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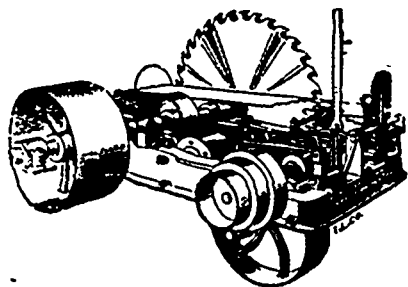
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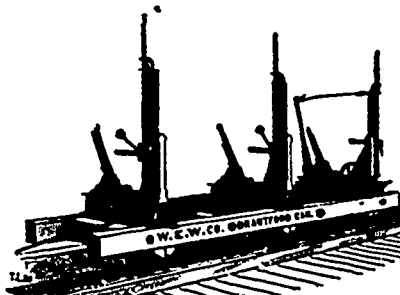
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A Visit to Pembina Branch Towns.

By a Commercial Representative.

The Pembina branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway extends from Winnipeg to Nopinka, a distance of 221 miles, and traverses one of the best and most thickly settled sections of Western Canada. For the first eighty miles the country is very flat, but west of that it is mostly rolling prairie. Between Manitou and Pilot Mound, where the railway crosses the Pembina valley, some very pretty bits of scenery can be had from the car windows, which is a pleasant change from the rather monotonous prairie scenes.

A large number of Germans of the Mennonite faith are settled on the lands adjacent to the towns of Gretna, Altona, Rosenfeld, Plum Coulee, Winkler and Morden. These people came to the country from Russia some twenty or twenty-five years ago with very little money and are now in comfortable circumstances and this district is known as one of the best farmed sections of Manitoba.

The first town on this line of importance is Morris, mention of which was made in a previous issue.

At Rosenfeld, which is the next station, we notice two changes since last year. D. Stewart has built a store adjoining his hardware, and is putting in a stock of furniture, and Wiebe Bros. have sold their general store and are moving to Rosthern, where they have a flour mill. From this point a line runs to the international boundary, where it connects with the Great Northern Railway. The stations on this line are Altona and Gretna.

Altona, although only some four years old, is already an important business point, having five general stores, two lumber yards, implement warehouse and a flour mill. Wiebe & Klassen have started a lumber yard and J. J. Loewen is building a large implement warehouse. The wheat crop in the immediate vicinity of Altona was particularly good this season, averaging over 25 bushels to the acre.

Gretna, which is on the boundary line between Canada and the United

States, is among the oldest towns in this province and is an important business point. It has five general stores owned by Isaac Loewen, John C. Miller, E. Penner & Co. and Schuitz & Stiefel; also four implement warehouses, furniture store, two drug stores, etc., and a branch of the Union bank. J. P. Friesen & Son own a flour mill at this point which has a capacity of 100 bbls per day, also a large lumber yard. Abram Klassen has sold his furniture business to Friesen & Lemky.

Returning to the Pembina branch the first town west of Rosenfeld is Plum Coulee. At this point there are eight general stores, one hardware, two lumber yards, drug store, implement warehouses, a branch of the Bank of Hamilton and a flour mill. The only new business here since our last visit is that of W. and J. Stewart, who have opened a hardware store.

best business towns on this line, and is an important cattle shipping point. La Riviere is in a very pretty spot, being situated in the valley of the Pembina River. There are now two general stores and a hardware here and as the C. P. R. Co. have recently made this a divisional point it is sure to experience considerable growth during the next few years.

At Pilot Mound, P. Wlaram & Co., of Manitou, have established a branch here, having purchased the general store business of Baird & Co., and Wm. Wardman has started a grocery and confectionery business. Dow & Curry have an oatmeal mill here and do a large shipping trade. The oat crop in this district was particularly good this season, the average yield being 60 bushels to the acre.

Crystal City has made marked progress during the last few years, and since our last visit there have been a



W. Peters' Flour Mill at Winkler, Man.

Winkler is the last town in the Mennonite reserve, although Morden gets a considerable amount of this trade. Winkler, although but five years old, has made wonderful progress and it now has five general stores, two hardware, a furniture store, two lumber yards, drug store, a branch of the Bank of Hamilton, etc., also a flour mill, with a capacity of 125 bbls. per day, as well as seven elevators.

Morden ranks fourth in importance among the towns and cities of Manitoba, and is the principal town south of the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway in the province. A large trade is done here and the principal merchants carry heavy stocks of goods. There are about 75 business places at this point. A large trade is done in implements, grain and cattle, the town being the centre of a fine agricultural district. Morden has two chartered banks and a fine hospital.

Thornhill, though a small place is making steady progress. Kilgour & Jordan are the general merchants here.

There have been almost no business changes at Manitou since our last visit. There are at this point five general stores, two hardware, two harness shops, two druggists, two furniture warehouses and two lumber yards, besides a number of other businesses, including several implement warehouses and branches of the Union Bank and Bank of Hamilton. This is one of the

number of business changes. W. H. Davis has started a furniture store, erecting a building for the purpose. J. Pirie built a brick veneer block and Smith Bros. have erected a large brick hotel, which they are fitting up in first class shape. A new public hall building is also among this year's improvements. The principal business change is that in the hardware business formerly owned by R. Rollins, which he has sold to Sparling & Lander. Crystal City is well represented by the different lines of business, the principal dealers being J. G. Steacy and P. A. Young & Co., general merchants, Sparling & Lander, hardware; C. F. Oke, druggist; J. C. Grummett, harness; Jas. Conway, lumber, also a branch of the Union Bank, and a flour mill owned by Greenway Bros.

Hunter & Moore have a branch store at Clearwater, which is the only store at this point. This station is in a very pretty spot for a town, besides being in a good farming locality.

Mather is a new town and has prospects of becoming a good business point. A. Laughlin is the general merchant here.

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that of the last. The Methodist congregation have built a very good church this past summer.

At Holmfeld there are two general stores owned by A. Hicks and F. J. Messner, also a branch hardware store. Harrison Bros. own the elevator and flour mill at this point.

The town of Killarney is located within a very short distance of Killarney lake, which is a very pretty sheet of water. This lake affords good boating and bathing during the summer months to the residents of Killarney as well as to a large number of campers who spend their holidays here. Killarney is also an important business point having five general stores, two hardware stores, two lumber yards, a flour mill, etc. Cross & McQueen, general merchants, built a fine brick block recently and have just moved into it. L. J. Lawlor has also a brick store under construction. R. Rollins has bought the general store business of A. E. Fremlin and J. P. Shannon has taken

Whitewater has but one store, that of F. D. Peters, and three elevators. This station is on the edge of Whitewater Lake, which is widely known among sportsmen as being one of the best points in this country for geese.

At Deloraine there have been several very good buildings erected this year. Jas. Flynn has built a large brick veneer block, the ground floor of which is divided into stores and offices and will be occupied by J. Young, clothier, the municipal office, post office, customs office, C. E. Stevens, butcher shop and a shoemaker's shop, the upstairs being for lodge rooms and a public hall. Laird & McGarvey are building a large hotel on the site of the one burned some months ago and expect to open it about the 15th of this month. The Union bank is building a solid brick block which will be ready for occupation shortly. Cowan, the druggist, has added another story to his building, making it two stories. The new portion is to be divided into offices. C. E. Gutter-

a large increase in business over that of the last few years.

As in other parts of the province, business was very dull during the regular grain and shipping month. The time of year when it should be at its best. However, the grain is in the country and it only awaits the advent of good sleighing or a rise in the markets to bring it out.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard wheat quoted at 68 to 68 1-2c January delivery.

Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$1.95; best bakers', \$1.75.

Oatmeal—\$1.90 per 80 pound sack.

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Oats—Carlots on track, 24 to 26c.

Flaxseed—Per bushel at country points, 65c.

Barley—Farmers' loads, 23 to 25c per bushel for feed grades. Malting barley in car lots on track, 30c per bushel.

Corn—In carlots, 41 to 43c per bushel of 50 lbs.

Butter—Dairy, jobbers paying 13 1-2 to 16c; fresh creamery, 22 to 23c to buyers.

Cheese—9 1-2 to 10c per pound at factories.

Eggs—Dealers asking 20c per dozen for Ontario or Manitoba held fresh eggs. Lined, 16 to 17c.

Hides—No. 1 green hides, 6 1-2c; frozen stock, 6c per lb.

Wool—8 to 8 1-2c for unwashed fleeces. Seneca—21c per lb.

Hay—Baled, \$7.50 to \$8 per ton on cars. Loose hay worth \$6 to \$7.50 per ton.

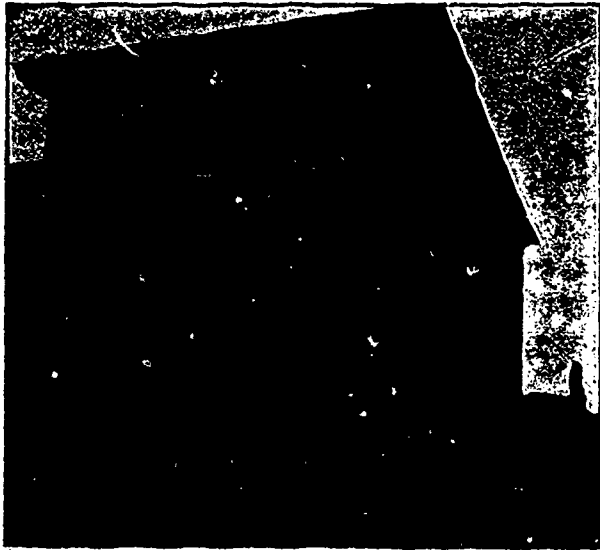
Potatoes—35 to 40c per bushel on the street.

Dressed Poultry—Turkeys, 10 to 12c per lb.; chickens, 8 to 9c; ducks, 8 to 10c; geese, 10c.

Gaine—Rabbits, 8 1-2c each; pigeons, 20c per pair.

Dressed meats—Fresh killed beef, city dressed, 5 1-2 to 6c; country frozen beef, 4 to 5c; mutton, 7 to 8c; lamb, 8 to 9c; hogs, 5 1-2 to 6c; veal, 6 to 7c.

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



General Store of Montgomery & Colquhoun, Deloraine, Man.

over the hardware business of J. H. Elms. There have been to date about 175,000 bushels of grain marketed here this season.

Ninga has three general stores owned by Miller & Haines, D. C. McArthur and H. George, a hardware by W. P. Landon, a lumber yard, drug store, harness shop, two butcher shops, bakery, etc. W. P. Landon and Miller & Haines built new stores in 1893.

Bolsserain has a population of about 1,200. There were but few business changes here during the past year, but it is not to be expected that there would be many new businesses started when we consider that there are now eight general stores, two hardware stores, three drug stores, a grocery, three or four bakery and confectionery stores, two harness shops, etc. Jno. White has started a general store here and McAllister & McCausland have purchased the grocery business of J. P. Graves, who has moved to Elgin. Davis & Wilson bought out the hardware stock of J. M. Birbeck. There is a branch of the Union bank here and a large flour mill owned by J. S. McKay. There are a large number of very fine stone residences and business blocks in this town.

idge has bought out P. McConnell's stock of groceries, etc. J. Young has taken over Horne & Traynor's clothing business and Snider & Barber have leased the flour mill and have it now in good working order. There are a number of very fine buildings here, among them being the Methodist and Presbyterian churches, the former being a brick and the latter a stone structure, also a stone schoolhouse, as well as a number of good brick buildings. We show a cut of Montgomery & Colquhoun's general store building which is of stone and is a very handsome and substantial looking structure. Between Deloraine and Napinka, a distance of about 19 miles, there are as yet no towns or business places, so that we have with this town practically reached the end of this line, as Napinka was mentioned in a previous letter.

The season of 1899 was one of great activity in the building line throughout this country, particularly so among the farmers, large numbers of whom are now in such circumstances that they are able to build larger and more comfortable dwellings and out-buildings. A great deal of building has also been done in the different towns and the lumber dealers report

Souris Coal in Demand.

There has been a very heavy demand for the native Souris coal this winter, notwithstanding the mild weather. While the demand for other coals and also for wood fuel has been much less than it would otherwise have been, with average winter weather, there has been no curtailment of the demand for Souris coal. On the contrary the mines have been away behind with their orders all the season. This is, no doubt, partly owing to the fact that while other coals are held much higher than usual this winter, Souris coal has been selling at the same price as last winter. The absence of snow has also prevented many farmers from getting out supplies of wood fuel, thus increasing the demand at country towns for coal.

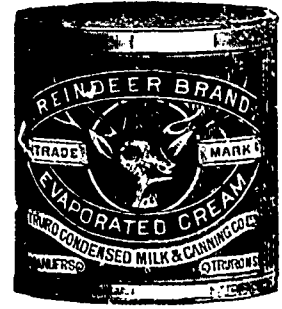
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INTERESTING STATISTICS.

A bulletin issued recently by the Ontario department of agriculture, gives some interesting statistics about that province. The municipal debt of the province is said to be \$53,577,000. That is the bonded debt. Including the floating debt it is over \$60,000,000.

The municipal revenue of the province for the last year reported was \$29,776,603 and expenditure, \$29,135,044. Municipal assets, \$68,362,000.

The province has 615,524 horses, 2,318,355 cattle; 1,772,604 sheep; 1,971,070 hogs, and 9,344,024 poultry.

Wages of farm help, by the year, with board, averaged \$150 and without board \$243. By the month, \$15.40 and \$24.93, respectively. Domestic servants, \$6.19 per month.

Population, 1898, 2,001,350, of which 1,110,894 is rural, 314,520 live in towns, 134,744 in villages and 410,989 in cities. There are 13 cities, 100 towns and 136 villages.

Total assessed value is \$809,184,833. Revenue from direct municipal taxation, \$12,222,966, or equal to \$6.10 per head of the total population, and 15.11 mills on the dollar, of the total assessment. The bonded debt is \$26.91 per head, compared with \$16.37 ten or twelve years ago, since which time there has been a steady increase each year.

Chattel mortgages amount to \$12,282,217, which is a decrease of about one million from the previous year. The farmers appear to be the best off in this respect, as their share of chattel mortgage debt is only \$3,580,497.

The average farm rental value, on the total acreage, was \$1.76 or \$2.50 on cleared land only. The rental value is equal to 4.17 per cent of the value of land and buildings of leased farms.

The average value of farm land occupied is \$23.78 per acre, without buildings. Value of farm buildings, \$8.95 per acre. There was a heavy shrinkage in the value of farm lands for a number of years, the value of land, without buildings, having been \$30.56 in 1883. The value of farm buildings, however, has steadily increased. The total value of all farm property, lands, buildings and chattels, is placed at \$923,022,420.

In 1898 there were 282 creameries, compared with 74 in 1893, since which date there has been a sharp increase every year.

Notwithstanding the enormous development of the cheese industry in Ontario, the number of cheese factories continues to increase, being 1,187 in 1898, or a gain of 26 over the previous year. The cheese and butter factories paid over \$9,700,000 for milk in 1898.

About \$1,000,000 is invested in bees.

The value of live stock sold for the year 1898 was \$34,450,583.

The wool clip for 1898 was 5,104,686 pounds, valued at \$847,373.

The total cleared land assessed is 12,993,614 acres; wood land, 7,198,905 acres; marsh land, 3,200,065. Area in field crop, 8,835,272 acres; pasture, 2,708,043 acres; gardens, orchards, etc., 245,538 acres.

Brandon Board of Trade.

At the last meeting of this board a letter from Reeve Sergeant, of Daly, was read, asking Brandon to take the initiative in getting the different municipalities to unite in urging upon the government the necessity of completing the railway westward from Portage la Prairie. The above was accepted and the following motion moved by Messrs. Wilson and Coldwell was carried: "That the Brandon board of trade approve of the proposition made by the Reeve of Daly, to secure the co-operation of the different municipalities benefited by the proposed railway extension, and that the secretary be instructed to send to the secretaries of each of the municipalities affected, a copy of Reeve Sergeant's letter, and to request that delegates be appointed to meet at Brandon on February 8, to consider the matter and take steps to bring it before the proper authorities."

The question of the evening's business was the discrimination against Brandon in distributing freight rates and the following resolution was passed:

Moved by Dr. McInnis, M. P. P., seconded by W. Zink:

"That whereas President Shaughnessy of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company is reported to have stated in a public speech recently at Vancouver, B. C., as follows: 'The duty of a railway company is to provide special facilities, reasonable rates—rates established upon some reasonable basis—and having done that, the railway company has performed its whole duty. An attempt to determine territory, to fix the geographical limits within which a certain city shall distribute its trade or shall consider a portion of its territory would be a most dangerous thing for any railway company.'

"It is resolved that this board entirely concurs in the statement of above speech and would add that such action by a railway company would also be a most dangerous and detrimental thing for the city involved.

"That the city of Brandon is being limited in its trade, and in the territory properly tributary to it, by the unfair and unjust action of the railway company, on account of the discriminating rates on outgoing freight allowed in favor of Winnipeg. That the growth and advancement of the city and its people is being kept back and most seriously hindered by this same action. That this city is entitled to British fair play, in all matters respecting its trade and that the question be agitated, until justice is done in the premises.

"It is moved by A. D. Rankin and seconded by D. A. Reesor that whereas the city of Brandon is situated in the centre of a great grain growing and stock raising country of Manitoba and has reasonable access to the same, and is desirous of doing wholesale and jobbing trade, and thereby extending its usefulness and advancing the interests of the people:

"And whereas the distributing freight rates upon merchandise out from Brandon are such that our merchants can not compete upon even footing with Winnipeg and are thereby precluded from doing the trade and

business that the situation of the city warrants, and whereas up to a short time ago, the question of incoming freight rates was upon a similar unfair basis but upon the representation of this board, these have been adjusted and placed upon an equal footing with other places, and whereas there is no just reason why advantageous freight rates should be given to one distributing centre more than another, therefore this board resolves that its efforts be continued by every fair and legitimate means to bring pressure upon the railways, to grant the city of Brandon the same freight rates for distributing goods that they do to Winnipeg."

Moved by Coe and Warner:

"That whereas great aid and subsidies have been granted to the C. P. railway company and the N. P. railway company, and whereas the said companies should treat all people and communities doing business with them upon fair and equal footing and should not discriminate in favor of one against another. And whereas the said companies without just cause, discriminate most unfairly against the city of Brandon in respect particularly to outgoing freight rates and declined, without giving reasons for so doing to remove such discrimination. Therefore be it resolved that this board call upon our members of parliament in both the Dominion and provincial legislatures to see that no further concessions or privileges of any kind be given to those railway companies until such unfair discrimination is removed and Brandon placed upon equal footing with other places in all freight matters."

