product of the Lake of the Woods Co.'s mills. The flour is guaranteed to buyers to make 140 to 200 more loaves of bread to the ton than any Australian flour."

Grocery Trade Notes.

It is reported that the Columbia River Canneries association, recently formed, is to consolidate with the Alaska Packers' association.

A bill has been introduced in the senate of the state of Minnesota for the repeal of the one-cent bounty on beet sugar as given under the law passed two years ago.

The feature of the molasses market, says the Montreal Gazette, has been

the fact that the Grocers guild have advanced prices for Barbadoes 1c per gallon, car lots now being quoted at 31c and smaller quantities at 32c.

Tenders.

The general stock of A. N. Ellis & Co., Carberry, Man., is offered for sale by tender to Feb. 10.

The Crow's Nest Pass Coal company are open to receive tenders for the erection of 200 coke ovens.

Tenders for printing and stationery for the municipality of Rockwood Man., are wanted before Feb. 22.

Tenders will be received by the trustees of Ravine school district, Virden district, Man., Feb. 17, for the building and furnishing of a frame school building.

Tenders are asked for the erection of a solid brick hotel of thirty-eight rooms at Moose Jaw, Assa. Tenders to be opened on Feb. 25. Plans at Brunswick hotel, Moose Jaw, and at the office of J. E. Forslund, Winnipeg.

Dairy Trade Items.

J. Dousfield, of the Brandon creamery, is canvassing the Portage la Prairie district with a view to establishing business there.

At the annual meeting of the creamery at Macdonald, Man., it was reported that the product of last season, a period of four months, aggregated 11,361 pounds, which was sold at an average price of 181.2 cents per pound, realizing to the patrons 111.2 cents. This was a little in advance of the results of 1897. D. W. McQuig was reappointed secretary and manager.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks

There were 1,962,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on January 28. Receipts for the week were 192,000 bushels and shipments 65,000 bushels.

Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keeswatin, Winnipeg and interior country points are estimated at 3,200,000 bushels, compared with about 5,000,000 bushels a year ago.

The Canadian Pacific railway land department sold land last year to 201 settlers from the United States. This of course, only represents a limited portion of the total number coming from the United States. A good many would take up government land, or secure farms in other ways, while some would locate in the towns.

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Mining Notes.

Shafts are being sunk on several locations in the Wabigoon district.

A number of transfers of Camp McKinney, British Columbia, properties are reported.

The Dundee (Ymir, B. C.) Mining Co.'s new concentrating plant has been started, with a capacity of 60 tons.

A large vein of hematite iron ore is reported to have been discovered in the Wabigoon district, Northwestern Ontario.

The shipments from the Rosland mines for the week ending Jan. 28 were as follows: Le Roi, 1,500 tons; War Eagle, 600; total, 2,100.

The outlook for the Golden Cache company have not improved, and it looks as though the stockholders will get little or nothing for their investment.

The first stamp mill to operate on Lake Minnetakie, Wabigoon district, Northwestern Ontario, will be erected by the John Sykes syndicate, of Toronto, who have shipped a plant, including portable engine and wood working machinery to their property, S. V. 105.

Dry Goods Trade.

A young man at Stonewall, Man., requires a situation as dry goods salesman. Being low in funds he offers to take a salary of one-eighth cent per month, said amount to be doubled the second month and so on doubled each month for two years. He will not engage for less than two years.

In the United States, gray cotton goods hold very strong and the is strengthening finished fabrics. Raw cotton has worked higher, which also adds strength to the situation. Buyers have purchased quite freely during the past two months, the jobbing movement having helped out business at first hands. Printed fabrics are going well, the strong price of the gray goods have encouraged free buying to stock up. Ginghams are in excellent shape and the market firm.

Damp Oats.

Owing to the wet weather in Manitoba last fall a considerable quantity of the oats being market this winter are too damp to keep well. As soon as warm weather sets in these oats will spoil, so that they should be disposed of or dried before spring. They cannot be kept for seed, as it would be running a great risk to use damp grain for seed. Even if not already damaged for seed purposes, they would probably deteriorate in quality with the milder spring weather, before they could be sown.

Leather.

A Montreal report says: The market for sole leather continues steady, and tanners here say they will have to advance prices in order to keep pace with the steady rise in the price of dry hides, the same as has been done in New York, where sole leather has appreciated in value 1-2c per pound, during the past week, making a rise with the late previous advance of 1c per pound.

Wagborn's Guide for February is out.

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Apples, Gallons (per doz.)	3 00
Black or Lawton berries, 25, 2 doz.	3 25
Beans, 25, 2 doz.	3 25
Corn, 25, 2 doz.	2 30
Cherries, red, pitted 25, 2 doz.	3 75
Peas, Marrowfat, 25, 2 doz.	1 90
Peas, sifted, 25, 2 doz.	3 25
Pears, Bartlett, 25, 2 doz.	3 25
Pears, California, 2 1/2, 2 doz.	4 50
Pears, Bartlett, 35, 2 doz.	5 00
Pineapple, 25, 2 doz.	4 50
Pineapple, imported, 25, 2 doz.	5 00
Peaches, 25, 2 doz.	3 75
Peaches, California, 2 1/2, 2 doz.	5 00
Peaches, Canadian, 35, 2 doz.	5 00
Plums, 25, 2 doz.	3 25
Plums, California, 2 1/2, 2 doz.	4 50
Pumpkins, 35, 2 doz.	2 00
Raspberries, 25, 2 doz.	3 25
Strawberries, 25, 2 doz. new.	3 10
Tomatoes, 35, 2 doz.	3 20
Salmon, talls, 15, 4 doz.	5 00
Salmon, Cohoes talls, 15, 4 doz.	7 50
Sardines, domestic 1/2s.	05 08
Sardines, imported, 1/2s.	09 1/2
Sardines, imported, 1/4s.	15 25
Sardines, imp. 1/2s, boneless.	20 35
Sardines, Dom., mustard 1/2s.	10 12
Imported Fresh Herring, 15, 1 doz.	40 1 00
Imp. Kippered Herrings, 15, 1 doz.	55 2 00
Imp. Herrings, Tom. Sauce 15, 1 doz.	90 2 00
Imp. Anch. Sauce 15, 1 doz.	90 2 00
Imp. Shrimp Sauce 15, 1 doz.	90 2 00
Canned Meats	Per case.
Corn Beef, 15, 2 doz.	3 50
Corn Beef, 25, 1 doz.	3 00
Lunch Beef, 25, 1 doz.	3 00
Lunch Tongue, 15, 2 doz.	6 00
Lunch Tongue, U.S., 2 doz.	6 75
Brawn, 25, 1 doz.	3 60
Pigs Feet, 15, 2 doz.	3 60
Roast Beef, 25, 1 doz.	3 00
Chicken, Duck or Turkey, 15, 2 doz.	80 5 00
Potted Ham, 1/2s.	75
Devilled Ham, 1/2s.	75
Potted Tongue, 1/2s.	75
Potted Ham, 1/4s.	50
Devilled Ham, 1/4s.	50
Potted Tongue, 1/4s.	50
Coffee	Per pound.
Green Rio.	9 1/2
Inferior grades	5 1/2
Cereals	Per sack
Split Peas, sack 95	2 50
Pat Barley, sack 95	2 75
Pearl Barley, sack 95	4 25
Roll'd Oats, sack 95	1 50
Standard Oatmeal, sack 95	2 35
Granulated Oatmeal, sack 95	2 35
Beans (per bushel), sack 95	40 1 45
Commical, sack 95	1 25
Commical, 1/2 sack 49 (per 1/2 sack)	0 65
Rice, lb.	4 1/2
Java	5 1/2
Rice, Japan	5 1/2
Sago	4 1/2
Tapioca	4 1/2
Cigarettes	Per M
Old Judge	55 90
Alhite	5 90
Sweet Caporal	5 90
Sweet Sixteen	5 70
Deby	6 60
Cured Fish	
Boneless Hake, per lb.	05 05 1/2
Codfish, whole cases, 100 lbs.	6 00
Codfish, Pure per lb.	07 07 1/2
Herrings, in half-barrels.	3 75 4 00
Dried Fruits	
Corranis, new, Prov'l Bbls.	05 1/2 6
Corranis, Prov'l Cases	5 1/2 6 1/2
Corranis, Prov'l 1/2 Barrels	05 1/2 6 1/2
Corranis, Filiatria, bbls	05 1/2 6 1/2
Corranis, Filiatria, cases	05 6 1/2
Corranis, cleaned, cases	07 7 1/2
Dates, Cases	06 7 1/2
Figs, Elene, about 10 lb box.	30 2 20
Figs, Glave box, per doz	30 3 60
Figs, Cooking, Sax.	09 1/2 10
Figs, boxes.	12 1/2 13
Figs, Tapanets	05 1/2 06
Figs, Portuguese, boxes	07 1/2 08
Prunes, Roman, Cases.	08 09
Sultana Raisins	13 1/2 14

Dried Fruits

	Per pound
Raisins, Val., fine, off stalk	55 1 05
Raisins, Selected, off stalk	50 1 50
Raisins, Val. Layers, per box	50 1 00
Loose Muscatels, 2 crown	50 1/2 5 1/2
Loose Muscatels, 3 crown	50 1/2 5 1/2
Loose Muscatels, 4 crown	50 1/2 5 1/2
London Layers, 20 lb Boxes	90 2 00
Apples, Dried	08 8 1/2
Evap Apples, finest quality	10 1/2 11
California Evaporated Fruits	
Peaches, peeled	17 15
Peaches, unpeeled	13 14
Pears	12 1/2 13
Apricots	16 1/2 17
Pitted Plums	11 11 1/2
Prunes, 100 to 120	5 1/2 6
Prunes, 90 to 100	10 1/2 11
Prunes, 80 to 90	7 1/2 8
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 1/2 45
Telephone	3 25
Tiger	3 10
Nuts	Per pound
Brazils	11 12 1/2
Taraxoga Almonds	14 15
Peanuts, roasted	11 1/2 13
Peanuts, green	9 10
Grenoble Walnuts	14 15
French Walnuts	12 13
Sicily Filberts	10 11
Shelled Almonds	30 35
Syrup	
Extra Bright, per lb.	34 34 1/2
Medium, per lb.	2 1/2 30
Maple, case 1 doz. 1/2 gal. tins 60	6 75
Molasses, per gal. (New Or.)	35c 40c
Porto Rico	40
Barbadoes	45 50
Sugar	
Extra Standard Gran.	4 90
German Granulated	4 1/2
Extra Ground	7c
Powdered	6 1/2
Bright Yellow Sugar	4 45 4 50
Maple Sugar	11c 12c
Salt	Per pound
Rock Salt	1 1/2 1 1/2
Common, fine	1 00 3 00
Common, coarse	1 00 3 00
Dairy, 100 3	3 25 3 50
Dairy, 60-5	3 15 3 30
Dairy, white duck sack	00 50
Common, fine jute sack	00 45
Spices	Per doz.
Assorted Herbs, 1/2 lb tins.	75 90
Allspice, whole	15 20
Allspice, pure ground	15 20
Allspice, compound	15 20
Cassia, whole	15 20
Cassia, pure ground	20 25
Cassia, compound	17 20
Cloves, whole	13 20
Cloves, pure ground	25 30
Cloves, compound	15 20
Pepper, black, whole	14 15
Pepper, black, pure ground	16 15
Pepper, black, compound	10 13
Pepper, white, whole	23 25
Pepper, white, pure ground	23 30
Pepper, white, compound	18 20
Pepper, Cayenne	25 30
Ginger, whole, Jamaica	25 30
Ginger, whole, Cochina	30 35
Ginger, pure ground	33 35
Ginger, compound	15 25
Nutmegs, (per pound)	55 80
Mace (per pound)	00 1 25
Teas	Per pound
China Blacks—	
Choice	35 40
Medium	25 35
Common	13 20
Indian and Ceylon—	
Choice	35 40
Medium	25 32
Common	16 22
Young Hysons—	
Choice	45 50
Medium	25 35
Common	22 30
Japan—	
Finest May Picking	35 40
Choice	30 35
Fine	25 30
Good Medium	30 35
Common	15 20

