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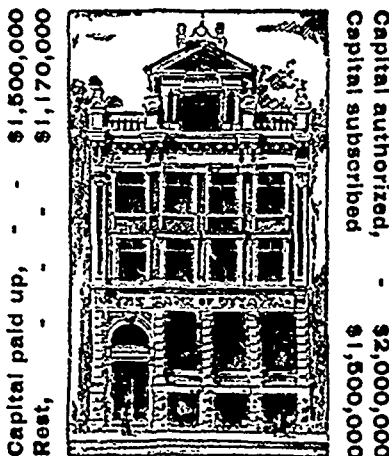
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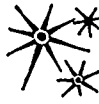
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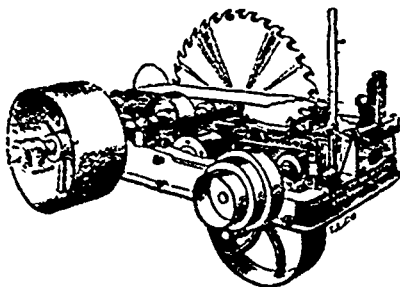
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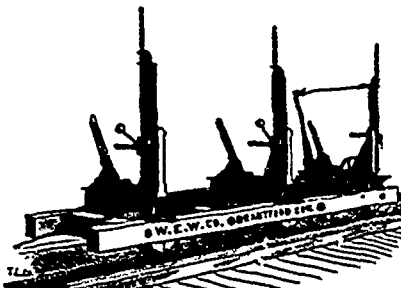
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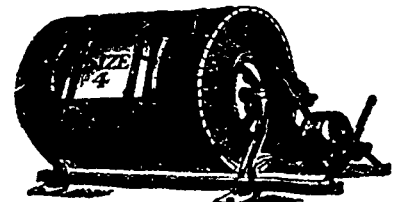
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THE WARD SYSTEM.

Winnipeg city aldermen have voted in favor of the mayor's calling a public meeting to discuss the ward system. It is to be hoped the business men of the city will take an interest in this matter. The ward system is one which has been already discussed in these columns in the past. Many thoughtful persons are of the opinion that this system is not conducive to the best administration of civic affairs. The statement that the ward system has been long in use and is still the prevailing plan in this country and the United States, is not an all powerful argument in its favor. At any rate, some progress is now being made toward abolishing the system in progressive towns.

The argument in favor of the ward system is that it secures local representation for each district of the city or town. If good men are secured, it should not be necessary to elect men for each section, to watch each other and try to secure what they call a fair distribution of the expenditure in each division of the city. The squabbles to secure expenditures in the various wards is really one of the disadvantages of the system. The promotion of the interests of the city at large should be the guiding principle.

The selection of aldermen by a general vote of the whole city should be conducive to the election of the best men. Under the ward system the candidates for one ward may all be indifferent timber, or poor men may even be elected by acclamation for want of a contest, while in another ward several first-class men may be in the field, some of whom must of necessity be left out. If the alder-

men were elected by a general vote of the whole city, there would be a wider range to select from and the best men should stand a better chance of election. Petty ward influences, which sometimes tend to bring out and elect poor men, would be relegated to the background.

If along with the abolition of the ward system the personal solicitation of votes, either by the candidate or his friend, could be done away with, a great step in advance would be accomplished. Men whose services would be of great advantage to the city, are prevented from becoming candidates because of the dislike they rightly feel to the custom of soliciting votes. The custom is one which is repugnant to many men. Public discussion is commendable, but private solicitation is objectionable, in civic as well as in provincial or federal elections.

THE METRIC SYSTEM.

Sir Henri Joly, on the occasion of his visit to Winnipeg last week, delivered a lecture on the metric system during which he pointed out the necessity for being prepared for the introduction of the system in Canada. All the civilized nations except Great Britain, the United States and Russia now use this system of weights and measures. The two former countries are preparing the way for the adoption of the system, and it is almost certain in time to come into universal use.

Sir Henri, we think made altogether too much of the need of prolonged study of the system. He thought it necessary to begin with the rising generation and teach them the system before it could be generally adopted. To those who have not enquired as to what the metric system is, this would indicate that it would require a great deal of study to master the system. This is all very misleading. The metric system of weights and measures is very simple—so simple that it could be understood by any intelligent person in ten minutes. It is simply the application of the decimal system to weights and measures. Unlike our present irregular modes of computation, the metric system is uniform throughout. It is so simple that it can be mastered in a very short time. Of course, it is quite proper that the system should have a place in our school books, because it is bound to come into use, sooner or later. It is not, however, necessary to drill the rising generation in this matter on account of any difficulty in mastering the system.

The difficulty in the way of introducing the metric system of weights and measures is not on account of the need of any great study in acquiring the system. One objection is the di-

rect pecuniary loss which would be occasioned by the abandonment of our present measures, scales, etc. The other principal objection is the confusion which would result for a time in changing our standards of weights and measure. Instead of a yard of cloth the purchaser would have to call for a metre, or in the place of a pound of butter a kilogramme would be asked for. The metre is not the same length as the yard, and the kilogramme is not the same weight as the pound. It is not study but practical use that is required to familiarize people with the metric system. While the theory of the system is extremely simple there would be a certain amount of confusion in putting it into effect, which no amount of study would avoid. Fifty years of teaching in the schools would not avoid this. A little practical experience with the system in force would soon, however, familiarize people with the change.

The best way to introduce the metric system would be to follow the plan adopted by Germany and make it compulsory after a certain date, allowing, say three or four years for merchants and manufacturers to work off stocks of old measures and scales and have the new patterns ready when the date for the enforcement of the new system arrived. A few weeks of practical use would accustom the people to the change, while years of study of the principle of the system would not prevent the inconveniences which the change will entail when it has to be made.

HURTFUL CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

An order has been passed at Ottawa permitting the importation into Manitoba of cottonwood trees from the Northwestern States until January next. The importation of nursery stock into Canada from the United States is prohibited, owing to the fear of introducing San Jose scale. An exception has now been made in favor of the importation into Manitoba and the Territories of cottonwood trees. The object is to encourage the growing of trees in our prairie region, and the cottonwood is considered one of the most suitable for this purpose. This step is a very proper one we believe, so far as it goes. While the fruit regions of Ontario and British Columbia may require protection from United States nursery stock, we do not believe that there is any necessity for applying this prohibition to Manitoba and the Territories. The Northwestern States, which are immediately south of us, are believed to be comparatively free from San Jose scale and there would be little danger of importing nursery stock from say Minnesota and North Dakota. The climate of

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those states is more like our own, and there is a greater probability of securing varieties suited to our climate from this quarter than by sending east for stock. It is very desirable that every opportunity for cultivating and experimenting with fruits and forest trees should be extended to the people of Manitoba, in order that varieties suitable to the climate may be discovered. The prohibition which has been applied to nursery stock shuts the people here out of their most valuable source of supply for such stock. The exception which has now been made in favor of cottonwood is of some value, but it is a comparatively small thing compared with the disadvantage of the prohibition which remains. Besides, cottonwood is a native of Manitoba. The trees can be had at home, consequently it is not necessary to send to the United States for them, while the apples, plums, cherries and other fruits which might be experimented with here to advantage, cannot be obtained at home. It is greatly in the interest of Manitoba and the Territories that the prohibition of nursery stock should be removed, so far as this part of the country is concerned, owing to the exceptional conditions prevailing here. Special restrictions might be enforced as to the source whence the stock came and also for a careful inspection of importations, but the total prohibition should be removed. Those who wish to experiment with fruits and forest trees, so much needed in this prairie country, should not be shut out from their most valuable source of supply.

Regarding the cottonwood, while it is in some respects a valuable tree for the prairie, it has been found to be badly affected with rust, causing the trees to die out at an early stage in their existence. At the Brandon experimental farm a great many of the trees have died on this account.

Hudson's Bay Co. Changes.

D. Taylor, for a number of years past manager of the Hudson's Bay company's business at Calgary, has been appointed to an important position in Winnipeg. George Sharp, who has for some time been the company's manager at Vernon, B. C., succeeds Mr. Taylor as manager at Calgary. C. McGinn, late of the Winnipeg staff, has been promoted to be manager of the company's store at Vernon. Mr. Hunter, until lately the company's accountant at Macleod, Alberta, has succeeded G. W. Gill as manager at Pincher Creek, Alberta. Mr. Gill having retired from the company's service.

Pacific Coast Salmon Industry.

The following estimate of the salmon production of the Pacific coast which has been made by a coast paper indicates that the pack of British Columbia is even larger than the figures given to The Commercial two weeks ago would indicate. Some interesting

information regarding this great industry is also appended:

"The salmon season has just been concluded and in the canneries of British Columbia are over 740,000 cases of salmon, valued at about \$3,700,000, awaiting shipment to the United Kingdom. Last year a fleet of five sailing vessels carried the pack, but this season, the catch being so much larger than that of last, eight ships are loading. The total pack of the Pacific coast will amount to over 4,000,000 cases, all told, valued at about \$20,000,000. The canneries of Alaska have put up 2,000,000 cases, Puget Sound 750,000, Columbia River 500,000, Fraser River 490,000 and the Northern British Columbia inlets and rivers about 250,000.

"The salmon industry, which includes the fishing and packing, is one of the most interesting and peculiar of the industries of British Columbia. Fancy an investment of over six million dollars entirely dependent on the vagaries of a fish, whose habits and peculiarities are even yet but little known. True, every year the salmon appear at about the same date, and in about the same place, and proceeding in practically the same course they finally reach the headwaters of the parent stream where, four years before, they were spawned, and having reached their destination, they, too, spawn, and then, bruised and battered, they give up that life which they have fought so hard to preserve in order to fulfill their destined end in perpetuating the species.

"So far as the habits of this remarkable fish have been studied since the business of catching and preserving them reached such dimensions, it has not been learned where the fish come from, when they appeared on the coast, nor where they go to when they descend the stream in which they began life, and to which they return after life in the sea to spawn and die.

"Year after year the salmon are first seen off the northern coast of Vancouver Island and the opposite mainland, where they run in the Nans and Skeena rivers at about the same time, beginning about June 15 to 20th. The run continues on these rivers and the adjacent inlets for about the same time, six weeks, as it usually does on the Fraser, and while it is in progress there the fish make their way south down the west coast of Vancouver Island. On they go through the Straits of San Juan de Fuca, into the Gulf of Georgia. The majority go up the Fraser. Usually the first shoal arrives in mid-July. The salmon, coming so mysteriously as they do from a long sojourn in an unknown part of the ocean, are evidently impelled by strong instinct at the period of maturity to return to their parent river, there to deposit their spawn. The quarter of the ocean in which they spend the greater portion of their lives after leaving the river is a matter of much speculation. Some think the fish cross the ocean and may be found in the ocean north of Japan, while others aver that the fish came each year out of the cold water of the far North Pacific, or even from the Arctic waters, through the Behring Sea.

"The annual appearance of immense numbers of fish and the positive assurance that, though entirely absent for ten months of the year yet the fish would return to the same rivers at about the same time every year, has been the foundation on which the industry was built that caused the article known as "British Columbia Canned Salmon" to become known in every part of the world."

British Columbia Fruit.

The Macpherson Fruit Co., Winnipeg, received a carlot of very fine fruit from the Vernon district of British Columbia on Saturday last. This is the first straight car of British Columbia fruit to come to the Winnipeg market this season. Last year quite a quantity of fruit came to Winnipeg from the Pacific province, but this year the crop in that region has been almost a failure, owing to excessive rains when the fruit trees were in bloom, which interfered with the fertilizing of the bloom. The Vernon district, which is in the interior, escaped this drawback to a great extent.

The car of fruit referred to is composed mostly of prunes, of the German and Italian varieties, with some pears and cherries. All the fruit is fine quality and it has been carefully handled and packed, after the California fashion, consequently it came to hand in first-class condition. This shows that British Columbia fruit is all right when properly handled. Last year a considerable portion of the British Columbia fruit received here was in poor condition and was sold at a loss to the shippers. A few small lots received this year also came hand in bad shape and sold at a loss. It is doubtful if there will be any more of this class of fruit received this year, as the supply in the Vernon district is not large and there is a good home demand for the fruit.

Cycle Changes and Prices.

The constructional changes in cycle manufacture for next year promise to be few and nothing radical. Tubing will remain at about 1 1/8th inch and flush joints will, of course, be perpetuated. Crank hanger construction, bearings, etc., are now giving every satisfaction on the score of wear and easy running, and except, perhaps, in a few minor points, makers will be content to let well enough alone. Abnormally large sprocket wheels are going out of favor, both because no advantage is gained, and because considerable extra weight is necessarily added. It is doubtful if the front sprocket standard will run over 24 or 26 teeth in 1900.

The free wheel boom which began in England during the past summer, is extending to this country, and may be expected to be on in full next spring. This innovation has been thoroughly tested and the companies putting it out for the coming season's trade express themselves as delighted with the way the public are falling in with the idea. Some go so far as to say that in two or three years more fixed pedals will be out of date for touring and comfortable riding.

It is quite a little too early to talk upon the price question, but our information leads us to presume that there will not be much change from the present figures. The officers at the head of the recently formed Canadian trade amalgamation aver that they are not in the business for their healths, and until they announce their policy the independent makers will say nothing. In view of the fact that steel and other raw material entering into the make-up of a bicycle, have been largely advanced in price, it does not appear possible that the factories can make any cut in their finished product.—Cycling.

Canadian Pacific railway land sales for the month of September were 25,550 acres, realizing \$85,800. For the corresponding month a year ago 18,000 acres were sold for \$57,016.

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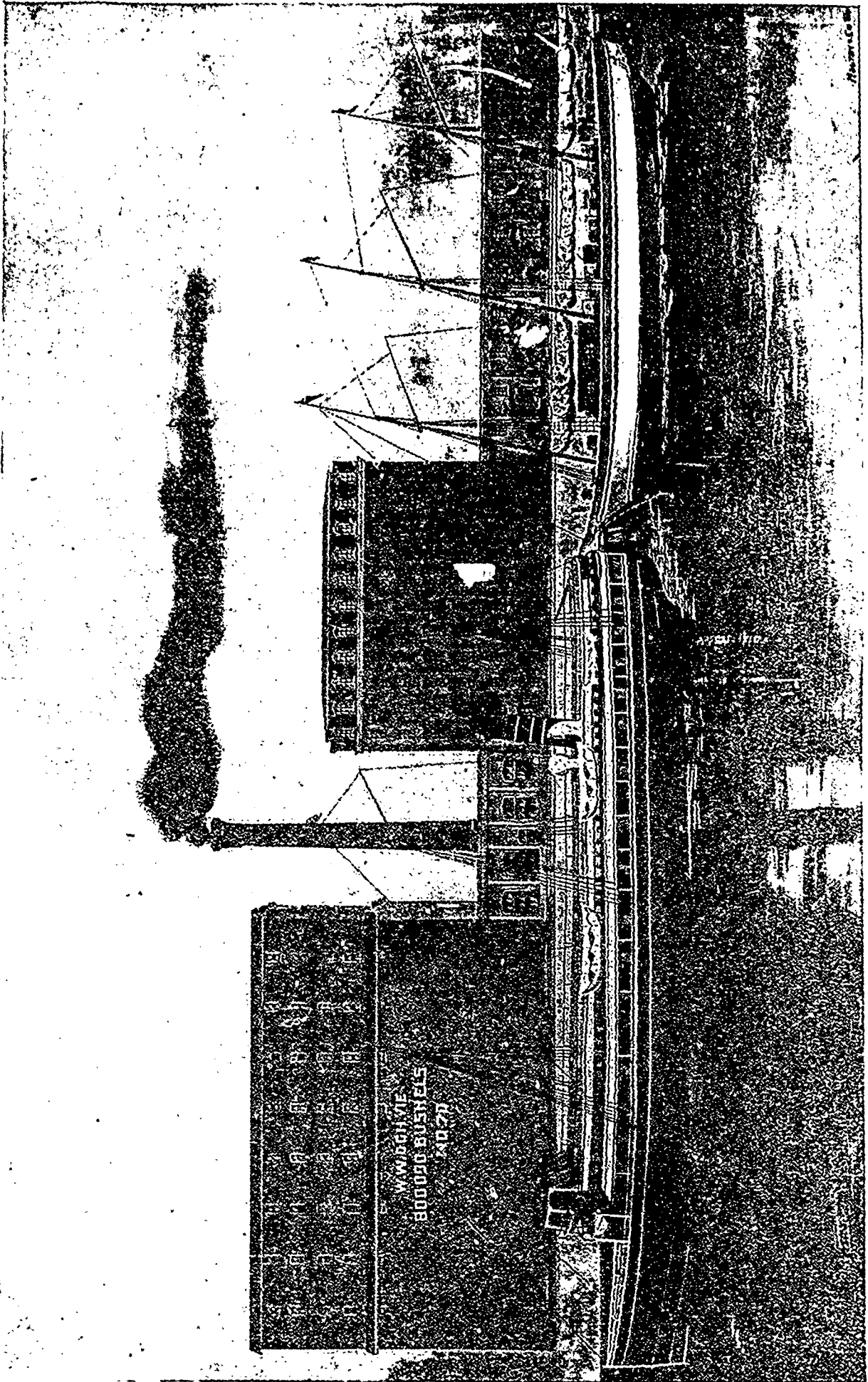
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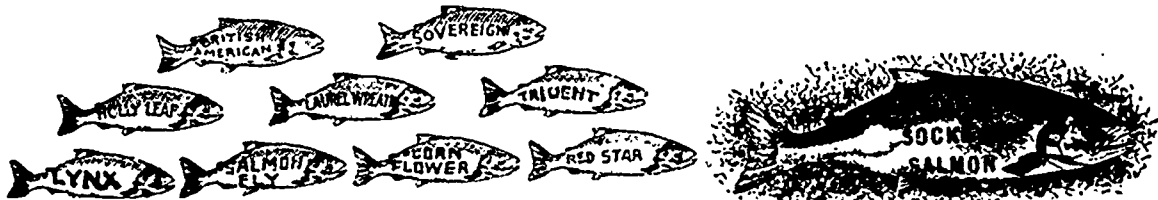
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Statistical Wheat Report.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

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

Montreal	103,000
Toronto	34,000
Kingston	40,000
Coteau, Que.	21,000
Depot Harbor, Ont.	
Prescott, Ont.	8,000
Winnipeg	175,000
Manitoba elevators	3,200,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keowatin	1,737,000
Total Sept. 30	5,438,000

Total a year ago ... 2,483,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, as reported by Bradstreet's on Sept. 30, were 60,040,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 18,857,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on October 1 were 8,858,000 bushels, compared with 4,671,000 bushels a year ago; 6,251,000 bushels two years ago; 5,454,000 bushels three years ago; and 9,760,000 bushels four years 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 Oct. 7 was 44,420,000 bushels, being an increase of 2,132,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 12,210,000 bushels, two years ago 22,794,000 bushels, three years ago 52,734,000 bushels, and four years ago 44,481,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 7,323,000 bushels, compared with 5,469,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 12,490,000 bushels, compared with 22,202,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in America and Europe and afloat for Europe Oct. 1 in each year, for a series of years, were as follows—Bradstreet's report:

	Bushels.
1890	135,098,000
1898	65,928,000
1897	95,039,000
1896	127,909,000
1895	158,838,000

CROP MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States spring wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, Aug. 1, 1899, to date compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Minneapolis	17,145,100	15,490,060
Milwaukee	1,904,272	2,728,645
Duluth	15,514,089	18,062,675
Chicago	7,186,020	9,295,117

Total ... 41,750,141 46,176,497

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, 1899, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Toledo	8,983,445	7,530,301
St. Louis	5,248,757	5,264,194
Detroit	1,392,449	2,047,487
Kansas City	6,600,190	10,874,780

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Grain and Milling Notes.