On motion of Messrs. McMillan and Dr. McDiarmid, it was resolved that the railway companies be requested to reduce the passenger rates to 3 cents within the province, and that the railway committee of the privy council be requested to urge upon the railway companies to grant this rate.

By McMillan: That Fraser, Wilson and Coldwell be a committee to draft a petition to be signed and sent to Ottawa in reference to railway matters such as through rates, charters and railway commissions.

In regard to an amendment to the municipal acts, the following motion was passed by Fraser and McMillan:

"That a committee of this board composed of President MacIsaac, Secretary Campbell and Zink, Haabury, Smith, Cameron and the movers be appointed to meet the city council to arrange for such amendments to the municipal and assessment acts at the next session of the Manitoba legislature as may be thought advisable in the interest of the city."

All the above resolutions were carried unanimously.

Steveston Submerged.

Vancouver, Jan. 8.—The dyke which protects the farm lands of the Fraser river valley about twenty miles from the Gulf of Georgia, broke this afternoon and as a result a district over 100 miles in circumference is under water. Steveston, near which the majority of canneries are located, has over three feet of water entirely covering the streets. The principal damage consists of the piece of dyke that was swept away. Some loose sections of sidewalk are floating around Steveston and it will be a week before the damage can be repaired. During that time residents of Steveston will have to live in the second stories of their houses and do their shopping from boats.



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WHEAT IN CANADA.

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

Montreal	40,000
Toronto	58,000
Kingston	85,000
Depot Harbor, Ont.	187,000
Coteau, Que.	209,000
Winnipeg	320,000
Manitoba elevators	3,100,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	3,247,000

Total, Dec. 30	9,555,000
Total a year ago	8,233,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.
Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains as reported by Bradstreet's on December 30, were 89,205,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 50,120,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on Jan. 1 were 10,022,000 bushels, compared with 5,923,000 bushels a year ago.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Jan. 6, was 57,897,000 bushels, being a decrease of 399,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 27,558,000 bushels, two years ago 38,863,000 bushels, three years ago 53,872,000 bushels, and four years ago 68,945,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 4,800,000 bushels compared with 6,402,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 12,748,000 bushels, compared with 20,935,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

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

	Bushels.
1899	104,105,000
1898	109,810,000
1897	127,503,000
1896	172,181,000
1895	183,364,000

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	45,189,070	50,325,570
Milwaukee	6,119,992	8,524,285
Duluth	32,977,390	54,734,113
Chicago	16,087,995	23,318,890

Total	100,974,447	136,902,858
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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	10,020,845	10,452,598
St. Louis	7,040,889	11,398,877
Detroit	2,902,982	3,448,635
Kansas City	10,463,040	19,665,918

Total	30,426,756	44,966,023
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Grain and Milling Notes.

Brady, Love & Tryon have completed elevators at Grandell and Minnola. Both points are on the Great Northwest Central Railway extension in Manitoba west of Hamiota.

Joseph Thompson, of Devil's Lake, North Dakota, has been appointed deputy grain inspector at Duluth to succeed A. N. James. E. H. Pugh, another Duluth deputy grain inspector, has been retired.

Rates on grain from the Mississippi river to the Atlantic seaboard were advanced 3 cents per hundred pounds January 1. The rate to Boston and New York is now 23 cents, to Montreal and Philadelphia 22 cents, and to Baltimore and Newport News 21 1-2 cents. This applies to export business only.

The Review of the River Plate estimates the wheat crop of the four principal provinces of the Argentine at 81,600,000 bushels, against 72,800,000 bushels last year. The official estimate of the Uruguay wheat crop makes the yield 7,160,000 bushels. The flax seed crop was very small. Advice from India the early part of December were that rains had fallen in the Madras district, but were generally headed elsewhere. The Melbourne Argus estimates the wheat export surplus of Victoria at 13,000,000 bushels, with the average yield per acre 9.38 bushels. The harvests in the Boer republic are exceptionally good.

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ANNUAL MEETING WINNIPEG GRAIN EXCHANGE.

Interesting Address of the President.

The twelfth annual meeting of the Winnipeg Grain and Produce Exchange was held Wednesday in the exchange building at 11 o'clock. W. L. Parrish, the retiring president, occupied the chair and read the following address:

To the members of the Winnipeg Grain and Produce Exchange:

"Gentlemen — Following the example set by my predecessors, I now, at the close of one of the most successful years we have enjoyed in connection with the grain trade in Manitoba, have great pleasure in addressing you in connection with matters of interest which have arisen during the past year.

There has been harvested the largest and one of the most perfectly matured crops which it has been our privilege to handle during the comparatively few years in which Manitoba has been recognized as a grain producing province. Although slight frosts appeared in certain isolated portions of the province and the Territories, the inspection returns prove that the amount of grain affected was exceedingly small, being barely 1 per cent of the total harvested, and I am pleased to be able to state definitely that a very great percentage of the wheat marketed has been inspected as of the grade of Manitoba No. 1 hard, even in face of the fact that the standard for that grade was made considerably higher by act of parliament last session than that required by law during many past years.

I am thankful to be able to say that comparatively little smut has appeared in the grain so far marketed, and I am satisfied that if farmers will use due caution in properly treating their seed and in the preparation of their land, that the smut evil will soon to a great extent disappear.

Early in the harvest season it was feared that we would have had a repetition of the previous year's trouble, from wet weather, but although there was considerable rainfall farmers had stacked their grain in good condition, the weather turned out very favorably for the curing of grain, and consequently the quantity damaged was very light, all of which gave little necessity for the use of the drying plants which during the preceding year were operated so extensively.

We were favored with very propitious weather during seeding time, so that a large acreage was planted, the grain had an excellent growth and the crops were more free from weeds than has generally been the case, with the result that the shrinkage on grain shipped direct from the fields to the elevators was much less than usual.

The results of threshing proved somewhat disappointing in the matter of yield, as while earlier in the season indications pointed to an average yield of twenty bushels to the acre, threshers' reports place the actual yield at about eighteen bushels; this, however, I consider a very fair average, and the prices which have been paid have placed a large amount of cash in farmers' hands. Altogether I consider that

our province is in a most prosperous condition, and it is satisfactory to note that the value of the lands has advanced in all parts of the country.

One feature of the past year's climatic conditions was the continued mild weather of the autumn which was extended far beyond the ordinary. Indeed ploughing was fairly general till the 20th of November, and this allowed farmers to get ready a large acreage for cropping next spring. This, with much wild land broken up by new settlers and summer-fallowing leads me to expect that next season's acreage will be fully twenty-five per cent greater than that of 1899.

Our association has enjoyed a prosperous year. The finances, as you will learn from the treasurer's report, are again getting into excellent condition; our membership both active and associate has increased, and very considerable work has been done to further and secure the interests of our members. The council's report will give you details of what has been done.

Early in the year it was deemed advisable by the Exchange to make a strong effort to prevail on the Dominion government to secure by legislation permanent standards for the higher grades of Manitoba wheat, the extension of the Manitoba inspection division to Fort William, that all grain passing Winnipeg be inspected here and warehoused at points east hereof on the Winnipeg inspection, and that no straight certificates be issued for wheat shipped out in mixed cargoes.

These matters were brought before the western members of the western grain standards board which was convened by the minister of inland revenue for that purpose at the request of the exchange, and through that board laid before the government at Ottawa, and by our united representations the desired results were secured. I am certain that the amendments made to the inspection act are proving of benefit to both producers and grain dealers throughout Manitoba and the Territories.

In connection with the changes made in the inspection act, the deputations from the standards board and the exchange when in Ottawa also secured the appointment of a board of survey whose duty it is to give final decisions on the grading of grain when disputes arise between the owner and the inspection officials as to the quality of grain. This board is working very satisfactorily, and has received the hearty approval of the trade.

The exchange took up the matter of the elevator charges at Fort William, and was successful in getting the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. to reduce their charge for the first term of storage of twenty days from three-quarters of a cent per bushel to one-half cent for the first fifteen day term as well that no charge be made for cleaning grain at Fort William. This certainly has effected a great saving to producers and shippers.

Some changes were made in the formation of the western grain standards board, and on action being taken by this exchange our association has now a fair representation in that body. The standards board was called together this year to select samples of the necessary commercial grades, and made standards for grades as follows: Nos. 3 hard and 1 and 2 frosted wheat.

The exchange was called upon by the railroads interested to designate the grades for which we would require bonded accommodation at the

ocean ports and it was decided that Nos. 1 hard, 2 hard and 3 hard wheat and Nos. 2 white and 2 mixed oats would cover all grain required to be exported of the year's crop.

We are yearly increasing our production of flax, and as we have not had any standard for its inspection it was deemed advisable to urge the government during the approaching session to include flax seed in the inspection act. This will likely be done so that all flax seed can be dealt with under the Winnipeg inspection.

The crop of oats was larger than in any previous year, and it is expected there will be a quantity for export.

Barley was also a good crop. Some has already been shipped for export, and it is expected further shipments will be made. I feel satisfied that it would pay the farmers well to be more careful in harvesting this grain, as the color has a great deal to do with determining the value.

The government statistics relating to the acreage and grain crops, which we are enabled to get at present only cover the province of Manitoba. The grain moved from the Northwest Territories is also practically all handled by the members of this exchange, and we are very much interested in the crop raised there, and it is to be hoped that the Northwest legislature will this year inaugurate a system of compiling statistics which will enable the grain trade to get full information regarding the acreage under cultivation and the quantity harvested.

The immigration into this province and the Territories has been large this year, and the harvest excursions, which have become an annual affair, brought several thousand people into the country, and I am informed that many have remained and signified their intention of becoming permanent settlers.

The different railway companies have united with the grain exchange in securing for all settlers the best means for procuring first-class seed grain, and a half rate is given on all shipments of grain intended for seed purposes between points on the different lines of railway in this province and the Northwest Territories.

We have numerous enquiries from North and South Dakota for seed wheat, and some is annually shipped to those states, and I feel satisfied we would supply them with large quantities if the customs duty were removed. I understood that this matter of the removal of duty from wheat intended for seed is now before congress.

There has been a considerable increase in the mileage added to the branch lines of railways. The Canadian Pacific extended their branches some eighty miles, with forty more under construction; the Northern Pacific, thirty miles, and more under construction; the Canadian Northern seventy-nine miles, and the Southeastern sixty-five miles of their road reaching towards Fort William, which it is to be hoped they will have in operation to move the crop of 1900.

The storage facilities throughout the province and the Northwest Territories on the different lines of railway have been increased by 700,000 bushels, making a total of nearly 21,600,000 bushels.

On account of the continued agitation regarding the mode of handling grain throughout Manitoba and the Northwest Territories the Dominion government appointed a royal commission to enquire into the whole matter, and their report is looked for with interest both by elevator

owners and others, as no doubt the commission will go thoroughly into the existing conditions and make recommendations to the government regarding the best method of handling grain in this province and the North-west Territories.

In accordance with the provisions of the Crow's Nest Pass railway agreement the Canadian Pacific Railway company this year reduced their rates on grain to Fort William one and one-half cents per hundred pounds, which was followed by a like reduction on all other railroads. This has meant a great saving to the farmer, although this year the reduction was more than offset by the extremely high rates charged by vessel owners carrying wheat to Buffalo and other ports for export, and the producers, therefore, did not reap the full benefit which was reasonably expected.

It is with deep regret that I have to refer to the deaths of Mr. Archibald McBean and Mr. Jos. Harris, two of our oldest and most respected members, who had been closely identified with the grain trade of this province from its early days.

Mr. Harris, who was elected president at the last annual meeting, gave close attention to the interests of the Exchange until through ill health he was compelled to go east.

I have to thank all the members for their assistance in the work during my term of office, and have pleasure in wishing you all a "Prosperous New Year."

W. L. PARRISH.

REPORT OF COUNCIL.

The annual report of the council was next taken up and ordered to be printed for distribution to members. The report is a lengthy document, giving a review of matters that came before the exchange during the year. This has been published from time to time in The Commercial as the matters came up.

The treasurer's report was read by Secretary Bell. It showed that the finances of the exchange were in good shape.

W. L. Parrish, who was elected president to succeed Mr. Harris, a few months ago, was re-elected president. R. P. Roblin declined to be re-nominated for vice-president.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—W. L. Parrish.
Vice-President—Wm. Martin.
Secretary-Treasurer—C. N. Bell.

There were about fifteen nominations for the council, and on a vote being taken the following were found to be elected: Messrs. John Love, S. A. McGaw, Thos. Thompson, C. A. Young, S. Nairn, E. O'Riley, G. R. Crowe, G. V. Hattings, D. G. McBean, S. P. Clark and T. B. Baker.

The following arbitration board was elected: Messrs. Robt. Muir, L. A. Tilley, D. G. McBean, S. Nairn, Alex. Black, S. A. McGaw and C. A. Young. The members of the appeals board were elected as follows: Messrs. F. W. Thompson, R. P. Roblin, S. P. Clark, W. Martin, Thomas Thompson, John Love and G. R. Crowe.

The exchange voted \$50 to the Winnipeg General Hospital, the St. Boniface hospital and the Transvaal fund, and the meeting adjourned.

Retail Clerks' Association.

The annual meeting of the Retail Clerks' union was held in Albert hall this week. There was a large attendance of members, and several new

members were initiated. The early closing petition has been partly circulated and has been meeting with great success. A few merchants have yet to be seen, then it will be ready for presentation to the city council at the next meeting. The report of the president for the past term showed that, though young, the union was in a prosperous condition. The membership has greatly increased and the financial report was very satisfactory. The election of officers for the ensuing term took place and the following were elected: President, L. H. Fournier; vice-president, E. W. Holt; second vice-president, R. L. Chevlier, treasurer, G. T. Harrison; secretary, K. C. Grimshaw; guide, Perry Wilson.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There were 2,928,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on Jan. 6. Receipts for the week were 285,000 bushels, and shipments were 224,000 bushels. Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Kewatin, Winnipeg and interior country points were estimated approximately at 8,700,000 bushels compared with about 8,000,000 bushels a year ago. About 17,000,000 bushels of the last crop have been shipped east of Winnipeg and about 6,000,000 bushels are held in store at country points, making a total of 23,000,000 bushels of the crop shipped or in sight, exclusive of wheat milled at points west of Winnipeg.

Winnipeg Grain Inspection.

For the week ending Jan. 6, there were 316 cars of grain inspected grading as follows:

Wheat—1 hard, 150; 2 hard, 57; 1 northern, 6; 2 northern, 1; 3 hard, 34; 1 frosted, 9; 2 frosted, 2; 1 rejected, 6; 2 rejected, 13; no grade, 17; 3 northern, 3; 3 frosted, 1; feed, 2; condemned, 1 car.

Oats—1 white, 4; 2 white, 3; 2 mixed, 2 cars.

Barley—No. 3, 2; feed 3 cars.

United States Wool Market.

The American Wool and Cotton Reporter estimates the supply of wool in the United States at the close of the year, exclusive of manufacturers' holdings, at 157,392,879 pounds, against 339,833,553 pounds a year ago. Sales in the three principal markets of the United States totaled 514,947,929 pounds, against 130,486,383 pounds last year. The wool clip of the country is placed at slightly less than 275,000,000 pounds, against about 200,000,000 last year. At the beginning of the year the total available supply of the country was about 340,000,000 pounds. Importations have been exceptionally small, those at Boston being only 34,372,341 pounds, against 40,923,024 pounds last year. Owing to the large demand for wool for consumption, the total available stock on hand at the close of the year has been reduced to a comparatively low point. There is a scarcity of fine wools the world over, foreign markets have been advancing by leaps and bounds, the Australian clip, which again shows a material reduction, has been eagerly bought by anxious users of wool, the London markets have steadily advanced and tops on the continent have risen beyond all expectation. As yet prices of wool have not been unfavorably affected by developments in the financial situation.

W. L. Parrish.

We give this week a very good portrait of W. L. Parrish, president of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange. Mr. Parrish was elected vice-president at the annual meeting a year ago. On the retirement of the late Jos. Harris, who resigned the presidency in September



W. L. Parrish.

last on account of ill health, Mr. Parrish was elected to succeed him as president. At the annual meeting of the exchange this week he was re-elected president. Mr. Parrish was born in the year 1860, near the city of Toronto. He entered the grain trade in 1876, at the age of sixteen, and has never been wholly out of the trade since. Four years, however, were spent in the milling business. In the year 1881 he moved to Manitoba, settling at Brandon, where he lived until the fall of 1888, when he moved to Winnipeg.

Mr. Parrish was in business at Brandon with his father, Samuel Parrish, from 1882 to 1886, after which he went into a partnership with W. J. Lindsay. This connection lasted until the beginning of the present crop year, when the firm was dissolved. Mr. Parrish is now carrying on business as grain merchant on his own account, with his headquarters in Winnipeg.

A. D. Benjamin, of the well known Toronto hardware firm of Samuel Benjamin & Co., died suddenly in that city on Monday morning last. Deceased came to Canada from Australia.

The idea of maintaining the "open door" in China seems to be more or less popular with various governments, notably those making most strenuous efforts to keep their own trade doors closed. The modern idea seems to be to push open the door of any country belonging to some one else, and particularly a country in which a high state of modern civilization is not evidenced by the possession of a very large number of "glittering generalities" and Maxims.—Now York Fur Trade Review.

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Grocery Trade Notes.

Latest advices from Japan report an advance in rice of 6d in prices ruling there.

Current rumor states that the remaining stock of loose muscatel raisins on the coast has been concentrated in the hands of two or three operators.

Toronto, London and Hamilton capitalists have organized a company with \$200,000 capital, to erect a corn starch factory at either Kingston, Prescott or Quebec.

Owing to adverse conditions in producing countries the price of lime fruit juice has sharply advanced in all markets. Prices are now about double what they were at the opening of last year. It is difficult to get large orders placed.

The total sales of coffee on the New York Coffee Exchange last year were 4,420,000 bags, as compared with 4,213,000 bags in 1898, an increase over last year of 207,000 bags. The highest quotation on spot Rio No. 7 was 7 cents in November, the lowest being 57-16 cents in September. The highest price for futures was reached in December, when October deliveries for 1900 sold at 6.65 cents, and the lowest in September, when October deliveries for 1900 sold at 4.10 cents.

Dry Goods Trade Notes.

Tooth brushes with an initial letter on the handle are not new, but the idea is a good one nevertheless, as a means of identification.