Tobacco

	Per pound
T. & B., 35, 45, and 95 Cads.	00 70
Lily, 85, Cads.	00 63
Crescent, 85, Cads.	00 60
T. & B. Black Chewing, 85 or 105	00 64
T. & B. Mahogany Chewing, 35 or 105	00 64
T. & B. 1-12 pkg, cut	00 80
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 1-12 tins	00 85
Orinoco, 1-12 pkg.	00 85
Orinoco, 1-5 tins	00 84
Orinoco, 1/2 tins	00 80
Tuckett's Cherub Cigarette 1-12	00 87
Brier, 85, Cads.	00 64
Derby, 35 and 45, Cads.	00 67
Derby, 85, Cads.	00 65
P. & W. Chewing, Cads.	00 64
P. & W. Chewing, Butts	00 64
Canadian Leaf, 50 lb bales	21 25
Wooden Ware	Per doz.
Pails, 2 hoop clear	1 50 1 60
Pails, wire hoop	2 25 3 30
Pails, Star fire	4 00
Tubs, No. 1 common	9 50 10 50
Tubs, No. 2 common	6 50 7 00
Tubs, No. 3 common	5 50 6 00
Tubs, nests (3)	1 55 1 65
Tubs, wire hoop (3)	2 25 2 40
Tubs, fibre, No. 0	16 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 1	14 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 2	12 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 3	10 50
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (2)	45 50
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (3)	75 80

DRUGS

Following are prices for parcel lots, with usual reductions for unbroken packages.

Alum, lb	3 1/2 4 1/2
Alcohol, gal.	25 5 50
Bleaching Powder, lb.	05 07
Bluestone, lb.	06 07
Bluestone, barrel lots	03 1/2 05
Borax	09 10
Bromide Potash	75 80
Camphor	55 65
Camphor, ounces	60 70
Carbolic Acid	35 60
Castor Oil	13 20
Chlorate Potash	18 20
Citric Acid	45 50
Copperas	03 1/2 04
Cocaine, oz	4 50 5 00
Cream Tartar, lb	28 32
Cloves	20 25
Epsom Salts	03 04
Extract Logwood, bulk	14 18
Extract Logwood, boxes	15 20
German Quinine	30 40
Glycerine, lb	20 25
Ginger, Jamaica	30 35
Ginger, African	20 25
Howard's Quinine, oz.	40 45
Iodine	4 75 5 00
Insect Powder	30 35
Morphia, sul.	1 90 2 00
Opium	5 00 5 50
Oil, olive	1 25 1 40
Oil, U.S. Salad	1 25 1 40
Oil, lemon, super	1 60 1 80
Oil, peppermint	2 00 2 40
Oil, cod liver, gal.	1 25 1 75
Oxalic Acid	14 16
Potass Iodide	3 75 4 00
Pari Green, lb	20 22
Saltpetre	05 10
Sulphur	30 35
Shellac	35 40
Sulphur Flowers	3 1/2 04
Sulphur Holi, keg.	3 1/2 04
Soda Bicarb, keg of 112 lbs	3 75 4 25
Salt Soda	3 00 3 00
Tartaric Acid, lb.	40 45
Strychnine, pure crystals, oz.	85 1 00

CURED MEATS AND LARD

Lard, pure, 20 lb pails	\$1 50
Lard, imported, 20 lbs	1 70
Lard, pure, in 3, 5 and 10 lb tins, per case of 60 lbs	5 75
Lard, pure, Tierces, per lb	8
Lard, 50 lb tubs	5 1/2
Lard, Compound, 20 lb pails	1 35
Lard, Compound, 3 and 5 lb tins, case 60 lbs.	5 00
Smoked Meats	per lb.
Hams	11
Breakfast bacon, bellies	12 1/2
Breakfast bacon, backs	11
Spiced rolls	10
Shoulders	8 1/2
Long Clear	9 1/2
Dry Salt Meats	
Long clear bacon	8 1/2
Shoulders	8 1/2
Short Clear	8
Hacks	9
Barrel Pork	Per barrel
Heavy ones	16 00 17 00
Short cut	16 50 17 50
Meat Sundries	
Fresh pork sausage, lb	8
Hologna sausage, lb.	7
Pickled pigs feet, kits.	2 40
Sausage casings, lb.	25 30

LEATHER

	Per pound
Harness, oak	30
Harness, union oak No. 1	32
Harness, union oak No. 1 R.	31
Harness, hemlock No. 1, anchor brand	32
Harness, hemlock No. 1 R. anchor brand	31
Harness, hemlock country tannage, No. 1	30
Do., No. 1 R.	32
Black collar leather	36
American Oak Sole	40
Sole, union oak	31
Listowell, sole	26 25
Pentagon, sole	27 30
Action Sole	26 29
H. F. French calf	25 1 30
H. F. French kip	07 1 15
Canada calf	65 80
Canada Calf, Horseshoe	65 80
Niagara Brand Kip	50 50
Wax upper	42 46
Grain upper	44 46
Kangaroo, per foot	30 50
Dolgoona, 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	8 00
Pea size	6 50
Canadian anthracite, stove	7 00
Canadian anthracite, nut	6 00
Lethbridge bituminous	7 50
Crow's Nest bituminous	7 50
U. S. bituminous, as to mine	7 00
Souris Lignite	4 60
Souris, car lots F.O.B. mines	1 50
Blossburg smithing	9 50
Cordwood	
These are prices for car lots, on track	
Winnipeg	Per cord
Tamarac	4 00 4 25
Pine, green cut, dry	3 25 3 40
Pine, dead cut	3 00 3 25
Spruce	2 75 3 00
Poplar, green cut dry	2 00 2 25
Poplar, dead cut	2 00 2 25
Oak, green cut dry body	4 00 4 25
Oak, dead cut	3 75 4 00

FRESH FISH, OYSTERS

Whitefish, lb	05 05 1/2
Pickrel, lb	01
Trout, lb	09
Pike, lb	02
Salmon, lb	12 1/2
R.C. halibut, lb.	12
Smelts, lb	09
Cod	08
Haddock	08
Smoked goldeyes, doz	30
Smoked haddies	08
Roasters, per box	1 50
Salt Whitefish, per 1/2 bbl	6 50
Salt Trout, per 1/2 bbl	7 50
Oysters, selects, per gal	2 00
Oysters, standards	1 50
Oysters, cans selects, each.	65
Shell Oysters, bbls	7 50

FINANCIAL

INTEREST RATES.

There are indications that interest rates on mortgage loans in Manitoba will soon become established on a lower basis. For instance ordinary loans on farm properties held for a long time at 8 per cent., but during the past year quite a little business was done at 7 per cent., and in a few cases even at 6 per cent. The lower tendency in rates is due to a considerable extent to the pushing of loan business here by the insurance companies. The latter companies have been working the loan and insurance business together, and they have made cuts in interest rates in cases where a policy has been secured at the same time. The number of transfers of farm properties was large last year, and this helped to keep up interest rates, otherwise a general decline to 7 per cent might have been established already. When a large real estate business is doing, it means more business for the loan companies as new mortgages frequently follow sales of land. One or two companies, however, are accepting business freely at 7 per cent. for farm loans.

The rate of interest on loans on city property has also tended downward, and where 7 per cent was formerly invariably asked, 6 per cent is now sometimes obtained. Of course special large loans on valuable business properties have been put through at lower rates, as low as 4 1-2 to 5 per cent having been obtained on some of Winnipeg's new business blocks.

FINANCIAL NOTES.

The Imperial Bank of Canada has opened branches at Hamilton and Lis-towel, Ont.

John Russell, local manager of the Freehold Loan Co., returned Tuesday from Toronto.

Notice is given that an application will be made at the next session of the Manitoba legislature for an act to incorporate "The Winnipeg General Trusts Company," having for its object the execution of trusts, and to act as a safe deposit company, and to amalgamate with any company carrying on a general trusts business in the province.

The Bank of Nova Scotia, which already has a very large reserve in proportion to capital, will shortly increase its reserve to over \$2,000,000 by the sale of a \$300,000 issue of stock. The shareholders have the first preference at 2.10 for the new issue, while the market value is \$2.25 to \$2.30. The profit on the sale of this stock will be added to reserve.

Application will be made to parliament for an act incorporating a company to acquire and undertake the assets and business of The Canada Permanent Loan and Savings company, The Freehold Loan and Savings company, the London and Ontario Investment company, limited, and The Western Canada Loan and Savings company, respectively, or of any of them, and of such other companies of a similar kind as may agree thereto.

Our Elevator Capacity

The total elevator capacity in bushels from Fort William west, as compiled by the Winnipeg Grain and Produce Exchange was on Jan. 1st, 1899, as follows:

	Bushels.
C. P. R. Main Line	10,654,000
" Pembina branch,	2,411,500
" Souris	1,250,000
" Pipestone	249,000
" Southwestern	1,272,000
" Emerson	237,000
" Other branches	641,000
Total C. P. R.	16,714,500
M. & N. W. Ry.	1,284,500
N. P. R.	1,295,000
Dauphin	230,000
Great Northwest Central,	484,000
Total	19,985,000

On Jan., 1898, the total elevator capacity was 18,378,500; the net gain during the year was therefore 1,579,500.

Wonderful Advance

Montreal, Jan. 31.—At the annual meeting of the board of trade today, President James Crathern said, in the course of his address, the following words: During the forty-five years I have been actively engaged in business as a merchant in this city I have passed through many seasons of mercantile and financial depression, but at no time have I known the commercial and financial interests of the country to have been on a sounder or a better footing than at the present. We have been blessed with a bountiful harvest, and all engaged in the commercial and manufacturing industries report a satisfactory volume of business; payments are also most satisfactory, with losses through bad debts much reduced." The speaker went on to compare the figures of Canada's trade in 1898 with that of the past year. These and similar comparisons in other respects showed something of the country's progress. He dwelt on the permanent good conferred on the country by the magnificent educational gifts of Lord Strathcona and Sir W. C. MacDonald. In the discussion which followed the annual report, Mr. I. Tarte, minister of public works, was warmly commended by Major Bond and others for his efforts to improve the channel between here and Quebec. A. P. Watt insisted the government should complete the transportation policy by building public elevators at once in Montreal, those now in existence being controlled by private corporations. A resolution was unanimously adopted cordially thanking Mr. Mulock, postmaster-general, for establishing a two cent Dominion postage rate; also for the imperial two cent rate.