A meeting of the western grain standards board has been called for Wednesday, the 25th inst, in the board of trade rooms, Winnipeg.

The Lake of the Woods Milling Co. have not decided yet whether they will enlarge their present mill at Keewatin or build a new mill at some other point. Mr. Hastings says this point will be settled within a couple of months, when operations will at once be entered upon.

The commission appointed to inquire and report upon the questions which have arisen respecting the shipping and transportation of grain by railway companies in Manitoba and the Territories, will hold its first meeting in Winnipeg at the Leland hotel next Saturday, September 14. C. N. Bell, of the Winnipeg board of trade, has been appointed secretary of the commission.

Several very exaggerated estimates of the Manitoba crop have been floating about this year. Last week an eastern trade paper was reprimanded through The Commercial for publishing an extremely exaggerated estimate of our wheat crop. In Bradstreet's to hand this week, we find the following: "It is estimated that Canada will this year have nearly double the exportable quantity of wheat that was available last year. The wheat crop of Manitoba is about 60,000,000 bushels, or double last year's crop. This year's crop will grade higher. Receipts so far show as high as 90 per cent of No. 1 hard, while last year the total crop was a little over 30,000,000 bushels and less than 50 per cent graded No. 1 hard." This is even a greater exaggeration than other statements, and is 25,000,000 to 30,000,000 bushels in excess of the probable outturn of the Manitoba wheat crop, not including the Territories, which will add four or five million bushels to the Manitoba crop.

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Proposed New Mill at Fort William.

In this issue of The Commercial is shown a cut of the proposed new flour mill at Fort William, Ont., to be built by the Ogilvie Milling Company. Work has already been commenced on the structure. The mill is to be a large one having a capacity of 2,500 bbls. per day, and will be so constructed that its capacity can be increased to 5,000 barrels when occasion requires. An 800,000 bushel elevator is also to be erected alongside of the mill and a large storage warehouse. Being located on the Kaministiquia river it will have splendid shipping facilities. It is safe to say that the new mill will be in every way a decided acquisition to the milling capacity of Western Canada. It will, of course, grind Manitoba wheat exclusively.

Crops in the West.

Prof. William Saunders, director of experimental farms, has returned east from his annual tour of inspection, visiting the farms at Brandon, Indian Head and Agassiz. Being interviewed, he said:

"The crops are very good. At the Brandon farm some of the best varieties of oats went as high as 110 and 112 bushels to the acre, while the wheat on the experimental plots will average over 35 bushels to the acre. This compares very favorably with former years, and places the Brandon farm, in respect to the oat crop, and also this year with regard to wheat, ahead of all the experimental farms. For several years the yield at the Indian Head farm has been a little ahead of the other farms, but this year the Brandon farm takes the lead in this respect. The threshing was all through on the Brandon farm, but the yields were not made up. The field crops were very good, and I think there is every prospect of the wheat averaging 30 bushels. The barley crop is also very good, and the general progress made by the farm is excellent. I saw a little of the Brandon district, and there is no doubt that the provincial government estimate of the yield has been exceeded. In some localities the crops are under the mark, but from inquiries I made at a number of points, and from the estimates I received, I believe the yield throughout the province will exceed the government estimate."

"The crops in eastern Assinibola are very good and it is believed that in the Indian Head district the wheat will average about 25 bu. Most of the varieties of wheat at the Indian Head experimental farm will run over 30 bushels, and the oats will run from 75 to 100 bushels to the acre. Many of the best farmers in that district have crops quite equal to those of the experimental farm."

"After leaving Indian Head I went through the Crow's Nest Pass and visited some of the mining districts in the Kootenay, and found that there is really very little land there available for agricultural purposes, and so it is likely to continue to be a good market for Manitoba and the Territories, not only for grain but also for vegetables and fodder products. There are small patches being utilized, mostly by Chinese, for vegetables."

"There is great activity in the mining districts in the working of some of the better mines, but a good many of those which were thought to have good prospects have not fully come up to expectations, and the

values have dropped, but others with large bodies of ore have gone up. On the whole country is making great progress. The C. P. R. is being rapidly built into the Boundary district, and mining enterprises are springing up in all directions."

"In British Columbia the fruit crop was very light, and is no doubt due to the fact that for five or six weeks at the time when the trees were in blossom it rained almost continuously, and the fertilization of the blossoms was prevented by the washing off of the pollen. In some localities where the rains were not so persistent the crop of apples is fair, but on the whole the fruit crop is not more than 25 to 30 per cent. of the average this year."

"On my return to Portage la Prairie I went up the Manitoba and North western road as far as Yorkton, and from that point drove north to Fort Polk, and on to the north trail on the Swan River, so as to see some of the Doukhobor villages, and to ascertain what progress they were making in crop growing. I found that a large proportion of the men were away from the settlements working on railways, earning money with which to buy provisions for the winter. Those at home have done a great deal towards getting ground ready for the crop next year and in the building of houses. The buildings are good and will enable them to pass the winter in a comfortable manner especially as the supply of wood is very plentiful. The people live chiefly on bread, potatoes and soup."

"I consider that both the Doukhobors and Gallicians will make excellent settlers. They are taking hold of the land and working it in a way better than I expected to find, under the circumstances. They are natural born tillers of the soil. They say the country is good and that they are perfectly contented with their lot. They neither drink nor smoke and are an honest, thrifty and hospitable people and very anxious to get work whenever possible. Both Gallicians and Doukhobors are looked upon very favorably by other settlers. The Gallicians are getting along somewhat better than the Doukhobors as they are nearer the settled portions of the country and thus have greater advantages and establish themselves well, and be able to grow good crops. They have the advantage of erecting buildings very rapidly. Their houses are built of poplar poles plastered outside and in with a mixture of mud and cut hay which is worked up together for some time before being put on. My impression is that the Doukhobors will make an excellent class of settlers who will transform their sections of the country in a few years and establish themselves well, and be able to grow good crops. They are well fitted for raising cattle and I think they will make a prosperous people in a few years."

Flax Seed Movement.

That the high price of flax seed in this country is due to some extent to the small supply of old seed there is very little question, but it is quite as apparent that the situation abroad has much to do with it. Old stocks were exhausted in some parts of this country and before new seed could be obtained many crushers had to shut down to await the new crop. The latter is large in the Northwest, and this country is to be counted this season

as an exporter but to the present time exports have been rather light. For the crop year—1898-9—ending June 30, 1899, the export shipments from this country were 2,830,991 bu., the preceding year 257,228 bu., and 4,715,747 bu. in the year 1897. The export value in 1898-7, averaged about 82c, in 1897-8 it was 90c, and in 1898-9 it was 93c, with prospect of yet higher average values for the present crop now bringing considerably above \$1. The estimate is that twice as much may go abroad this season as went last season, owing to larger acreage and larger yield in some parts, though smaller in other states. There were 81,953 bu. imported in the year ending June 30, 1899, the year ended same time in 1898 imports were 136,098 bu., and for 1897 they were 105,222 bu., leaving the exports for the three crops 7,478,693 bu. above the imports, or an annual average of net export shipments above receipts into the country of 2,492,897 bu., or say an export of 12 per cent of the average production. For the seven months of this calendar year ending July 31, the exports are only 76 bu. against 61,393 bu. imports showing imports of 61,326 bu. above exports. It follows that prices are largely dependent upon foreign markets. While the rise in this country has been due, more or less, to local conditions, the foreign situation will now cut an important figure, owing to a possible export surplus of near 20 per cent of the crop. Since January 1 last to the middle of September the total world shipments were 3,443,000 qrs., according to Dornbusch, London calculations, while only 25,500 qrs. were American. The latest reports from the United Kingdom indicate that crushers held out of the market lately on account of the high prices and remained quite bare of stocks. But later they are buying actively at the higher range of prices. The speculative inquiry is also said to be very active there. The Indian shipments are smaller than last year while the Argentine are larger, but Russian rather under a year ago. Still the total world movement is larger since January than for the same period in 1898. The flax movement in the Northwest was rather late to start and the August receipts were considerably less than last year, while in September they have been about the same as a year ago. The ripening of the crop was late and rains that followed the cutting made the early movement slow. Since that the weather has been fine for threshing and marketing. High prices ought to bring it forward and the probabilities seem to encourage such belief.

As compared with wheat and other grains flax bears a very good price, which will likely increase the movements of it at the expense of the grain movement.—Minneapolis Market Record.

Candidates for the office of grain examiner at Winnipeg have been notified that the examining board will pass upon the applications at an early date. They are required to accompany their applications with the names of at least three well known and respectable parties who testify to the character, ability and general fitness of the applicants. Applicants must also state their occupation during the past three years and where and by whom they have been employed. The fee for examining is \$20, of which \$10 is rebated to any who have before paid for examination.

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THE GROCERY TRADE.

GROCERY TRADE NOTES.

Bulk pickles are 75c per barrel higher at Minneapolis owing to short crop and scarcity of vinegar.

Present prices of Brazil nuts are said to be lower than at this season in the previous twenty years with one exception.

According to the cable advices from Smyrna the final outturn of figs is estimated at 35,000 camel loads, against 40,000 camel loads earlier in the season. This is less than half an average crop.

The tea markets of the east remain very firm and the situation seems to lose none of the strength developed in the earlier months of the year. Japans, Congous, Indias, Coylons and Chinas are all firm.

Winnipeg agents for eastern wood-ware factories, received telegrams on Wednesday instructing them to withdraw quotations. This probably means that a new list, involving higher prices, will shortly be put into effect.

Green Rio coffees advanced in New York about 3-4c within a few days. There is a considerable quantity of this class of coffee huddled in Winnipeg. The Memonites of Southern Manitoba always take green coffee, which they roast themselves.

The present season's crop of Indian tea is estimated now at a total of 163,000,000 pounds. The crop of last season was 154,000,000 pounds. It is estimated that 135,000,000 pounds will be shipped to the United Kingdom, against 135,400,000 pound last year.

The retail grocery trade of Minneapolis is having quite a time keeping track of prices and is every week obliged to pay advanced prices on one or more lines of goods. Last week the changes included advances on butter, cheese, eggs, apples, starch, biscuits, evaporated apples, canned goods, flour, provisions, rolled oats and (atmos), and pickles.

A much stronger feeling has developed in the market for molasses during the past few days and the Wholesale Grocers Guild marked up prices for Barbadoes 2c per gallon, which are now 37c in carload lots and 38c in smaller quantities. In large quantities business is still quiet, but it is stated that the inside price now is 36c. The demand from the country buyers is steady and a fair jobbing trade is reported at the recent advance.—Montreal Gazette.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

ADVANCE IN CANADIAN WOOLLEN COTTONS.

There was a sharp advance made by the Canadian Colored Cotton Mills Company this week, which was followed by the Parks Mills in New Brunswick. The advance was in cottons, ticking, shirtings, flannel-ettes, shaker flannels and flannel-ette blankets. The advance ranges from 1-2c to 1-2c per yard, or 5 to 7 1/2 per cent. This, it will be seen, is a considerable rise in prices, and it will affect the market somewhat differently from previous advances in staple goods. The advance was altogether unexpected, and the result is that the wholesale trade have only very moderate supplies of the goods affected. There had already been two advances in prices of cotton goods within a com-

paratively short space of time, and the trade certainly had no reason to look for another this month. The result was that no attempt has been made to get large supplies. The goods are now in the hands of the wholesale trade will doubtless with that generosity which characterizes the trade, be sold out at old prices, but when they have to go to the mills for further stocks it will of course be imperative to obtain the higher prices from the rest of the trade. The steady advance in the prices of cotton goods in the United States markets as well as the increasing business of the home mills have doubtless had more to do with the present advance than anything else. The home mills are content to have prices at a level where they keep out foreign lines, but they naturally follow outside advances.—Toronto Globe.

DRY GOODS TRADE NOTES.

Yarns are very firm in the British markets and quotations are steadily advancing.

The New York market for cotton goods is firm at advanced prices, 64 square bleached cotton is worth 4 5/8c per yard now, and is very scarce.

British cotton mills are very busy and in some lines a scarcity of raw material is very noticeable. Calico printers, for instance, have difficulty in securing supplies.

Eastern buyers who have recently returned from the old country dry goods markets found a very firm woolen goods market there and as a result of the higher prices established for fine wools at the recent London sales predict that manufacturers will be obliged to work on a higher price basis hereafter. The price of fine merino and Cape wools have advanced 12 1/2 per cent in the past fifteen months.

THE HARDWARE TRADE

THE INCREASED COST OF TIN-PLATE

"When the tinplate manufacturers decided last November to go into the trust it was stated that they did so because some of them were actually losing money, while the best were making very little," says Tin and Terne. "Tinplate was then selling at \$2.65 for 100 lb. coke plates at mill, steel billets were \$15 a ton at mill and pig tin was 18 cents a pound in New York. The price of tinplate is now \$4.65 a box, steel billets are \$10 a ton and pig tin has averaged in the past few weeks about 32 cents a pound. Allowing for waste in rolling, a ton of steel will make about 18 boxes of tinplate, so that the advance of \$25 a ton in steel amounts to \$1.38 per box of tinplate. It takes two and a half pounds of tin to make a box of tinplate, allowing for waste, so that the advance of 14 cents a pound in tin means 35 cents per box of tinplate. The advance in labor, including the tonnage and day men, amount to 20 cents a box since last November. This makes a total of \$1.94 per box of tinplate in these three items alone. Besides this, fuel, castings, acid, palm oil, flux, empty boxes and the many other supplies for tinplate making have all advanced more or less, and freights on these and on steel and pig tin have advanced as well. There is no doubt that the trust is introducing a great many economies in manufacture, by centralized management and comparisons of costs at different plants, and will be able to buy its

raw material cheaper than would an individual producer, but, at the same time, it must be borne in mind that such changes are not accomplished in a short period. Barring such advantages, it is evident that the cost of making tinplate has advanced considerably more than the \$2 a box by which the trust has advanced the price. Before the last advance of the trust its price was considerably more than 60 cents below the price of imported plates, but while the trust has made an advance in price of 27 1/2 cents a box, the price of Welsh tinplates has dropped about 9d. a box, and these two items together reduce the differential to only about 60 cents."

HARDWARE TRADE NOTES.

Western dealers in window glass in the United States have advanced their prices in all kinds of glass 10 per cent.

The advance of 15 per cent on tacks noted in The Commercial's telegraphic reports last week is now general in the east. Some manufacturers want a still further advance.

For the old steel rails they are taking up and replacing with new ones the railroads are this year receiving in some cases as high as \$20 per ton, and old iron rails are worth from \$28 to \$30 per ton.

Belgian gun and rifle makers have advanced prices to their Canadian customers 10 per cent for next season's business, and even at the advanced prices are unwilling to look large orders for next year.

London Wool Sales.

A report from London of October 6, says: The fifth series of the wool auction sales closed to-day, with offerings of 11,419 bales. The selection was fair and the continent purchased good merinos, after spirited competition. Home buyers took the bulk of the crossbreds offered. Inferior stock was difficult to sell, even at easier rates. The general sale closed with prices showing a better basis than the early part of the series promised. During the series 150,000 bales were sold and 15,000 carried over. The home trade purchased 123,000 bales and the continent buyers 53,000 bales. The opening of the series showed prices 7 1/2 per cent higher and this advance was firmly established during the first week, except for low grade staples, on a demand from the home trade, which was especially good. Continent buyers purchased moderate quantities of merinos at hardening rates, medium stock with fine crossbreds realizing 15 per cent better and scoured 10 to 15 per cent. Towards the end of the series the demand from the home trade fell away considerably, and the continent buyers held off with the idea that the opening of the Australian sales would show lower values. Prices eased five per cent, from the highest, although the continent bought more freely during the last week. Prices showed no material improvement. Merinos and fine crossbreds closed firm 10 to 12 1/2 above the July series. The next series will open November 20.

The minister of the interior has made a recommendation for the appointment of a commission to look into the elevator question. The commissioners selected are: Judge Senkler, St. Catharines, chairman; W. F. Sirett, M. P. R. Glendale, Man.; Charles C. Castle, Foxton, Man., and William Ludlan, Pipestone. Chas. N. Bell, Winnipeg, is appointed secretary.

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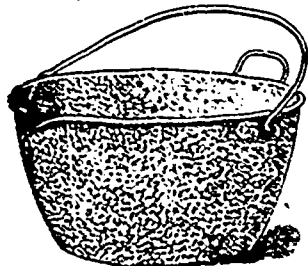
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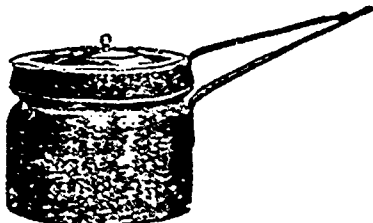
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THE IMPLEMENT TRADE.

A MACHINE MAN ON THE OUTLOOK.

O. M. Hatcher, manager at Winnipeg for the Deering Harvester Company of Chicago, Illinois, has just returned from an extended visit to headquarters and the leading cities of the Eastern States, during which he has picked up a great deal of information that is new and interesting regarding the machinery business as well as having a very pleasant trip. Mr. Hatcher was in New York when the Olympia arrived with Admiral Dewey on board and also saw the yachts Shamrock and Columbia which are now contending for the international championship.

As regards business conditions in the United States Mr. Hatcher has most encouraging reports. Business everywhere is booming and there seems no prospect of a let up for a long time yet. The only discouraging feature is the scarcity of iron and steel and other raw materials which enter so largely into many of the industries of the day. This scarcity Mr. Hatcher ascribes to the boom in shipbuilding and the increasing demand for steel and iron for structural purposes.

Prices of agricultural implements continue to tend higher and will until the advances in iron and steel cease. Just how far prices will go it is impossible to say in dollars and cents. Some of the advances for next year's business include an increase in the price of binders of \$10 to \$15, on mowers of \$5 to \$7.50, and on rakes of \$3.50 to \$5. By percentage this means an advance on binders of 12-1-2 per cent, on mowers of 20 per cent, and on hay rakes of from 25 to 30 per cent. Agricultural implements of American manufacture are meeting with an unprecedented demand both at home and abroad which is helping to advance prices.

Another article which has just been the subject of an advance in the United States markets is binder twine. Pure manilla has gained 1-1-4c and is now worth 12-1-4 to 12-1-2c for immediate delivery. One large deal has recently been closed in Chicago by which 175,000 pounds of pure manilla was contracted for for delivery in South America at a price of 12c at factory.