In 1899 the printcloth mills of Fall River produced some 12,000,000 pieces. The average price of printcloth at New York market for the year was 2.6551 cents.

Coates' and Clarks' thread has been advanced 15c per dozen to 55c, less 7 and 2 per cent. The extraordinary export business in the cheaper grades of cotton goods and the probable shortage of the cotton crop of 1900 is assigned as the reason.

The mild season has left dealers with a large quantity of heavy winter goods on hand, and as a result several slaughter sales have been announced, though it is not an unusual thing to have clearing sales advertised after the first of January in any year.

During the year 1899 raw silk to the value of \$41,193,209 was imported into the United States. In 1898 the importations amounted to \$27,639,955. The average price of raw silk is now \$5.00 per pound as against \$4.15 last year and \$3 the year before.

There has been another advance in the prices of English high-class cashmere goods of 10 per cent. This is the fourth advance since September. Even at these higher prices manufacturers will not book orders for fall delivery except subject to any changes that may take place in the market before the goods are shipped.

There has been a stiff advance in the prices of ribbons lately, all lines with any quantity of silk in them having been affected. The advance was from 71-2 to 121-2 per cent. The makes affected by the advance are Swiss, French and German goods. When spring garments are beginning to be shown the demand for ribbons will increase.

A letter from Basle (Switzerland) ribbon manufacturers to English buyers says: "The stocks of silk at old prices

in manufacturers' hands have been used up during the spring of 1899, and under actual circumstances the continuation of present prices in ribbons has become an impossibility and an immediate advance on all prices for spring orders is to be formally required from this day. It is an absolute necessity."

THE HARDWARE TRADE**THE YEAR'S METAL MARKET.**

The New York Journal of Commerce reviews the American market for metals at length in a recent issue, and among other things says:

"In the metal market more than ordinary fluctuations in values have taken place during the year, due mostly to natural trade conditions, but in part to speculation based thereon. Lake Superior ingot copper advanced nearly six cents per pound, and receded about one-half, but was still higher by fully three cents at the close of 1899 than at the end of 1898, and 51-2 cents per pound above the record for the close of 1897. Meanwhile a large consumptive and speculative business was effected on both sides of the Atlantic, probably the largest for any year on record. Only in the year when the French syndicate forced the market did values reach a higher level than they have the past year.

Pig tin has advanced to a most remarkable extent, or about 131-2c per pound, under the influence of vigorous speculative trading and large American consumption. The quotation of 32 cents per pound was made at one time, when excitement ran highest. At the close the market price was about 7c per pound below the highest of the year, yet fully 6c per pound above market value at the close of 1898.

Lead advanced sharply under the influence of "combine" control, and more than average trade demand. Spelter fluctuated somewhat mildly in price but operations have been ordinary. The movements in price were largely due to market manipulation and wide fluctuation in cost of ores.

The decided advances in iron, steel and tin plate are indicated by the following quotations:

Pig iron, opening \$11.50, highest, \$22; steel rails, opening, \$18, highest, \$35; tin plate, opening, \$3, highest, \$4.65.

HARDWARE TRADE NOTES.

Pig tin advanced in the London market last week.

The production of refined copper by the Lake Superior mines in 1898 was 157,835,729 pounds. The 1899 production is estimated at 157,500,000 pounds.

The output of pig iron of the United States for 1899 is now placed at 13,400,000 tons; copper, 262,000 tons; lead, 205,000 tons, and spelter, 107,000 tons.

Canadian manufacturers have advanced the price of lawn mowers, the best make now ranging from \$7.50 to \$10.00 according to size. The discount is 40 per cent. Further advances are predicted.

Canadian rope makers have advanced their prices 1 to 11-2c per pound as our eastern advices of last week showed. Their quotations are still below United States makers to a substantial amount and, owing to disagreement among themselves, likely to remain so.

Plain galvanized wire and barbed wire, of United States manufacture,

has been advanced \$2.50 per ton for the Canadian market. Importers were notified to that effect last week.

By a reduction in the discount, the price of revolving churns to Canadian jobbers has been advanced about 5 per cent. The discounts are now 58 per cent. from factory and 56 per cent. from stock, Montreal. Dash churns are also higher by 5 per cent.

The new price list on grain cradles at factories reads as follows: Grain cradles, wood brace, without scythes, are listed at \$27 per dozen, and ditto with scythes at \$18.25 per dozen. Extras are: Grain cradles with iron brace, add \$5.60 per dozen; fitting scythes, \$2.80. Discounts: 25 to 33 1-3 per cent. off the list.

Paris green has been advanced 40 per cent by eastern makers on account of the higher prices of chemicals and copper. Quotations, f. o. b. Montreal, are now as follows: Paris green, petroleum bbls., 17 3-4c; arsenic cakes, 50 lb., 18c; drums of 50 and 100 lbs., 18 1-2c; 25 lb. drums, 19c; 1-lb. tins, 20 1-2c; 1-lb. packages, 19 1-2c; 1-2-lb. packages, 21 1-2c; 1-2-lb. tins, 23 1-2c.

Dairy Trade Notes.

The New York butter market has been displaying exceptional strength lately.

The Manitoba government dairy school opened for the winter season on Monday.

Fur Trade Notes.

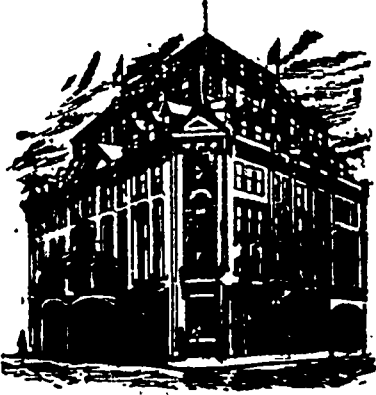
Fox continues in extreme favor right up to the close of the season, and we think the article will be one of the leaders for 1900.

At the public sale of salted fur seal-skins held by C. M. Jamison & Co., London, December 15, Alaskan sold eighty per cent, North West Coast forty per cent, Cape Horn forty per cent, and Lobes Island skins thirty per cent higher than in December, 1898.

During the first week in December muskrats borrowed through the bank of the Delaware and Raritan canal near Trenton causing a break which necessitated the withdrawal of all the water from the canal in order to repair the damage, and causing complete cessation of navigation for several days. Muskrats are sometimes rather expensive, but ought not to be quoted too high, in early price lists.—New York Fur Trade Review.

An unusually large number of illustrations grace the number of The Canadian Magazine which opens the new year. These include several full page military pictures, a number of photographs taken in and about Canterbury cathedral, at the Henley regatta last year, and in and about Constantinople. The articles which these illustrations accompany are brightly written. The opening contribution is a charming story of the Northwest by W. A. Fraser, the Canadian Kipling. The Hon. J. W. Langley contributes a Nova Scotian story. Robert Barr's strictures on Canadians as book buyers are repiled to by the six pigs whom he scored for placing Dickens before Thackeray. C. A. Bramble, in his series on the Big Game of Canada, writes of the wapiti and antelope, and Arthur Heming contributes a drawing of a Manitoba wapiti or elk. Ernest H. Cooper deals with "The Principles Underlying the Trust," and Blandell Cameron tells why he believes that the Red Indian will soon be exterminated in Canada.

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THE IMPLEMENT TRADE.

BINDER TWINE.

The following items of binder twine are from the Farm Implement journal of Minneapolis:

Fibre prices continue firm and twine prices follow the fibre quotations. To show how closely the demand for fibre is running to the stocks on hand the following figures are taken from a New York broker's report for Dec. 1: The stock of sisal hemp in the hands of importers and speculators in the United States on that date was 2,829 bales, and the price quoted was 81-2 to 85-3c; Dec. 1, 1898 the stock of sisal hemp in the hands of importers and speculators was 73,146 bales, and the quoted price 6 cents. On the same date the stock of manila hemp in 1899 was 704 bales, and the price quoted 141-4 to 141-2c; in 1898, the stock on hand was 14,905 bales, and the quoted price 61-4c.

There has been considerable talk about the use of New Zealand hemp for the manufacture of twine next season, but it is not considered practical by twine men, and manufacturers do not seem to regard the plan of mixing New Zealand and manila, or New Zealand and sisal, with much favor. There seems to be a difference of opinion, also, with reference to the amount of manufactured twine carried over. The estimates on such stocks run from 20,000 to 30,000 tons. A majority of dealers would prefer to handle fresh stocks, but a great quantity of this carried over twine will be placed through brokers, who will undoubtedly be in a position to shade prices somewhat for the purpose of cleaning up. Quotations for new twine have not changed, and prices are not guaranteed. The quotations ruling in the open market are as follows:

	Cents.
Sisal, 500 feet.....	111-2
Standard, 500 feet ...	111-2
Manila, 600 feet... ..	141-2
Puro manila, 650 feet... ..	16

Add a quarter of a cent a pound for less than car lots.

Dealers in binder twine generally seem disposed to take advantage of present conditions in the market to abolish the guarantee clause in binder twine contracts. It is known that with but two or three exceptions, the handlers of binder twine in every part of the country are refusing to make the guarantee clause a part of their contracts under any conditions whatever. Manufacturers and jobbers have long regarded this clause as obnoxious, and have been merely waiting a favorable opportunity to rebel against its further use. It is entirely a one-sided affair, practically amounting to the jobber waiving all right to increased compensation should prices advance, and agreeing to shoulder the losses should prices decline. No such absurd agreement as this is expected on other lines, and no better opportunity for freeing themselves from this rule will ever be presented to the twine trade.

NEW FREIGHT CLASSIFICATIONS.

The change in freight classification, which goes into effect Jan. 1 and Jan. 15 will mean a decided advance in rates on vehicles and implements. It is as much the reduction of the minimum carload weight on vehicles as the higher classification which contributes to this result. The reduced minimum is equivalent to an advance

in rates of 25 per cent, and will add from \$20 to \$25 per car on vehicles brought from eastern points to the Mississippi river.

The trunk line committee, representing the eastern railroads has announced that on Jan. 1 agricultural implements will be advanced one class. The change will affect both car load and less than car load shipments. Also the special rates heretofore granted on goods returned to manufacturers for repairs will be withdrawn, and such shipments hereafter will take regular rates. As the jurisdiction of the trunk line committee is limited to the territory east of Buffalo N. Y., this ruling will not affect any great percentage of the goods shipped into the Northwest; and though some parts of the supplies for this section come from within the territory affected most of them are shipped by the water route. The promulgation of this order will impose on the freight and classification committee of the National Association of Agricultural and Vehicle Manufacturers an unexpected burden. The reasonable contention of the manufacturers of implements has been that with an increased tonnage they were entitled to a more liberal rate, and the freight committee of the national association has labored to that end with good results. The action of the eastern railroads seem to indicate their belief that the heavier the shipments the more the shipper should be made to pay, proportionately, for the service, and some of the work of the committee must be done over. President Mellen, of the Northern Pacific railroad, is reported to have said recently that the heavy traffic with which the railroads were now favored made it possible to retain a higher rate for transportation, and the roads were thus able to make good earnings. This presaged the move on the part of the western lines in accord with the precedent established by the trunk line committee. For Mr. Mellen is said to have stated, also that a uniform classification on freight was not feasible, because of the different conditions in different sections of the country. As the new classification in the east brings the two sections closer together so far as this point is concerned the western classification committee has decided to put agricultural implements up a notch, just to emphasize the difference in conditions between the east and the west.

The Great Northern Railway put into effect on December 8 a new schedule of freight rates, affecting the entire Northwestern territory within 800 miles of the Twin Cities. Minneapolis and St. Paul have always been enabled to ship goods into this territory on what was called a distributing rate, somewhat lower than the rate accorded the small towns located along the line. Some time ago the cities of Fargo and Grand Forks, N. D., and Crookston, Minn., were granted this same distributing rate, and on the date above named the Great Northern issued a schedule which grants this distributing rate to all points on the line within 800 miles of the terminals. The reduction is equivalent to from 10 to 20 per cent. The change affects first, second, third and fourth class freights. Articles carried under special commodity rates are not affected.—Farm Implements, Minneapolis.

IMPLEMENT TRADE NOTES.

The proposed combination of threshing machine companies in the United

States has fallen through owing to opposition of some of the leading manufacturers.

North Dakota implement dealers are organizing for the purpose of buying and receiving their stocks more advantageously. A meeting was held in Grand Forks recently for this purpose. Single purchases of goods for the entire group of dealers will be made.

United States plow manufacturers have not yet announced the 21-2 per cent. advance on prices of their goods which was predicted for Dec. 15, but unless there is an early change in the raw material market they will be obliged to make a change in that direction.

It is said that since the threshing machine makers of the United States have failed to affect their proposed combination, they will indulge in some keen price cutting this season, and already there are preliminary signs of this in the shape of special prices, terms and discounts for future deliveries.

The manufacturers of the Racylee bicycle, made at Middletown, Ohio, are organizing a company at Toronto, where they will establish a Canadian branch factory. This is a well known high grade wheel, which has had a considerable sale in Canada. A. C. McRae will handle the wheel in Winnipeg this year.

The Studobaker Bros. Manufacturing Company, of South Bend, Ind., recently made a shipment of 300 wagons to be used for transportation purposes and ambulance wagons, by the British army in South Africa. The wagons are built very much like the wagons built in the American army, and have a carrying capacity of 6,500 pounds. The order was received about three months ago, and was accompanied by specifications as to what was needed, but to facilitate shipment the agent of the British government substituted some of the features of the army wagon as used in this country in place of the requirements demanded by the original specifications.—Farm Implements.

Jobbers report that the vehicle factories of the United States are exceedingly busy at this time says Farm Implements of Minneapolis, and they find it more difficult to secure prompt shipments of vehicles than ever before in the history of the business. This is perhaps due, to some extent, to the fact that the demand for wheeled vehicles continues because of a lack of snow. But it is mainly due to the fact that farmers generally are in good financial shape, and able to indulge in such luxuries as buggies, etc., on account of the three good crops they have had in succession, and the fair prices received. The advance in prices of vehicles has apparently little effect on the demand, as dealers believe it is to their interest to have a stock of fresh new goods rather than goods carried over from previous seasons which might be bought at lower prices. Experience has taught that it is not the cheapest vehicles, but the most attractive line of work, displayed in the most attractive manner to show style and finish that attracts the bulk of the vehicle trade. It was feared the demand for vehicles would be light during the present season, because of an exceedingly wet spring in 1899, but if orders to date are a fair criterion, the vehicle business of 1900 will be the heaviest in the history of the trade.

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The Winnipeg Rubber Company will erect a warehouse in the city this year.

It is reported that McIlvride & Lane, coal and wood dealers, Brandon, will dissolve partnership on Feb. 7.

A. E. Hill & Co. have purchased the stock and good will of the late firm of Parkin & Moore, at Hartney.

The sum of \$4,746.90 was raised by public subscription in Winnipeg for the benefit of the South African war contingent.

Several accidents have been recorded as a result of the unsafe condition of the ice on Lake Winnipeg. Last week a team of horses broke through and were drowned.

Hetherington Bros., fruit and confectionery, Souris, have dissolved. R. J. Hetherington has bought Medill's fruit and confectionery store, while R. C. Hetherington will continue the old business.

J. T. Cook, J. A. Fitzpatrick and F. Marshall have formed a partnership for the purpose of carrying on an implement business, at Souris and Elgin, under the firm name of Cook, Marshall & Fitzpatrick.

The Selkuk Journal reports that considerable interest was awakened in that town a few days ago by the arrival of a C. P. R. survey party which commenced making a survey northward from the town.

The Dominion Express Company has opened offices at Crandell and Minota, on the extension of the G. N. W. C. railway. Express from Winnipeg for these points is forwarded on the M. & N. W. R. train on Tuesday and Thursday.

Edward Boyce, proprietor of Boyce's Carriage Works, Winnipeg, has formed a partnership with Henry Hilton, and the business will hereafter be carried on under the name of the Boyce Carriage Co. Mr. Hilton brings considerable capital with him, which will put this important local industry in first class shape financially. Mr. Hilton will take charge of the office, leaving Mr. Boyce to give his entire attention to the mechanical departments. This industry is one which has expanded considerably, notwithstanding that Mr. Boyce has been hampered by lack of sufficient capital in the past. With the general improvement in trade and the addition of ample funds, the business will no doubt prove a profitable one.

Assinibota.

E. C. Armstrong is opening in the wholesale liquor business at White-wood.

John Dobbin, of Regina, and W. C. Neelands, of Winnipeg, have purchased the general stock of Tuning & Gilroy, insolvents, Regina, from the creditors for 66 1-2c on the dollar. They will carry on the business as before.

Alberta.

Mrs. Mary E. Wright has opened a grocery store at Millet siding, on the Calgary and Edmonton railway.

Northwest Ontario.

The Fort William by laws for blast furnace and copper smelter carried by large majorities.

Manitoba Produce for South Africa.

The Meeredy Manufacturing Syndicate, which has a large factory at Winnipeg for the manufacture of ovo, a concentrated egg product, has secured another order from the imperial government for a supply of this excellent article to the troops in South Africa, which was shipped on Thursday. This makes the fifth shipment of ovo from Winnipeg to South Africa since the war commenced. The article is largely used in the hospitals and for mess purposes. It serves every purpose of the natural egg. The Meeredy Syndicate are now regular contractors to the war office and expect to supply large quantities of ovo from this and their other factories this year.

New Machinery Company.

Last week The Commercial mentioned the fact that a re-arrangement of the machinery partnership at Winnipeg known as Stuart & Harper was being made by which John Arbuthnot, a prominent city lumber dealer, becomes a partner. The new firm has now been fully completed and will take the form of a joint stock company. John Arbuthnot has bought out the interest of Mrs. M. J. Harper, widow of the late Arthur Harper, and the style is now The Stuart-Arbutnot Machinery Company, Limited. A new warehouse adjoining the present premises on Main street north is to be erected at once the plans for which show a fine two-storey frame building. All the old connections of the company will be retained and some new lines to be announced later will be added. General machinery supply will be the main business.

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FINANCIAL

THE TRUST MENACE.

For more than a year the trust situation has been a source of alarm to us, says the United States Investor. On February 11, 1899, we printed an editorial entitled "The Next Financial Panic." A panic was the last thing the stock market was thinking of at that time. Among other things, we said: "The subject is a ghastly one; and we should not refer to it at this juncture, were it not that the links out of which the next panic is to be constructed are now being forged before our very eyes. To put the case plainly, a state of affairs is being evolved which must inevitably produce a financial crash of the greatest magnitude. Trusts are the agency which will produce the next panic in this country. In one way or another, panics are always the result of inflation. Early crisis in this country were produced by inflating land values, or bank note issues. That of 1873 was occasioned by an inflation of general prices. The panic of 1893 was produced by silver inflation. The next occurrence will unquestionably be traced back to the present inflation of corporation capitalizations; in other words, to the appalling stock watering of to-day."

WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS.

Returns from the Winnipeg Clearing House for the week ending January 11th, show as follows:

Week ending Jan. 11, 1900 \$2,588,500
 Corresponding week, 1899 1,885,503
 Corresponding week, 1898 1,614,321

The monthly totals for this year and last are as follows:

	1899.	1898.
January	\$7,683,052	\$6,317,168
February	6,209,471	5,517,000
March	6,756,094	5,968,000
April	6,916,431	6,240,000
May	7,472,855	8,083,864
June	8,211,716	7,396,799
July	8,169,595	6,316,238
August	7,995,291	6,180,385
September	8,281,169	6,414,551
October	12,689,000	9,347,692
November	14,435,219	11,553,669
December	12,966,905	10,708,799
Totals	\$107,780,814	\$90,674,825

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

The financial stringency in the great money centres is having its influence in the Winnipeg market. Money rates here are very firm and the banks are holding the purse strings tight. New accounts are not as urgently sought for as they once were, and it is increasingly difficult for other than regular customers to secure money. The stringency has been felt the keenest in the grain trade. The banks are refusing business at 7 per cent from grain men, whereas formerly business was done freely at 6 per cent, on wheat, and where an advance is made a margin of 10 cents per bushel is asked, while formerly much business was done on a 5-cent margin. Seven per cent on wheat, with a margin of 10 cents per bushel in favor of the bank, under ordinary circumstances would be considered excellent business, with practically a cash security, particularly when the present comparatively low price of wheat is concerned. But with the Bank of England rate at 6 per cent

and money in active demand at extraordinarily high rates at the money centres in the east, a 7 per cent rate here on wheat is not particularly enticing.

FINANCIAL NOTES.

The Equitable Life preliminary statement places their business for last year at \$200,000,000

Total bank clearings at Toronto last year were \$504,000,000, an increase of \$67,000,000 over 1898, and of \$133,000,000 over 1897.

During the month of October defaulting to the amount of \$512,850 were reported from various parts of the United States and Canada.

The secretary-treasurer of the municipality of south Qu'Appelle is prepared to receive offers for the sale of 20-year 6 per cent debentures.

The total coinage executed at the mints of the United States during the year 1899 was \$139,243,191, as follows: Gold, \$111,314,220; silver, \$26,061,519; minor coins, \$1,837,451.

The fire losses of the United States and Canada for the year 1899 amounted to \$136,773,200, an increase of \$17,600,000 over the previous year, and of \$26,000,000 over 1897. The December loss amounted to \$13,260,650.

The accountant of La Banque Ville Marie has been condemned to serve three years in the penitentiary for fraud. In pronouncing judgment upon the case, His Honor Mr. Justice Wurtel remarked upon the conduct of the accused, that instead of trying to straighten the tangled affairs of the bank, he increased them by prevarication.

The Merchants Bank of Halifax is seeking powers to change its name to the Royal Bank of Canada. This is to do away with the difficulties which sometimes arise as a result of the similarity between the old name of this bank and the Merchants Bank of Canada. The operations of the bank will also be extended so as to include all of Canada. D. H. Duncan has retired from the management and has been succeeded by E. L. Pease.

The director of the United States mint places the production of gold in that country for the year 1899 at \$76,694,170, or about \$5,230,000 more than the output in 1898, and the production of silver at \$74,124,781, as against \$70,384,453 in 1898. The estimated gold production by states in 1899 follows: Nevada, \$2,142,000; Washington, \$806,202; Oregon, \$1,350,387; Alaska, \$1,609,819; California, \$1,952,392; Idaho, \$2,180,620; Montana, \$4,919,897; Utah, \$3,363,509; Appalachian States, \$337,314; Colorado, \$26,000,060; South Dakota, \$6,120,000; Arizona, New Mexico and other states are mentioned as producing small amounts.

Insurance Items.

Vice president Hobart, of the United States, carried insurance policies at the time of his death equal to \$100,000 with the Equitable.

Canada is to have another life insurance company. Notice has been given that an application will be made to the parliament of Canada at its next session for an act to incorporate The Crown Life Insurance Company for the purpose of doing a general life insurance business.

At the end of 1899 the total combined assets of all the standard life insurance companies of the United States

amounted in round figures to \$1,500,000,000. This vast sum consists of money and securities held in trust for, belonging to and in time to be all paid with added earnings to the policyholders.

A new point in insurance is involved in the case of the death of George W. Goodrich, of Webster City, Iowa. He carried a \$2,000 policy in the A. O. U. W. Three days before his death his physician was dismissed and Christian Science treatment substituted. The order refuses to pay the claim unless a physician's proof of death is submitted or the body is disinterred and a post mortem held. The physician refuses to certify.

Railway and Traffic Matters.

The construction of the link of the Crow's Nest Railway between Balfour and Nelson, is to be undertaken at once. Tenders have been called for, for the work. At present Kootenay Lake is used as a connecting link for this part of the line.

The Manitoba Southeastern has arranged to haul wheat from the terminals of the line in Northern Minnesota, via Winnipeg, for Duluth. This part of Minnesota has no connection with the railway system of the state, and the advent of the Manitoba road is a great convenience to the people.

It is stated says Bradstreet that the Great Northern Railroad Company is to invite their employees, including conductors, engineers and other trainmen, to become stockholders of the company in February next. It is understood that the management of the railway system has decided to recommend to the stockholders a plan for the distribution of a large block of the company's shares among the men who have been in the service of the company for a certain number of years. It is said that the plan will be to increase the company's capital stock 10 per cent, and to allow the men to subscribe for a round amount at par.

Montreal, Jan. 8.—President Shaughnessy, speaking of the C. P. R. during 1899, said the gross receipts of the C. P. R. for the year were about \$3,000,000 greater than for the year before. The running expenses were also heavier because everything has advanced in price. Until figures are all in and placed before the board, he could not say more except that there will be a substantial increase in the net receipts. Continuing, he said: "I may point out, however, the gross receipts last year were about ten million greater than in 1895. Of course, we have a greater mileage now but that does not account for the whole of the increase. It is largely due to general good times. We raised the freight rates somewhat, but on examination it will be found that the average rate for '99 was lower than that for '98."

With the Grand Trunk, which has known so many dark days, business was equally satisfactory. The gross receipts for the year were about \$2,500,000 greater than in 1898 and about threefourths of this increase was in the freight department.

Quite a number of orders from the imperial government for supplies for the military operations in South Africa are finding their way to Canada. Winnipeg is not considered a manufacturing centre, but it is worthy of note that an important order for saddles is being filled here for South Africa.

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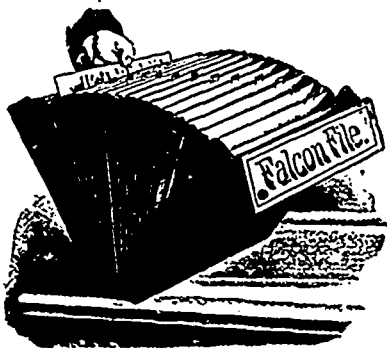
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The Winnipeg Industrial.

The manager of the Winnipeg Industrial returned yesterday from the east, where he has been spending four weeks' holidays. He states that he met with very gratifying responses to applications he made on behalf of the Industrial, both from the minister of the Interior and the Canadian Pacific railway. The gift from the C. P. R. of an amount equal to the revenue they derive from freight on exhibits is indeed a donation worthy of a twentieth century fair and the sum received from the department of the Interior will enable the board to erect the British Columbia building, which should prove one of the most useful, as well as one of the most attractive features on the grounds. He had an opportunity of discussing the principal features of the British Columbia building and exhibit with Mr. Flummerfelt, ex-president of the Victoria board of trade, and an ex-Winnipegger, and also with Mr. Lewis, a leading lumberman, and both these gentlemen seemed very much impressed with the idea, and kindly promised to take the matter up with the British Columbia government and lumber companies interested on their return to the Pacific coast.

When asked if the Northern Pacific Railway Company and other railways had decided to make any grant towards assisting next year's exhibition, Mr. Fleubach said, that, so far he had not had an opportunity of discussing the subject with them, but in the past the association had always been treated with such consideration, that he felt every confidence that the other railway companies would do everything in their power to make Winnipeg's twentieth century fair, the greatest by far in the history of the association.

The Spread of the English Language.

English as the medium of converse has made rapid progress throughout the civilized countries of the world during the century, the last year of which we have started on. On this head a few statistical facts taken from the Journal of Commerce may prove instructive, we quote: "When the century began these people numbered only 22,000,000, or 16,000,000 less than the people who spoke German. 12,000,000 less than those who spoke French and 10,000,000 less even than those who spoke Spanish. As the century draws to its close, the people who speak English as their mother tongue number 127,000,000—an increase of 477 per cent. and a greater number than all the people who speak French and German combined. At the end of the last century there were in these United States only 5,000,000 inhabitants, the census with which this one will terminate will hardly show less than 75,000,000. In the same period the population of the United Kingdom has grown from 16,000,000 to 41,000,000, and the colonies of English race have increased from a few hundred thousand to between 11,000,000 and 12,000,000. At the beginning of the century the population of the European continent was 170,000,000. At its close the total approaches 848,000,000. Thus, while at the end of the last century the English-speaking family was outnumbered by the nations of continental Europe in the proportion of 8 to 1, it is outnumbered by them to-day in the proportion of 2.7 to 1 only."

MINING MATTERS.

B. C. GOLD DISCOVERY.

The Victoria correspondent of the Toronto Globe furnishes that paper with the following on a new mineral discovery which is reported to have been made in British Columbia recently: "Herr K. Ludloff, German geologist, who since last summer has been living in Cariboo, in the interests of an association of Baltic Russian noblemen, who wish to replant the fir forest in Lintonia from British Columbia cones, has made a discovery of great importance. Herr Ludloff is in camp on Woodpecker Island, in the Fraser River, a considerable distance above Quesnelle, where he has been collecting seeds of indigenous British Columbia trees for the purpose named. While doing so he discovered extensive deposits of gold-bearing conglomerates, intersected by veins and dykes of quartz rich in gold and iron pyrites, similar to the occurrence of gold in the Transvaal. From observations made by him Herr Ludloff believes he has struck the main source of the rich placers of the Fraser river, which were a feature of the early mining excitement in this province. He has also found huge deposits of red hematite, partly soft like the steel ore of Lake Superior region, also bearing free gold. The location of this find is in the Upper Fraser valley, about twenty to thirty miles south of Fort George. The formation in which the discoveries were made is archaean, the oldest crystalline states. A majority of the discoveries are workable from the surface, and all are close to a navigable river. There is an abundance of timber and water-power to facilitate operations. The climate is similar to that of eastern Ontario or southern Wisconsin, and Quesnelle is the nearest postoffice and telegraph station.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The following new companies have been incorporated: The Yellows one Mines, of West Kootenay, capital \$75,000; Montgomery Company, of Nelson, capital \$20,000; Blue Mountain Mining Company, of Trail, capital \$20,000.

Among the new companies incorporated is the Northern Belle Consolidated Gold Mining Co., of Rossland; The Bosun Mines, Ltd., of London, Eng., is registered as an extra-Provincial Company with head office at New Denver.

What is reported to be the richest lot of ore ever shipped from Rossland was sent out from the I. N. L. mine to the Trail smelter two weeks ago. It consisted of half a ton of high grade, free milling ore, the assay value of which was nearly \$1,200, making it run about \$2,400 per ton.

The ore shipments from Rossland camp for the first six days of the new year ending Jan. 6., totalled 4,375.5 tons, a daily average of over 745 tons. Following are the details: Le Roi, 1,606; War Eagle, 1,449; Centro Star, 1,008; Iron Mask, 252; Monte Cristo, 185; I. N. L., 25; total tons, 4,475.

The Mollie Gibson mine in the Nelson district, has begun ore shipments after a long period of litigation. The first carload was sent to the smelter on December 30th, that being the date of the completion of the new wagon road. About 300 tons of ore are now sacked. Shipments are being sent to the Hall mines smelter at Nelson.

The shareholders of the Republic Consolidated Gold Mining Company are in-

formed that a subsidiary company has been formed, composed of the controlling interest in the Quilp Mining Company, of Republic, Washington; three-fourths undivided interest in the Valley Group, consisting of three mineral claims, near Republic, Washington; and the entire interest in the Yankee Girl, Yankee Boy, and Bell Mines, in the Boundary district of British Columbia, and to be known as the Boundary-Republic Mines, Limited, non-personal liability, with a capital of \$1,500,000. The shareholders of the Republic Company are offered 700,000 shares at 30 cents per share.

The Marble Bay mine, which is situated about half a mile from the Van Anda mine on Texada Island and largely owned by Toronto people, is now shipping regularly to the Van Anda smelter. The ore is copper, gold and silver, and the average value is about \$24 per ton. A shipment made on December 19, weighed 228 tons, for which the smelting works paid, after deducting smelting charges, the sum of \$3,295.97. Texada Island is becoming a large mining camp, the monthly mine pay rolls on the island now amounting to over \$20,000. There is at present a population of nearly 800 people around Van Anda and Texada City, and new houses are going up every week. Mackenzie & Mann have purchased five copper claims on Texada Island, three miles from the Marble Bay mine, and have a force of men sinking three shafts. The Van Anda smelter has been running without a stop for four months.

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO.

A five stamp mill has been installed on the Crown Point mine.

As a result of a 23 days run at the Mikado mine, Rat Portage, \$18,000 was realized.

The Nino mine on Li Lake has been sold to Wm. Cripple, of St. Catharines, Ont., for \$21,000 and one-fifth of the stock of the company.

The Glass Reef mine, Manitou district, employs 25 men. A shingle and saw mill is being added to this plant. A three drill compressor is now steadily at work and the ore samples assay very satisfactory to the owners.

A special cable to the Montreal Gazette from London, dated January 6, says: The butter market was steadier during the past week, and the demand was rather better. Occasionally 10½ was realized, but the ruling quotations were 98s to 100s. The stock of butter is lighter than it was last week. Cheese continues firm under light stocks and a brisk demand. Prices however, remain the same as they were last week, 59s to 61s, but these figures are more easily obtained.

According to the Marine Review an output of 18,500,000 gross tons of iron ore is to be credited to the Lake Superior region for the year 1899. Official returns from dock managers at all the shipping ports show a total movement by water of 17,901,358 tons, to which will be added 500,000 to 600,000 tons of all-rail shipments. The great increase in lake commerce during the last year will be understood when it is noted that the ore movement alone is 32 per cent in excess of 1898. The total movement, lake and rail, in 1898, was 14,024,073 tons; in 1897, 12,469,688 tons; and in 1896, 9,934,828 tons, so that there has been almost a doubling up of shipments in four years.

Lumber [Trade Notes.

The Brunette Saw Mill Co., of New Westminster, B. C., are building a new planing mill at Sapperton.

Lumber shipments from Montreal to the United Kingdom during 1899 amounted to 248,870,746 feet, a decrease of nearly 42 million feet from the year before.

According to one authority there are ninety-three paper and pulp mills in Canada, owned or operated by forty-nine companies. Two new mills are now under construction.

Griffin Home & Co., lumber millers, Fort William, have secured a contract for supplying about four million feet of lumber to the Ogilvie Milling Company for use in the building of their large mill at that point.

F. W. Jones, manager of Columbia River Lumber company, with headquarters at Golden, B. C., was in Winnipeg this week, visiting old friends. Mr. Jones reports business good in the lumber trade with them, his company having all the business it could handle to advantage last year. The company operates four mills in British Columbia.

The crown timber commissioner of Quebec has been interviewed by the pulpwood manufacturers of that province and asked to allow a tax placed on pulpwood shipped from the province to the amount of \$1.50 per cord, on which a rebate of \$1.50 should be allowed if the pulp is manufactured in the province and shipped as finished paper. At present there is a tax of 40c per cord on pulpwood in Quebec, whether it is shipped or not.

An edition of E. B. Biggars "Boer War, its Causes, and its Interests to Canadians" is being published, the profits from which are to be devoted to the care of women and children dependent upon Canadian soldiers fighting in South Africa. The selling price of this work is 10 cents per copy. Its publishers are, Biggar, Samuel & Co., publishers, Toronto and Montreal.

Statistics of lake commerce through the Sault Ste. Marie canals show an increase in some of the principal items during the past season as compared with the previous year. There were 20,255 vessels engaged in the traffic, being 2,494 more than during 1898. The principal freight items which show an increase are hard coal, grain (other than wheat), salt, iron ore and lumber. Those which declined are soft coal, flour, wheat, iron and copper.

The McLaughlin Carriage Co., recently burned out at Oshawa, Ont., has leased the carriage factory at Gananoque, Ont., formerly operated by the Thousand Island Carriage Co. The McLaughlin Co. will rebuild a large factory at Oshawa at once, upon which work has already been commenced and the headquarters of the company will remain at Oshawa. The Gananoque factory will be used in the meantime, with the object of supplying as fully as possible the orders taken by the company for the spring trade though the factory is not nearly as large as the one burned at Oshawa.

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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Saturday, January 13, 1900.

Business continues quiet and steady with an undercurrent of strength in regard to prices and future contracts which is decidedly encouraging to the merchants of both city and country. Most city houses have their travellers on the road and report a fair return of orders of a sorting character and for spring trade. A fair amount of shipping of reasonable goods is going on. Hardware prices are again on the rise and there is every prospect that the upward movement of 1899 will be continued this year. It is hard to see how it could be otherwise when the extremely high prices of raw material are taken into consideration, coupled with the fact that manufacturers are in most cases away behind with their orders. Sugars advanced again this week which is the principal feature of interest in regard to groceries. The movement of grain and produce of domestic production is light and prices show very little fluctuation. Collections are poor, as they have been for some time, but an improvement may be expected now that the weather is more seasonable. A moderate fall of snow this week has given the long desired sleighing which should improve trade in both town and country. Bank clearings at Winnipeg fully maintain their high level as compared with last year and other previous years. For the week ended Thursday they amounted to \$2,588,500 as compared with \$1,885,503 the same week in 1899, an advance of \$702,997. Money is in good demand at the banks and the rate of interest remains unchanged at 6 to 7 per cent according to name.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Saturday, Jan. 13, 1900.