Freight Rates.

A reduction in the freight charges on wheat from points in Manitoba to Ontario has been made by the Northern Pacific railway to stations on the Grand Trunk west of and including Montreal and intermediate stations on the Canada Atlantic, from Emerson, Winnipeg, Portage la Prairie and Miami the rate per 100 pounds is 36 1-2 cents, and from Wawanesa and Brandon it is 37 1-2 cents. A rate of 20 cents per 100 pounds from Duluth to the same points in Ontario has also gone into effect.

The charter of the Manitoba South-eastern railway provides for a maximum rate on saw logs and cordwood. On pine and spruce saw logs, for 150 miles, or from the point where the railway touches Itany river, to the city of Winnipeg, the rate must not exceed \$2.50 per thousand feet board measure. The rate on cordwood is fixed at a rate of 2 1-2 cents per 100 pounds for 25 miles, or less, 3 cents for 50 miles, 3 1-2 cents for 75 miles, 4 cents for 100 miles, 4 1-2 cents for 200 miles or less. It is this special rate on saw logs which will permit the establishment of saw mills at Winnipeg, the logs to be brought by rail from the Lake of the Woods district.

Wool

The general situation in wool is much stronger, owing to the sharp advances at the recent London sales. United States buyers had to pay higher prices for such qualities as they are obliged to import, and this has strengthened prices in United States markets. The Canadian wool market has been stimulated to some extent in the same way. Imported wools at Montreal, it is said, have advanced 1 cent per pound, several manufacturers, it is said, having been caught short of supplies. The wool markets have been dull and weak for a long time, and it is not unreasonable that they should have a little stirring up.

The North American Chair Company's factory at Owen Sound, Ont., was completely destroyed by fire on Jan. 31. The loss will be in the neighborhood of \$75,000. Two hundred and eighty hands are thrown out of employment.

During the month of January the C. P. R. land department sold 14,718 acres, for which \$46,412 was realized. The Canada Northwest Land Company's sales during the same month amounted to 2,720 acres, which sold for \$19,840.

Passenger (who has just tendered his legal fare)—"I am not such a fool as I look, my man."
Cabby—"No; if you wuz I'd lave a puddin'."

Another reminder of spring has been received in the form of J. M. Perkins' handsome illustrated seed catalogue, giving a description of the large varieties of garden, field and flower and tree seeds handled; also a list of shrubs and small fruits, with numerous illustrations. Mr. Perkins has been many years in the seed trade in Winnipeg, and his reputation for reliability is established.

The daily papers reported the other day the case of a number of boys in the United States, who caught and stripped a playmate and proceeded to burn him with hot iron. This is the effect, no doubt, of the publication of details of lynching, where similar horrible cruelty is frequently resorted to. Men have been going about the country giving a phonographic exhibition of a brutal lynching incident, in which hot irons were freely used. This beastly performance was held forth in Winnipeg for some time recently. With the press giving lengthy details of lynchings, and the horrible proceedings made farther familiar by means of the phonograph, it is no wonder that the boys have become so demoralized as to endeavor to practice such cruelties upon their playmates.

THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, Saturday, Feb. 4.

The very severe weather which has prevailed this week has tended to make business quieter. In the country, though higher prices were being offered for wheat than previous to last week, yet there was very little grain being marketed by farmers, as few who were not compelled to, would go out any distance during such severe weather. However, we cannot expect very cold weather to last much longer, and between now and spring there should be larger marketings of wheat than has been made since the close of navigation. The "boom" in wheat prices which took place last week in United States markets, seems to have flattened out considerably already. Prices being offered for wheat to farmers in Manitoba country markets are high, when measured by prices which can be paid for export.

Bank clearings at Winnipeg for the month of January show a gain of \$1,336,874 over January a year ago, \$2,073,233 over January of 1897, and \$2,705,852 over January, 1896. Business for the month past, makes a good showing compared with the similar period of previous years. Collections, however, are reported slow in the country, farmers being backward in meeting their obligations to merchants. In the city there is more work going on than usual for the time of year, and labor is well employed. Savings bank deposits for January in Winnipeg show an increase over withdrawals, which is a good record for a winter month, which is about the most costly of the year for ordinary living expenses, besides following immediately the expensive holiday season.

To-day—Feb. 4—is the heavy payday of the year in the dry goods and some other branches of trade. Of course, we cannot report results until returns are in.

Next week a large number of merchants from outside points will be in the city, owing to the bonspiel attractions and special railway rates, and more or less buying will be done by the visitors.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Saturday, Feb. 4.

(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.)

COAL AND WOOD.

Fuel dealers have had another big week's trade, as a result of the very severe weather. Wood fuel is offering very freely in car lots here at prices noted on another page. There was talk of a further advance of 25c in

anthracite coal at western points in the United States, which would make the wholesale price \$5 per ton at Duluth, if it goes into effect. Imported anthracite continues to sell in Winnipeg at less than cost laid down here, on the basis of wholesale quotations at Duluth. As dealers here, however, could not go on indefinitely selling coal at cost or loss, it is evident that prices of Pennsylvania anthracite at supply points in the United States must be cut to considerably under quoted prices.

Later advice report the \$5 rate now in effect at Duluth, which is equal to \$3 per ton for car lots on track Winnipeg, the freight rate being \$3 per ton.

DRUGS.

Mercurials, borax, boracic acid, soda bromide, annum brom., pot. bromide, blue vitrol and turpentine are all higher in price in first hands. Paris green has been advanced 2c by the manufacturers.

DRY GOODS.

Cotton goods continue to show a firm market. The advance in wool at the recent London sales has caused a firmer tone in the market for woolsens, but this would not affect the market before next fall. It is said that some Canadian manufacturers are very short of raw material, and most imported wools will cost them higher since the London sales.

GREEN FRUITS.

The severe weather put a damper on business in this branch. Bananas were beginning to have a considerable sale, but they were shut off this week by the cold weather. In apples, spies have again been advanced, but other varieties are unchanged. Oranges are steady. California lemons have not been offered freely yet and they are held firm. Almeria grapes are about out of stock. It is likely a few more small lots will be brought in, but they will cost higher. Ormons are advancing. Prices are: California uaval orange, \$3.75 to \$1.25 as to size, Mexican oranges, \$3 to \$1.25 per box. California seedling oranges \$3 a box, bananas, per bunch, large \$3 to \$3.50; medium, \$2.25 to \$2.50, Messina lemons, \$4 to \$4.25 per box, California lemons, \$4 to \$4.25 per box; Ontario apples, good ordinary stock \$4, fancy spies, \$5.50 per bbl. Almeria grapes \$8 to \$10 per keg; rose c. canberries, \$6.75 to \$7 per bbl; cranberries, unfrozen, \$8 barrel, coconuts, \$1 a dozen; Sicily filberts, large 11 to 12c per pound, Grenoble walnuts, 15c, Tarragona almonds, 14c; peanuts, green, 10c; roasted, 12c, pecan nuts, 12c lb.; shell-ed walnuts, 24 1-2 to 26c per pound; comb. honey, \$2.15 per dozen sections; strained honey, 8 1-2 to 9c per pound; maple sugar, 11 to 12c; apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels; California figs, in boxes of ten bricks, \$2 per box; dates, 7 1-2c per pound; celery, 40c per dozen bunches.

GROCERIES.

The sugar market is unsettled, owing to the offering here of United States sugars of all qualities. At first only granulated sugar from the States was offered in this market and Canadian refineries reduced their prices to meet the quotations on United States sugar. Since this, however, United States sugars have been offering laid down here at less than prices of Canadian sugars, for all qualities, including yellows, except

granulated, the price for the later, as just stated, having been met by Canadian refiners. An advance in freight rates of about 10c per 100 pounds, however, has gone into effect in the United States on sugar, and the market is unsettled. Teas are in fair demand at steady and firm prices. Coffees are steady. Oatmeal is still offering sparingly, the Manitoba mills being able so far only to keep a hand to mouth supply, though they are gradually gaining orders. The quality of the meal this year is affected by the poor quality of the oat crop, which is not up to the average. The price of brooms has been advanced here 25 to 50c per dozen, owing to the very high price of broom corn, as noted last week. Canned goods are quiet on spot. Cannery are holding the balance of their stocks firm, owing to large sales having been made for the Yukon and northern British Columbia trade, which has reduced available supplies.

Price changes this week include a reduction of 10c on granulated sugar and 5c reduction per 100 lbs. on yellow. The jobbing price on matches has been reduced 10c per case, to meet reduction noted last week in manufacturers' price. T. & B. tobacco and Prince of Wales chewing tobaccos have been reduced 2c per lb. Oatmeal is quoted 10c lower, and Patna and B. rice are a point lower.

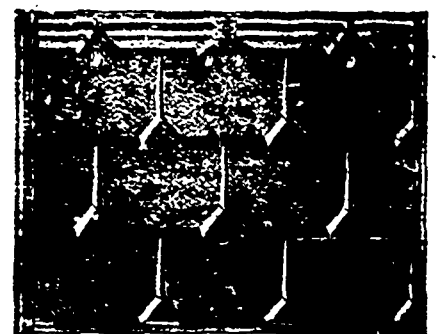
HARDWARE AND PAINTS.

Dealers report orders now coming in freely for later shipment, and some good sized orders for immediate shipment have been received from the Kootenay and other British Columbia points. Prices are firm, in sympathy with the general advance in heavy hardware and metals in outside markets. Tin has been advanced sharply to 26 to 27c for ingots. Tin plates, 20x28 size, have been advanced 50c per box. Tern plates are 50c higher. Canada plates are firm at 10c advance. Galvanized iron is 25c per

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LEATHERS.

There is a better feeling in the leather market, tanners reporting a better demand. Prices are firm. There is no change in this market.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—The course of the markets on this continent during the past week, has been exactly opposite to that of the previous week. Then, we had it on the ascending scale with great activity and excitement, advancing the price 8c per bushel in four or five days. This week we have had a steady decline since Monday, with gradually deepening dullness and consequent inactivity, and the loss in value is around 8c per bushel. A whirl of speculative buying in New York, Chicago, etc., had the effect of raising prices last week, but there being nothing in the actual wheat situation to cause such swift and violent advances, the present week seems to have been devoted to getting rid of the purchases at best profit possible. Notwithstanding the steep advance on this side of the water, European markets have held on the even tenor of their way, prices there remaining practically about the same figures since November. European crops of wheat were abundant last fall and farmers there have pursued the same holding policy as the farmers of America. At the same time, imported and domestic supplies have been amply sufficient to meet all requirements and merchants and millers seeing every probability that these supplies will be regularly kept up during the remainder of the crop season, and perhaps even greatly increased during the spring and summer months, doubtless feel that it is no more than prudent to refuse to buy largely in advance of future requirements. The American visible supply increased last week 310,000 bushels, against a decrease of 551,000 bushels for corresponding week last year. The world's exports to Europe for the week were 6,800,000 bushels. Australian shipments are increasing, and last week the Argentine shipped 624,000 bushels, against 40,000 bushels, the previous week, so that the southern hemisphere has fairly set in motion the stream of her surplus wheat for Europe. Argentina is estimated to have from 40,000,000 bushels to 52,000,000 bushels of a surplus for export from the crop just harvested, shipment of which will be spread over the next five or six months. The growing crops of winter wheat continue in good shape. In western Europe unseasonably mild weather is still reported, but the countries of the Danube and the winter wheat districts of Russia have more wintry weather, and their wheat crops are well protected by snow. The same is true of the winter wheat in the United States, where some apprehension of damage from the present severe weather has been suggested.