As regards the Deering Company Mr. Hatcher says they are enlarging the business in every direction to meet the increased trade. Twenty-three acres of land have been added to the Chicago premises recently, whereon new buildings will be erected for factories. This gives the works a much larger area. They employ 7-300 hands at the factories working day and night. An electric power plant has been added this year, which is designed to furnish most of the power used.

An important change in regard to the method of doing business in this country is announced. Heretofore Deering machinery has been sold direct to implement dealers throughout the country. In future machinery will be sold direct to the farmers, agents getting a commission and the company taking the purchaser's security.

IMPLEMENT TRADE NOTES.

A. C. McRae, Winnipeg, has received a car lot of the Bradley sulky and gang plows. The business in these plows will be handled direct from Winnipeg this season by Mr. McRae, who has arranged with the David Bradley Manufacturing Co., to handle their goods here. Mr. McRae will carry a

stock of the parts in Winnipeg, so as to avoid delays in supplying any that may be required.

J. E. Ruby, manager for Frost & Wood, Winnipeg, will visit the Edmonton District this week. Mr. Ruby says that the implement trade from that district has been very large this year.

Lumber Trade Notes.

Car scarcity is a serious factor in the lumber market south.

The sash and door business in the northwestern states is suffering for want of properly cured stock.

Trade reports from the northwestern states indicate that the lumber business in those parts has a tendency to slacken off, which is perhaps due to the difficulty of obtaining supplies. The opinion seems to prevail too that prices have gone about as high as they can.

British Columbia lumbermen are much disappointed at the 500,000,000 feet of lumber needed for construction on the line of the Manchuria railway being obtained from the Eastern States. They believe Douglas fir would be more suitable than pine for stations and other buildings for which the lumber is to be used.

Boots and Shoes.

Manufacturers are now busy on their spring samples, which will be offered to the trade at advances of from 5 to 12-1-2 per cent, according to the material entering into the different lines of goods. The price of hides and leather have made such a persistently steady advance that it requires no agreement between the different houses here to establish a higher level of prices, as they must do it in order to get a profit. Most of our large houses will finish their fall orders by about the middle of the present month, and they confidently look forward to a good spring trade at a material advance in prices on the above named basis.—Trade Bulletin, Montreal.

Crow's Nest Coal.

F. C. Potts, of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., was in Winnipeg this week endeavoring to secure men to work at the mines, where a large extra force is required. He reports that the company has orders far in excess of their ability to supply the coal, at the moment. The Canadian Pacific Railway company and the Kootenay smelters alone require a large output, besides which there is the growing demand for general purposes. Mr. Potts says they have recently struck a seam of high grade cannel coal, a grade of coal which is very valuable for producing gas, on account of the great quantity of gas which it carries. The company is now opening a new mine at Sharwood, about 25 miles east of Fernie, where the present mine is located.

The Canadian Passenger Ticket Agents Association visited Winnipeg this week, and held their annual meeting in the board of trade rooms.

The opening of the Soulanges canal the final link in the deep waterway channels from the great lakes to St. Lawrence navigable waters took place on the 9th. The opening was made a ceremonial one, several of the Dominion ministers taking part.

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P. W. Martin intends opening a general store at Macgregor.

Lovell & Co., of Montreal, are preparing a directory of Winnipeg.

R. W. Madill is enlarging his store premises at Altamont.

W. H. Davis will shortly open in the furniture business at Crystal City.

A. B. Dalzell, of High Bluff, purposes opening a general store at Oakville.

Chapman & Co., dry goods, merchants, Virden, are dissolving partnership.

Brown & Rutherford's factory at Winnipeg was damaged by fire last Saturday.

The advisability of establishing a mining exchange in Winnipeg, is being considered.

F. Wilson and S. Calvert, of Treherne, have formed a partnership in the dry goods trade.

A Mr. Ruckle, recently from Toronto, is opening a drug store on Main street north, Winnipeg.

E. McCulloch and W. Ferris, furniture dealers, Miami, have dissolved. Ferris takes the business over.

E. J. McMillan is engaging in the newspaper and printing business at Treherne as publisher of The Times.

Thos. Cowan, one of the board of aldermen, of Winnipeg, and at one time a well-known city butcher, is dead.

The post office building, Winnipeg, is to be improved so as to give increased accommodation to the mail carriers.

The Scott Furniture Company's premises, Winnipeg, were damaged by fire on Saturday, the 7th inst., to the extent of about \$1,500.

C. Crauston, who sold out his Main street drug business in Winnipeg some months ago, is re-opening in the same line on Notre Dame street.

Fishery Inspector Coleleugh, of Selkirk, has received instructions from Ottawa to get the fish hatchery at that town ready for winter operations.

D. F. Allman is opening in clothing in Winnipeg, corner Main and Alexander streets, in part of the premises formerly occupied by Geo. H. Rodgers & Co.

Prairie fires have been particularly destructive in the Dauphin district this season, and a great deal of farm property is reported to have been destroyed.

R. E. Broadfoot has sold out his general store business at Macdonald to Andrew Caskey and R. Van Norman. The new firm take possession on Nov. 1.

The dispute over the crossing of the C. P. R. track at Portage la Prairie by the Northern Pacific Railway Company, has been ended by an order from Ottawa permitting the N. P. to cross.

On Wednesday, the 4th inst., McDonald's hotel at Marchand, on the Southeastern railway, was totally destroyed by fire, together with all the contents. The hotel was only opened a few months ago.

J. A. McMurtry, of The Patent Exchange and Investment company, Toronto, on behalf of Mr. Burton, R. Dodge, of Post Mills, Vermont, inventor of the Dodge system of telephoning, has written the Winnipeg city council, asking the council to consider the granting of a joint stock company the right to erect telephono poles on the street.

Couzens & Co., butchers, Portage la Prairie, have closed out their business. It is reported that N. A. Macdonald, an employee of the firm, will re-open the shop on his own account.

When the Hon. Sydney Fisher, Dominion minister of agriculture, returns from the west he is to be interviewed at Winnipeg with a view to the establishment of a meat inspection system in the city.

A severe storm swept over Lake Winnipeg last Friday, doing considerable damage to shipping and property on the shores of the lake. The steamer Red River was lost, her crew, however, being picked up by the Lady of the Lake.

The Great West Magazine has published an illustrated summer number of considerable interest to western readers. Col. Seoble is now the editor of this magazine, and its publishers announce that hereafter, the regular date of publication will be the 27th of each month.

As indicating the great strength in the leather and boot and shoe market, Mr. Kilgour, of the Kilgour, Himer Co., Winnipeg, says they are almost daily in receipt of communications from eastern manufacturers, advising them of advances in some lines of leather and leather footwear.

On Thursday, the 5th inst., the new Jubilee wing of the Winnipeg general hospital was formally opened. The builders are not altogether through with their work yet, but the pressure of cases has made it necessary to open the wing now. It is a fine structure and will greatly add to the efficiency of the hospital.

One Ontario nursery alone has sent in six car loads of nursery stock to Manitoba this year, mostly fruit trees and bushes. The farmers are evidently doing a good deal of experimenting with fruits and good results are sure to accrue. Several varieties of fruit have already been acclimatized here, and a number of farmers are now supplying themselves and their neighbors with native grown fruits.

The new winter time schedule of the C. P. R., which will come into effect on the 15th inst., is practically a reversion to the old time card in effect before the institution of the Imperial Limited. Train No. 1 will arrive at Winnipeg from the east at 11:30 a.m., leaving for the west at 12:45. No. 2 will arrive from the west at 11:40 and depart at 16 o'clock. The Moose Jaw local will be taken off the service.

The Manitoba Produce and Commission Co., Winnipeg, have had several additional cold storage apartments fitted up in their warehouse, giving them increased facilities for handling their trade. This company intends making a specialty of handling high class goods, including a stock of dried fruits, which they have recently put in. The company has received several cars of very fine apples this season.

Stuart & Harper, machine agents, Winnipeg, have the contract of putting in the machinery in W. J. Boyd's new bakery at Winnipeg. This bakery when complete and in running order, will be an exceptionally large and well appointed institution. One of the machinery features is a new high speed automatic engine. Stuart & Harper are also busy at present with a large contract for the St. Boniface hospital. A thoroughly up-to-date steam cooking plant is one of the features of this contract. A steam laundry outfit has also been supplied.

Assinibola.

E. S. Zingg has commenced publishing a paper at Wapella to be known as The Post.

R. B. Elliott, general merchant, Gainsboro, has sold his stock of hardware to his brother, F. G. Elliott, who intends keeping a full line of shelf and heavy hardware.

Alberta.

Work has been resumed on the Edmonton bridge.

Courtright has bought out F. E. Robertson's lumber business at Strathcona.

McKenzie & Mann are reported to have bought up the charter of the Edmonton, Yukon and Pacific railway.

P. Burns is erecting an abattoir and cold storage warehouse in Calgary. The trade of this establishment will be with the Kootenay country. Its capacity will be 300 steers per day.

Geo. A. Gouin and E. A. Harris, of Edmonton, have formed a partnership under the firm name of Harris & Gouin. They are embarking in a wholesale way in the hay and oat business.

The Gallagher-Hull Meat and Packing Company Limited, has succeeded C. Gallagher in the butchering and packing business which he has carried on for a number of years at Edmonton. W. Hull, of Calgary, is one of the shareholders in the new concern.

Edmonton Bulletin: "The sharp frost of Sunday night last, October 1, five degrees, brought the summer to a close. Fall has now commenced, and the weather is ideal so far. While Sunday and Monday were cold and raw, and threatening, the days since have been lovely. Leaves are falling slowly, as there has been no wind. Cutting of grain is still in progress, and a great deal of stacking is yet to be done. As long as the present weather holds there can be no complaint from anyone. Some very large yields of oats are reported from the threshers so far, but no wheat has yet been threshed."

Northwest Ontario.

A. J. Holmes and T. A. Shaw have bought out P. Gallagher & Sons butcher business at Keewatin.

A wind storm of last week destroyed all the nets of the Saudasay Fish Co. at Rat Portage, and ruined a large number belonging to the Norman Fish Co. The consequence will be a heavy loss to both companies and reduction in the catch for the balance of the season.

Fur Trade Notes.

A large consignment of furs, valued at \$40,000 to \$45,000, arrived at Edmonton, Alberta, recently bound for London, England. The furs belong to Hishop & Nagle, a firm of northern traders.

A trapper in the Fur Trade Review says: I have always been of the opinion that owing to his keen sense the bear is our first game animal, and should be carefully protected by law. His depredations on live stock are not worth taking into account.

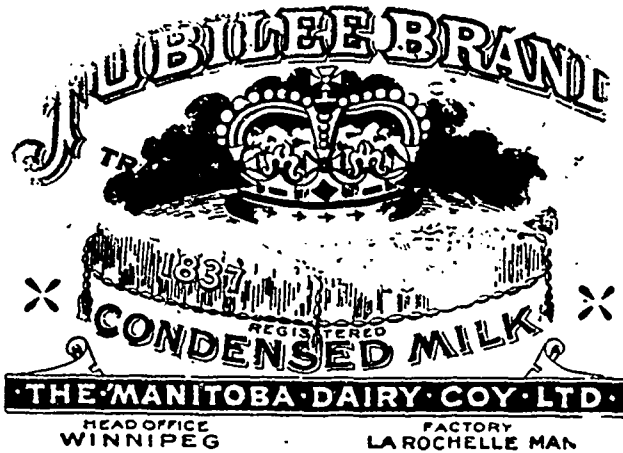
The highest price obtained for furs in the London sales continue to attract the attention of the press throughout the country, says the Fur Trade Review, and full value, as we have frequently stated, should be obtained by all retailers during the coming season.

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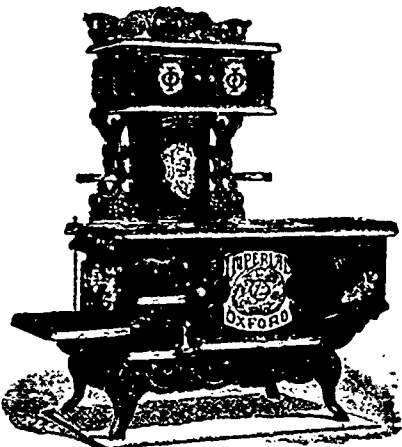
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FINANCIAL

BOOMING MINING STOCKS.

Investors in mining stocks should take care not to be led away by glowing articles which appear in the newspapers regarding the prospects of certain mines. Even some of our respectable Winnipeg papers do not seem to consider it dishonest to "boom" certain mining concerns in their news columns, doubtless at so much per line, with possibly a small block of the stock thrown in to the writer, as an extra inducement for him to "put it strong." A good deal that we read in the news columns of certain papers about mining stocks and mining corporations is not news at all. It is simply paid matter inserted for the object of selling stock. Thus the newspaper is made responsible for over-drawn statements. Readers may be led to believe such statements are reliable, when given by a supposedly reliable journal, while if contained in a prospectus they would take pains to investigate before investing. The fact of the case is the paid newspaper article is often more misleading than a prospectus. Mining "boomers" will make statements in this way that they would not do in a prospectus. The reason is obvious. In the prospectus the management is responsible for the statements made, while in the other case the responsibility for misleading the public is assumed by the newspaper. It is therefore strange that respectable papers will "write up" mining concerns in this way, but they do it, even in Winnipeg.

WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.

The Winnipeg clearing house returns for the week ending Thursday, compared with the corresponding week in previous years show as follows:

Week ending Oct. 12, 1899	\$3,015,204
Corresponding week, 1898	1,987,014
Corresponding week, 1897	3,006,830

The monthly clearings at Winnipeg for a series of years show as follows:

	1898.	1897.	1896.
Jan.	\$6,347,168	\$5,009,918	\$4,977,200
Feb.	5,517,000	3,851,000	4,032,000
Mar.	5,968,000	4,289,000	4,286,000
April	6,240,000	4,161,962	4,032,000
May	8,683,364	5,014,788	4,246,201
June	7,396,799	5,531,140	4,094,000
July	6,316,238	5,016,603	4,961,277
Aug.	6,180,385	6,298,874	4,840,959
Sept.	6,414,551	8,035,201	4,680,706
Oct.	9,347,692	12,291,789	7,586,472
Nov.	11,651,669	13,550,761	8,895,175
Dec.	10,708,731	9,784,498	7,736,945

Year .. 30,672,798 83,433,121 64,143,935

	1899.
Jan.	\$7,633,052
Feb.	6,209,471
March	6,756,094
April	6,916,431
May	7,472,855
June	8,211,716
July	8,169,595
August	7,995,291
September ..	8,281,169

FINANCIAL NOTES.

The Bank of Hamilton will issue 5,000 new shares, thus increasing its capital stock from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000.

G. W. Michie, teller in the Union bank, Boissvain, has received an appointment to an important position in the main office in Quebec.

O. H. Ireland, superintendent of branches of the Canadian Bank of

Commerce, has returned to headquarters at Toronto from a trip to Winnipeg and the coast. He expresses himself as delighted with all that he saw, and is much surprised at the business activity apparent in the west.

Insurance Items.

The Covenant Mutual is contemplating a change to the legal-reserve basis.

Mr. Howe, inspector for the underwriters, visited Rat Portage recently with a view to a possible re-rating of that town.

J. K. Macdonald, managing director, confederation Life Association, Toronto, purposes starting very shortly for the Pacific coast in the interests of the company.

The Winnipeg school board will put \$250,000 insurance on the public school buildings of the city on the 15th inst, to cover three year's risk. The insurance will be divided among the companies doing business in the city.

The North American Life Assurance Company of Canada is taking out a license to do business in the United States, and will extend its operations in that direction. This well-known company should be able to give a good account of itself in that field.

MINING MATTERS.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

A promising strike has been made on the Lake Shore mine near Moyle City, the property of the Canadian Gold Fields Syndicate.

The War Eagle mine has made a disadvantageous contract with the Trail smelter for treating ore, consequently its stock has declined. Its contract provides for smelting 300,000 tons of ore in three years at a price of \$6 per ton, and since the making of the above deal smelter rates have been reduced to \$4.50 per ton.

An important lawsuit is now in progress over a sale of shares of the Le Roi mine at Rossland. The British-America corporation last year obtained control of this mine through an arrangement made by its manager, C. H. Mackintosh, with Isaac N. Peyton, who represented a majority of the old shareholders. The Le Roi stock was divided into 500,000 shares of which Peyton controlled 262,000. Mackintosh agreed to purchase these shares for \$5 a share cash and further agreed that if at a later period his company in its efforts to secure entire ownership of the mine, should pay a greater sum for the minority shares they were to make a further payment at the higher rate to Peyton and his associates on their 262,000 shares. Subsequently the company did buy the minority holdings at \$8.30 per share or an advance of \$2.30 on the rate paid the Peyton faction. They now seek to evade the further payment of \$2.30 to these men. The sum in dispute amounts to \$602,620,70. The action is being carried on in the British Columbia courts at present, but it is understood will be fought to the bitter end which means an ultimate appeal to the Privy Council.

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO.

The Victor Mining and Development company was formed at Rat Portage.

The new superintendent of the Golden Star mine, Seine River district,

has prepared a statement for submission to the shareholders regarding the condition of the mine at present. It appears that the previous management depleted the stock of high grade ore in order to make a big showing. The shareholders are advised now to double the stamp capacity at the mine so that ores yielding a lower percentage of gold to the ton can be profitably treated.

The Mikado mine board of directors have decided to at once instal a complete sorting plant in their mill to increase the efficient stamping power of their present batteries. There is in the Mikado, as in all mines, a considerable percentage of low grade ore and worthless rock taken out during development work and as a larger amount of ore is now accumulating in the slopes and drifts than the mill can handle, by sorting out the low grade stuff it will be equal to an increase of 5 to 10 stamps working on the whole product of the mine. When a larger plant is erected the stuff can then be more economically treated and will not be thrown away.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The industry of producing corundum and its products promises to assume important proportions in eastern Ontario. A company has been organized recently for the purpose of exploiting the deposits of corundum in that district.

The Klondike Sun reports the finding on claim 31 on Eldorado of the biggest nugget yet recorded for the Klondike. Its weight is 72 ounces and 81.2 grains and it is worth \$1,158. The claim has been locally known as a blank, although not absolutely barren.

C. P. R. Strike.

The machinists employed in the Canadian Pacific Railway company's shops, which includes the round houses, erecting shops, machine shops, tool makers, millwrights and air brake experts, from Fort William to Vancouver went out on strike on the 4th inst. as a result of certain differences regarding wages, recognition of union, etc., with the company. The number of men affected is given at 300. The largest number of men at any one point is at Winnipeg, where, of course, the seat of war is located.

Three principal points seem to be the subject of the dispute, the first the question of the company recognizing the machinists union, which is a new one, the second, a question as to minimum rate of wages which the men desire to see placed at 25c per hour; and the third point that of regulation of overtime and Sunday work.

The time chosen by the men for the strike, while it may be the best for them, is most inopportune from the standpoint of public interest, as the season is the busiest of the year and every delay to the carrying traffic now means large sums of money to the country.

The only change in the situation up to Friday of this week is a further addition to the ranks of the strikers, the boiler-makers and machinists having quit work on Thursday at three o'clock out of sympathy with the strike.