(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.

Lard is the strongest article in this list at present and the price for pure leaf, steam rendered, is firm at \$1.70. The demand for lard is good. Hams, bacon, rolls, etc., all hold steady at previous quotations and are in good demand.

DRUGS.

As predicted some weeks ago carbolic acid is becoming dearer and prices here have advanced to 40 to 60c per ounce and likely to go higher. This advance is partly due to the large quantity being taken by the Imperial authorities for use in connection with the South African war. Besides its use in the hospitals it is extensively used in making explosives. Other quotations on drugs remain unchanged, but it is expected that further advances due to war will shortly take place. Lime fruit juice is higher in the east. Business is moderately active at local wholesale houses.

DRY GOODS.

The demand for goods in this line for immediate use is naturally light and local houses are mainly occupied with spring shipments. Travellers are all out on the road again with spring and sorting samples and are doing a fair amount of business. The fact that large stocks of winter goods are still in the hands of retail merchants is making the sorting trade very light and is interfering to some extent with spring orders also. Wholesale houses are receiving advices daily of advances in prices at factories. Silks, cottons, linens and woollens in a manufactured state have all been affected in some way recently. On a number of leading lines wholesale houses are entirely without quotations at present and are glad to get their orders accepted at any price. Only this week two different concerns in the hosiery line in Germany have advised customers here that they cannot accept further orders at present.

GREEN FRUITS.

A light demand and no changes in prices are the features of the fruits market. The destruction of one local house by fire and serious injury at the same time to the stock of another house have lessened the stocks on hand in the city considerably. Auction sales of apples are still being held at local marts and have a bad effect on the demand from regular dealers. Prices are now as follows: California navel oranges, \$4 per case for regular sizes; California seedlings, \$3.50; California lemons per box, \$4.75 to \$5; Messina lemons \$5; apples winter, \$4. per barrel; sweet potatoes, \$5.00 to \$5.25 per barrel; Cape Cod cranberries per barrel \$7.00; coconuts per dozen, 50c; Grenoble walnuts 14c; Marbots 12 1/2c; Tarragona almonds, 15c; filberts, 12c; peanuts, green, 9 to 10c; roasted, 11 to 12c; pecan nuts, 13c per lb, maple sugar, per lb., 11c; apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels; fruit cider put up in 20 and 30 gallon kegs, per gallon, 40c; figs, in boxes, 7c lb.; new California layer figs in 10-pound boxes, \$1.30; new Smyrnas in glove boxes, \$2.00 per dozen; 10-lb. boxes, \$1.75 per box, and 30-pound boxes, \$5.00; dates 7c per lb. in 1-lb. cartons 9c; honey in 1-lb. glass jars, per dozen jars, \$2.50; Spanish onions, \$1.25 per crate; American red onions, 2c per lb.; celery, per dozen, 45 to 50c.

GROCERIES.

There is a moderately active demand for all kinds of seasonable goods. Travellers are all out again after taking their holidays, and are picking up a certain amount of business. In regard to prices the principal change is an advance of 10c to 12 1/2c per 100 pounds in Canadian refined sugars, the latter to country points for carlots. This advance came in two changes of 5c each. It is not unlikely that still higher prices may come shortly. Canned goods still remain firm and unchanged. There seems to be no surplus stock of any kind and holders are firmly maintaining every advance. Canned meats still hold at same prices here although eastern dealers are asking considerably more than when present Winnipeg prices were fixed. The large quantities of canned meats being taken for war purposes is affecting the market to a considerable extent. Green Rio coffee is still advancing at New York, and the feeling is very firm. Although no

changes have been made here an early advance is looked for. Beans are steadily going higher, and it looks as if they would reach the \$2 mark shortly. Japan rice is now selling 1-4c high or at 5c to 5 1/4c per pound. Although dealers are mostly quoting the inside figures, it would cost more to lay this line down. Evaporated apples are somewhat easier and have declined 1-4c, while dried apples are firm and seem to be scarce at old figures. Several reductions have been made in the list of tobaccos of the Empire Tobacco Company showing a decline of 1 and 2c per pound.

HARDWARE.

Business in hardware is good for the season, but cash returns are for the most part slow. Prices are on the advance again. Cut nails have advanced 25c per keg this week, making \$3.40 the base price here to-day and wire nails are up 20c per keg, making \$4.00 the base price per keg. The general situation of the hardware market has again assumed a strongly buoyant tone. In our last issue we recorded several advances in staple goods and our price list this week shows further changes. As indicated above cut and wire nails are now much higher. Eastern mills are running full, something unusual at this season of the year, and in fact many of the mills have not been able to shut down as their custom is at this time for stock-taking and repairs. Factories have large orders on hand which will keep them busy in many cases for several months to come. With these conditions in view there seems little prospect of any easiness in prices for several months. In fact it would not be surprising if still further advances in some lines should shortly be made.

LUMBER.

The demand is naturally light at present. Most dealers are figuring on their spring business and studying the markets. Some minor advances have been made since the first of the year in common boards, which are scarce. The advances amount to 50c to \$1.00 according to dimensions and quality. A large amount of business is already in sight for this year, and it will probably puzzle the mills considerably in the busy season to keep their orders filled. The fact that the Graham & Horne mill at Fort William has taken the whole contract for supply of lumber for the new Ogilvie mill at that point will practically put it out of the market for western business and to that extent lessen the amount of lumber available for consumption in Manitoba. The contract calls for nearly four million feet which is nearly the capacity of the mill.

PAINTS, OIL AND GLASS.

Another of the predicted advances has transpired this week. Red lead, dry, is now 1-2c dearer at 7c per pound. This advance is due to the high price of raw material, and may shortly be followed by a further advance to 7 1/2c. Glass remains unchanged, but is very firm. The United States trust has cut the price of glass 33 1/3 per cent, as has been stated several times recently in these columns and is making every effort to freeze out the independent glass makers of that country. Even at this reduction United States prices are still relatively much higher than Winnipeg prices. Oils remain unchanged here and also turpentine, which has not as yet followed the eastern advance of last week.

RAW FURS.

Furs are moving freely. The de-

mand is active and buyers are keen. Prices current here remain as follows:

	Each	Each
Badgers, prime	\$.25	\$.50
Bears, black, yearlings	5.00	8.00
Bears, black, small...	5.00	12.00
Bears, black, medium...	10.00	15.00
Bears, black, large ...	15.00	25.00
Bears, brown, yearlings	4.00	6.00
Bears, brown, small ...	5.00	10.00
Bears, brown, medium...	10.00	15.00
Bears, brown, large ...	15.00	22.00
Beaver, small	1.50	3.00
Beaver, medium	3.00	5.00
Beaver, large	5.00	7.00
Fishers, dark	6.00	9.00
Fishers, pale	3.00	6.00
Fox, silver dark, large	50.00	125.00
Fox, cross;	5.00	15.00
Fox, red	1.00	3.00
Lynx, large	1.50	3.50
Lynx, middling	1.00	2.25
Lynx, small ... ..	.50	1.50
Marten, large, dark ...	4.00	12.00
Marten, large, pale or brown	3.50	8.00
Marten, large, light pale	2.50	5.00
Mink, large, dark	1.50	2.25
Mink, small, dark	1.00	1.50
Mink, large, light	1.00	1.25
Mink, small, light ... ..	.75	1.00
Musquash, winter ... ..	.02	.10
Otter, large dark	6.00	12.00
Otter, large, pale	5.00	8.00
Skunk, large ... ..	.50	1.00
Wolf, timber, large	2.00	3.00
Wolf, prairie ... ..	.40	.75
Wolverine, large, dark	3.00	3.50
Wolverine, large, pale	1.25	2.00

SCRAP.

Quotations at Winnipeg are now as follows: No. 1 cast iron free from wrought and malleable \$14 per ton; No. 1 stove plate, \$5.00 per ton; wrought iron scrap, \$8.50 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; rubber, free from rivets, buckles and articles, 5c per pound.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—It has been a dull dragging week in the wheat markets. Demand for export and milling continues to be on a very limited scale and the trade is working on a strictly hand to mouth basis. For the last four weeks the world's shipments from exporting countries to importing countries have averaged over 2,000,000 bushels per week less than the weekly requirements, and the quantity on ocean passage is the smallest in nine years and 7,000,000 bushels less than last year. If this is continued a little longer it must stimulate demand in Europe and lead to at least somewhat higher prices. All the large wheat exporting countries are holding back supplies at present, and yet accumulation of stocks is not on the increase. Values are 3-4 to 1c per bushel lower on the week. The American visible supply decreased 399,000 bushels against a decrease the previous week of 587,000 bushels and an increase last year of 465,000 bushels. The world's shipments were 4,414,000 bushels against 5,155,000 bushels the previous week and 8,000,000 bushels the same week last year. The world's visible supply according to Bradstreet's increased 1,287,000 bushels against a decrease previous week of 1,141,000 bushels and an increase last year of 131,000 bushels. American exports from both coasts

this week are considerably increased, being 4,248,926 bushels against 2,509,672 bushels last week and 5,647,000 bushels the same week a year ago. Argentine shipments are much larger also, being 1,216,000 bushels against 672,000 bushels last week, so that the world's shipments this week may run up to about 7,000,000 bushels. Growing crops are doing fairly well. It is coming on towards the critical time for the young winter wheat, when alternate freezing and thawing without sufficient snow covering is much to be feared. The harvest in Argentina has made good progress under favorable weather as has also that in Australia. No improvement in India is reported.

In the local market it has been the slowest week's business in a long time. There are next to no buyers, owing to the money situation. It is remarkable how the value of 1 hard has been held up in the face of such adverse circumstances, but while buyers are few, sellers are not more plentiful, holders being very firm and generally waiting for the return of better prices. The value of 1 hard at the end of the week is 63 1/2c in store Fort William spot, as compared with 64c at the end of last week. In connection with the current prices for Manitoba wheat at Fort William it may be stated that although Manitoba 1 hard and Duluth 1 hard are quoted at the same value as float in New York, the cash price of Duluth 1 hard at Duluth is 3c per bushel higher than the cash price of Manitoba 1 hard at Fort William. This is probably the effect of the stringent money situation on this side. Two hard and 1 northern are 2 1/2c per bushel under 1 hard and 3 hard 6c under 1 hard. One frosted is quoted at 53c, and 2 frosted 49c, all in store Fort William. Rejected 1-1 hard, 60c; rejected, 2-1 hard, 58c; rejected 1-2 hard, 57c; rejected 2-2 hard, 55c; all gross outturn in store Fort Arthur.

FLOUR—The demand is only moderate. We quote prices as follows: Ogilvie's Hungarian patent, \$1.80; Gleason, \$1.70; Manitoba Strong Bakers, \$1.50; XXXX, \$1.10; Lake of the Woods patent, \$1.90; Strong Bakers, \$1.70; Medora, \$1.40; XXXX, \$1.20 per sack of 56 pounds delivered in Winnipeg.

MILLFEED—Bran, in bulk, is worth \$10.50 per ton, and shorts, in bulk, \$11.50 to \$12, with 1c per ton off to dealers. The market for shorts has gone down and up this week, but closes steady at last week's figures. Bran is 50c higher.

GROUND FEED—Oat chop, \$20 per ton, for best. Mixed feed of barley and oats, \$18 per ton; barley chop, \$15 per ton. Oil cake \$27 per ton.

OATS—The market for oats has shown a hardening tendency this week on an active demand and short supply. Prices are to-day about 1c higher than a week ago. Opinions vary as to the reason of the shortage in supply. Some hold that dealers and farmers at country points are holding back the oats for higher prices while other well-informed persons believe that the oats are not in the country. The demand at the various railway camps in the province is being largely supplied by farmers. We quote No. 1 white oats in carloads on track here are worth 27 to 28c per bushel, No. 2 white, 26 to 27c; No. 2 mixed, 25 to 25 1/2c; farmers' loads, 25c. Carlots at country points 21 to 22c.

BARLEY—Receipts very light. All

offerings are being readily taken by feed dealers and brewers, but the movement is extremely light. Maltng grades are worth about 30 to 32c in cars here and feed grades 26 to 28c.

CORN—There is a steady local demand for small quantities. Carlots on track of No. 3 corn are quoted at 32 to 33c per bushel, a decline of 1c per bushel from price of a week ago.

WHEAT—Farmers deliveries throughout the country are extremely light. Prices ruling to-day at country markets to farmers range from 48 to 52c per bushel.

FLAXSEED—Stocks in first hands are about exhausted. Farmers' loads are worth \$1.10 to \$1.20 per bushel.

OATMEAL—Domestic millers are quoting \$1.70 per 80 pound sack to the retail trade. Carlots are worth proportionately less.

HAY—The hay market is demoralized. Offerings are much in excess of requirements and prices are weak and lower in consequence. One dealer says 100 cars could be spared from Manitoba without causing any shortage here. Fresh baled hay is now worth \$5 to \$5.50, a decline of 50c to \$1.00 from a week ago. We quote: Fresh baled, wild hay, \$5.00 to \$5.50; loose hay on the street, \$4.00 to \$5.00.

BUTTER—Creamery—There is nothing doing in creamery butter here. The nominal value at factories is about 22 to 23c per ton.

BUTTER—Dairy—Rather freer offerings have been the rule since the first of the year. Dealers are selling best rolls at from 18 to 20c per pound. Tubs are worth 17 to 20c. Second grades are in very slow demand at from 14 to 16c. Prices are well maintained for best qualities owing to bulk of stock not being up to the mark. Stocks in dealers hands are light, which is to the advantage of shippers.

CHEESE—Stocks in the city are very light and the market is firm at 13 to 13 1/2c per pound for boxes. Some holders are asking 14c.

EGGS—Dealers are selling at 18c to the trade here for fresh Manitoba stock. Eastern eggs rule about the same.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes have firmed up a little and are now worth 45c straight. Receipts are very limited and there are no carlots offering. Cabbage have advanced 1 to 1 1/2c per pound and are now quoted at 3c. Other prices unchanged. We quote as follows: Potatoes, per bushel, 45c; carrots, 37 to 40c; turnips, 25c; beets, 30 to 40c; parsnips, 1 1/2c per pound; dry onions, 75c to \$1 per bushel; cabbage, 3c per pound; celery, 35c per dozen bunches; green house lettuce, 40c per dozen bunches; parsley, 30c per dozen bunches.

DRESSED MEATS—The movement is light and the market without special features. Two more cars of eastern mutton have come in and show good quality. Prices of mutton are low, 8c being the top price now for large lots of mutton or lamb, and 9c for small quantities. Beef is worth 5 1/2 to 6c for choice and 5 to 5 1/2c for second grades. Veal is quoted at 7 to 8c and hogs at 5 3/4 to 6 1/4c. The latter quotation for hogs is generally regarded as being extreme the general quotation being 5 3/4 to 6c, but some packers will pay 6 1/4c for choice selected weights. Ontario hogs can be laid down here in any quantity and of best weights for \$5.80 or \$5.55 per hundredweight.

DRESSED POULTRY—Dealers will pay 11c per pound for turkeys delivered at Winnipeg and 9c for chickens, geese and ducks.

GAME—Rabbits are worth 7c each. Pigeons bring 20c per pair.

HIDES—Receipts have become very light and the market is quiet. The bulk of fall killed hides are now in. Dealers are buying on a basis of 73-1c for No. 1 inspected hides. All offerings, etc. of course. Frozen and the ruling prices for these is 71-1c with a range of from 7 to 71-1c. Branded hides grade No. 2, and bulls, No. 3; kip, 7c; calf, 8 to 81-2c; deakin skins, 25 to 35c each; sheep skins, 40 to 50c each; horsehides, 50 to 75c each.

TALLOW—Dealers are paying 31-2c for No. 1 tallow at country points. No. 2 is worth about 21-2c.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—No movement. About 31-4 would be paid for choice butchers' cattle delivered here. Second grades 21-2 to 3c per pound.

SHEEP—No movement. We quote 4c per pound for choice wethers of sheep and 4 to 5c for lambs.

HOGS—Receipts only fair. There is a good demand for all offerings. Buyers are quoting 43-4c per pound for choice weights, ranging from 15c to 25c pounds, and 41-2c for second grades.

MILCH COWS—There is a steady demand for good milkers with very few offerings. Quotations range from \$25 to \$35 each. Most sales are being made at about \$35.

HORSES—The demand is very light. Some horses are being taken for bush work, but that is about all. A good working team is worth all the way from \$240 to \$275.

Bad Winnipeg Fire.

The Manitoba Produce and Commission Co.'s premises on Bannatyne avenue east, were burnt at an early hour on Thursday, the building and stock being almost a total loss. The loss is estimated at close to \$75,000, covered by \$61,000 insurance. The Manitoba Produce company place their loss at close to \$52,000. The basement of the building was stored with wines and liquors, the stock of Mr. Cordingly, of Geo. Velle & Co. This represents a loss of \$10,000, covered by \$7,000 insurance. The insurance on the stock of the Manitoba Produce Co amounts to \$44,000. The building, a three-story brick structure, belonged to the Turner, McKeand estate and was formerly used by the firm as a wholesale grocery warehouse. Covered by \$10,000 insurance. The cause of the fire is not known.

The Rublee Fruit Co., adjoining, suffered some damage to their stock from smoke, but to what extent it is impossible to state at present.

The Manitoba Produce Co. will have temporary office quarters in the new Nicholson building on Bannatyne street, until they can secure a permanent warehouse. Their stock consisted mostly of eggs, butter, cheese, bacon, green and dried fruits, etc.

The insurance is divided amongst the following companies. On the building—The Liverpool & London Ass. Co., \$5,000; in the Alliance Ass. Co., \$3,500; London & Lancashire Fire Ass. Co., \$2,000.

On the Manitoba Produce Co.'s stock—London Ass., \$15,000; Guardian Fire Ass., \$6,500; Imperial Fire Ass. Co.,

\$3,000; Northern Fire Ass., \$9,000, Canadian Fire, \$3,000; Phoenix of Hartford, \$1,000; Manitoba Fire, \$4,000; Union & Crown, \$2,000, and others, making a total of \$44,000.

On the bonded warehouse with the wines and liquors of C. H. Cordingly—Alliance Fire Assurance, \$1,000; London & Lancashire, \$3,000; Commercial Union, \$3,000.

Death of W. W. Ogilvie.

Word was received in the city yesterday by wire from Montreal that W. W. Ogilvie, the great Canadian miller had dropped dead. Mr. Ogilvie was in apparent good health in the morning and attended a meeting of the directors of the Bank of Montreal in the forenoon. On his way home from this meeting he expired.