The local market, following the course of the American markets, has sagged daily, accompanied by a gradual decrease in trading, for rightly or wrongly holders are in the main unwilling to sell at the decline. Starting with Monday 73c per bushel on spot Fort William was the value of No. 1 hard. Tuesday, 71c; Wednesday, 70 1-2 to 71c; Thursday, 70 to

70 1-2c; and yesterday 70c, with buyers in the afternoon not willing to pay more than 69 1-2c. Two hard and 1 northern 31-2c less than 1 hard; 2 northern was offered yesterday at 62c Fort William, which is also value for 3 hard and 1 spring. Odd cars of tough wheat have been sold at varying prices. Yesterday 60c on track Fort William was offered for a car of tough 1 northern. Dried wheat is not in much request; the value in store Fort William yesterday was, dried 2 hard or 1 northern, 63 1-2c, and 2 northern, 60c.

FLOUR—Prices here to retail dealers are as follows: \$1.95 to \$2.05 for patent, \$1.75 for strong bakers, Glencora \$1.85; Manitoba bakers, \$1.55. Algoma, \$1.30; Imperial XXXX, \$1.15, XXXX, \$1.05 per sack of 98 pounds. Discount of 5c per sack for cash.

MILLFEED—Prices are steady. Bran is quoted at \$10 and shorts at \$12 per ton, with large lots at \$1 per ton less.

GROUND FEED—Prices vary widely all the way from \$7 to \$18 a ton, as to quality. Oat chop is quoted at \$15 to \$16 per ton; mixed barley and oats, \$13 to \$14, and wheat and mill mixtures at \$7 to \$10 per ton as to quality; oil cake, \$23 per ton; ground corn, \$18 to \$19 ton.

OATS—The market holds firm at about the prices reported last week. Offerings continue limited, but this may be partly owing to the cold weather. Choice dry oats for milling purposes are in good demand, at comparatively high prices. There is also some figuring on fancy seed oats, which will likely bring high prices, the most of the oats offering being damp and unfit for seed. We quote car lots on track Winnipeg at 25 to 28c, as to quality, 25 to 27c being asked for ordinary feed oats per bushel of 34 pounds, and upward for milling qualities. Some holders ask up to 30c.

BARLEY—Offerings limited and demand slow. We quote 24 to 25c per bushel of 48 pounds for car lots on track here, feed grades, and 27 to 30c for malting samples.

WHEAT—Local street market—Millers have been paying 58 to 63c for choice hard wheat delivered at the mills by farmers, as to quality. Tough and damp wheat brings 5 to 8c under dry grain of the same grade. Prices to farmers at country points range from 53 to 62c, according to freight rates and local conditions.

FLAX SEED—Nominal. This article is scarce and in a small way will bring 70 to 80c here, from retail dealers.

CORN—Car lots on track here would cost laid down about 42 to 44c per bushel of 56 lbs., as to grade.

BUTTER—Creamery—The market is steady, and about nominal. Jobbers are quoting 22 to 23c as to quantity and quality.

Butter—Dairy—The market is steady. Buyers are offering 13 1-2c to 14 1-2c here for lots, as to quality, and 15c is paid for choice lots for either rolls or tubs. Selected fresh prints would bring 1 to 2c higher.

CHEESE—Jobbers quote 9 1-2c for large and 10c for small sizes. The market is nominal.

EGGS—Very few have been received, owing to cold weather, and the fresh case eggs are more or less mixed in quality, which has a tendency to depress values and makes it difficult for commission houses to get more than the price of held stock

for receipts of country case eggs. The farmers who practice the custom of mixing in held eggs along with their fresh gathered stock, are the cause of these eggs selling so much below what they would otherwise bring. Country dealers either cannot detect this imposition, or they do not examine the eggs closely enough to detect it. For instance, in regard to a lot of a few cases which were received recently by a local commission house, the country shipper wrote that he was sending some choice, fresh eggs. There were many really fresh eggs in the lot, but also quite a mixture of very stale stock, which had evidently been held by the farmers and worked in with the new eggs. We quote 20 to 22c for fresh and 16 to 17c for limed. Stocks of held fresh are low.

POULTRY—Chickens are scarce. Buyers are now offering 9 to 10c per pound for good mixed lots of chickens. Turkeys, 10 to 12c, as to quality; geese, 9 to 10c; ducks, 8 to 10c.

GAME—Rabbits 8 1-2c each. Pigeons 20c per pair. Wild ducks 25c per pair.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef is firm, but 6c is still about the outside price for fresh killed beef, though 6 1-2c is being asked in some cases. Frozen beef is in very limited supply and sells quickly at high prices, bringing almost as much as good city dressed beef. Hogs are steady. Car lots of hogs from Ontario are being laid down here at \$5.75 to \$5.80 per 100 pounds. We quote prices as follows: City dressed beef, 5 1-2 to 6c; country beef 5 to 5 1-2c, as to quality; mutton 7 to 8c; lamb, 8 to 9c; veal, 6 to 7c; hogs, 5 3-4 to 6c.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes are firmer, owing to cold weather. Onions are tending higher. Potatoes 40c per bushel; turnips, 20c per bushel; parsnips, 1 1-2c per pound; carrots, 35 to 40c, beets, 35 to 40c per bushel; celery, 40 to 50c per dozen; cabbage, 1c per pound; onions, 2 to 3c per pound.

SENECA SCOT—Nominal at 21c.

WOOL—Nominal at 8 to 8 1-2c per pound. The Minneapolis Market Record says: Wool is merely nominal and there is hardly any demand. This is due to the overstock brought in before the tariff went into effect and also to the soft finish and fleece lined cotton goods, which are now substituted for woolen goods. Wool is about 2 to 3c per pound lower in all the big markets than one year ago. The great surplus will have to be slowly worked up before wool can be advanced much, and this will take a year or two.

HIDES—The market is somewhat irregular. Hides were firmer in the United States recently, but latest reports note an easier tendency again. The Minneapolis market was 1-4c lower this week. Frozen hides are quoted 6 to 6 1-2c; bulls and oxen 1c less. Five pounds tare taken on frozen hides. Inspected hides are as follows: No. 1, 6 1-2c; No. 2, 5 1-2c; No. 3, 4 1-2c. Branded hides grade No. 2, and bulls No. 3; kip, 6c to 6 1-2c; calf, 8c; deacon skins, 15c to 25c each; sheepskins and lambskins 40 to 65c as to length of wool; horsehides 50c to \$1 each.

HAY—Baled is quoted at \$7.50 to \$8 on track here and loose on the street market at \$6 to \$7.50 as to quality.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—Butchers' cattle are quoted at 3 to 3 1-2c off cars here for good to choice animals. The buying of stocker cattle for shipment to the



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United States is more active. We quote stockers 21-2 to 23-4c and higher for young animals. A shipment of feeders—not stockers as was reported in some Winnipeg papers—was made from here this week, destined for Ontario.

SHEEP—None offering. Entirely nominal.

HOGS—Quoted steady at 43-4c off cars for selected weights.

MILCH COWS—Prices range from \$25 to \$40 per head for new milkers.

HORSES—A considerable number of horses are being brought in from the United States for the spring trade.

Winnipeg Clearing House.

The clearing house returns this week compared with the corresponding week in previous years, show as follows:

Week ended Feb. 2, 1890.....\$1,683,437
Corresponding week, 1893..... 1,375,067
1897..... 1,024,173

Following shows the bank clearings at Winnipeg by months, for three years:

	1898.	1897.	1896.
Jan. ...	\$8,247,188	\$5,009,819	\$4,977,200
Feb. ...	5,517,000	3,851,000	4,032,000
March ...	5,968,000	4,289,000	4,286,000
April ...	6,240,000	4,102,000	4,032,000
May ...	3,883,864	5,014,786	4,246,201
June ...	7,396,000	5,531,000	4,094,000
July ...	6,316,238	5,616,603	4,961,277
Aug. ...	6,180,385	6,298,574	4,648,959
Sept. ...	6,414,551	8,035,201	4,630,706
Oct. ...	9,347,692	12,291,879	7,585,472
Nov. ...	11,558,669	13,550,761	8,895,175
Dec. ...	10,708,731	9,784,498	7,736,945

Year ...90,672,798 83,435,121 64,143,935
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Vancouver clearing house returns for the week were \$515,442; balances \$110,990.

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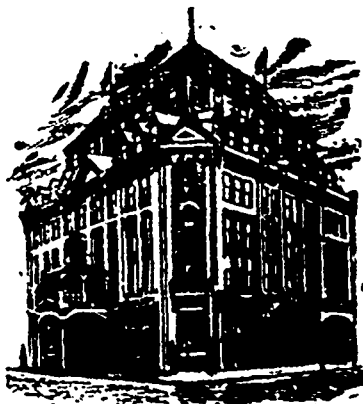
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Minneapolis Markets.

Compared with a week ago flour is 40c per barrel lower; millfeed 50c ton lower, corn 1-4c lower, flax 1-7-8c lower, eggs 3-4c lower, butter 1-2 to 1c higher for choicest; poultry 1-2 to 1c higher, hides and calfskins 1-4c lower.

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents, \$3.70 to \$3.80; second patent, \$3.50 to \$3.60.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk \$9.75 to \$10.00; bran in bulk \$10 to \$10.50; corn feed, \$13.25 to \$15 per ton as to quality.

Corn—Quoted at 311-4c for No. 3 yellow, and 33 3-4 for No. 3.

Oats—Held at 29c for No. 3 white, and 28 3-4c for No. 3.

Barley—Malting, 42 to 47c; feed quoted at 39 to 41c.

Flax seed—\$1.14 1-4 per bushel.

Eggs—161-1 to 161-2 for strictly fresh, including cases, seconds, 10 to 11c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 10 to 11 1-2c; fair to good, 8 1-2 to 9c.

Butter—Creamery, 15 1-2 to 18c; for choice to extras; seconds 12 to 14c; dairy 12 1-2 to 16c; for choice to fancy, seconds 11c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 5 to 6 1-2c; lamb, 8 to 10c; veal, 5 to 8c; hogs, choice, 4 1-4c; medium, 4c; heavy, 3 1-2c.

Poultry—Chickens, spring, 6 to 10c; hens, 6 to 8 1-2c; roasters 4c; turkeys 7 to 10c; ducks 5 to 9c; geese 5 to 8c. Frozen stock 1c less.

Hides—Green salted hides, 9c for No. 1; 8c for No. 2; bulls, oxen and brands, 6 1-2 to 7 1-2c; sheepskins, 25 to 80c each; veal, calf, 9 3-4 to 11 1-4c; tallow, 2 1-2 to 3 1-2c; seneca root, 21 to 24c.

Potatoes—Mixed lots, 25 to 28c, white, 30 to 35c.