The Manhattan Oil Company, of Ohio, has been absorbed by the Standard Oil Co.

A representative of The Canadian Magazine is now in the west in the interests of that publication.

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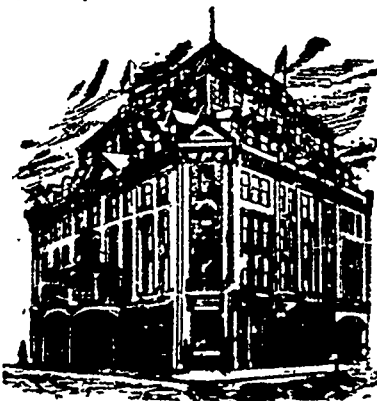
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WINNIPEG PRICES CURRENT

GROCERIES

Prices to retail dealers for ordinary lots, with usual discounts for cash or large lots.

Canned Goods		Per case
Apples, 35, 2 doz.	2 15	2 25
Apples, preserved, 35, 2 doz.	3 00	3 25
Apples, gallons (per doz.)	3 20	3 5
Black or Lawton berries, 25, 2 doz.	3 25	3 50
Beans, 25, 2 doz.	1 90	2 00
Corn, 25, 2 doz.	2 25	2 40
Cherries, red, pitted 25, 2 doz.	3 90	4 00
Peas, Marrowfat, 25, 2 doz.	85	1 00
Peas, sifted, 25, 2 doz.	2 25	2 40
Pears, Bartlett, 25, 2 doz.	3 25	3 50
Pears, California, 2 1/2 doz.	4 50	4 75
Pears, Bartlett, 35, 2 doz.	5 00	5 15
Pineapple, 25, 2 doz.	4 50	4 75
Pineapple, imported, 25, 2 doz.	5 00	5 15
Peaches, 25, 2 doz.	3 75	4 00
Peaches, California, 2 1/2 doz.	4 50	4 75
Peaches, Canadian, 35, 2 doz.	5 00	5 15
Plums, 25, 2 doz.	3 75	4 00
Plums, California, 2 1/2 doz.	4 50	4 75
Pumpkins, 35, 2 doz.	1 00	1 10
Raspberries, 25, 2 doz.	3 00	3 25
Strawberries, 25, 2 doz.	3 00	3 25
Tomatoes, 35, 2 doz.	2 25	2 40
Salmon, talls, 18, 4 doz.	5 25	6 00
Salmon, Colomes talls, 15, 4 doz.	75	1 00
Sardines, domestic 1/2 s.	0 45	0 50
Sardines, imported, 1/2 s.	0 95	1 00
Sardines, imported, 1/2 s.	1 25	1 30
Sardines, imp. 1/2 s, boneless	2 00	2 10
Sardines, Dom., mustard 1/2 s.	10	13
Imported Fresh Herring, 18, 1 doz.	4 10	4 50
Imp. Kipperd Herrings, 18, 1 doz.	1 75	1 85
Imp. Herrings, Tom. Sauce 18, 1 doz.	5 00	5 10
Imp. " Anch. Sauce 18, 1 doz.	5 00	5 10
Imp. " Shrimp Sauce 18, 1 doz.	5 00	5 10
Canned Meats	Per case	
Corn Beef, 18, 2 doz.	2 90	3 00
Corn Beef, 25, 1 doz.	65	70
Lunch Beef, 25, 1 doz.	2 90	3 00
Lunch Tongue, 18, 2 doz.	5 75	6 00
Lunch Tongue, U.S. 25, 1 doz.	6 75	7 00
Lunch Tongue, Can. 25, 1 doz.	6 00	6 10
Bravon, 25, 1 doz.	6 00	6 10
Pigs Feet, 18, 2 doz.	2 50	2 60
Roast Beef, 25, 1 doz.	2 75	3 00
Chicken, Duck or Turkey, 18, 1 doz.	3 00	3 25
Potted Ham, 1/2 s.	0 50	0 70
Devilled Ham, 1/2 s.	0 50	0 70
Potted Tongue, 1/2 s.	0 50	0 70
Potted Ham, 1/2 s.	1 30	1 40
Devilled Ham, 1/2 s.	1 30	1 40
Potted Tongue, 1/2 s.	1 30	1 40
Coffee	Per pound	
Green Rio.	5/8	9
Inferior grades	5	5 1/2
Coronals	Per sack	
Split Peas, sack 95	3 50	3 60
Pot Barley, sack 95	3 30	3 40
Roll Oatmeal, sack 80	3 75	4 00
Standard Oatmeal, sack 95	1 70	1 75
Granulated Oatmeal, sack 95	2 25	2 35
Beans (per bushel)	50	1 55
Cornmeal, sack 95	1 20	1 25
Cornmeal, 1/2 sac 49 (per 1/2 sac)	0 65	0 65
Rice, B.	4 1/2 c	4 1/2 c
Patna	5 1/2 c	5 1/2 c
Rice, Japan	4 1/2 c	4 1/2 c
Sago	4 1/2 c	4 1/2 c
Tapioca	5	5 1/2 c
Cigarettes	Per M	
Old Judge	85	90
Athlete	85	90
Sweet Caporal	85	90
Sweet Sixteen	85	90
Derby	6	6 60
Cured Fish		
Boneless Hake, per lb	05	05 1/2
Codfish, whole cases, 100 lbs.	6	6 50
Codfish, Pure per lb	07 1/2	07 3/4
Herrings, in half barrels	3 65	3 75
Dried Fruits		
Currents, new, Prov'l Bbls	05 1/2	5 1/2
Currents, Prov'l Cases	5 1/2	5 1/2
Currents, Prov'l 1/2 Barrels	05 1/2	5 1/2
Currents, Finatrit, bbls	05 1/2	5 1/2
Currents, P. llatia, cases	05 1/2	5 1/2
Currents, cleaned, cases	07	7 1/2
Dates, Cases	07	7 1/2
Figs, Klenc, about 10 lb box	20	22
Figs, Glave Box, per doz	3 30	3 60
Figs, Cooking, Sax	08	09
Figs, boxes	10 1/2	11
Figs, Tappins	05	5 1/2
Figs, Portuguese, boxes	06 1/2	07
Sultana Raisins	13	13 1/2

Dried Fruits

	Per pound
Raisins, Val., fine, off stalk	2 00
Raisins, Selected, off stalk	2 00
Raisins, Val. Layers, per box 2	2 25
Loose Muscatels, 2 crown	5 1/2 5 1/4
Loose Muscatels, 3 crown	06 1/2 06 1/4
Loose Muscatels, 4 crown	08 3/4
London Layers, 20 lb Boxes	1 90 2 00
Apples, Dried	08 3/4
Evap Apples, finest quality	09 1/2 10
California Evaporated Fruits	
Peaches, peeled	17 15
Peaches, unpeeled	11 12
Pears	12 1/2 17
Apricots	10 16 1/2
Pitted Plums	9 9 1/2
Nectarines	12 12 1/2
Prunes, 100 to 120	5 1/2 5 1/2
Prunes, 90 to 100	6 1/2 6 1/2
Prunes, 70 to 80	7 1/2 7 1/2
Prunes, 60 to 70	8 1/2 8 1/2
Prunes, 40 to 50	10 11
Matches	Per case
Telegraph	\$3 90
Telephone	3 70
Tiger	3 60
Nuts	Per pound
Brazils	11 12 1/2
Taragona Almonds	14 15
Peanuts, roasted	11 1/2 12
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	3c 3 1/2 c
Medium, per lb	2 1/2 c 3 c
Maple, case 1 doz. 1/2 gal. tins	6 75 7 00
Molasses, per gal. (New Or.)	34c 35c
Porto Rico	40
Barbadoes	45 50
Sugar	
Extra Standard Gran.	5 30
German Granulated	5 10
Extra Ground	7c
Powdered	6 1/2 c
Lumps	6c 6 1/2 c
Bright Yellow Sugar	4 1/2 4 1/4
American	4 1/2
Maple Sugar	13 1/2 15c
Salt	Per pound
Rock Salt	1 1/2 c 1 1/4 c
Common, fine	1 95 2 00
Common, coarse	1 95 2 00
Dairy, 100 3	3 25 3 50
Dairy, 60-5	3 15 3 30
Dairy, white duck sack	00 46
Common, fine jute sack	00 41
Spices	Per doz.
Assorted Herbs, 1/2 lb tins	75 90
Allspice, whole	18 20
Allspice, pure ground	18 22
Allspice, compound	15 18
Cassia, whole	18 20
Cassia, pure ground	20 22
Cassia, compound	13 18
Cloves, whole	17 20
Cloves, pure ground	25 30
Cloves, compound	18 20
Pepper, black, whole	14 15
Pepper, black, pure ground	16 18
Pepper, black, compound	10 13
Pepper, white, whole	23 25
Pepper, white, pure ground	28 30
Pepper, white, compound	18 20
Pepper, Cayenne	25 30
Ginger, whole, Jamaica	25 30
Ginger, whole, Cochina	20 25
Ginger, pure ground	23 25
Ginger, compound	15 25
Nutmegs, (per pound)	55 80
Mace (per pound)	1 00 1 25
Teas	Per pound
China Blacks—	
Choice	35 40
Medium	25 35
Common	13 20
Indian and Ceylon—	
Choice	32 40
Medium	25 32
Common	16 22
Young Hysons—	
Choice	35 45
Medium	25 35
Common	22 30
Japan—	
Finest May Picking	35 40
Choice	30 35
Fine	25 30
Good Medium	20 25
Common	15 20

Tobacco

	Per pound
T. & B., 35, 45, and 95 Cads.	00 70
Lily, 35, Cads.	00 61
Crecent, 35, Cads.	00 58
T. & B. Black Chewing, 35 or 105	00 61 1/2
T. & B. Mahogany Chewing, 35 or 105	00 61 1/2
T. & B., 1-12 pkg, cut	00 85
T. & B., 1-5 pkg, cut	00 85
T. & B. in pouches, 1-1	00 85
T. & B. in 1-5 tins	00 85
T. & B. in 1-12 tins	00 85
Orinoco, 1-12 pkg.	00 81
Orinoco, 1-5 tins	00 81
Orinoco, 1/2 tins	00 86
Tuckett's Cherub Cigarette	1-12
Brier, 35, Cads.	00 57
Derby, 35, and 45, Cads.	00 65
Derby, 35, Cads.	00 65
P. & W. Chewing, Cads.	00 65
P. & W. Chewing, Butts	00 65
Tonka, 1/2 tins	00 60
Tonka, 1-12 tins	00 88
Canadian Leaf, 50 lb bales, very bright	21
Lower grades	10 1/2 12 1/2
Dominion Tobacco Co.'s List.	
BRIGHT CHEWING PLUG.	
Pomnery, 3 1/2 s.	72
Sminax, 1/2 lb. Bars	62
Holly, 3 s.	50
Holly, 3 s.	55
BLACK CHEWING PLUG.	
Black Bass, Navy, 1/2 lb. Bars	40
Black Bass, Navy, 4 s	40
Black Bass, Navy, 3 s	43
Black Bass, Navy, 12 s	42
BRIGHT SMOKING PLUG.	
Virgin Gold, 4 s	72
Marigold, 3 s.	55
Monarch, 3 1/2 s	59
Clover, Double Thick, 3 s.	54
Empire Tobacco Co.'s List	
SMOKING.	
Empire, 35	35
Golden Plug, 35	60
Royal Oak, 35	55
Something Good, 75	55
CHEWING.	
Currency, Bars, 10 1/2 s.	40
Free Trade, 35	40
Snowshoe, Bars, 12 s	46
WOODEN WARE	Per doz.
Pails, 2 hoop clear	1 60 1 75
Pails, wire hoop	2 00 2 10
Pails, Star fibre	4 00
Tubs, No. 0 common	10 50 11 00
Tubs, No. 1 common	9 00 10 50
Tubs, No. 2 common	7 00 7 50
Tubs, No. 3 common	6 00 6 50
Tubs, nests (3)	55 1 05
Tubs, wire hoop (3)	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
Tubs, fibre, (3)	3 20
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (3)	45 50
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (3)	75 80
CURED MEATS AND LARD	
Lard, pure leaf, kettle rend.	55 1 70
Lard, pure leaf, steam rend.	1 60
Lard, pure, in 3, 5 and 10 lb. tins, per case of 60 lbs	5 50
Lard, pure, Tierces, per lb	7 1/2
Lard, 50lb tubs	5 1/2
Lard, Compound, 20 lb pails	1 35
Lard, Compound, 3 and 5 lb. tins, case 60 lbs	4 50
Smoked Meats	per lb.
Hams	12 1/2
Breakfast bacon, bellies	11 1/2
Breakfast bacon, backs	10 1/2
Spiced rolls	10 1/2
Shoulders	10
Pic-nic Ham	10 1/2
Dry Salt Meats	
Long clear bacon	8 1/2
Shoulders	8 1/2
Short Clear	8
Backs	9
Barrel Pork	Per barrel
Heavy mess	16 00 17 00
Short cut	16 50 17 50
Meat Sundries	
Fresh pork sausage, lb	5
Hologna sausage, lb	5
Pickled pigs feet, kits.	1 00
Sausage casings, lb.	30

FISH

Whitefish, fresh, lb.	07	08
Whitefish, frozen, lb.	05 1/2	06
Pickled, lb.	3 1/2	04
Trout, lb.	09	10
Pike, lb.	03	03
Salmon, lb.	12 1/2	11
H.C. halibut, lb.	11	11
Smoked goldeyes, doz	45	45
Salt Whitefish, per 1/2 bbl	6 50	6 50
Haddies	11	11
Salt Cod	07	07 1/2
Boneless Cod 1 to 2 lb bricks.	07 1/2	07 1/2
Labrador Herring, in 1/2 bbls.	3 50	3 50
Oysters, standards, bulk	2 25	2 25
Oysters, selects	2 50	2 50

DRUGS

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

Alum, lb	3 1/2	4 1/2
Alcohol, gal.	5 25	5 50
Bleaching Powder, lb.	05	07
Bluestone, lb.	09	10
Borax	09	10
Bromide Potash	75	80
Camphor	68	75
Camphor, ounces	75	80
Carbolic Acid	35	60
Castor Oil	13	20
Chlorate Potash	18	20
Citric Act d.	65	70
Copperas	03	04
Cocaine, oz.	6	50 7 00
Cream Tartar, lb	25	32
Cloves	20	25
Epsom Salts	03	04
Extract Logwood, bulk	12	14
Extract Logwood, boxes	17	20
German Quinine	35	40
Glycerine, lb.	20	25
Ginger, Jamaica	30	35
Ginger, African	15	20
Howard's Quinine, oz.	55	60
Iodine	1 75	5 00
Insect Powder	30	35
Morphia, sul.	1 00	2 00
Opium	4 50	5 00
Oil, olive, Pure	2 10	2 75
Oil, U.S. Salad	1 00	1 25
Oil, lemon, super	1 60	1 80
Oil, peppermint	1 80	2 00
Oil, cod liver, gal.	1 25	1 75
Oxalic Acid	14	16
Potass Iodide	3 75	4 00
Paris Green, lb.	20	22
Saltpetre	08	10
Shal Rochelle	25	32
Sulphur	25	34
Sulphur Flowers	3 1/2	01
Sulphur Roll, keg	3 1/2	01
Soda Bicarb, keg of 112 lbs	2 75	3 75
Salt Soda	2 00	3 00
Tartaric Acid, lb.	40	45
Strychnine, pure crystals, oz.	85	1 00

LEATHER

	Per pound
Harness, oak	41
Harness, union oak No. 1	33
Harness, union oak No. 1 R.	32
Harness, hemlock No. 1, anchor brand	33
Harness, hemlock No. 1 R. anchor brand	32
Harness, hemlock country tannage, No. 1	31
Do., No. 1 R.	32
Black collar leather	36
American Oak Sole	40
Sole, union oak	40
Listowill, sole	27
Pentang, sole	27
Action Sole	27
H. F. French calf	1 25 1 30
Lard, 50lb tubs	9 1/2 1 15
Canada calf	65
Canada Calf, Niagara	80
Niagara Brand Kip.	65
Wax upper	42
Grain upper per foot	20
Kangaroo, per foot	30
Doligona, per foot	25
Doligona, bright	30
Bag sheepskins, per doz	5 00

COAL

Retail prices, delivered to consum. rs in the city.

Pennsylvania anthracite—	
Stove, nut or lump	10 00
Pea size	8 00
Canadian anthracite, stove	5 50
Canadian anthracite, nut	7 50
Lethbridge bituminous	4 50
Crow's Nest bituminous	5 25
U. S. bituminous, as to mine	7 50
Souris lignite	4 10
Souris, car lots F.O.B. mines	1 50
Blossburg smithing	9 00

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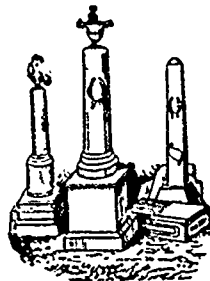
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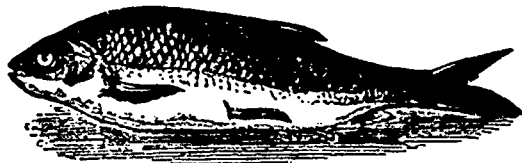
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TIN PLATES—Charcoal plates, 1 C, 10 x 14, 12x12, and 14x20, \$5.50; 1 X, same size box, \$6.30; 1 O, charcoal, 20 x 28, 112 sheets to box, \$10.50; 1 X box 20x28, 112 sheets, \$12.50.

TERNE PLATES—1 C, 20x28, \$10.50.

IRON AND STEEL—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$2.90; round iron, 100 lbs., \$3.10 base; Swedish iron, 100 lbs., \$5 base; sleigh shoe steel, \$3.60; base; tire steel, \$3.75 base; cast tool steel, lb., 9 to 12 1-2c; imitation Russian sheets, 7 to 8c; genuine Russian sheets, lb., 12 to 13c.

STEEL BOILER PLATE—3-16 inch, \$4.50; 1-4, 3-8 inch and thicker, \$4.25. **BOILER TUBES**—2 inch, 14c per foot; 2 1-2 inch, 15 1-2c; 3 inch, 17c per foot.

SHEET IRON—16 to 20 gauge, \$3.50; 22 to 26, \$3.75; 28 gauge, \$4.

CANADA PLATES—Garth and Blain, \$3.35.

GALVANIZED IRON—American, 16 gauge, \$4.25; 18 to 22, \$4.50; 24 gauge, \$4.75; 26 gauge, \$5; 28 gauge, \$5.25 per 100 lbs. Queen's head, 25c advance on American prices.

IRON PIPE—Quoted as follows per 100 feet: 1-4 inch, \$4.25; 3-8, \$4.25; 1-2, \$5.25; 3-4, \$6.75; 1 inch, \$8.25; 1 1-4, \$11; 1 1-2, \$13.50; 2, \$18; larger, 45 per cent.

GALVANIZED PIPE—1-4 inch, \$8.80; 3-8 inch, \$8.80; 1-2 inch, \$9.35; 3-4 inch, \$10.45; 1 inch, \$14.50; 1 1-4 inch, \$19.80; 1 1-2 inch, \$24.20; 2 inch, \$32.45.