There are few Canadians more widely known than Mr. Ogilvie, and this wide reputation was gained as a business man and not as a politician or public man. His enormous business interests extended to every part of the Dominion, and across the oceans to Europe, Asia, Australia and South Africa. His fame as a great miller extended also beyond the boundaries of the Dominion. He was not only the greatest Canadian miller, but one of the greatest millers in the world. The Northwestern Miller named Mr. Ogilvie as one of the three greatest millers of the world, the other two being Chas. A. Pillsbury, of Minneapolis and Carl Haggermacher, of Hungary.

Mr. Ogilvie did a great deal to make Canada known beyond the boundaries of our own country, by the vast industry which he was so largely instrumental in building up. His company's investment in the west represents a large sum. At the very beginning of the development of Manitoba he invested largely in this part of the Dominion, establishing a big flour mill in Winnipeg, with elevators at many points throughout the country. This investment has been increased annually, and now amounts to a vast sum alone, exclusive of his investments at Montreal and elsewhere in Eastern Canada. A year or so ago an oatmeal mill was added to the company's investments in Winnipeg, and this year a large flour mill is being established at Fort William.

Mr. Ogilvie's sudden taking off will not likely interfere with the continuance of his business interests in any department. The western business, carried on under the name of the Ogilvie Milling Co., with headquarters at Winnipeg, has been under the separate management of F. W. Thompson for some years, so that Mr. Ogilvie's death will not necessitate any change in the business here.

The following sketch of Mr. Ogilvie's career is from "Men of the Time":

The late William Watson Ogilvie, miller was the youngest brother of the Hon. A. W. Ogilvie, and was born at Cote St. Michel, Montreal, February 14, 1835. He was educated at the Montreal high school and in 1860 entered into partnership with his brothers, Alex. and John, as grain merchants and proprietors of the Glenora flour mills, on the Lachine canal. Subsequently they built mills at Goderich, Seaford and Winnipeg, and more recently a second mill in Montreal, known as the Royal Mills. After the retirement of his elder brother, in 1874, and the death of his brother John, 1888, the entire business fell into the hands of the subject of this notice. Mr. Ogilvie was the pion-

eer wheat buyer of Manitoba. He possessed a thorough knowledge of wheat, wheat lands and the production of flour, and he was the first to put into operation in Canada the roller milling process, as well as many other of the latest methods of invention in flour-making. He was on the directorate of the old Dominion board of trade, with the Hon. John Young and the Hon. Thos. White, and others; had served both on the council and on the board of arbitration of the Montreal board of trade, and was president of that body for 1893-94; he had been a harbor commissioner and was for one or two terms president of the corn exchange. He served also as president of the St. Andrew's society. He was a director of the Sailors' Institute and of the Bank of Montreal, and president of the Montreal Horticultural society and Provincial Fruit Growers' association. In 1893 he obtained the silver medal of the Jacques Cartier Agricultural society for the best kept farm in that county. He also farms extensively in the west. He was a justice of the peace and in his youth served as a lieutenant and afterwards as captain in the Montreal cavalry under his brother the senator. In religion he was a Presbyterian; politically he was a Conservative, and was elected president of the Liberal-Conservative club, Montreal, in 1896. He married in 1871, Helen, daughter of Joseph Johnston, Paisley, Scot.

The Northwest Miller says of Mr. Ogilvie: "Asked to name the three millers in the world who are prominent both by their individuality and the amount of flour they manufacture, one could scarcely choose but elect those whose portraits are grouped together on the opposite page, Chas. A. Pillsbury, of the United States; W. W. Ogilvie, of Canada, and Carl Haggermacher, of Hungary. Their names are household words wherever their flour is sold, whether at home or abroad. Mr. Ogilvie has always been a progressive miller and was the first to introduce the roller milling process in Canada, having gone to Hungary to study the system immediately after the new method was put into operation there. One who enjoys close acquaintance with Mr. Ogilvie and his methods states that what he does not know concerning wheat, wheat lands and flour is not worth knowing. He traveled Canada's wheat lands years before they were utilized and has done so hundreds and hundreds of times since. He was the pioneer wheat buyer in Manitoba, and has contributed largely to the development of that province. From a small shipment of 500 bushels in 1876, the shipments to his own mills have steadily increased and reached about 4,000,000 bushels this year. An idea of the magnitude of Mr. Ogilvie's business may be had from the fact that notwithstanding that he has the best labor saving machinery, he paid last year (1898) \$226,000 in wages. Mr. Ogilvie has not however, always confined his operations to Canada, for after buying wheat at an early date in most of the wheat districts of that country which were then settled, he went to Chicago in 1856 and was among the first to ship wheat from Chicago to Canada."

McAllister & Watts, wholesale stationers, Winnipeg, did not suffer loss by the burning of the Manitoba Produce Co.'s premises, as has been supposed by some of their friends. They moved a short time ago from this building to the Balfour block, and thus happily escaped the fire.

Toronto Grocery Market.

Toronto, Jan. 13.

SUGARS—Granulated, delivered Toronto, \$4.55 to \$4.58; yellows, from \$3.78 to \$4.48.

SYRUPS—Imperial gallons, medium, 52c; special bright, 35 to 42c.

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

COFFEE—Rio, green, 73-4 to 12 1-2c; Mocha, 25 to 28c; Java, 25 to 32c.

TEAS—Japans, low grade, 18 to 20c per lb; Young Hysons, seconds, 18 to 19c; firsts, 25 to 45c; Indian, 18 to 50c; Congous, low grades, 10 to 15c; mediums, 22 to 25c; and fines 40 to 55c; Ceylons, 17 to 35c; Formosa oolongs, 25 to 65c.

CANNED GOODS—Tomatoes, \$1 to \$1.10, peas, 85 to \$1.10; corn, \$1.10 to \$1.15; beans, 95c; sifted selected peas, \$1.05 to \$1.20, pumpkins, 80c; strawberries, 2's, \$1.65 to \$1.80; raspberries, 2's, \$1.75 to \$2; peaches, 2's, \$1.75 to \$1.80; 3's, \$2.50 to \$2.65; apples, 3's, 85c; gals., \$2.35 to \$2.40. Salmon—Cohoos, prime dark pink fish, \$1.10 to \$1.20; sock-eye, red fish, \$1.30 to \$1.60; lobsters, halves, \$1.75 to \$1.80; tall, lbs., \$2.50; 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, Cochln 20c; cloves, Zanzibar, 18 to 20c; Amboy, na, 22 to 25c; Penang, 23 to 35c; all-voice, 20c; nutmegs, 50c to \$1; cream tartar, pure 25 to 28c, compound 15 to 20c; pepper, black, pure Singapore, 17c, Penang, 16c; compound, 12 to 14c; pepper, pure white, 28 to 30c.

DRIED FRUITS—Raisins, Valencia, fine off stalk 6 1-2 to 6 3-4c; selected, 7 1-4 to 7 1-2c; layers, 7 1-2 to 8c; figs, layers, 10's and 28's, 18 to 20c; two stars, 19c; one star, 18 to 19c; provincial currants, 4 1-2 to 5c; Filigras, 5 to 5 1-2c; Patras 5 3-4 to 6c; Vostizans, 7 to 7 1-2c. California dried fruits—Apricots, 19 to 20c; pears, 16 to 17c; prunes, 70's to 80's, 8c, 80's to 90c, 63-4 to 7c; 90's to 100's, 6 to 6 1-2c; Sultanas, 9 to 13c; Hallowee dates, 5 1-2 to 6c; Malaga, London layers, \$1.95 to \$2 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, 80c; Dehesa, clusters, quarter flats, \$1.25.

NUTS—Shelled Valencia almonds, 25 to 30c; shelled Jordan almonds, 40c; Bordeaux walnuts, 10 1-2 to 11c; shelled walnuts, 24 to 28c; Grenoble, 13 1-2 to 14c; Sicily filberts, 10 to 10 1-2c.

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

PROVISIONS.

PORK—Canada mess, \$14.00; short cut, \$15.50 to \$16; clear and shoulder mess, \$12.50.

DRY SALTED MEATS—Long clear bacon, car lots, 7c; ton and case lots, 7 1-4c; breakfast bacon, 11c; hams, 19 to 11c; rolls, 8c. Green meats out of pickle are quoted at 1c less than smoked.

LARD—Tierces, 63-4c; tubs, 7c, pails, 7 1-4c.

Toronto Hardware and Paint Prices.

Toronto, Jan. 13.

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

BARBED WIRE—L.o.b. Toronto, \$3.72 1-2 per 100 lbs.

BAR IRON—\$2.40 to \$2.50 f.o.b.

BLACK SHEETS—28 gauge at \$3.15 to \$3.50.

BOLTS AND NUTS—Norway bolts, full square, 65 per cent.; common carriage bolts, all sizes, 50 per cent., do., full square, 65 per cent.; machine bolts, all sizes, 52 1-2 per cent.; coach screws, 65 per cent.; sleighshoe bolts, 70 per cent.; blank bolts, 52 1-2 per cent.; bolt ends, 62 1-2 per cent.; nuts, square, 3 1-2c off; nuts, hexagon, 4c off; tapping nuts, 60 per cent.; tire bolts, 60 and 10 per cent.; s.o.v. bolts, 60 and 10 per cent.; plough bolts, 50 per cent.

BRASS—Discount on roll and sheet, 5 per cent.

BUILDING PAPER—Plain building, 28c per roll; tarred lining, 35c; according to quality; tarred roofing felt, \$1.40 per 100 lbs.; carpet felt, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.

CANADA PLATES—All dull, at \$3.25 per 100 lbs.; half polished, \$3.50; and all bright, \$3.85 to \$4.00 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, \$2.60 per barrel.

COIL CHAIN—1-4 inch, \$8.00; 5-16 in. \$5.65; 3-8 in. \$5.05; 7-16 in. \$4.80; 1-2 in. \$4.65; 5-8 in. \$4.45; 3-4 in. \$4.40. Terms net cash.

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

CUT NAILS—\$2.85 per keg f.o.b. Toronto, Hamilton and London.

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

GALVANIZED IRON—28 gauge, \$5.00 per 100 lbs. for English, and \$4.60 for American.

GALVANIZED WIRE—9 gauge \$3.17 1-2, 12 gauge, \$3.62 1-2, 13 gauge, \$3.77 1-2, No. 16, \$3.65.

GLASS—Star, first break in 50 foot boxes, \$2.15, and in 100 ft. boxes, \$4.00. double diamond under 25 unaited inches in 100 ft. boxes, \$6.00; Toronto, Hamilton and London. Terms 4 months or 4 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 50 to 10 per cent for small lots.

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

HORSESHOES—Iron shoes, light, medium and heavy, \$4.00 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, \$4.20; 1 inch, \$5.90; 1 1-4 inch, \$7.85; 1 1-2 inch, \$9.75; 2 inch, \$13.00; 2 1-2 inch to 6 inch, discount, off list, 45 per cent gal. Pipe—1-2 inch, \$6.50; 3-4 inch, \$8; 1 inc' \$11.50; 1 1-4, inch, \$16; 1 1-2, \$20; 2 inch, \$28.50.

LEAD PIPE—Ordinary pipe, 7c; waste, 7 1-2c; discount 15 per cent.

OLD MATERIAL—Agricultural scrap, 70c per cwt.; machinery cast, 70 per cwt, stove cast scrap, 40c; No. 1 wrought scrap, 45c per 100 lbs.; new light scrap copper 12c per lb.; bottoms, 10 1-2c, heavy copper, 14c; light scrap brass, 7c; heavy yellow scrap brass, 10c; heavy red scrap brass, 11c; scrap lead, 2 1-4c; zinc, 3c; scrap rubber, 6c; good country mixed rags, 65 to 75c; clean dry bones, 40 to 50c per 100 lbs.

PIG IRON—Hamilton f.o.b. cars at furnace, \$24 to \$25.

PIG LEAD—Imported at 43-4c to 5c per lb.

PIG TIN—32c per lb. **PORTLAND NETTING**—Discount of 40 per cent.

RIVETS AND BURS—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, 35 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, 13 1-2c; 3-8 inch, 14c; 1 and 5-16 inch, 14 1-2c; Manila, 7-16 in. and larger, 16c; 3-8 in. 16 1-2c; 1-4 to 5-16 in. 17 1-2c; 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, \$2.00.

SCREWS—Flat head bright, 50 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—7 1-4 to 7 1-2c per lb. **SMOOTH STEEL WIRE**—The base is \$3.45 per 100 lbs. f.o.b. factory.

SPADES AND SHOVELS—40 and 5 per cent; steel snow shovels, \$3.10 per dozen.

SPELTER—7 to 7 1-4c per lb. **SOLDER**—Half and half, 19 1-2 to 20 1-2c; refined, 19 to 19 1-2c; wiping, 18 1-2 to 19c.

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.

TERNE PLATE—I.C., \$8.50; I.X., \$10.50.

WIRE NAILS—Base price at \$3.42 1-2 to \$3.50 f.o.b. Toronto and west.

PAINTS AND OILS.

CASTOR OIL—East India, in cases, 8 to 8 1-2c per lb., and 9 to 9 1-2c for single tins.

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

LINSEED OIL—Raw, 1 to 4 barrels 61c; boiled, 66c.

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

PARIS WHITE—80c.

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

PUMICE STONE—Powdered, \$2.50 per 100 pounds for bbis. and 4 to 5c per lb. in small quantities; lump, 10c per lb. in small lots, and 8c per lb. in barrels.

PURTY—We quote: Bulk, \$1.75; bladders, in bbis., \$1.90; bladder, in cases, \$2.05; in tins, \$2.15 to \$2.40.

RED LEAD—Genuine, in casks of 560 lbs., \$5, ditto in kegs of 100 lbs., \$5.25 to \$5.50; No. 1 in casks, of 560 lbs., \$4.75; do, kegs of 100 lbs., \$5.

SEAL OIL—64c per gallon, and yellow seal at 45c.

TURPENTINE—In single barrels, 75c; 2 to 4 barrel lots, 74c.

WHITING—55c per 100 lbs.; gilders' whiting, 75 to 80c.

WHITE LEAD—Ex-Toronto, pure white lead, \$6.87 1-2; No. 1, \$6.50; No. 2, \$6.12 1-2; No. 3, \$5.75; No. 4, \$5.37 1-2; dry white lead in casks, \$5.75.

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

THE COMMERCIAL MEN.**B. C. TRAVELLERS DINE.**

The British Columbia branch of the Northwest Commercial Travellers' Association held its second annual dinner at Vancouver on New Year's evening. The spread was held in Hotel Vancouver, and over one hundred members and guests sat down at the tables. A. O. Campbell, retiring vice-president, occupied the chair. After partaking heartily of the good things provided, the guests proceeded with the toast list, which led to several patriotic outbursts as a result of the enthusiasm engendered by the South African war. Col. Dudley, United States consul took part in the speaking, and so also did Hon. M. P. Morris, Chilian consul.

The B. C. branch of the Travellers' Association now has a membership over 125 and is a healthy and vigorous organization. Already there is talk of establishing rooms at Vancouver which would be a home for the association.

AMONG THE TRAVELLERS

Strachan & Couso have moved their sample room to room 512 McIntyre block.

The McClary Manufacturing Company has announced the following names of travellers for this year in Manitoba, one Territories and British Columbia, John Brockest, Southern Manitoba, H. Niven, Western Manitoba and the Northwest Territories; T. Elka in British Columbia; and W. Turner, agent at Vancouver and Victoria.

G. I. Stephens returned to Winnipeg this week from an extended trip to eastern wholesale and manufacturing centres.

BRITISH COLUMBIA
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Business in British Columbia.

Vancouver, Jan. 8.—The post holiday trade is again reported dull while there are reports of over competition predicted in The Commercial some time ago. This over competition is being severely felt by the smaller firms in some instances with serious results.

The trading stamp craze is another feature working seriously against the success of the smaller merchants, at least so it is claimed by wholesalers. In an interview with a wholesale grocer, the opinion was expressed to the effect that the trading stamp system was a menace to the retail trade, particularly in the grocery business where the margin of profit on staple goods is extremely small. Several merchants organized a competing company to the one that had the field to itself. This not proving effective, a third company was organized among all the smaller and many of the large merchants, significantly called the People's Trading Stamp company, the merchants taking stock in the company, they purchased the stamps from; or rather purchasing the stamps from themselves, and should there be any profit in the venture, applying it to decrease the costs of the stamps to the merchants. Should the pioneer company decide to retire the other two companies would consider that their mission had been fulfilled and they would at once discontinue business.

There are no changes to note this week in the market. The flour and feed business is reported dull. Ontario butter is in demand, and it is thought the price of eggs will be cheaper next week.

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.

Jan. 13.

The market is quiet and few changes are taking place in prices. The only change this week is a decline of \$1 per ton on bran and shorts.

BUTTER—Local creamery, 30c; Australian fresh grass butter, 25 1-2c; Manitoba creamery, 27c; Manitoba dairy, 19c.

EGGS—Fresh local, 50 to 60c per dozen, as to quality; eastern case eggs, 18 1-2c.

CHEESE—15c.

GREEN FRUIT—Oranges, navel \$3.75; seedlings, \$3.25; California lemons, \$1 to \$1.25; bananas, \$2.85. Local apples, 90c to \$1.25 per box; grapes, \$1.75. Japan oranges, 50c per box. Eastern apples, \$3.50 per barrel. Local cranberries, \$7 per bushel.

MEAL—Rolled oats, 90 lb. sack, \$2.50; two 45 lb. sacks, \$2.60; four 22 1-2 lb. sacks, \$2.80; 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.C. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.60; strong bakers, \$4.30; Oregon, \$4.50 per barrel.

GRAIN—Oats, \$24 to \$25 per ton; wheat, \$25.

CURED MEATS—Hams 14c. break; fast bacon 13 to 13 1-2c; backs, 12 1-2c; 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, 3c; whiting, 5c; soles, 6c; smoked

10c; fresh halibut 6c; salmon 6c; blon-ops 8 1-2c; cod 6c per lb.; crabs, 60c dozen.

GAME—Mallards, 60c; pintail 40c; teal 25c; wildgeon 40c per pair; venison 7c; bear 6c lb.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 14c; geese, 12c.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, \$16 per ton; Ashcroft potatoes, \$19 to \$20 ton; cabbage, 1-1-2c per lb.; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12 per ton; red onions, 1c per lb.; silverskins, 2c; tomatoes, \$2 per box; cucumbers, \$2 per box.