Apples—Good winter stock, \$4.50 to \$5 per barrel.

Wool—Unwashed, fine, 11 to 13c; medium, 13 to 14c; coarse, 13 to 14 1-2c.

Hay—\$6.50 to \$7.00 per ton for timothy; mixed clover, \$5 to \$6.

Live stock—Hogs, medium weight \$3.60 to \$3.70; lights and culls, \$3.25 to \$3.35 per 100 lbs. Sheep, \$3 to \$3.75. Lambs \$4.25 to \$4.50. Cattle, stockers and feeders \$3 to \$4.50; cows and heifers, \$3 to \$4.25; butchers steers, \$3.90 to \$4.75; cows and heifers, \$2 to \$3.60; bulls, \$2.50 to \$3.75.

British Columbia Items.

F. Guse, clothing, is opening at Columbia.

Shaw & Collins, stationery, are starting at Greenwood.

R. Oliver, grocer, contemplates opening business at Greenwood.

W. C. Haywood, hotel, Penticton, is succeeded by Rose & McAuley.

R. S. Wilson, tailor, Revelstoke, advertisements closing out business.

Blanchard & Moore, blacksmiths, have opened business at Cascade City.

Dykes (formerly Dykes & Temple), general store, Arrowhead, has assigned.

Ripstein & Berkman, hotel, Wardner, have dissolved, J. Berkman continuing.

J. Manson, hotel, Rossland, is applying for transfer of license to Moses & Stillwell.

Klockman & Peiser, saloon, Rossland, have dissolved partnership, A. Klockman continuing.

J. Hutcheson & Co., dry goods, Victoria, new company being formed to take over this business.

Kane Bros., general store, are reported to have sold their Craigton branch business to R. E. McLaughley.

The electors of Vancouver have passed a by-law to raise \$100,000 by debentures for waterworks extension.

The following are reported from Vancouver: Hodson & Dempsey, hotel, dissolving partnership; sale by tender Feb. 18. Thorne & Co., wholesale commission, are opening business. King Bros., fruits, produce, etc., have sold out to C. W. Ford. McLeod & Russell, saloon, have sold out to Ben. Wehrfritz. Griffiths & Macpherson, drugs, have sold out to Wallace & Engleson.

The Royal Canadian Canning company's property on the Skeena river was sold at auction at Victoria on Feb. 1, the purchaser being S. S. D. Schultz representing eastern and local parties. The price paid was \$27,500. The property comprises some 150 acres of land, dwelling houses, cabins, store and stock of goods, saw mill and a completely equipped cannery. The purchasers were shareholders in the original concern.

The annual meeting of the Kasko board of trade was held on Feb. 20. The election of officers resulted as follows: G. O. Buchanan, president; G. B. Gerrard, vice-president; O. A. Sutherland, secretary. For the council the following were elected: Robt. Irving, H. Giegerich, R. F. Green, Gro. Whiteside, A. Goodenough, A. McCullum, O. T. Stone, G. T. Kane, Chas. F. Caldwell, J. W. Cockle, W. F. Wheelans, G. E. Martin.

Raw Furs.

The London March sales will be from March 14th to 24th. The Hudson's Bay Co. will then offer their year's collection, except beaver and muskrat, which were sold in January. At these sales all kinds of furs will be offered. The March sale is the most important of the year, and furs for these sales should be shipped in promptly during the next four weeks. At the March sale buyers supply the bulk of their wants.

The Minneapolis Market Record says: Furs continue active at high prices for most all kinds except muskrat. The London January auction sales were not as good as was to be expected, considering the rise here. Prices are relatively higher here now than in Europe. It is quite evident that at the next March sales, unless prices advance on mink and skunk, they will have to be reduced here as were rats, but one thing in favor of mink and skunk prices being maintained is that they are wanted by American manufacturers, while nearly all the rats are used in Europe, consequently they can dictate what they are willing to pay for them. To those who think rats are not likely to decline any more we will call their attention to the fact that in the spring of 1884 good average rats sold for 3 and 4c. While it is not likely any such decline will take place, what has happened might happen again.

Dun's Trade Review

New York, Feb. 4.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade to-day has to say: There is an epidemic of consolidation. Never before have so many organizations of that sort been

in operation or in progress. While ignorant prejudice condemns all, though many are benefited, it seems probable that the business is at present being overdone. The most remarkable feature of the week has been the decline of five cents in wheat with only half a cent in corn and only a sixteenth in cotton. The government estimate of the wheat crop, 675,000,000 bushels, has more influence than any other from that source for a number of years, because it is recognized as the result of great efforts to get at the truth and is therefore considered about the lowest estimate possible. With ordinary consumption and present exports of 150,000,000 bushels from the crop of 1898, flour included, there will be less than 100,000,000 bushels for the replenishment of stocks, for farmers holding and for exports in the next five months, and the exports of 1,942,436 bushels, flour included, from Atlantic ports against 3,094,517 last year, and 1,495,604 from Pacific ports, against 776,940 last year, besides 309,855 from Duluth and Portland Maine, shows a stress of foreign demand which may well excuse some recovery in prices.

Personal Notes

John Galt, of G. F. & J. Galt, returned Thursday from a trip east.

Mr. Merrick, of Merrick, Anderson & Winnipeg, returned from Montreal on Monday.

J. Y. Griffin leaves to-day for Vancouver to look over the branch houses of his firm in British Columbia.

M. A. Whiting, western travelling representative for M. Erb & Co., of Berlin, Ont., died at Calgary last week of pneumonia.

Geo. A. McBean, of Toronto, formerly connected with the grain trade in Winnipeg, is spending a short time in Winnipeg in connection with the business affairs of his father, the late Arch McBean. Mr. McBean is still interested in the grain trade at Toronto. He says the Ontario crop is coming out very slowly as the farmers are holding on account of low prices. Some farmers, he said, sold wheat on the high prices last year, which they had carried from five to ten years.

The Sugar Market

A report from Montreal, dated Wednesday last says:

A weaker feeling has developed in the local sugar market, for the higher grades of yellow and prices for those known as Creams and Bright coffee have been reduced by refiners 10c per 100 lbs., but the darker grades are unchanged and the range of prices now is from \$3.75 to \$4.15 per 100 lbs., at the factory. Granulated is also steady at \$4.30 per 100 lbs. The demand has improved some of late and a more active business is reported.

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Notes by a Commercial Representative

As regards some of the more important improvements in the towns west of Winnipeg a few facts will perhaps be interesting.

In Portage in Prairie there has been considerable building done this year. A new brick block on Saskatchewan avenue has been occupied by Brown Bros., general merchants, with very satisfactory results to them. Their volume of trade has since very much increased. Thos. H. Metcalfe has thoroughly overhauled his oatmeal mill at this point and is now in shape to turn out a first class product. The Lake of the Woods Milling company's mill here is being kept thoroughly up to date and is turning out its usual high grade of flour. Many of the merchants have improved their premises in various ways, and the aggregate investment in stocks has increased considerably. A. J. Crighton, wholesale teas, etc., has had a most successful year's trade and is contemplating the extension of his operations this year.

At McGregor a number of building improvements can be noticed and the town is undoubtedly growing. Rogers Bros., millers, have branched out into the stock business and in connection with that have built two new stables. Merrick Bros., Wm. Knox and E. E. Turner are all carrying on general stores here and report last year as having been a highly satisfactory one. C. Street engages in the butchering business and T. R. Vardon in hardware. Besides these there are a number of smaller traders and a private bank. Geo. H. Stacey supplies the district with lumber.

Austin is a thriving little town a few miles west of McGregor. W. Clifford is the leading merchant here and he also owns and operates a flour mill. E. Creamer engages in the butcher business. W. J. Stinson is another prominent business man. He carries on a general store. Austin is singular among western Manitoba towns for the amount of wood which it annually puts upon the market. From three to four thousand cords of the best poplar are annually marketed at this station and furnish a revenue to the farmers in their slack season.

Sidney is one of the smaller places on this part of the C. P. R. system. Thorn Bros. are the principal traders at this point.

Carberry is one of the busiest and best known towns in Manitoba. Here considerable advancement was made in 1898. Smale's two-story brick block is one of the most substantial improvements. It is occupied by the boot and shoe store of the owner, W. G. Murphy is another merchant who invested largely in building last year. Next to the Smale block he erected a large two-story brick building for the accommodation of his general store business. Murphy, Brown & Co., hardware merchants, also occupy a store in this block. The firm intends engaging extensively in the bicycle business this year. Besides carrying a stock of high grade wheels they will put in a complete repair plant and will employ an expert to attend to this.

Whaley Bros., bakers and confectioners, have a fine store at Carberry, equal to anything in Winnipeg. They are expert fancy bakers. Shannon & Co., the new firm which recently brought out C. W. Malton's hardware business here, are at present getting the run of the stock and the acquaint-

ance of the customers of their store. This promises to be an enterprising concern. Another important improvement at Carberry is the handsome new station built by the C. P. R.

Douglas is a place of minor importance, but contributes a fair share to the yearly volume of trade in the province.

Brandon is the second city of Manitoba in every way. Its buildings are of the most pleasing and substantial character and its people are everything that is progressive. No attempt is to be here made to enumerate even the largest of its business concerns. They are already well known to all who have business connections with the town. Just a glance will be given at some of the improvements of last year. Alexander, Kelly & Co. are very well known as flour millers. Their mill here is in every way up to date and underwent its annual overhauling last year. Hanbury & Co., dealers in sash and doors, lumber and building material of all kinds, occupied a new warehouse last year, formerly the office and warerooms of J. A. Moor. This firm also operates a lumber mill here. Somerville & Co., marble and stone cutters, last year made a considerable increase in their capital investment in the way of new machinery. They are also adding special machinery for cutting curling stones. This is now the largest concern of the kind in Manitoba. The Brandon Machine Works Co. is one of the growing concerns of the wheat city. One of their specialties is a machine for bluestoning seed wheat, which is giving great satisfaction. It is at Brandon that Hughes, Long & Buckman, the Rainy River lumber millers, have their western headquarters.

Alexander is the next important point west of Brandon. This is an important market and a thriving town. Last year a very fair business was done by its merchants notwithstanding the fact that in common with a number of other western centres it is suffering from the effects of a short crop caused by summer drought.

Griswold, the next town west, is another, well-to-do centre. A. E. Hill and H. A. Search are the general merchants here and M. G. McEwen carries on a hardware business. Griswold offers a good opening for a first-class hotel.

Oak Lake is one of the larger western towns. It is an important grain centre as is shown by the fact that its annual receipts of wheat are upwards of half a million bushels. This town possesses one of the most vigorous milling and grain shipping concerns in the province, Leitch Bros. This firm does a large shipping business in flour, rolled oats, feed, etc., to all parts of Canada. They report business good and are well pleased with their prospects. Since last August they have run their mill day and night, and now have orders for two months ahead. Their trade extends from Vancouver to Halifax, with occasional export orders to Great Britain. They have agencies at Vancouver, Calgary, Lethbridge, Fort William, Owen Sound, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa and Montreal, and also keep travellers continuously on the road. By additions and alterations yearly they keep their mill and plant strictly up to date. This specialty is the Anchor Brand of flour, the quality of which is not questioned on any market in Canada. Oak Lake has the usual quota of stores, etc., and a weekly newspaper has just been established

by J. M. Bender, to be called The News.