STAMPED TINWARE—Plain, 70 and 15 per cent; retinned, 70 and 2 1-2 per cent.

CHAIN—Proof coil, 3-16 in. per 100 lbs., \$8; do. 1-4 in. \$7.50; do. 3-16 in. \$6; do. 3-8 in. \$5.75; do. 7-16 in. \$5.50; do. 1-2 in. and up, \$5.50; trace, per doz. pairs, \$3.75 to \$5.50; jack chain, iron, single, per doz. yards, 15 to 75c; jack chain, double, per doz. yards, 25c to \$1.

COPPER—Tinned copper sheets, 30c; planished, 35c; boiler and T K pits, plain tinned, per lb. 29c; spun 33c.

LEAD—Pig, per lb. 5 to 6c.

SHEET ZINC—In casks, \$9 per 100 lbs; broken lots, \$9.50.

SOLDER—Half and half, per lb., 22c.

SHOT—Soft, 5 1-4c per lb.; chilled, 5 3-4c; buckshot, 6 1-4c.

AMMUNITION—Cartridges, rim fire, American discount 40 per cent; Dominion 50 and 5 per cent; centre fire, pistol, American discount 10 per cent; Dominion discount 30 per cent; military and sporting, American, not list, Dominion 15 per cent, shot shells, 12 gauge, \$6 to \$8.50.

LOADED SHELLS—Eley's black, 12 gauge, per 100, soft \$1.50, chilled \$1.65; No. 10 gauge soft, \$2; chilled, \$2.15; Eley's smokeless, 12 gauge soft, \$1.90, chilled, \$2.05; No. 10 gauge soft, \$2.40, chilled, \$2.55.

WADS—Grey felt, 75c per lb.; thin card wads in boxes of 500 each, 12 and smaller gauge, 20c per lb.; thin card wads in boxes of 500 each, 10 gauge, 25c per lb.; Chemically prepared black edge grey

cloth wads, in boxes of 250 each, 11 and smaller gauges, 65c per 1,000; 9 and 10 gauges, 75c per 1,000; 7 and 8 gauges, \$1 per 1,000.

ANVILS—Per lb. 10 to 12 1-2c; anvil and vice combined, each \$3 to \$4.50.

AUGER BITS—American, 60 to 65 per cent; Jennings' Excelsior, 50 per cent; post hole, Vaughan's, each 60 to 90c.

AXES—Chopping axes, per dozen, \$9; to \$12; double bit, per doz. \$11 to \$18; bench axes, 40 per cent.

BELTING—Extra, 30 to 35 per cent; No. 1, 50 to 55 and 10 per cent; agricultural, 55 to 60 per cent.

BOLTS—Carriage, 1-4 and 15-16, 47 1-2 per cent; 3-8 and up, 42 1-2c; tire, dis. 55 per cent; stove, dis. 60 per cent; machine, discount 47 1-2; coach screws, dis. 60 per cent; plough bolts, 40 per cent.

VISES—B. S. Wright's 14c; Sampson, 40-50 pounds, \$6.50 to \$7 each; parallel, \$2 to \$7 each.

BELLOWS—20-24, \$4.50; 26, \$4.95; 28, \$5.40; 30, \$5.85; 32, \$6.30; 34, \$7.25; 36, \$8.10; 38, \$9; 40, \$10.35.

BUTTS—Loose pins, cast, dis. 60 per cent; wrought steel, fast joints, dis. 65 per cent; loose pins, dis. 65 per cent; Berlin bronzed, dis. 45 per cent; gen. bronzed, per pair, 35 to 85.

HINGES—Light T and strap, 60 per cent; heavy, per 100 pounds, \$5.75 to \$6.75; screw hook and hinge, 6 to 10 in. 6c per lb.; 12 in. up, per lb. 4c.

HARVEST TOOLS—55 and 5 per cent off 1900 list.

ROPE—Steel, lb. 13 1-2c base, manila, lb. 16c base; cotton, 1-4 to 1-2 inch, and larger, 15c lb; deep sea, 16 1-2c; lath yarn, 10 1-2c.

BUILDING PAPER—Anchor brand plain 45c; do. tarred, 65c; Cyclone, 70c; Jubilee plain 57c; do. tarred 70c.

HORSE NAILS—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List price as follows: No. 5 \$7.50 per box; No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75; box; No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount on above list prices, 40 per cent.

HORSESHOES—Iron shoes, keg, 0 and 1, \$4.70; 2 and larger, \$4.45. Less than full kegs, 25c extra. Steel shoes, 0 and 1, \$5.00; 2 and larger, \$4.75.

NAILS—Wire—4 1-2 in. up, \$3.80; 4 in. \$3.85; 3 in. \$3.90; 3 1-2 in. \$3.95; 2 in. \$4.10; 1 1-2 in. \$4.20; 1 1-4 in. \$4.45; 1 in. \$4.80.

NAILS—Cut—30d up, \$3.15, 20d, \$3.20; 10d, \$3.25; 8d, \$3.30; 6d, \$3.45; 4d, \$3.55; 3d \$3.80; 2d, \$4.15.

SCREWS—F. H. bright, discount 75, 10 per cent; R. H. discount 70; F. H. brass, discount 70; R. H. brass, discount 60 and 5 per cent. Bench wood, per doz. \$3.75 to \$4.50; bench, iron, per doz. \$4.50 to \$6.

SOLDERING IRONS—Per lb. 32c.

WIRE—Brass and copper wire, 20 per cent advance on the list; clothes line wire, 18 gauge, per 1,000 feet, \$8.50.

FILES—Com. 00 and 10 per cent; Nicholson's and Black Diamond, 50 and 10 per cent.

WIRE FENCING—Galvanized 4 barb. regular, \$3.75; galvanized, plain twist, \$3.75.

STAPLES—Galvanized, \$4.25 per 100 lbs.

RIVETS AND BURRS—Carriage, sec-

tion, wagon box rivets, etc., 37 1-2 per cent; M. rivets, black and tinned, 37 1-2 per cent; copper rivets and burrs, 33 1-2c; cartons 1c per lb. extra net.

GLUE—Sheets, 15c lb.; broken, 12 1-2c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 18 to 25c.

AXLE GREASE—Fraser's, per case, \$3.75; Diamond, light \$1.50 case, dark \$2; Mica, \$3.35.

COAL TALK—Per barrel, \$5.

PINE PITCH—\$4 per barrel, **CEMENT**—Portland cement, barrel, \$4 to \$4.50.

PLASTER AND HAIR—Plaster, barrel, \$3.25; plasterers' hair, P. P., 90c bale.

Winnipeg Prices of Paints, Oils, Glass, Etc.

WHITE LEAD—Pure, \$7.12 1-2 per 100 lbs.; No. 1, \$6.87 1-2.

PREPARED PAINTS—Pure liquid colors, gallon, \$1.20 to \$1.60, as to shade and quality.

DRY COLORS—White lead, lb. 7 1-2c; red lead, kegs, 6 1-2c; yellow ochre in barrel lots, 2 1-2c; less than barrels, 3c; golden ochre, barrels, 3 1-2c; less than barrels, 4c; Venetian red, barrels, 3c; less than barrels, 3 1-2c; American vermilion, 15c; English vermilion, \$1 per lb.; 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 to \$1.75; hard oil finish, \$1.50 to \$2; brown Japan, \$1; house painters' gold size Japan, \$1.50; coach painters' do., \$2 to \$2.25; No. 1 brown shellac, \$2.25; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.

PUTTY—In bladders, barrel lots, 2 1-2c lb.; in 100 lb. kegs, 2 3-4c; do. less than barrels, 3c lb.

ALABASTINE—Cases of 20 packages, \$6.50.

GASOLINE—Stove, per case, \$3.50. **BENZINE**—Case, \$3.50.

WINDOW GLASS—Single glass, first break, 16 to 25 united inches, \$2.25; 26 to 40, \$2.50 per 50 foot boxes \$1 to 50, \$5.50; 51 to 60, \$6.00; 61 to 70, \$6.50 net 100 foot boxes.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, gal., 63c; hotted, gal. 66c in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gal. extra, with additional charges for cans and cases.

TURPENTINE—Pure spirits, in barrels, 85c; less than barrels, gal. 90c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

OILS—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25 to 30c gal; clear, machine oil, 27 to 30c; cylinder oil, 50 to 75c; a s to quality; castor oil, 11c per lb.; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatfoot oil, \$1; steam refined oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 gal.

REFINED PETROLEUM—Prices here are as follows: Silver Star, 18 3-4c; Oleopheno 21 3-4c in barrels. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 25 1-2c for Eocene and 22 1-2c for Sunlight. Straight car lots Silver Star 1c less, other brands 2c less.

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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Saturday, Oct. 14, 1899.

October is usually one of the busiest months of the year in the city, and is this year more than ever so. The work of handling the grain crop goes on steadily both here and at all market points and the railways have been taxed to their utmost to keep the grain moving. The unprecedented demand for cars has made it extremely difficult at times to supply these, and there are some complaints of car shortage. Not only are the grain shipments heavier than usual, but the movement of general merchandise is very heavy, which makes the work of keeping the grain moving more difficult. Passenger traffic on the railways is also unusually heavy at present. City mercantile establishments are all experiencing unusually good fall trade for both country and city consumption. Our reviews of the different lines given hereunder bear this out. The high and advancing prices of many of these lines do not seem to check business in the least. Building operations in the city are being pushed to the utmost. A great deal of work remains to be done, and mechanics of all kinds will lose less time than usual next winter. Most of the finishing work will be done during the winter. The C. P. R. strike is the only disturbing element in the situation this week, as will be noticed in our news columns on another page. It is hoped, however, that before many days wiseer council will prevail and the differences which have led to the strike be settled. In fact, it is reported this morning that the strike will be declared off, as a result of a conference between company officials and men yesterday. Bank clearings for the week ending Thursday are larger by about 30 per cent than last year, although only about \$10,000 larger than in 1897.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Saturday, Oct. 14, 1899.

(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.)

CURED MEATS.

A new price has been made to-day on sugar-cured hams, and we quote these now at 12 1-2c per pound. Stocks of cured meat in the city are light and sometimes not of the best quality. Packers expect to get more ample supplies of hogs shortly, and then lower prices on cured meats may be looked for.

DRY GOODS.

There is very little change in the dry goods situation locally. Business is moving steadily, and there is a very firm and buoyant tone in the market. As to the future course of prices, the prospects can best be seen in our news columns. The cotton situation is pretty fully given this week with the recent advances.

DRUGS.

The only change in the drug market is a decline of 5c on German quinine. Otherwise prices appear to be steady. Business is certainly good with the Winnipeg jobbing houses and shipments unusually heavy.

FISH.

The season for fresh whitefish closed on the 6th instant, and these are now out of the market. Frozen whitefish are plentiful. Other lines of fresh fish remain unchanged at prices given on page 181.

FUEL.

The market for fuel, both wood and coal, remains unchanged. Coal receipts are none too ample, and the situation at the lakes is one of continued strength in United States anthracite. Quotations there now are \$5.50 and \$5.75 according to size. Canadian coals are steady at last week's prices. Good dry wood is obtainable only in limited quantities, and prices run as follows delivered to consumers in Winnipeg: Tamarac, \$5.50 to \$5.75 per cord; pine, \$5; oak, \$6; birch, \$6; Minneapolis maple, \$6; poplar, \$4.

GREEN FRUITS.

Peaches, pears, grapes and plums are about over and the market is beginning to lose some of its activity with the passing away of the summer demand. Interest now centres in the apple business. There is practically no change in the situation of winter apples since our report of last week which covered the ground pretty fully. Winter apples are now coming forward freely. Crab apples have been a disappointment to the trade this season, several large shipments which were expected and practically sold, failed to arrive. Grapes have also been a disappointment, and the demand was not nearly supplied. The frost of October 3 in Ontario spoiled all the grapes which were not pulled and housed at that time and practically put an end to shipments. We quote prices this week on leading lines as follows:

Oranges Valencias, per box \$5.50; lemons, per box \$4.25, bananas, per bunch \$1.75 to \$2.25; apples, winter, \$1.75 per barrel, in 5 barrel lots, \$3.60, fall apples, \$3.25; Washington pears, per case, \$3.00; California peaches, \$1.25 per case; Washington plums, \$1.20; Ontario grapes, 30 to 40c per basket; California grapes, per crate, \$2.25; cranberries per barrel, \$7.50, coconuts in sacks of 100, \$5 to \$6, Grenoble walnuts, 13c; Tarragon almonds, 15c; peanuts, green, 9c, roasted, 11c; pecan nuts, 13c per lb., chestnuts, 15c, comb honey, \$2 per dozen sections, strained honey, \$1-2c per pound, maple sugar, per lb. 11c, apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrel and half barrels; fruit cider put up in 20 and 30 gallon kegs, per gallon, 40c, figs, in boxes, 7c lb.; new layer figs in 10 lb boxes, \$1.75, dates 7c per lb., onions, 1 1-2 to 2c per lb., celery, per dozen, 35c; tomatoes, per basket, 50c; sweet potatoes, per barrel, \$5 to \$5.50.

GROCERIES.

Woodenware quotations have been withdrawn this week and it is understood that a new list showing 10 per cent advance will be issued at once. Meanwhile we quote old prices on our current prices page. Green Rio coffee is stronger in tone and prices are up nearly 1-2c per pound. Whether this will be permanent or not remains to be seen. The situation is a very strong one. Indian teas have advanced 1d to 1 1-2d per pound in London. Beans have developed a still stronger tone than last week, and it looks as

if they would reach \$2.00 per bushel. Currants are stronger and 1-2c higher all around. Bosnia prunes are quoted at such high prices that it will be impossible to buy them to sell in competition with California prunes. These latter are now in the market and show good value. Small prunes are going to be very scarce. Business here is brisk and orders from all parts of the country heavy.

HAIRDWARE.

No important changes have been made here since last Saturday. Cement is a line which has been very scarce and hard to get lately. In fact with the exception of some stocks of German cement the market has been bare. The price went up 25c this week. Hardware quotations will be found on page 183.

PAINTS AND OILS.

The strong tone and continued upward tendency of prices is the feature in this branch. Local dealers received advices of an advance of 37 1-2c per 100 lbs. at the Eastern factories on white lead and the tendency was to put the advance into effect here at once, when would make the price here \$7.12 1-2 for pure. Linseed oil is very strong. Prices were advanced 2c this week. The price of flax seed is about the highest on record here. Crushers are paying \$1 per bushel in country markets to farmers, which is 35c per bushel higher than a year ago. This means that linseed oil will rule high in price for an indefinite length of time—probably until another crop comes to market at least. Turpentine was easier, but is firmer again and prices are quoted higher. Glass stocks are low. Some dealers are practically sold out and none of the jobbers are able to fill all the business they could have. The market is therefore strong and tending higher.

SCRAP.

No change from last week. Demand continues good for iron scrap. Quotations are as follows: No. 1 cast iron free from wrought and malleable, \$12 per ton, No. 2 do., \$4.50 per ton; No. 1 stove plate, \$3.50 to \$4 per ton; wrought iron scrap, \$5 to \$6 per ton, heavy copper, 10c per pound; copper bottoms, 8c per pound, red brass, 8 to 8 1-2c per pound; yellow brass, heavy, 7 1-2c per pound; light brass, 4 1-2 to 5c per pound; lead pipe or tea lead, 2 1-2c per pound; zinc scrap, 1c per pound; rags, country mixed, 50c per cwt.; clean, dry bones, 35c per cwt., rubber boots and shoes free from arctic and rivets, 6c per lb. Good quart beer bottles are worth 25 to 30c per dozen; pints, 10c per dozen; square gin bottles, 30 to 35c per doz.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—Although during this week war has actually begun in South Africa, its influence on the wheat markets has been practically nil. It did give a slight stimulus to export demand at the Atlantic seaboard on Wednesday, and prices in the American markets advanced 3-4c per bushel, but since then a weaker feeling has obtained, and at the close of yesterday's markets there was a loss in value on the week of 1-4c to 3-5c per bushel. Prices in England are a little higher, and English farmers are reported to be holding on to their wheat in view of the war. Ocean freights have advanced 2c to 3c per bushel owing to a considerable number of the Atlantic liners having been chartered by the British government to carry troops and supplies to the Cape; so that the

advance in English markets is more than eaten up by the advanced freights, and consequently does not make that impression on the American markets it otherwise would; the advance in freights really tends to lower the value on this side. War with the Transvaal will not interfere with the passage of wheat supplies to Europe, unless complications occur which would suggest the prospect of involving some other European power, but the sentimental effect of war always favors the idea of higher prices for breadstuffs; otherwise, in the present position of the wheat trade, there is good reason for thinking, that had it not been for the prospect of the present war, prices would have been perhaps 5c per bushel less than they are to-day. The movement of wheat in the states, while large, is daily less than at same time last year, the movement in the winter wheat states being meagre, but in the Northwest liberal. Export shipments from both coasts are large, amounting last week and this week to over 5,000,000 bushels each week. Last week the world's shipment to Europe were over 8,000,000 bushels, and the increase in the world's visible supply was 5,022,000 bushels. The American visible increased 2,192,000 bushels, and is now 41,335,000 bushels against 12,210,000 bushels same time last year. The total world's visible supply on October 1st was 162,877,000 bushels, against 76,787,000 bushels 1st October, 1898, an increase of \$6,090,000 bushels for 1899. The new winter wheat crop in the States is practically all seeded by this date, and the acreage will be about the same as seeded last year, or a little less. Much of the wheat is above ground, and in some districts looks well, but generally the weather has been too dry for a favorable seed time, and in some parts the prospect owing to the drouth is distinctly unfavorable, the plants being spindling and the ground infested by insects. Very favorable reports continue to come from Argentina and Australia regarding the growing crops there. In Europe the fall seeding of wheat is progressing under generally favorable conditions.

In the local market trading has been quiet during the week. Holders are firm in their views and do not readily part with wheat unless a tempting offer is made. The movement of wheat from the west to Fort William is, to the shippers, exasperatingly slow, and grievous complaints are being made against the railways, owing to the inadequate supply of cars. Many elevators at country points are already full to the roof, and closed or partially closed on this account, and the loss occasioned to shippers is very great. It may be stated that the same shortage of cars is prevalent all over America, and in the States the western lines are taking advantage of the situation and raising their freight rates. During the week the price of 1 hard has fluctuated between 69c and 70 1-2c in store Fort William. The low point was on Tuesday when sales were made at 69c for spot and Oct. delivery. On Wednesday the price advanced to 70c in the afternoon, and at night 70 1-2c was paid, but on Thursday the price was back to 70 1-4c, and yesterday it was 70 1-4c in the morning and 70c in the afternoon. Two hard and 1 northern sold for 3c to 3 1-2c under 1 hard, and 3 hard and 2 northern 7 1-2c under 1 hard. One frosted fetches around 57c. These prices are all in store Fort William.

FLOUR—New wheat flour has now

almost entirely replaced the old wheat product and the quality is all that could be desired. No complaints of any kind have been heard regarding its bread making qualities. We quote prices to the trade in the city as follows: Ogilvie's Hungarian patent, \$1.85; Glenora, \$1.65; Manitoba strong bakers, \$1.45; XXXX, \$1.10; Lake of the Woods patent, \$1.85; strong bakers, \$1.65; second bakers, \$1.40; XXXX, \$1.15 per sack of 98 pounds, delivered in Winnipeg.