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

HAY—Per ton, \$16.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef, 8 to 8 1-2c. mutton, 10 to 11c; pork, 9 to 9 1-2c. veal, 10 1-2 to 11c lb.

LIVE STOCK—Steers, \$3.50 to \$3.75 per 100 lbs.; cows, \$3.25; sheep, \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; hogs, 5c per lb.

DRIED FRUITS—Apricots, 17c; peaches 10 to 12c. pitted plums, 12c; prunes, French 5 to 7 1-2c per lb.; London layer raisins, \$2 box; Italian prunes, 6 to 8 1-2c lb.; Muscatel raisins, 2 crown 6c. 3 crown 6 1-2c, 4 crown 9c; dates 9c; black figs, 6c; white figs, 9 1-2c; layer figs, 10 lb. box \$1.45; silver prunes, 9 1-2c; quartered pears, 11 1-2c; half pears, 12 1-2c; nectarines, 15 1-2c; Valencia raisins, 7 1-2c; sultanas, 11 to 14c; blackberries, 16c; raspberries, 25c; seeded raisins, 9 1-2c.

NUTS—Almonds, 16c; filberts, 12 1-2c; peanuts, 9c; Brazil, 12 1-2c; walnuts, 13c lb.

SUGARS—Powdered, icing and bar, 3 3-4c; Paris lump 6 1-4c; granulated 5 1-4c; extra C, 4 5-8c; fancy yellows 4 1-2c; yellow 4 5-8c lb.

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

TEAS—Congo, Fair, 11 1-2c; good, 18c; choice, 29c; Ceylon and India, fair 20c.

HARDWARE—Bar iron—Base, \$3.50. Horse shoe nails, discount, 40 per cent; horse shoes, keg, \$5. Wire nails—Base price, \$4.50; cut, \$3.75. Rope, Manila, 16c. Boiled oil, 75c. White lead, \$7.50. Putty, \$3.50. Barbed wire, \$4.75 per 100 lbs. Glass, 1st break, \$5.

PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

By wire to The Commercial

Nelson, B. C., Jan. 13.

Butter—Creamery, large packages, 25c; choice dairy, 21c per lb.

Cheese—Large, 15 1-2c; small sizes, 16c per lb.

Eggs—Washington state, fresh, 30c; Ontario held fresh, 24c; pickled, 20c per dozen.

British Columbia Notes.

Chas. H. Macdonald, general merchant, of Nelson, has assigned.

F. E. Furns intends opening in the agents' furnishings at Kamloops.

Jos. Fisher has arrived at Vancouver from Winnipeg to take temporary charge of the Anderson Produce Company.

The members of the Vancouver Poultry and Pet Stock Association are arranging for their annual exhibition to be held early in February.

The Brackman-Ker Milling Company have bought out the firm of Thomas & Smith at Rosland, and will carry on the business as a branch.

Over a million dollars worth of new buildings have been erected in Vancouver during the past 12 months, and over \$700,000 worth in New Westminster.

There is a good outside and foreign demand for lumber. Local firms are figuring on tenders for several million feet each from different firms in China and Japan.

In Victoria the loss by fire for 1899 was about \$35,000. In Vancouver \$18,000. Owing to the improved fire fighting apparatus insurance companies are reducing rates in both cities.

M. Penhinsay & Co., Packers, Nelson, have turned their business into a joint stock company, and will hereafter do business under the name of The Western Mercantile Company, Limited.

The halibut fisheries continue a great source of revenue to the United States firms in the business. The steamer Thistle was the last boat to arrive from the banks with 110,000 pounds of fish.

Two car loads of frozen salmon have been shipped to Liverpool from New Westminster, leaving about three car loads still in stock here. When the last lot is gone, the shipments will total twenty-eight car loads.

The steamer Senator recently sailed from a British Columbia port with what is said to have been the largest cargo of salmon ever shipped from that province. The shipment totalled 68,901 cases, valued at \$440,000, and was consigned by A. L. Russell to Liverpool and London.

A company is being formed at the coast for the purpose of erecting a cannery or the Skeena river about twelve miles from Port Essington, where besides canning salmon in the ordinary way, salmon, halibut, herring, and cod, and probably solachans will be prepared by other systems for export. Salmon, halibut, cod and herring will be smoked and canned by a special system.

B. C. Coal Industry.

The following is the output of coal from the Vancouver Island collieries for 1898 and 1899, in tons:

	1898.	1899
New V. C. Co.	520,222	611,808
Wellington	315,736	257,443
Union	236,395	206,871
Alexandria	45,560	17,129
Wellington Extension		40,000

Total tons 1,117,915 1,166,251

FOREIGN COAL SHIPMENTS.

	1898.	1899
New V. C. Co.	403,535	463,109
Wellington	232,642	206,422
Union	129,684	88,174
Wellington Extension		11,386

Total tons... .. 765,861 769,091

The following is the approximate value of the output from British Columbia mines:

District.	1898.	1899.
Carlise	\$ 389,360	\$ 500,000
Cassiar (Atlin)	107,300	900,000
Kootenay East	133,368	160,000
Kootenay West	6,042,975	4,869,000
Lillooet	47,814	55,000
Yale	432,512	500,000
Other districts	19,437	150,000

Total \$7,172,766 \$7,134,000

The West Kootenay table set out in divisions shows as follows:

Division.	1898.	1899.
Ainsworth	\$ 159,801	\$ 100,000
Nelson	694,860	500,000
Stewart	2,619,852	1,158,000
Trail Creek	2,470,811	3,014,000
Other camps	97,631	97,000

The public revenues of Newfoundland for the six months ending with Dec. 31, last, were \$1,043,000, which is \$230,000 over the figures reached during the corresponding period of 1898. This is the largest showing ever made in the history of the colony.

Winnipeg Hardware and Metal Prices.

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

AUGERS—Post hole, Vaughan's, each, 60 to 90c.

AXES—Bench, 40 per cent; chopping axes, per dozen, \$8 to \$12; double bit, per dozen, \$11 to \$18.

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, \$10.85.

BELTING—Agricultural, 50 to 60 per cent; No. 1, 50 to 50 and 10 per cent; extra 30 to 35 per cent.

BITS, AUGER—American, 50 per cent; Jennings' Excelsior, 45 per cent.

BLUESTONE—6 1 1/2 lb.

BOLTS—Carriage, 42 1-2 per cent; machine, 45 per cent; plow, 40 per cent; sleigh shoe, 65 per cent; stove, 55 per cent; tire, 55 per cent.

BUTTS—Cast, loose pin, com. 60 per cent; Peter. Co., 33 1-3 per cent.

WROUGHT STEEL, narrow, 60 per cent, loose pin, 60 per cent, bronze, 45c up.

CARTRIDGES—Rim fire, Am. discount, 40 per cent; Dom. 50 and 5 per cent, per cent; centre fire, pistol, Am. discount 10 per cent, Dom. discount 40 per cent; military and sporting, Am. nec list, Dom. 15 per cent.

CEMENT—Portland, Larrel, \$4.25 to \$4.50.

CHAIN—Coil, proved, 3-16 in. per 100 lbs., \$3; do. 1-4 in. \$7.50; do. 3-16 in. \$6; do. 3-8 in. \$6.75; do. 7-16 in. \$5.50; do. 1-2 in. and up, \$5.50. Jack, iron, single per dozen yards, 15 to 75c; double, per dozen yards, 25 to \$1. Trace, per dozen pairs, \$3.75 to \$5.50.

COPPER—Tinned sheets, 28c; plain sheet, 33c; boiler and K pits, plain tinned, per lb., 29c; spun, 33c.

FILES—Com. 70 per cent, Nicholson's and Black Diamond, 60 per cent.

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

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

GRINDSTONES—\$1.50 100 lbs.

HAIR—Plasterers', 90c bale.

HARVEST TOOLS—55 and 5 per cent.

HORSESHOES—Iron shoes, keg, 0 and 1, \$4.00; 2 and larger, \$4.65. Less than full kegs, 25c extra. Steel shoes, 0 and 1, \$5.20; 2 and larger, \$4.95.

HINGES—Heavy T and strap, per 100 lbs., \$5.75 to \$6.75; light do., 60 per cent; screw hook and hinge, 6 to 10 in. 5c per lb.; 12 in. up, per lb., 4c.

IRON—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$3.10. Band iron, 100 lbs., \$3.40 case. Swedish iron, 100 lbs., \$5.00 case. Sheet, black, 16 to 20 gauge, \$3.50; 22 to 26 gauge, \$3.75; 28 gauge, \$4.00. Galvanized, American, 16 gauge, \$4.25; 18 to 22, \$4.50; 24 gauge, \$4.75; 26 gauge, \$5.00; 28 gauge, \$5.25 per 100 lbs; Queen's head, 25c advance on Am. prices. Canada plates, Garth and Blaine, \$3.60. Imitation Russian sheets, 7 to 8c; genuine Russian sheets, lb. 12 to 13c.

LEAD—Pig, per lb. 6c; sheet, 6 1-2c.

NAILS—Cut—30d up, \$3.40; 20d, \$3.45; 10d, \$3.50; 8d, \$3.55; 6d, \$3.70; 4d, \$3.80; 3d, \$4.05; 2d, \$4.40. Wire nails, 1 1-2 in. up, \$4; 4 in., \$4.05; 3 in., \$4.10; 3 1-2 in., \$4.15; 2 in., \$4.30; 1 1-2 in., \$4.40; 1 1-4 in., \$4.65; 1 in., \$5. Horse nails, pointed, finished, oval heads, 1st price, No. 5, \$7.50 box; No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box; Nos. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box; discount on these prices, 40 per cent.

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

PIPE—Iron, black, per 100 feet, 1-4 inch, \$4.82 1-2; 3-8, \$3.82 1-2; 1-2, \$4.72 1-2; 3-4, \$5.17 1-2; 1 inch, \$7.42 1-2; 1 1-4, \$9.90 1-2; 2 inch, \$12.15; 2 1/2, \$16.20; larger, 45 per cent. Galvanized, 1 1/4 inch, \$8.80; 3-8, \$8.80; 1-2, \$9.85; 3-4, \$10.45; 1 inch, \$14.30; 1 1-4 inch, \$19.80; 1 1-2 inch, \$24.20; 2 inch, \$32.45. Stove, 6 inch, \$6.50; 7 inch, \$9.25 per 100 lengths.

PITCH—Pine, \$4 per barrel.

PLASTER—Per barrel, \$3.25.

RIVETS AND BURRS—Carriage, section 37 1-2 per cent; M rivets, black and tinned, 37 1-2 per cent; copper riv-

ets and burrs, 33 1-2c; cartons 1c per lb. extra net.

ROPE—Cotton, 1-4 to 1-2 inch, and larger, 15c lb.; deep sea, 16 1-2c; lath yarn, 11c; Manila, per lb., 16c base; sisal, 13 1-2c base.

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; coach screws, 57 1-2 per cent.

SHELLS—Loaded—Eley's black, 12 gauge, per 100, soft, \$1.50, chilled, \$1.65, 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.

SHOT—Soft, 5 1-2c per lb.; chilled 6c; buckshot, 6 1-2c.

SOLDER—Half and half, per lb 22c. SOLDERING IRONS—Per lb. 32c.

STEEL—Sleigh shoe, \$3.60 base; spring \$4.00 base, machinery, \$4.00 base; share com. \$4.75 base; share, crucible, \$5.50; toe calk, \$4.00 base; tire stool, \$3.75 base; cast tool steel, lb. 9 to 12 1-2c.

STEEL BOILER PLATE—3-16 inch, \$4.25 1-4, 3-8 inch and thicker, \$4.00. STAPLES—Galvanized, \$4.25 per 100 lbs.

TAR—Per barrel, \$5.

TIN—Lamb and flag, 56 and 28 lb. ingots, per lb., 33c.

TIN PLATES—Charcoal plates, 10, 10 x 14, 12 x 12, and 14 x 20, \$5.75; 1 X same size box, \$6.75; 1 C charcoal, 20 x 28 11 1/2 sheets to box, \$11.00; 1 X box 20 x 28, 11 1/2 sheets, \$13.00.

TERN: PLATES—1 C, 20 x 28, \$10.50. TINWARE—Plain, 75 and 2 1-2 per cent; retinned, 70 and 10 per cent.

TRAILS—Game, H. & N., No. 0, \$1.92 doz. No. 1, \$2.25; No. 1 1-2, \$3.38; No. 2, \$4.75; No. 3, \$6.30; No. 4, \$7.42; bear, No. 5, \$7.50.

TUBES—Boiler, 2 inch, 16 1 1/2 c per foot. 2 1 1/2 inch, 21 1-2c; 3 inch, 23c per foot. VISES—B. S., Wright's 14c; Sampson, 40-50 pounds, \$6.50 to \$7 each; parallel, \$2 to \$7 each.

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

WIRE—Brass and copper wire, 20 per cent advance on the list; clothes line wire, 18 gauge, per 1,000 feet, \$3.50. Galvanized, 4 barb. regular, \$3.75; galvanized, plain twist, \$3.75.

ZINC—Sheet, in casks, \$9 per 100 lbs.; broken lots, \$9.50.

Winnipeg Prices Paints Oils, Glass, Etc.

ALABASTINE—Cases of 20 packages, \$6.50.

BENZINE—Case, \$3.50.

DRY COLORS—White lead, lb. 7 1-2c; red lead, kegs, 7c; 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.

GASOLINE—Stove, per case, \$3.50. GLASS—Single glass, first break, 16 to 25 united inches, \$2.50; 26 to 40, \$2.75 per 50 feet boxes; 41 to 50, \$3.00; 51 to 60, \$6.50; 61 to 70, \$7.00 per 100 feet boxes.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, gal., 70c, boiled, gal. 75c in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gal extra, with additional charges for cans and cases.

OILS—Black oils, 25 to 30c gal.; clear machine oil, 30 to 33c; cylinder oil 53 to 75c, as to quality; castor oil, 11c per lb.; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatfoot oil, \$1, steam refined oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2.00 gal.

PREPARED PAINTS—Pure liquid colors, gallon, \$1.30 to \$1.70, as to shade and quality.

PUTTY—In bladders, barrel lots, 2 1-2c

lb.; in 100 lb. kegs, 2 3-4c; do. less than barrels, 3 1/2 lb.

REFINED PETROLEUM—Silver Star, 20 1-2c; Oleophene, 23 1-4c; Sunlight, 24c; and Eocene, 27c per gallon.

TURPENTINE—Pure spirits in barrels, 81c; less than barrels, gal. 86c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

VARNISHES—No. 1 furniture, per gallon, \$1; extra furniture, \$1.30; 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.

WHITE LEAD—Pure, 9 \$7.00 per 100 lbs.; No. 1 \$6.75.

WHITING—\$1.25 per 100 lbs. gross weight.

Minneapolis Markets.

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents, \$3.30 to \$3.45; second patents \$3.30 to \$3.25.

Milled—Shorts in bulk, \$10 to \$10.25; bran in bulk, \$11 to \$11.25; corn fed, \$11 to \$12.75 per ton as to quality.

Oats—No. 3 white, 23 1-4c.

Barley—38 to 40c.

Corn—Quoted at 28c for No. 2.

Flax seed—\$1.45 per bushel.

Eggs—15 1-2 to 16c for strictly fresh, including cases.

Butter—Creamery, 25 to 28c for choice to extras; seconds, 23 to 25c; dairy 25 to 26 for choice to fancy, seconds, 23 to 25c.

Cheese—9 to 12 1/2c.

Poultry—Spring chickens, 7c; fowl, 4 to 6c; turkeys, 7 to 9c; ducks, 6 to 6 1-2c, geese, 7c.

Potatoes 35c 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.; 10 1-4 and 11 1-4c; sheepskins, 30 to 75c each; veal calf, 10 and 11 1-2c for No. 2 and No. 1; fallow, 8 1-2 to 4 3-4c, seneca root, 35 to 40c.

Wool—Unwashed fine, 11 to 13c; medium fine, 15 to 16c; medium, 17 to 18c; coarse, 15 to 16c.

Live stock—Packer hogs, \$4.25 to \$4.40; sheep, \$1.50; lambs, \$ to \$5.50; cows, \$3.75 to \$4.10.

Hay—Timothy ranges at \$6.50 to \$9 as to quality.

Dressed meats—Veal 6 to 9c; mutton, 5 to 6 1-2c; lambs, 5 to 9c.

Beans—Hand picked, \$1.50 to \$2.00 per bushel; good medium, \$1 to \$1.40.

Honey—Per lb., 7 to 10c; sections, 11 to 13c.

Tenders.

Tenders addressed to the chairman of the committee on works, Winnipeg, for the supply of a quantity of sewer pipe will be received up to Wednesday, January 21.

Tenders addressed to the chairman of the committee on works, Winnipeg, for the supply of 1,000 cords, more or less of cedar paving wood, will be received up to Wednesday, January 7.

British Stocks.

London, Jan. 12.—4 p. m.—Closing: Consols for money 99 3-8; do., for the account 99 3-8; C. P. R., 94 1-2; G. T. R., 67 3-8; Erie, 113 3-4; Erie, first preferred, 33 1-2; Illinois Central, 114 1-2; U. P., preferred, 76; St. Paul, common, 118 3-4; N. Y. C., 128; Ex. Div.; Penna, 65 3-4; Reading, 9; N. P. Preferred, 75 1-4; Atchison, 20 1-4; Louisville, 81 3-4; bar silver, 27; money, 2 to 2 1-2 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills, 3 1-2 to 3 3-4 per cent; do., for three months' bills, 3 3-4 to 3 7-8 per cent.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Jan. 13.

Dry goods—More active this week. Spring orders are coming forward quite freely. Dress goods are in better demand. Canadian homespans and tweed effects are selling for immediate wants. Canadian sample blankets being shown for next fall. Higher prices are quoted for these.

Hardware—Trade is moderately active, and the outlook for spring good. There have been advances in cut nails of 25c, and of wire nails of 20 cents per keg. The discount on carpet tacks in kegs has been reduced to 25 per cent. White lead is 37 1-2 cents per hundred weight dearer. Putty is 10 cents dearer. Turpentine is 1c lower. Linseed oil is 1c higher here, and 3c outside. United States and Canadian brushes have been advanced. Wrapping paper is higher. Stovepipes are 40c per 100 lengths higher. Canada plates, some dealers have advanced 1-2c, making polished \$3.50, and all bright, \$3.85 to \$4.00.