Virton is a town of 1,200 inhabitants and this season bears an air of general prosperity. It has what is only to rare in this country, a fine fire hall well equipped for service and manned by a volunteer brigade. The upper parts of this building are used for municipal offices, the stores of this town mostly occupy fine brick buildings and carry stocks of city magnitude and variety. Two good hotels are their aid in facilitating business here, and a good flour mill very much improves its value as a market town.

Elkhorn is the last important point in Manitoba west. It has a good representation of business places, some of which have been added recently. The most important building improvement this year is the new Indian school which has been built to replace the one burned some time ago. This is a school for Indian children where they are taught the arts of civilization. The new building has been built by the Dominion government at an expense of about \$35,000. It has accommodation for between one and two hundred children and is in every way a substantial and commodious building. In quality of workmanship and suitability for the purpose to which it has been intended it is not excelled by any public building in this country. Mr. Wilson, the superintendent, looks forward to a very successful work when it is ready for occupation. The construction of the building lent an impetus to business in the town which was very much welcomed. Elkhorn also possesses a good roller flour mill, the property of Clifford & Hopps.

Fleming is the most westerly station in Manitoba on the main line. It has a small but flourishing business community. Dimmick Bros. are the general merchants here.

This completes the list of these western business centres within the bounds of Manitoba. In a future issue those in the neighboring territory will be dealt with and some of the leading features of last year's history presented.

Western Business Items.

The Rat Portage Miner Publishing Co. is incorporated.

C. L. Ford, grocer, Winnipeg, had his admitted C. K. Stewart as partner.

The stock of H. A. Holman, confectionery, Winnipeg, is advertised for sale, Feb. 6.

The stock of M. Naroviansky, general store, Moosemin, Assn., has been sold to T. Finkenstein.

The stock of J. B. Leveque, dry goods, etc., St. Boniface, has been sold to Mrs. F. Coutier at 53 cents on the dollar.

There was an incipient fire in G. Murton's clothing store at Portage in Prairie, Man., yesterday, but only light damage was done.

British Cattle Markets.

London, Jan. 30.—The demand for cattle was quiet, but owing to the continued light supplies the market was firm and prices were fully maintained. There was no steady cattle on the market. Choice Argentines sold at 11 3-4c, and sheep were firmer at 11 1-2c.

Liverpool, Jan. 30.—The market was strong and prices a shade higher. Choice States cattle sold at 12 3-4c; Argentines at 11 1-2c, and sheep at 11 1-2c.

British Columbia Markets.

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

BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.

Vancouver, Feb. 4, 1899.

Stocks of butter, cheese and eggs are said to be low, but there is competition enough to keep prices down. Eggs are 1c lower. Potatoes are lower. Hogs have advanced sharply. Cattle are firmer. Cows have advanced 1c.

Butter—Creamery, jobbers price, 23 @25c choice dairy, jobbers price, 18@19c; Off grade or cooking 15@17c.

Eggs—Local, 50c; Eastern eggs, jobbers prices, 18@19c.

Cheese—Ontario, 12@12½c, jobbers price
Cured Meats—Hams 12½@13c; breakfast bacon 12½@13c; backs 12@12½c; short clear 10½c; short rolls 10½c; smoked sides 11 @ 12½c; Lard, tins 10c per lb, in pails and tubs 9½c lb.

Fish—Flounders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked salmon 10c; fresh halibut, 6c; salmon, 7c; bloaters, 7c; Manitoba whitefish, 10c.

Vegetables—Potatoes, \$12.00 per ton, Ashcroft potatoes, \$15; California silver skin onions, 1½c; cabbage 2c lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12.00 a ton; local onions, \$20 per ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons, \$2.75 @ \$3.00 box; apples, 65c per 50 lb. box; Valencia oranges, \$3.00; navel oranges, \$2.75 box; seedlings \$2.00 box.

Meal—Rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$2.80; 5 pounds sacks \$2.90; 4 22½ pound sacks \$3.10; 10.7 sacks, \$2.50; Oatmeal, 10 10's, \$3.25; 2 50's, \$3.00.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$1.90; strong bakers \$4.40; Oregon, jobbers price, \$4.50.

Grain—Oats, 18.00 @ \$20.00 per ton; wheat, 23.00 @ \$25.00 per ton;

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$23.00 per ton; shorts \$22 ton; bran \$20; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

Hay—\$8 to \$10 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef, 7½@8c; mutton 9@10c; pork 9@9½c; veal 10@10½c; Pemmican 40c lb.

Live Stock—Steers, \$4.00 per 100 lbs; cows, 3.75; sheep, \$5.50 per 100 lbs. hogs, \$8.00 per lbs.

Poultry—Turkeys, 13½@14c lb; geese and ducks, 12½@13c; chickens, 12@13c.

Evaporated Fruits—Apricots 10½c per lb; peaches 9c; plums, 9@10c; prunes, French 5@7½c; loose muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6@8½c lb.

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

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

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 2½c pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2½c; 5 gallon tins \$1.75 each; 1 gal. tins, \$4.50 case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$5.25 case of 20.

Teas—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good 18c; choice 29c. Ceylon: Fair, 25c; good 30c; choice, 35c lb.

Toronto Hardware Market.

Toronto, February 4

Pig Iron—Canadian, \$13.50 @ \$14.00.
Bar Iron—Base price, \$1.35 @ 1.45; band and hoop iron, \$1.65 @ \$1.75.

Sheet Steel—12-gauge, \$2.25 per 100 lbs; 16-gauge, \$2.40; 18@20, \$2.30@2.40; 22@24, \$2.30@2.40; 26, \$2.35@2.45; 28, \$2.45@2.55.

Galvanized Iron—16-gauge, \$3.75; 18 @24, \$4.00; 26, \$4.25 and 28 at \$4.50.

Lead—Pig, 4½c; sheet, 4½c@4¼c per lb; pipe, ordinary, 7c; composition waste, 7½c with dis. 25 per cent.

Black Iron—10@12 gauge, \$2.25@2.40 per 100 lbs; 14@16 gauge, \$2.60@2.70; 18@20 gauge, \$2.30@2.40; 22@24 gauge, \$2.25@2.35; 26-gauge, \$2.30@2.40; 28-gauge, \$2.45@2.55.

Coil Chain—½ in., \$4.65; 5-16 in., \$3.75; ¾ in., \$3.25; 7-16 in., \$3.15; 1 in., \$3.10; 1½ in., \$2.80; 2 in., \$2.75.

Sheet Zinc—7½@7¼c per lb.

Sheet Copper—16 oz., 17c, and 14 oz., 18c; tinned copper, 16 oz., 19c; 14 oz., 19½c; and planished 14 oz., 25c.

Ingot Copper—17½c@18 per lb.

Pig Tin—27½@28c.
Ingot Tin—19½@20c.

Solder—Half and half, 16½@17c; refined; 15@15½c.

Canada plates—Half-polished. 52-sheet boxes, \$2.45; dull 75-sheet boxes, \$2.35; all-bright \$3.00@3.25 per box.

Tin Plates—\$5.00 @ \$5.25 for I.C., \$6.25 @ \$6.50 for I.X. and \$7.50 to \$7.75 for I.X.X.

Iron Pipe—Black pipe, per 100 ft., ¾ to 3 inch, \$2.30@2.40; ½ inch, \$2.30@2.35;

¾ inch, \$2.80@2.85; 1 in., \$3.90@3.95; 1½ in., \$5.14@5.20; 1½ inch, \$6.75@6.86; 2 in., \$9.10; Galvanized, ½ inch, \$3.95; ¾ inch, \$4.80; 1 inch, \$6.75; 1½ inch, \$9.15; 2 inch, \$11.75; 2 inch, \$16.00.

Barb Wire—f. o. b. Toronto, 4 point, \$2.10; 2 point, \$2.15; safety, \$2.20; plain twist, \$2.05; staples, \$2.25 for galvanized and \$2.00 for bright.

Fence Wire—No. 9 galvanized fencing, \$1.90; No. 12, \$2.00; No. 13, \$2.10.

Nails, Wire—Base price, \$2.00.

Cut Nails—\$1.75 base price, with 5c keg, Toronto, Hamilton, London and Montreal.

Horse Nails—Discount on regular brands, 50 per cent.

Horseshoes—Iron, light and medium pattern, \$3.25 per keg, Toronto and Hamilton.

Screws—Flat head bright, 87½ per cent; round head bright, 80 per cent; flat head brass, 82½ per cent; round head brass, 75 per cent.

Bolts—Common carriage bolts, ¼@5-16, 70 per cent; tire bolts, 70 and 5; machine bolts, 60 and 10; blank bolts, 60 per cent; sleigh shoe bolts, 80 per cent; plough bolts, 60; stove bolts, 70 and 5; nuts, square, 4½c; hexagon, 5½c.

Rivets—Iron, 60 per cent; copper rivets, 45 per cent.

Green Wire Cloth—\$1.20.

Glass—First break in 50-foot boxes, \$1.80, and in 100-foot boxes, \$3.50; double diamond, under 25 united inches, \$5.50. Toronto, 4 months, or 3 per cent 30 days.

Rope—Sisal, 7-16 in. and larger, 9½c; ¾ in., 10c; 1 and 5-16 in., 10½c. Manilla, 7-16 and larger, 10c; ¾, 10½c; 1 and 5-16, 11c.

Linseed Oil—Raw, 49c; boiled, 52c; 5 to 9 barrels 1c less, 10 to 19, 2c less; net cash, or 2c added for 4 months.

Turpentine—1 to 4 barrels, 65c; 2 to 4 barrel lots, 1c less, net cash.

White Lead—Best brands, Government standard, \$5.62½; No. 1, \$5.25; No. 2, \$4.87½; No. 3, \$4.50.

Dry White Lead—\$4.75 in casks; kegs, \$5.00.

Red Lead—Casks, 4½c; kegs, 4½c; No. 1, casks, 4½c; kegs, 4½c.

White Zinc Paint—Pure, 8c; No. 1, 6c; No. 2, 5c.

Putty—We quote: Bulk, \$1.65; bladders, in barrels, \$1.80; bladders, in cases, \$1.95; in tins, \$2.05 @ \$2.30.

Mixed Paints—Steady, \$1.00 @ \$1.20 per gallon.

Naval Stores—Resins, \$2.75 @ \$4.50 as to brand; coal tar, \$3.00 @ \$3.50; cotton waste, 4½@5c for colored and 6@7½c for white; oakum, 5½ @ 6½c, and cotton oakum 9@11c.

Toronto Grocery Market.

Toronto, February 4.

Sugar—Standard granulated sugar, 4.48c; yellows, \$3.98@4.32.

Syrup and Molasses—Syrup medium, 30c@32c; special bright, 35c@42c. Molasses—West Indian, brls, 32c@45c; New Orleans, 26@30c; for medium and 35c@47c for bright.

Teas—Japans, low grade, 17c@21c per lb; Young Hysons, seconds 16c@19c; firsts, 25@45c; Indian, 18@50c; Congous, low grades, 10c@15c; mediums, 22@25c, and fines, 40c @ 55c; Ceylons, 18 @ 26c; Formosa Oolongs, 25 @ 65c.