MILLFEED—Bran is quoted at \$10.50 per ton and shorts at \$12.50, with the usual reductions for round lots. Prices are expected to decline.

GROUND FEED—Quoted now as follows: Oat chop, \$20 per ton for best. Mixed feed of barley and oats \$18 per ton, barley chop, \$16 per ton. Oil cake, per ton, \$24.

OATS—There is practically no change in the situation. Early in the week the price declined to 20c at country points, but deliveries dropped off and dealers were obliged to put the price back in order to get oats. We quote 20 to 22c per bushel at country points and 25 to 27c on track, Winnipeg.

OATMEAL—Prices declined 10c this week to \$1.70 per sack of 80 pounds to the retail trade. New Manitoba meal is the only kind offering here now.

FLAX—The market for flax seed is firm at \$1.00 per bushel to farmers at country points. Buyers continue to complain of dirt in the seed and expect that the wet weather of the latter part of this week will make matters worse in this respect.

WHEAT—Manitoba country markets.—A long spell of fine dry weather was broken this week by rains in eastern Manitoba and rains and snow in the western part of the province and the Territories. The precipitation checked deliveries of wheat at country points, and owing to the congested condition of the railways and country elevators on account of the heavy deliveries during the past few weeks, the stoppage of deliveries was rather welcomed by both the grain men and the railway companies. In fact if deliveries were entirely stopped for a few days, there would be no complaint heard. Up to date the quantity of new wheat delivered by farmers has been very heavy. The rain will also be beneficial in putting out prairie fires, as well as putting the ground in better condition for fall plowing, a feature that was more desired by many farmers than fine weather and good roads for marketing grain. As the crops are now threshed or safely in stack, the damp spell will not do any material harm, except possibly in some very backward sections. In Eastern Assiniboia the snow fall was quite heavy. The check to deliveries will enable the railways to undertake the great rush of work which has been crowding upon them since the crop movement began. Prices have ranged about 54 to 56c to farmers at Manitoba country markets as to freight rate, 1c to 2c higher than this being occasionally paid at some point, owing to some local condition.

HAY—Baled hay has gone up 50c to \$1.00 per ton this week owing to slow delivery, increasing demand and the fact that large quantities of hay have been destroyed by fire on the prairies this month. Baled hay is now worth \$5 to \$6.50 on track here. Loose hay, \$5 to \$6.

BUTTER—Creamery—The make is

becoming more limited and prices are firmly held at 21c per pound at creameries.

BUTTER—Dairy—The market is firm at last week's prices. Dealers are paying 15 to 16c in the country for choice and 9 to 14c for second grades.

CHEESE—Factories are finding it increasingly difficult to obtain adequate supplies of milk and the make is accordingly firmly held. Dealers are paying 12c delivered at Winnipeg for choicest grades.

EGGS—17c delivered at Winnipeg, subject to candling, is now the prevailing quotation. Receipts are light.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes have advanced 5c since a week ago. Large orders have been filled in the city for shipment to the railway camps on the Rainy River, which has helped to stiffen prices. It is believed that potatoes will not be so plentiful as was at first thought. A good many fields have been found to be poor stock. The demand is larger than usual this fall owing to increase of population. We quote: Potatoes, 30c per bushel, citron, 1 1-2 to 2c per pound; carrots, 35c per bushel; turnips, 20c per bushel, parsnips, 11-4 to 11-2c per pound; cauliflower, 50 to 75c per dozen; onions, 1 to 1 1-2c per pound; tomatoes, native, 2 1-2c per pound; cabbage, \$10 to \$12 per ton; celery, 20 to 25c per dozen bunches; pumpkins, 75c to \$1.50 per dozen; squash, 1c per pound for ordinary, 1 1-2c for Hubbard; marrow, 30 to 60c per dozen.

HIDES—We hear this week of some quotations of 71-2c for No. 1 hides and it is likely that that price will become current very soon. We quote: Inspected hides, No. 1, 7 to 7 1-2c; No. 2, 6 to 6 1-2c; No. 3, 5 to 5 1-2c. Branded hides grade No. 2, and bulls No. 3; kip, 6 to 6 1-2c; calf, 8c; deakin skins, 25 to 35c each, sheepskins, fresh killed, 50c each, country skins and lambs 30c each; horsehides, 50c to 75c each.

WOOL—Unwashed Manitoba fleece is worth 7 to 8c per pound. None offering.

SENECA—Receipts are very light. Current quotation is 31c per pound for round lots of root at Winnipeg.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef has declined 1-2c from the top price this week. Offerings of range animals are liberal. Pork is still scarce and the market is being supplied with Ontario stock. We quote: Beef, good to choice, 6 to 6 1-2c; mutton, 9 to 10c; lamb, 10 to 11c; veal, 7 to 8c; pork, 7c per pound.

POULTRY—Spring chickens are coming in more freely and are lower in price. Turkeys are also beginning to come in. We quote prices as follows: Fowl, 55 to 65c per pair; spring chickens, 40 to 50c per pair; ducks, 60c per pair; geese, 60 to 65c each; turkeys, 19 to 11c per pound.

GAME—Dealers are paying 15c for teal, 20 to 25c for fall ducks, and 30 to 35c for mallards, per pair. Small geese and waxes bring 50c and large geese up to 75c. **TALLOW**—Primo tallow is worth 31-2c. Prices range from 21-2 to 31-2c per pound.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—Export cattle are going forward freely. About 31-4 to 31-2c represents the value of export steers off cars, Winnipeg, and 3 to 31-4c the value of butchers' grades.

SHEEP—Receipts are moderate, and

mostly from the far west. Weighed off cars choice animals are worth 4c per pound.

HOGS—Market very quiet. Receipts light, 5c per pound is freely paid for choice hogs off cars.

MILK COWS—All the way from \$25 to \$15 is paid for now milkers. A fairly good cow will bring the latter price.

HORSES—There is a good demand both here and from the country for work horses and prices are firm for suitable animals. Several lots have been auctioned this week. Partly broken western horses are worth from \$50 to \$100. Well broken southern and eastern horses of medium weights and sizes are worth from \$125 to \$175 each, according to quality.

Tenders.

Tenders for wood will be received up to Monday, Oct. 23, at the office of the Winnipeg public school board.

Tenders for levelling and seeding in Fort Garry park are being received by the Huggins Bay company general offices to-day.

Tenders will be received up to Thursday the 26th inst. for an all steel truss bridge to span the Pembina river at Laskiere, said bridge to be 135 feet in length, and tenders to specify prices for a breadth of 14 and 16 feet, respectively. Address John E. Gayton, clerk municipality of Pembina, Manitou, Man.

Tenders will be received up to Thursday the 26th inst., for an all steel truss bridge to span the Pembina river in township one, range seven, said bridge to be 75 feet in length, and tenders to specify prices for a breadth of 14 and 16 feet respectively. Address John E. Gayton, clerk municipality Pembina, Manitou, Man.

Tenders addressed to the chairman of the fire, water and light committee, Winnipeg, will be received up to Monday, October 16, for the supply of the following materials, viz: 3,000 feet of 2-1/2 inch hose, 300 feet of chemical hose, 2 dozen counterpanes, 51-3 dozen sheets, 51-3 dozen pillow cases, 39 pairs of rubber boots, 75 pairs of wooden mitts, 39 winter caps (cloth), 8 pairs blankets.

A Winnipeg Product for British Troops.

The Meccredy Manufacturing Syndicate, Winnipeg, have received an order from the British government for a large quantity of their celebrated ovo. This product is no doubt intended as an addition to the commissariat department of the troops in South Africa and is a result of the Transvaal trouble. This will tend to show how wide are the commercial ramifications of a war. Ovo is the pure, natural egg of the Manitoba hen, in a concentrated form, and so prepared that it will keep almost any length of time desired, in any climate. It should be a very valuable food in military operations, as it is pure, healthful and contains great strengthening qualities in condensed form.

Real estate values in Winnipeg have advanced considerably this year.

The South Dakota Retail Merchants' Association has been after the itinerant peddlers who have cut seriously into the country retail trade of that state with the result that they think they have the peddler in a fair way to extinction.

The Commercial Men.

The subject of our photo-engraving this week is Lawrence Bonny, one of the travellers of the wholesale grocery house of Colville & Co. This house has been known to the grocery trade of the west for a long time, almost ever since there was any grocery trade to do, and Mr. Bonny's connection with



Lawrence Bonny.

the trade has been almost equally long although not always with the same house. He has been in the service of Colville & Co. since June, 1898, previous to which he spent six months with Kenneth McKenzie, and previous to that again seven years with Turner, McKeand & Co. Mr. Bonny has been in this country since 1878, so that he can fairly claim to be an old timer. His territory for Colville & Co. is the principal branch lines in Manitoba, such as the Deloraine, Glenboro and the Manitoba and North-western.

ON THE ROAD.

E. M. Kallmeyer went west this week with spring samples.

Mr. McKinnon, of the Northrop & Lyman Co., was in the city this week.

G. W. Anderson, of the Canadian Fancy Goods Co., Toronto, was in the city this week.

R. A. Niebet, of the firm of Hutchinson, Niebet and Auld, Toronto, was in Winnipeg this week.

E. Tagwell, who is handling A. J. Crighton's goods in Southern Manitoba, was in the city this week.

F. W. Fraser, of London, Ont., traveller for the Fraser Cigar company, was in Winnipeg this week.

Geo. N. Jackson, western representative of Walter Woods & Co., Hamilton, has returned from a western trip.

A. M. Mount, who recently accepted a position with Gault Bros. Co., has returned from the east and will shortly take the road in Manitoba for this house.

F. W. Walters will go on the road for Stobart Sons & Co., Ltd., taking the place of A. M. Mount. Mr. Walters has been a few months in the warehouse with this house.

Alex. McAllister, of the Sanford Manufacturing Co., has gone to the Kootenay country, where he will look after the interests of the company. Harry Kirk, of the same house, is in the city this week with his spring samples.

The following commercial men registered at the Leland House, Winnipeg,

this week: Geo. E. Boomer, St. Catharines; B. S. Miers, Montreal; Alexander Munro, Hamilton; J. A. McKeon, Chatham; C. H. Hutchins, Toronto; R. E. Lyons, Ottawa; S. A. Craige, New York; A. R. Shewan, Montreal; A. C. Kurz, Milwaukee; John Cleman, Berlin; A. C. McVicar, F. Edwards, Toronto; Gus. G. Carscallen, Hamilton; J. A. McKinnon, Toronto; R. Huggert, Brampton; J. H. De Witt, Chicago; E. R. Ross, Quebec; T. S. B. Clark, Montreal; H. Sterns, Ottawa; J. E. Williams, Kingston.

Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

Heavy chartering of vessels for transport purposes to South Africa by the Imperial government has visibly affected the ocean grain freight rates from American ports.

Grain by regular steamer from Fort William to points west of Peterboro, Ont., has been advanced 1c to 15c per 100 lbs.

Freight traffic on Manitoba railways is the heaviest on record. In addition to the wheat movement, which amounts to several hundred cars per day, there is a very heavy traffic in lumber, coal and general merchandise. Over 1,000 cars are handled on some days in the Winnipeg yards.

Advices from Chicago this week say that the central freight association lines have adopted the recommendation of the trunk line committee to make a further advance on grain rates on Nov. 1. The rate of export for corn from Chicago to New York will be 18 cents per hundred pounds, and domestic corn 20 cents. All other articles of grain or grain products export the rate from Chicago to New York will be 20 cents and domestic rates 22 cents. The new tariff is the highest made in five years.

United States exchanges announce that all transcontinental lines have advanced west bound freight rates on Asiatic traffic via Pacific coast ports. The advance amounts to 25 per cent. East bound rates from the Pacific coast on Asiatic freight will doubtless be advanced in like proportion by agreement of the steamship companies.

The domestic rate is 20c per 100 lbs. Chicago to New York, on grains. Export rates are 14c on all grains, but oats, which take a 16c rate.

Ocean rates are stronger and higher, owing to the chartering of steamers to use as transports by the British government. Rates are 4d per bushel from New York and \$1-2d from Boston to Liverpool.

The through rate from Chicago to Liverpool is 16.65c per bushel, lake and rail via New York, and 16-1-2 via Boston.

Lake and rail rates from Chicago to New York are 14c per 100 lbs. or flour, 7-1-2c per bushel for wheat, and 5-1-2c for oats.

Lake rates are steady at 33-1-4c for wheat and 31-2-2c for corn, Chicago to Buffalo, and 43-1-4 to 5c on wheat Du-ruth or Fort William to Buffalo.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There was 1,418,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on October 7, compared with 500,000 bushels a year ago. Receipts for the week were 825,000 bushels and shipments were 781,000 bushels. Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and Interior country points were estimated approximately at 5,112,000 bushels, compared with about 2,400,000 bushels a year ago.

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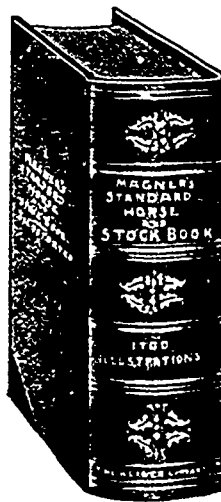
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Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, Oct. 9.

Vancouver's clearing house returns fell below the million mark for the first time in many weeks for the six days ending Oct. 4th, they were \$956,048; balances, \$210,756. The Water street jobbing houses have been very busy during the week. They report money easy and prices advancing. Ontario butter is about out of the market, having advanced so high in the east that it cannot be laid down here and sold in competition with the Manitoba article. It is understood that the reason of the advance is that orders up to June next have been received from England. The Manitoba butter now in the market is selling at 25 cents, but when the present stock runs out it must be advanced in price. The fact must not be lost track of, that butter can be kept fresh and sweet for a comparatively long time in the cold storage compartments so convenient for the jobber in Vancouver. Dairy is increasing in price in sympathy with creamery. In the vegetable market potatoes are being bought up on speculation. Last year at this time they were very cheap and advanced rapidly in price. Some dealers anticipating the same occurrence this year had purchased so freely as to give potatoes an artificial value for the time being. Oranges are in the first of the season, and are quoted high in price. In the food market, hay is still advancing, being \$14 in Vancouver, and \$20 in Penitcton, and outlying points. Meats are stiffening in price.

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 reductions on large quantities, and to cash discounts.)

PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

By wire to The Commercial, Vancouver, Oct. 14.

The market is firm for dairy products, which are held at outside prices. Eggs are 1c higher for eastern. Local fresh are bringing fancy prices. Veal and mutton are higher. Cured meats are higher.

BUTTER—Manitoba creamery, 25c. Manitoba dairy, 20c.

EGGS—Fresh local, 40 to 50c per doz. as to quality, eastern eggs, 22c.

CHEESE—10c.

GREEN FRUIT—Oranges, \$4.75 to \$5 per box; California lemons, \$4.00 to \$4.25; peaches, 95c; plums, \$1.25 box; apples, \$1.60 to \$1.75 box; prunes, \$1.25 box; pears, \$2.00; bananas, \$2.85 bunch. These prices are for imported. British Columbia fruits are quoted as follows: Plums, 50 to 75c per box; green gages, 50c per box; apples, \$1 to \$1.50 box.

MEAL—Rolled oats, 90 lb. sack, \$2.50; two 45 lb. sacks, \$2.60; four 22 1/2 lb. sacks, \$2.50; ten 7 lb. sacks, \$2.50; oatmeal, in 10 lb. sacks, per 100 lbs. \$3.25. In 50 lb. sacks, \$3 per 100 lbs.

FLOUR—Delivered B.O. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.70; strong bakers, \$4.50; Oregon, \$4.50 per barrel.

GRAIN—Oats, new, \$20 per ton; wheat, \$22 for new.

CURED MEATS—Hams, 14 1/2 to 15c; breakfast bacon, 13 1/2 to 14c; backs, 12 1/2 to 13c; long clear, 10c; short rolls 12 to 12 1/2c; smoked sides, 11c.

LARD—Tins, 10c per lb; in pails and tubs, 9 1/2c.

FISH—Flounders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked salmon 10c; fresh halibut 6c; salmon 7c; blonthers 7c; cod 6c per lb.

VEGETABLES—Now potatoes, \$16 ton; cabbage 11-2c per lb.; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12 ton; red onions, 1c per lb.; silverskins, 2c; tomatoes, \$2 per box; cucumbers, \$2 per box.

GROUND FEED—National mills chop, \$25 per ton; shorts, \$22 ton; bran, \$20; off cake meal \$35 ton; l.o.b. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

HAY—New hay, \$14; old, \$10 per ton. **DRESSED MEATS**—Beef, 7 to 8c; mutton, 11c; pork, 9 1/2c; veal, 12 1/2c per lb.

LIVE STOCK—Steers, \$4 per 100 lbs.; cows, \$3.50; sheep, \$5.00 per 100 lbs.; hogs, \$7 per 100 lbs.

POULTRY—Chickens, \$6 per dozen.

EVAPORATED FRUITS—Apples 10 to 17c per lb; peaches 10 to 12c; plums 9 to 10c; prunes, French, 5 to 7 1/2c per lb; loose mineral raisins 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes 6 to 8 1/2c.

NUTS—Almonds 13c; filberts 12 1/2c; pennuts 10c; Brazil 12 1/2c; walnuts 13c lb.

SUGAR—Powdered, icing and fat, 6 3/4c; Paris lump 6 1/4c; granulated 5 1/2c; extra C. 4 5/8c; fancy yellow 4 1/2c; yellow 4 3/8c lb.

SYRUPS—30 gallon barrels, 2 1/2c lb. 10 gallon kegs 2 3/4c; 5 gallon tins \$1.75 each; 1 gal. tin \$4.50 case of 10 1/2 gal. tin \$5.25 case of 20.

TEAS—Congoo Fair, 11 1/2c; good 18c; choice 20c; Ceylon and India; 21c 20c.

PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

Nelson, B. C., Oct. 14.

The weather has been fine and business is good. The dairy market is firm and prices are higher all around. Creamery butter 1c higher, choice dairy 1c higher, cheese 1-2c higher this week. Potatoes are \$2 per ton higher and oats \$1 a ton higher.

Butter—Manitoba fresh creamery, 23 to 24c; choice dairy butter, 19c.

Cheese—14 1/2c.

Eggs—Fresh eastern 21c per doz.

Oats—Per ton, \$33.

Flour—Manitoba patent, per bbl., \$5.00.

Potatoes—Per ton, \$20.

British Columbia Items.

M. Powers, saloon, Victoria, is dead.

F. D. McLenna, hotel, Vancouver, has sold out.

M. S. Logan, dry goods, Rossland, has assigned.

G. Poole, general store, Duncan City, is out of business.

J. Horner, dry goods, Vancouver, has admitted R. J. Myles as partner.

Martin Bros., hardware, Rossland, are opening a branch at Phoenix.

Beatty & Co., fruit and provisions, Victoria, have moved to Vancouver.

Montgomery & McDonald Co., general store, Nelson, has been incorporated.