Groceries—Moving a little better. Sugar strong at two advances of 5c each this week. Demand is improving for teas, which are firmer. There is more inquiry for low grade China and Congou. Canned goods are quiet. Valencia raisins are firmer and may advance.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Jan. 13.

Grain deliveries are larger. Manitoba wheat is 1-2c lower. Ontario straight roller is firmer at \$2.80. Eggs are 1 to 2c higher for held fresh. Choice dairy butter is scarce. Tubs and large rolls are firm at 20c. Hides are 1-2 to 1c higher. Turkeys have advanced 2 1-2c, and ducks 10c per pair. We quote:

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$4.10; Manitoba bakers, \$3.65; Ontario straight roller, \$2.80 per barrel for carlots at country mills.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, 65 1-2c for cars at country points; Ontario spring, 65c; No. 1 hard, 77c, grading in transit.

Oats—New oats, 24 1-2 to 26c at country points for car lots.

Barley—No. 2, 35c, country points.

Millfeed—Shorts, \$14 to \$15 per ton; bran, \$12.50 to \$13 per ton for cars at country mills.

Oatmeal—\$3.25 in bags per barrel, and \$3.35 in wood for car lots, Toronto.

Eggs—Fresh, 18c; held fresh, 16 to 17c, new laid, 23c; limed, 15 to 16c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, choice fresh 20c; poor to medium, 10 to 16c; creamery, tubs and boxes, 21 to 22c.

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

Hides—10 1-4c for No. 1 cows; No. 1 heavy steers, 11c; cured hides, 10 3-4 to 12c. Sheepskins and lambskins, 75 to 1.20; calfskins, 10 and 1c for No. 1 and No. 2; tallow, .5 to 5 1-2c.

Wool—Washed fleeces, 20c; unwashed, 10 to 12c.

Beans—\$1.40 to \$1.50 per bushel for hand picked.

Dried Apples—6 to 6 1-2c for round lots; evaporated, 8 to 9c.

Honey—Bulk, 9 to 10c per pound.

Poultry—Chickens, 25 to 30c per pair; turkeys, 9 to 10 1-2c per pound; geese, 6 to 6 1-2c; ducks, 40 to 60c per pair.

Potatoes—Steady at 38c per bag for car lots.

Hogs—Dressed hogs, \$5.00 to \$5.25 per 100 pounds for car lots, mixed weights.

Seeds—Timothy, \$1 to \$1.25 per bushel; red clover, \$4.50 to \$5.25; alsike, \$4.50 to \$6.50.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Jan. 10.

Receipts at the semi-weekly market yesterday were 1,000 cattle, 2,600 sheep and lambs, and 2,000 hogs.

Export cattle—Trade was active and firm at \$4.75 to \$5.12 1-2 per cwt for choice heavy steers and \$4.25 to \$4.65 for lighter weights. Export bulls firm at \$1.25 to \$4.50 per cwt, and higher for extra heavy stock. Light weights ranged from \$3.25 to \$4.

Butchers' cattle — In good demand for choice fat stock. Good 1,000 to 1,100 pound heifers sold at \$1 to \$1.25 per cwt. Medium to good stock at \$3.25 to \$3.75 and inferiors as low as \$2.00 per cwt.

Stockers—Light sold readily at \$2.25 to \$2.50 per cwt., and \$3 to \$3.25 for heavier stock.

Sheep and lambs—Market firm; prices steady. Export sheep, \$3 to \$3.50 per 100 pounds; butchers, \$2.50 to \$3 per head. Lambs, \$1 to \$4.75.

Hogs—Prices advanced 12 1-2c per cwt. for all grades, to \$4.50 for select weights of 160 to 200 pounds; \$4.12 1-2 for light fats and \$3.87 1-2 for thick fats.

FRIDAY'S MARKET.

Toronto, Jan. 13.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday receipts were 700 cattle, 1,000 sheep and lambs, and 1,400 hogs.

Export cattle are in better demand and firmer. Prices ranged from \$4.25 to \$5.00. Butchers' cattle were 10 to 25c lower at \$2.50 to \$4 per 100 pounds. Hogs remained firm at Tuesday's advance.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Jan. 9.

Receipts of live stock at the East End Abattoir market yesterday were 400 cattle and 250 sheep and lambs.

The demand for cattle was good and the tone of the market strong. Prices had an upward tendency. Really choice cattle were scarce, but the best offered met at a ready sale at 4 1-2c to 4 3-4c, and other sales of lower grades were made down to 3 1-2c per lb. Sheep met with a fair demand at 23-4 to 31-4c, and lambs sold at 4c to 4 1-2c per lb.

THURSDAY'S MARKET.

Montreal, Jan. 12.

At the East End Abattoir yesterday receipts were 500 cattle, and 400 sheep and lambs.

A few choice cattle brought 5c, or an advance of 1-4c. Other grades remained unchanged from Monday. Sheep sold at 3c and lambs at 4 1-2c. Hogs realized 4 1-4c. The market was fairly active.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Jan. 13.

Flour, meal and grain are quiet and unchanged. Feed is active and bran 50c higher than the inside price of a week ago. Hides are steady. Eggs are easier, but not notably changed. Butter is firm and in good enquiry. Dairy ranges 1c higher at 18 to 20c. Creamery 1-2c higher from 21 to 22c. Cheese is firm and quiet. Beans and potatoes are steady. Poultry and

dressed meats are steady, but somewhat slow. Prices now are:

Oats—3c 1-2c in store.
Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.60 to \$3.70; Manitoba patents, \$3.00 to \$4.15.

Millfeed—Bran, \$15 per ton; shorts, \$16 to \$17, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$3.50 per barrel on track and \$1.70 per sack.

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

Eggs—Strictly fresh, 22 to 24c; candled, 17 1-2 to 19c; second grade, 14 to 16c.

Butter—Choice fresh dairy, 18 to 20c.

Butter—Choice creamery, 21 to 22c. Cheese—Finest, 12 to 12 1-4c.

Beans—\$1.12 1-2 to \$1.47 1-2 per bushel, as to quality.

Potatoes—45c per bag on track.

Dressed Poultry—Turkey, 8 1-2 to 9 1-2c; chickens, 6 1-2 to 8c.

Dressed Meats—Beef, jobbing lots, front quarters, 3 1-2 to 5c per pound; hind quarters, 5 to 7c; mutton, 6 to 6 1-4c; mutton 4 1-2 to 5c; hogs, 5 to 5 1-2c; round lots meat, 3-8 to 1-2c less.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Jan. 13.

Sugar is stronger and has advanced 10c. Granulated is now worth \$4.45 per 100 pounds and yellows \$3.65 to \$4.30. Syrups and molasses are firm. Business is fairly active.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Jan. 13.

The hardware market is strong. White lead has advanced 37 1-2c. Putty is dearer. Turpentine is stronger at 77c. Raw oil is now worth 62c and boiled 65c. Other lines are strong.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Jan. 12.

Cheese remains steady at 57s 6d to 59s for both white and colored.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Jan. 12.

Cattle 3-4 to 1c higher at 12 1-2 to 13 1-2c, (estimated dressed weight). Lambs 1c higher at 14 1-2 to 15 1-2c dressed weight.

LONDON SUGAR MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

London, Jan. 12.

Beet sugar 3 to 4d dearer; January sold at 9s 5 1-4d; February, 9s 7d.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial.

London, Jan. 8.—There was a firm trade done in cattle, and as the supply was not large, the tone of the market ruled strong, and prices for States cattle show an advance of 1-2c since this day week, choice selling at 14c, which is the highest point they have sold at for many months past. Argentine cattle were unchanged at 13 1-2c, but sheep were 1-2c higher at 12c.

Liverpool, Jan. 8.—The market was rather easier for Canadian cattle, prices being quoted at 12 1-2c to 13c, but values for sheep were the same at 12 1-2c.

Managers Phœnix, of the Molesons bank, has been promoted to the management of the Hamilton branch.

New York Wheat.

New York, Jan. 8.—Wheat—May opened 74 5-8 a, closed 73 7 8 b; July opened 74 1-4 to 3 c, closed 73 3-4 c.

New York, Jan. 9.—Wheat, May opened 73 5-8 to 3-4 c, closed 74 1-8 c. July opened 73 1-2 c, closed 74 c.

New York, Jan. 10.—Wheat, May opened 73 7-8 c b, closed 73 3-4 c. July opened 73 5-8 c a, closed 73 1-2 c.

New York, Jan. 11.—Wheat, May opened 74 3-4, closed 73 7-8 c b. July opened 73 5-8 c a, closed 73 5-8 c.

New York, Jan. 12.—Wheat—Receipts 13,600 bushels; exports 161,162 bushels, sales 1,725,000 bushels futures; 500,000 bushels export, a 1 points. Options opened weak at 1-1 c decline, owing to heavy Argentine shipments and disappointing Liverpool cables. Later they rallied on improved cash demand, and sympathy with corn and provisions, closing steady at unchanged prices to 1-1 c net decline.

New York, Jan. 13.—Wheat closed at 73 7-8 c for May option, and 73 5-8 c for July.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

Chicago, Jan. 8.—Wheat, Jan. opened 63 3-4 c, closed 67 7 8 to 6 c; July opened 69 1-8, closed 68 1-4 c to 3-8 c. Corn—Jan. opened 30 3-8 c, closed 30 3-8 c; May opened 32 7-8 c, closed 32 3-4 to 7-8 c b; July opened 33 1-2, closed 33 1-2 c b. Oats—May opened 23 3-4 c, closed 23 3-4 c. Pork—Jan. opened \$10.55, closed \$10.62 1-2; May opened \$10.82 1-2, closed \$10.92 1-2. Lard—Jan. opened \$5.80 1-2, closed \$5.82; May opened \$5.95, closed \$6.05. Ribs—Jan. opened \$5.60 a, closed \$5.65 b; May opened \$5.72 1-2 to 75, closed \$5.77 1-2 a. Flax—Cash, \$1.51; May, \$1.50 a.

Chicago, Jan. 9.—Wheat, May opened 67 3-4 to 5-8, closed 63 1-4 to 3-8 c. July opened 68 to 1-8 c, closed 68 3-8 to 3-4 c. Corn, Jan. opened 30 1-2 c, closed 30 1-2. May opened 32 3-4 to 5-8 c, closed 32 c a. July opened 33 3-8 c, closed 33 5-8 c b. Oats May opened 23 5-8 c, closed 23 7-8 c. Pork Jan. opened \$10.62 1-2 n, closed \$10.50. May opened \$10.92 1-2, closed \$10.77 1-2. Lard, Jan. opened \$5.82 1-2, closed \$5.75 n. May opened \$6.02 1-2, closed \$5.96 b. Ribs, Jan. opened \$5.65, closed \$5.60 n. May opened \$5.77 1-2, closed \$5.72 1-2. Flax, cash \$1.51. May \$1.50 a.

Chicago, Jan. 10.—Wheat, May closed 67 3-4 c b. July opened 68 1-8 c, closed 68 3-8 c a. Corn, Jan. opened 30 5-8 c, closed 30 1-2 c. May opened 32 7-8 c, closed 32 3-4 c b. Oats, May opened 23 3-4 c, closed 24 c a. Pork, Jan. opened \$10.50, closed \$10.52 1-2 n. May opened \$10.75, closed \$10.82 1-2 a. Lard, Jan. opened \$5.75 n, closed \$5.75 n. May opened \$5.87 1-2, closed \$5.90. Ribs, Jan. opened \$5.60, b, closed \$5.60 n. May opened \$5.65, closed \$5.70. Flax, cash \$1.51. May \$1.49.

Chicago, Jan. 11.—Wheat, May opened 67 3-4 c, closed 67 7-8 c. July opened 68 3-8 c, closed 68 1-2 c. Corn, Jan. opened 30 1-2 c, closed 30 3-4 c. May opened 32, closed 32 1-4 c a. July opened 34 c, closed 34 c. Oats, May opened 23 7-8 c, closed 24 c. Pork, Jan. opened \$10.62 1-2, closed \$10.65 n. May opened \$10.87 1-2 c, closed \$10.95 b. Lard, Jan. opened \$5.75 n, closed \$5.87 1-2 c b. May opened \$5.95, closed \$6.02 1-2 c. Ribs, Jan. opened \$5.60 n, closed \$5.70 n. May opened \$5.75, closed \$5.80 b. Flax, cash \$1.50. May \$1.49 3-4.

Chicago, Jan. 12.—Wheat, May opened 67 5-8 c, closed 67 5-8 c. July opened 68 1-8 c, closed 68 1-8 c. Corn, Jan. opened 30 7-8 c, closed 30 7-8 c. May opened 33 1-4 c, closed 33 3-8 c b. July opened 34 c, closed 34 c. Oats, May opened 24, closed 24 c. July opened 23 5-8 c, closed 23 7-8 c. Pork, Jan. opened \$10.65 n, closed \$10.75. May opened \$11, closed \$11.05. Lard, Jan. opened \$5.87 1-2 b, closed \$5.90. May opened \$6.07 to \$6.12, closed \$6.07 1-2. Ribs, Jan. opened at

\$5.70 n, closed \$5.75 n. May opened at \$5.85, closed \$5.85. Flax, cash \$1.50 May \$1.49.

Chicago, Jan. 13.—May wheat opened at 67 3-4 to 67 5-8 c and ranged from 67 5-8 to 67 7-8 c. Closing prices were as follows:

Wheat—Jan. 64 1-4 c; May, 67 3-4 c. Corn—Jan. 30 7-8 c; May, 33 3-8 to 33 1-2 c.

Oats—Jan., 23 3-8 c; May, 24 c.

Pork—Jan., \$10.75.

Lard—Jan., \$5.90.

Ribs—Jan., \$5.50.

A week ago May option closed at 68 1-2 c. A year ago May wheat closed at 71 1-8 c; two years ago at 90 1-2 c; three years ago at 80 3-4 c; four years ago at 60 7-8 c; five years ago at 57 1-2 c.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—May, 66 7-8 c; July, 68 c.
Tuesday—May, 67 3-8 c; July, 68 3-8 c.
Wednesday—May, 66 7-8 c; July, 68 c.
Thursday—May, 67 1-8 c; July, 68 1-8 c.
Friday—May, 67 c; July, 68 1-8 c.
Saturday—May, 67 1-8 c; July, 68 3-8 c.

A week ago May wheat closed at 67 3-8 c. A year ago May wheat closed at 70 c, two years ago at 90 3-8 c; three years ago at 81 1-4 c; four years ago at 58 c; five years ago at 62 c; and six years ago at 63 5-8 c.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, Jan. 12.—Wheat: Dull, spot No. 1 northern spring, 6s.
Liverpool, Jan. 13.—Wheat closed 1-8 1 higher.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Minneapolis, Jan. 13.—Wheat closed at 65 c for May. Cash No. 1 hard closed at 66 c, and cash No. 1 northern at 63 3-4 c.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, Jan. 13.—The market for flax seed closed to-day at \$1.18 1-2 for May.

It is estimated that the production of coal in the United States for the year 1899 will amount to 200,000,000 tons.

The total new railway mileage of the United States for 1899 is 4,500, which is greater than the construction for any year since 1890, when 3,670 miles were completed.

E. D. Martin, of the wholesale drug house of Martin, Polo & Wynne Co., is a candidate for the Dominion parliament in the Winnipeg bye-election. What is remarkable about Mr. Martin's candidature is his stand regarding railways. He comes out strongly in favor of public ownership and in opposition to public aid to private railway companies.

The Montreal Gazette of Wednesday says: The future in the local export live stock circles is the scarcity of ocean freight space from Portland and St. John, N. B., in consequence the feeling in rates is strong and they are steadily tending upward, the Cambreman and Roman, which sail from Portland have been let up to May 1st at 45s per head. The rate of freight to Glasgow has been 35s, but agents are now asking 40s. Demand for freight is good, which is no doubt due to the steady upward tendency of the foreign live stock markets of late, prices at present being at the highest point for some months past.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 67 1-2 c in store Fort William. Trading is very light.

This morning the Exchange passed a resolution of sympathy and R. D. Martin and A. C. Metcalfe were appointed to represent the Exchange at funeral of late W. W. Ogilvie on Monday.

Western Business Items.

Dr. Wickware, drugs, Birle, Man., is opening.

T. E. Williams, grocer, Winnipeg, sold out to A. Polson.

T. H. Goodman, grocer, Winnipeg, is discontinuing business.

G. F. Motton, feeds, etc., Nelson, B.C., has given up business.

Eiens Bros., general store, Lowe Farm, Man., are opening.

Dowling & Tharber, hotel, Midway, B. C., are removing to Trill.

Peirce Bros., harness and boots and shoes, Winnipeg, have sold out.

John Halenback, general store, Olds, Alb., has sold out to W. M. Craig.

Collin & Son, grocers and crockery, Winnipeg, have moved to St. Boniface.

Henry Sharples, general store, Olds, Alb., reported sold out to W. M. Craig.

P. Donato, grocer, Nelson, B. C., damaged by fire; fully covered by insurance.

W. J. Ede has brought out the business of the Elliott Furniture Co., at Carman.

The Queen's Hotel, Pilot Mound, Man., was considerably damaged by fire yesterday. Covered by insurance.

W. J. Smith & Co., grocers, Winnipeg, recently damaged by fire, are selling off balance of stock by auction.

Heyden & Reitze, general store, Winkler, Man., have dissolved partnership; E. O. Reitze continues alone.

R. E. Broadfoot, of Macdonald, Man., contemplates going into business at Gladstone. He has purchased the stock of McFitt & Raincock.

The Consolidated Stationery Company Winnipeg, moved this week from their old premises on Princess street to their new quarters in the building vacated by K. J. Whittle & Co., on McErmott avenue.

Fraser & Cameron, who for the past four years have carried on a plating mill at Indian Head, Assn., have dissolved partnership. Mr. Cameron will move to Moose Jaw, and Mr. Fraser will continue the business.

Spencer & Lee, general store, Cardston, Alb., have dissolved partnership. Spencer & Stoddard continue. The Roland News, has been dissolved. The publication will be continued by Manning.

P. Gallagher & Sons, Winnipeg, have this week received another consignment of two carloads of Prince Edward Island mutton, dressed at St. John, New Brunswick. This consignment shows excellent quality and beautifully dressed.

Owing to their premises on Bannatyne street east having been destroyed by fire, The Manitoba Produce & Commission Co., Ltd., have secured rooms in the McArthur block, corner of Lombard and Main streets, for temporary offices.

The barber accompanies his head work with chin music.