Coffees—Green, Rio, 8 @ 12c; Mocha, 23c@28c; Java, 30c@32c.

Canned goods—Tomatoes, 90c@\$1; peas, 75c@81; sifted peas, \$1.05@1.20; corn, 95c@\$1; beans, 80@90c; pumpkins, 70@75c; strawberries, 2's, \$1.50 @ 1.80, raspberries, 2's, \$1.60@1.75; peaches, 2's, \$1.55@1.65; 3's, \$2.50@2.65. Cohoe salmon, \$1.15@1.20; sock-eyes, \$1.35@1.60; lobsters, halves, \$1.75 @ 1.80; tall lbs, \$2.80; flats, \$3.10.

Nuts—Filberts, Sicily, 9c@10c; Bordeaux Walnuts, 10½@11c; Grenoble Walnuts, 12½@13c.

Rice—Rice, bags, 3½@4c; do. Patna, 5½ @6c; do. Japan, 6@6½c.

Dried Fruits—Raisins, Valencias, off-stalk 4½c; fine off-stalk, 4½@5c; selected, 5½@5¾c; layers, 6@6½c; Provincial, currants 4½@4¾c; Filiatras, 4½@5½c; Patras, 6c; Vostizas, 6½@7½c. California evaporated fruits—Apricots, 17 @ 20c; pears, 9c @ 10c; prunes, 70's to 80's 7½ @ 7½c; 80's to 90's 6½@7c; 90's to 100's, 5½@6c. Bosnia prunes, 5½@6½c; Sultanas, 11c@13c. Peel—Orange, 12c @ 13c per lb; citron, 17c @ 20c; lemon 10½c @13c. Halloween dates, 6@6½c. Malaga, London layers, \$1.75 @ 1.90 per box; black baskets, \$2.40; blue baskets, \$2.50; royal clusters, \$4.00; quarter flats—London layers, 65c; black baskets, 75c; blue baskets, 85c; Dehesia, clusters \$1.25; figs, layers, 10's and 28's, 18@20c; two stars, 19c; one star, 18@19c.

Spices—Ginger, Jamaica, 25c; Cochiu 20c; cloves, Zanzibar, 15 @ 18c; Amboyna, 18@25c; allspice, 20c; nutmegs, 50c@\$1; cream tartar, pure, 25@28c, and 18@25c for compound.

PROVISIONS.

Mess Pork—\$14.50 for Canada mess short cut; \$15.00; clear mess, \$14.00.

Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, car lots 7c, ton and case lots, 7½c.

Smoked Meats—Breakfast bacon, 10½c; hams, large, 9½c; medium, 10c; rolls, 8½c; green meats out of pickle are quoted 1c less than smoked.

Lard—Tubs, 6½@7c

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New York Wheat.

New York, Jan. 30.—Wheat—Receipts, 160,000 bu; exports, 47,350 bu. Options were about steady, but experienced an irregular day through lack of outside trade and persistent selling by foreigners. The weakness was varied by a mid-day rally on big clearances and a cold wave scare. The government report promised late to-day was also a bearish influence. Wheat closed weak at 7-8 to 1 3/8c net iceline, March, 8 1/2 to 8 5/8c closed 8 1/2; May, 80 11-10 to 81 1-8c, closed 80 3-4c; July, 78 1-2 to 79 1-2c, closed 78 3-4c.

New York, Jan. 31.—Wheat—Receipts 249,000 bushels, exports 20,001 bushels. Options opened weak under bearish cables and the government crop report. Liquidation began early and continued all day, supplemented by local and foreign short selling, bearish Liverpool cables and light clearances. The cash trade was neglected by exporters. The market closed heavy at 2 1-8 to 7-8c net decline. March closed 81 1-8c, May 78 3-8c, July 76 5-8c.

New York, Feb. 1.—Wheat, March 80 7-8c. May opened 78 1-8c, closed 78 1-8c. July opened 76 3-4c, closed 76 1-2c.

New York, Feb. 2.—Wheat — Receipts 64,000 bushels; exports 110,320 bushels. Options opened stronger on foreign buying, but sold off. March opened 80 3-8 to 81 5-8c, closed 80 5-8c; May opened 77 3-8 to 78 3-4c, closed 77 5-8c; July opened 75 7-8 to 77c, closed 76 1-8c.

New York, Feb. 3.—Wheat: Receipts, 126,000 bushels; exports, 50,646 bushels. Options were weak throughout practically the entire day. It was a case rather of light demand than of oppressive offerings, the break in Wall street discouraging buyers. Most of the news was bearish, including big Argentine shipments, lower cables and slow west. The export trade however, was again fairly brisk. Wheat closed weak at 5-8 to 3-4, net decline. March, 80 3-16c to 80 1-8c, closed 80, May, 76 3-4c to 77 11-16c, closed 77c, July, 75 1-8 to 78, closed 75 1-4c.

New York, Feb. 4.—Wheat closed to-day as follows: March delivery, 79 1-4c; May, 76 3-8c.

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 of mess pork, and per 100 pounds for lard and short rib bacon; flax seed per bushel of 56 pounds.

Chicago, Jan. 30.—Wheat, May opened 77 5-8c, closed 76 7-8c. July opened 74 5-8c, closed 74 3-8 to 1-2c. Corn, May opened 38 3-4c, closed 38 1-8c. July opened 39c, closed 38 1-2c. Oats, May opened 28 5-8c, closed 28 1-8 to 1-4c. July opened 26 7-8c, closed 26 5-8c. Ribs, Jan. \$5.05. May \$5.20 to \$5.22. Pork, Jan. \$10.27. May \$10.52. Lard, Jan. \$5.70. May \$5.90.

Chicago, Jan. 31.—Wheat, May opened 76 1-4c, closed 74 5-8 to 3-4c. July opened 73 3-4c, closed 72 8-8c. Corn, May opened 37 3-8c, closed 37 1-2c. July opened 38 1-4c, closed 37 7-8c. Oats, May opened 28c, closed 26 3-4c. July opened 28 1-2c, closed 26 1-4c. Ribs, Jan. \$5. May \$5.12. Pork, Jan. \$10.10. May \$10.35. Lard, Jan. \$5.60. May \$5.80.

Chicago, Feb. 1.—Wheat, May opened 74 3-4c, closed 74 3-8 to 1-2c. July opened 72 3-4c, closed 72 8-8c. Corn, May opened 37 5-8 to 3-4c, closed 37 7-8c. July opened 38 1-3c, closed 38 1-4 to 3-8c. Oats, May opened 29c, closed 28 1-8c. July opened 26 1-2c, closed 26 5-8c. Ribs, May \$5.17. Pork, May \$10.40. Jan. \$10.20. Lard, May \$5.82.

Chicago, Feb. 2.—Wheat, May opened

75c, closed 75 5-8c. July opened 72 5-8, closed 72 5-8 to 3-4c. Corn, May opened 38c, closed 38c. July 38 3-8 to 1-2c, closed 38 5-8 to 3-4c. Oats, May opened 28 1-8 to 1-4c, closed 28 1-4 to 3-8c. Ribs, May opened 26 3-4c, closed 26 3-4c. Pork, May \$5.20. Lard, May \$5.88 to \$6.90.

Chicago, Feb. 3.—Wheat, May opened 73 7-8 to 5-8c, closed 73 3-4c. July opened 71 3-4 to 7-8c, closed 71 1-8c. Corn, May opened 38 1-4c, closed 38 5-8 to 3-4c. July opened 38 3-8 to 1-2c. Oats, May opened 28 3-8 to 1-2c, closed 28 1-8c. Ribs, May \$5.15, closed \$5.10. Pork, May opened \$10.40, closed \$10.20. Lard, May opened \$5.85, closed \$5.75.

Chicago, Feb. 4.—Wheat opened at 73 1-8c for May, and ranged downward to 72c. Closing prices were: Wheat—May 72 1-8c; July 70 1-8c.

Corn—Feb. 35 7-8c May 36 3-4c. Oats—Feb. 26 7-8c; May, 27 7-8c. Pork—Feb. \$9.90; May, \$10.07. Lard—May, \$5.70. Ribs—May, \$5.05.

A week ago May option closed at 77 3-8c. A year ago May wheat closed at 95c; two years ago at 77c; three years ago at 67 1-8c; four years ago wt 57 3-4c.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—May 75 1-8c.
Tuesday—May 73 1-4c.
Wednesday—May 72 7-8c.
Thursday—May 73c.
Friday—Cash 69 3-8c; May 72 1-8c.
Saturday—May, 71 1-8c; July, 71 1-2c.

Cash No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 70 5-8c, and cash No. 1 northern at 68 5-8c.

A week ago May wheat closed at 75 1-8c. A year ago May wheat closed at 93 1-2c, two years ago May option closed at 76 3-4c; three years ago at 64 1-4c, four years ago at 58 1-8c, and five years ago at 60c.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Saturday, Feb. 4.—No. 1 northern wheat closed to-day at 69 3-4c for February, and 70 for May; cash, No. 1 northern, 69 3-4c, cash No. 2 northern, 67 3-4c.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, Feb. 4.—Flax seed closed to-day at \$118 3-4 for cash, and May \$118.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, Feb. 3.—Wheat, spot dull. No. 1 California 6s 9d to 6s 9d; No. 2 red western winter 6s 2d; No. 1 red northern spring 6s.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

New York, Feb. 3.—Trading was moderately active at the opening, but the dealings lacked a decided tone. The railways were mainly better, but most of the specialties showed a disposition to sag. Long Island and Consolidated Gas sold up two points. The opening prices were: Atchison 22 1-4; Manhattan 113 1-2; Brooklyn Transit 93 1-8; Northern Pacific 61 1-2; do. preferred 80 1-4; Rock Island 118 7-8; Sugar 134; St. Paul 127 3-4; Southern preferred 50 5-8; Tobacco 145 1-2; Union Pacific 47 5-8; do. preferred 80 1-4; Federal Steel 52; do. preferred 87; Western Union 95 3-4.

Money on call nominally 2 1-2 to 3 per cent; prime mercantile paper 2 1-2 to 3 1-4 per cent; sterling exchange steady at \$4.85 1-2 for demand, and at \$4.83 1-2 for sixty days. Posted rates \$4.84 1-2 and \$4.86 1-2; commercial bills \$4.82 1-2; silver certificates nominally 59 1-2 to 60 1-2. Bar silver 59 1-4. Mexican dollars 47; Government bonds steady.

The one-armed man has to fight the battle of life single-handed.

WINNIFEG CLOSING WHEAT.

Wheat closed to-day (Saturday) dull, weak and lower, in sympathy with the decline of about 1c to-day in United States markets. Holders were asking 69 1-2c, Fort William, for export No. 1 hard, but buyers were not offering over 69c.

CALL BOARD.

The call board of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange, which has been dormant for some time, will be started again on Monday.

WINNIFEG WHEAT INSPECTION.

Returns for last week report 214 cars of wheat inspected, which graded as follows: 1 hard, 47 cars; 2 hard, 5 1 northern, 67; 2 northern 20; 1 spring 8; 2 spring, 3; 1 frosted; 1 rejected, 8; no grade 55.