J. Liskov, men's furnishings, Greenwood, is opening a branch at Phoenix.

Mrs. L. A. Jackson, groceries, etc., Victoria; stock advertised for sale by auction.

E. Harris & Co., general store, Brooklyn, are reported burned out; stock insured, \$600.

Very fine samples of British Columbia hops have been shown in eastern markets this year.

Estate of Jos. Sheasgreen, men's furnishings, Vancouver, stock sold to T. B. Cuthbertson & Co.

Daily Globe Printing and Publishing Co., Victoria; sheriff's sale by tender of plant advertised.

The Club hotel, Britannia hotel, Grand Central hotel, Railroad hotel, and two or three other houses were burned at Cascade City on Sept. 30.

The Vancouver Clerk's Union is conducting a vigorous campaign against

the stores which are ignoring the early closing rule in that city with every prospect of success.

As a result of the advance in meat prices, the restaurant-keepers of several up-country towns are considering the advisability of advancing the price of meals 10 cents.

The British Columbia provincial exhibition was declared open at New Westminster on Tuesday by Hon. Sydney Fisher, Dominion minister of agriculture.

The provincial fair at Westminster this year was very successful so much so as to lead Hon. Mr. Fisher, minister of agriculture, to remark at length on the excellence of the display.

The Crow's Nest Pass Coal company is opening a general store at Sharnwood, B. C., on the Crow's Nest Pass road, where a coal mine is being developed by the company. Wm. De Garnette will be manager.

Following items are reported from Vancouver: J. E. Barwick, wood, coal sold out by the sheriff. Brown & Hughes, plumbers, have dissolved. W. A. Brown continues. F. Foulert, hotel and brewery, has sold out his hotel to Jos. Seaton.

Fairhaven, on Puget Sound, claims to have enjoyed its biggest salmon run this year, one trap, taking no less than 60,000 sockeye salmon. During the winter the fisheries of Fairhaven propose to catch and utilize all kinds of the slimy tribe. Cod, herring, smelts, mackerel and sardines are all to be packed.

La Page, of liquid glue fame, is at the head of a company who have purchased their machinery and are erecting a factory on Howe Sound, B. C. for the manufacture of glue and oil from the unctuous dog fish, that can be obtained without restrictions in millions for the catching. R. J. Leekie, of Toronto, is another prominent member of the company.

John Parson, of the Parson's Produce Company, has just returned from Dawson. He complains that trade is much cut up in Klondike. That there are too many in the business. Prices are cut dreadfully and matters are not much improved by free-lance traders floating scow loads of supplies along the water ways and selling them at less than those who are paying rent, etc., can afford to do.

The following are the losses reported by the recent fire at Cascade: C. J. Eckstrom, hotel; loss \$2,000; insurance \$1,000. Flood & McDonald, hotel; loss \$1,000; insurance \$1,500. Francis & Milne, groceries, cigars, etc., loss \$1,000; no insurance. J. Langley, tailor, Nelson, Olson & Bergman, hotel; loss \$5,500; insurance \$1,000. C. H. May, hotel; loss \$2,800; no insurance. S. F. Quinnivan, hotel, loss \$3,000; no insurance. Oscar Strenstrom, hotel, loss \$3,400; no insurance. B. F. Vanderve, hotel; loss \$1,500; no insurance.

Notice is given of the incorporation of new companies, as under: British Columbia Trust company, of Vancouver, capital, \$50,000; Canterbury Townsite company, of Rossland, capital, \$100,000; Greenwood Steam Laundry company, of Greenwood, capital, \$5,000; Sovereign Gold Mining company, of Rossland, capital \$1,500,000; Pacific Coast Power company, of Victoria, capital, \$5,000; Slave Lake Power company, of Vancouver, capital, \$1,000,000; Hobbs Development and Extension Coal Land company, of Victoria, capital, \$70,000; Empire Mining company, of Kimberley, capital, \$500,000.

Toronto Grocery Market.

Toronto, Oct. 14.

SUGARS—Granulated, delivered Toronto \$4.65 to \$4.70; yellows from \$3.85 to \$4.50.

SYRUPS—Imperial gallons, medium, 32c; special bright, 35 to 42c.

MOLASSES—West India, barrels, 32 to 45c; New Orleans, 26 to 30c for medium and 35 to 47c for bright.

COFFEE—Rio, green, 8 to 12 1-2c; Mocha, 25 to 28c; Java, 25 to 32c.

TEAS—Japan, low grade, 10 to 20c per lb; Young Hysous, seconds, 10 to 19c; firsts, 25 to 45c; Indian, 18 to 50c; Congou, low grades, 10 to 15c; medium, 22 to 25c; and fines 40 to 55c; Oeylons, 17 to 25c; Formosa oolongs, 25 to 35c.

CANNED GOODS—Tomatoes, 65 to 90c; peas, 75c to \$1.10; corn, 95c to \$1.10. **Fruit**—Tomatoes, 85 to 90; corn 90 to 95c; peas 75 to 85c; beans, 85c; sifted selected peas, \$1.05 to \$1.20; pumpkins, 75 to 80c; strawberries, 2s, \$1.50 to \$1.80; raspberries, 2s, \$1.60 to \$1.75; peaches, 2s, \$1.75 to \$1.80; 3s, \$2.50 to \$2.65; apples, 3s, 85c; gala, \$2.20 to \$2.40. Salmon—Cohoos, prime dark pink fish, \$1.15 to \$1.20; sock-eyes, red fish, \$1.30 to \$1.60; lobsters, halves, \$1.75 to \$1.80; tall, lbs., \$2.80; flats, \$3.10.

RICE—Rice bags, 35-8 to 4c; Java, 6 to 6 1-2c; Patna, 5 1-2 to 6c; Japan, 5 1-2 to 6 1-2c.

SPICES—Ginger, Jamaica, 25c; Cochlin 20c; cloves, Zanzibar, 18 to 20c; Amboyna, 22 to 25c; Penang, 28 to 35c; allspice, 20c; nutmegs, 50 to \$1; cream tartar pure, 25 to 28c; compound, 15 to 20c; pepper, black, pure Singapore, 10c; Penang, 15c; compound, 8 to 12c; pepper, pure white, 25 to 30c.

DRIED FRUITS—Raisins, Valencia, fine off stalk, 6 1-4 to 6 3-4c; selected, 7 1-4 to 7 1-2c; layers 7 to 7 1-2c; figs, layers 10's and 28's, 19 to 20c; two stars, 19c; one star, 18 to 19c; provincial currants, 4 3-4c to 5c; Filistras, 5 to 5 1-2c; Patras, 6c; Vostizzas, 6 1-2 to 7 1-2c. California dried fruits—Apricots, 17 to 20c; pears, 9 to 10c; prunes, 70's to 80's, 7 1-2 to 7 3-4c; 80's to 90's, 7 to 7 1-4c; 90's to 100's, 6 1-4 to 6 3-4c. Sultanas, 11 to 13c; Hallowood dates, 6 1-4c; Malaga, London layers, \$1.95 to \$2.00 per box; black baskets, \$2.40; blue do., \$2.50; royal clusters, \$4; quarter flats, London layers, 65c; black baskets, quarter flats 75c, and blue baskets, quarter flats, 85c; Dehesia, clusters, quarter flats, \$1.25.

NUTS—Shelled Valencia almonds 26 to 30c; shelled Jordan almonds, 45c; Bordeaux walnuts, 10 1-2 to 11c; shelled walnuts, 26 to 28c; Greenholls, 14 to 13 1-2c; Sicily Alberts 10 to 10 1-2c.

PEEL—Orange, 12 to 13c; lemon, 10 1-2 to 13c; citron, 17 to 20c.

PROVISIONS.

PORK—Canada mess, \$14.00; short cut, \$16 clear and shoulder mess, \$12.50.

DRY SALTED MEATS—Long clear bacon, car lots, 4 1-4c; ton and case lots 7 1-2c; breakfast bacon, 11 1-2c; hams, medium, 11 to 11 1-2c; small, 11 to 11 1-2c; rolls, 8 1-4c. Green meat out of pickle are quoted at 1c less than smoked. Lard—Tierces, 6 1-2c; tubs, 6 1-4c; pails 8c.

Toronto Hardware and Paint Prices.

Toronto, Oct. 14.

ANTIMONY—11 to 11 1-2c per lb. for Cookson's.

BARBED WIRE—l.o.b. Toronto, \$3.50 per 100 lbs.

BAR IRON—\$2.35 to \$2.45 base.

BLACK SHEETS—28 gauge, at \$3.25.

BOLTS—Common carriage bolts, 5-16 inch, 55 per cent; 3-8 and larger, 50 per cent; machine bolts, all sizes, 55 per cent; coach screws, 67 1-2 per cent; blank bolts, 55 per cent; sleigh shoe bolts, 72 1-2 per cent; stove bolts, 60 and 10 per cent; tire bolts, 60 and 10 per cent. Nuts, square, all sizes, 3 3-4c; hexagon, 4 1-4c; tapping nuts, 60 per cent.

BRASS—Roll and sheet, 14 to 16 gauge discount 5 per cent; sheets, hard rolled, 2x4 24 to 25c per lb.; tubing, 25c base.

BUILDING PAPER—Plain building, 28c

per roll; tarred lining, 35c; according to quality; tarred roofing felt, \$1.40 per 100 lbs; carpet felt, \$2.25 per 100 lbs. **CANADA PLATES**—All dull, at \$2.75 per 100 lbs; half polished \$2.85; and all bright, \$3.25 per 100 lbs.

CEMENT—Canadian Portland, \$2.65 to \$2.90; English, do; \$3.00; Canadian hydraulic cements, \$1.00 to \$1.10; calcined plaster, \$1.00; asbestos cement, \$2.50 per barrel.

COIL CHAIN—1-4 inch, \$6.75; 5-16 in. \$4.75; 3-8 in. \$4.50; 7-16 in. \$4.15; 1-2 in. \$3.05; 5-8 in. \$3.85; 3-4 in. \$3.75.

COPPER—Ingots, copper, 20 to 21c per lb; sheet copper, 23 to 23 1-2c; bar copper 23 1-2 to 23 1-2c.

CUT NAILS—\$2.60 per keg f. o. b. Toronto, Hamilton and London.

FENCE WIRE—Woven, 7 1-2c per rod. **FINE STEEL WIRE**—Discount 15 per cent.

GALVANIZED IRON—28 gauge, \$5.00 to \$5 per 100 lbs.

GALVANIZED WIRE—9 gauge, \$3.10; 12 gauge, \$3.20; 13 gauge, \$3.15.

GLASS—Star, first break in 50 foot boxes, \$2.15 and in 100 ft. boxes, \$4.00; double diamond under 25 united inches in 100 foot boxes, \$6; Toronto, Hamilton and London. Terms 4 months or 3 per cent 30 days.

GREEN WIRE CLOTH—\$1.75 per 100 square feet.

HARVEST AND GARDEN TOOLS—50, 10 and 5 per cent for large lots and 60 to 10 per cent for small lots.

HORSE NAILS—Standard oval head, 60 per cent; Acadia counter sunk head, 50 and 20 per cent.

HORSESHOES—Iron shoes, light, medium and heavy, \$3.80 f. o. b. Toronto, Hamilton and Guelph.

IRON PIPE—1-4 to 3-8 inch, \$3.60; 1-2 inch, \$3.70; 3-4 inch, \$4.70; 1 inch, \$5.90; 1 1-4 inch, \$7.85; 1 1-2 inch, \$9.97; 2 inch, \$13; 2 1-2 inch to 6 inch discount, 50 per cent. Galvanized Pipe—1-2 inch, \$6.60; 3-4 inch, \$8; 1 inch \$11.50; 1 1-4 inch, \$16; 1 1-2, \$26; 2 inch, \$28.50.

LEAD PIPE—Ordinary pipe, 7c; waste, 7 1-2c; discounts, 17 1-2 per cent.

OLD MATERIAL—Agricultural scrap, 55c per cwt; machinery cast, 60c per cwt; stove cast scrap, 45c; No. 1 wrought scrap, 55c per 100 lbs.; new light scrap copper, 12 1-2c per 100 lbs.; bottoms, 11c; heavy copper, 15c; light scrap brass, 7 1-2c; heavy yellow scrap brass, 10c; heavy red scrap brass, 11c; scrap lead 2 1-2c; zinc, 8c; scrap rubber, 4 1-2c; good country mixed rags, 65 to 75c; clean dry bones, 45 to 50c per 100 lbs.

PIG IRON—Hamilton l.o.b. cars at furnace \$23.

PIG LEAD—Imported at 4 1-2 to 4 3-4c per lb.

PIG TIN—37c per lb.

LOUSTRY NETTING—Discount of 40 1-4c.

RIVE AND BURRS—Carriage section wagon box rivets, etc., steel, 60 per cent off the list; do., Norway Iron, 60 per cent; black M rivets, steel, 55 per cent; do Norway Iron, 45 per cent; iron burrs, 40 per cent; copper rivets, 45 per cent; bifurcated, with box \$1.25; coppered iron rivets and burrs, in 5 lb. carton boxes, 30c per lb.

ROPE—Sisal, 7-16 in. and larger, 12 1-2c; 3-8 inch 13c; 1-4 and 5-16 in. 14 1-2c; Manila, 7-16 in. and larger, 15c; 3-8 in. 15 1-2c; 1-4 to 5-16 in. 16c; deep sea line, 13 1-2c for water laid and 14 1-2c for machine made; hemp, 7 to 9c; lath yarn, 10c; Clothesline, 48 feet, 90c; 60 feet, \$1.20; 72 feet, \$1.50; 100 feet, \$2.

SCREWS—Flat head bright, 80 and 5 per cent off the list; round head bright, 75 and 5 per cent; flat head brass, 75 and 5 per cent; round head brass 67 1-2 and 5 per cent; flat head bronze, 67 1-2 and 5 per cent; round head bronze, 62 1-2 and 5 per cent.

SHEET ZINC—8 to 8 1-4c for cast lots.

SMOOTH STEEL WIRE—The base is \$2.35 per 100 lbs. l.o.b. factory.

SPELTER—7 1-2 to 7 3-4c per lb.

SOLDER—Half and half, 21 to 22c; refined 20 1-2 to 21 1-2c; wiring 20 to 20 1-2c.

STEEL—Sleigh shoe, \$2.50 base; tire \$2.50 machinery, \$2.65; toe rail, \$2.95; hoop, \$2.75.

STOVES AND FURNACES—Discounts—Stoves and ranges, 45 and 5 per cent;

furnaces, 40 and 5 per cent; registers, 60 per cent.

TINNED SHEETS—24 gauge, 6 to 6 3-4c.

TIN PLATES—I.O., 14 by 20, and I.X., 14 by 20, \$1 per box.

TIERS PLATE—I.C., \$8.60; I.X., \$10.50.

WIRE NAILS—Base price at \$3.22 1-2 to \$5.30 l.o.b. Toronto and west.

PAINTS AND OILS.

CASTOR OIL—East India, in cases, 9c per lb. and 10c for single tins.

GUM SHELLAC—In cases, 20c; in less than cases, 24c.

LINSEED OIL—Prices delivered at Western Ontario points are: raw, 1 to 4 barrels, 61c; boiled, 1 to 4 barrels, 63c.

Prices in Toronto, Hamilton and London are 1c per gallon less.

LIQUID PAINTS—Pure, \$1.10 per gallon; No. 1 quality, 90c per gallon.

PARIS WHITE—90c.

PLASTER PARIS—Ordinary, \$1.75 per barrel; New Brunswick, \$2 to \$2.20 per barrel.

RED LEAD—Genuine, in casks of 500 lbs. \$5, ditto in kegs of 100 lbs. \$5.25 to \$5.50; No. 1 in casks, of 500 lbs. \$4.75; do. kegs of 100 lbs. \$5.

SEAL OIL—50 to 60c per gallon, and yellow seal at 49 to 50c.

TURPENTINE—Price delivered at Western Ontario points are as follows: 1 to 4 barrels, 79c; in less quantities than barrels, 5c per gallon extra will be added and package charged for. Prices in Toronto, Hamilton and London are 1c less than the above. Terms, net 30 days.

WHITING—55c per 100 lbs.; gilders' whiting, 85c.

WHITE LEAD—Ex-Toronto, pure white lead \$6.50; No. 1, \$6.12 1-2; No. 2, \$5.75; No. 3, \$5.87 1-2; No. 4, \$5.00; dry white lead in casks, \$5.10.

WHITE ZINC—Genuine French, V.M., in casks, \$7 to \$7.25; Lehigh, in casks, \$6.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—Now, No. 1 hard wheat quoted at 71 1-2c affoot Fort William.

Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$2.05; best bakers', \$1.85.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$9 per ton; shorts, \$11, with \$1 per ton off for large lots.

Oats—Per bushel, car lots now oats on track, Winnipeg, 28 to 30c.

Barley—Carlots on track, Winnipeg, sold at 30c per bushel.

Butter—Dairy, jobbers' prices, 13 1-2 to 14c; fresh creamery, 19 to 20c at factories.

Cheese—3 3-4 to 9c per pound at factories.

Eggs—Dealers paid 15 1-2 to 16c per dozen.

Hides—No. 1 green hides 7 1-2c.

Wool—S 1-2 to 9c for unwashed fleeces. Seneca—19 to 20c per lb.

Hay—Baled on track here, \$6 per ton.

Potatoes—New potatoes, 30 to 35c per bushel.

Poultry—Turkeys, 10 to 11c per lb., live weight; live chickens, 50 to 60c per pair; spring chickens 30 to 50c per pair; ducks, 65 to 80c per pair.

Game—Ducks, 15 to 40c per pair. Dressed meats—Fresh killed beef, city dressed, 5 to 5 1-4c; mutton, 7 to 7 1-2c; hogs, 7 1-2 to 8c for dressed; veal, 6 1-2 to 7c.

Live Stock—Cattle, 3 to 3 1-4c off; cars for exporters, and 2 1-2 to 3c for butchers' stock; hogs, off cars, 5 to 5 1-4c per pound for best bacon hogs; sheep, 3 to 3 1-2c off cars.

The books of the Montreal license office shows 7,337 bicycle licenses issued this year as against 7,973 in 1898, a falling off of 438.

According to an Edmonton paper the number of binders sold for the season at Edmonton and Strathcona is 300. The same paper says that careful enquiry amongst the implement men and others who sold twine this season places the total sales in Edmonton and Strathcona at 253,000 pounds.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Oct. 14.
Dry Goods—Business continues very active. Orders filled so far much in excess of the sorting season in any previous year. Values still tend upward. This is stimulating purchases. The Dominion mills to-day advanced cottons, grey and unbleached, bleached and unbleached sheetings, pillow cottons, canton flannels and cotton bags 5 to 7 1-2 per cent. The Colored Cotton Mills to-day advanced two lines of ticking 1-1c per yard and several lines of linens 3-4 to 1c per yard.