BRADSTREET'S REPORT.

New York, Feb. 4.—Bradstreet's to-day reports: A quieting down of speculative interest is noticeable in a number of markets this week, without, however, bringing to light any important impairment of the underlying strength of the general business situation. The important price recessions of the week are those noted in wheat and other cereals, except oats. Immediately instrumental in bringing about this might be mentioned the final government estimate of last year's crop, placing it at 675,000,000 bushels, far in excess of the earlier estimates by the same authority, and exceeding all but the most sanguine of trade estimates, which had generally fixed upon 650,000,000 bushels as the probable maximum yield. It is worth remembering, however, that this estimate of yield is supposed to be based on a yield one year ago of only 530,000,000 bushels, whereas the movement of the crop and the best trade estimates incline to a total for the 1997 crop of 590,000,000 bushels. Inasmuch as the gain in acreage this year is reported by the government as not far from 5,000,000 acres, it will be seen that the indicated increase in yield is quite a conservative one.

BRITISH STOCKS.

London, Feb. 3.—4 p.m.—Consols for money 111 1-16; consols for the account 1113-16; Canadian Pacific 88 7-8, Erie 16; Erie first preferred 41 5-8; Illinois Central 119 1-2; Northern Pacific preferred 41 5-8; Illinois Central 119 1-2; Northern Pacific preferred 82 3-8; St. Paul common 131 1-8; New York Central 137 1-2; Grand Trunk 7 3-4; Pennsylvania 67 7-8; Reading 11 5-8; Union Pacific preferred 82 1-2; Atchison 23 1-8. Louisville 67 3-4. Bar silver 27 3-6. Money 1. The rate of discount in the open market for both short and three months bills is 1 1/8-16 to 2 per cent.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, Feb. 4.—Wheat closed 1-4d lower.

Another cable from Liverpool on Jan. 30 quoted choice United States cattle at 12 1-2c; choice Canadians at 11 1-2c to 12c; bulls, 9 1-2 to 10c, and lambs at 14 1-2c.

"Have you put up much fruit this season?" asked the young housekeeper. "There's no use with my two boys in the house," replied her neighbor. "They have eaten everything we have."

"Except the door-jam," added her husband.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Feb. 4.

Dry goods—The volume of spring business is much larger this week. Prospects are good. Values are firm. The tendency of cotton goods is to advance. Low priced linings are higher. Manchester is firm and writes asking advance for repeat orders.

Groceries—Trade is more active. Canned goods remain firm. Coffee is firmer. There is an increased demand for green teas. The tea situation is daily gaining strength. Prices in London are relatively higher than here. Java and Ceylon teas were advanced here yesterday. Bright yellow and cream sugars have been reduced ten cents.

Hardware—Business quieter. Green wire cloth has been advanced to \$1.20. Cut nails are more active. Manufacturers have withdrawn prices of brass nails, copper nails and brass shoe rivets. Ingot copper is 1-2c dearer at 17 1-2 to 18c. Pig tin is dearer at 27 1-2 to 28c. Pig lead is 1-4c higher. Canada plates are 10 to 25c higher. United States coil chain is \$2 up. Bright coke plates are 10 to 25c higher. Tinned sheets are 25c dearer.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Jan. 31.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 53 car loads, including 425 sheep and lambs and 1,100 hogs.

The market for cattle was firm, some choice exporters touching 52. There was also a better demand for common cattle. Export cattle sold at 41-4 to 5c. Choice butchers' 1-4c higher at 4 to 41-4c, a few being a shade more. The general run sold at 3 to 33-4c. Export bulls 1-4c higher at 31-2 to 41-8c. Light bulls 21-4 to 3c; stockers were quoted at 31-4 to 33-8c per cwt. There were only a few feeders offered and they sold at 31-2 to 33-4c.

Sheep—Export and butchers' sold at \$3 to \$3.25 per cwt. Lambs at \$4.25 to \$4.35 per cwt. Bucks \$2.50 to \$2.75.

Hogs—Prices were the same as on Friday. Choice selections \$4.34 per 100 lbs. Light \$4.25. Thick fat \$3 to \$3.25 per 100 lbs.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, Feb. 3.

Receipts of live stocks at the market to-day were 65 cars loads of all kinds, including 250 sheep and lambs and 1,400 hogs. Butchers' cattle were 1-4c lower, light stock bulls were also 1-4c lower. Stockers were 10c per 100 lbs. higher. Other lines the same as on Tuesday.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Feb. 4.

Deliveries of grain are very light and the export demand is limited. Wheat is lower; Manitoba flour is 10c higher.

Flour—Manitoba patents, \$1.40; Manitoba bakers, \$1.90 to \$1; Ontario straight 10c or \$3.20 to \$1.25 per bin Toronto freights.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat 69c for cars at country points. No. 1 hard 80c; Midland.

Oats—White, 29c for cars at country points.

Barley—No. 1, 47 to 48c at country points for car lots.

Millfeed—Shorts, \$13 to \$16 per

ton; bran \$12 to \$12.50 per ton at country points.

Oatmeal—\$3.30 in bags per barrel and \$3.50 in wood for car lots.

Egg—Fresh, 16c to 18c; new laid, 20 to 21c; limited 15c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, 11 to 12c for creamery, tubs, 19 to 20c.

Hides—No. 1 green, 81-2c; cured, 9 1-2c sheepskins and lambskins, 80 to 90c, calfskins, 8 to 10c; tallow 4c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 14 to 15c.

Beans—\$1.10 to \$1.20 per bushel for hand picked and 80 to 95c for common lots.

Dressed hog—\$1.90 to \$5 per 100 pounds for car lots of mixed weights.

Dried apples—6 to 61-2c for r. and lots; evaporated, 81-2 to 9c.

Honey—6 to 7c in bulk.

Poultry—Turkeys 7 to 8c for frozen stock; chickens 35 to 70c a pair, geese 5c to 7c.

Seed—Red clover, \$1.50 to \$3.75; a-sike, \$3.50 to \$4.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Feb. 4.

The market continues very firm for most staple lines, but no important changes have been made in prices this week.

White lead, government standard, \$3.62 1-2; No. 1, \$5.25; dry white lead in kegs, 5c; r.d. lead in kegs, 41-2c; linseed oil, raw, 49 to 50c; boiled 52 to 53c, turpentine 64 to 65c, bar iron, 1.40 to \$1.50; tin plates, cokes, \$2.85 to \$3; I. C. charcoal 325 to \$175; Canada plates, \$2.15 to \$2.25; tern plates, 5.95 to \$6.25 galvanized iron 41-4 to 43-4c, lead, 3.75 to \$1; iron pipe 4 to 41-4c; putty in bulk, 1.65; in bladders, \$1.80; ingot tin, 26c; cement, English brands, 3.30 to \$3.40 Germany, 2.45 to \$2.55, and Belgium 1.85 to \$1.95 per barrel, ex-wharf. Rope, sisal 10 to 101-2c; Manila, 11 1-2 to 12 1-2c for 7-16 size and larger.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Feb. 4.

Oats are quieter, but firmer in price. Flour is quiet, and Manitoba strong bakers has sold a little easier. Shorts has sold easier. Eggs have held firm. Butter is firm. Creamery is 1-4 to 1-2c higher than a week ago. Choice dairy also is stronger and more readily brings the outside price, but quotations are the same. There is quite an active export inquiry for butter. Cheese is quiet and unchanged, but held firmer. Poultry is unchanged. Dressed hogs are about 10c lower. Beef fores are somewhat lower. Hides are active.

Oats—No. 2 white 32 to 32 1-2c in store.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are. Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.90 to \$4; Manitoba patents, \$4.10 to \$4.20.

Millfeed—Bran \$14 to \$14.50 per ton, shorts, \$15.50, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.75 per bag.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 9c; No. 2, 8c; No. 3, 7c; calfskins, 8c to 9c; sheepskins, 40 to 50c; lambskins, 70c; tallow, 31-2 to 4c.

Eggs—Choice fresh candled, 16 to 17c per dozen as to quality.

Butter—Choice, fresh dairy, 14 1-2 to 15c rolls; 14 to 15c; held stock, 12 to 13c.

Butter—Creamery, boxes, 19 1-2 to 20c; tubs, 19 1-4 to 19 1-2c.

Cheese—Choice western, 10 to 10 1-4c, eastern, 93-4 to 10c.

Beans—\$1.00 to \$1.10 per bushel, as to quality.

Potatoes—In car lots, 55 to 60c.

Poultry—Dressed turkeys, 9 to 10 1-2c, ducks, 7 to 9c; geese 4 to 6c, chickens, 7 to 8c.

Dressed meats—Western fresh dressed beef, hinds, 5 to 7c; fores, 3 to 4 1-2c. Abattoir hogs in jobbing lots sold at \$5.75; country-dressed, \$5 to \$5.15 per 100 pounds. Mutton, 51-2c, lambs, 61-2 to 7c.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

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Montreal, Feb. 4.

The sugar market is unsettled. Bright yellows were reduced 10c early in the week, owing to United States competition.

Granulated sugar lower at \$1.30 per 100 lbs. at refineries; yellows \$3.75 to \$4.15; molasses 31c in car lots. Syrups 2 to 2 1-2c as to quality. Valencia raisins 43-4 to 51-2; Valencia layers, 61-2c; currants, 51-8 to 61-2c, as to brand; coffee, Rio, 5c to 10c; Mocha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c; rice, Crystal Japan, 51-2 to 53-4c; standard B, 33-4 to 4c.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Jan. 31.

Receipts of cattle at the semi-weekly market at the East End Abattoir yesterday were 500 head, and 100 sheep and lambs.

Prices were generally firm and business active. Very little doing in export cattle. Good demand for feeders. Feeding bulls sold at 27-8c. Choice cattle sold at 41-2 to 43-4c; good at 4 to 41-4c; fair at 31-2 to 33-4c; common at 3 to 31-4c, and poor at 21-4 to 23-4c. Sheep sold at 3 to 31-4c; lambs, 41-4 to 43-4c.

At the Grand Trunk stock yards the live hogs offered met with a good demand at \$4 to \$4.25 per 100 lbs. fed.

THURSDAY'S MARKET.

Montreal, Feb. 3.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday receipts of cattle were 600 head, sheep and lambs 60.

The market for cattle was active and all good stock sold readily. The best cattle brought 41-4 to 41-2c, medium qualities 3 to 4c, and common and rough animals 2 to 23-4c. Sheep sold at 23-4 to 31-4c, as to quality, and lambs 4 to 41-2c. Hogs ranged at 4 to 41-4c fed.

SUGAR.

Special to The Commercial.

London, Feb. 3.—Market firm. Beet, February option 9s 93-4d. This shows an advance of 33-4d on the week.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Feb. 3.—Cattle firm. Quoted at 111-2 to 121-2c, estimated dressed weight. Sheep 11 to 12c. London market quoted the same for cattle.

CHEESE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Feb. 3.—Cheese unchanged. W. W., 43s; colored, 45s.

C. A. Parr, physician and druggist has opened business at Gretna, Man.

The estate of Burke Bros., dry goods, etc., Winnipeg, has been assigned by the executor to S. A. D. Bertrand; creditors meeting called for Feb. 7th.