Hardware—Trade is large for the season and many important advances have gone into effect this week, which include cut nails 10c, barbed wire 25c, white lead 37 1-2c per 100 pounds. United States galvanized iron 10c, boat nails 31-2 per cent, galvanized roof iron nails 5 per cent, galvanized pipe 10 per cent, discount on lead pipe down to 17 1-2 from 20 per cent, galvanized wash tubs discount down to 45 per cent, enamelware, except whiteware, dearer, crescent lines discount being 50, 10 and 10, wire nails firmer likely advance. Price list of woodenware is withdrawn, new list preparing. In the meantime prices 10 per cent higher. Large lots linseed oil are 2 to 3c dearer, small lots in city 1c up. Outside prices unchanged. Large lots of turpentine 1c dearer.

Groceries—Continue active; sugar is dull at Monday's decline of 5c on granulated. Canned goods are active and strong. Coffees are 1-2c dearer. Ceylon teas firmer. Market is better supplied with Mediterranean dried fruits now, except Valencia raisins, of which stocks have been cleaned up. California loose muscatels are 1-4 to 1-2c dearer. California prunes are 1-4c up. Japan tea cable is rather lower than several weeks ago.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Oct. 14.
Grain deliveries fair. Cable bids for Ontario wheat are slow owing to the car freights as a result of the withdrawal of large steamships by the Imperial government for war purposes. Manitoba wheat is 1-2c firmer. Choice dairy butter is scarce and firm. Strictly fresh eggs are 1c dearer. Pressed hogs easier at \$5.50 to \$6. Prices are:
Flour—Manitoba patents, \$4.20; Manitoba bakers, \$3.70; Ontario straight roller, \$3 to \$3.10 per barrel for car lots, Toronto freight.

Wheat—Ontario new winter wheat, 66 1-2c to 67c for cars at country points; Ontario spring, 66 to 67c; No. 1 hard, 82c, grinding in transit, and 80 1-2 to 81c, Toronto.

Oats—New oats, 25 to 26 1-2c at country points for car lots.

Barley—No. 2, 43 to 44c, country points.

Millfeed—Shorts, \$14 to \$15 per ton; bran, \$11 to \$11.50 per ton for cars at country mills.

Oatmeal—\$3.10 in bags per barrel, \$3.50 in wood for car lots, Toronto.

Eggs—Choice fresh, 17 to 18c; seconds, 12 to 14c; laid stock, 15c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, choice fresh 18 to 19c; seconds, 13 to 15c; creamery, tubs and boxes, 22 to 22 1-2c.

Cheese—12 1-2c for job lots to the local trade.

Hides—3 3-4c for No. 1 cows; 7 3-4c No. 2, and 6 1-2c for No. 3; No. 1 heavy

steers, 9 1-4c. Cured cows, 9 1-4c. Sheepskins and lambskins, 50 to 70c; calfskins, 7 to 9c for No. 1 and No. 2; tallow, 4 1-2 to 4 3-4c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 14 to 15c; unwashed, 9 to 9 1-2c.

Beans—1.20 to \$1.30 per bushel for hand picked.

Dried apples—6c for round lots; evaporated, 8 to 9c.

Honey—6 to 10c in bulk.

Poultry—Chickens, 40 to 45c per pair; turkeys, 10 to 12c per pound; geese, 6 1-2c.

Potatoes—Steady at 40c per bag for car lots.

Hogs—Dressed hogs, \$5.50 to \$6 per 100 pounds on cars.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Oct. 10.
At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 54 carloads, comprising 500 cattle, 1,000 sheep and lambs and 1,000 hogs.

Cattle—Trade in export cattle was good at \$4.50 to \$5 for choice and \$4 to \$4.50 for light exporters. Butchers' cattle ranged from \$2.50 to \$4.50 per 100 lbs., as to quality. Rather an over supply of the common class. Heavy feeders \$3.35 to \$3.60; light feeders \$3.25 to \$3.50.

Sheep and lambs—All sold. Lambs easier, at \$3.75 to \$4 per cwt. Sheep \$3.25 to \$3.50 for export.

Hogs—Market 1-4c lower for choice hogs, selling down at \$4.37 1-2; light and heavy fatts dropped 1-8c to \$4.

FRIDAY'S MARKET.

Toronto, Oct. 13.
At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 42 cars, including 1,000 sheep and lambs and 1,000 hogs.

Trading was more active and export cattle sold higher at 4 to 4 1-8c. Heavy feeders were also dearer at 3 1-2 to 4 1-4c. Hogs ruled steady.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Oct. 10.
At the East End Abattoir market yesterday the offerings of live stock were 600 cattle and 550 sheep and lambs.

Supply of cattle mostly inferior stock, and prices for this class were easier. Choice cattle sold at 43-4c, good at 41-4 to 41-2c; fair at 31-2 to 3c, and lower grades from 2c up. Sheep fairly active, and prices steady at 31-4 to 31-2c per lb for shipping sheep, and at 21-2 to 3c for culls. Lambs 33-4c to 41-4c per lb.

At the Grand Trunk stock yards hogs were steady with sales of straight lots weighed off cars at 4 1-4c to 4 1-2c, and select lots at 4 3-4c.

Owing to chartering of boats by the British government, freights are higher, as high as 45s. Liverpool, being quoted.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, Oct. 13.
On Thursday the receipts at the East End Abattoir market were 750 cattle, 100 calves and 100 sheep and lambs.

Supply too large for requirements. Prices have a downward tendency. Really prime cattle were scarce. Fairly good sold at from 3 to 4 1-4c, common at 2 to 2c, and bulls at 13-4 to 21-2c per pound. Calves were plentiful, but mostly over three months old, which sold at \$8 to \$15 each and younger ones at \$2.50 to \$8 each. Export sheep 33-8c per pound, lambs 33-8 to 4c. Hogs unchanged.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Oct. 14.
Flour is active and supply inadequate. Millfeed in good demand. Rolled oats are in fair demand. Local demand for eggs is steady and export trade increasing rapidly. The supply of fresh eggs is falling off. Butter shows a decline. Cheese rules firm and active. Beans are in tight supply. Prices are:

Oats—30 1-2c afloat
Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.60 to \$3.70; Manitoba patents \$4.10 to \$4.20.

Millfeed—Bran, \$14.50 to \$15.00 per ton; shorts, \$16.00 to \$17.00, including sack, 10lb \$18 to \$24 per ton.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$3.50 to \$3.55 per barrel on track and \$1.70 to \$1.72 1-2 per sack.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 10c; No. 2, 9c; No. 3, 8c; calfskins, No. 1, 11c, No. 2, 9c; lambskins and clips, 50 to 55c; tallow, 3 3-4 to 4 1-4c.

Eggs—Strictly fresh, 18 to 19c; candied 15 to 16c; second grade, 13 to 13 1-2c.

Butter—Choice, fresh dairy 15 1-2 to 16 1-2c.

Butter—Choice creamery, 21c. Cheese—Western, finest, 11 3-4 to 12c, eastern, 11 1-2 to 11 3-4c.

Beans—95c to \$1.00 per bushel, as to quality.

Potatoes—Potatoes, bags, 45 to 50c.

MINNEAPOLIS MARKETS.

Compared with a week ago corn is 1c higher, flax seed 2 1-2c higher; hides 1-2c higher; potatoes 2 to 4c lower.

Flour—Price in barrels: First patents \$3.85 to \$3.95; second patents, \$3.60 to \$3.70.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$11.25, bran in bulk, \$10.75; corn feed, \$12 to \$13.25 per ton as to quality.

Oats—No. 3 white, 23c. Barley—35 to 40c.

Corn—Quoted at 29 1-2c for No. 3. Flax Seed—\$1.13 per bushel.

Eggs—16 to 16 1-2c for strictly fresh including cases.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 10 to 12c; fair to good, 7 to 9c.

Butter—Creamery, 21 to 23c for choice to extras; seconds 18 to 20c, dairy, 19 to 22c for choice to fancy; seconds 16 to 18c.

Pressed meats—Mutton, 4 to 6c; lamb, 5 to 9c; veal, 6 to \$1-2c.

Poultry—Live chickens, 4 to 6c; spring chickens, 6 to 8c; turkeys, 6 to 9c; ducks, 6 to 7c; geese, 7c.

Potatoes—New, 15 to 20c per bushel for car lots.

Hides—Green salted hides, 9 3-4c for No. 1; 8 3-4c for No. 2; steers over 60 lbs., 9 1-4 and 10 1-4c; sheepskins 25 to 80c each; veal calf, 10 1-2 and 12 1-4c for No. 2 and No. 1; tallow, 3 1-4 to 4 1-4c; seneca root, 28 to 32c.

Wool—Unwashed, fine, 10 to 12c; medium, 14 1-2 to 16c; coarses, 14 to 15c.

Hay—Timothy, \$7 to \$9.

Live stock—Hogs sold readily at \$1.50 to \$1.80 per 100 lbs. Cattle strong. Cows sold at \$2.25 to \$3.60; stockers, \$2.75 to \$4.75; western steers, \$4 to \$4.25.

THE STRIKE.

A conference of the striking Canadian Pacific railway operatives was held in Winnipeg yesterday with railway officials, when it is believed good progress was made toward a settlement. It is rumored this morning that the strike will be declared off.

Give Thanks.

Thanksgiving holiday having been fixed for Thursday, October 19, we request our patrons to send in change advertisements not later than Wednesday forenoon, to insure insertion.

New York Wheat

New York, Oct. 9.—Wheat, Dec. opened 77 3-8a, closed 77 1-8a; May opened 80 3-8 to 1-2, closed 80 1-8a.

New York, Oct. 10.—Wheat, Dec. opened 76 3-4c closed 76 5-8c b. May opened 79 3-4c, closed 80c.

New York, Oct. 11.—Wheat, Dec. opened 77 1-4c, May opened 80 1-2c.

GRAIN AND PROVISION QUOTATIONS.
New York, Oct. 12.—Wheat, Dec. opened 77 1-8 to 1-4c, closed 77 1-8c b. May opened 80 3-8 to 1-2c, closed 80 1-4c b.

New York, Oct. 13.—Wheat, Dec. opened 77c, closed 76 7-8c a. May opened 80 1-8c, closed 80c.

New York, Oct. 14.—Dec. wheat closed at 76 7-8c and May at 80c.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Chicago, Oct. 9.—The board of trade is closed to-day on account of the holiday.

Chicago, Oct. 10.—Wheat, Dec. opened 72 1-4c, closed 72 1-8 to 1-4a b. May opened 75 3-8 to 1-4c, closed 75 1-4 to 3-8c. Corn, Dec. opened 30 3-4 to 5-8c, closed 30 5-8c a. May opened 31 3-4 to 7-8c, closed 31 3-4 to 7-8c. Oats, Dec. opened 22 7-8c, closed 22 7-8c. May opened 24 1-4 to 3-8c, closed 24 1-4c. Pork, Oct. opened \$8.17 1-2, closed \$8.17 1-2 to \$8.20. Dec. opened \$8.30 0, closed \$8.27 1-2c b. Lard, Oct. opened \$5.37 1-2, closed \$5.37 1-2. Dec. opened \$5.45, closed \$5.42 1-2. Ribs, Oct. opened \$5.10, closed \$5.07 1-2c n. Dec. opened \$5, closed \$4.97 1-2c n. Flax, cash N. W. \$1.16. Oct. \$1.15 1-2 b. Dec. \$1.14 1-2c b.

Chicago, Oct. 11.—Wheat, Dec. opened 72 5-8c, closed 73c a. May opened 75 7-8c, closed 6 to 1-8c. Corn, Dec. opened 30 3-4c, closed 31 5-8c a. May opened 32 to 31 7-8c, closed 32 7-8c. Oats, Dec. opened 23c, closed 23 1-4c. May opened 24 1-2c, closed 24 7-8c. Pork, Oct. opened \$8.17 1-2, closed at \$8.15 n. Dec. opened \$8.27 1-2, closed \$8.25. Lard, Oct. opened \$5.37 1-2, closed \$5.35. Dec. opened \$5.42 1-2, closed \$5.37 1-2. Ribs, Oct. opened \$5.07 1-2, closed \$5. Dec. opened \$4.97 1-2 n, closed \$4.95 n.

Chicago, Oct. 12.—Wheat, Dec. opened 72 7-8c, closed 72 5-8c; May opened 76 to 75 7-8c, closed 75 7-8c. Corn, Dec. opened 31 5-8 to 3-8c, closed 31 1-2; May opened 32 1-2 to 3-8c, closed 32 1-2c. Oats, Dec. opened 23 1-4, closed 23 1-4c; May opened 24 3-4 to 5-8c, closed 20 7-8c.

Chicago, Oct. 13.—Wheat, Dec. opened 72 1-2c, closed 72 1-4c b. May opened 75 5-8 to 1-2c, closed 75 3-8c a. Corn, Dec. opened 31 1-2c, closed 31 1-4c a. May opened 32 1-2c, closed 32 1-4c. Oats, Dec. opened 23 1-4c, closed 23c. May opened 24 7-8c, closed 24 1-2c. Pork, Dec. opened \$8.10, closed \$8.10 to \$8.12 1-2. Jan. opened \$9.55, closed \$9.55 to \$9.57 1-2. Lard, Dec. opened \$5.32 1-2, closed \$5.30 b. Jan. opened \$5.45, closed \$5.40. Ribs, Dec. opened \$4.90, closed \$4.87 1-2c b. Jan. opened \$4.97 1-2, closed \$5 a. Flax, cash N. W. \$1.24 1-2. Oct. \$1.23 1-2 b. Dec. \$1.23 1-4 a.

Chicago, Oct. 14.—Wheat opened at 72 1-4c for December option and ranged from 72 to 72 3-8c. Closing prices were:

Wheat—Dec., 72c; May, 75 1-4c.
Corn—Oct., 31 3-4c; Dec., 31c.
Oats—Oct., 22 1-2c; Dec., 22 7-8c.
Pork—Oct., \$7.95.
Lard—Oct., \$5.27 1-2.
Ribs—Oct., \$4.90.

A week ago December option closed at 72 5-8c. A year ago December wheat closed at 64 1-2c; two years ago at 92 1-2c; three years ago at 75 7-8c, four years ago at 60 1-2c, and five years ago at 53 1-4c.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—Dec. 69 5-8c; May 72 3-4c.

Tuesday—Dec. 69 1-4c; May 72 3-4c.

Wednesday—Dec. 70; May 73 5-8c.

Thursday—Dec. 69 1-4c; May 73 1-4c.

Friday—Oct. 69c; Dec. 69 3-8c; May 72 7-8c.

Saturday—Dec. 69 1-8c; May 72 3-4c.

Cash No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 70 1-4c, and cash No. 1 northern at 68 3-4c.
A week ago December wheat closed at 69 3-4c. A year ago December wheat closed at 62 1-2c; two years ago at 87 1-8c; three years ago at 74 1-2c, four years ago at 56 7-8c, and five years ago at 56 1-4c.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Saturday, Oct. 14.—No 1 northern wheat closed to day at 68 1-4c for December, cash No. 1 northern 69c.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, Oct. 13.—Wheat, spot No. 2 red western winter steady at 11d; No. 1 northern spring steady.

Liverpool, Oct. 11.—Market closed 1-8; higher.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, Oct. 14.—Flax seed closed to-day at \$1.25 for cash, October \$1.24, and December \$1.23. This shows a big advance of 8c on the week.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.
Liverpool, Oct. 13.
Cattle easier. Canadians sold at 11 3-4 to 12 3-4c per pound.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKET.

London, Oct. 9.—Trade in cattle and sheep was slow, and the market was easier. United States cattle sold at 12 1-2c; Canadians at 11 1-2c, Argentinians at 11 1-2c, and Canadian sheep at 11 to 11 1-2c.

Liverpool, Oct. 9.—Market quiet, slow demand. Canadian cattle sold at 11 1-2c, and sheep at 10c.

CHEESE MARKETS.

Ingersoll, Oct. 10.—Offerings, 1,821 boxes, September make; no sales, 11 1-2c bid.

Campbellford, Oct. 10.—At the Cheese Board to day 1,600 boxes were boarded. Sales: 130 at 11 7-16c; 135 at 11 7-16c.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial.
Liverpool, Oct. 13.
Quotations are steady at 54s 6d to 56s for both white and colored.

SUGAR.

Special to The Commercial.
London, Oct. 13.
Raw sugar is steady at 9s 1 1-2d for October and November.

The Commercial has received a sample of new crop Manitoba rolled oats, from E. Nicholson, commission merchant, Winnipeg. The meal is from Dow & Curry's mill at Pilot Mound, for which mill Mr. Nicholson is agent. The meal has a very clean and perfect appearance and a cooking test proved it to be far superior to the imported meal which has been selling in this market during the past year or two.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

Market quiet and steady to a shade easier, closing at 70c for 1 hard in store Fort William, spot or October. Lake freights steady at 4 3-4 to 5c per bushel Fort William to Duluth.

WESTERN BUSINESS ITEMS.

Meikle, McLean & Co., music dealers, Winnipeg, are dissolving partnership. Hon. W. Clifford is erecting a large addition to his store at Austin, Man.

Geo. Freeman has purchased premises at McGregor, Man., and will open a confectionery store.

D. Roger and Mr. Temyson, of Portage la Prairie, will open a general store at Macdonald, Man.

Jno. Law and Arch. Cumming have purchased the braach lumber business of R. C. Emis at Neepawa, Man.

A business partnership has been formed at Indian Head, Assn., between J. M. & A. L. Hastings as grain dealers.

The business of J. P. Graves & Son, Boissevain Man., has been purchased by Jno. McAllister and Robt. McCausland.

The Dauphin Press reports awful destruction by prairie fires during the high gales of Thursday and Friday of last week in that section.

A. C. McLaughlin, western representative of Hodgson, Samuel & Co., Montreal, is in the city this week on a regular western trip.

A. Bahantme & Son, Neepawa, Man., are bracing out with another store at that place, where they will carry clothing and boots and shoes.

Mr. Lamb of Pumas, Man., is disposing of his stock of mercantile and will devote his whole time and attention to the post office and insurance.

FLOUR MILLING EXTENSIONS.

Geo. V. Hastings, manager at Winnipeg for the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., returned yesterday from a visit to the head office at Montreal. Mr. Hastings informed The Commercial that they had nothing further to announce yet in regard to the proposed extension of the company's interests. A meeting will be held in about three weeks to consider the matter. It is proposed to extend the business very largely, either at Keewatin or some other point. The capital stock of the company will be increased \$1,000,000. The mill at Keewatin is undergoing an enlargement at present. Mr. Hastings said, but this has nothing to do with the increase now proposed to be shortly undertaken.

The first new figs of the season have arrived in eastern Canada markets from Smyrna.

Cables received confirm previous reports of an advance of \$1 to \$2 in the price of French sardines, and state that the tendency of prices is still upward. There has also been an advance of 50c in the price of Portuguese sprats on the other side.

There are rumors of a probable early advance in the price of California raisins.

The first direct boat has arrived at Montreal with Mediterranean fruit—Valencia raisins, Patras currants and also Spanish onions.

WANTED—SEVERAL BRIGHT AND HONEST persons to represent us as Managers in this and close by counties. Salary \$9 a year and expenses. Straight, bona-fide, no more, no less salary. Position permanent. Our references, any bank in any town. It is mainly office work conducted at home. Reference. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. THE DOMINION COMPANY, Dept. 3, Chicago.